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Dr. Galy's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and condenser.

Some people on their families pride, Some have their rank and station, But those of all is he who loves A splendid reputation.

One tushing maid, oh, bashful youth, If you would have salvation, Remember that the road to it Is through your reputation.

You may be rich, you may be great, You may have education, But with all these if you have not With them a reputation?

You may lose his dearest friend And have no food for ration, But then, this loss is trifling to The loss of reputation.

These things to me are very dear; We'll talk of little moles beside My mountain reputation.

Like the earth, the sea, the sky, All things give me first of all A splendor reputation.

—James H. Harrison.

A Wife and Didn't Tell. Miss Frake and Frank Rice were married sixteen years ago.

Mount Holly, N. J., can boast of a woman who has kept a secret for sixteen years. This wonder of femininity is Miss Lizzie Frake, or more properly, Mrs. Frank Rice, for she has been a wife for sixteen years, while everyone in town and even her sister Rebecca, with whom she lived supposed she was a spinster.

Frank Rice was in love with Lizzie Frake, when, as a youngster, he drove a butcher's wagon in Mount Holly. Finally he announced that New Jersey was too slow for him, that he was going West to make a fortune. Miss Frake consented to marry him, but declared that the marriage must not be made public until Rice had secured the fortune he was going to seek.

Rice landed in the silver region of Colorado at the time when the gold and silver mining boom there was growing fast. He joined the army of treasure seekers and set to work with a will. He made money and put it in the bank, and he wrote many letters to "Miss Lizzie Frake," telling her of how he could soon return home to tell the world that she was his wife. The good time did not come as soon as expected, for there were back-sets and consequent heart-burnings both in the West and at Mount Holly.

It was not until the present year that Rice appeared in the village. He had all the money he needed, and he told his old friends of his good fortune. He also gave it out that he and Miss Frake were to be married. No one was surprised, therefore, when Rice and Miss Frake returned from Williamsport, Pa., recently and announced they had been married. Then Mrs. Rice confessed to her sister that she had been married for sixteen years and the romantic story was soon over the village.—Ex.

—The people were disappointed in the eclipse Thursday. Those expecting to see a total darkness must wait until May 28th, 1900.

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE LADIES, FURNISHED BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.

A PLEASURE BOOK.

She is an old woman, but her face is serene and peaceful though trouble has not passed her by. She seems utterly above the little worries and vexations which torment the average woman and leave the lines of care for every one to read.

"My dear," she said, "I keep a Pleasure Book." "A what?" "A Pleasure Book. Long ago I learned that there was no day so dark and gloomy that it did not contain some ray of pleasure, and I have made it the business of my life to write down the little things which mean so much to a woman. I have a book for every year since I left school, and a place for every day. It is but a little thing; the new gown, the chat with a friend, the thoughtfulness of the husband, a flower, a book, a walk in the field, a letter, a concert or a drive; but it all goes into my Pleasure Book, and when I am inclined to fret I have only to read a few pages to see what a happy, blessed woman I am. You may see my treasures, if you will."

Slowly the peevish, discontented woman turned over the pages of the books the friend brought her, reading a little here and there. One day's entries ran thus: "Had a pleasant letter from mother. Saw a beautiful lily in a window. Found the pin I thought I had lost. Saw such a bright, happy girl on the street. Husband brought some roses in the evening."

Bits of verse and lines from her daily reading have gone into the Pleasure Book of this world-wise woman, until its pages are a storehouse of truth and beauty.

"Have you found a pleasure for every day?" the Fretful Woman asked. "For every day," the low voice answered; "I had to make my theory come true, you know."

The Fretful Woman remembered that on one Christmas day the only son of her friend had been brought home dying. Half afraid, she turned to the page for December 25th. At the top was written: He died with his hand in mine, and my name upon his lips, and below the lines from Lowell:

Lone watcher on the mountain height, It is right precious to behold The first long surfs of climbing light Flood all the thirsty east with gold:

Yet God deems not thine aerie's sight More worthy than our twilight dim. For meek obedience, too, is light, And following that is finding Him.

She closed the book lingeringly. "Was that a pleasure?" she asked, softly; and the other answered: "Not pleasure, perhaps, but it was balm."—By MYRTLE REED in Home Companion.

