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DIALECT AND DIALECT.

In a well considered analytical edicopied in Saturday's Observer, having for its subject John Charles McNeill and specifically his "Lyrics From Cotton Land," it was said: "'Uncle Remus, up to the advent of the brilliant young Scotchman, was the most faithful and accurate exponent of 'Mr. Nigger' in the realm of letters; but Joel Chandler Harris is not a whit more life-like in his portrayal of the inguage as well as of the spirit of the old time darkey than John Charles McNeill." It is true. Nearly all those who essay to white negro dialect miss the mark wofully. They write a jargen of their own, or at least unlike anything ever heard from the genuline, uneducated negro as he is known in North Carolina. We all know that the dialect, or patols, of the negro is different in different sections of the South, but from our standpoint it is language as well as of the spirit of South, but from our standpoint it is difficult to imagine that these dialect writers to whom we refer ever heard a real negro talk, for what they put on paper is different from anything we ever heard one of them utter. Thomas Nelson Page, for instance, though a Southerner, quotes "niggers" whom we never heard talk that way. But Joel Chandler Harris has the black man down perfectly; John Charles McNeill put down the black man's thoughts and language with perfect fidelity; as an interpreter of his thoughts and dialect H. E. C. Bryant is scarcely inferior to either. In the show window of the Stone & Barringer Company, of this city, is about the best illustrative advertisement we ever saw. Off against a lot of copies of "Lyrics From Cotton Land," scattered about on the floor of the window, in orderly disorder, stands a little nigger with rolling eyes, and saying to the gazing multitude by a sign over his head, "He sho did kno' de nigger." And he "sho did." For in-

stance: A HINDRANCE.

"You need n' do nothin' but roll in de I 'll give you yo' entin' en give give you yo' shirt.
I don't speck yo' he'p when I 's hoein' You kin do wut you please, if you 'll quit doin' harm.

Why 'n't you sleep in de shade at de eend er de row?

I 'd as well go on home en hang up my hoe. 's gwine a scramble en crawl on de groun' En roll en de cotton en mash it all down. Stay whar I putt you! Don't foller my mus' 'pen' on dis crap fer yo' winter

This is entirely typical. How dif-

ferent from the general run of negro dialect that we see in magazines and newspapers and hear from the minstrel stage!

A 'SHOCKING" SPECTACLE,

In one of Dickens' novels there was, as we remember, a character who was described as "the man of no delicacy." The description fits Mr. John Bell Towill, of Lexington county, S. C., an ex-director of the late State dispensary, who was arrested Saturday, 18th inst., for conspiracy to defraud the State and gave bond, and who, Tuesday, 21st, took his seat as foreman of the grand jury of his county. Naturally the spectacle presents itself as a shocking one to The the end. Charleston News and Courier, which correctly remarks that "The question as to whether Mr. Towill be innocent or guilty has nothing to do with this matter. He is at least under a clouda very dark and lowering one-and a man suspected, whether rightly or sury, a body which is supposed to stand above all others for the maintenance of law and order, and every member of which, and the foreman in particular, is supposed to be an examplar of all that constitutes good cit- idea "idiotic." benship." Our contemporary is of opinion that in the circumstances Mr. Towill "did not show a very fine sense of the proprieties," No. He proved

petary Taft unbeknowest to it.

THE CASE OF PATROLMAN BURNS

hicago police force up to a few days meaning of the word fear, and is an expert catcher' of thieves and crooks. Stationed at a busy crossing, Burns never failed to handle the traffic expeditiously and to carry women and children across the street safely. But

the law required that Burns should take the civil service examination. He was asked questions in geography that he couldn't answer. He didn't know whether the Straits of Magellan were He gave up enhim. Manifestly, therefore, Burns was cellent thing in some ways and when the examinations are practical in their was, who was applying for a clerkship in one of the departments at Wash- protect her. There is this satisfaction ington and being asked on the civil service examination the distance from the earth to the, sun replied that he couldn't give the figures but that it victor. was neither so great nor to short as to interfere in the least with his efficient discharge of the duties of the office he was after. In like manner Patrolman Burns might have answered that his inability to spell had nothtorial from Charity and Children, ing to do with his ability to catch crooks or to convey women and children across crowded streets in safety. and that all the geography he needed

THE LATE J. H. MYROVER.

to know was that of the city of Chi-

The Fayetteville Observer says, in an appreciative article of Mr. J. H.

