

Published Every Thursday

The X Mark.

Some of our subscribers are wondering why their paper bears an X mark these days. Dearly beloved, let us break the news gently. It means that for many days we have longed to see your smiling face in our sanctum, or to receive a "love letter" from you. It means that the editor hasn't starved to death up to the present time. It means also that our rents, wood bill, paper bill and ration bill remain unpaid. It means that we are a long suffering mortal, and that we look to you for our daily bread. Should you find a cross mark after your name, it means that we fear you have forgotten us. It means that the price of bread and meat have gone up, and starvation stares us in the face. It means that this is the only way we have of telling a man that he is owing us, as we are not able to buy stamps to mail each of our subscribers a letter. Yes, beloved, it is just a gentle reminder that you are owing us and that we need the money badly. Our expenses have been heavy this winter, and at the price we charge for our paper we are compelled to get what is owing us, or suffer. If we charged a dollar a year for our paper, we could afford to lose some on bad accounts, but since the paper is only 50 cents a year, we cannot live if our subscribers do not pay us, but have neglected to do so. There are hundreds of our friends who are owing us, and we hope they will consider this a personal appeal. We trust that no one will take offense at what we have said, as it is not our intention to offend any one. Our office is upstairs in the Angel building, where we can be found every week day between the hours of 7 a. m. and 6 p. m. The latch string hangs outside the door.—Mocksville Record.

A Tragedy of Whiskers.

Philadelphia Record.

Simon Ford said the other day, apropos of whiskers: "I have shaved off my whiskers and it makes me look younger. People now eye me more appreciatively than they used to do. I, unlike poor Tom Angus, have gained by this facial change."

"Tom Angus was an architect of Tombstone. When they expected Mrs. Langtry in Tombstone, Tom was appointed to decorate the railway station and the streets. He did so, and he made a good job of it, and after the mayor had congratulated him, he said:

"Well, Mr. Mayor, since you like my work, introduce me to Mrs. Langtry at the banquet, will you?"

"Sure I will," said the mayor; but you must knock that spinach off your chin first. Mrs. Langtry is a lady and she could never stand for a rusty alfalfa field like yours."

"But," stammered Tom, "but Mr. Mayor, 'the king'—"

"Cut down the alfalfa crop," the mayor interrupted, and I'll introduce you. Vice versa, he added very decidedly.

"So Tom removed his rich whiskers, and that night among the banqueters his white, nude chin was a conspicuous object.

"But the mayor did not introduce him to the beautiful Mrs. Langtry after all. Between every course and all through the speeches Tom kept winking and nodding to his honor, but it was to no purpose. He didn't get introduced.

"And the next day, after Mrs. Langtry had gone, the mayor, when Tom approached him, gave a loud laugh.

"Was that you," he roared, "nodding and winking all last night? By Jove, I didn't know you without your whiskers!"

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

At times and divorce judges are kept busy revising the marriage list.

It isn't always those with weak eyes who look on the dark side of life.

A woman isn't invariably as nice a picture—even if she is painted.

Some men would rather make a dishonest quarter than earn an honest dollar.

Cheerfulness irritates a pessimist.

Saved From The Grave.

"I had about given up hope, after nearly four years of suffering from a severe lung trouble," writes Mrs. M. L. Dix, of Charlottesville, Tenn. "Often the pain in my chest would be almost unbearable and I could not do any work, but Dr. King's New Discovery has made me feel like a new person. It's the best medicine made for the throat and lungs." Obsolete coughs, stubborn colds, hay fever, la grippe, asthma, croup, bronchitis and hemorrhages, hoarseness and whooping cough yield quickly to this wonderful medicine. Try it, 50c. and \$1. Trial bottles free at all druggists.

FOR SALE Farm of two hundred and fifty-nine (259) acres, located in Holston valley, Tenn. \$2,000 down and balance on one two and three years time. Price \$4,200.00. Nice dwelling, two tenant houses, three barns and all outbuildings, well watered, one hundred acres level, fifty acres cleared, rolling land, post in timber. A great bargain for some one. If interested, write Dr. C. W. Fletcher, for particulars, Elizabethtown, Tenn. R. F. D. 2.

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Entry Notice, No. 2,194. State of North Carolina, Watauga County, Office of Entry Taker of said County.

L. O. J. Potter and J. B. Miller locate and enter (500) five hundred acres of land in North Fork township on the head waters of North Fork of New River, adjoining the lands of W. Lenoir, John Metzger, H. Brown and Enoch Potter, W. R. Thomas Millers and others, beginning on a birch, W. Lenoir's corner, running various courses to include all the vacant land between the top of Snake Mountain and the gap between the Big Elk Knob and Little Elk Knob. Entered Feb. 22, 1910.

H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

NOTICE.

State of North Carolina, Watauga County, in the Superior Court; Roanoke Notion Co. vs. J. A. Williams and C. T. Williams.

To J. A. Williams, one of the above named defendants, you are hereby notified that an action as above entitled has been instituted in the Superior Court of Watauga County, for the purpose of setting aside alleged fraudulent conveyance, made by yourself to C. T. Williams, your wife. You are further notified to appear at the fall term of the Superior Court of Watauga County, to be held at the court house in Boone, North Carolina, on the first Monday after the first Monday in September, 1910, it being the 12 day of September 1910, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the relief therein asked for will be granted. This 4 day of Mar. 1910.

THOS. BINGHAM, C. S. C. T. C. BOWIE, Atty for Pltff.

What is more pleasant at this season than life in the country? The city resident feels an irresistible call "back to nature," and satisfy it to some extent, he goes each morning to his little garden and digs away for a few minutes like fighting fire. To hear him relate the circumstance to uptown friends, you would think he had plowed a ten acre field.—Ex.

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To grow old is sad, indeed, if what you want is to hold back the receding years, to keep your hair from growing white, your eyes from becoming dim and the wrinkles from closing their way across your brow. But if from all these vicissitudes to which life subjects you, you draw a bit of wisdom, of profit, of goodness to grow old is to become free and large. One of the most beautiful things in the world is an old person who, made better by experience, more indulgent, more charitable, loves mankind in spite of its wretchedness and adores youth without the slightest tendency to mimic it. Such a person is like an old Stradivarius whose tone has become so sweet that its value is increased a hundredfold, and it seems almost to have a soul.—Le noir Tople.

Your tongue is coated, Your breath is foul, Headaches come and go.

These symptoms show that your stomach is the trouble. To remove this cause is the first thing, and Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will do that. Easy to take and most effective. Sold by J. M. Hodges.

The tyrannical Sampson of the House of Representatives, Speaker Cannon, has been shorn of his power, and the Bellah who trimmed his locks was none other than the insurgent Republicans, who aided by the Democrats, voted the Speaker off of the committee on rules. The Republican party is badly split. It is the democratic year of opportunity—the greatest since Cleveland's day.—Hickory Democrat.

Every family and especially those who reside in the country should be provided at all times with a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment. There is no telling when it may be wanted in case of an accident or emergency. It is most excellent in all cases of rheumatism, sprains and bruises. Sold by J. M. Hodges.

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