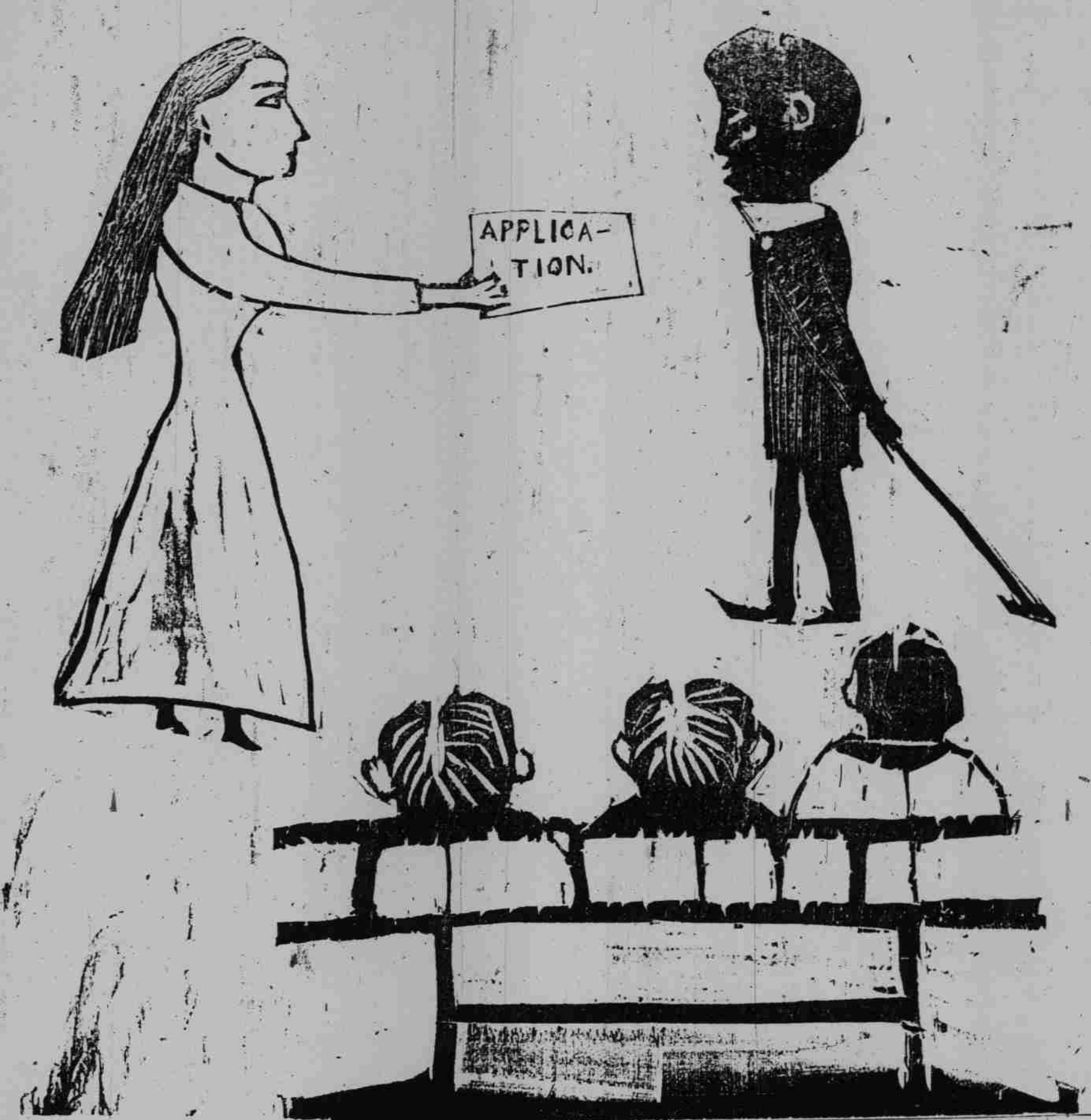
A Minor View of It.

A Georgia schoolboy, who reads the newspapers, submits the following unique composition on the lynching evil.

"Lynching" is wrong. It hurts the limbs of the beautiful trees where the birds sing. It also hurts the people what's lynched. They should have a regular hangin' an' sell peanuts an' lemonade. People what's hung regular, by law always go to heaven. I don't want to go to heaven that way.—Atlanta Constitution.

