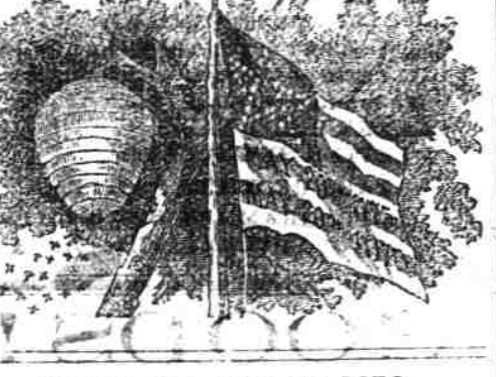


Rev. S. Taylor Martin's Speech Correspondent of the New York Times.



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OBSERVATIONS.

The real mischief does not lie in spending money—that is the very way to help matters—but in spending money that is borrowed.—Harford Courant.

When she struck him over the head with a tin dipper for trying to kiss her, he called it "the thimblinuation of the belle."

If you want to find out the utter weakness of money—just try to hire a doublet to stop a king.—Josh Billings.

Morton is heard more of now as the "war governor" than he has been for many years. He is called the "war governor" because he did not get the war.—Chicago Times.

Josh Billings says: "When a young man sits good for nothing else, if I like see him have a cane. If he can't buy a cane, let him part his hair in the middle."

"You have a considerable floating population in this village, haven't you?" asked a stranger of one of the citizens of a village on the Mississippi. "Well, yes—rather," was the reply, "about half the year the water is up to the second story windows."

As a crowded concert the other evening a young lady standing at the door of the hall was addressed by an honest Hierner, who was in attendance on the occasion. "In-lade, miss," said he, "I should be glad to give you a sate, but the empty boxes are all full."

Iring refuses to give Othello the outward semblance of a great burly and ebony negro, who might well revolt by his appearance a delicate beauty of the Venetian court like Desdemona. He appears only slightly swarthy, with long, straight black hair, and a refined and noble bearing.

A convict in the Chester county (Pa) jail has educated a mouse. It leaps over bars, climbs poles, walks backward and climbs a ladder. Its owner contrived it to subdue its spirit and tucked it in a pair of cold water when it was disobedient with the above result.

A negro preacher described hell as icy cold, where the wicked frod to all eternity. Asked why, he said, "Cause I don't dare tell dem people nuffin else. Why, if I say hell is warm, some of em ole rheumatic niggers be wantin' down there de very fus ones."

Talk about the centuries looking with awe upon the proud army under the master military genius of Hannibal as it swept on to conquest and immortal glory! The sight was but a pigmy when compared to the way the Kansas Grangers stands on the roof of his ranch and gazes spell-bound on the marshaled hosts of festive grass hoppers as they scramble from his spring wheat.

One of the citizens of Danbury, Conn who had just returned from the West was telling in Merrill's grocery of a narrow escape he had from a terrible death. He was crossing a long bridge on foot, when he was surprised to see a locomotive coming around a curve, and heading towards him at a terrific speed. The bridge was too narrow to allow of escape at either side, and he did not dare to jump into the yawning abyss below. In a flash he took to the situation and formed his plan of action. He started on a swift run towards the on-coming locomotive, and when within a few feet of it he concentrated all of his nerve and muscle into one effort, and leaped straight up in the air. The fearful monster shook under him, and he came down on the bridge, saved from death, but seriously shaken by the descent. There was a moment of deep silence upon the close of the narration. Then one of the company sighed and shut up his knife, and unexpectedly said, "What's the use of presence of mind when a man can lie like that?"

There was a thrilling incident on the Kansas and Missouri bridge, at Leas, on the other day. Two men who appeared to be very drunk were crossing the bridge from the Missouri to the Kansas side, about the middle of the bridge they were overtaken and commended themselves to each other about. The fight was observed by several spectators on the Kansas shore, and they saw a sight worth seeing. One of the men knocked the other clear of the bridge, and he somersaulted through the air sixty-five feet to the surface of the water. How far he went under nobody knows, and no body connected to see him alive again. But he soon rose and swam ashore, and scrambled out of the Missouri flood uninjured, and perfectly sober. Soon as he saw what he had done he took his knife and cut the bridge back to the Missouri side, and he is probably running yet away from his supposed murder. The other refused to state the cause of the quarrel or give names. He also went back to Missouri after his friend, doubtless to finish the fight.

