

**THE OLD FAMILIAR FACES—VIZ, MATHEMATICS, SPELLING, GEOGRAPHY, GRAMMAR, ETC.**



—McCutcheon in Chicago Tribune.

**PLANT LICE.**

**A Prize Formula For Freeing Vegetation of the Pests.**

A government report states that the Practical Counselor For Fruit and Garden Culture of Frankfort recently offered a prize for the best method of destroying plant lice, for which fifty-eight persons competed. The prize was awarded to the author of the following preparation: Quassia wood, two and one-half pounds, to be soaked overnight in ten quarts of water and well boiled, then strained through a cloth and placed, with 100 quarts of water, in a petroleum barrel, with five pounds of soft soap. The mixture is then ready for sprinkling on plants infested with lice. Leaves, even those of peach trees, will not be injured in the least by the solution, which can be kept covered in the barrel from spring to fall without deterioration. As soon as lice appear the leaves should be sprinkled with the solution. If this is repeated several times the pests will disappear.

**Culture of Tobacco.**

The application of shade and semi-shade to tobacco plants has worked considerable of a revolution in this important crop. In Connecticut by the use of expensive shading methods it has been possible to greatly change the character of the crop, while in other sections by simpler methods of natural shading important modifications in type are attained. The department of agriculture reports a simple corn-tobacco planting experiment at the Kentucky experimental station covering a period of three years, where the tobacco was planted between rows of corn. The tobacco was of a finer texture and brought a higher price. Most soils which have been cropped to tobacco for any length of time are deficient in vegetable matter. At the same time commercial fertilizers are necessary in the production of such a highly specialized crop as tobacco, but it is only



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by the incorporation with the soil year after year of a considerable amount of vegetable matter that its proper physical condition can be maintained and improved. An ideal tobacco soil will produce heavy yields of almost any crop. Such a soil is stated by George T. McNeils, tobacco expert of the department of agriculture, as one of good depth, mellowness and water holding capacity, and in order to possess these a soil must contain a considerable quantity of decayed vegetable matter. Without these basic conditions it is not to be expected that full benefit to tobacco or any other crop can be derived in this way.

**An Expert Farmer.**

"An exchange says a young man asks, 'What would you advise a young man raised on a farm who cannot stand the dust of haying and thrashing and is most too light to do heavy farm work to do?'"

Gardening, floriculture, poultry raising, civil engineering—all are good. If he is built for an expert, there are landscape gardening, inside decorating and a number of other good occupations open to him.

The young man who is built for an expert—that is, one who is naturally bright, careful and painstaking—will succeed in any of the above or in almost any other occupation. He will have to learn the business he selects.

He cannot learn any of them from a "correspondence school." He needs a practical instructor who can show him, and the way to become an expert is to begin at the bottom and work up, thoroughly learning all the details as one goes along. The expert is always in demand, and he commands the top wages.

Whatever vocation a young man goes into, he should be thorough as he goes along, always keeping his eyes open for better ways of doing the work he has in hand. All vocations are crowded with ordinary workers, but there's still lots of room in the upper ranks.

**The Vine Blight.**

Several vines from New England were recently received at the department of agriculture asking for remedies to prevent or cure the blight that destroys cucumber, melon and squash vines and referring to the well known disease very prevalent in America

**or late years and which causes apparently vigorous vines to suddenly wither and die within a few days from the beginning of the attack.**

According to Dr. B. T. Galloway of the bureau of plant industry, the blight is prevalent all along the Pacific coast. The germs of the blight are carried by an insect. He recommends that the vines should make a steady rather than a rapid growth and should be planted on ground containing a large amount of organic matter, adding also nitrogen in the form of nitrate of soda. Spraying the plants with paris green and bordeaux mixture such as is used for potatoes kills the insect which carries the blight and prevents its puncturing the leaves and admitting the fungus of the disease. As a means of prevention it is recommended that the crops be grown on fresh ground each year.

**Outside His Line.**

"I presume, my good fellow, you are a laborer?" said a lawyer to a plainly dressed witness.

"You are right; I am a workman, sir," replied the witness, who was a civil engineer.

"Familiar with the use of the pick, shovel and spade, I presume?"

"To some extent. Those are not the principal implements of my trade, though."

"Perhaps you will condescend to enlighten me as to your principal implements?"

"It is hardly worth while. You don't understand their nature or use."

"Probably not," loftily, "but I insist on knowing what they are."

"Drains, sir."

