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The Beautiful Golden Autumn—  
The Doctor's a Busy Man—  
Mountain Folk and Prohibition.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Waynesville, Sept. 19.—Dear Friends: The beautiful golden autumn is coming fast. The flowers are gorgeous—golden and purple and maroon. At daybreak I hear the hunter's horn and the delighted yelp of the fox hounds. The chauffeur tells me of meeting the huntsman on his way home, disappointed of the fox, but with the glow of morning on his face. The hounds leashed in pain, horse and dogs francing in pleasure over the prospect of home, mistress, and breakfast.

The red hillsides are beginning to peep with little green wheat. The corn, still green, bows with heavy ears. The chestnut burs are full grown and we watch everywhere for the first brown one.

Haywood will not have a county fair. Uncle Sam has leased the ground and will drill soldiers. Laborers and soldiers are at work in the government hospital getting ready to keep both sick and well comfortable during the cold winter.

Friends ask us if we are afraid of the cold. The doctor has ordered a sheep-skin lined overcoat and he will need that and a helmet like the soldiers also after while. He is very popular, some times, I think rather too much so if you will listen to the following experience. Last week I was in Asheville and called him to come after me and as the day was rainy he went on the train, leaving the chauffeur in charge of the office. When we came home at 10 p. m. Some one about twelve miles away on Hemp Hill creek had been trying to get him all day. The call came again; six miles of good road, four miles of bad road, a horse in waiting and a mountain climb of two miles, a man in agony of pain. How the doctor hated to refuse; but he knew he could not find the way in the dark. Next morning early he left. The good road was soon gone over, the bad road, a cart track of loose stones, was made by the Ford without trouble and the doctor mounted the horse. Neighbors of nearby coves and valleys gathered in. The home, a tiny one-room shack, was full of sympathy but no help. The 14-year-old wife was crying an accompaniment to the groans of her husband's acute appendicitis. Diagnosed at once, the doctor told them only an operation could save him, and they must take him down the mountain and on to Waynesville. There was only one quilt in the house and the doctor showed how to sew it to 2 poles; so soon four sturdy mountain wood-cutters had the man swinging in the improvised stretcher. The doctor headed the procession on the old horse, all the neighbors followed. The man in the stretcher under the influence of a kind doctor's hypodermic made no complaint. The doctor was stopped twice on the way down the mountain to prescribe for sick babies, so turned the horse over to a girl cousin. The chauffeur and our little friend boy at the foot of the mountain were being entertained by all the neighbor children. They were taken into the school house and shown the blood on the seat and the holes in the door made by an infuriated school teacher who killed a committeeman and ran away never to be seen again. The two dogs along were given a bath; the apple trees were visited and the chestnuts admired. The chauffeur said he began to think his doctor was so precious he was going to be kept, when one of the boys called "Look out—look up—here they come and the man's dead and they're bringing him down to lock-him up in

the school house. That's the way we do 'em up here. The chauffeur has been raised piously on Bible pictures and he says that procession looked like the flight into Egypt. The old horse was a camel. The stretcher held the Madonna and child; the neighbors were weeping in sympathy with Joseph and Mary; the doctor was a wise man showing the way. The poor man was brought safely, operated on successfully and is getting well. He was the third appendicitis patient the doctor has had in that community; one very old man operated on and well; a little boy brought too late, who died; and this young man, all of the same family.

Last night he officiated at the 22nd child birth in the four months, a fine little girl to a happy young couple, who do not own one cent's worth of property in this world, are living on in the cabin of the young man's father, who said he would pay the doctor and seemed to be very much pleased with his grand child. Don't you know the United States can whip any nation of the world when its back ground is composed of such "back bones" as these! Up to a few years ago these people were really dangerous, as they understood no law but their own, but the rural mail, the free school, and especially the banishing of whiskey, has almost made them over. We hear so often that prohibition means more wild cat stills and only that, but grey haired men who have seen it all, tell us of the great difference. You can remember the time when life was not safe on the South Carolina border of Robeson. The doctor and his father treated out-lawed men hidden in Ashpole swamp, but today that community is a Christian neighborhood, a strong place of the county, and we all know the same elements brought it out. It seems to me that these lessons should make us more loyal to our Uncle Sam.

Our son writes from Camp Jackson, "All is well, our boys glad to help, our minds made up to be just as good soldiers as Uncle Sam desires." We almost dread to go home. How lonely it will be without our sons, but let us think of our great happiness when duty done, they gather round our empty hearth stones and fill our hearts with joy.  
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