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NOTICE!

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Edgecombe county, N. C. rendered at Fall Term 1890, in an action therein pending wherein E. A. Draughan is plaintiff and S. H. Draughan, administrator of J. W. Draughan, S. H. Draughan, guardian ad litem for Alex. Draughan et el. and S. H. Draughan, Elias Barnes and wife Wallace et al, are defendants, I will on Monday, the 13th day of April, 1891, it being the first day of the Superior Court of said county sell for cash, at the Court House door of said county, to the highest bidder, a certain tract or parcel of land, consisting of 144 acres, more or less, situated in said county and in No. 6 township, being part of the homestead of said J. W. Draughan and fully described in said action. This March 9th, '91. G. M. T. FOUNTAIN, Commissioner of Court.

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TARBORO, N. C.

Tarboro Graded School

Honor roll for the month ending March 31;

First grade—Kate Nash, Lizzie Nash, Fannie Royster, Florence Savage, Edwin Farrar, Sydney Eatman

Second grade—Placide Bridgers, Hester Powell, Reba Bridgers, Aby Armheim, Leigh Lichtenstein, Howard Cotten.

Third grade—Helene Battle, Mary Clark, Sue Shurley, George Pennington.

Fourth grade—May Beatty, Lena Simmons, Lizzie Zoeller, Nathan Lawrence.

Fifth grade—Mary Bynum, Della Clark, Julia Heilbroner, Mattie Howard, Anna Powell and Bennie Brown.

Sixth grade—Della Horne.

Seventh grade—Mamie Armheim, Nannie Clark, Mabel Curtis, Sallie Lawrence, Dora Teiser.

Blue Farmers.

The fact is painfully patent, farmers are blue, blue as indigo.

Work has not only been retarded by the rains, while they were falling, but the ground is so full of water that the prospect for early resumption of work on many farms is not in sight. Ordinarily, other work might be engaged in that would bring every thing up all right, but at this stage of the season when crops have to be planted, any deterrent is a serious drawback.

Monday a farmer, whose land is by no means lower that the average, was asked by the reporter what his prospects were for work. He replied that he saw nothing but water on his farm, and if it stopped raining now it would necessarily be some time, after the streams subsided, before he would be able to resume work.

But the "cakes are not yet all dough" by a very considerable sight. With good seasons from now out fine crop can yet be realized, Now let man do his part and all will be well.

Alliance Meeting.

The Tarboro sub-Alliance met Thursday, all the officers being present and a fair attendance of members and the following is a synopsis of business transacted:

One application for membership was accepted.

F. B. Lloyd, in a lucid, interesting manner, explained the secret work and J. J. Pittman, and W. R. Edmundson were appointed to perform that duty at next meeting.

J. B. Lloyd, W. G. Turner and J. J. Pittman were elected delegates to represent the sub-Alliance in the county Alliance which meets next Friday.

As a subject for discussion at next meeting, J. J. Pittman introduced the following: Resolved, that the substitution of peanuts and tobacco as a money crop will enhance farm lands in the county and improve generally the condition of the farmers. W. L. Barlow and J. J. Pittman were appointed to open the discussion, with liberty to all to join.

W. M. Redmond was appointed to give a talk on peanut culture.

It was resolved that Tarboro sub-Alliance meet hereafter at three o'clock in the afternoon on First Thursdays in each month,

Hereafter at each meeting discussions will be called on agricultural and kindred topics and this will be a most important, edifying and instructive feature. The SOUTHERNER will be glad to publish the proceedings of other sub alliances. It believer it will increase the interest in the order.

The Alert "Morgan."

The brightest sign of the times, looking to the improved condition of farmers, is their growing aversion to giving liens on their crops, in advance of planting for prospective supplies. It is not meant to be understood that they ever flew with avidity to sign away their rights to their future labor, but simply it is viewed with greater abhorence than heretofore. That a burnt child is afraid of fire and a scalded dog observes askance a steaming kettle, goes without saying. Few there be, who have ever been compelled to obtain advances through this method, but what have been deeply bitten.

They well know it is the dearest sort of credit; that it will pay fo mortgage land for money and pay cash for what they are compelled to have. They say, with a succession of poor crops and poorer prices, they were driven into these crop liens. These necessarily conduced to extravagance. When the mortgagee saw the crop would not more than pay for the supplies, it begat despond and laziness.

