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**WAITING.**

JOHN BURROUGHS.

Serene I hold my hands and wait,  
Nor care for wind, nor tide, nor sea;  
I have no more gainst time or fate,  
For lo! my own self shall come to me.

I stay my haste, I make delays,  
For what avail this eager pace?  
I stand amid the eternal ways,  
And what is mine shall know my face.

Asleep, awake, by night or day,  
No wind can drive my bark astray,  
Nor change the tide of destiny.

What matter if I stand alone?  
I wait with joy the coming years;  
My heart shall leap where it has won,  
And garner up its fruit of tears.

The waters know their own and draw  
The brook that springs in yonder heights;  
So flows the good with equal law,  
Unfold the soul of pure delights.

The stars come nightly to the sky,  
The tidal waves unto the sea;  
Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high,  
Can keep my own away from me.

**SUNDAY SELECTIONS.**

— God writes his precious promises upon sorrow's blackboard.

— Truth is violated by falsehood, and it may be equally outraged by silence.

— "Love held the hand that held the hammer that drove the nail into Christ."—Montgomery.

— During the pilgrimage everything does not suit the tastes of the pilgrim.

— The greatest man in his who, in the midst of the crowd, keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of his character.

— Nothing pays smaller dividends in spiritual results than making a specialty of discovering the shortcomings of other people.

— An humble man is a joyous man. There is no worship in something more than the fear of God or the love of Him. It is a delight in Him.

— E. W. Faber.

— Whatever be your talents, whatever be your prospects, never speculate away on the chance of a palace that which you may need as a provision against the workhouse.—Butler.

— Take care how you listen to the voice of the flatterer, who in return for this little stock expects to derive from you considerable advantage. If one day you do not comply with his wishes, he imputes to you two hundred defects instead of perfections.

— Christianity wants nothing so much in the world as sunny people, and the old are the greatest for love, for bread, and the oil of joy is very cheap, and if you can help the poor on with a garment of praise, it will be better far than blankets.—Professor Drummond.

— Pure and undefiled religion is always recognized at sight. It does not require any argument to convince a man who can see that the sun shines; neither do those who really have the righteousness of Christ imparted unto them have to carry banners and trumpets to advertise their religion. It shows itself.

## The Weekly Star

**HOW TO WRITE A BURLESQUE.**

If you want to write a burlesque, you need a pen and ink, but you need not be a genius. You need not be a poet, you need not be a dramatist, you need not be a mimic, you need not be a dancer. You need only be a realist, you need only be a truth-teller, you need only be a man who can see the funny side of things.

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## A HEROIC ACT.

One fine evening in December I pulled off in the calling company's smart gig to the 8,000 ton tramp steamer Corona, then rolling on the long Atlantic swell just outside the breaker of the East Palms white harbor, Grand Canary.

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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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We wish to begin the New Year with clean books. All accounts with us are made out and are due on the first of the year. We hope all persons indebted to us will come forward and settle promptly.

We wish our many customers a Happy New Year, and beg a continuance of their patronage.

Respectfully,

## A. D. BROWN.

No. 29 North Front Street.

### Statement of Atlantic National Bank, Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of Business Dec. 12th, 1897. Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	\$287,841.89	Capital	\$130,000.00
Overdrafts	68.88	Surplus	\$25,000.00
U. S. Deposits	32,500.00	Dividends	75,424.01
Banking House and Fixtures	1,000.00	Circulation	42,500.00
Due from other Banks	821.00	Total Deposits	60,000.00
Cash on hand	63,944.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$444,555.77</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$444,555.78</b>

  

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Dec. 15, '97.	Dec. 15, '96.	Dec. 15, '95.
Surplus and Net Profit	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Dividends Paid	None	None	None
Assets Payable and Re-deposits	None	None	None

Dividends paid—6 per cent per annum.  
Last instalment of Capital paid in October, 1897.

## Wadeboro Messenger Intelligence.

Mrs. J. P. Hamer, wife of a prominent planter near Rockingham, died suddenly a few days ago.

—Columbus News: Mr. Jeff Ward died at his home in Bogus township last Sunday night, from a relapse from a case of typhoid fever. He was about forty-five years of age.

—Jonesboro Progress: Dr. John Shaw died at Carthage Monday night of paralysis. He had been suffering for some time. He was upwards of seventy years of age.

—Murfreesboro Index: Mr. Abraham Stephenson, aged about 21 years, died on Thursday, Dec. 22d, of consumption, at the residence of his father, Capt. Stephenson, near Boykins.

—Raleigh Press Visitor: One of curiosities in the State Prison is a negro who calls herself Queen of Sheba and devotes her entire time to cursing. She is in the department for females the criminal insane. She has a group of subjects always near her who yield implicit obedience to her will.

—Scotland Neck Commonwealth: On Monday night, January 3rd, Mrs. Penelope, wife of Mr. W. A. White, died at her home a few miles in the country, after a lingering illness of consumption. Mr. J. White killed about the beginning of the holidays, a hog that weighed 327 pounds.

—Monroe Enquirer: Mr. Hampton Horns, who took chloroform with suicidal intent one day last week, died Thursday night. He leaves a wife and several children.

—Charlotte Observer: Mr. Friday morning his daughter, Miss Maad, was in the front yard, where she was attacked by a mad dog, her arm badly lacerated and her clothing torn off her. Her screams brought assistance, and the dog was summarily slain with, but the injury was done. She was brought to town at once and Dr. O'Donoghue applied the mad stone to the arm. It adhered for some minutes.

