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A Character—And a Question.

A dubious, strange, uncomprehended life, A roll of riddles with no answer found, A sea-like soul which plummet cannot sound, Torn with turbulent winds at mental strife, The god in him is taken into wife, A daughter of the pit, and strongly bound In coils of snake-like hate about his wound, Dies, straining hard to raise the severing knife.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Hon. Frank H. Hurd, of Ohio, has accepted an invitation to address the Virginia Democratic State convention, which meets at Richmond next Wednesday.

Imports by silk manufacturers last year exceeded those of the previous year by thirty per cent; in other words, every husband whose business prospects improved during the year had to pay for more than the usual number of new dresses.

A London physician cured a lady of deafness by taking her into the Cathedral tower near one of the bells as the hammer fell upon it. The force of the sound fractured the obstruction to the ear.

Gov. R. B. Hubbard, of Texas, has accepted an invitation from the literary societies of the University of Virginia to deliver the annual commencement address on the 30th of June.

A Confederate soldier, named Moore, crawled under the fire of two armies to give relief to a wounded Union captain. He recently received information, at his home in Arkansas, that the captain had bequeathed him \$20,000.

Each of the four weeks in June will witness the holding of a national convention. The Greenbackers meet at Chicago on the 9th, and the prohibitionists at Cleveland on the 11th.

Mr. John McCullough is quoted as saying that he tried to make Othello his most finished role; that he loves Virginius, and finds in it his greatest profit; and that he finds in the South a keener appreciation of Shakespeare than in the North, which he attributes to the fact that the heroes of life are more thoroughly cultivated there.

If the Women Desert the Church!

New York Sun. Is the church losing its hold on the women? If so, it is in greater danger than it ever was in before.

An observant Englishwoman is satisfied that there is no room for doubt as to the fact; that the peril is real and imminent. She asserts that among the most intelligent women in England unbelief is spreading year by year, and at a rapid rate. The educated country-women of Harriet Martineau and Frances Power Cobbe are not poring over the Bible and praying for their mothers and grandmothers did. They are reading Darwin and Spencer, Huxley and Tyndall.

Is this true to any appreciable extent of the educated women of the United States? We know it was not true so recently as Margaret Fuller's time. Unbelieving or doubting women were as rare here then as white blackbirds. But since then there has been a notable increase in the number and improvement in the quality of girls' schools; well equipped colleges for young women have sprung up; colleges heretofore sacred to the education of the young male of the human species have opened their doors to his sisters; even conservative Harvard has somewhat tardily and grudgingly shown a disposition to adjust itself to the changed conditions. The American girl of 23 who has "had advantages," to borrow a New Englandism, is a very different person from that other American girl whom her father courted, loving her all the better perhaps for her simplicity, sweet ignorance, and undoubting piety. This modern girl has studied, more or less thoroughly, the higher mathematics and the natural sciences; she has read or skimmed the books of the day; she has heard some of the lectures; she keeps the run of the magazines; she has been in the reading club, possibly social literary club; well, very likely she is writing a novel, or getting ready to do so by assiduous magazine practice; she has her head full and her hands full. Certainly the church does not fill the same place in her thoughts or in her life that it did in her mother's at her age. Still it remains to be proved that she is ceasing to be a Christian and becoming an unbeliever.

If she is, the outlook for the Church is disquieting. Ever since the days when the preachers have been fond of quoting a verse setting forth that woman was "Last at His cross and earliest at His grave."

From time immemorial the clergy and the women have been close allies. The day that saw this alliance broken would be a cloudy day for the former. What would they do for hearers? In very many of the churches of this city, anywhere from two-thirds to nine-tenths of the weekly congregation are women.

Moreover, of the comparatively few small number of men who are habitual or casual church goers, how many would have been in the pews if they had not been attracted, coaxed, or gently coerced thither by women? It is not in looking down upon a dwindling congregation that the preacher would feel most acutely the withdrawal of that potent womanly influence which Goethe has sung in the last lines of "Faust." If the mothers turn unbelievers, what chance will there be for the children?

If the preachers are at a loss for a topic at their meetings next Monday, let them take this one: "Is the higher education sapping the faith and chilling the piety of women?"

An Interesting Decision.

Springfield (Mass.) Union. Judge Bacon, of the Superior Court, has just rendered an important decision for travelers in declaring that a corporation, having agreed to carry a passenger over a through route at a reduced rate, less than that asked for transport to some intermediate station, has no right to prevent that passenger from stopping at such intermediate point when the road adds to the fare the rate of passage to the next station.

The case was that of Ward McAllister, a Harvard law student, who bought a ticket from Boston to New York by the Old Colony line, and on attempting to go ashore at Newport was detained by an officer of the company till he had paid sixty cents additional. Judge Bacon says the company may demand the difference in fare between the local and the through rate, and if payment is refused may recover the same in a civil action, but have no other remedy. The honor also held that a passenger leaving the boat on this dollar ticket would be a trespasser on the gang-plank and wharf of the steamboat company.

EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA!