The disproportios, noted above, of voice and physique, was the most remarkable thing about this remarkcome a giant and was no doubt remarked upon in every audience before which he arose. With this and his "sinewy diction" he united all the the establishment of better prices. graces of oratory, so that he was a most impressive public speaker. Or his last days and hours The Fayette- or grafters. Senator Hoar, of Massaville Observer says:

"Mr. Myrover's death was totally expected. He was taken ill yester and was carried to the Highsmith I Ill yesterday, pital suffering with ureride comm. He passed quietly away at 19:39 o'clock. He himself, however, told his physician last Sunday that he knew that death was approaching, and knew that he would live but a short time and his only wish was that he should pass away quietly, as otherwise he had no fear of death. His wish was granted."

It gratifies his friends that he died died game.

Charleston Evening Post:

"The Charlotte Observer accepts The Greenville News' entalogue of candidates for the senatorial race in South Carolina as complete to date with the following entries: Senator A. C. Latimer. ex-Gov. John Gary Evans. Hon D. S. Henderson, Hon O. B. Martin, Col J. J. Dargan and Hon. J. S. McCullough. If The Observer intends to retire from the Hemphill campaign committee, it should submit its resignation formally to the chairman, but if it is not going to enit we shall be glad to hear it whose once in a while."

again. But the fact of the business a pity that the unselfish efforts of so is that Chairman Waring, of the good a man should have met with so Hemphill campaign committee, has of little appreciation from a wicked and late been so "indilentary," as the late Dr. Jack Hall, of Salisbury, used to If it's me dat mus' feed you en give you yo' clothes.

You mus' stay whar I tells you en play had withdrawn his candidate or the interesting week in the Legislature. campaign had stopped to get its second wind. He must not be deluded by Its silence into the belief that The Observer has lost any of its zeal in or fidelity to the cause. Its voice is still for Hemphill, for the old flag and an appropriation.

> Secretary Taft's letter in which, on account of the candidacy of Governor Hughes, he renounces any part of the are Messrs. S. A. Schloss, of Wilming-superstition, and it was a round of New York delegation to the national ion, and Marx S. Nathan, of that time ere a negro could faithfully and convention that might be his, looks well and sounds well and has won him much applause. But the big Secretary was perhaps not unmindful of the favorable effect of such magnanimity upon his own fortunes. Virtue. is its own reward and his letter will on doubt redound to his advantage to

It was stated in yesterday's dispatches that one of the changes which Columbia, to Los Angeles, California, will be made in the original Aldrich currency bill which will be perfected by the Senate finance committee today will be in the acceptance of the again wrongly, of being himself a breaker Balley proposition for the distribution of the law has no place on a grand of the proposed surplus bank tornes among the various States in proportion to their banking capital and surplus. It is rather interesting to note in this connection that The New York Journal of Commerce pronounces this

the President "designates all parties for afficers on account of the Illness. The grit of the mortar, among who infinate that there has been any and death of Major W. B. Reynolds, which toll hands of the modern dewho infimate that there has been any whom he succeeds, until further ofhimself the South Carolina "man of use of Federal natronage on Mr. ders. no delicacy."

Taft's behalf as ilam." As this includes the United States Senate we wish we had thought before some coulive committee of the tenth consequence of the tenth

The Hartford Times thus comments ipon District Attorney Jerome's brutal cross-examination of Mrs. Evelyn ago was a patrolman of the name of Nesbit Thaw, his harsh language and contemptuous manner:

"It would be interesting to know what the psychological effect on the jury of Jerome's manner toward this witness is likely to be. Is his policy of harshmess toward her good tactics, or will it create sympathy tor her in the jury box? It is difficult to tell. But it is a recognized rule among trial lawyers that women on the witness stand should be treated with kindness. One of Jerome's subordinates, Assistant District Attorney Arthur Train in his excellent work on The Prisoner at the Bar' kays down this principle: 'It is to-day fatal to a lawyer's case if he is not invaribly gentle and courteous with a female witness. and courteous with a female witness, and this is true even if sae be a veri-

It would not be difficult to tell the effect upon the jury of the brutality nal. Required to spell escape, he set of the district attorney if one knew tirely when parallel was projected at If they are, his methods will react on an unfit man to guard the lives and but the fact, if it is a fact, remains to property of the people of Chicago, so be proved. She may have been the victim of circumstances or have gone some tests in some cases and is not events she is a woman and, so far as calculated to increase public respect there is any evidence, has always behaved well in public. She has wronged nobody so much as herself, and on character. We always had a good deal measure of consideration from any man who knows the name of chivalry. It is surprising that the court did not in the matter, however, that her tormentor made nothing off her but that in the duel of tongues she came off