In short, in every way, the system has worked great evil. No man could feel independent bound up to a merchant. Indeed, he felt, in some measure, that he was a slave.

Another good sign is the greater economy that is practiced. True this has been enforced, but now the weight of every dollar is felt and, when spent, it left a painful hole.

The outlook is quite encouraging and the future of the Edgecombe farmer is full of glorious possibilities, with the revelations brought to view by diversified crops.

Why let the little ones suffer with rheumatism, when 25 cents will buy a bottle of Salvation Oil?

Of far greater value than money is health; therefore, for coughs and colds use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the infallible remedy. Price 25 cents.

Improved Stock.

Soon after the war Edgecombe set the initiative in the improvement of stock. The leaders in this move, especially in the line of full-bred horses were Dr. L. L. Staton and Major D. H. Barlow and their lead has been followed until nearly every farm has at least one well graded colt. Many of these have shown the speed and beauty and characteristic points of their ancesters.

But it seems still further improvement is just now receiving a new impetus and great things are expected of the North Carolina Stock Association, whose headquarters are here and whose officers are mainly Edgecombe men.

Fine cattle, though, have not only kept pace with, but have outstripped the horses in the upbuilding. Any one calling at the various farms in the county would be astonished to see the full-blood and finely graded cows. In a short time a man will be ashamed to own piney woods, tick-sick. Time was when this class of stock received little attention, but was left to forage for itself. Now, it must be fed and farmers will put their provender in stock where it will do most good.

When it comes to sheep, just consider a big, hot scalding tear drop filling the space. So long as our legislatures cultivate the curs, sheep will be *nil*

Hogs are not receiving the attention, their importance demands.

Arden, the Coon Hunter.

STATE UV TEXAS, MAR. 27, '91

Mr. Editur uv de SUTH'NER:—The littl peck yer put in fur me 'bout Texas warmints has fetch mes'm many letters dat I ain't got no time to ansur 'em all, so I takes dis method of ansurin' sev'ral at de time an' will keep on 'twel I gits thu.

To Waxum Minkey, Esq.

No, dey doan eat skunks in Texas, not ef dey know deyselves an' kin git buzzard, or dead hoss. Er skunk, however, mout be good ef his mus' wus cut out, but your uncle Arden aint gwine ter try to 'proach er skunk ter do de cutin'. Dey aint chains an' oxen 'nough in Texas ter git him dar, 'kase he's don' had 'sper'ence. When I wus back ter Edgecombe I wus coon huntin' one night an' de dog treed in er brush heap. I heit de light up high ter see wh t it wuz, when de fus' thing I know'd I thought 'twus rainin'. At de same time, see I er white sump'in shot out in de darkness.

Den I got sick enough to vomik my leather 'spenders an' gallus pegs I vomik'd one hour side uv er log an' de dog he wuz doin' likewise on de tuther side.

By an' by me an' de dog started home an' when I knocked at de door, an' my ole 'oman opn'd it, an' slam-m'd it in my face hollerin' 'a-g-h, Arden, g'way f'um here; yer jes fairly draws buzzards. Why, de wind blowin f'um yer stinks dis whole house.' Den I went an' buried my clo'es an' washed an' washed, 'fore de ole 'o'e o'man'd let me in.

De dog slep' under de house. Well, I had ter make er pen an' tie him in it fur er mon' 'twel it wore off. Dem clo'es! Why, Waxum, I b'lieves de buzzards is flyin' over whar dem clo'es is buried right now.

'Skuse me, I aint 'proachin' no skunks at my time uv life.

To Wooly Wamboll. 'Tis er fac' uv my knowledge dat mos' warmints will eat sum sort uv bugs. Coon is fon' of grasshoppers at surtin seasons an' dey make 'em mighty fat, but it makes de meat tas' buggy an' yer kin smell it on de skin er hundred yards to win'ard an' eatin' too much uv de meat at sich times will make biles break out on yer. Parbilin' won' do no good.

