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The Original Verson.

Mary had a little cough, the pain was so distressing; and everywhere that Mary went she carried that little blessing.

Now Mary was a goodly girl, a girl not given to dressing; and try, and try as hard she could, that cough kept on increasing.

So sad a sight it was to see the dear girl weeping daily; her bones stood out, her cheeks fell in—her step was far from gayly.

Old women from all around about, advised and physicked Mary; the poor, dear girl took every dose—they literally played "Old Harry!"

But soon a wonder came to light, relief was found, and quickly, for Mary took Pelham's Pectoral, the greatest remedy for Coughs and Colds. Price 25c. The remedy was so pleasant that Mary did not object to the taste, either. "And she lived to a ripe old age."

Pelham's Pharmacy,

"The Leading Cut-Rate Drug Store."

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 14, 1897.

The Maynardville Eagle is mistaken in saying that "the man who can edit a newspaper to please all is dead." He hasn't been born yet.

Senator Butler is discovering the reactive dangers of a rule of ruin policy—ditto Governor Russell. The people of North Carolina are particularly averse to boss rule.

If the money of the people that is squandered yearly in fostering the rivers and river and harbor steal and the pension inquiry were given to the support of public schools and the building of good roads the future of this country would be more promising.

Atlanta that so hospitably and courageously opened her doors to the yellow fever refugees deserves the sympathy of the country in the affliction that has overpowered her in the small pox epidemic. Though the disease appears to be attended with little fatality it is a severe blow to the business interests of the city at the opening of the holiday season.

The Tennessee anti-cigarette law goes into practical effect on account of the opinion of Judges Clark and Lurton rendered on Friday in Cincinnati. The original packages cannot be broken. "The law," declares the Knoxville Sentinel, "as we have often said, did not commend itself to thinking persons, but it is always a matter of congratulation when a state law that goes before the United States court is upheld."

An active movement on the part of the republican politicians of the Third congressional district in Tennessee has been inaugurated against the civil service laws. A petition is being circulated among the voters of the district asking that congress repeal or modify the law so that the party workers may reap the usufruct of party victory. Several thousands names have been already obtained. Such petitions are strong arguments in favor of the law they aim to defeat. They are a demand that the officers of the government be made the tool of the politicians to be used for barter and bribery.

Congress will probably adjourn for the holiday recess next Saturday and Chairman Connor "hopes and believes" that the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill will pass the house before then. The bill will be taken up to-day and it contains the appropriation for the civil service commission, the bone the republicans are just now most eager to gnaw. There are likely to be some lively efforts to strike out or cut down this section of the bill as the surest method of crippling the operation of the commission. The fight will be an edifying one. As the Chicago News remarks: "It seems to be General Grosvonor's opinion that governments were invented for the purpose of giving support to the people who want offices."

President George T. Winston, formerly of the University of North Carolina, but now of the University of Texas, recently delivered an address on the condition of the negro in the south today, before the National Pension association in which he arrived at the following conclusions:

"1. The negro is far more criminal than the white man, either by nature or from environment and lack of education; he, therefore, requires more careful attention and possibly different treatment from that given the whites.
"2. The negro is directed to crime more by temporary impulse than by idleness and want, and is less restrained by education than the white man.
"3. The negro is less criminal when living in large mass and when controlled according to the theory of negro inferiority to the white race and controlled under the

theory of the perfect equality of the two races.
"4. The kind of education that the negro needs is industrial and moral, enforced by severe restraints, rather than intellectual culture with freedom and conduct. After learning to read, write and cipher, the next most important thing for the negro is industrial and character training.

"6. The negro is more criminal as a free man than he was as a slave. This is perfectly natural, and is due mainly to an increased opportunity, freedom of locomotion, freedom of vice, prostitution, gambling, drinking, fighting; freedom to carry deadly weapons; freedom from nearly all restraints peculiar to slavery. These restraints have been, cut loose, but not replaced by others."

The current number of the Medical Record deals with the physical side of the question and refers to the investigations of Dr. R. H. Johnson of Brunswick, Ga., himself a colored physician. The figures which he has gathered from a study of the vital statistics of nearly 300 towns in the southern states show that the death rate of negroes is double that of whites, in the same communities, and not only this, but the birth rate is also smaller among the colored than among the white population. Furthermore, the day of the stalwart negro is passing, if not already gone, and the members of the younger generation of the race make a poor showing as regards the size and physical constitution when compared with their grandfathers and grandmothers.

Says the Medical Record: "Dr. Johnson attributes this degeneration of his race—rightly, we believe—to the carelessness, want of forethought and dissipation as unfortunately characteristic of a large portion of the colored population in the south since the Civil war. 'In ante-bellum days,' says Dr. Johnson, 'the negro seemed to be an immune to consumption, and many great medical writers and teachers boast of never having seen such among the negroes. Enforced temperate living and sanitary precautions made the black man a physical giant, but the giants are disappearing, and in their place is coming on a race of smaller stature and decreased vitality.' Perhaps this is the highest possible authority as to the negro's physical condition; the south has spent millions on schools for the negro of the present generation, and as to the effect produced the New York World says: 'Certainly the dreadful crime for which lynching has become so common a punishment at the south has increased in spite of the schools for the colored people, and the much valued 'educative influence' of the ballot. Burglaries and robberies in our large cities outrun the advance in school advantages. And so far the larger crimes—the buying of elections, the corruption of legislatures, the bribing of aldermen and the perversion of republican institutions through the power of money—is not this in general the work of trained intellects?"

