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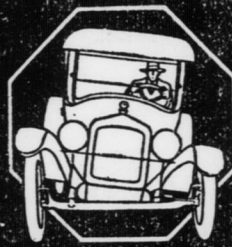
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CHAPTER 29 (Cont'd)

If the home or homes become divided the whole foundation begins to quake and there is danger ahead. And so it was back in the sixties, before and during the war between the states. In 1492 Columbus discovered this most wonderful country of ours called North America, in which is situated our beloved United States. For nearly four hundred years our forefathers braved the wilds of the savage—felled the trees, cleared the lands, builded the homes, the hamlets and the cities. For these long years they strove through wars, storms and pestilence, but all the time had in view the home of the brave and the land of the free. After the surrender of Cornwallis their goal was reached. The United States were established and became the home of the brave.

And for nearly a hundred years they enjoyed their blood bought born and continued to fell trees, build homes and bring out of the waste howling wilderness this most delightful land and it was so back in the sixties, and is now.

These homes had from the revolution on up to the sixties been springing up from Maine to Florida and from the Carolinas on the Atlantic ocean to California on the Pacific ocean. In different states of course, but under one connection called the United States of America and by the more popular term, the home of the brave and the land of the free. Thus bringing in the term we have used as the subject of this chapter, the home. The idiograph of which when viewed as a correlation of all the homes in this country as they were in the sixties as one grand home of the American family then what a pity it was that there should come to a system of homes a schism or a division of the home and brought with it that never-to-be-forgotten war between the states. It was a family row and it is said they are the worst of rows and while the destruction was great the heartaches brought to many individuals was even worse than the devastating effect of the war itself. For in this division of the great American home, brother fought his brother and father his son and many died on the field of carnage believing they were doing their duties for the United Home or for States Rights.

Will civilization ever reach that high plane when the brotherly love of the homes of the nation of the earth will settle all disputes by other means than by the gods of war? We can hope so, certainly when we dare to retrospect the past. In those eventful days of the war between the states, well do I remember some of the pathetic scenes that played their part in that bloody drama.

Annie Lightfoot just after Aunt Julie and the other guest had left, received a letter from her cousin, May Petty, who lived north of the Mason and Dixon Line and was of course a Yankee, but like Annie, she had a soul and her letter as I now recall it, which we copy later, will explain some of the heartrending incidents of the war both North and

South. May Petty had three years before the war broke out came all the way from her home in Massachusetts to visit Annie in North Carolina. She had come by boat to Norfolk, Va., then by rail part the way and the balance by the old stage coach, which was the customary way of travel in the rural districts in most of the country in the fifties and sixties. Enroute she had some thrilling experiences. The old stage was held up and robbed at one place on the route. She lost her money and jewels, but otherwise was not injured. Annie and old Charles had met her in the family carriage way down the road near Ramseur's Mill. Of course Rena was along to look after Annie and her cousin from the North. For a month or so she was the honored guest and kinswoman at the Lightfoot home.

It was interesting to hear her talk, for she had that full Yankee brogue, but could smile and talk all the time. Annie gave in her honor many receptions, balls, fetes and other entertainments customary among the elite of the South in that day. For the first time we must say Annie had a brother whose name was David, but commonly called "Dave." He was a gallant young fellow about eighteen at the time of May's visit. He, together with Annie, May, Rena and old Charles, roamed much over the country to the delight and entertainment of May.

Once during her stay they drove to Spartanburg, S. C., to a ball given by the "upper tens" of that little town and I think they attended such functions in Rutherford-Town once or twice. This, of course, was done in honor of May. It, however, was nothing new to Dave and Annie. They had often taken such outings, for they were well recognized by the aristocracy of both states.

(To Be Continued)

**GRAND JURY HAS DINNER AT COUNTY HOME**

Rutherfordton, Nov. 5.—Editor Courier: Will you permit the members of the Grand Jury a little space in your paper to return our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Royster for a very enjoyable dinner which they gave us at the County Home on Nov. 4.

All of our members enjoyed very much our visit to the County Home and the courtesies extended to us by Mr. and Mrs. Royster. We are very proud of this home as a County Institution and we think the County is very fortunate in having it under management of Mr. and Mrs. Royster.

J. M. ROACH,  
Foreman of the Grand Jury.

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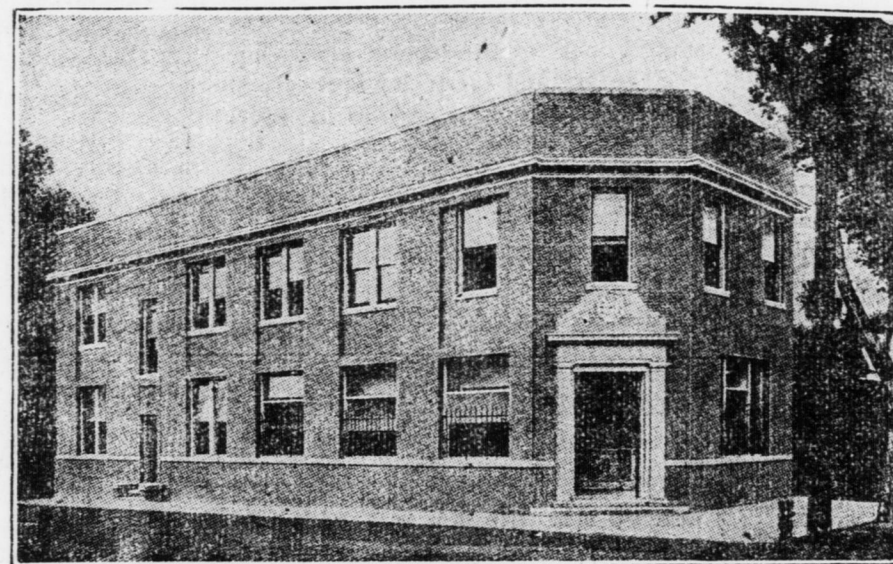
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