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How Misunderstandings are Sometimes Arranged—Home-Like and Homely, the Latter Word Suggesting Some Anecdotes—Some Things Seen in Montgomery—A Wedding and Wedding Feast.

Do you remember what Sir Isaac Newton said to his faithful little dog after he had overturned a lamp and was the innocent cause of the destruction of some valuable calculations and demonstrations? He entered his smoke-filled study, extinguished the flames, and simply said, "Oh, Fido, Fido, little knowest thou the mischief thou hast done!"

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LETTER FROM ALABAMA.

Miss Annie Hall Davis, daughter of my deceased brother, Rev. Wilbur F. Davis, formerly of Salisbury, Miss. The wedding was quiet. Only a few friends being present. The ceremony was performed at the home of Sam L. Davis, brother of the bride, who resides at 306 Stevenson St. The marriage was at 4 o'clock p. m. The bride wore a navy-blue silk. A very pretty reception was given the couple at the groom's father's at 6 o'clock. The spread was for about thirty persons, mostly relatives of the families. The big goblet and the great dish of roast pig, which the many other dishes with which the table groined, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." The dinner was so home-like that I almost caught myself watching for Aunt Dinah, with the big white kerchief tied about her head, but I did not see her. Pretty girls were in evidence about the room, and they did well.

I enjoyed Oak Park and nothing more in it than the hundred gray squirrels I saw playing in it. I saw bananas growing to perfection there; and the largest lemons I ever saw were raised in the city.

A war-scarred veteran, with a dignity worthy of his office, kindly showed me and Sam points of interest. I should have said that the building overlooks the city and it is like Mr. Zion—'Beautiful situation.' He pointed to a metallic star fastened to the stone floor on which was written: 'This is where President Davis stood when he delivered his inaugural address, and where he took the oath of office.' Walking into one of the rooms the old Bible, neatly protected by a glass case, was shown us; and presently the tier upon which his remains reposed for a time. I did not see the bed upon which he died, but was told that it was in another room, enclosed in transparent glass.

Upon the walls hung many pictures, but among them all there was none that appealed to me like that of Emma Dansome, the red-headed, brave girl that plied her gun, Bedford Forrest, across a stream, thus enabling him to pursue Col. Straight to near Rome, Ga., where the latter was captured. I am glad that she has a monument; she deserves it. There is a fine monument to President Davis upon which stands a life-size statue.

My thanks are due and hereby tendered to 'Vidi' for kindly mentioning my name some time ago. But I cannot forgive any Carolinian for passing within a few feet of me without a hearty handshake. I tried faithfully to find parties from my native State. I visited the court house twice in the vain attempt that royal Scotch, North Carolina lawyer, Wm. King Brown, assisting me. I was charmed with Mr. Brown and glad to learn that he had married into a most excellent family, one of whom lives near Decatur, Ala. I knew Mrs. Brown's grandfather and some of the family, but not her great-grandfather, the old Governor.

I am grateful to Aunt Becky for her complimentary remarks and invitation to resume writing.

A. L. Davis, Pratt City, Ala., Nov. 4, 1903.

Keeping Roads in Repair.

The Scientific American of October 24 has a sensible and timely article upon the maintenance of roads which is worthy of general attention. 'In the present campaign of good-roads education,' it says, 'more attention should be paid to the vital function of road maintenance. Our present system of building a first-class road and then letting it go as fast as wind, weather and traffic can wreck it, is the height of folly and extravagance.' The article contrasts this wasteful American system with the careful repairing of European roads. The European system is the keeping up of roads by constant work. Repairs are in progress all the time by skilled workmen. The solitary road repairer, with his wheelbarrow, pick and shovel, and a little pile of broken stone and tarring, is a familiar sight on the roads in the progressive countries of Europe. Each section of a road is in charge of a repairer, and is inspected by him daily. On detecting a low spot, where water may collect, he makes immediate repairs.

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WHY IT HAPPENED AS IT DID.

Why the Election of Tuesday Resulted so Crushingly to Mr. Bryan.

Every Democrat, and every Republican as well, of course has a theory as to why the election of Tuesday resulted so crushingly to Mr. Bryan. There is no unanimity of agreement and one man's opinion is as good as another's. Our own is clear cut and fixed and we should like to be acquitted of any purpose to be unkind in expression of it.

Mr. Bryan has been a candidate for President for more than two years—from the time of his first nomination in the summer of 1896 until sunset Tuesday of this week. We have remembrance in saying this of the ill-fated candidacy of Judge Parker in 1894 and 1894 Mr. Bryan's candidacy on a national scale did not cease. He has therefore been before the people continuously for a long time and has kept himself at the very front of the stage, fairly dividing attention for the first four years of the twelve with Mr. McKinley and for the last eight with Mr. Roosevelt, the three having been, undoubtedly, during the twelve years the three most conspicuous American citizens. In this time Mr. Bryan has said much and written much and from time to time has attached himself to or originated a number of propositions which the people have shown that they regard as harmful, impracticable or dangerous, as for instance, the free coinage of silver; the government ownership of railroads; the initiative and referendum; instant withdrawal from the Philippines, leaving those people to their fate; the election of United States Senators and United States Judges by popular vote; the control of child labor by Federal laws, and things not necessary to enumerate.

