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"I Kept the Light Burning."

A pathetic story is told of a noble woman, the wife of the keeper of a lighthouse on an isolated island, who saw her husband and his two assistants swept away by breaking ice-floes, leaving her absolutely alone to face a long and dreary winter, with the memory of the terrible and tragic scene which she had witnessed. It was months after her bereavement that the government supply ship reached the island on its semi-annual visit. The men on the vessel were accustomed to stories of privation and heroism, but there was something that gripped at their hearts a little harder than usual when they learned what she had suffered and heard her simple answer to the captain's question, "How did you ever manage to get through the winter?" "I hardly know," she replied, with a suppressed sob that had so much of meaning and heart-break in it. "I hardly know; I only know that I kept the light burning."

All through those desolate months that faithful woman had kept the light burning, and ships passing on their distant courses and seeing the signal, had kept their way true and steady, and had reached their haven, bearing in safety many human beings who but for this friendly beacon might have slept in the wintry seas.

"Oh, those faithful lights!" None but God know what they mean. They are not for sailors alone. Sometimes they shine from farmhouse windows; sometimes down city streets; sometimes from human lives. Out on the plains there is a certain gate post where a lighted lantern has hung every night for seventeen years, ever since a boy had disappeared from home. The father, now old and sorrow-broken, carries it out every night, no matter how great a storm, praying that it may guide his boy home.—Sel.

Snakes as War Weapons.

When Hannibal, the great Carthaginian, was fighting Eumenes of Pergamos with a fleet of very inferior strength, he hit upon an artifice which would scarcely be sanctioned by the laws of what we are pleased to civilized warfare. He discovered by means of a bogus message under a flag of truce on which ship the king was. He then caused poisonous snakes to be inclosed in earthen jars. This he distributed among several ships and ordered them to close up on the King's galley. In the melee that followed the jars were flung on to the deck, the curious bombs were greeted at first with ridicule, which soon changed to panic when the nature of their contents made itself manifest. The galley was extricated from the fight as soon as possible and the captains of the others believing that the king had taken flight, followed suit. With the result that Hannibal gained complete victory.—Ex.

Charlotte News. There are about 100 whiskey cases on the docket to be tried this week at the Durham court. Heretofore it has been the custom, according to reports from Durham, to impose fines on violators of the liquor laws and let the matter rest there. Consequently the number of violators has increased rapidly. Judge Council, who is presiding, has decided to use more heroic measures for breaking up the illicit liquor business in Durham and accordingly he is imposing chain gang sentences. We look for a diminution in the list of violators of the law in this respect as a result of this action.

Only a fool takes experience for a road instead of a guide.

Few things choke sympathy quicker than cherished sorrows.

THE CATAWBA INDIANS.

The remnant of the once powerful tribe of Catawba Indians occupied a reservation of about 600 acres in York county, S. C. An article in the Charleston News Courier, describing these Indians and their mode of life, says that although they have adopted the dress of civilization, their customs are similar to those of the original tribe, without the warlike and nomadic life. They live in little huts and cultivate some small crops, the women doing most of the work and the men spending their time fishing, hunting or loafing. Most of them are Mormons in religion. The State of South Carolina, under a treaty made in 1840 makes an annual appropriation for the Catawbias, a commissioner distributing it equally among the Indians. The Catawbias were from the outset friendly to the white man and fought against other tribes as allies of the palefaces. Their reservation at the time of the treaty of 1840 was forty-five square miles, but the State has taken the most and the best of the land, and they are now asking for a final settlement and want what is due them paid in full and the system of annual appropriations abandoned.—Nashville Banner.

Why the Black Man Drinks.