**Green Flies of Calcutta.**

One of the evils of Calcutta is the plague of green flies, from which the city suffers during the late autumn and early winter. Like most insects, the little green flies have a great attraction for the flame. On occasion the inhabitants have found it necessary to put out all the gaslights, even at a public dinner, and to take their meals practically in deep gloom, illuminated only by flickering candles. They seem to spring into existence from nowhere. Perhaps it is almost dusk when the lights of the street lamps are becoming visible. Then suddenly the air, which a moment before was quite clear, is full of myriads of green flies, drifting in misty patches and obscuring the street lamps.

**The Power of Adaptation.**

Lord Seaforth, who was born deaf and dumb, was one day to dine with Lord Melville. Just before the company arrived Lady Melville sent into the drawing room a lady of her acquaintance who could talk with her fingers that she might receive Lord Seaforth. Presently Lord Guilfoth entered the room, and the lady, taking him for Lord Seaforth, began to ply her fingers nimbly. Lord Guilfoth did the same. They had been carrying on the conversation in this manner for ten minutes or more when Lady Melville joined them. Her friend said, "Well, I have been talking away to this dumb man."

"Dumb?" exclaimed Lord Guilfoth. "Bless me, I thought you were dumb!"

**Hang the Cost.**

"You know, George," she said thoughtfully, almost fearfully, as they sat together on the rustic seat in the quiet eventide, "it seems such a solemn thing to marry. Have you counted the cost?"

A manly, ringing laugh shattered the nerves of the birds roosting in the branches overhead to a complicated hash.

"Cost! The cost! Bless you, Evangeline, don't you worry about the cost. I've got a cousin who's a clergyman, and he's promised to fix us up absolutely gratis!"—Liverpool Mercury.

**Describing the Dog.**

Little Anita, whose idea of colors was not very accurate, was calling on her grandmother and was telling her about a dog she had seen on the street.

"What color was the dog?" asked her grandmother.

Anita was puzzled at first; then she said:

"Now, grandmother, you've seen dogs, haven't you?"

"Yes, dear."

"Well, that dog was just dog color!"—Exchange.

**SHALL WE STAND FOR IT?**



—George in St. Paul Pioneer Press.

**CLASS IN MANNERS.**

**Instruction For the Awkward In Old Time Southern Schools.**

The father of Alexander H. Stephens, the vice president of the Confederate states, was an "old field" teacher, and one of his schoolroom exercises, which the pupils called "learning manners," evidently made a deep impression on little Alexander, writes Louis Pendleton in his biography of the statesman. The plan was no less admirable than quaint.

It is related that about once a month on a Friday afternoon, after the spelling classes had got through their tasks, the boys and girls were directed to take seats in rows facing each other. Then the boy at the head of his row would rise and walk toward the center of the room and the girl at the head of her row would do likewise.

As they approached the boy would bow and the girl drop a courtesy, the established feminine salutation of those days, and they would pass on.

At other times they were taught to stop and exchange verbal salutations and the usual formulas of polite inquiry.

These exercises were varied by meetings in an imaginary parlor, the entrance, introduction and reception of visitors, with practice in "commonplace chat."

Then came the ceremony of introductions. The parties in this class would walk from opposite sides of the room in pairs and upon meeting, after salutations of the two agreed upon, would begin making known to each other the friends accompanying them, the boy saying: "Allow me, Miss Mary, to present to you my friend, Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith, Miss Jones." After Miss Mary had spoken to Mr. Smith she would in turn introduce her friend.

These exercises, trivial as the description may seem, the vice president of the Confederacy says, "were of great use to raw country boys and girls, removing their awkwardness and consequent shyness and the painful sense of being at a disadvantage or the dread of appearing ridiculous."—Youth's Companion.

**Fresh Eggs.**

Secretary Wilson says that hereafter eggs sold as "fresh" or "strictly fresh" must be exactly what they are represented to be. Storage eggs must be sold as such or under the pure food law the dealer is liable to a fine of \$500 or six months' imprisonment, or both. Thousands of people do not know how a "strictly fresh" egg tastes. This will give them a chance to find out.

**Hauling Crops.**

Inquiries conducted in over 1,000 counties of the United States by the department of agriculture indicate that the average length of haul of crops over country roads is 12.1 miles, the average weight of the load 2,002 pounds and the average cost per mile 25.2 cents, or about \$3 per load, the figures being based on cost of labor, feed, wear, etc.

**Delicate Grafting Operation.**

Hyman Cohen, a piano tuner, who has been blind for 15 years, has been made to see through a rabbit's eye as the result of an operation performed by Dr. Henry Lesser, of 4, West 98th street.

The operation consisted in grafting the cornea from the eye of a rabbit upon the eye of a patient. He is now able to count figures at a distance of twelve inches, distinguish color and go about unattended. The operation, though not unknown to optical surgery, has seldom proved as successful as in the present case.

