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LETTERS FROM A TRAMP.

NUMBER SEVEN.

Hard on Tramps--Blue Laws of Connecticut--Significant Hints to "Move On"--Umbrella of Menelaus--All the World's a Stage--From Greenland's Icy Mountains--Israelites and Cannanites--Antiquities of Egypt--Sir Garnet Wolseley a Tramp--Pharaoh's Tomb--Our Ancestors--Patriotism the Refuge of a Scoundrel--Flannigan of Texas--Leonidas--Jim Sims on the Ramparts of Liberty--Horatio Cooles--A Soft Bed at Statesville--Gentle Sleep.

STATESVILLE, N. C. Sept. 21, '82.

To the Editor of the Observer.

"Thus far into the bowels of the land have we

Such is the fickleness and vacillating temper of the human mind in various

portions of the rural districts in this country that a tramp, who lingers be-

hind a reasonable time in certain particular localities, besides becoming ob-

noxious will exhaust the chicken and the hospitality of the neighborhood--

Connecticut, which in times gone by was widely celebrated for its "blue

laws," is to this day as hard on our pro-

fession as the Russian is upon the Jew-

ish race. In the light of New Prophets--

where the music of the trip-hammer and the shuffle of the factory girl's feet

is all the music that the land affords, and between "moving on" and "going

to jail" we have no alternative.

Had we the publication of school

books for the youth of America we should be careful to impress upon

the juvenile mind the great advan-

tages which other tramps besides Columbus, Ponce de Leon, Marco Polo,

Varo, Nunez de Balboa on the peak of Darien, and many others of our profes-

sion have given to their posterity.

After various significant hints to

leave the happy valley where we last

last sojourned, which duller minds than

ours could see, we were suddenly re-

minded by a certain important business which called us to the

mountainous regions of Burke county, in the neighborhood of Morganton.

So eager were some of our friends to

say good-bye, that one, more anxious than all the others, volunteered the

loan of a dilapidated gingham umbrella with a close resemblance to the para-

chute which Menelaus received from Agamemnon on embarking in pursuit

of the daughter of Tyndarus, in the oak of "the blue Helele."

When the "year of walfeld" desired to

be rid of a poor relation (so prodigal of his visits), we remember that he

often loaned him on departing a sad-

dle, a cloak or some other article to

prolong his stay, and we were glad to

do something sarcastic in the offer of the umbrella, which looked indeed as

though it had seen service for forty

days and nights and more in the time of Noah.

Another equally interested friend

proffered us a lift in his wagon as far

as the mill where he had a millstone to

grind, but took special pains to im-

press the fact upon our mind, that he

couldn't bring us back again.

With so much apparent satisfaction

at their departure, we were not aware

that our friends were not so much

with heartfelt wishes for our friends

that newer fields and greener pastures

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has laid him down to rest, long ere the

Vikings sailed from Norway--before

Columbus, Amerigo Vesputi, or Se-

bastian Cabot brought their big-pou-

ghly boats to our shores--ere Plymouth

Rock, the stepping stone to this con-

tinent, was ever pressed by Pilgrim feet,

or the wooden shoes of the Dutch

with human voices speaking through

the nose.

Amidst discordant elements, the

clamor of patriotic office seekers, pro-

tectionists, free traders, prohibitionists,

and their adversaries, we have pursued

the even tenor of our way, in storm

and sunshine, regardless of all the se-

ductive wiles of five cent saloon keep-

ers, fully resolved in our heart of hearts

that "Liberty" being the last refuge

of a scoundrel" we hadn't any in our

composition.

If we could accept an office, instead

of writing and preaching, we would be

the "Elegy in a country churchyard,"

where "many a flower is born to blush

unseen and waste its sweetness on the

desert air," who should announce boldly,

like W. Flannigan, of Texas, "I have

been here for if not to get an office?"

As Horatio Cooles kept the bridge

of "Tiber" in the brave old days of old

as Leonidas at Thermopylae held the

pass, we feel our common country to

be safe while Jim Sims is holding the

fort in the watchtower on the ramparts

of liberty in Charlotte.

If the cause saved Rome from the

army of Brennus, we are not without

hope that the braying of a vulgar

long-eared Liberal and revenue

collector throughout the country may

save North Carolina from a repetition

of the scenes of ten years ago, and so

in a tranquil frame of mind we hired a

soft bench on the sidewalk, in front of

the Charles hotel at Statesville, on the

road to Morganton, and gazing there-

on, by the pale moonlight which shed

its silvery rays that "we are such

stuff as dreams are made of, and our

little life is rounded with a sleep," we

hugged the mantle of oblivion to our

breast, and slept the sleep of innocence

and youth.

"No Mary Queen, the praise be given,

Thou hast gently slept from heaven,

That slid into our soul!"

A TRAMP.

The March of Extravagance.

Philadelphia Record.

In 1880 the population of the United

States and Territories was 51,443,321.

In 1880 the population had increased to

50,155,783. In 1880 the expenditures of

the Federal Government for the civil

and miscellaneous list were \$27,977,978;

for the War Department, \$2,001,530;

for the Navy, \$12,387,156--a total of

\$63,366,664. In 1874 the miscellaneous

and civil expenditures had reached a

total of \$41,550; the War Department

cost \$42,313,827, and the Navy \$20,023,

587--a total amount of \$153,888,107.

The payments on account of Indians,

pensions, premiums, and interest and

miscellaneous items, were \$149,321.

It is seen from these figures that the

expenditure for the same year was in-

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

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