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IF.
If skies were bluer,
And fogs were fewer,
And fewer were the storms on land and sea;
Were shiny summers
Perpetual comers—
What a Utopia this would be!
If Life were longer,
And faith were stronger—
If Pleasure would bide, if Care would flee;
If each were brother
To all the other—
What an Arcadia this would be!
Were Greed abolished
And Gain demolished,
Were Slavery chained and Freedom free;
If all earth's troubles
Collapsed like bubbles—
What an Elysium this would be!

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS.

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of Edwards vs. Kearsey, decided at the October Term, 1877, that the personal property exemptions and homesteads provided for by sections one and two, article X, of the Constitution of North Carolina, were inoperative in respect to debts and obligations contracted prior to the adoption of said Constitution; and

Whereas, doubts exist whether the various statutes providing for the exemption of property from execution which were in force at the date of the adoption of said Constitution have not been repealed;

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. There shall be exempt from sale under execution or other final process issued for the collection of any debt upon all Judgements heretofore, or which may be hereafter, rendered upon causes of action existing prior to the adoption of said Constitution, (the 24th day of April, 1868) such property as the Judgement debtor may have then been entitled to have set apart and allotted to him; and that all laws providing for such exemptions and homesteads are hereby re-enacted: *Provided however*, that the value of the personal property exemptions shall not exceed five hundred dollars, and the homestead shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. That any person desiring to avail himself of the provisions of this act may have his personal property exemption and homestead set apart and allotted to him in the manner prescribed by chapter 55, Battle's Re-
visal.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 14th day of March, A. D., 1879.

THE STREAM TO THE MILL.—"I notice," said the stream to the mill, "that you grind beans fully as well and as cheerfully as fine wheat." "Certainly," cracked the mill; "what am I for but to grind? and so long as I work, what does it signify to me what the work is? My business is to serve my master, and I am not a whit more useful when I turn out fine flour than when I make the coarsest meal. My honor is not in doing fine work, but in performing any that comes as well as I can." This is what girls and boys ought to do—do what ever comes in their way as well as possible.

ROMANTIC SUICIDE.

Mr. Charles Gifford and Miss Blanche Crossfield were found drowned together in the Thames, near North Woolwich, recently, and the following romantic explanation is given: "Mr. Gifford became acquainted with Miss Crossfield when 17 years of age, through having saved her from drowning. The deceased became mutually attached, and plighted troth at the wish of the parents on both sides, but a year later Mr. Crossfield withdrew his promise, on the ground that Mr. Gifford's son was a Roman Catholic. Both deceased then arranged that neither would marry any other, and each would be wedded to the Church until Mr. Crossfield should withdraw his objection. Mr. Gifford (deceased) then staid abroad at Athens, Geneva, and Baden for some years, when he received a letter from Mr. Crossfield informing him that his daughter was dying, that he (deceased) was the cause, and adding: 'If you wed my daughter, my curse shall follow you both. I have already disinherited her.' Deceased arrived in London last Thursday week, and met Miss Crossfield at her residence at Gravesend, Mr. Crossfield having been killed in a carriage accident. Both deceased's arms were united by some silken cords, and in Miss Crossfield's purse, containing notes, &c., was found a card on which was written: 'As we may not be wed in this world, may heaven permit us in the next. In loving embrace we mutually agree to leave this selfish world.—Charles Gifford, Blanche Crossfield, Feb. 8, 1879.'"

A LECTURE ON MEMORY.