> COTTON-GROWING AND PRICES. The census report shows that the cotton crop of 1907 was 1,800,000 The Petersburg Index-Appeal says "it is to be hoped that planters will not learn when it is too late that willful waste makes woeful want, and that cotton can be raised in other parts of the world as well as in the South." We don't think there is much in the last point. The threat that some other part of the world will wrest the supremacy in cotton-production from the South is fifty years old. It is intended-though of course our Petersburg contemporary has no such purthe census bulletin Hes in this: that that of this year will fall short of the last in which fact there is reason to expect a continuance of present or

chusetts, was in Congress more than to sleep in the top story and to answer the calls of those who jarred the night bell. On one particular morning them of lows has been in Congress forty years and died poor. Senator He forty-five years and has an annual last income of \$2,500 above his salary, but this is derived from the estate of his wife who inherited \$50,000. By the wife who inherited \$50,000. By the phases. This touched the boundary adoption of shady methods or by the line of disturbances by night and the these men could easily have been milas he had wished to die and that he lionaires. It is the glory of our government that so few men connected Jim with its legislation go wrong in finan- confreres We get this rebuke from The cial matters, though the opportunities do not have time to say my prayers. are many and great.

doing his utmost for several years to save the country from the machinations of the "interests," has quit his self-assumed job in disgust. He finds uld the people ungrateful. They would not take his advice so he cusses them out, washes his hands of them, leaves them to their fate and returns to By George! Homer has nodded stock gambling in Wall Street. It is perverse generation.

with possible adjournment Saturday.

MR. NATHAN'S SHOW.

Former Manager of the Academy of Music Travels Extensively With

"The County Chairman." A considerable degree of local incity, formerly manager of the Academy of Music. Mr. Nathan left Charlotte at the close of the season Mr. Nathan left of 1806 and during the greater part of the time since he has been tour-ing the country with "The County Chairman," which was at Charlotte last season also,

Western trip with his show, which met with a cordist reception everywhere. No less than 25,000 miles to carried it with him last season, traveling from Vancouver, in British tre, after which it will go West

other road interests besides this one. Mr. Nathan is popular among Charlotta people, who wish him well.

Lieutenant Ostermann in Charge. Lieutenant F. J. Ostermann, of the burnal of Commerce pronounces this lea "idioric."

Seventsenth infantry. United States corner. In all ways the scenes and associations there were of the goodly kind and much merriment and little of the Boston Transcript states that present He was sent here by surer
OLD DUST MAKES THOUGHT. Lleutenant Ostermann 1>.

PLACES.

DARK Crowds Follow With Interest Demoll-tion of Old Osborne Foundations at Corner of Tryon and Trade Streets
—Some Echoes of Memories and
Reminiscences As They Relate to
the Place—Negro of the Old School

Killed in Basement by Overcharged Soda Tank—Jim Osborne Had Not Time to Say His Prayers, and Whis-tled His Petitions as He Climbed the Stairs to the Third Story-Scap Shots at the Occupants of the Anvient Habitat

firmly fixed in the memory of a man after they have been tern away to room for time's changes them for all the period of his life. So one stands at the corner of Trade and Tryon streets, and peers into the rended clay, where swift-moving tools 12 North McDowell street of advancement gouge into its recesses to make way for the surer amplitude of human handiwork and to exploit man's energies toward better-The old Osborne corner—as the

building itself was called sheltered real women and men in those years. Within those wails was fixed the abode of women and men whose personality and forces have left impress that the world feels. To the older generations the structure was actuality and -experience wherein were admixed the joyous and the bitter. The younger generations know of and child happiness, even as the painter varies his brushes and sees born to ing. and desired to board it. his touch the art-bound word: "chiar-

When the old building surrendered its residential rights and knew conversion to ways of "trade," it was the rallying-place of doctors and drug-In succession, it was known as the spot where were to be found the late Judge Osborne and Dr. Pritch-After them came Dr. F. Scarr, ard. who was loved as universally as old gardners love the purity of a flower. Then later Dr. John H. Mc-Aden followed in the sale of drugs; and since that time the corner has been known as the vending-seat drugs sweet and bitter. Mr. Lloyd R. Wriston headed the successive company, and disposed of the business to Mr. William H. Wearn, one of the younger generation, who ranks high as a pharmacist, and still wields pestle and mortar with the Burwell & Dunn Co., in Charlotte. After that came a good Virginian, Mr. A. B. Reese, heading the firm of A. B. Reese & Co. was only a short time till Dr. J. F. Robertson, another loyal Virginian, "down-homers," Reese & Robertson renewed the paint of the old stand and found ready and willing patronage. Next in line were Woodall & Sheppard, and under the new order of things, by a Scriptural hint, "the last shall be first," and with the completion or the handsom building they will serve their old trade within new walls but over the same area of earth.

