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Miscellaneous.

A Balloon in a Maine Wilderness.
Mr. Samuel A. King, the narrator, gives the following amusing account of an adventure in the northern wilds of Maine:

I had an unusually long air voyage from Bangor, with several companions, and was passing over almost an unbroken wilderness of forest and lake, looking in vain for a landing place. Night was coming on, and the question where to land became a serious one. A sound of circling, not a gun or an axe, nothing but prim-
itive sounds of nature. "Here is an opening," cried one passenger, "why not land here?" "No! boys, have a little patience; we can do much better by running down to the coast in the center street above us. Darkness had come on; but see—" A light, a light! This was the exclamation of one man, a moment before, thought he was doomed to starve in the wider sea. Sure enough there was a light, but it was a great way off, and might not be in our course; yet gradually we approached it. At one time it seemed to be off to the right, and then away to the left; but nearer it came till it is seen stream-
ing from a window beneath us. There is a dark open space below! Is it land or water? I see a fence. Over with the anchor, and in a moment more we find ourselves swinging by the anchor-ropes over a newly cleared field, among the stumps and logs. We had landed in the only inhabited spot within twenty miles, near a saw mill on the Oronoco river. The people who run the mill lived near by, and it was from their window that we saw the light. Wishing for some assistance to remove the balloon to smooth ground, if possible, before losing the gas out, we remained in the car; and, taking up my speaking trumpet, I hailed, but the unearthly sound was adding terror to the already frighten-
ed inhabitants. One man, however, a little braver than the rest, ventured out after awhile, and inquired, what is it anyhow? By dint of English and some signs, we explained our situation, and he came to us. Giving him a line that was attached to the car he was requested to make it fast to a certain leg to prevent the balloon from swaying about till we could get more help. Be-
coming impressed with the idea that our lives were in danger, and that our safety depended on him, he frons to that rope in a wonderful man-
ner. It was a little short, and, though he tried hard to make it fast every time the balloon would settle, still he could not get it fastened. Then the balloon would rise and, up he would go 20 feet or more, and down again to try the same thing over, but he soon began to feel exhausted, and, remembering his companions, broke out with: "Say I, you blasted, gold-damned, cowardly snake, come out and help me; the damned thing'll kill me!" This started them soon; five others made their appearance and assisted in moving the balloon to a better place. The first they knew of the balloon was from one of the women who was just returning from milking, seeing the monster just before her, and descend-
ing, she dropped her pail and fled to the house, screaming in the most frantic manner; when asked the matter, she could only reply, "Oh, it's a forerunner! I knew it's a forerunner!" In this backwoods place they had never heard of a balloon, and many were the wonders and surmises as to the meaning of our strange appearance among them. The oldest man of all, however, seemed to have his upon the right idea, and, coming up to us, in a jocular way says he: "Ah! your skeddaddles!" I shook my head, and, pointing to the balloon, he asked, "How many more is there up there?" It didn't take so big a coach to bring so lot of 'em!" He was induced to change his mind at last, when "big coach" lay prone upon the ground.

Crops in the East.
The Charlotte Democrat says: A gentleman told us, the other day, that enough corn had been made in Hyde county this year to bread the State. Another gentleman writes us as follows from the eastern part of the State: "I observe in your last issue in their relation to short crops of corn in Virginia. It may be true there, and the crop may be short in Western North Carolina; but in the East it is abundant. I have travelled extensively in Wayne, Lenoir, Green, Jones, Orange and Carteret, and while in a few localities the corn was injured by the drought, I am satisfied that, in the aggregate, there will be more corn made this year than in any since the war ended. The cotton crop is fully an average one, although in some sections it has been injured by the frost."

Worth Knowing.
An exchange says persons who use kerosene lamps will be glad to know that if the wicks are soaked in strong vinegar twenty-four hours and thoroughly dried before being inserted, all smoke will be avoided, the wicks will last twice as long, and increased brilliant light will be obtained.

Johnson and Butler as Senators.