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Will You Please Sign My Application?

The above picture represents a scene in Harnett county. A board of school committeemen is in session. Four members present, three white, one colored, for the purpose of employing teachers for the next school year. A young lady has an application before them to be employed as a teacher in one of the schools in the district. She is presenting the application to the colored member for his signature. This condition of affairs was brought about by the Populists and Republicans. This is their way of managing the schools—negro school committeemen for white schools. Under the rule of Democrats the negroes were allowed to manage their own schools and such a thing as a negro school committeeman for white schools was impossible.

A Misdemeanor to Catch Fish.

Chapter 35, laws of 1897, reads: "That section 2202 of The Code of North Carolina be so amended as to read as follows:

"No person or persons, company or corporation being now residents of this State, shall catch fish by seines, nets or other appliances for taking fish for marketable purposes in any waters within the jurisdiction of this State, without first obtaining therefor a license from the State Treasurer and for which, he, they or it shall pay a privilege tax of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum. And any such person or persons, company or corporation who shall violate this section shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars for each day engaged in fishing as aforesaid; to be sued for and recovered by any citizen of this State, the one-half of such recovery to be to the use of such citizen so suing and recovering the same, and the other half to the use and benefit of the Public School Fund; and such person or persons, company or corporation so violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the Superior Court of any county contiguous to the waters so fished as aforesaid, shall be fined not exceeding three thousand dollars or imprisoned not exceeding two years, or be both fined and imprisoned as aforesaid, in the discretion of the court, and any citizens of this State, or other person or persons who shall form an alliance or co-partnership with a non-resident for the purpose of evading this section or who shall act as an agent of any such non-resident, or as it or its, his or their servant, agent or employee, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the Superior Court of any county bordering upon the waters fished as aforesaid, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not less than six months, or be both fined and imprisoned as aforesaid, in the discretion of the court; and the nets seines, boats or other appliances of such person, persons, company or firms shall be liable by civil action to seizure and confiscation for the benefit of the Public School Fund."

Woman Suffrage in This Country.

The total number of women registered and thereby entitled to vote on the suffrage question at the Massachusetts election, held November 3, 1896, was 38,242. Of this number only 23,068 voted. The vote was as follows: In favor of female suffrage 22,204; against 864. Women voted on equal terms with men in Wyoming under the territorial constitution from 1870 until 1890, when Wyoming was admitted into the Union. The state constitution, containing the clause for woman suffrage, was ratified by the people before admission. In Kansas women have the right of suffrage in municipal elections. In 1891 over 60,000 women voted in the state. In many of the states of the Union school suffrage exists for women. Women in Montana, who are taxpayers, have the same rights at the polls as men. By popular vote in Colorado in 1893 there was a majority of 5,000 in favor of woman suffrage.—Boston Transcript.

A Wonder of the World.

Galveston, on the coast of Texas, is much farther from Chicago than New York is. It is about three times as far from Galveston to New York as from Chicago to New York. Yet shippers in Chicago are actually sending freight from that city to this by way of Galveston, as a matter of economy.

That is to say, they are having this freight hauled by rail a greater distance than from Chicago to New York and carried thence by sea three times that distance, in order to reach this city.

TWO WAYS OF FORTUNE MAKING.

The story of the riches of the Alaskan gold fields that interested every American during last week is surpassed only by the big fortunes made on sugar stock in Wall street. Working amid every privation and hardship the total wealth of hundreds of gold-diggers in Alaska was only about a million dollars. In less than a week, amid the excitement of the stock market, one operator, Mr. James R. Keene, made a clear profit of two million dollars.

The money dug by the Alaskan miners from mother earth represents that much addition to the world's wealth. The two million dollars made by Keene represents no added wealth, but simply the transfer to him of that much money from the pockets of his more unfortunate gambling associates. Keene has made and lost half a dozen fortunes on 'Change, is a gambler of nerve and dash, and is either rich or "busted" all the time.—News & Observer.

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STATE NEWS.

ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

Israel D. Hargett has been appointed postmaster at Rocky Mount, vice B. H. Bunn, removed.

The fishing industry in Carteret county amounts to \$500,000 a year. Last year 10,000,000 pounds of Menhaden fish were caught in that county.

