

WANTS TO KNOW, YOU KNOW.

Charlotte Observer.

The Greenville Reflector asks The Observer a question and says it will not take for an answer such an answer as we gave The Richmond Dispatch when it asked why mules' manes and tails are sheared and those of horses are not. The question? It is thus put by our contemporary:

How is it possible for the negro to carry on his head a bundle or package of any shape or nature imaginable—anything from a watermelon to a waiter laden with an epicurean dinner, and yet never the least harm happen to it? Is it because of some peculiar cranial construction, or does he walk with a steadier gait, or what? With an impatience born of an intense desire for knowledge, we pause for a reply that will settle this much mooted question.

"There are some things," said Lord Dundreary, "which no feller can find out." There are some questions to which this Encyclopedia of Universal Knowledge yields no answer. A detective was brought to Charlotte some ten years ago to find the slayer of Policeman Moran. The murderer was known and the detective followed the clue to a certain point and then gave up the chase. "I would know," said he, "what a white man would have done at that point, but you never can tell what a nigger's going to do." John R. Morris had a colored tenant in his kitchen at Beaufort who was supposed to be dying. Dr. Davis had been to see him and as he came around the house after one of his visits Morris asked him about the condition of the patient. He gapped as he answered: "He may live ten minutes or ten years. You can't tell anything about a nigger. I gave one up yesterday, and as I drove along the road this morning I saw the blank blanked blank of a blank in the water up to his waist, fishing for crabs." But the question. The writer of this edifying thesis, when living in a neighboring town, once saw a negro boy come out of a drug store carrying on his head a beer bottle filled with a yellow fluid, presumably kerosene oil. The negro saw a country dog, half scared and casting furtive glances on either side, trotting down the middle of the street. The hero of the beer bottle reached down, picked up a rock and shied it at the dog and went his way, the bottle remaining meanwhile untouched and secure upon its perch.

When a man asked a manufacturer's agent the price of a saw-mill and was told he could sell him a good one for \$500, the agent was asked another question: "If I had \$500 what the devil do you suppose I would want with a saw mill?" Does our friend of The Greenville Reflector seriously suppose that if we knew why that bottle didn't fall off when the little nigger stooped to pick up the rock, and more particularly when he shied it at the dog, we would be burning the 4 a. m. electricity, sweating blood and suffering constant loss of gray matter in an effort to conduct a newspaper, instead of being at the head of some large educational institution, wearing a white cravat and going around making speeches?

FITZ KNOCKED OUT.

Sent Sprawling by a Left Hook on The Jaw in the Eighth Round.

Ringside, San Francisco, July 25.—After fighting a battle of eight rounds that was fraught with brilliant and courageous work, Robert Fitzsimmons tonight forfeited his last claim upon the heavyweight championship. He was knocked to the floor by James Jeffries and counted out after he had so badly punched the champion that it was a foregone conclusion among the spectators that the Cornishman must win. Bleeding from a number of gashes in the face, apparently, weakening, and clearly unable to cope with Fitz's skill, Jeffries delivered two lucky punches as Fitzsimmons paused in his fighting to speak to him, and turned the tide. The battle was brief but noteworthy, and will live in pugilistic history.

Fitzsimmons tried once to arise from the mat but sat down again in helplessness and heard himself counted out, where but a moment before he had apparently all the better of it.

"I will never fight again," said the battle scarred veteran of the ring when he had sufficiently recovered to talk. "The fight was won fairly and to the best man belongs the laurels."

"You are the most dangerous man alive," said Jeffries in return, "and I consider myself lucky to have won when I did."

DR. GRISSOM A SUICIDE.

Kills Himself in Washington. Sad Ending of a Man Well Known in North Carolina History.

Washington, July 27.—Dr. Eugene Grissom, once well-known as an alienist and neurologist, committed suicide here to-day at his son's home, by sending a bullet through his brain. Dr. Grissom had been dejected and morose for several weeks and had become physically and mentally weakened from the use of strong narcotics. He was a native of Granville county, N. C., served on the Confederate side until wounded during the civil war and afterwards was a member of the State Legislature. For 21 years he was superintendent of the North Carolina Insane Asylum, at Raleigh and gained a wide reputation as an alienist and lecturer. Before the American Medical Society he delivered a lecture entitled "The Borderland of Insanity," that attracted great attention. He was the author of "True and False Experts," a work devoted to showing the alleged inaccuracies of the expert testimony in insanity cases. Dr. Grissom was one time first vice-president of the American Medical Society and several times presiding officer of the Association of American Asylums. He was the president of the convention of 1886. He was a Mason of high degree. He was 71 years old.

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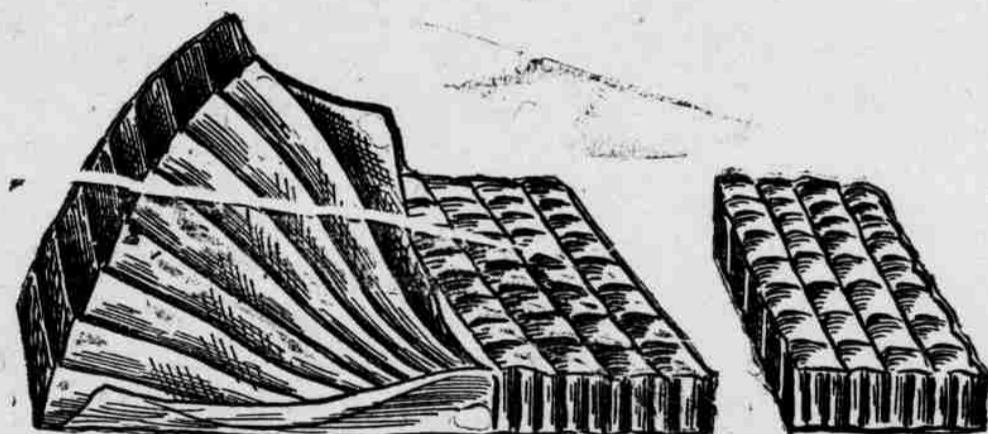
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