Guilfordcourthouse Boon:—Possums is so fat here ef yer'd go ter fry one his grease wud bile over an' put out de fire, yer has ter be keerful an git de flesk fat out an' try it out ter make biscuit wid. De flavor aint good as Karolina 'possums wid de simmons ter eat. 'Sides de Texas warmint is monstus liable to ded hos.

Dis is all dis time, Miste Editur.
Dis is de song I sings ter de boys.
I'se er gay ole coon hunter all de way f'um ole Karline.
I kin ketch er dozen warmints on any night dat's good an' fine
Wid er drop or two er red liquor ter make me peart an' merry,
Kin beat de young uns on de hunt 'kase my name is ARDEN CHERRY.

Cheap Cuts of Meat.

Many of the so-called cheap cuts of meat are preferable, for instance, the shoulder of mutton is much more delicate than the leg, as most persons know, the price is low. The English, who of all people know what good mutton is, always give the leg to the household and save the shoulder for guests or first table. However, meat is not the only thing you must learn to choose.

Every housewife does not know that a delicious stew may be made of round steak, which costs a mere trifle when compared with the choicest sirloin and porterhouse steaks. First pound the round steak, then cut it into small pieces and proceed as with any meat stew.

Everybody Knows

That at this season the blood is filled with impurities, the accumulation of months of close confinement in poorly ventilated stores, workshops and tenements. All these impurities and every trace of scrofula, salt rheum, or other diseases may be expelled by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the best blood purifier ever produced. It is the only medicine of which 100 doses one dollar is true.

W. L. SAUNDERS

Finds His Last Resting Place in Tarboro by the Side of His Wife.

In pursuance of a call from Mayor Clark a meeting of the citizens was held in Town Hall at 12, m. Friday for the purpose of expressing public sentiment with regard to the late Col. W. L. Saunders and do honor to his remains that were to be brought to Tarboro for interment.

In the absence of the Mayor, Judge Philips was asked to preside and Frank Powell made secretary.

On motion a committee on resolutions of respect and to submit a programme, consisting of Jno. L. Bridgers, S. S. Nash, H. C. Bourne, W. S. Clark and J. A. B. Thorne, was appointed.

A committee of three, H. K. Nash, Jr., Geo. Howard and L. Heilbroner, were appointed to meet the remains at Rocky Mount.

The following order of procession, recommended by the committee, was adopted, first; town council; second, confederate veterans; third, Edgecombe Guards; fourth, Hook and Ladder Co, fifth, citizens. Capt. W. H. Powell and J. B. Lloyd were appointed marshals.

When the corpse arrived it was attended by many prominent men, among them being Rev. Dr. Marshall, ex-Gov Jarvis, Dr. Kemp P. Battle, Auditor Saunderlin, ex Auditor Robertson, Grand Sire Chas. M. Busbee, R. H. Battle, Esq., Capt. S. A. Ashe, Plum Batchelor, Col. Thos. S. Kenan, Maj. R. S. Tucker and Capt. A. B. Andrews.

The remains were escorted to Calvary Church in the following order. Edgecombe Guards, hearse, carriages with friends, Confederate Veterans, Hook and Ladder Co., Citizens.

The solemn services were conducted by Rev. Dr. J. B. Cheshire, Rev. Dr. Marshall and Rev. G. P. Hebbard.

The church was filled with citizens, showing the great respect in which Col. Saunders was held.

All that was mortal of the grand man was laid by the side of his wife in Calvary cemetery. The Guards fired the usual salute over the grave and the crowd slowly wended their way homeward.

CHEER UP.

Cheer up o Agricola, be cast down nor dismayed
'Cause th' season's a little wet don't think your chances "played."
Hold up your head, whistle loud, resolve to be true blue,
Forge ahead, when e'er you can, and you'll get there, too.

Latest Foreign News.

BERLIN, April 1.—The German Surgical Congress was opened here to-day. Proffessor Bergmann read a report on the Koch treatment, maintaining that the remedy is a specific for tuberculosis. The majority of the other speakers expressed favorable views.