—Winston Sentinel: Particulars were received here last night of a runaway which occurred in Wilkes county several days ago. It appears that Bill Morgan and John Waters, Jr., became intoxicated on "singlings." They stopped at the home of a man named Rich Wellbourn. When they went to leave Morgan drew his knife and disemboweled Waters. The wounded man only lived a few hours. Morgan was arrested, given a preliminary trial and bound over to the next term of court, when he will be tried for murder.

—Rocky Mount Argonaut: Mr. W. J. Cary, who lived in Nash county, was killed near town, and was found dead near the residence of J. H. Hunter, Esq., at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday night, the 29th ultimo. The body was lying near the roadside and was now being investigated by the coroner. He was wearing a dark coat, and was believed to have been returning home after a ride on his horse, belonging to the deceased was standing near by. After viewing the remains the coroner decided it was a case of heart failure. The coroner was struck by the death while riding home. Four colored people braved the icy waters of the Tar river on Christmas day. They were recent converts, and willing to stand the cold bath to show that their new faith was not in their articles of faith.

—Had Squares Up: "Sir, there are certain duties we all owe to our country."

"I don't. They soaked me for \$14 on three suits of English clothes, and I paid it sir, I paid it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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## THE STICKED.

In arranging the stickers the two essential things to be thought of are the comfort of the patient and, after that, the convenience of the nurse.

The bedstead should be firm, light and simple. If it is firm, it cannot be easily moved, and if it is simple it can be easily kept clean. If these requirements are met in the plain iron bedstead, which has the additional advantage that its width and height is adapted for the needs of the patient and the convenience of the nurse.

If the bedstead is light, it is better to have only the bedstead provided with casters; otherwise the bed will move too easily. By lifting the foot end off the floor the bed will become light and the patient causing the patient the least discomfort.

The mattress should be sufficiently soft and yielding to be perfectly comfortable to the patient, but not so soft as to allow his body to sink into it. It is very difficult to make a sick person comfortable on a sagging mattress.

The pillows should never be used in cases of sickness. They are uncomfortable for the patient, it is impossible to keep them clean, almost of necessity they keep the patient's face unnecessarily warm, and they are extremely inconvenient for the nurse.

To prevent the mattress from becoming soiled a good sized piece of waterproof material—preferably a rubber blanket—should be smoothly spread over it before the underbed sheet is put on. This sheet should be large enough to be securely tucked under the edges of the mattress, and the generally accepted practice of having a sheet under the mattress should be taken to smooth out all the creases.

The pillows should be thoroughly aired at least once a day, and whenever the pillows become stiff or damp they should be replaced with a clean one. It is very important to keep the patient's face cool, and the covering should be as light as is consistent with the comfort of the patient.—Youth's Companion.

## AMERICAN SMUFF FOR THE POPE.

Pope Leo XIII. selected just as other mortals do, and he adheres to a custom still practiced in this country by gentlemen of the old school—that of using snuff to tickle his olfactory. It is not generally known that the snuff used by the head of the Roman Catholic Church is made in Baltimore especially for his use. This particular snuff goes direct from the pen of the prince of the sacred press of the Vatican. It is the highest quality snuff made anywhere in the world, and its value is increased several times above the original cost after the customs duty has been paid to the Italian government.

The snuff for the prince of Rome is manufactured from the pick of the finest Virginia and Kentucky tobacco, the Baltimore firm which makes the snuff being careful that every vestige of stem is removed from the tobacco before it undergoes the process which changes the leaf to a meese provoker. Before it is packed the snuff is flavored with the costly star of roses.

One hundred pounds were first ordered for the Vatican. This was packed in one pound and five pound jars, each jar being placed in a leather case lined with cardinal satin. The jars were of the same color, and each was tied with cardinal ribbon. In honor of Cardinal Gibbons, through whom the Baltimore firm secured its first order, the snuff was called "Cardinal snuff."

It is supposed that the five pound jars found a resting place in the private apartments of his holiness. The one pound jars were used as presents from the pope to various cardinals and to others of his friends from a good Baltimore meese.—Baltimore Sun.

## A FUSED ARGONAUT.

The San Francisco Argonaut tells an amusing story about Alphonsus Daudet. When he brought out "Sapppo," an American publishing house that issues religious books, not knowing his character, offered Mr. Daudet a large sum for advance sheets of the work. He accepted the offer, and the advance sheets were sent. When the publishers received them, they decided that they could not issue the book, and they called to the author, "Sapppo" will not do. This dispatch puzzled Daudet. He conferred with his numbers of agents, and this was the conclusion at which they eventually arrived: "Sapppo" in French is spelled with one "p"—"Sappho," after the Greek fashion. In English it is spelled with two. An unusually acute friend pointed this out to Daudet, which much relieved the novelist, and he called back to the publisher, "Sapppo" will do it. It is needless to state that the publishers were more astounded at Daudet's reply than he had been at their abject despatch.

## THE PROFESSIONAL HOUSEKEEPER.

The principal duties of a professional housekeeper are to look after the servants, manage and pay them and see that their work is properly done, and where there is no steward, to do the provisioning. She is expected to see to the linen closet, purchase kitchen utensils when necessary and attend to the repairing of furniture.

In a small household, where there are only two or three servants, the housekeeper tends the household linen. In such cases she is generally treated as a member of the family, but in large establishments, where she has a large staff under her, she has been known to have her own apartment and leads her own life.—New York Tribune.

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