Mr. Hezekiah A. Gudger of Asheville has been appointed by President McKinley Consul to Panama. This place pays \$4,500 per year.

The Secretary of State has granted a charter to the Eldorado Falls Cotton Mill Company, of Rowan county, for thirty years with a capital stock of \$250,000.

The dispensary at Louisburg is gaining favor with the people in Franklin. It did \$600 of business during the first month.

A revenue officer named Harper was shot by a man named Jones who was operating an illicit distillery 14 miles from Kinston last Tuesday morning. Harper was hit in the neck with five-buck shot inflicting a painful if not fatal wound. Jones escaped. The officers captured the still.

The Raleigh correspondent to the Wilmington Messenger writes that paper: Jesse Snatherly, a confederate soldier from Montgomery county, in 1864 saved the life of a federal soldier during a battle in which the woods had caught fire. He provided the wounded man with water and gave him his name. Now comes the sequel. The federal sends the confederate \$800 as a gift.

Samuel Walker, colored, while under the influence of whiskey last night, stabbed his mother in the thigh causing her to lose a half gallon of blood. The rascal made for her throat but she fortunately dodged. His mother was endeavoring to keep him quiet when he did this dastardly work. He is now behind the prison bars.—Washington Messenger.

On Monday night near Swann's Station, Charles Johnson, alias Charles Smith, William Henry, and one name unknown, all young negroes, were put off an excursion train on the C. F. & Y. V. railroad having no tickets. When the train got under way Johnson fired four shots from a revolver one of which passed through the hat of a gentleman on the car. The negroes were apprehended and after a hearing before Esquire Campbell, Johnson was committed to jail but escaped on the way.—Jonesboro Progress.

MURDERED IN CHURCH.

Montgomery, Ala., July 28.—In the First Baptist church colored, here today, while the state congress of ministers was in session, Professor P. H. Patterson one of the leaders of his race in the south, a graduate of the University of Michigan, a teacher in the state normal college and a highly respected negro, was murdered at the altar. The tragedy grew out of a bitter factional fight between the local negro Baptists over the expulsion of Rev. J. T. Brown from the pastorate of the big church for alleged immoral conduct with a member of his flock. Patterson led the fight against him and Rev. A. J. Stokes, pastor of another church, sided with Brown.

This morning when the state congress convened an argument between Stokes and Patterson over the Brown case resulted in a fist fight, when some negro from the crowd shot and killed Patterson. The colored population is very much wrought up. This afternoon a posse composed of negroes captured George Ritchett, who had gone into the woods. He confesses to having done the shooting. Preachers Stokes and Brown, Bracy and Branam and five other prominent negroes have been arrested. A conspiracy is alleged to have existed. An investigation by the coroner was begun this afternoon, but has not been completed. The grand jury is being held in session to consider the case. Lynching was talked of to-night. There is every indication that the law will be allowed to take its course.

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TRUE LOVE. I have loved her to distraction Ever since I saw her face, Every movement, every action Of her life was full of grace. She was very fair in features She was pure in heart and mind, And the loveliest of creatures, That a bachelor could find. Yet the day I popped the question I was filled with doubts and fears, So I adopted the suggestion Which in newspapers appear, "Will you, will you be my sister," I began, "and cheer my life?" But she answered as I kissed her, "No—I'd rather be your wife!" —Vogue.

HAMPTON ROAD'S CONFERENCE.

It has been asserted time and again that at the famous Hampton Roads Conference in 1865 Mr. Lincoln proposed to the confederate commissioners, Messrs. Hunter, Stephens, and Campbell, that the United States would pay \$100,000,000 for the slaves on the condition that the southern states would then abandon the war and return to the Union. In his address at the ex-confederate reunion in this city Judge H. Reagan, postmaster general of the confederate states, and only surviving member of Mr. Davis' cabinet, said: "I wish to assert most solemnly that no such offer in any form was ever made." As this assertion has been called in question by many prominent men, Judge Reagan comes before the public once more with a copious array of proofs to make it good. As we see the matter, he virtually demonstrates the truth of his previous utterance, and renders it clear that Mr. Lincoln demanded the unconditional surrender of the confederacy as the sine qua non of peace, and that, if he uttered any remark about paying for the slaves, it was simply the expression of an individual feeling upon his part and not an official offer.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

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