JIM OSBORNE. The man who was known as Jim Osborne had a hand in affairs when trade was a youth in the He grew tired of fooling with the monetary particles of the busi-ness, and confided to the janitor, who was his ever loyal stand-by, that he would make a way of his own in law. To-day New York and the biggest brains of the litigious take him at his word and allow the merits he fore-Jim Osborne it was a duty single night; one was for soda water; a second was for tooth-picks, and the last was for an almanac, wherein the practice of their profession both of man, who afterward made the whole country listen to his law and reason and bend to his powers in many ways, gave up the game of playing druggist. Osborne announced in those days. and therefore, have to whistle them

Thomas W. Lawson, who has been of steps to my sleeping room hard-by the room. AN INTERESTING POSSIBILITY. Big-bodied, big-hearted, "Eastfield Bob Wallace" in those days operated a distillery; and it was one of the missions of his fat and sleek mules to bear their burden of ubiquitous corn whiskey-and pure it was as a flawless diamond. Eastfield furnished a great quantity of whiskey consumed by the drug stores in the days when people wanted the real thing and law was not a step-child of confiscation The old cellar held many and many a

as I pull my way up the double flight

The old building had its tragedy Guthrie, J. A. Bell and D. K. Pope, side as well, Aleck Hand, known counsel for a week. far and near as one of the best "nigwho ever breathed behind black skin, was killed in that base ment. Aleck was doing his duty at charging an old-time soda fountain. There was then no enfety appliance as is now known, and the gas was too much for the endurance of the tank There was a blow-up, and right away A considerable degree the presentation of there was a dead servant, huddled terest attaches to the presentation of there was a dead servant, huddled over in a corner where the force of the county Chairman" here tonight from the fact that both its the explosion had hurled him. This owners are known in Charictic These led on to the activity of the flends of fearlessly perform the every-day dut-les of the post. Ghosts were seen and there was heard the strange, uncanny tread of spirit folk all about the place. A barrel of liquor might have been safely left with the entire head removed and flung away. No man touched with the ghost lich would Mr. Nathan's travels include a far dare as much as take a snift at it.

DUTCH KELLY SUCCEEDS. as all round hustler when the fatality pressionists. had called Aleck away. Dutch was another of the dark-skinned elect. He was born with all sorts of good quali-From Charlotte the company will ties, and each day was as an evolution wend its way toward Palladelphia, to the higher and better. He changed where it will play in the Gerard Theaple in various ways, and all with care and efficiency. Whether he toiled as Messrs. Schloss and Naihan have hotel porter, valet, assistant cook, what not, everywhere and every time he was careful, and made sure deliv-ery of the goods as they bere label.

chapters in the big book of life ex-perience published at the store on the corner. In all ways the scenes and associations there were of the goodly

ir. which toll hams will replace it all with a newer and greater things, is hearly as newer things, is hearly as day there is the glowingness of sure sunshine all over and into each chink and cransy, now all disembowied by the rapid successive strokes of pro-

ALECK HAND'S GHOST ABODE INCIDENT TO A SENSATION MUCH TALK FOLLOWS ARREST

Charlotte Policeman Exercising Duty as Construed and Arrests Well Known Young Man, John McDonald, Charged With "Loltering" on the Square—Mr. McDonald States That He Was Waiting on a Car Which Was to Take Illim to the Bedside of His Mother, Who Died a Few Hours Later—Statements From Both Sides.

A Saturday night incident has seemingly Jeveloped proportions that fell Old landmarks are perhaps as little short of making a sensation on the streets during the otherwise quiet Sunday. The incident though the naked eye looked upon from the arrest of Mr. John O. Mc-Donald, one of the well-known young men of the city, who resides at No. the matter had assumed an import that had called for universal discussion, an Observer man looked into the affair from the viewpoint of each

Mr. McDonald, whose mother was dying at the hour of the arrest, could not be seen because of such an afflic-tion in his home, but a close kinsman related what Mr. McDonald had to In substance, this follows: Mr. McDonald was ready to board

street car castward bound, down Trade street. He stood, together with others, at the Burwell-Dun officer again addressed him in the same manner, whereupon Mr. Mc-Donald asked where he could stand. To this Mr. Malcom replied he would take him to such a place. The policeman told him to consider himself un-At this stage the young der arrest. man offered sufficient money to the officer as bail, but was not privileged to escape. When he would reason with the officer, and requested to be allowed to proceed without laying on of hands, a second police-man, Mr. E. M. House, was called. When Mr. McDonald was seen by Chief Christenbury he was released on his own recognizance to appear for a hearing this morning.

