

CHILDREN'S CONGRESS COMMENDED.

The plan of Mrs. Eugene Little, to have a congress of school children meet in Wadesboro, is being heartily commended on all sides. The Charlotte Observer makes this editorial reference to it:

"A scheme has been devised by some Anson county people interested in the betterment of the public schools which, we believe, will work well if carried out. This is a congress, to be composed of a boy and a girl from each school in the county. It will meet in Wadesboro at the time of the teachers' meetings. The members of this congress will be the guests of the people of the town, and in their meetings will bear talks upon the subject of making the school-houses prettier and more comfortable. They will be given instructions how to make these changes in a simple and inexpensive way. The members of each congress will attend two sessions, so they can report what they have done and get new ideas from each others' experiences. Then, according to the plan, a new congress will be elected by the members of the schools, and, we presume, a new one every two months whose members will hold two sessions. The plan is as interesting as it is novel. Mrs. Eugene Little of Wadesboro is at the head of the movement. She deserves much credit for the undertaking, for she must know she has assumed a rather heavy burden. If she and the friends of the movement accomplish only a part of their expectations they will nevertheless set an excellent example."

The Charlotte Evening Chronicle also editorially endorses the congress as follows:

"The latest educational stunt in Anson county is an enterprise to be known as 'The Children's Industrial Congress.' Its object is the betterment of the public schools of Anson and Mrs. Eugene Little is its sponsor. In explanation of the scheme, The Messenger and Intelligencer says that the congress will be composed of delegates (a boy and a girl from each school) elected by the school children. The first congress is to assemble Saturday, March 5th, the day on which the teachers of Anson meet. The ladies and business men of Wadesboro are to entertain this little body of workers with a dinner. These little congress-boys and congress-girls are going to talk with Mrs. Little about doing things to make the school houses more comfortable and pretty, and they are going to be shown how to do things in such a simple way that they will go back home so full of the spirit of betterment that it will be contagious. The representatives are elected for two terms, or rather, to two congresses. The members who attend the congress of Saturday, March 5th, will be present as members of the second congress. Then they will have to do some nice political work if they are re-elected. It's a very novel and interesting way and is sure to please the little folks and result in great good. The spirit of it is admirable. We shall not be in the least surprised to see Anson county take its place as North Carolina's leading educational county, if, indeed, it does not already hold that place. We know of no county in the State where more persistent educational activities are displayed."

THAT PEST, THE SIDE SADDLE

Editor Messenger and Intelligencer:

I was rather amused by a letter from a young girl friend in your neighborhood bewailing that she had no side-saddle, and folks said it was very improper for a woman to ride on a man's saddle! Now, can anybody point out where the improperity is?

Most unquestionably the cross saddle is far better for the woman. She sits in a natural, comfortable position, the best for controlling her horse. She does not have to twist her spine to sit straight. She is far safer, anyway. If a girl loosens she can level her saddle by beating her weight on the high stirrup. How many women have been hurt by a turning side-saddle tumbling them off? And how many have been dragged? The person who has seen a lady dragged and the horse put his foot in her face, as I have seen, will never forget it. But with proper saddle-bars, on a cross-saddle, a foot cannot strike on the stirrup.

Then how very much better it is for the horse. How few horses carry a side-saddle long without getting a sore back? But, some will say it is immodest. And there is the real hitch. Now, why is it immodest? The woman certainly looks better. This foolish notion reminds me of a Knott county woman in Kentucky, up in one of the wild mountain counties, where feds still rage, when "they cannot play baseball for want of level ground enough." A party of Easterners had come in via Virginia, and by that route there are no roads, only bridle paths over the mountains. So the ladies of the party rode on cross-saddles, and the town of Hindman was shocked. One mountain woman herded up her children and shut them in the cabin (no windows in it) as she "wasen't gwine to let her children see nothin' so wadded as them wemics ridin' men's saddles!"

Now, you who think it immodest, I beg you to commune with yourselves and see if your own immodest thoughts are not the fountain of the idea of immodesty?

At the school for the deaf in Morgantown a lot of the very sweetest and purest women living in North Carolina, a Georgian and a South Carolinian, ride cross-saddles always, and he would be a bold man who would charge them with impropriety.

As to the history of the side-saddle, it was devised for one of the wickedest women who ever disgraced the court of France.

So, please do not let a mere misty notion, utterly confounded in truth, right or reason, condemn women to the misery of the side-saddle.

My daughter is one of the best horse women I ever knew. She can handle a horse that will not behave for men. She learnt riding on a side-saddle, but declared that her daughter should never mount one, and has kept her word. Wm. Wailes.

Oakmont, Pa., Feb. 17, 1910.

[Mr. Wailes is a wealthy philanthropist who takes special interest in the blind deaf and dumb, not only in this country, but abroad. He is well known to all workers among this class of unfortunate and uses his means without stint for the betterment of their condition.—The M. & I.]

"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER."

Oliver Goldsmith's admirable comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," will be presented by local talent at the Graded School Auditorium to-morrow evening at eight o'clock, under the auspices of the Betterment Association. The leading parts will be taken by Miss Turner as Mrs. Hardcastle, Mrs. Roy Huntley as Mrs. Hardcastle, Mrs. J. F. Allen as Tony Lumpkin, Miss Terrell as Miss Hardcastle, and Miss Dees as Young Marlow.

