

HARD READING.

"I would not read such a book," said John to his friend David. "I read easy books."

"Father says this will improve my mind more than any of the story-books," said David.

"It is not interesting, is it?" "It grows interesting, the more I read it. I think I shall like it very much."

"I tried to read a book a great deal like that, and it was not at all interesting. I could not keep my mind upon it all. When I got to the bottom of the page, I could not tell what I had been reading about."

"I do not wish to take so much trouble when I read. It makes it too hard work."

The book that David was reading when John spoke to him as above noticed, was Watts on the mind—a book which contains a great many judicious rules for mental culture. David's father had given it to his son, and requested him to read it carefully.

It is a book which all young persons would do well to study. There are too many young persons, who, like John, read only for amusement. They seldom derive much benefit from reading.

Books which were written merely to amuse, should be avoided. No man who loves the young will write with no higher object than to afford amusement.

The young must read books on subjects which cannot be made interesting—that is, after the manner required by John. Grave works on history, and on subjects requiring reasoning, must be read if they would have strong and well-disciplined minds.

Those who read only for amusement, will have feeble minds. Those who read thoroughly, works which compel them to fix their attention, and exercise their understanding to grasp the meaning of the author, will have strong minds.

Children should ask their parents to select for them such books as are best adapted to promote the growth of the mind.

AN UNCALLED FOR AMEN.—A correspondent of the Methodist Protestant relates the following story.

A very sensitive Preacher, in a certain village not more than a hundred miles from Baltimore, was discoursing with great warmth on the uncertainty of human life.

To give the greater effect to his remarks, after assuring his hearers that they might die before another hour had elapsed, he said: "And I, your speaker, may be dead before another morning dawn."

"Amen," was the audible response of a pious and much loved brother in the congregation.

The Preacher was evidently disconcerted for a moment. He thought the brother must have misunderstood his meaning. Pausing awhile, he repeated the declaration with still greater emphasis: "Before another hour your speaker may be in eternity!"

"Amen," shouted the brother before him.

It was too much for the sensitive man; and stammering over a few additional remarks, he sat down before he had finished his discourse.

"Brother —," said the Preacher next day to his kind-hearted friend of the amen corner, "what did you mean by saying amen to my remarks last night? Did you wish I was dead?"

"Not at all," said the good brother, "not at all. I thought if you should die you would go straight to glory, and I meant amen to that."

A HINT TOUCHING LOVE LETTERS.—The French have completely, of late, excelled themselves in the extreme beauty of their note paper, and the tender and appropriate mottoes by which it is embellished, but there is a description of paper of which, I believe, they know the secret, which I think far more desirable for love letters than the most exquisite of their bright sheets, embellished with laced borders or printed wreaths.

A gentleman of distinction in France, once received a letter, warning him of some injuries intended towards him and his family; he placed it in his writing desk; and, the day after, wished to recur to it, when, to his great astonishment, he found it crumpled to atoms. The paper had been steeped in some chemical preparation, that in a few hours had corroded and destroyed it. Now, if love letters were always written on this paper, how much time would be saved! for young ladies must perforce compress their studies of these precious productions in a very short space of time. How many reputations would be saved! for destroyed letters, like dead men, can tell no tales. How many lawyer's fees would be saved! for the most skillful counsellors could never torture a heap of ashes into what they call "documents."

Home.—A home! it is the bright, blessed, adorable phantom which sits highest on the sunny horizon that girdleth life! When shall it be reached? When shall it cease to be a glittering day-dream, and become fully and fairly yours.

It is not the house, though that may have its charms; nor the fields, carefully tilled, and streaked with your own foot paths; nor the trees, though their shadow be to you like that of a great rock in a weary land; nor yet is it the fireside, with its sweet blaze-play; nor the pictures, which tell you of loved ones; nor the cherished books; but, more far than all these—it is the Presence!

The Lares of your worship are there; the altar of your confidence is there; the end of your worldly faith is there; and adorning it all, and sending your blood in passionate flow, is the ecstasy of the conviction that there, at least, you are beloved; that there you are understood; that there your errors will meet ever with gentlest forgiveness; that there your troubles will be smiled away; that there you may unburden your soul; fearless of harsh, un sympathizing ears; and that there you may be entirely and joyfully—yourself!

There may be those of coarse mould—and I have seen such even in the disguise of women—who will reckon these feelings piling sentiment. God pity them!—as they have need of pity.

—That image by the fireside—calm, loving, joyful, is there still; it goes not, however my spirit tosses, because my wish, and every will, keep it there, unerring.

The fire shows through the screen, yellow and warm as a harvest sun. It is in its best age, and that age is ripeness.—Reveries of a Bachelor.

