

**THE SINGING MOUSE.**  
It is Said to be a Sweet Singer, But Very Shy.

In Uncle Remus's Magazine for January is a letter from one of the Magazine's subscribers telling of a marvelous vocalist, the singing mouse. Here is the tale, be it true or nature fake:

Suddenly in the night as I lay awake, I heard a few notes, sweet and clear, yet low and faltering, as if the singer were uncertain of his power, and feared to let his voice out to its full. It was very like the song of a bird—a caged bird, that dreaming of sky and stream and forest, sings in his sleep, with head tucked beneath a wing, thus muffling the sound.

Like a flash came the truth to me: I was being serenaded by that rarely heard musician, the "singing mouse!" Long ago I had read of him, but had never before hoped to be honored by a serenade from the slyest of singers; be sure that I lay perfectly quiet and listened intently. I found his song just what it had been described as being very much like the canary's, only more soft and sweet, altogether unmarred by harsh, shrill notes. The writer of the interesting account of the singing mouse claimed that the creature is no strange species, but only the common house mouse that has either inherited the gift of song or learned the art from older members of his race. It is supposed that originally the accomplishment was learned from canaries, and this seems probable as singing mice are more often found in houses where there are canaries. That they do learn the song from each other, and also that it is hereditary, is proved by the fact that if one is heard in a house, others are likely to make themselves known from time to time, even unto many generations.

As for my own pet, he came every night for several weeks invariably between 1 and 2 o'clock, always he faltered a little at first but afterwards, becoming more sure of himself, would let his voice out fully singing with the pure abandon of enjoyment. The first few nights I was afraid to arouse my mother, who slept in the same room but in another bed, lest the little fellow might cease if I should speak. But after the first two or three solos I ventured to call her, and he was not startled in the least, but sang on without pause as if his ears were closed to all save his own musical notes. After that, at her request, I would always call mother when the entertainment began, and never once did the mouse become silent at the sound of my voice.

I wish I might say he sings to me still, but he does not. Whether he died a natural death, fell a victim to some hungry member of the feline tribe, or wandered away to parts unknown in search of a new audience—but finding nowhere a more appreciative one, I am sure—it is not given me to record. But the memory of his sweet song abides with me, and "Oft in the still night" I think of it, and of him, and in my heart I thank him for the delightful pleasure he gave me "without money and without price." MARGARET A. RICHARD, Newbury, S. C.

**TRAINED NURSE**

**Writes a Letter to the People.**  
"To Whom it May Concern: I am a trained nurse of nine years' experience in hospital and private cases, and for the benefit of the people of Salisbury I wish you would publish my experience with the cod liver preparation, Vinol. "I was completely prostrated from overwork. I had no appetite, could not sleep, my kidneys, liver and bowels became inactive, and as I grew weaker I could not retain either medicine or food on my stomach, and raised blood. The doctors said my condition was critical and I would probably die. "As I had seen Vinol prescribed for my patrons with such remarkable results, I decided to try it. After the first bottle I began to improve. I continued its use and soon began to sleep and eat well; every organ in my body was strengthened and became normal, until seemed good to be alive and I was restored to perfect health and strength. "I advise all my patients who need strength, rich red blood, and flesh tissue to take Vinol, as it is far superior to old-fashioned cod liver oil, emulsions, or other tonics." Elizabeth M. Cromond, Trained Nurse, Boston, Mass. In Salisbury we sell Vinol on a positive guarantee to return money if it fails. The T. W. Grimes Drug Co.

**NEGRO GETS AUTO.**

Michael McRoey Won an Automobile Given Away on the Coupon System.

Jollier than William Gorrell, more melodious than Oscar Jackson, more loquacious than Sid Coles, was Michael McRoey, colored, Thursday afternoon as he walked down to the Foreman-Miller clothing store and was there informed that he had won the automobile which that firm gave away on the coupon system. It became an event of more importance to Michael than the emancipation, and the voice awarding the prize was oracular.

Michael is just a plain negro. He had risen to no prominence among the colored people of the city, but yesterday marks his debut hereafter into "society" and none was more conscious of this fact than he himself. He talked cleaner English, walked straighter and essayed to wear becoming dignity.