"One evening when Ralph Waldo Emerson was engaged in preparing his new lecture, Mrs. Emerson, who had that moment flattened her finger while trying to drive a nail with a smoothing-iron, thrust her head into his study and said: 'See here, sir, I want you to drop that everlasting pen of yours, for a minute or two at least, and go down to the grocery and get a mackerel for breakfast.' 'My dear,' replied Mr. Emerson, looking up from his work, my dear, can't you go? You see I am billed in a dozen places to deliver this lecture on memory, and it isn't half finished yet.' 'And that's what you call your lecture, is it?' said Mrs. Emerson, sharply. 'A nice party you are to deliver a lecture on memory.' 'And why, my love?' said Mr. Emerson, meekly. 'You never go out of the house that you don't forget to put on your hat or your boots, and you never take a letter of mine to mail that you don't carry it in your pocket for six months or a year unless I happen to find it sooner. During the past thirty days you have carried out of this house and forgot to bring back no less than seventy-five or eighty umbrellas; and you know yourself the last time you went to church you took out your false teeth because, as you said, they hurt your corns, and came away and left them in the seat. I say you are a nice man to talk to a cultured audience on memory, and if you don't trot right off to the grocery I'll expose you before you're twenty-four hours older.' Mr. Emerson started on a jump for the grocery, and when he got there he couldn't for the life of him recollect what he had come for."—*Cincinnati Inquirer*.

WHOLESALE KISSING.—A Cincinnati *Enquirer* reporter who has been investigating the charge against Dr. Keifer superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, at Xenia, Ohio, states that out of nineteen matrons in the institution sixteen admitted that they had been hugged and kissed by the doctor, some twice and others thrice. The superintendent says in defense that he intended nothing wrong, but did it to make friends with the ladies, all of whom, however, declare that his kisses were exceedingly unpleasant.

If your hair is coming out, or turning gray, do not murmur over a misfortune you can so easily avert. Ayer's hair vigor will remove the cause of your grief by restoring your hair to its natural color, and therewith your good looks and good nature.—*Adc.*

TO THE ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1879.

[Raleigh Observer.]
ACTS.

