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THE TONGUE.
"The boneless tongue, so small and weak, Can crush and kill," declared the Greek.
"The tongue destroys a greater horde," The Turk asserts, "than does the sword."
The Persian proverb wisely saith, "A lengthy tongue—an early death."
Or sometimes takes this form instead, "Don't let your tongue cut off your head."
"The tongue can speak a word whose speed," Says the Chinese, "outstrips the steed."
While Arab sages this impart, "The tongue's great storehouse is the heart."
From Hebrew wit the maxim sprung, "Though feet should slip ne'er let the tongue."
The sacred writer crowns the whole, "Who keeps his tongue doth keep his soul."
—Galveston News.

A RELIGIOUS CARD-PLAYER.
A soldier named Richard Lee, was taken before the Magistrate at Glasgow for playing cards during divine services. The account is thus given in the English Journal
The sergeant commanded the soldiers at the church, when the parson had read the prayers, he took the text. Those who had a Bible took it out, but this soldier had neither Bible nor Common Prayer Book, but pulling out a pack of cards he spread them out before him. He looked first at one card and then at another. The sergeant of the company saw him and said: "Richard, put up those cards."
"Never mind that," said Richard.
After the services were over the Constable took Richard, prisoner, and carried him before the Mayor.
"Well," said the Mayor, "what have you brought the prisoner here for?"
"For playing cards in church."
"Well, Soldier, what have you to say for yourself?"
"Much, sir, I hope."
"Very good, if not I will punish you severely."
"I have been," said the soldier, "about six weeks on the march, and have had neither Bible nor Common Prayer Book, I have nothing but a pack of cards, and I hope to satisfy your worship of the purity of my intention."
Spreading the cards out before the Mayor, he began with the ace.
"When I see the ace it reminds me that there is but one God.
When I see the deuce it reminds me of the Father and Son.
The tray reminds me of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
The four reminds me of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the four Evangelists that preached.
The five reminds me of the five wise virgins that trimmed their lamps; there were ten, but five were wise and five were foolish, and were shut out.
The six reminds me that in six days God created heaven and earth.
The seven reminds me that on the seventh day God rested from the great work which he had made and hallowed it.
The eight reminds me of the eight righteous persons that were saved when God destroyed the world; Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives.
The nine reminds me of the nine lepers that were cleansed by our Saviour

There were nine out of ten who never returned thanks.
The ten reminds me of the Ten Commandments which were handed down to Moses on the tables of stone.
The King reminds me of the Great King of heaven which is God Almighty.
The Queen reminds me of the Queen of Sheba, who visited Solomon, for she was as wise a woman as he was a man. She brought fifty boys and fifty girls all dressed in boys apparel, for King Solomon to tell which were boys and which were girls. The King sent for water to be brought for them to wash. The girls washed to their elbows and the boys only to their wrists; so King Solomon told by that.
"Well," said the Mayor, "you have described every card in the pack but one."
"What is that?"
"The knave," said the Mayor.
"I will give your honor a description of that too, if you will not be angry."
"I will not," said the Mayor, "if you do term me the knave."
"The greatest knave I know of is the Constable who brought me here."
"I do not know," said the Mayor, "if he is the greatest knave, but he is the biggest fool."
"When I count how many spots there are in a pack of cards, I find three hundred and sixty five, as many days as there are in a year. I count the number of cards in a pack I find fifty-two, the number of weeks in a year.
I find there are twelve picture cards in a pack, representing the number of months in a year, and on counting the tricks I find thirteen, the number of weeks in a quarter.
So you see a pack of cards serves me as a Bible, Common Prayer Book and Almanac."

COURTS.
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT.
SPRING—Judge Boykin.
Beaufort—Feb. 18th, May 27th, Nov. 25th.
Currituck—March 4th, Sept. 2d.
Camden—March 11th, Sept. 9th.
Pasquotank—March 18th, June 10th, Sept. 16th.
Perquimans—March 25th, Sept. 23d.
Chowan—April 1st, Sept. 30th.
Gates—April 8th, Oct. 7th.
Hertford—April 15th, June 17th, Oct. 14th.
Washington—April 22d, Oct. 21st.
Tyrell—April 29th, Oct. 28th.
Dare—May 6th, Nov. 4th.
Hyde—May 13th, Nov. 11th.
Pamlico—May 20th, Nov. 18th.

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It is stated that the Bagging Trust is preparing for another "squeeze." The farmers of the South should make a note of this and not be caught next fall as they were last. We have thought all the while that it would be in existence again when the time to take in the money rolls rolls around again.—Progress.

THE EXODUS QUESTION.
The Baptist Liberator, a newspaper, published as the "Organ of the Colored Baptists of North Carolina," at W. ton, editorially says:
"The colored exodus from this State is assuming gigantic proportions, and more than ten thousand have recently left to seek new homes in the far South and West. Agents are employed to go from place to place, and induce the colored people to leave, promising them better situations and homes elsewhere.
We have not a word to say against any man's efforts to better his condition but we fear that the "promised land" held out to our people away South is not so productive of milk and honey as agents tell them it is. If they are going to Mississippi expecting to find the law more equitably administered they will certainly be mistaken. It is certainly a hard State on the colored man.
The soil may be more fertile than our soil, yet it is owned by the whites, and a colored man will stand a bad chance to get it. We disapprove of the general emigration scheme, and think it detrimental to the good of the people. The best way for a colored man to get recognition and a good home is to get education, wealth, self-respect and manhood there will be no trouble to get men to respect you.
But after deliberation, consideration, you conclude that some other section of this country offers you better advantages for social, material and religious development, and you can afford to migrate without serious disadvantage to yourself and family, you ought to accept your new home. But leaving, not knowing whither you are going and scarcely nothing of the people, is bad policy; and leaving North Carolina to go to another Southern State seems to us like going out of purgatory into torment."

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THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION.
STEPS TO BE TAKEN AT ONCE TO CONTINUE WORK UPON IT.
News and Observer, 6th.
The Governor called together the counsel of State yesterday for the purpose of consulting upon the question of beginning work on the Governor's Mansion and pushing it to completion. After discussing the matter the Governor was authorized by the counsel of State to cause the sale of the property in Raleigh belonging to the fund, the sale of which was provided for by the recent legislature, and to appropriate the proceeds to the work of completing the mansion. There is already about \$3,000 in hand which will be used also and the work will be begun as soon as possible.
Gov. Fowle thinks that with these funds the mansion can be entirely completed and that no other appropriation or expense to the public whatever will be necessary.

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