Capt. T. E. Dudley, of Marlboro, has a singular ear of corn growing on his place. These are two separate and distinct kinds of corn on the same cob, about half being red and the rest white.

say so, who has studied its history and its effects for the past fifty years, and we do not know a single man who was a slaveholder who would for one moment entertain the idea of its re-establishment, even if actuated by the principle of gain only, provided he would be compelled to keep them.—But it has been forever blotted out beyond the remotest possibility of its re-establishment, and such an idea be, long only to fanatical politicians who use it for political effect.

In speaking of the "lost cause" Mr. Martin said after referring at length to the principles which were involved during the late war. "We call our cause the lost cause, but is it lost forever? The principles for which we contended will live forever, and the time may yet come, when the North itself redeemed from its thraldom, may hail us as the standard bearers of liberty." Just such sentiments as every true Southern man, who has not lost his manhood and his honor might justly entertain. He made no allusion, whatsoever to the "stars and bars" proudly over our Sunny South, and these expressions could only have been coined in the fertile brain of the Times' Correspondent.

We have thus far done our duty, in showing the falsity and perversion of this son of "Belial, the dissolute spirit who fell," and we would be glad that our duty to ourselves and our people ended here, but it does not. We have a further obligation to perform, and that is to say that Prof. Martin, is not a representative Southern man of to-day in matters of politics, and to say that his speech was in some respects ill-timed and out of place, is but the truth. He had been invited there to deliver a memorial oration in honor of the dead soldiers of the "lost cause" whom we all delight to honor, but he took occasion to make remarks, capable of perversion as we have seen, which in the next twenty-four hours were scattered broadcast over the North as evidence of our continued disloyalty, and our willingness to renew the war once more. The writer of this article spent four years in following the fortunes of the "lost cause." He yielded to none in his devotion to principle, during that time, and points with pride to his record, but the surrender at Appomattox "sufficiently amused" him, and he submits quietly whether right or wrong, to that arbitrament which is the last resort between nations. We feel that while in many respects Mr. Martin's remarks were just and true, that some portions of his speech, were calculated to arouse that sectional feeling, and that sectional animosity which the good men of the country, North and South are anxious to allay, and because they are so they become firebrands in the hands of the true-serving Radicals, who are but too glad to make political capital out of them. No, as St. Paul says, we must not only avoid evil, but the appearance of it, and to that end we should all labor, heartily, cheerfully and willingly.

We can truthfully say may the time never come when we shall cease to do honor to our late comrades, who fell in the cause of the South, fighting for the God given rights, that had been handed down from our fathers, but let us do what we can to allay the prejudices of the present hour, and let the truth be recognized that the cause for which they died, though just, honorable and patriotic, is of the past and can have no renewal in future, except in the conflict of ideas, in the sphere of thought, as suggested by Mr. Martin. Thousands of patriotic hearts, who were true as the needle to the pole, when there was necessity for patriotism beat a responsive throob to these sentiments, and yet we too can say with Mr. Martin, "beside their graves crowned with the hallowed associations and memories of the past, let us catch some inspiration from the dead, renew our allegiance to the cause of our country, and go forward, making Duty our watchword, Principle our guide, Truth our goal, and our land may yet smile with freedom and peace."

THE DAMAGES.—A colored citizen of Ohio street maintains a family dog about six inches high and eight inches long. The said dog never tired to eat any one up until yesterday, when he attacked a pedestrian and nipped his leg. The pedestrian at once called the owner of the dog out doors and demanded damages. "What's de proofs of de bite?" inquired the colored man. "Right there," replied the victim, exhibiting a black and blue spot. "And what's de damage?" "Five hundred dollars!" "Shoo! You can have de dog for a dollar!" "Makes no difference," continued the man. "I don't say that he has inflicted five hundred dollars' worth of physical damage. I estimate that at only two shillings, but I can't lie awake nights and think of hydrophobia for small sum."

"I can't never pay dat sum." "Then I'll sue you!" "Very well. I'll adjourn de suit till de bite gets well, and den whar will yer proofs be?" The man reflected a moment and said: "I see. We must come down to physical damages." The colored man knocked the dog in the head with a spade, and as the animal kicked his last, he remarked: "If you has been bitten by a dog, I don't know nuffin about it. I used to fiddle a little dog, but he's dead now! If dar's any more talk about damages around here, I'll climb over de fence and hurt some white man!" There wasn't any more talk.

If you cannot be a great river, bearing great vessels of blessings to the world, you can be a little spring by the dusty wayside of life, singing merrily all day and night, and giving a cup of cold water to every weary, thirsty one who passes by.

