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Elder Hardshell's Trouble.

Ah me! those "latter days" have come, by "holy men" foretold,
When "grievous wolves" in sheep's attire should prey upon the fold;
When hearers should have "itching ears," and "hirelings" preach for gold,
Seducing weak, "unstable" souls from doctrines sound and old.

Oh! what a world of trouble these heretics have made;
They've taken down the universe, and new foundations laid
With nebulæ, and bones, and germs, they make a great parade;
Far better for the world and them had they but sung and prayed.

Oh! where are Calvin's landmarks? pray tell me where they stand;
A flood of "carnal reason" has deluged all the land,
The "metes and bounds" seem changing, his lines upon the sand
Look dim; I scarce can trace them on the desolated strand.

That "corner tree" of knowledge, which caused man's "total fall,"
Young D D's spoiled in college now, call no tree at all—
Only an Eastern figure, with value very small,
The serpent but a poet's dream—a myth or parable.

At that good "old, old story" of Adam and the rib,
The poor benighted Darwin has aimed his flashy squib.
And talks of evolution, so cunningly and glib,
That half the church now call it a poem or a fib.

They have spoiled that good old sermon I wrote about the ark,
By saying shells on mountain tops at Noah's high-water mark
Were raised up with the mountains from sea-beds deep and dark,
And souls not "rooted in the faith" to such false science hark.

I once could preach so boldly, how sun and moon stood still,
And waited for the battle all day upon the hill;
That "God's own chosen people" their enemies might kill,
And hold the land of promise their mission to fulfill.

But men by science blinded, now doubt those gospel views,
And some weak-minded christians sit wriggling in their pews,
As if that long taught doctrine they inwardly refuse
That of his many children God only loved the Jews.

They've altered half my Bible; I hardly dare to speak
Before these learned professors of Hebrew lore and Greek;
They say a day in Genesis means fifty million years,
And "everlasting fire" in Greek, in English may mean tears.

Hell now is naught but Hades, and Hades underworld,
And underworld the common grave, where good and bad are hurled;
They preach that endless woes may end, while endless joys endure—
Away with such learned heretics who leave us nothing sure.

OBSERVATIONS.

It is said that red-haired men can endure warm climates longest.

The woman who maketh a good puddling in silence is better than she who maketh a tart reply.

A Brooklyn lawyer has been arrested for throwing a bundle of papers at a judge's head.

The Terre Haute Express finds, after much research, that Junius himself wrote the Junius letters.

The fact that so many smart children die while young is what prevents our penitentiary population from incressing more rapidly.

The Rev Dr Chas F Deems, of New York, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon at Emory and Henry College, Va., on the 16th inst., and deliver the address before the societies on the 19th.

Well, the fact of the matter is, my brother's trip to Europe and his long sojourn there was not one of his own choosing. I venture to say that he would gladly return to his farm and remain there if he could, but his advisers have decreed otherwise.—Orvil Grant.

A prize fight took place a week or so ago at Packington, England, between two professional bruisers, under distinguished patronage. The House of Lords and the city were fully represented, therefore, it need hardly be said, no notice of the occurrence was taken by the authorities.

THE POOL SYSTEM A FAILURE.

A Meeting of Railroad Men in New York Breaks Up Without an Agreement.

NEW YORK, June 12.—At a general meeting of railroad men, to-day, the chairman reported that the committee could not agree on a basis of percentage, and there was no possibility of their agreeing. They entertain very diverse opinions, and many roads claimed a higher percentage than the other roads in the combination would give them. The committee, therefore, asked to be discharged. The report was accepted and Mr Ingalls moved that the meeting adjourn *sine die*, as the whole pool system was at an end. The motion was carried and the meeting broke up. The news of the breaking up of the combination sped rapidly and freight rates were cut on all sides. While the combination lasted, rates from Chicago to New York were twenty cents per one hundred pounds, but already, it is said, they have been cut to fifteen cents. There is a prospect ahead of a protracted freight rate war.