400 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE. I will sell at the Court House, on the second Monday in February, at 12 o'clock, 400 acres of land, known as the McCall tract. It is convenient to Little River and near the Yadin road and Longstreet Church—adjoining the lands of McLaughlin and others.

Save Cost. THE LAST CALL. All persons indebted to the subscribers, by note or account, are hereby notified that all accounts and notes unsettled by the first of March next, will be placed in the hands of an Officer for collection.

A CARD. HAVING sustained a severe loss by the fire on the night of the 2d January, I am compelled to call on all those who are indebted to me to make immediate payment. If they cannot settle in full, pay what they can, either in cash or notes negotiable at Bank.

WASHINGTON LIVERY STABLES, Hay Street, opposite the Methodist E. Church Fayetteville, N. C.

A CARD. The subscribers have just received Rowland's Mill Saws, Ditto Cross-cut do. Blacksmith Belows, Grindstones and Hangings, No. 1 and 2 Mackerel.

NOTICE. All persons indebted to the subscriber, either by note or account, are requested to call and settle the same as early as possible.

Just Received. The subscribers have just received Rowland's Mill Saws, Ditto Cross-cut do. Blacksmith Belows, Grindstones and Hangings, No. 1 and 2 Mackerel.

Bargains! Bargains!!! The Subscriber, wishing to bring his present business to a close as soon as possible, will offer great bargains to those wanting goods.

NOTICE. The copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

Livery Stable. The subscriber intends carrying on the above business as usual. Having added considerable Stock, he will be able to accommodate the public.

A. H. WHITEFIELD. Having purchased the large and commodious building at Liberty Point, where he has formerly manufactured Carriages, he is now permanently situated, and is prepared to accommodate all who may be pleased to patronize him.

Wm. H. Washington.—In a letter addressed to the Editor of the Newbernian, of the 27th ult., Mr Washington positively declines being considered a candidate for the office of Governor of this State.

NOTICE. By a Decree of Cumberland County Court, I will sell on Saturday the 14th February, next, 1852, at the Court House door in the Town of Fayetteville, on a credit of six months, Four Negroes belonging to the Estate of L. A. Nixon, dec'd to-wit—John, about 60 years of age; Phoebe, about 35, and her two children, one about 7 and the other 2 years of age. Notes with approved security will be required of the purchaser.

PLANTERS' HOTEL. The subscriber avails himself of the present opportunity of informing his friends and the public, that he has purchased the HOTEL formerly owned by Alexander C. Curry, Esq., and that he is now ready to receive and accommodate boarders and travellers.

LAND FOR SALE. The subscriber offers for sale his tract of LAND, on which there is a good dwelling and other out-houses, saw and grist mill, lying on the Elizabeth road, nine miles from Fayetteville and two and a half miles from Cape Fear River.

Candles! Candles!! Candles!!! BEST FAYETTEVILLE MOULD CANDLES for sale at the Proprietor's Store, Hay street, one door West of Mr E. Glover's Jeweler's Store.

25 bbls. FISH just received and for sale by P. P. JOHNSON. Jan'y 17, 1852.

COLORED DAGUERREOTYPES. The subscriber having opened a room in BENOY'S BUILDINGS, near the Cape Fear Bank, with a light constructed for the purpose, respectfully solicits the Ladies and Gentlemen to call and examine his specimens.

FAYETTEVILLE BRANCH CLOTHING ESTABLISHMENT. J. M. WHITE & UNDERHILL, Drapers, Tailors, and Wholesale and Retail Clothiers, 110 William street, New York.

READY-MADE CLOTHING. COUNTRY MERCHANTS and others in want of Clothing to sell again, will do well to call and examine our Stock. Orders filled at 25-NEW YORK PRICES.—Measures and orders will be taken for fine CLOTHING, and executed in the most fashionable style and with dispatch.

Page's Circular-Saw Steam Mills. The undersigned is the authorized Agent for the above valuable Mills, and will be glad to receive orders for "Circular Saw Mills," to be propelled either by Steam, Water or Horse power.

E. C. HALL, OF ROME, Successor of Hall, Sackett & Co. IS now receiving his Fall STOCK OF GOODS, consisting of a general assortment of Dry Goods, Saddlery, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Hardware, Groceries.

New Crop Molasses. 20 bbls just received, a superior article. For sale by PETER P. JOHNSON, Jan'y 17, 1852.

NEGROES FOR SALE. A likely Negro Woman, 16 or 17 years old, a good cook, with one child. Also a Girl 12 years old. Also, a boy 10 years old, and another about 8, and another about 7 or 8. Either or all of them will be sold on fair terms. For information apply at this Office. Jan'y 24, 1852.

Entirely new and large Stock of DRY GOODS & HARDWARE.

The undersigned are now prepared to offer to Merchants of the interior and others one of the largest stocks of DRY GOODS AND HARDWARE, ever before offered in this market.