When Secretary Chandler, testifying before Clymer's committee, confessed that he had subscribed \$1,000 to aid in Babcock's defense, the public indignation, which had so long been overstrained, broke into laughter. Everybody knew that the office holders, from the Cabinet minister downward, were plundering the government and contributing portions of their plunder to maintain the supremacy of the party but nobody supposed that our Republican statesmen were banded together like a set of highwaymen or a league of pickpockets, to contribute money to hire lawyers and bribe witnesses when one of their numbers was caught by the pedlers and hung up before the magistrate. Such a thieves' mutual benefit association among the President's private secretaries and Cabinet officers is so astounding as to be actually ridiculous. It is said that at a state dinner the other day there was not a man present who was not under investigation; and if sympathy depends, as some maintain, upon our capacity to conceive ourselves suffering as the person whom we desire to relieve suffers, it is easy to understand how the active charity of our statesman who has not been caught stealing can overflow in a \$1,000 check to aid in the defense of another statesman who has been less fortunate. He feels that his own turn may come next.

HANGING IN CHINA.—I observed a mode of Chinese capital punishment known as "the cage." The "cage" was between two and three feet square, and over six feet high. Near the bottom was a close floor of plank. The four sides were open work of plank palings. The planks composing the cover were made to fit around the man's neck, close enough to hang him, but not close enough to strangle him. The condemned man was put into this cage, his head projecting above the cover fitting around his neck and under his feet a number of bricks, one above the other, just enough to enable him to stand on tiptoe. When this position from weariness, becomes unendurable, his only relief was to hang by his neck. The design is to make a man suffer as much as possible, but not to kill him too quickly. Usually, after a criminal has been standing this way for a day or so, one of the bricks is removed, and then another, until he hangs by his neck altogether. It is said that a strong man ordinarily will endure this torture several days before his life becomes extinct.—Christina at Work.

BREVITY.—Brevity is a lost art; but it is the fault of time that writers or speakers cannot be brief. There is too much to say, because too many things have happened since the world started in the beginning. Adam and Eve could talk as concisely as the ten commandments. There were no old Greek frauds to quote from; no precedents; no remembrance on the part of Adam of his mother's cooking. With the first couple brevity was the soul and body of wit, and there were no words to waste, and nothing but plain business to do.—N O Republican.

The Russian peasants generally believe in imaginary beings called "Roussalki"—beautiful maidens who charm the unlucky mortal by their songs and allure him into the river. These Russian Lorchies are supposed to be the souls of unbaptized children and of girls who commit suicide; they are the goddesses of the clouds, and appear in the form of a butterfly or a puff of smoke.

New Auction & Commission House. THE undersigned have associated themselves in the Auction and Commission business, and solicit consignments of Merchandise of all kinds. Special attention given to the sale of all kinds of Country Produce. B N SMITH, J A McLURE, AUCTIONEERS. may16

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For Rent. A comfortable four room dwelling, convenient to the business part of the city. The house has a good basement, and on the premises is a good well of water and a good garden plot. Front yard well set with flowers and evergreen shrubbery. Apply to M M WOLFE. apr21

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CELLANEOUS. TOWN TALK!! Alexander House, CHARLOTTE, N. C. Below Tryon Street M. E. Church. THE building has recently been thoroughly refitted and renovated, and the proprietress, Mrs Dr A W Alexander is prepared to accommodate a permanent and transient boarders. A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited. MRS A W ALEXANDER. DR. A. W. ALEXANDER, Dentist, has his office in the Alexander House, and will be pleased to see his old customers and new ones. Dental work will be done at rates to suit the times. Entire satisfaction guaranteed. feb17

St. Charles Hotel, STATESVILLE, N. C. Otho M Barkley, Proprietor. This house is most eligibly located; newly furnished, and possesses accommodations unequalled by any House in the State. Breakfast and Dinner House at the Depot. feb22

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Hurrah, Hurrah, Hurrah. JOHNSTON RE-ELECTED MAYOR. A Large Majority, Great Bargains ARE BEING SOLD AT THE NEW STORE ON TRYON STREET, OPPOSITE BUTLER'S JEWELRY STORE. PRICES FROM THIS DATE: NEWS TYPES PRINTS FROM 5 TO 7 CTS FOR TEN DAYS. ALL GRADES OF CHOICE GOODS AT PRICES IN PROPORTION, AT A. W. LOYNS'. may2

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