Facts and Figures as Shown by the Report of the Superintendent.

Raleigh Observer. The report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, which now lies before us, is not so complete as we would like to have it, but it presents a very interesting resume of the operations of the department during the past year. Mr. Scarborough tells us that there are in the State 27,000 whites between the ages of six and twenty-one years, and 154,000 colored children. Of the former 133,000 attended school during the year, and of the latter 85,000. The State is divided into about 4,000 school districts, and as there are 1,100 townships, there are about four school districts to a township. The white children have 2,500 school houses and the negroes about 1,000, but there were taught 3,600 white and near 2,000 colored schools during the year. The teachers are paid about \$22 per month, \$185,000 being expended for the teachers of white schools and \$110,000 for the teachers of the negro schools. During the year the school fund received from the poll tax \$156,000 and from property \$132,000; from other sources \$1,000,000. The State being the most populous county in the State, leads off with seventy-six white teachers and seventy-four colored teachers; 4,276 white children and 4,465 negro children attended school during the year, while 2,470 white children and 2,000 negro children did not attend at all. We spent for white schools \$10,196,000, and for negro schools \$9,327,000, and the treasurer has on hand \$5,322 for school purposes. There is indeed no reason why there should not be greater educational facilities throughout the State than have been provided, for we began the year with \$123,000 cash on hand, and after defraying all expenses carried over \$147,170 to the next year. In other words, we have \$150,000 of the school fund on hand bearing no interest, which, as far as we know, ought to be expended in establishing more schools. And it is not as if there were no money to be provided the children away themselves of them to the fullest extent. For instance, Cherokee county, we know, is sparsely settled, but having forty-nine white schools, nearly all the children there attend school and receive the educational advantages afforded them. She has 2,021 white children between the school ages, and of these the report shows that 2,822 attended school last year. These schools cost \$1,088,111. The balance in the hands of the county treasurer is only \$111.08. What she raises she spends; the children get the full benefit of the tax. In like manner it may be that if there were additional educational facilities afforded throughout the State and the balance in the hands of our county treasurers was expended in establishing other schools, many of those children who have not gone to school this year would attend. It is, perhaps, proper to say that this subject is not under the direction of Superintendent Scarborough, but rests with county officials.

BITTEN BY A DOG.

A Terrible Case of Hydrophobia in Louisville. LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 14.—It is some time since a case of hydrophobia has occurred in this city, but to-day two horrible cases of this disease are chronicled. The persons afflicted are Preston Foreman, a plasterer, living on Sixteenth and Harney streets, and his little boy of seven or eight years. Several weeks ago the child was bitten by a dog, but the parents made no attention to the matter, and the wound speedily healed. Three days ago the little fellow began to exhibit strange symptoms of sickness, which gave his parents much alarm. Since that time he has constantly grown worse, and now he is suffering from what is thought to be a genuine case of hydrophobia. The child froths at the mouth, snaps and snarls like a dog, at times is seized with agonizing spasms, and exhibits other symptoms of the disease. He has no control over his bowels and bladder, and is unable to swallow any food. He has shown no symptoms of madness. This morning he complained of feeling badly, and soon began to act strangely. It was not long before he began to rave like a madman and to utter words of rage. He began to froth at the mouth, howl and snarl like a dog, and tried to bite whoever came near him. About 9 o'clock this morning he went out on the street where his appearance created a panic among the people who were passing, and threatened everyone whom he saw. Fortunately he did not succeed in injuring anybody; one negro was struck on the head and knocked down, but he was not badly hurt. People living on Sixteenth and Harney streets were terrified at the violent behavior of the man. A policeman was sought for, and Officer J. P. McWhorter soon arrived on the scene. He gave chase to the maniac and caught him at the corner of Sixteenth and Harney streets. The policeman called others to his assistance, and with the help of four negroes Foreman was secured and bound about the hands and feet. A wagon was procured and the madman placed in jail in a tight-jacket.

Old Slaves Just Getting Married.

Lumpkin (Ga.) Independent. Considerable excitement was created among the colored people last week, occasioned by the report that the grand jury would indict all negroes who were living together as man and wife and who had never been married under a license from the ordinary. The excitement ran high, and negroes who had been living together thirty years, and had grown families, objected to being living together as man and wife, and were duly joined according to law. During the days of slavery it was not customary for slaves to be married by license, and consequently a number of colored people are now living together who were never legally married, and it was dangerous for some parties, but not the old couples who were married before the war.

How a French Cook Improved His Cook.

At the celebrated hotel of social, but aristocratic Democracy, the famous Manhattan Club, on Fifth Avenue, New York, a French cook, who has recently been not so much as to the coming nominee at Cincinnati as to the luck of one Morphy, who had just won the world's championship, was bought of M. A. Dauphin, at No. 319 Broadway, New York City, for a dollar, a half ticket, No. 40,146, in the April drawing of the well-known Louisiana State Lottery, at New Orleans, and drew half of the second grand prize, \$10,000. He put in \$5,000 of the government 4 per cent. loan, and still presides over the pots and pans. Who is next?

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