Winston says it is a fine place to hold State conventions of all kinds.

STATE NEWS.

Mr Daniel Scarborough, father of the State superintendent of public instruction, died in Wake county on the 11th.

At the collector's office in Winston the aggregate collections for the month of April were $44,981.87, and for May, $44,976.05.

The Greensboro *New North State* publishes in full a poem entitled "Casabianca." It begins thus: "The boy stood on the burning deck"—or words to that effect.

Wilmington *Star*: The regatta committee of the Carolina yacht club have decided to hold their next race on the river on Tuesday, the 25th inst, over the regular course, starting from Market dock.

Winston *Sentinel*: Our sister town of Salem is the only place in the State having regular water works supplying need in case of fire, and we believe it is the only town of its size in the whole South in which this supply is to be had through pipes.

Wilmington *Star*: We saw a fine looking watermelon at Mr T H Smith's store yesterday, which was pulled on the 10th inst. It was raised in Pender county. The first watermelons usually make their appearance in market here on or about the 4th of July.

Wilmington *Star*: The schooner Alabama, Capt Ross, reported in our last as being ashore on the point of the cape near Smith's Island, has gotten off safely, and was reported last evening by Capt Williams, of the steamer Wm Nyce, as being on her way up the river without the aid of a tug.

The Reidsville *Times* says Robt Dalton, of Rockingham, was fatally hurt last Saturday by his horse, which was hitched to a sulky, running away with him. When the horse started the belly band broke and this threw Mr Dalton back and his feet caught, and just beat and bounced him all to pieces; he is a very heavy man. He died Monday evening.

Wilmington *Review*: A telegram to Messrs Alex Sprunt & Son, received to-day, conveys the gratifying intelligence that the British barque North Carolina, Captain Buchan, arrived safely at Liverpool yesterday, with all well, after a passage of only 24 days. It will be remembered that Messrs W Blanks, Fred Kidder, John London and John Nelson, of this city, sailed from this port on the North Carolina, bound for the Paris Exposition.

Salem *Press*: Some darkies from Greensboro spread the report among the colored folks hereabouts, that a deaf and dumb man at Raleigh was suddenly given the power of speech and hearing, and proclaimed as a revelation that between the months of June and August a heavy storm would visit the State, destroying much property and many lives in all sections. There are a number of the poor unfortunates superstitious enough to become alarmed at the report.

A correspondent of the Raleigh *News* writes that last Sunday night while Mr J L White, of Winston, was sitting on his front porch, awaiting the return of his family from church, he fell into a sound sleep; during his nap he was approached by a negro, who extracted his pocket book and was endeavoring to rob his other pockets, when Mr W awoke and seized the thief. A desperate struggle ensued, but the negro succeeded in making his escape.

The Goldsboro correspondent of the Wilmington *Review*, writing in reference to the recent hail storm there, makes the following, among other statements: At the Hook's place near here, many of the chunks of ice were from three to five inches in diameter, larger than a large coffee cup. Every fowl on the place was killed, a steer had his leg broken, and the fruit was beaten off the trees and then beaten out of sight into the ground. And now I will tell you a wonderful hail story, to the truth of which there are several witnesses. A block was picked up that was over twelve inches long and as thick through as an ordinary size man's leg. It lay in a gentleman's piazza for six hours, where it was seen by several witnesses, in an unmelted state—about half gone. Crops and fruit are ruined in the track of the storm.

Blue Glass.

Gen Pleasanton, of blue glass fame, argues that because in his hot house plants grow stronger and more rapidly under blue glass, the same covering is equally good for animal life, and capable of curing disease. If afflicted, hang no hope upon so doubtful a theory and remedy, but rather trust some thoroughly tested agent. Dr Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which is successful above all other remedies yet known, in healing affections of the throat, lungs and blood, works in perfect harmony with nature's laws. If the skin be sallow with blotches and eruptions, or if there be headache, constipation, "biliousness," general and nervous debility, the Golden Medical Discovery and Dr Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets will if used according to directions, effect a perfect cure.

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