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THE RABBIT'S FOOT.

POTENCY OF THE LEFT HIND FOOT—HOW THE LATTER GOT AWAY WITH JUDGE MERRIMAN AND THE COURT—HOW MR. MORDECAI GOT EVEN WITH THE COURT—BOTH INCIDENTS TOO GOOD TO KEEP.

The potency of a rabbit's foot for good is well understood in North Carolina. The foot must be of a rabbit which made a grave yard his home, and the particular limb is the left hind foot. Charles M. Busbee and Samuel Mordecai, two of our best lawyers and popular young men, are known to go with them every day the left hind foot of a grave yard rabbit. Mr. Busbee is a firm believer in the good luck which the possessor of the kind of rabbit foot which we have described, but it is not for Mr. Mordecai to get the best of the Supreme Court with a rabbit foot.

The other day Mr. Mordecai was before the court with his books and papers and ready to make one of his briefs and arguments. Chief Justice Smith was not exactly ready for Mr. Mordecai and during the lull which this caused Judge Merriman was seen to lean over the bench and ask Mr. Mordecai how he was well prepared to argue his side of the case. Mr. Mordecai replied that he was not prepared in the sense in which learned Judge made the inquiry, and for more than a year he had not spent any case by a thorough study of points at issue and a search for precedents.

The Judge then wanted to know in what way he was prepared with his case. Mr. Mordecai replied that up to within an hour ago and a little more he had studied his cases before the Supreme Court in spite of all the preparation he had made, and at the suggestion of his friend, Mr. Charles M. Busbee, he had carried that limb of a rabbit, which he had made a grave yard his home, and carried that limb of a rabbit's foot in his pocket ever since, and that from the time he began to wear the foot he had gained almost every case before the Supreme Court without more preparation than such knowledge as he possessed of reading the papers in the cases in which he appeared.

Mr. Mordecai is a wag and is full of wit and satire, and the manner in which he got this joke off on the court amused the grave and reverend men seated upon the Supreme bench and nearly every lawyer and layman in the audience to be guilty of contempt of court, the mirth and laughter was so great.

This bit of Mr. Mordecai brings to the smart piece of repartee that Mr. Lanier got off on the court at its session. Mr. Lanier is a most excellent lawyer and is always prepared to argue his cases ably. At the term of the court immediately preceding the February term of this year, Mr. Lanier had been before the court and had picked out the important and difficult points in his several cases and had only argued them, believing the court needed no enlightenment on the minor points. The result at the term was that Mr. Lanier lost nearly all his cases. At February term last Mr. Lanier again appeared before the court and his arguments were taken nothing and proceeded to argue all the points raised by the pleadings. The Chief Justice noticed this fact and during one of his arguments the Chief Justice said to Mr. Lanier that it would be well if he would give the court the benefit of his knowledge of the common and day principles of the law. Mr. Lanier was quick to reply that he had at the last term of the court in accordance with the suggestion of the Chief Justice, and in consequence, all his cases had been decided against him, and that presumption which the Chief Justice endeavored to raise in favor of the knowledge of the court was nothing more than a violent presumption, with due respect to the court, he would be permitted to argue all the questions in the cases in which he appeared. The court collapsed and Mr. Lanier, as the late Hon. Alfred Dickery has said, "proceed with his processes" and won every case.

COTTON SEED.

DISCOVERY OF A SOUTHERN PLANTER WHICH WILL REVOLUTIONIZE THE CULTIVATION OF THIS STAPLE.

A South Carolina farmer, Mr. Theodore Ferguson, of Spartanburg, has made a discovery that will have an effect upon the agricultural interests of the South that none can yet foretell. He has produced a plant that yields cotton seed in great abundance, but without a sign of lint. His process has been tested and has been found satisfactory. It has been manipulated by the deterioration of the amount of lint to the multiplication of the seeds. This has been accomplished by the gradual, careful and critical breeding of the plant. The results obtained by Mr. Ferguson have been through scientific breeding. There are male and female cotton plants, the male being designated, he thinks, by the red stalks.

Mr. Ferguson commenced some time ago to pick out the male plants and with the seed extracted from them planted another patch separately. When this crop was ready for picking the male plants were again selected and their production of seeds planted separately again. This process of selecting male plants was kept up until at last the lint refuses to germinate and nothing is left in the bolls save a large amount of seeds. The amount of seed contained in the boll is more than equal to the weight of the lint and seed found in the average sized boll of cotton.

Mr. Ferguson believes that he can produce four hundred bushels of seed to the acre by this new discovery where only thirty-five bushels are now gathered with the lint. He has been very careful, in producing the results given above, to obliterate all vestiges of lint from a boll of cotton and has succeeded in a most remarkable manner.