The New York Commercial Advertiser says: Ex-President Johnson and General Butler are said to be, respectively, leaning for places in the United States, and with fair prospects of success. If their ambition should be gratified, we may expect lively times ahead. It is true they have buried the political hatchet, under circum-
stances very creditable to them. But it is by no means certain that they will not dig it up again. Neither of these veteran politicians is of a disposition to "beat a brother near the throne." The two men are as alike—and yet unlike—that the opportunities for collision are likely to be neither few nor unimproved. Both of them are imperious and passionate, admirable debaters, and gifted with unrivalled powers of litigation. Each is a compliment of the other. Without Butler the Radical Senators would be pitifully defenceless against Johnson, and without the latter they would be ridden rough-shod by the former. If the Tennessee Democracy should take up the ex-President, the principles of a common philanthropy should induce the Massachusetts Republicans to elect the Great Impoverisher as a set off. Both of them must have a number of State secrets to ventilate, and they can fight the battle of impeachment over and over again. If they get into the Senate there will be such a washing of dirty linen as has never been seen before, even in the stormy times of Randolph, Calhoun, and Old Bullion.

"Put the Rascal Out!"
While the congregation were collecting at church, on a certain occasion, an old dark, hard-featured, skin-and-bone individual was seen wending his way up the aisle, and taking his seat near the pulpit. The officiating minister was one of that class who detested written sermons, and as for prayers, he thought they ought to be natural out-pourings of the heart. After the singing was concluded, they wore, as usual, called to prayer. The genius we have introduced did not kneel, but leaned his head devotionally upon his paw. The minister began by say-
ing: "Father of all, in every age, by saint and savage adored"—
"Pope!" said a low but clear voice near old hard-featured.
The minister, after casting an indignant look in the direction of the voice, continued:
"Whose throne sitteth on the adamantine hills of Paradise?"
"Milton!" again interrupted the voice.
"We thank thee, O God, for the gift of thee, that we are permitted once more to assemble in Thy name, while others equally meritorious, but less favored, have been carried beyond that barren from which no traveller returns—"
"Shakespeare!" again interrupted the voice.
This was too much.
"Put that impudent rascal out!"—shouted the minister.

A Poem in Undress.
It is many years since I fell in love with Jerusha Jane Skiggs, the handsomest country girl by far that ever went on legs. By my meadow creek, and wood, and dell, so often did we walk—and the moonlight smiled on her melting lips, and the slight wind learned our talk. Jerusha Jane was all to me, for my heart was young and true, and loved with doubled and twisted love, and a love that was honest, too. I roamed all over the neighbors' farms, and I robbed the wild wood's bowyer, and tore my trousers and scratched my hands in search for the choicest flowers. In my boyish love I brought all these to my Jerusha Jane; but I wouldn't be so foolish now, if I were a boy again. A city chap that came along, all dressed up in fine clothes, with a shiny hat and a shiny vest, sat a monster under his nose.
He talked to her of singing schools, (for her father owned a farm), and she left me, the country love, and took this chap's arm. But all that night I never slept, nor could I eat next day, for I loved that girl with a fervent love that might could drive away. I strove to win her back to me, but it was all in vain; the city chap, with the hairy lip, married Jerusha Jane. And my poor heart was sick and sore until the thought struck me that just as good fish will remain as ever was caught in the sea. So I went to the Methodist church one night, and saw a dark brown curl peeping from under a gipsy hat, and I married that very girl. And many years have passed and gone, and I think my loss my gain; and I often bless that hairy chap that stole Jerusha Jane.

A country girl rode into New Albany, Ind., to do some shopping. When the clerk asked if there was anything else he could do for her, he was amazed by the reply, "Oh, no, sir; unless you will be kind enough to go out and milk the old mare, for I rode her from home without the colt."
"Why do you cry?" said a bystander to a miser who was witnessing an execution. "Alas, said the wiser, pointing to the criminal, "that is my suspended debt—he owes me fifty dollars."

"Why, Sarah, you look good enough to eat," said a loving husband to his wife one morning at breakfast. "Well, I'm eating as fast as I can, ain't I?" was the ready reply.