Nothing could be more original, and yet more truthful than the character of Young Marlow, the high-spirited, jovial rake, setting the table in a roar by his boldness in questionable company, and sinking into a bashful, tongue-tied simpleton in the presence of the well-mannered and pure Mrs. Hardcastle stands out a perfect picture of the real old English gentleman, the personification of the best qualities of his caste, overflowing with bounteous hospitality, but "sudden and quick in quarrel," when he fancies himself insulted at his own hearth. Mrs. Hardcastle, too, is an admirable bit of nature; her idolatry for the rude, rough, practical joker, her son, who is eternally disturbing the serenity of the mansion by his droll horse play and quaint humor. Miss Hardcastle is a very pleasing conception. Her great good sense, her keen appreciation of "the situation," and her faultless style of carrying on the jobs are all exquisitely portrayed, as if by a few rapid lines. Tony Lumpkin is an original character. From the top of his jockey cap to the spurs of his top boots, there is not a grain of imitation about him. Tony is one of those personages that become to us "more real than real." The other characters are all in their degree successful studies from nature.

The players have been working faithfully for the past month in order to present to the public a play that will be interesting, amusing, and at the same time appealing to the sympathy of the hearers. Each part promises to be well played.

The Fault.

Compellian Magazine.

In Western Kansas a teacher in a primary grade was instructing her class in the composition of sentences. After a talk several minutes she wrote two sentences on the blackboard, one syntactically wrong and the other a misstatement of fact. The sentences were: "The hen has three legs" and "Who done it?"

"Willie," said the teacher to one of the youngsters, "go to the board and show where the fault lies in those two sentences."

Willie slowly approached the board, evidently studying hard on the tangle. Then to his teacher's consternation he took the crayon and wrote: "The hen never done it. God done it."

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Warriors Get Busy.

Correspondence of the M. & I.

Right now is the time for every farmer in the United States to do himself, his family and every farmer in the country a great service. Let everyone in Anson county write a personal letter to Honorables Simmons, Overman and Page and tell them we want a law to prohibit gambling in farm products.

It is not right for the great capitalists in Wall str. to control the prices, by gambling, on the cotton and other products we farmers work so hard to make. The fluctuations in price every five minutes are nothing but gambling, and fill the capitalist's coffers and do not help the Southern farmer.

—So, Brethren, help us to get a bill passed in Congress, this session; right now! to forever stop this gambling in futures. Everybody, whether a farmer or not, who will, write the congressman from your district and tell them what we want. Another thing, let every farmer join the Farmer's Union and help bring the South into her own. UNION MAN.

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Tillman Out of Danger.

Washington, Feb. 22.—There was rejoicing tonight among the friends of Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, when the attending physician announced that his patient was practically out of danger. The recovery of the Senator has been almost miraculous, in the opinion of medical men, and he continues steadily to improve. At 9 o'clock tonight Dr. M. F. Pickford gave out the following bulletin:

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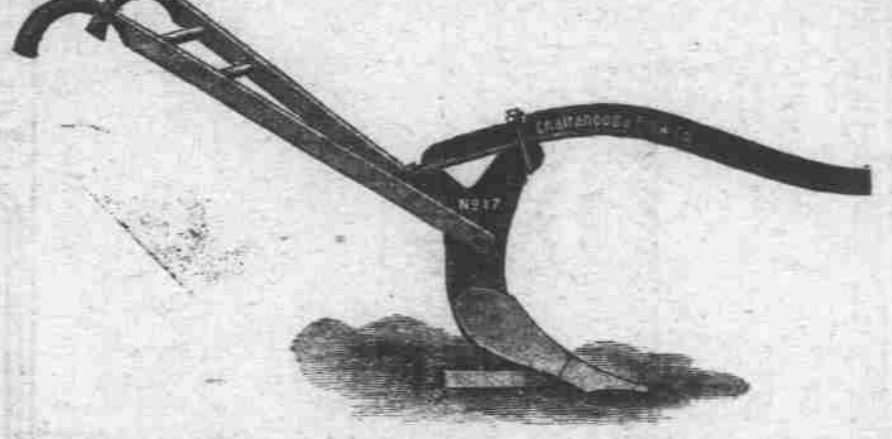
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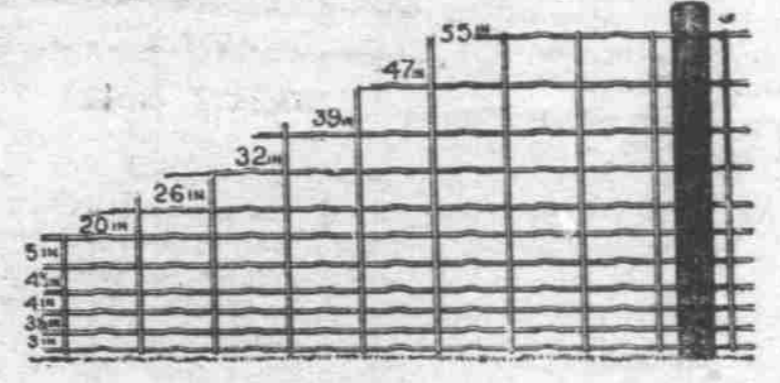
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