Dr. Lesser declined to discuss the case or tell the whereabouts of his patient, except to declare that he had performed the operation with unusually good results.

His patient, Dr. Lesser said, was 24 years old, and when nine years old developed leucoma, a disease of cornea. He became totally blind. The operation was performed last May, and now the graft was in perfect position and the sight appears to be improving day by day.

**Was of Some Use at Last.**

It happened once upon a time that a man who felt that he was no use in the world decided to commit suicide. "I will hit home," he said, "and there kill myself. I am of no use to anybody, and it will be the best." So he hid home and found his wife gone. "I will cut my throat," he said, and he cut up the butcher's knife. But he slashed and hacked his throat, and the knife was so dull he couldn't penetrate the skin. Then he tried the bread knife and it was duller than the butcher knife. "I will hit myself on the head with the axe," he said. But he looked and looked and couldn't find the axe. Finally he found the handle but the head was lost.

"I will try the scissors," he said; but after he found the scissors couldn't cut thread he had to give it up. Then a bright thought struck him; he would become of some use to the family by sharpening the knives and scissors! He did so, and is now loved more than most men. And his wife with knives that will cut and scissors sharp enough to cut thread, is the happiest woman in her neighborhood.—Acheson, Kan., Globe.

**Cremation is Not Popular.**

In spite of the strong sanitary arguments advanced in favor of it, the practice of cremating dead bodies of human beings is but slowly gaining favor. This fact is confessed in the annual of the French International Cremation at Paris.

This society is doing its utmost to induce the French people to burn rather than to bury the dead. Owing to its efforts the number of incinerations is growing from year to year, but increase is hardly perceptible.

Most of the cremations in France occur in Paris, as the country people do not take to this method of disposing of the dead. America, the report says, has the largest annual number of cremations. There are thirty-six crematories in the United States, in which last year nearly four thousand bodies were consumed.

The greater number of the cremations in this country, it is claimed, take place in the case of foreigners. Germany has 15 crematories which last year incinerated nearly three thousand bodies. In the Argentine Republic there were 976 cremations, in Switzerland 721, in Great Britain 705 and in Italy 442.—Leslie's Weekly.

**Suicide in Ashleyville.**

Lying across his bed in a back room on the second floor of the Young Men's Christian Association building with three bullet holes through his chest, J. H. Osborne was found dead about 3:30 this morning. The corpse was found by Dr. Buckner who rooms just across the hall and who after hearing the shots called Mr. Guder immediately. Mr. Osborne came in late last night with some one else, whose name could not be learned this morning but left before the shooting occurred.

Although he left no statement explaining his motives for the deed, it is thought that melancholia prompted him. Mr. Osborne, who has been employed for the last twenty five years by T. S. Morrison, was at work yesterday, and his associates say that they noticed a change in his manner. He

has occupied the rooms in which he took his life for the past five years and those who knew him say that he was of a quiet genial temperament.

Mr. Osborne was about 45 years of age and was a single man, never having been married. His mother lives at Woolsey, and he has one brother living in Virginia, Dr. Osborne.

The revolver with which he took his life, and which was a .32 caliber, was found by his side with four empty shells and the fifth cap showed that it had missed fire. Three of the shots took effect.—Ashville Citizen, 18th.

**Woman Killed by Horse.**

Mrs. Alexander Ketter, aged about forty years, wife of a farmer residing near Crader's Mill, seven miles west of the city, lost her life in a somewhat peculiar manner last night while returning from divine services at Harmony Grove church.

It appears that Mrs. Ketter was walking with some friend in the middle of the road, when she was run into by Anderson Hege, a young man on horse back. She was knocked down and it is believed that the animal's front feet struck Mrs. Ketter on the head, as she was knocked senseless. She was removed to her home, where she passed away at three o'clock this morning.

According to the information that came to the Sentinel, Mr. Hege, who also was an route horse from Harmony Grove church, struck his horse two or three times with a whip or switch. The animal dashed off at a rapid speed, got beyond control, and ran into Mrs. Ketter, resulting as above stated.

The deceased, besides a husband, leaves five children, two of them being twins about two years old.

Mr. Ketter, who is a poor man, but an industrious farmer and a splendid citizen, has the sympathy of many friends in his bereavement.—Winston Sentinel.