FRIEDRICHRUH, April 1.—Prince Bismark, who is seventy-six years old to-day has been receiving deputations all day with addresses and floral offerings from all parts of Germany. Early in the morning the reveille was sounded under the window of the Hrince's apartment by the Ratzburg Jaegers. Every train brought large numbers of strangers. Among the visitors were the Duke of Ujes and other persons of title, several Hamburg guilds and a number of Munich artists. Prince Bismark received many telegrams and gifts from abroad, During the day the Prince appeared in public three times, and on each occasion was received with fervent cheers and handshakings. To-night a torchlight procession was held in which 3,000 persons took part.

ROME, April 1—Inquiries made at the Vatican this morning show that the Pope has improved in health since yesterday, when he was confined to his bed by stomach troubles. His Holiness to-day received Cardinal Rampolla and the Duke and Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

Ocean Wonders.

As oceans cover three-fourths of the earth's surface, it is interesting to know certain facts regarding them. The water at the bottom of the ocean is much colder than at the surface, and in many places the water freezes below before it does above. At the depth of 3,500 feet waves are not felt. The temperature is the same, varying very little from the poles to the equator. Waves are deceptive—water does not travel; it stays in the same place and the motion goes on. Sometimes, in storms, waves are forty feet high. The base of a wave—the distance from valley to valley on either side at the bottom—is reckoned fifteen times the height. A wave twenty feet high for instance, has a base extending over 300 feet. A mile down, the water has a pressure of a ton to every square inch. Taking the average depth of the sea to be three miles, there would be a layer of salt 230 feet deep, if the water should evaporate. The force of waves breaking on the shore is said to be seventeen tons to the square yard.—New York Ledger.

Married.

At the residence of Mrs. R. H. Rowe, Tuesday evening S. P. Alley with Miss. Sue, daughter of the late Col. W. H. Knight, Rev, D. H. Tuttle, officiating.

To purify
Your blood
Take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Latest News.

Baron Fava's note to Secretary Blaine in which he announces that he will "speedily leave America," calls the Secretary's attention to the two demands of Italy; that the guilty parties be brought to justice and indemnities to the families of those murdered by the New Orleans mob. It seems that Baron Fava's relations with Mr. Blaine have been strained for some time. War with Italy is not expected....The victims of the grip still increase all over the West and North....The republicans have probably carried Rhode Island.... Wm. Foster, of Chicago, lived in Indianapolis thirteen years ago and there his nurse kidnapped his beautiful three year old daughter. The mother died of grief. An anonymous letter told where the child was abandoned. With this clue he traced her from family to faimly and at last found her the adopted daughter of a rich farmer, well educated and his prospective heiress....The Chilian war is fiercely raging. The iron clad Blanco, in the hands of the insurgents, fired a shot into the government boat, Florence, blowing her entirely out of the water and killing all her crew of 17 men. Santiago de Chili advices confirm liberal victories at the polls. The government and insurgent fleets are expected to meet and a decisive fight to follow....The U. S. Steamer Galena, which was thought to be a total wreck, has been righted and will continue her trip to Portsmouth, N. H....Jesse Newman, an Omaha colored police, man with two colored waiters, went in to the Keystone Chop House and ordered dinner; service was refused and a free fight ensued. Several were killed and dangerously wounded.....Under the new tariff granulated sugar came down to 4½ cents.

"That tired feeling" is entirely overcome by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which gives a feeling of buoyancy and strenght to the whole system.

Too Much for Ned.

Governor Nicholls, of Louisiana, as most people know, has lost an arm and a leg, but so deftly have the artificial members been fitted to the stumps that but few people are in the secret of his loss. His colored body servant was left behind on the occasion of his last visit in Vicksburg, and they put at his disposal during his stay there a likely young lad, who was told to try and take the old body servant's place. That night, when Governor Nicholls was ready to retire, he stretched out one of his legs to Ned, the servant, and said: "Ned, unscrew that leg." Ned's eyes began to open with horror but he obeyed, and took the leg off. Governor Nicholls then said, calmly stretching out an arm, "Ned, unscrew that arm." The boy rolled up his eyes until nothing but the whites could be seen, but he obeyed and unscrewed the arm. The Governor, who now realized his condition of mind, determined to have a little fun with him, so, reaching out his neck, he said: "Ned, unscrew that head." But the boy never waited to see whether his head would come off or not, and no one ever succeeded in getting him to go near Governor Nicholls again He said he was the worst "hoodoo" that he ever saw.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Poisons In Cosmetics.

