ARRESTED FOR SMOKING sho' don't look like no 'vangelist, I speks he sells soap at cote."
"Had I been free I would have done JOHN WILEY'S EXPERIENCE

trely Time in a Kentucky Town—
On Takes Him in For Smoking a
offin Tuck and Has Him on the
hy to the Lock-Up—The Things
at Come to a Man's Mind When
ced by an Officer—Saved by a
lendly Customer Who Spoke a
lendly Customer Who ed in Days to Come,

Talk about blue laws," said John Wiley, a popular traveling man of this city, 'you don't know anything until you experience what I did at Barbersle. Ky., one day two weeks ago."
"What happened out there?" asked

"I was arrested."
"Arrested?"

"Yes. arrested." What was the trouble?"

"Go long! What are you giving us?" said a Charlotte drug store man. "If I wasn't arrested for smoking cigarette you may cut my head off,"

Thunder and lightning-and in Kentucky?" Kentucky - Barbersville,

where there is blue grass and coal Well, tell us about it."

"It was like this: I have a good

"I was smoking as any fellow who given.
enjoys a cigarette will smoke—puffing Dan

the stores—are on one street. There- was changed to forcible trespass. fore, in a short journey I covered the Mr. W. M. Wilburn, of North Char-

"It was then that I began to guess." What have I done?' I asked myself.
How come?' My mind got busy and I searched my record for years. I knew that I had not stolen a horse or done anything worse. They tell me, that a man, when in the throes of death, recalls everything that he ever did. I believe it, for I had no idea that one's mind could perform such feats as mind the feats a mine did that day. It seemed to me

CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY. "Finally, however, I arrived at the The persons who stared at me up street, and mistaken me for some, former citizen who turned out bad, and skipped, some bank cashier, or something of the sort. When this happy thought struck me I laughed to myself and

M'Mr. Officer, who do you think "I have no idea, sir, nor do I care

"That was a knock-out drop. I knew then that I had committed some of-

fence during my short stay in the vil-"You see all of this passed through my head in much less time than it

takes to tell it. 'Well, come on let's go," said the policeman, taking me by the arm.
"Did you ever have a strange po-

liceman in a strange town come up, take you by the arm and invite you to go to the guard house? If you have never had that feeling you cannot appreciate my predicament. 'Say, old fellow. I have done noth

ing; aren't you playing a joke on me? 'No, indeed, you come on and tel your troubles to the mayor.'

What, pray tell me, have I done? "'Why, man, you are breaking the law every minute. "My cigarette had gone out then,

and I dropped it. "It's too late now, you should have done that before you got to town, said the officer.

"Say, I have a right to know what charge you have against me, said I with some spirit.

THE CHARGE NO SECRET. "That's no secret,' replied the cop You are charged with violating a city ordinance by smoking a cigarette on

"What against the law to smoke a cigarette?

"Yep, that's right."
"And what do you think about that is a pity.
turn the table? "I don't have to think, that's your

'Is that the fine?'

a drink of whiskey on the street? "'Why, I expect the people would have lynched you if you hadn't di-

There I was, on my way to jall, side by side with a policeman, and everybody staring at me. I heard one urchin my 'He looks like he'd crack a safe. What you reckon he's done?"

"Just before I turned in to go to a loombs a negro declared: 'Well, I m't know what he's done, but he

some rock throwing that afternoon, but I had no heart for anything. My money was running low, a check due that night, but that would do me no good then. I felt more like crying than I have since I used to have stonebruises on my feet. But, when all seemed lost, I thought of my customer, and had him summoned at once. Two minutes after he arrived I was Two minutes after he arrived I was refeased.
"Glad? Did you ever see a dog caper

when you pulled his collar off after he had been tied up a long time? That's the way I felt like doing. "Did you take the first train out?" asked the druggist.

"I had to stay there 24 hours." "Yes, but I walked down to the creek, two miles out, to do it?"

MONTHS, MONTHS, MONTHS.

"For smoking cigarettes on the rests."

This the Recurring Word in Sentences on Retailers and Others Passed by Judge Justice Yesterday—Eight the Favorite Dose as Shown by Statistics.

Like unto the first, even like unto the second, was Superior Court's third day. With no diminution of third day. With no diminution of interest, if the size of the multitude may be accepted as a barometer of the public mind, without any change whatever in the setting of the scene or any improvement in the personnel "A fellow does not like to talk about of the spectators, case after case was such things. To be arrested and taken called, ran through its course and to a calaboose is no holiday affair. I died a decent death by some one of have always tried to be a law-abiding the channels legally open for its demire.

"Isn't four months on the roads a customer in Barbersville—about the most influential man there—and I went to see him. I smoke cigarettes, not to excess, but occasionally, and I have indulged in that pastime in many late yesterday afternoon and over it towns in this country without being he puckered his brows. The demolested. I rolled my coffin tack, bit fendant was Joe Sims, colored, who off the ends, drew a match across my was taken in the corn field of Mr. western hemisphere and lit up. I did Lester Baker, in the Sardis neighbornot notice that anybody else used the hood, with four ears of corn in his weed as i did, but, as a matter of possession. He might have taken a fact. I never paid any attention to buggy full had he not been dis-what others were doing. I have made covered, but that is speculation. The it a rule in life to let the other fel- State law gives four months on the low do what he pleases just so he roads as the minimum penalty for does not do me, It is my own business larceny, and neither the judge nor that I guard—especially when on the any one else has the power to change this. Still a month for an ear looked FOLKS BEGIN TO STARE AT HIM. pretty stiff, the sentence was changed to trespass and thirty days were

