

Tribute to a Mother.

Children, look in those eyes, listen to that dear voice, notice the feeling of a single touch bestowed upon you by that hand! Make much of it while yet you have the most precious...

The Luxuries They're Clamoring For.

A Statesville minister, remarking a few days ago on the prevailing hard times, scarcity of money, etc., that it is not necessities of life that the people are crying for, but luxuries. This is true.

Bound to Holler.

While in Lexington, Va., some months ago I heard a story I have never seen in print, which General Lee told on himself, and which always amused him when it was recalled.

Sparrows and Bicycles.

A curious thing about the English sparrow has often been noticed by wheelmen. When the cyclists first took to the streets a few years ago, the birds used to hop up in the air and skip away before the wheel was within fifteen feet of them.

The Millennium will Dawn.

When everything goes to please everybody.

When every kind of business is conducted to suit the notions of everybody else.

When everyone pays their debts without being hunted down and harassed.

When nobody will tell a lie and nobody swear they believe it is so.

When everybody's premises are cleaned up and kept just as every body else would do it who have none of their own to attend to.

When everybody has some business and attends strictly to it, without attending to other people's.

When it gets into the head of everybody to live and let live.

When everybody loves the Lord and their neighbor and does not try to dead beat either one or the other.

"That horse is not clear escaped that drags the halter," and that man is not sure of escaping a drunkard's doom in jail, penitentiary or grave, who is tied on to the saloon by the social dram.

With the blood full of humors, the heated term is still more oppressive. Give the system a thorough cleansing with Ayer's Sarsaparilla and a dose of Ayer's Pills, and you will enjoy Summer as never before in your life.

Fun With the Post Office.

A letter was dropped in the Post-office with an address that none of the clerks were able to decipher, and the letter was sent to Superintendent Walker, who passed it along to Assistant Postmaster Seiditz. It was addressed to "Thomas Waltham, in the city where the next President of the United States was born."

New line dress good. M. T. Young

Price of School Books.

A Sunday Chicago paper, which sells for 5 cents, that is about 3 cents at wholesale, contains as much matter as a schoolbook of 600 pages. The average schoolbook contains hardly a third as much matter.

When the advantages of a town or community are to be talked up, or when any institution, enterprise or industry, either public or private, needs to be puffed up, or long resolutions of thanks or obituaries are to be published, the local paper is invariably appealed to to do the work.

The Heavy Horse Always in Demand.

The modern contrivances of travel and motors for power have made inroads on the lightest scrub horse, and for some time it has appeared that his occupation is gone. Not so with draft and heavy horses, coachers, etc.

Did not Advertise but was Busy.

A friend tells us that he recently went into the store of a business man who did not advertise, and was surprised to find him busy. The storekeeper, it transpired had the itch and a Waterbury watch, and when he wasn't scratching himself he was winding his watch.—Mayfield Monitor.

In a Nutshell.

The American public demands that the government shall make every effort to prevent violations of neutrality laws in the Cuban matter, but it also hopes that the filibusters will be able to elude the utmost vigilance of the officers.—Detroit News.

The other day a bulletin reading: "St. Louis struck by a cyclone and wrecked" was sent to London. On the bulletin boards it appeared in this form: "The steamer St Louis has been wrecked by a cyclone. One thousand lives lost."

A number of our very wise people are now very animated in a discussion as to whether the late elemental disturbances, wherein so many people were killed and such a vast amount of property was destroyed, was a cyclone or a tornado. What is the difference to you, anyway, just so it doesn't play in your back yard.—Exchange.

A healthy appetite, with perfect digestion and assimilation, may be secured by the use of Ayer's Pills. They cleanse and strengthen the whole alimentary canal and remove all obstructions to the natural functions of either sex, without any unpleasant effects.

The cotton acreage in this State this year is 50 per cent. greater than it was last season. The sales of fertilizers are twice as large this season and 30 per cent. greater than in any season since the tonage tax went into effect.

Opportunity.

Opportunity is bald behind, and must be grasped by the forelock. Life is full of tragic might-have-beens. No regret, no remorse, no self-accusation, no clear recognition that I was at fault will avail one jot.

Seeing a New Light.

Nikola Tesla has announced to the world that he has perfected his latest invention, an electric lamp without any filament or film, and a revolution in electric lighting is at hand. The lamp is a bulb a few inches long, charged, so far as the eye can detect, with nothing at all—a perfect vacuum.

It will readily be understood, even from this crude statement, what an immense saving will be effected in the lighting of streets, public buildings, stores and private residences. If the invention can be made use of at once, the problem of municipal lighting is solved for the smallest city as well as the largest.

It seems peculiarly opportune that just at this time the announcement is made that the Westinghouse and General Electric Companies have ceased their warfare upon each other and, while remaining competitors in the great field of electrical apparatus, will use their patents in common.

A Nuisance Suppressed.

This account of how a selfish man "met his Waterloo" is given in "The Golden Rule":

At a certain concert a young man persisted in whispering loudly to the lady who accompanied him, telling her what the music "meant," what sort of a passage was coming next, and so on.

Hereupon a gentleman who sat in the seat in front of the young man, twisted himself about, and said gravely, "Young man, did you ever try listening to music with your mouth shut?"

The block of glass which is to be made into a vast mirror for the big telescope which is to be one of the features of the exhibition of 1900 has recently arrived in Paris from Belgium, where it has been cast.

The General in His Own Country.

Sir Evelyn Wood, V. C., tells this story: An entertainment was given in his honor at his Norfolk home on his return from Egypt. Among the crowd assembled on the occasion was the wife of an agricultural laborer.

"What," she exclaimed in amazement, "that little man, General Wood! Why, my own man could clout (thrash) him easily."

"Never," said Sir Evelyn as he concluded his story, "had I felt more humiliated in my life."—Westminster Gazette.

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