It seems to be the fashion for young ladies with pimples and blotches on their faces to make experiments with various cosmetics. Madame Piffypaffy advertises her foreign-named compound, composed of a combination of poisonous mineral substances that deaden and burden the delicate substances of the skin. There are no complexions like those that nature give. The tonic, strengthening and health giving effects of Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) permit nature to work her will in this respect, as thousands of ladies, both young and old, have discovered. The cheapest and most beautiful complexions depend on health and vigor. It is the office of Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) to give vigor and tone and health to the system, and in this way to give lustre to the eye and roses to the cheeks.

Hints to Housekeepers.

Allow, applied warm, will soften and finally cure corns and bunions.

Apples will not freeze if covered with linen cloth, not plaster coated burn if in the oven with a dish of water.

Purify cloths that have been kept from the air by laying pieces of charcoal (wrapped in paper) in the folds. Try the open air first.

It is said that to drink sweet milk after onions will purify the breath so that no odor will remain. A cup full of strong coffee is also recommended.

Don't forget to have a few beans of coffee handy, for this serves as a deodorizer if burnt on coals of paper. Bits of charcoal are useful in absorbing gases and other impurities.

Keep your jelly in cool, dry closet. Either write the name of the variety of the jelly on a neat little slip of white paper, and paste this on the side of the glass, or write in the center of the covers before pasting them on.

A pretty way of serving eggs for tea is this: Cut bread in nice square pieces and toast. Take eggs out of the shell, keeping yolks whole. Beat the whites to a stiff froth, lay the beaten whites around nicely on the toast, drop yolks in center of white ring, salt and put in hot oven to bake a few minutes. When you take them out of the oven, pour a little melted butter on toast.

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The crawfish is an expert on side walks.

The bill-poster knows his place and here he sticks.

"Well, I'll be blowed!" as the tin horn said to the small boy.

Women are wedded to fashion and they love, honor and obey it cheerfully.

Talk is cheap, when you can send it through the telephone at the rate of 10 cents an hour.

Argument is often introduced to establish falsehood. It takes few words to make truth convincing.

Every heart knoweth its own bitterness. Many a man who looks happy is wearing a shirt his wife made.

I suppose it's all profit in the drug business?" "All profit? Do you suppose we get fixtures and showcases for nothing?"

"Jane, the biscuits were like lumps of lead this morning!" "Yes'm, I know that, but then I heard you say the master had to have a heavy breakfast before going to his business.

Minnie—Oh, yes, Jennie Figg was there of course; and making herself generally obnoxious, as usual. Mamie—You ought to be ashamed of talk so. Jennie doesn't make herself obnoxious. She's born that way. She merely makes herself conspicuous.

Agent of Benevolent Society—The people of that tenement house on Key street are wretchedly poor, but they are proud and independent. They say they need no help. President of society—Then how do you know they are very poor? Agent—I stumbled over nine dogs on their stairway.

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Utilizing Old Carpets.

Ingrain carpets, worn beyond repair, should be cut into lengthwise strips, and woven the same as a rag carpet. It is unnecessary to sew the ingrain cuttings, weavers generally preferring to overlap the strips as they weave. Mats and carpets assume quite a Persian look when made in this way, and are very durable.

When the carpet is only worn on the edges or in certain spots the good portions may be sewed together, a border put on and a good looking rug made.

"Beware of Dogs."

When the master warns us of men and dogs in one breath, it is evident that he refers to "men-dogs," or, as we sometimes say, "two-legged dogs."

We will now proceed to call the dogs, with the understanding that no one is expected to come unless called.

1. The "bow-wow dog," whom to name is to know. This is the snippy, self-important, pompous, big-I lady-you brother, who is such a terror to defenceless women and children; also a mortal dread to cowards and scary people; but he won't bite. Indeed his only object is to frighten, and so carry his point, and his success is marvelous for a while. He is the same old animal in a brand new skin.

2. The "cur," which is the no'count, good-for-nothing brother; weak, rather than mean, to be sure; but nevertheless mean in his weakness. He is the tool or cat paw of every devil in the community. He is like a jug in which everybody spits and nobody cleans, and very easily turned over.