Booker T. Washington has despaired of the power of the book to save his people, and he has devoted his life and his distinguished ability to the cause of industrial education.
The Florida Times-Union quotes these and other authorities on this question so vitally interesting to the south, and from them draws the conclusion that if present conditions continue, the negro must follow the Indian and all other inferior races when brought face to face with the Anglo-Saxon or other European peoples.

TOPICS OF TODAY.

It is estimated by the buyers that the sales of tobacco on the Raleigh market from September 1, 1897, to March 1, 1898, will amount to 2,500,000 pounds. This will be an increase of about 1,000,000 pounds over the sales for the same time last year.

Charlotte Observer: It has come at last. Even the northern congressmen begin to squeal on the pension inquiry. Note the demand, yesterday, of Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, that a halt be called.

Chattanooga News: North Carolina's negro congressmen is opposed to annexation of Hawaii upon the theory that we have negroes enough and that all coons look alike.

HOW BAILEY BEAT BARNUM.

And That at the Veteran Showman's Own Game, Advertising.

One of the elephants with the Barnum-Bailey circus was the means of making the fortune that Mr. Bailey is credited with possessing. It was as a baby phenomenon that the pachyderm did the good turn for the successor of "the great and only Barnum."

Columbia is the name of the creature, and of the hundreds of rare animals in the aggregation none is treasured more highly than she, now a huge, ungainly and overgrown creature with not half the wit possessed by the smallest elephant connected with the circus.

It was away back in 1880, when the news got around that the first elephant born in captivity was living and traveling with the Bailey show. Mr. Bailey was battling against fearful odds. Barnum was at the height of his most remarkable career—at the very topmost notch of circus fame.

Mr. Barnum, quick to see the advantage of having so important an attraction as a real American baby elephant, telegraphed to Mr. Bailey as follows: "Will give \$100,000 for your baby elephant. Must have it."

Mr. Bailey wired in answer, "Will not sell at any price."

This seemed a daring thing for Mr. Bailey to do, for \$100,000 would almost have purchased the entire show. Even Mr. Bailey's best friends, whom he consulted in the matter, advised him to accept the offer. Instead of doing that he refused it and hustled east with his circus to meet Barnum on his own ground.

placements staring the veteran showman in the face every where he went worried him, and finally to dodge the huge posters he changed the route of his circus, although that routine had been determined upon nearly 18 months in advance. He jumped from New York to Kansas City and surrendered the whole eastern field to the Bailey show. The next year the two shows were consolidated and have been one show ever since.

Mr. Barnum's one joke with Mr. Bailey as long as the shrewd old circus manager was alive was, "Well, have you any more baby elephants that you do not want to sell?"—New York Press.

How Elizabeth Was Dressed.

Queen Elizabeth's love of sumptuous apparel indeed grew with her years and the leading fashions of the courts of Europe furnished her with designs for new dresses, which she would, continually cast aside for others such as her fancy might suggest. On all occasions she dressed in the richest costumes, adorned with brilliant, precious stones and jewelry of the rarest workmanship. Even in her old age she continued to dress like a young girl, afraid of nothing so much as of being thought old. "Upon the subject of her personal beauty she would smilingly accept the most extravagant flattery," says Carte, "however fulsome it appeared to everybody else."

When Paul Hentzner saw her, she was in her sixty-seventh year. Being a German, he observed her with an eye wholly unclouded by any sense of reverence for the divinity which hedges round a monarch. Indeed he was so ungracious as to jot down in his notebook that Queen Elizabeth wore a wig, and that red! He goes on to remark that she had in her ears two pearls with very rich drops and that the bosom was uncovered.

She was dressed in white silk bordered with pearls of the size of beans, and over it a mantle of black silk, shot with silver threads. Instead of a chain she had on an oblong collar of gold and jewels. He adds that "wherever she turned her face every one fell upon his knees"—an act of homage which on state occasions had been paid to her father, and Elizabeth never forgot or allowed others to forget that she was the daughter of Henry VIII.—Nineteenth Century.

Temperate Classes in Paris. According to statistics lately made by a noted French doctor, there are fewer drunkards among the hairdressers and purifiers of Paris than among any other classes in that city. Fairly sober also are the tailors, precious stone cutters, electricians, upholsterers, laundrymen and gendarmes.

The Philosopher and the Scoffer. "Tell me what you eat," said the sage, "and I can tell you what you are." "Rats!" shouted the scoffer. "Ah! Chinese, beyond peradventure."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 1897

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Racket Store News, 30 South Main Street.

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