- An act to incorporate Yellow Mountain Church, of Mitchell county.
- An act to allow the County Commissioners of Craven county to work persons sent to the Penitentiary for one year upon the public roads and other works of said county.
- An act to amend chap. 97, Battle's Revisal, concerning the printing of the public laws.
- An act to authorize the collection of arrears of taxes in Halifax county.
- An act to relieve Sheriffs in certain cases, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at execution sales.
- An act concerning the out-house at the Capitol.
- An act to amend chap. 202, Laws of 1874-75, protecting the State's interest in railroads.
- An act to prohibit the sale or exchange of produce between sunset and sunrise, in the counties of Iredell, Rowan and Cabarrus.
- An act to amend chap. 152, Laws of 1871-72.
- An act to empower town Constables to serve processes.
- An act to regulate salaries and fees in certain cases.
- An act to amend sec. 1, chap. 1, Acts of 1872-73, and sec. 1, chap. 255, Acts of 1876-77.
- An act amendatory of and supplementary to an act passed at the present session of the General Assembly, and entitled "An act to prevent live stock from running at large in Rowan, Davie and other counties."
- An act to prevent the felling of trees in Angola Bay and Sheter creek, in Pender county.
- An act to define the line between Bladen and Columbus counties.
- An act to incorporate the town of Mount Holly, in Gaston county.
- An act to prevent the destruction of sea-turtle, terrapin and marsh fowl on the seacoast of Brunswick county.
- An act to authorize the Commissioners of Goldsboro to issue bonds to raise money for the erection of a market house and town hall, and to purchase a site therefor.
- An act to amend chap. 285, sec. 4, Laws of 1876-77.
- An act to repeal chap. 65, Laws of 1876-77, entitled "An act for the removal of road exemptions in Clay county."
- An act to incorporate the town of Roxboro, in Person county.
- An act for the internal improvement of Sampson county.
- An act to amend chapter 285, Laws of 1876-77, ratified March 12, 1877.
- An act to prevent the destruction of Black Fish in White Marsh, Columbus county.
- An act to provide for keeping in repair the public roads of the State.
- An act to raise Revenue.
- An act to amend the charter of the town of Chapel Hill.
- An act to authorize the Treasurer of State to exchange the stock of the State in Albemarle & Chesapeake Company, for bonds of the State (not special tax.)
- An act for the more speedy procurement of the right of way by the Winston, Salem & Mooresville Railroad Company, and for the better protection of land owners over whose lands the railroad passes.
- An act to amend chap. 140, Laws of 1874-75, and chap. 106, Laws of 1876-77. [Relating to the Oxford Railroad.]
- An act to regulate the fees of certain county officers in Pitt county.
- An act to incorporate the Bush Swamp Agricultural Canal Company.
- An act to repeal chap. 59, Private Acts of Laws of 1876-77, entitled "An act to provide a suitable house for the Governor."
- An act to restore to judgement creditors the exemptions and homesteads to which they might have been entitled prior to the 24th of April, 1868.
- An act supplemental to an act creating the State Board of Health.
- An act to incorporate the Cotton and Grocers Exchange of Raleigh.
- An act to drain certain lands in Lincoln county.
- An act to incorporate the town of Saul's X Roads, Wayne county.
- An act to incorporate the Wilmington, Wrightsville & Onslow Railroad Company, and for other purposes.
- An act to amend the charter of the town of Edenton.
- An act to allow the drainage and cleaning out of Haw river and Reedy Fork, in the counties of Guilford and Rockingham.
- An act entitled an act to charter the town of Quehele, formerly Tilden.
- An act to provide for trial by jury in certain cases.
- An act to amend chap. 242 of Laws of 1876-77. [Relating to fees.]
- An act to farm out convicts on the Robeson Narrow Gauge Railroad.
- An act for the protection of fish in McDowell county.
- An act providing for the engraving of bonds and other expenses authorized by an act passed at the present session of the General Assembly, entitled "an act to adjust and renew a portion of the State debt."
- An act to authorize the commissioners of Brunswick county to levy a special tax for the years of 1879-80.
- An act to change the boundary line between the counties of Wilkes and Ashe.
- An act explanatory of chapter 57, Battle's Revisal. [Provides for the appointment of a guardian for the habitual and periodically inebriated.]
- An act to cure irregularities in certain judicial proceedings wherein the same or all the defendants named in the summons were infants, idiots, lunatics, or persons *non compos mentis*.
- An act to establish the Board of Newbern Harbor Commissioners.
- An act to punish the felling of timber in Big Fishing Creek in Warren county.
- An act supplemental to an act to allow Leaksville and other townships in Rockingham county to subscribe to the capital stock in a railroad.
- An act for the better protection of the pupils of the N. C. Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind from certain contagious diseases, and for other purposes.
- An act for the collection of taxes against the property of Corporations, &c.
- An act to amend chapter 129, Laws of 1874-75.
- An act to remove the obstructions to the passage of fish, and to provide Fish-Ways in Gaston county.
- An act to amend sub-section 9, section 33, Code of Civil Procedure. [Relates to actions for relief.]
- An act to repeal chap. 126, Laws of 1874-75, and to allow the people of certain townships to determine for themselves the question of the sale of liquor.
- An act to create two townships in the county of Bladen.
- An act to revise and consolidate the Common School Laws of the State.
- An act to fix the number and regulate the manner of appointing the Board of Directors of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, and for other purposes.
- An act to incorporate Columbia Lodge, No. 132, I. O. G. T.
- An act to punish the entering of a dwelling house in the night time, otherwise than by breaking.
- An act to amend an act ratified 12th day of March, 1879, to amend the charter of the town of Pittsboro, N. C.
- An act to provide for submitting the proposition to amend the Constitution of the State in relation to the support of the Deaf Mutes, the Blind and the Insane of the State, to a vote of the people.
- An act to amend chap. 72, Private Laws of 1874-75.
- An act to enable the City of Wilmington to pay its present bonded indebtedness, and provide for its bonds maturing in the years 1879 and 1880.
- An act to provide for the laying off of a road from Tacker Bridge, in Jones county, to a point near Tar Landing, in Onslow county.
- An act to amend chap. 87, laws of 1876-77, establishing a Chamber of Commerce for Newbern.
- An act to amend sec. 23 and 83, of

RESOLUTIONS.