A correspondent (unmarried) suggests that Solomon's wisdom was due to the fact that he had seven hundred wives, whom he consulted on all occasions.

Salt in Wheat—What Salt Wheat.

It is said by those who have tried, that they never saw any wheat by sowing after salting it. The wheat should be allowed to stand in the field to about ten or twelve days, when it should be thoroughly turned and salted. Half a pound of salt to the quantity generally used to a bushel of wheat, in the form of gypsum, by following this method of salting the wheat is sure to keep well. Wheat, when put up in the usual way, will always ferment in bulk or in casks, and many persons consider, though will not yield so much or as good flour, as when it was fresh from the field. The best salt adapted to this purpose is that brand known as the "Kansas salt." This salt is preferable on account of its all dissolving, and being soon absorbed by the wheat. For the first eight or ten days after salting, the wheat, if assailed, will be found somewhat damp; but if examined a few weeks later, it will in all cases be found perfectly dry, having kept cool all the time.

The advantages claimed by those who practice this mode of salting and saving wheat, are as follows:

1. It preserves the wheat with more certainty than sowing.
2. The wheat does not lose in volume or weight by long keeping.
3. It makes more and better flour.
4. It costs much less labor.
5. The wheat is better for seed, because it is preserved in a perfect state. There is not enough salt in it to prevent it from germinating; but there is enough to stimulate it to sprout vigorously.—Rural American.

The Brownlows.

Among the significant phases of the Tennessee election is the defeat of the two sons of Paxon Brownlow, both of whom were candidates for the Legislature on the Coeter tickets. Both the districts in which the Brownlows were candidates gave majorities for Coeter, while both the Brownlows were beaten.

The most probable explanation of this result is that all the Brownlows, and even those who have identified themselves with the Union of every inhabitant in Tennessee, with the most intolerant proscription and persecution, Brownlow, per se, having caused himself to be elevated to the Senate on the shoulders of negro militia with their bayonets at the throats of white men, tarred over at the eleventh hour, and become or pretended to become a conservative. The Brownlows, *sic*, followed suit, and sought to ride into office on the rising conservative wave.—Their defeat is a significant expression of what opinion the successful party in Tennessee entertain of the Brownlows and their late conversion. [Chicago Times.]

Incendiarism and Highway Robbery.

Just as we were going to Press news reached us that on Sunday night last a Barn and Stable at Old Fort was set fire to and burned to the ground. Two fine mules and the Saddle Horse of Mr. G. F. Davidson were in the stable and perished in the flames. During the fire a store was broken open and robbed of money and several articles of goods. On Wednesday morning, about 10 o'clock, a wagoner, while on the Morganton road, between the top of the Blue Ridge and Old Fort, was attacked by seven negroes and robbed of about \$30 in specie, a sum in Greenbacks, and other property. Full particulars of the above have not reached us. A party has been organized and started in pursuit of the rascals.—Asheville News.

The Largest English Farm.

The largest farm in England consists of three thousand acres, and belongs to a man with the Yankee name of Samuel Jones. In its cultivation he follows the "four course" system, the whole extent of the farm being divided into four great crops—750 acres of wheat 750 to barley and oats, 750 to seeds, beans, peas, &c., and 750 to roots. His live stock is valued as follows:—Sheep \$35,000, horses \$15,000, bullocks \$12,000, pigs \$2,500. The oil cake and corn purchased annually amount to \$2,000, and artificial fertilizers about \$8,000. The entire cost of manure, in various forms used, annually, is about \$15,000. Sheep are claimed as the most profitable stock he keeps, from which are realized about \$30,000 a year. His income from the whole farm, though not stated, can be little less than \$50,000 per annum.

Rob your brother of the last cent, and then bleed him until he faints away, and again. When consciousness returns take your seat by his bedside and upbraid him for his weakness and want of energy—his poverty and inability to get along in the world. Do that and you will know what it is to be a Yankee editor writing to and about the Southern people.—Dr. BARRY.

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