3. The "growler." Here you have the objecting, complaining, cross grained, fault-finding brother, that gives everybody the cramp colic and lock-jaw whenever he opens his mouth. The day of his death is the only one to which the world welcomes him, and this is clouded with a bitter thought of to-morrow.

4. The "tice." And to name this brother is to bear him bark, for which end he seems to have been born. This is the obtruding, meddlesome, busy-body little fellow, whose delight is to set other dogs fighting and then slip out.

5. The "snarling dog" that turns up his nose at all other dogs except his like-minded companions. He wears a sneer, and has the appearance of smelling a bad odor, which he mistakingly supposes to arise from using snuff.

6. The snapping dog. That is the irritable touching, touch-me-not-like-a-mad-cat brother who thinks everything bad is meant for him, because anything meant for him, and he feels that everybody sees it as he feels it.

7. The "sneaking dog." In other words, the flattering, sobbe i, grinning, "thank-God-I'm-humble" brother—a veritable wolf with enough wool on him to start a factory. Don't trust the man that wears a grin.

8. The "poodle." This species is mostly feminine, sometimes neuter, belongs to the ragged end of the dude family, and finally spins out. She is quite fond of other dogs that will notice her, and is not at all choice, as all dogs are alike to her. She is more clothes than dog, and quite dangerous, as she is liable to run mad.

9. The "mad-dog." Lastly, we all notice the mad-dog, to become which all the others are liable, because it is a disease, and while inherited to some extent, the greatest danger is from contagion; for those affected have a mania to give it to others. It is a very distressing complaint, and almost invariably fatal. The afflicted are first taken with a running at the mouth, (which gradually grows worse in quantity and quality) from which it takes its name hydrophobia. It is communicated by the bite, and usually from behind; hence it is sometimes called backbiting, or tattling for short.

It is said dog won't eat dog, but this sort eats his fellows. Cannibalism is not confined to Africa, nor to the flesh.

To ignore some of the above is to kill them, while for others we need a club.

There are several other dogs of whom we would like to speak, viz: the bull dog, or whiskey fellow, who is very vicious, and never lets go till choked off; the office dog, or politician, who is always at his place, but to feed, not to serve; and the lap-dog, whose name is enough.—R. E. Peele in Biblical Recorder.

Farmers' Barn Yards.

Some day, when you have nothing else to do, take a ride through the country and count all the neatly-kept barn-yards you see. Even if you have other duties, go, if for no other reason than out of curiosity. In a ride of twenty miles you will not see ten half neatly-kept barn yards, and not more than two—more likely not one—as it should be kept. You will see a wagon here, another there, over there a sled and in another place a hay-rack, flat on the ground, all ranged about the middle of the lot; and beside all these things you will see plows, corn planter, harrows, small hay-stacks, piles of boards, rails, posts and many other things I cannot now enumerate, thrown around in a haphazard way hap-hazard to put any farmer to shame. Not a blade of grass to be seen, when there should be a well-sodded yard.

In thinking of the many, many farmers I have known, I can remember but one who has a well kept barn-yard. And as the yard indicates, he is a very methodical farmer. "A place for everything and everything in its place," is his motto, and the entire farm shows that his motto has become a reality, not a mere theory.

When he drives in to the lot his wagon has a place of its own; each piece of machinery has its own place. Nothing is left in the center of the lot for a horse to run over and perhaps cripple itself. This barn yard furnishes pasture for two work horses during the summer nights, and for four or five calves through the entire summer; yet, it does not contain over two acres But the horses are never allowed to run in it when the ground is soft. Of course, it never becomes cut up and rough. The farmer has hauled plenty of gravel about the barn, and little or no mud is found there.

As most barn lots are along the road in line with the house yard, one would suppose as much care would be taken to keep them in order as is used on other premises. There is just where you are mistaken, as a ride will convince you. The house-yard may be perfectly neat and the adjoining barn-lot may be a perfect slough of filth and disorder.

Why do not these men realize that their lots are but blots on an otherwise lovely picture? Why not use a little forethought when driving in with machinery and vehicles? It takes no longer to drive a wagon to the same place each time, than it does to unhitch wherever the horses may happen to stop.

"But," says one, "I haven't room."

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