In view of these policies and in view of what others he might project, the people have come to regard him as a theorist, a dreamer, an idealist, and have distrusted him. He is not considered a practical man or one to whom the chief executive office of the nation could be safely committed. This impression has grown upon them, so that at each appearance before them as a candidate he has been rejected more decisively than at the last. Perhaps nobody questions the integrity of his purposes or lacks in personal respect for him. The body of the people are afraid of him and that is all. He has accepted so many strange doctrines, argued them with surprising eloquence and abandoned them under the force of the logic of events or when he realized that they did not 'take,' that confidence in his judgment is lacking and there was the apprehension that if he were President he might embrace any new fad, put into execution and work much injury to the country. Thoughtful people have not overlooked the fact, either, that five—a majority—of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States are above seventy years of age and eligible for retirement, and that in all human probability this court will be re-organized during the next presidential term. By reason of the death or retirement of a majority of its members, such persons have equipped themselves, what type of lawyers Mr. Bryan would appoint to these vacancies and found themselves unable to trust him with this great power and responsibility.

The above are the causes, one operating with another, that, in our judgment, brought about the undoing of Mr. Bryan Tuesday. He it was, not the Democratic party, that was defeated; but unhappily, in pulling down the pillars of the temple he pulled down the structure on a great many other men—candidates for Governor and Congress in States and on down through the counties to the end of the list. It is as true in politics as in other relations of life that no man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself.

Volunteer Convicts.

Seven men who have never been convicted of crime are serving time on the chain gang in this county. These men have been arrested for various offenses and have been bound over to Superior Court and not being able to give bond have voluntarily gone to the chain gang and are wearing stripes and working like convicts until their trial terms come in Superior Court. It is presumed that these volunteer convicts will plead guilty of the crimes where they are charged and when they are sentenced credit will be given them for time served on the roads. Soon after the last term of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases a negro was put in jail to await trial at the November term, and being alone in jail he begged to be allowed to go to the roads and break rock, and that fellow has been making a splendid hand since last August.

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MR. BRYAN IN DEFEAT.

A Case Full of Pathos—Went Down With His Flag Flying.

The case of Hon. William Jennings Bryan is one full of pathos. From whatever motive, whether selfish ambition as his enemies assert, or an unselfish desire as he claims, to be in a position to serve the interests of the people, there is no doubt that he was keenly anxious to be elected President—never so anxious as this year, nor so confident as in the campaign just ended. His disappointment, therefore, in the result of yesterday's election must approach anguish of mind, and be the keener by reason of the fact which must be perfectly apparent to him that his last opportunity to be President has passed. Men have run for this office three times but none four, and Mr. Bryan's name will now be dropped, no doubt at his own instance, from the list of the available candidates of the future. Clearly in the last moments of the campaign he realized that his star was about to set; one reading his speech at Marysville, Kan., Monday night, could detect between the lines that he had seen the finger of fate. Every man with a heart in him must feel very sorry for this man whose hope of twelve years has been dashed.

But he made a magnificent fight, he spoke splendidly, with fine ability, with imperturbable good temper, and under such physical strain as no other man could have endured. From East to West he traveled in whirlwind fashion, making speech after speech daily, his physical energy unabated, his superb nerve unshaken. He went down but went with his face to the foe and his flag flying. So then: 'The hammer will be thrown, why, the higher you bounce; Be proud of your blackened eye! It isn't the fact that you're felled that counts; It's how you did fight—and why? And though you be done to death, what then? If you battled the best you could, If you played your part in the world of men, Why, the critic will call it good. Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce, And whether he's slow or spry, It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts; But only how did you die?'

Some Election Summaries.

Washington Dispatch, 9th. Election returns at 6 o'clock tonight leave Maryland doubtful, with Taft leading by a slight margin and the probability of a division of the State's electoral vote. In Missouri Taft leads by 479 on complete returns. Hadley (R) on Governor by 15,173, the Democratic majorities of four on joint ballot in Legislature. The next national House of Representatives will consist of 215 Republicans, 176 Democrats, against 223 Republicans, 166 Democrats, two vacancies, at present. Today's returns indicate: Colorado, Bryan by 5,577, Democratic Governor and Legislature and all three Congressmen. Ohio, Taft by 75,000; Harmon (Democrat) Governor by 20,000; entire Republican ticket elected except Governor. Republican Legislature. West Virginia, Taft by 20,458; Republican Governor and Legislature. Indiana, Taft by 10,000; Marshall (Democrat) Governor by 15,000; apparently Democratic legislative majority. New York, Taft by 202,000; Hughes Governor by 70,000. Kansas, Taft by 25,000; Republican Governor. Minnesota, Taft by 80,000; Johnson (Democrat) Governor by 15,000. California, Taft by 75,000; Illinois, Taft by 175,000; Republican Governor 40,000. Washington, Taft by 40,000; Republicans Legislature and Congressmen. Michigan, Taft by 150,000; Republican Governor by 8,000. Nevada, Bryan by 1,500; Democratic Legislature. Iowa, Taft by 57,000; entire Republican State ticket by 50,000 upwards. Oklahoma, Bryan by 25,000; Democratic Legislature. Georgia, total vote Democratic 70,500; Republican 39,000; Peoples party 17,200; prohibitionists 750; Independence 85. Pennsylvania, Taft by 200,000. Tennessee, Bryan by 35,300. Texas, Bryan 165,000. Arkansas, Bryan 26,000. Mississippi, Bryan 49,000. Alabama, Bryan by 57,000. Louisiana, Bryan by 43,894.

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