The automobile was won by No. 1092, which Michael held, this being one of four coupons he received a few days ago when he purchased a suit of clothes. It was not long after the hour of drawing until the negro put in his appearance. Some friend had already informed him of the good luck of which he suddenly found himself possessed, and he strode fast to the firm's store at the corner of College and East Trade streets. He was fairly out of breath when he got there, and in the supreme happiness of the moment he was too overcome to talk coherently. He began at once to prepare for the removal of the machine to his humble cottage on Popular street. Great crowds of his kind had gathered around the store, mixing with a number of curious whites and Michael received wide-spread congratulations.

He is the first negro in town to own an auto and this fact is more significant to him than the winning of the prize.—Charlotte Observer.

**Whiskey, the Murdering Demon.**

The saddest incident so far of the holidays is the killing of little Alma Green at Buena Vista, near Asheville, by a drunken desperado who, fired recklessly from a train. This little girl, the baby and pet of her parents and brothers, ran joyfully to the station to see the train pass. A drunken wretch fired recklessly from the train and the little girl was killed. In the short interval between the shooting and her death she cried piteously to her mother that she did not want to die. We denounce lynching because it is wrong; it is anarchy and cannot be tolerated. But who, among us if we had been present, could have said nay if the drunken wretch who killed that child had been killed on the spot, as he deserved to be? The fact that he was drunk is no palliation, but as the Landmark views it, is rather an aggravation of the offense. He may not have meant to kill the child or anybody, but the devil who shoots recklessly, without regard to whom he may kill or maim, deserves death when death results from his viciousness, for no matter what he doesn't intend to do, he doesn't care what the result will be; and the fact that he may be drunk aggravates the offending. Lance may escape through the law but he deserves to die, and if he meets death other than at the hands of the law he will get what he deserves.—Statesville Landmark.

**Salisbury Will Soon be With Them.**

What are the most progressive and prosperous towns in North Carolina? Certainly there are none more so than Goldsboro, New Bern, Elizabeth City, Greensboro, Durham, High Point and Charlotte. They all voted out whiskey selling and the money went into better channels and makes all other business better.—News and Observer.

It is very important and in fact it is absolutely necessary to health that we give relief to the stomach promptly at the first signs of trouble—which are belching of gas, nausea, sour stomach, headache, irritability and nervousness. These are warnings that the stomach has been mistreated; it is demanding help from you. Take something once in a while; especially after meals; something like KODOL For Dyspepsia and Indigestion. It will enable your stomach to do its work properly. Sold by James Plummer and all druggists.

**SAD RESULT OF HOLIDAY SPREE.**

County Authorities Pursue and Arrest the Slaying Who Confesses to the Killing.

Elizabeth City, Dec 25—One of the most horrible and untortunate crimes which has occurred in this section was the killing to-day of Mr. Stevens, baggage master on the Virginia & Carolina Railroad and whose home is in Suffolk, Va. As the regular southbound passenger train was passing through an open field near Hobbsville, a small station about twenty-five miles north of here, five men were seen standing near the track, one of whom fired into the train and young Stevens, who was standing at one of the windows of the rear coach, receiving the entire load in his mouth killing him instantly.

The train was stopped as soon as possible, and run back to the spot where the men were seen standing, but they had escaped to the woods. The body of Stevens was hurried to this city, where a coroner's inquest was held, the jury's verdict being that Stevens had come to his death at the hands of unknown party or parties.

As soon as the necessary arrangements could be made the deputy sheriff and a party of men left here on a special train for the scene of the crime and surrounded the woods and soon captured the fugitives, one of whom was John White, 20 years of age, who confessed to having fired the shot into the train, although he said that he had been drinking and had no idea of doing injury to any one. He said he saw the young man on the train fall when he fired the shot and at once realized that he had made a terrible blunder. The young fellow was arrested and carried to Hertford where he was confined in jail.

Young Stevens was well known here and all along the line, and was very popular with all his acquaintances.—Special to the Charlotte Observer.

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