The boll or pod of this new plant has the appearance, both on the exterior and in the interior, of a regular boll of cotton after the lint has been picked out. The seed is a little larger than the common cotton seed and is perfectly free from any semblance of lint. The bolls are filled with this seed, which is as numerous as okra seed in a pod of okra. It is also a valuable point in this new discovery that the bolls grow in greater profusion than usual on cotton.

The hull of the seed contains a full amount of substance exactly similar to that found in cotton seed now used in the oil mills. It is thought that this new staple will pan out in such a manner by judicious cultivation that it will supersede to a great degree the present king. If it is cultivated by the agriculturists in the near future who can tell the benefit that will arise therefrom? It will supply the demands for the oil mills and enrich the farmers. It will, if Mr. Ferguson's calculations are correct, yield to the planter \$80 where he now makes only \$50—assuming that one acre of cotton will bring \$50. The \$80 will be obtained from four hundred bushels of cotton seed, at twenty cents per bushel, that being the present price paid for the raw seed.

Is any "Flower Born to Blush Unseen?"

The old wives tell us "that blushing is virtue's livery." But alas! to many a maiden, whose soul is purity itself, has been denied the gracious privilege of wearing the delicate crimson; and all because her skin is covered with blotches, pimples, yellow "liver spots," and other discolorations. Who can tell how such a maiden loathes the very sight of herself, or who shall intrude upon her as she weeps bitter tears over her unbecoming appearance? Thrice unhappy she, if by the use of cosmetics, she shall seek to hide her wretched complexion. But if she will use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, to regulate the liver and purify the blood of all poisonous humors, she will find that her "flesh shall come again like unto the flesh of a little child." It cures scrofula, tetter, salt rheum, pimples, blotches, eruptions, and all skin diseases. Druggists.

The increased cost of publishing this paper, in consequence of its greatly enlarged size, together with the reduction of subscription to one dollar and fifty cents a year, has made it impossible to adhere strictly to the rule requiring payment in advance.

THANKSGIVING.

GOV. FOWLE APPOINTS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH.

WHEREAS, in the preamble of our State Constitution it is declared that we, the people of North Carolina, are grateful to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of Nations, for the preservation of the American Union and existence of our civil, political and religious liberties, and acknowledge our dependence upon Him for the continuance of these blessings to us and our posterity, and

WHEREAS, the Governor is directed by statute to set apart, by proclamation, a day in every year as a day of solemn and public thanksgiving to Almighty God for past blessings, and of supplication for His continued kindness and care over us as a State and Nation; now, therefore, I, Daniel G. Fowle, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby appoint Thursday, the 28th day of November, 1889, as a day of solemn and public thanksgiving and supplication, and I earnestly invoke the people of the State devoutly to assemble themselves together on that day in their respective places of worship, and supplicate for us the perpetuity of our institutions and the continuance of God's blessings to us; and while thus engaged let us not forget to ask His blessings upon the poor and needy among us, and to contribute liberally to the helpless orphans that are dependent upon our care and to the institutions which have been organized in our midst for their maintenance.

Done at our City of Raleigh, this 2nd day of November, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine, and in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Year of our American Independence.

DAN'L G. FOWLE.
By the Governor:
SAM'L F. TELFAIR,
Private Secretary.

CROSS AND WHITE.

DECISION OF SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THEIR CASE AFFIRMED BY THE U. S. SUPREME COURT.

The Supreme Court of the United States have rendered an opinion affirming the judgment of the Supreme Court of North Carolina in the case of Cross and White, President and Cashier respectively of the State National Bank of Raleigh, N. C. The crime with which they were charged was the forgery of a promissory note and a false entry in the books of the Bank, for the purpose of deceiving the National Bank examiner as to the financial condition of the Bank. It was contended in behalf of Cross and White that their offense was cognizable in the Federal and not the State Courts. It was contended that the U. S. Courts have exclusive jurisdiction to try the defendants for having made false entries on the bank's books; that forgery of the note was an essential element in such entries; and that recognition of the right of a State to try them for forgery would defeat the jurisdiction of the United States to subsequently try them for making false entries, an offense over which the United States have exclusive jurisdiction. The fallacy of this argument, the Court says, is in assuming that the making of false entries necessarily involves the crime of forgery. Either crime would have been complete without the other. The crime against the State could not be condoned by committing another and distinct crime against the United States. Some other minor points are also decided against the convicted men.

The opinion was delivered by Justice Harlan, the effect of which will be to compel Cross and White to serve out the term for which they were convicted.

100,000 People Perish!

More than 100,000 persons annually die in this country from Consumption, which is but the child of Catarrh. \$500 reward is offered by the proprietors of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy for a case of Catarrh which they cannot cure. The Remedy is sold by druggists at 50 cents.

THE CELEBRATION.