ACTION EXCITED COMMENT. As the day advanced, yesterday, interest in the arrest seemed on the in-crease and numbers of people expressed themselves without qualification against the act of the officer. Observer reporter tried to see the policemen concerned to ge* a state-ment from them, but, as their rest period was on, that was not permissible until later. Chief Christenbury represented Policeman Malcom, and "I am sure there is no better and more thoughtful man on the He acted strictly as he believed the law expected him to act. have known and been associated with Malcom for four years, and I am sure he is a man who knows his duty and would not wilfully neglect it, or do any one harm and injustice. He is ever obedient in every respect

and always to be depended upon."

Later in the night Chief Christenbury, Policeman Malcom, and Lester Oates, for the board of public safety, called on The Observer to state their positions. Mr. Malcom's statement is that he was on duty at the square, and at the Burwell and Dunn corner. Six or eight men were standing in the way. He requested them to move on, and all parties left except Mr. McDonald, who wished to walt for a car. The officer passed on, returning to find Mr. McDonald standing in the same place again and asked that he would leave the corner. When he replied that he would not depart he was told to consider hir self under Mr. Malcom says Mr. Mc arrest. Donald resisted arrest to the extent that he deemed the presence of an other officer necessary, though he did not call such an officer. Mr. House, being close at hand, came up and with the man between them set forth toward the city prison. returned after going half way to the

Mr. Oates was emphatic in his ex-Mr. Oates was emphatic in his expression, and desired so to be quoted that the board of publi; safety was back of Policeman Malocome. back of Policeman Malcom, and all the officers, and would assist them in enforcing the ordinance against sidewalk obstruction.

The matter is thus given side for side, as it brought about no little talk when Mr. McDonald's friends became aware of the arrest, and detention from his stricken mother. It goes without saving that the officers were not informed that Mrs. McDonaid was in a dying con litim.

Meeting of Creditors.

The first meeting of the creditors of barrel of the stuff. Mayhaps those T. T. Lucas, of Gastonia, in bank-who dig and shovel in the bowels of ruptcy proceedings, will be held in who dig and shover in the bound of that old basement may bring to light Gastonia to-day. Mr. D. B. Smith, referce, Messre E. T. Cansler, T. C. ounsel for a number of creditors, will leave this morning for the hearing. TO A SLEEPING CHILD.

Pairest flower of earth-whose petals scarcely blown.—
Beauteous in slumber, with lips parted and heaving chest
Lashes drooping over soft eyes scarce closed. symbolism of Purity and Rest!

—J. THOMAS WRIGHT.

-Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Franklin, photo-graphers (Month Alvy, will clen a studio in this city Fel ruary Ist.

gress. In those other times superstimortals, irrespective of and employ pressed foot steps hurriedly and with all the lightness the compulsion of terror can lay Timid peering eyes pald only glance pop-calls in the recesses and athwart the angles of age-marked stone and mortar. Shroudings of spider webs and the damps of shaded seemed clammy and ill-Dutch Kelly held the laboring cords visaged banners of weird hosts of op-Far down then in this earth spot

there meet and mingle two elements of apartness; time spent fragments of olden foundations, which crumble at exposure and harden into a basic aid in the structure of the new where soon will repose the foundation stones of development, and marker of the thing called Progress. If so be the ghosts of other days shall sally forth, replete with all their awful panoply and unleashing their myriad progeny of terror, when the restless spirit of the ever faithful Aleck looks again upon once familiar haunts, where muffled footfalls uttered spirit sounds and echoes, the mystic flights must needs be made not along the darksome steps, the simple one flight so easily accomplished, but through an elavastory structure, where eyes may view the environs of king's Mountain and mayhaps hold cryptic intercourse with the sleeping denizens of long-ended battles. Such a ghost of such a toll-er would it speak, could only utter words of gratitude and commendation



SURPISE cling to its traditions, and look back to years when the concerns of the place were interwoven with their A. B. C's. backgrounding the serious things of life with touches of the suppositious—all in all the amalgam of child happiness, even as the painter. Trade street. He stood, together with others, at the Burwell-Dun Drug Company's corner, on Independence Square and was requected by Policeman J. R. Malcom to move on. according to the rule regarding "loitering." He remarked that he was awaiting a car, which was approach-warfed to years when the concerns of the place were interwoven with their A. B. C's. backgrounding the serious corner, on Independence Square and was requected by Policeman J. R. Malcom to move on. according to the rule regarding "loitering." He remarked that he was awaiting a car, which was approach-

Something out of the ordinary and at an unusual season, but we could not stand the temptation.

Taste and Economy

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