**An Interesting Marriage.**

Last Thursday in the office of the register of deeds a very interesting wedding took place. James T. Russell, son of Dooley Russell, was married to Miss Hattie Morris, of Hampton, Ky., and it is said they had never seen each other until they started to the courthouse. They became acquainted through an advertisement and correspondence, and Miss Morris came all the way to Lexington to get married to a stranger. Squire G. F. Morefield performed the ceremony. The bride was bashful and refused to be married in the main office, where several pairs of eyes were leveled at her. Accordingly the couple and witnesses stepped into the big vault opening into the office, and there were made man and wife. When the bride said "yes" she held her head low and giggled nervously.

"How much do I owe you?" asked the groom.

"O whatever you wish to pay for the job," said Squire Morefield.

"Well, I'll give you fifty cents," said the groom, and fifty cents it was. This is Mr. Russell's second voyage on the matrimonial seas, he being a widower before the event of Thursday.

The license was issued, ceremony performed and the license returned to the register, all in 10 minutes.—Lexington Dispatch.

**Snakes in Wadesboro.**

Saturday Ed. Hanna, while in the act of reaching under a shelf of his store to get a paper sack, came near putting his hands on a large pilot snake. The snake had comfortably installed itself among the sacks and was taking life easily when Mr. Hanna procured a bludgeon and proceeded to kill it.

Monday morning Jack Robinson, while removing a pile of reference paper from the Messenger pressroom, put his hand within a few inches of the mouth of a big copperhead. He heard the snake hiss and jerked his hand away just in time to save himself from being bitten. He killed the snake.—Wadesboro, N. C., Messenger.

**Announcement.**

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the will of the people at the polls at the November election. I elected I will serve the public to my best ability. J. CALVIN LINOLE, 8-5-116 Faith, N. C.

**Land Sale.**

Pursuant to a decree of the Superior Court of Rowan County rendered in the special proceeding entitled: "Jas. A. Ritchie, Adm'r of Peter A. Ritchie, et al vs. Wiley W. Ritchie, Daniel L. Fowler, Mary P. W. Ernest Ritchie and others," authorizing, empowering and directing the undersigned, as commissioner and administrator to expose to public sale the land hereinafter described, at the Court House in the city of Salisbury, the undersigned will, on

**Monday, October 5th, 1908.**

At 12 o'clock p. m. sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House door in the city of Salisbury, the following described real estate, lying and being near Gay's chapel, in Franklin township, 7 miles from Salisbury, county of Rowan and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a hickory 110 chains south of the beginning corner (a post oak) of the 104-acre tract in the subdivision of the Hillary Elliot estate, and running N. 85 W., 50.50 chains to white oak; thence S. 23 1/2 west, 15.90 chains to a post oak; thence south 88 east, 7.75 chains to a maple in the branch; thence south 3 west, 18.26 chains to a black oak; thence north 79 1/2 east, 24.57 chains to a hickory; thence north 54 east, 5.50 chains to a dog wood; thence south 71 east, 7.50 chains to a pine, dower corner; thence south 28 east, 10 chains to a pine; thence north 43 1/2 east, 20.50 chains to the beginning, containing 132 acres more or less, deed for which is registered in Book 72 page 270 in the Register's office of Rowan county.

This is a valuable tract of land in a good neighborhood, and title to the same is perfect and whoever buys will get a court deed. The sale will be left over 10 days for 10 per cent. bid, and the purchaser will be required to pay 10 per cent. of the purchase money on day of sale. This August 29, 1908. JAMES A. RITCHIE, Adm'r. and Com'r., rural route No. 3, Salisbury, N. C. R. LEE WRIGHT, Att'y.

**Commissioner's Sale of Valuable Real Estate**

Pursuant to the provisions of an order of court in a special proceeding entitled James H. McKenzie, administrator of Leroy C. Rice, against Elijah Watson Rice, Sallie Locke Rice, Maggie Rice, and Annie Priscilla Rice, wherein the undersigned Commissioner was authorized to make sale of lands hereinafter described, the said lands hereinafter described will be sold at the Court house door in the city of Salisbury, N. C., on

**Saturday, the 24th day of October, 1908.**

at 12:00 M.

**FIRST TRACT.**  
Beginning at a hickory branch, thence the various courses of said branch to Wise's corner, thence North 88 West 28.25 chains to a stone pile, thence 1 1/2 West 87.40 chains to a stone, thence North 86 East 12.50 chains to a stone, thence North 5 chains to a stake, thence North 86 East 18 chains to a stone, thence South 33 East 14.50 chains to a walnut, thence South 64 East 14.60 chains to a stake, thence South 1 1/2 East 17 chains to the beginning, containing 8 1/2 acres. The building in the grove being accepted and conveyed to M. J. Rice with the privilege of moving them when she sees proper to do so. The said Sallie Rice, party of the first part, reserves her life estate in the above described land this conveyance is not to take effect until after the death of said Sallie Rice.