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE THREE DAYS OF THE GREAT FAYETTEVILLE CELEBRATION.

The following is the authorized programme for the Constitutional Centennial Celebration at Fayetteville, on November 20th, 21st and 22nd, issued by the Centennial committee:

1789!—PROGRAMME.—1889!
Fayetteville, N. C., November 20th, 21st and 22nd.

JULIAN S. CARR,
Chief Marshal.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH.

The city military will meet the visiting military at trains and escort their guests to Military Camp.

2 P. M., to 4 P. M.—Military review, command to move from camp at 1 P. M. sharp. Line of march: Up Gillespie street to city hall, thence down Person street to Cool Spring street to court house square, thence down Green street to city hall, thence up Hay street to review stand. Dress parade.

9 P. M.—Grand Centennial ball.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

One hundred guns at sunrise. Military to move from camp sharp at 10 A. M. Line of march up Gillespie street to city hall, where the procession, consisting of various civic organizations, secret societies and other participating bodies, will form.

12 M.—Salute of thirteen guns. Minute guns, all bells and steam whistles to be brought into use for thirty minutes.

12:30 P. M.—Grand stand exercises to begin. Music. Prayer by Chaplain Rev. J. C. Huske, D. D. Address of welcome and tender of the freedom and hospitalities of the city, Mayor N. W. Ray. Music. Letter from Hon. Jefferson Davis read. Mayor N. W. Ray introduces Gov. D. G. Fowle, who will present colors to the various regiments of the State Guard. Music. Gov. Fowle introduces the Hon. M. W. Ransom. Address by Senator Ransom.

4:28 P. M.—Forty-two guns fired, all bells ring and all steam whistles blow thirty minutes.

Fireworks display on race track, fair grounds, 8:30 P. M. to 11 P. M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND.

Military and civic parade 9 A. M. to 11 A. M.

Military to form and move sharp at 9 A. M. Line of march: Up Gillespie street to Railroad street, down same to Dick street; through same to Person street and up Person street to grand stand, where all orders and civilians will meet, and in their respective order fall into line and move down Gillespie street to fair grounds.

The column will form in front of grand stand at 12 M.

Address by Senator Zebulon B. Vance.

Competitive drill 1 P. M. to 4 P. M. on race track fair grounds.

COMMITTEE.

THE best recommendation—Every body uses Laxador when in need of a good cathartic. Sold everywhere. Price only 25 cents.

Parents cannot always carry the baby on a trip for the recovery of its health. But they can keep Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup in the house, and it will compensate for the trip by its prompt relief.

EVERY farmer should subscribe to the ROANOKE NEWS. It contains a variety of interesting matter every week, and only costs one dollar and a half a year, invariably in advance.

Merit Wins.

We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. W. M. Cohen, Druggist, Weldon, N. C.

COTTON CHOPPER.

THE GREATEST AGRICULTURAL INVENTION OF THE AGE.

The greatest agricultural invention of the age was on exhibition at the Georgia State fair a short time ago. It is a cotton chopper, invented by a Mr. Ammons. He has issued a circular which contains the following:

"My machine is made to go directly across the rows. The frame of the machine is mounted on a sleigh which is drawn over the beds. Attached to the frame are five plows, all adjustable and so arranged that they can be made to cut deep or shallow, and any width which it may be desired to leave the cotton. Following each plow is a drag, also adjustable, that pulls from the bed the cotton and grass cut from the drill and deposits and covers it up in the middle. Not only do the plows thin the cotton to a stand, but they are so arranged that dirt is thrown to the stand left, equal in benefit to the cotton as the plowing usually given after chopping. On the machine is a marker that traces the ground at the proper distance and serves as a guide to the driver of the machine, who, by making the mule walk in the trail made by the marker knows his plows will cut the proper distance from the last row cut when going the opposite direction. By pressing a lever all the plows can be thrown out of the ground and thereby become relieved of whatever trash may have accumulated on them, or to allow them to pass over small stumps or rocks. Every part of the machine acts automatically, and one or all the plows may be raised out of the ground at will. Then, when at the end of the field and wishing to turn around, by pressing three levers, all the plows are elevated, the sleigh frame is elevated and the weight of the entire machine is left on wheels which revolve on an axle and the machine is turned around with all ease. The beauty of the whole machine is, that there are no complicated parts, and any portion breaking, giving away or needing repairs, can be furnished or fixed by any ordinary blacksmith.

"I claim that with one hand and a mule my machine will chop and leave in splendid condition fifteen acres per day. Let us say twelve acres would be an everyday's work. There is twelve acres of cotton and two plowings saved at a cost of \$1.50. By hand you would first have to side the cotton. To side twelve acres of cotton would require one hand and a mule four days at a cost of \$6. Then it would take one hand twelve days at 40 cents a day to chop it, \$4.80; and then to dirt the cotton after hoeing would require one hand and a mule four days, at a cost of \$6, making a total of \$16.80, or saving of \$15.30 in favor of the machine on twelve acres of cotton.