The truth is the Southern bar-rooms, save a few exceptions, are a pretty plain morgue. It is cheap all the way through and the embalming fluid corresponding with the other surroundings. We recall the first drink of corn likker we ever took in the South or in the mouth and tears ran down our cheeks for three hours. It was the pure stuff. It was new. It hadn't been off the stove two hours and the fuzzle oil greased our whiskers for a month. The bar-room is anything but inviting—but it was the best the best the town had. The nigger end of it didn't have any pictures and we never saw a place where the black man is separated from his coin by the bar-keeper that did have pictures or anything else enticing. The black man does not drink socially. He wants the cut glass and arsenic in his stomach for the effect it has on his head. He wants to forget it. He wants something that will make him feel rich. He needs a stimulant because he hasn't anything else much in this world of sorrow and if he can get a pint of gin down his gullet and dream that he is about to get enough money to buy himself a red necktie, that is all he wants.—Fair-brother's Everything.

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This world only becomes beautiful as we tackle its unpleasant problems.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga County, Superior Court, Fall Term, 1907, Sallie Baird plaintiff, vs. Walter Baird, defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action has been commenced against him as above entitled, for absolute divorce from the bands of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defendant. It is therefore ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, commencing the defendant to appear at the next term of this Court to be held in Boone, N. C. on the 9th day of September 1907, and plead answer or demur to the complaint which will be filed in this office 30 days before said term, or the relief prayed for in said complaint will be granted. This July 23rd 1907, THOS. BINGHAM, C. S. C.

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(Charlotte Observer.)

What Judd Albright did for the thirsty mob yesterday was a p. It has been so long since any whiskey was sold in Charlotte that many went down into the basement of the post office just to see what North Carolina corn looks like.

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EXECUTION SALE.

North Carolina, Watauga County, In the Superior Court, J. R. Miller, vs. J. H. Latham.

By virtue of execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Watauga county, in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday the 9th day of September 1907, at 12 o'clock at the court house door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution all the right title and interest which the said J. B. Latham, the defendant, has in the following tract of land in Watauga county Meat Camp township, on the head waters of Meat Camp creek and bounded as follows: Beginning on a maple, Rhoda Winebargers corner, running S. 42 poles to a sugar tree, thence W. 17 poles to a stake at the road, thence with the road 40 poles to a chestnut, thence E. to the beginning, containing 8 acres more or less. Said sale is to satisfy a judgment in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant of \$200 by warrant of attachment in a Justice of the Peace court, dated July the 15th 1907 and docketed in the Superior Court Aug. 6th 1907. Levied on by me this Aug. 10th 1907. John W. Hodges Sheriff. John C. Willson D. S.

Brother Cooley's Sentiments.

Religion makes de man; but w'en man makes de religion—Lawd help de worl'.

Du's trouble 'nuff in dis worl' ter keep er man gwine so fas' de rheumatism don't stau' no show wid 'im.

Satan keeps busy six days in de week, en even w'en he to geter sleep in church, on a Sunday, he still got one eye open.

Many a man knows hisse'; but de reason he don't profit by de knowledge is—he too wise ter give hisse' away.

No man in de worl' would live in de sorrowful country et he could have ten minutes talk wid a citizen 'um Hallelulia Hill.

Some folks what all time bolle-lerin' fer 'de ol'-time Religion,' never had enough religion in de ol' time ter lan de feathers on a angel's wing.

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NOTICE.

By virtue of a power in me vested by the terms of a deed of trust executed by G. F. Bingham and wife M. A. Bingham on the 27th day of July 1906, and which appears of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Watauga county, North Carolina, Book 1, page 126, I will, on the 9th day of September, 1907, at 11 o'clock, a. m., at the court house door in Boone, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate to wit: A certain tract of land lying in Watauga county, Cove Creek township, adjoining the lands of Harve Profit and others, and containing 17 acres, more or less. Also a one half interest in one other tract of land in said township known as the Jas. McGuire mill property on Cove Creek, adjoining the lands of Mrs. J. Oliver, James Isaacs, Philip Younce and others, together with the mill and all machinery on said tract, except one smelter in said mill house. This sale being to satisfy as far as it will, a certain note executed to J. B. Council and R. L. Ballou, trustees for various creditors of the various creditors of the said G. F. Bingham in the sum of \$1,475.62, with interest from July 26, 1906, and the costs of this sale. This July 26, 1907. J. W. TODD, Trustee.

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