Bidding on the above tract will start at \$1,023.00.

**SECOND TRACT.**  
Beginning at a dogwood, Boyden and Henderson corner, thence N. 51 W. 4.80 chains to a stone, thence N. 81 1/2 W. 31.50 chains to a stone, thence N. 86 E. 21.50 chains to a stake, thence S. 1 1/2 E. 37.40 chains to a stone pile, thence S. 86 W. 20 chains to the beginning, containing 84 acres, except fifteen acres of said land heretofore conveyed to Sallie Rice by L. C. Rice. See deed registered book No. 67, page 712.

Leah Barger died leaving a last will and testament in and by which she devised her interest in said land described in the deed registered in book No. 67, page 712, to the said L. C. Rice, and Sallie Rice makes this deed to him as the devisee of said Leah Barger.

Bidding on the above tract will start at \$588.00.

**THIRD TRACT.**  
Beginning at a hickory, Graham's corner, thence S. 1 1/2 degrees E. 10.12 chains to a stake, corner of No. 2, thence N. 82 degrees W. 17.70 chains to a stake, corner of lot No. 2, thence N. 84 degrees W. 8.50 chains to a dog-wood, thence N. 86 degrees E. 17.50 chains to the beginning, containing 17 1/2 acres more or less. It being lot No. 3 of Barger tract in the division of the lands appropriated and assigned to J. A. Neely of Julius Neely deceased. See deed from J. A. Neely to L. C. and John Miller Rice, which is registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Rowan County. This deed is made subject to a mortgage which is registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County in Book No. 10 Page 120, etc.

Bidding on the above tract will start at \$280.00.

This property will be sold in separate lots and will then be sold as a whole; or, will be sold in such parcels as may be to the best advantage of the parties to the above mentioned proceeding.

The sale will be left open 10 days for ten per cent bid. For full description of Deeds on Register of Deeds for Rowan County in books 74, page 62; 79, page 212; 108, page 100; 117, page 486. This 22nd day of Sept., 1908. J. H. MCKENZIE, Com'r. BURTON CRAIG, Atty. 9 28

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**Mortgage Sale.**

Pursuant to the provisions contained in a Mortgage Trust Deed Registered in Book No. 18, page 382, made by William Austin and Hattie Austin for the protection and benefit of the undersigned, on the 7th day of February, 1901, default having been made in the payment of this debt, which said Mortgage was given to secure, the undersigned will sell at public sale for cash, at the court house door in Salisbury

on the 19th day of October next, the following property: Beginning at a stake, C. W. Winecoff's and J. F. Park's corner, thence with C. W. Winecoff's and J. F. Park's line N 31 1/2 deg E 6 chs to a stake, C. W. Winecoff's corner in J. F. Park's line, thence with C. W. Winecoff's and J. F. Park's line S 71 deg E 5.10 chs to a stake; Margaret Ridenhour's corner; thence with C. W. Winecoff's and Margaret Ridenhour's line S 31 1/2 deg W 5.75 chs to a stake, C. W. Winecoff's and Margaret Ridenhour's corner; thence with C. W. Winecoff's and Margaret Ridenhour's line N 71 deg W 5.10 chs to the beginning, (8 miles N. of Salisbury) known as the house lot, containing three acres. Also real estate bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at a stake on the bank of this creek and thence S 78 deg E 3.25 chs to a stake; Wilton's corner; thence S 2 deg W 25.50 chs to a pine; thence S 84 deg E 8 chs to a stake; thence a new line N 2 deg E 25.50 chs to a stake; thence N 48 1/2 deg E 10.80 chs to stake on the bank of said creek; thence with said creek to the beginning, containing 25 acres, more or less. Conveyed by the said William Austin and Hattie Austin to satisfy the debt provided for in said mortgage. W. F. WHITTAKER, John J. Stewart, Atty.



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**Notice to Creditors.**

All persons having claims against Ellen C. Lentz, late deceased, are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned, executrix of the last will and testament of the said Ellen C. Lentz, on or before the 4th day of September, 1908, or, else, be barred from participating in the distribution of the assets of her estate. This 1st day of September, 1908. RUXIE ALICE WEST, executrix. Burton Craige, attorney. 9-2-8t

**Executor's Notice.**

Having qualified as executor of the estate of P. Clementine Brady, deceased, late of Rowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to me on or before the 29th day of August, 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. Dated this August 26th, 1908. WILLIAM H. EARNHART, executor. WALTER H. WOODSON, attorney. 8-28-08