Dan Frazier, colored, was given ed up his nose as he passed. It was boy who snatched an excursion ticket not long before I realized that I was from the hands of an old negro man personality and engaging manners, sonspicuous for some cause unknown on a train to Winston a few weeks and has a host of friends in this "I pottered on down town. Bar-bersville has a population of about 1,500, and all of the business houses—

ago, pleaded guilty and was dis-missed on condition that he pay back the \$2 which the ticket cost and a fine of \$5 and costs. 1,500, and all of the business houses- a fine of \$5 and costs. The warrant

busy section of the city. Down in front of a popular drug store, where they sell dope, a policeman, all in blue cloth and brass buttons, came up and said: You may consider yourself under a possible to the costs in this case, and also in one where assault was charged. Sam Hardrick got nine months for "It was then that I began to guess. larceny. John Woeten for a simi-

The former was fined \$20 affray. that all of the sins of a life of turmoll and the latter \$10.

and activity came before me. But The case of Otis Hilton, a young the people of Kentucky man of good appearance, know about me? I was afraid to ask with retailing, was never allowed to the fellow what the charge was. I go to the jury. He and another wondered if he were a mind reader, young man swore that they had heard the prosecuting witness say ing Davis' new character, who tells after the trial in the recorder's you all about yourself, came to my court that he had bought no liquor and would not have said that he had, but his brother had had a fight with Mr. Hilton and made him say it judge told the jury to bring in

MRS. FARMER AND THE OLD MAN

She is Urged to Take Him to the Farmers' Convention at Raleigh Next Week-Tell Him Also to Build Up the Old Field.

Mrs. Farmer: I passed by your especially about your name, was the old man's turnip patch just as he ready reply. He certainly did a good job and to my notion he had an ideal seed

> Driving on down the road I was thinking what it would mean to our pledmont section if on every farm the old man on the farm would fix five acres to seed to wheat, fix this five acres just as he did his tur-nip patch and after the first big frost drill in five pecks of good, sound, clean wheat. I am sure the five acres would yield 100 bushels, and this will bread everybody on the farm and have wheat to sell.

As I drove through your farm could not understand why your old man is neglecting that old field year after year. I saw it years ago and it was then lying out producing only briars and weeds and there were badly washed places over it.

When your old man comes in to

dinner you tell him he can build up that old field in a few years and make it productive; tell him to mow off the weeds and briars, then break the land with a two or three-horse plow, harrow until the top is fine and dusty. Any time in September drill in one bushel of rye. Going before the drill, broadcast twenty pounds of vetch seed. The drill will cover the vetch and next June you and the old man hardly know that old field and it will be in the best possible condi-

Mrs. Farmer, how long has it been since your sweetheart drove up to your door and invited you to take a drive with him? A long time? Well How will it de to turn the table? Suppose you invite your sweetheart to go with you to business. Come along old chap. It's Raleigh to the farmers' convention pretty hard but I guess you can put at the A. & M. College August 25th. up the \$15. "Te that the fine?"
"Yep, and the cost, which will not old man will rub up against the problem will not old man will rub up against the problem will be much unless you keep me here too gressive farmers from all over the State and get new ideas from these State and get new ideas from these farmers and by listening to the lec-

tures and discussions. The woman's department convention always interests the women who have attended in past years. Much that is useful and helpful to the women on the farm is brought to their attention and they, too, benefited by mingling with women who are even more progressive than their husbands.

A trip of this sort is a good invest-ment. It broadens the mind, inspires effort to better farming and more home comforts. I hope to meet a large number of the piedmont farmers and their wives at the convention next week.

C. C. MOORE.



MR. GRAY TO LEAVE.

Popular Head Clerk at Central Resigns Position—May Locate in

The many friends of Mr. James C. Gray, head clerk at the Central, will regret exceedingly to learn that he is shortly to leave Charlotte. He has handed in his resignation to Mr. W. enjoys a cigarette will smoke—putting gently, inhaling some of the smoke and blowing out the rest. As I passed down the street I saw several boys several boys are rather suspiciously, and I stopped to feel around for any defect in my dress that might make the curfous stare. One old gentleman turna Statesville young man, of splendid

Mr. Thomas H. Vanderford, of Salisbury, was in the city yesterday collecting subscriptions for the national Democratic campaign fund. He will return here this morning and renew the attack. In conservation with an Observer man last night Mr. Vanderford said that Mr. R. N. Hackett would be re-elected to Congress this year over Mr. Charles Cowles by a larger majority than he got over Blackburn two years ago. Mr Vanderford knows the district well. He was chairman of Mr. Hackett's committee in the last campaign.

Drought in Lower Providence. ship, in the Blakeney and Robinson lofast. This is largely due to the recent charged drought which has been holding on ever since carly in July. The crops of this section have been badly damaged for want of rain. Fructifying showers have visited all adjacent localities but this immediate section has been left so far untouched.

Mad Dog Scare at Pineville. A dog supposed to have the rables passed through Pineville late yesterday afternoon and bit Bye Cunningham, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cunningham. Mr. William Johnston saved the child from serious damage by beating the dog The dog bit a number of other dogs

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Mrs. J. C. Arwood Improving.

was hurt and she suffered severe bruises at the feet of people trampling her while she lay unconscious While her injuries were very painful and the shock severe, she is on the road to recovery.

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