- Resolution to appoint a joint select committee and determine the ridings of the Judges of the Superior Courts.
- Resolution on Retrenchment and Reform. [Appoints a Joint Select Committee of five to take into consideration the reduction of salaries, &c.]
- Resolution in regard to mileage and *per diem*. [Strikes out the word "this" and substitutes the word "the" in third line of resolution on page 267, laws of 1876-77.]
- Resolution to raise a Joint Select Committee to examine the Western N. C. Railroad and the Western Insane Asylum.
- Resolution in favor of Judge David Schenck.
- Resolution to take into consideration the fish interests of North Carolina. [Provides for a Joint Committee.]
- Resolution to raise a Joint Standing Committee on Federal Relations.
- Resolution to print the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture.
- Resolution in relation to Justices of the Peace. [Appoints a Joint Committee of thirteen to make nominations to fill vacancies.]
- Resolution authorizing the purchase of a map for the use of the Legislature.
- Resolution requesting the Secretary of State to furnish certain information relating to his office.
- Resolution authorizing the payment of mileage and *per diem* to Messrs. Waddell and Everett, for services as members of the Board of State Censors.
- Resolution in favor of John S. Hampton. [Allows \$42, balance due as examiner of accounts of Public Printer.]
- Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to obtain an appropriation to open Waccamaw river.
- Resolution concerning the free navigation of the Cape Fear river. [Instructs Representatives in Congress to secure, if possible, an act making Fayetteville a port of entry, &c.]
- Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress regarding appropriations for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the State.
- Resolution in favor of the Raleigh National Bank, of N. C.
- Resolution in relation to the laborers to be employed in the Senate and

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- House of Representatives.
- Resolution on adjournment.
- Resolution in favor of the Engrossing Clerks of House and Senate, and Enrolling Clerks of the General Assembly.
- Resolution in favor of the North Carolina Memorial of arms in honor of George Washington.
- Resolution to develop the agricultural and other material interests of North Carolina.
- Resolution in regard to the purchase of stationery.
- Resolution requesting the Secretary of State to furnish the Judges and Solicitors copies of certain important acts of the General Assembly.
- Resolution requiring the Secretary of State to issue a grant to Joel F. Ferguson, in Wilkes county.
- Resolution in favor of the Clerk to the Committee on nominations of Justices of the Peace, and the Clerk to the Tellers on the election of Justices of the Peace, &c.
- Resolution for a conference with the authorities of South Carolina and Tennessee for the purpose of securing the removal of obstacles to the free passage of fish up the Yadkin and other streams.
- Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to advocate the establishment of two Universities in the South.
- Resolutions in favor of the colored keepers at the doors, pages and employees of both houses. [\$10 for extra services.]
- Resolution in relation to certain repairs on Capitol grounds.
- Resolution in favor of the Principal Door-keeper of the Senate. [\$50 for extra services.]
- Resolution in favor of R. P. Howell. [§28 compensation for services due at last session.]
- Resolution in favor of Alfred Williams for stationery. [§4.25.]
- Resolution of thanks to the Ministers of the Gospel of the city of Raleigh for services rendered in opening the sessions of the House.
- Resolution of thanks to the Speaker of the House and officers.
- Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to procure an appropriation to make Lumber river navigable.
- Resolution in relation to the funeral expenses of the late Chief Justice Pearson.
- Resolution to print captions of acts and resolutions of the General Assembly.
- Resolution in favor of the Principal Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives.
- A resolution in favor of the Engrossing Clerks of the General Assembly.
- Resolution in favor of the Reading Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives.
- Resolution in favor of D. W. Farman and John C. Syme, Assistants to the Principal Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives.
- Resolution in favor of W. W. Rollins.
- Resolution in favor of Jesse Patrick, of Cabarrus county.
- Resolution in favor of Richard Clayton, Tax Collector of Chowan county.
- A resolution providing for aid for the Orphan Asylum at Oxford.
- Joint resolution to amend a resolution requiring and providing for the indexing the Journals of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and preparing and indexing of Legislative documents passed at the session of 1876-77, and ratified the 12th day of March, 1877.
- Resolution concerning the Penitentiary Sunday School.
- Resolution in favor of D. S. Lydes, of Rowan county, who lost his right arm and right leg in the Confederate service.
- Resolution on adjournment.
- Resolution in favor of certain witnesses in case of State vs. G. W. Swenson.
- Resolution of instruction to our Senators and Representatives in Congress to aid in securing an appropriation to deepen and widen the rivers and sounds of Eastern North Carolina.
- Resolution in regard to dynamite cartridges in the destruction of fish.