"Not only this: As stated before, cotton chopped with the machine has sufficient dirt thrown to it and enough of the grass in the middles is covered up to allow the cotton to stand just as left after chopping for at least eight days without suffering for work, which is equal to two plowings, whereas, by the old method of hoeing it is almost absolutely necessary to follow the hoeing with immediate plowing.

A safe investment.

Is one which is guaranteed to bring you satisfactory results, or in case of failure a return of purchase price. On this safe plan you can buy from our advertised Druggist a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It is guaranteed to bring relief in every case, when used for any affection of Throat, Lungs or Chest, such as Consumption, Inflammation of Lungs, Bronchitis, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Croup, etc. etc. It is pleasant and agreeable to taste, perfectly safe, and can always be depended upon.

Trial bottles free at W. M. Cohen's drugstore.

EXAMINE this issue of the paper carefully and if you like it send us \$1.50 and get it every week for a year.

The price of this paper is reduced to one dollar and a half a year payable in advance.

MR. BAYARD MARRIED.

QUIETLY WEDDED TO MISS MARY CLYMER ON THE 7TH.

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, ex-Secretary of State, and Miss Mary Willing Clymer were married at 1 o'clock Thursday, the 7th inst., at the bride's residence, No. 1617 H. street, Washington, D. C., in the presence of a most distinguished company. The intention was to have a wedding as quiet as possible, and invitations numbering 150 were sent to relatives of the contracting parties and a few personal friends. Among the latter were ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland, ex-Secretary and Mrs. Fairchild and Mrs. Dickinson and ex-Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Rives, who went to Washington for the express purpose of attending the wedding. The Bayard family was represented by Miss Bayard, Misses Florence, Louise and Ellen Bayard, Phillip J. Bayard, James E. Williams, Jeremiah Smith and wife Miss Elizabeth H. Smith, all of Delaware; Mr. and Mrs. Warren, of Boston and Thomas F. Bayard, of New Haven.

The family connections of the bride are even more numerous than those of the groom. She is a great grand-daughter of George Clymer, one of the signers of the declaration of independence and a relative of ex-Representative Heister Clymer, Pennsylvania, and of Mrs. Ella Leitz Clymer, President of the New York Sorosis. She was given in marriage by her brother, Dr. Shubrick Clymer, of Boston. Among other persons present, were General B. F. Beall and family, Hon. Geo. Bancroft, Mrs. Story Justice and Mrs. Field Justice, Mrs. Lamar, Mrs. M. W. Fuller, Assistant Secretary Adee, Baron and Baroness Resen, of Russia; Mrs. Weir Mitchell and Mrs. Hobb, of Philadelphia, and Admiral Rodgers. A reception and breakfast followed the marriage, and soon after, the newly married couple left the city for a tour to New York and other Northern cities.

SCROFULA IN CHILDREN.

The following is taken from a letter written under date of July 1, 1889, by Mrs. Ruth Berkley, a most charitable and Christian lady, of Salina, Kan.: "In the early part of 1887 scrofula appeared on the head of my little grandchild, then only eighteen months old. Shortly after breaking out it spread rapidly all over her body. The scabs on the sores would peel on the slightest touch, and the odor that would arise would make the atmosphere of the room sickening and unbearable. The disease next attacked the eyes and we feared she would lose her sight. Eminent physicians from the surrounding country were consulted, but could do nothing to relieve the little innocent, and gave it as their opinion, that the case was hopeless and impossible to save the child's eyesight. It was then that we decided to try Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) That medicine at once made a speedy and complete cure. For more than a year past she has been as any child in the land."

CURED HIS LITTLE BOY.

My little boy had impurities of the blood that were of a scrofulous nature, which resulted in the breaking out of an abscess on the hip. I gave him Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) It purified his blood and restored his health. As a blood purifier it certainly has no equal.

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Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free.

SWIFT SPECIFIC CO.,

Atlanta, Ga.

It will be a source of regret to all that Ex-President Davis will not attend the Fayetteville celebration on account of ill health. North Carolinians would delight to honor him.

A Very Largest Percentage

Of the American people are troubled with a most annoying, troublesome and disagreeable complaint called "Catarrh." It is demonstrated beyond question that Clarke's Extract of Flax (Papillon) Catarrh Cure immediately relieves and permanently cures Catarrh. A thorough and fair trial will convince you. Use Clarke's Flax Soup for the Skin. Catarrh Cure, 8¢ per bottle. Soap 25 cents. W. M. Cohen's drugstore.