OUR STOCK OF Boots & Shoes, Hats, Caps and Straw Goods is large and worthy the attention of the trade.

Notice to my Country Friends. Having located myself in Wilmington for the purpose of doing an Agency Business, persons wishing to save time and a great deal of trouble, will send their produce to the care of W. M. Monroe, and the returns will be forwarded forthwith.

HYSON TEA. A chest of very superior quality, fresh and fine flavor, just received and for sale by S. J. HINSDALE, Oct 11.

Another Scientific Wonder. GREAT CURE FOR DYSPEPSIA. DR. J. S. HOUGHTON'S PEP-SIN, THE TRUE DIGESTIVE FLUID, OR GASTRIC JUICE.

REGULAR LINE. The Cape Fear Steamboat Company's Steamer CHATHAM will run regularly between Wilmington and Fayetteville, commencing on Monday the 27th instant—leaving Fayetteville every Monday and Thursday at 9 o'clock, a. m., and arriving at Wilmington same evening; giving passengers going north an opportunity to take the cars next morning at 9 o'clock.

E. S. HOBBS, Commission Merchant AND FORWARDING AGENT, AND DEALER IN GROCERIES, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. March 8, 1851.

BOOKBINDERY. R. W. HARDIE carries on the Bookbinding business in the second story of Mr J. M. Beasley's Jewelry store where he will receive and execute binding in any style desired. October 1, 1851.

STAGE LINE TO RALEIGH. The subscribers, Mail Contractors from Fayetteville to Raleigh, will commence operations this day, with new and comfortable Coaches, good horses, and careful Drivers.—The Fare FIVE DOLLARS—same as before.

Wholesale & Retail. Come to the CHEAP STORE, north side of Hay street, one door above the corner, and buy new DRY GOODS, Hats and Caps, and Ready-Made CLOTHING, A great variety. ISAAC DODD, November 15, 1851.

Storage. We have commodious brick Warehouses in the rear of our Store, in which we store cotton and other produce. D. & W. McLaurin, Nov 1, 1851.

AREY, SHEMWELL & CO. NEW FALL AND WINTER GOODS.

The subscribers are now receiving direct from New York and Philadelphia, the largest and handsomest Stock of STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS.

EMBROIDERIES. French worked Collars and Capes; French worked Cuffs; French worked Chemisettes; Undersleeves; Swiss and Jaconet Trimmings; Ladies' Waists and Caps; Hem-stitched and needle-worked Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, from 10 cts. to \$5; and a beautiful assortment of Veils; every variety of Shawls, embroidered and plain; Thread, Cotton and Linen Edgings and Laces; black Silk Laces and Edgings.

AREY, SHEMWELL & CO, return thanks to the citizens of Fayetteville, and the public generally, for the very liberal patronage heretofore bestowed on them, and intend, by strict attention to business, to merit a continuance.

REGULAR LINE. The Steamer GOV. GRAHAM, with the Tow Boats belonging to the line, will run in connection with the Chatham, making one or more trips a week, as circumstances may require.

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A. M. CAMPBELL, AUCTIONEER, AND Commission Merchant, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

VERTICAL WATER WHEEL. There are several hundred of these wheels in operation in different counties in North Carolina. For proof of their great advantage over the common flutter wheel, or any other wheels now in use for saw mills, we confidently refer to those who have applied them to their mills.

Fayetteville HOTEL. This large and splendid building has now been in successful operation since May, 1849. The bedding and furniture of all kind is all new, and the rooms convenient and pleasant.

MERCHANTS' LINE. This line of Boats is still in successful operation on the Cape Fear River, and continue to offer many facilities to the shipping public.

MARCO & BORNSTEIN, MERCHANT TAILORS, HAY STREET, FAYETTEVILLE N. C. In the Store formerly occupied by Graham & Woodward, Hotel Building.

READY-MADE CLOTHING. always on hand. Also, a select assortment of Cloths, Vestings, and Trimmings, which will be made up to order.

A. A. McKETHAN. STILL continues to carry on the CARRIAGE BUSINESS in all its branches, at the remains of his old stand, opposite Liberty Point. He returns thanks for the liberal patronage he has heretofore received, and hopes by strict attention to business and a desire to give entire satisfaction, to merit a continuance of the same.

WANTED. A first rate BOOT-MAKER. Also, a good SHOEMAKER, to whom good wages and steady employment will be given.

BLACK TEA. Extra fine Oolong Souchong, one chest that is choice and superior. There is none better. For sale by S. J. HINSDALE, October 11, 1851.

MALLET & PAULMIER, Grocers & Commission MERCHANTS, 135 Front street, NEW YORK. P. MALLET, J. PAULMIER, Dec 20, 1851.

DR. T. D. HAIGH. Has taken an Office on Hay street, west of the Hotel Buildings. July 19, 1851.