

GLEANED FROM FALLOW FIELDS OF FUN IN THE OLD NORTH STATE

Can Such Things Be? ... Naught but a ... of our ... beautiful ... King ... his son ... the "middle"

Not the Best. ... The Federal ... of the ... water ... Hendersonville Times.

Very good water is something like ... Why not have the best water in the world, like Asheville?

A Crytic Correspondent. ... The Asheville Valley News has a correspondent in Broad Valley who sends cryptic items. We append a few, for instance:

"Harley Lyday wishes all the girls to know that he has a first class milk cow—and that he says it can't be beaten."

"At a marriage that took place not very long ago one of our boys got so frightened that he left his Sunday school book at the home of the pastor when he got out his pen to sign the document. For further information apply to the clerk at W. L. Talley's."

Wonder what was in that book? "Chas. Clayton, Jim Collins, Walter Lankford, Theo. Davenport, Russell Lyday, Sack Clayton, Mark Osborne covered positions of carrying thunder and lightning to Brevard in baskets when the thunder and lightning machine on Little River falls is completed."

Now just what does that mean? "Must Stay at Home. It isn't safe to leave home in Mt. Airy. Note the danger: "While Roy Parks was attending court last week, the old stork took advantage of his absence and left another girl at his home. —Mr. Airy Broeze."

Sign of a Near Poet. The Charlotte Observer believes in giving genius its chance. Note the beautiful sentiment in the poem below: "This comes to The Observer as a specimen of Burke county near poetry. A young fellow who had a girl named Lola, who had a dog which was a preferred pet of hers, is supposed to have indited these lines: "When Lola's arms her dog imprison, I always with my neck was his. Oh, how I'd like to stop and turn And get a kiss from a hand like her's."

Breeze or Hot Air? The following from our esteemed contemporary, The Mt Airy Breeze may be a breezelet, but it sounds to us like "hot air" way up here in the mountains.

"Just wait until Mount Airy is a great and flourishing city and the Breeze goes bustly blowing about among the skyscrapers that will adorn our broad streets and beautiful avenues—then you'll wish you had come forward with your subscription price when I was yet a young and tender babe."

Struggling valiantly among the myriad discouragements of a small city. Then will the heavens of our present faithful supporters and admirers smile with justifiable pride because of their foresight and their ability to discern a good thing in the "morgue."

Harvard in Court. At least the offensive here is to be deprived of natural and inalienable right to meander into other people's backyards and dig up the spring seedling. A Raleigh correspondent of the Salisbury Post has unearthed the "Plinian plot." He says: "The bill is entitled an act to prohibit chickens, ducks and geese from trespassing on property belonging to another, making the violation of the law a misdemeanor or."

The courts of the state have been trying geese on various charges for years, and now the whole business is to be dragged in.

The Literary Turn. The Hickory Book Club has so far cultivated the literary instinct that it can control its blushing while plucking

LONG CRUISE OF THE FLEET ALMOST ENDED

Most Remarkable Under-taking Ever Attempted

By Andy Nation

HAVE TRAVELED ABOUT 15,000 MILES

Will be Met at Hampton Roads by President on Return February 22.

(By Associated Press.) OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Feb. 14.—The way across the Atlantic ocean on the last long reach of their special duty cruise around the world, the six-nation fleet of the "United States Atlantic fleet" are steaming today in brightly fashion towards the anchorage grounds of Hampton Roads, from where they sailed just fourteen months ago.

During these months of record steaming, the heavily armed fighting vessels have traveled approximately 15,000 miles and are returning in condition still fit for "a frolic or a fight."

The stories of the cruise have been succeeding chapters of receptions, banquets, balls and merry-making, but back of all this relaxation and entertaining in the hospital ports of the two hemispheres has been a test of men and material which has placed the American navy in an enviable position before all the world, the engine room efficiency in the longer legs of the journey developing a new and unexpectedly wide steaming radius for a battleship.

Kept Their Schedule. The previously arranged schedule of the journey from port to port has been adhered to in remarkable manner except in two instances, when violent storms made full speed too dangerous and uncomfortable. To offset these lapses from punctuality, the fleet has made some of its longest runs two whole days ahead of time. The cruise, however, was not inaugurated without serious misgivings at home and abroad. Victor M. Metcalf of California was secretary of the navy when the cruise began. After the ships had set sail from Manila with homeward bound pennants flying, Mr. Metcalf said:

"When the purpose of giving this assemblage of battleships the privileges and advantages of a practical cruise was announced criticisms from high technical quarters were heard. It was suggested that the undertaking was too monumental, that a battleship is too vast and complicated a piece of mechanism to send around the globe on an ordinary occasion, that dangers more than multiplied with numbers in such a case, that disaster lurked on every submerged ledge and was borne on every unknown tidal current, that the skeleton of some of the ships would doubtless be left in the Straits of Magellan; that, if the fleet should succeed in rounding South America, it was reasonably certain that the individual ships would, one by one arrive with mechanical noise and almost unrecognizably with crews reflecting the demoralized condition of the material, and that a successful spectacle of failure would thus be presented."

As to the material, the "solid facts are that the ships have practically taken care of their own repairs on this cruise. The reports turned in at the Cavite naval station were negligible."

Half Navy Aboard. That the experience gained on the cruise will be of an astounding benefit to the navy is indicated from the fact that probably one-half of the entire personnel of the naval establishment participated in the epoch-making trip. Three of the sixteen captains who sailed in command of vessels are returning home as rear admirals. Eight other captains are returning in command of the same ship on which they began the four-year round the world. From rear admiral down to midshipman the training has been such as will other naval cruises ever afforded. Among the cruises of the world the training has been more valuable.

The Three Commanders. To Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, a strict disciplinarian, a man of few words, but a recognized scholar and constant student of the higher arts of naval science, fell the task of directing the fleet on all but the first 14,000 miles of the journey. Rear Admiral Robley E. Evans, now retired, took the fleet out of Hampton Roads on December 16, 1907, and, although illness soon after the start confined him to his cabin for a greater part of the way, he retained command until San Francisco was reached, and the first stage of the long trip had been accomplished. When the ships reached Monterey bay, the last stopping place on the Pacific coast prior to the entry into San Francisco harbor, Admiral Evans was helped aboard his old flagship and was on the after bridge when the command was ordered the Golden Gate at the head of the most formidable strait in the Pacific. Three days later, Admiral Evans handed down his flag for all time. He was succeeded as commander in chief by Rear Admiral Charles H. Thomas, who sailed from Hampton Roads in command of the second section of the fleet. Admiral Evans' illness, the burden of the diplomatic calls, the speeches and the entertainment of the fleet around South America and up the California coast fell upon Admiral Thomas. Complied with his duties as second in command, with the commander-in-chief, the social burden was not a light one. Admiral Thomas was plainly laboring in health when he succeeded Admiral Evans, and he retained official command only from May 9 to 15, that being reserved at that time also for the department's plans, in order that he

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INDISCREET--BUT NOT REALLY WICKED

Mrs. Stirling's Counsel Admits in the Famous Divorce Suit.

(By Associated Press.) Mrs. Stirling's counsel admitted in the famous divorce suit that she had been indiscreet, but not really wicked.

It is being on behalf of Mrs. Stirling, the general admitted that she had been a little indiscreet, but denied she had miscondacted herself. Counsel for Lord Northland then made an address, after which court adjourned.

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No specials will be sold except on the date advertised. No specials will be sold the salespeople working in this store.

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