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How many lives dearer to us than our very own have been placed in needless jeopardy by failure to provide against and forestall the great suffering which too frequently accompanies and follows the hearing of children? That we would do anything within our power to obviate the possibility of such an happening is too patent to admit of question; therefore—mark well this fact—a liniment,

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FAIR AND WARMER.

This is Weather Man's Prediction for Tomorrow.

The weather man says that the weather tomorrow will be fair and warmer. This will be welcome news to all.

In his remarks on the weather today Mr. Bennett says:

"The high pressure area which covered the middle Mississippi valley Tuesday morning drifted slowly eastward and is now central over North Carolina. It has caused fair and weather generally east of the Mississippi with temperatures 10 to 20 degrees below normal. A slight barometric depression has developed over Colorado and to the southeastward of its center temperatures have risen, with snow or rain over Oklahoma and Texas. In this vicinity the weather will be fair tonight with rising temperature, and as the western low pressure moves eastward, increasing cloudiness and warmer weather may be expected."

BASKET-BALL GAME.

To Be Played at Y. M. C. A. This Evening at 8:30 O'clock.

Tonight at 8:30 p. m., in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association, there will be a basketball game between two teams, the Reds vs. the Blues, which will be picked from the Business Boys' class.

Teams from this class played one of the best games witnessed at the gymnasium last season and several of the old players will be on the team for tonight.

This is the first series of games which are to be played in the gymnasium during the coming season and one of a few to which no admission fee will be charged.

In a short time, however, a basketball league will be formed, consisting of several teams of the different classes and a small admission fee will be charged each game.

Their Little Joke.

The other day counsel engaged in a case in which property of various descriptions was involved, made a long and rambling speech, referring to each kind in turn.

His monotonous delivery had sent nearly every one to sleep, when he suddenly started them by abruptly changing his voice as he exclaimed to the Judge:

"My lord, I will now address myself to the furniture."

"You have been doing that for some time, I think, Mr. Wells," remarked the Judge, sweetly, amid the universal laughing.

Now, there was another Judge who heard this anecdote, and thought of storing it up for some future occasion.

At the Court, soon afterwards, his opportunity seemed to have arrived. He was trying a case in which the circumstances were somewhat similar, but the property involved was live stock.

In due course one of the counsel said: "My lord, I will now address myself to the donkey."

"You have been doing that for some time," was the prompt response, upon a regular roar of laughter followed, which highly gratified the judge until its true reason dawned upon him.

Law on Cock Fighting.

From the Union Progress. The season for cock fighting is again on. At the session of the Legislature a bill was introduced and came near passing, making it unlawful to engage in this cruel sport anywhere in South Carolina.

The bill provides that if the Legislature convenes this month it is probable that another bill along the same line will be introduced, and if every newspaper reader who believes in abolishing a practice that is barbarous, and has as its attendant evils, gambling, drunkenness, and other crimes, will but insist on their representatives giving the measure their support, then the bill will become a law, and the State will at least have saved the disgrace of tolerating such brutality.

Morals to many mean only a chance to meddle in other people's affairs.

No man pays more for a thing than he who seeks it for nothing.

HOW TO SAVE MONEY.

In these times when living expenses have increased from 30 to 50 per cent., it is unusual to hear of a standard remedy being offered at half price.

Yet that is the way R. H. Jordan & Co., the popular druggists, are selling Dr. Howard's celebrated specific for the cure of dyspepsia and constipation. In addition to selling a fifty cent bottle, containing a month's treatment of sixty doses, for 25 cents, they give their personal guarantee with every bottle they sell to refund the money if it does not give satisfaction.

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DEMANDED A KISS AT PISTOL POINT

And Last Night the Husband of The Woman Fired Four Shots at the Would-be-Kisser. Children Charged With Stealing Coal From the Southern.

With his lips puckered out and a pistol in his right hand, Arthur Wyatt, went to the home of Peter Allen several night ago and demanded a kiss from Alice Allen, the wife of Peter Allen.

Last night Prince Grace and Arthur Wyatt were returning from a meeting of the Odd Fellows and near the corner of Second and Church streets, the men met Allen and his wife.

Peter Allen made a pass for his gun. In less time than it takes to tell it, Allen commenced plugging at Wyatt. He fired four times, but every bullet went wide of the mark.

In the Recorder's court this morning, the case was heard from beginning to end.

Mr. T. C. Guthrie represented Wyatt and he had Alice Allen to go over that little love making at the door of her home, when Wyatt asked for a kiss and with the request drew a five-shot-ter.

Now, Alice Allen is one of the blackest of negroes and has a flannel-skinned lip of the blue-gum variety. When she recited that little porch episode, she seemed to be totally oblivious of the ridiculousness of the situation.

She really appeared as if she had deprived Wyatt of something akin to the old time nectar of the gods.

"Yes, sir," the woman said, "Arthur came to the front door and said 'Kiss me, sweetheart,' and I told him that my husband, of whom he had heard me speak, was just inside and he had better keep quiet."

"What did he say then?" asked Mr. Guthrie.

"Why, he said 'I—your husband, I don't care anything for him.'"

The evidence was that Arthur then left Allen's home and went out in the street, where he continued to use profanity.

Last night was the first time that the two men had met since that porch episode. Allen determined to pump lead into Wyatt and would have done so, had it not been for Prince Grace, who protected the negro from harm.

In passing judgment, Acting Recorder Hilton required two bonds of Allen; a \$100 bond for the assault with the deadly weapon and a \$50 bond for carrying a concealed weapon.

Arthur Wyatt was required to give a \$25 bond for demanding a kiss at the point of a pistol.

Catherine Davis, Bertha Davis, Annie Springs, Retta Withers and Henrietta Withers, five negro girls, were before the court this morning, charged with the larceny of coal from the Southern Railway.

Sallie Jeter, one of the girls bound over yesterday for the same offense, was the only witness against the girls. She testified that she had seen Catherine Davis, Bertha Davis and Annie Springs take coal on one occasion.

After hearing the evidence, the court decided to allow the children to go with the understanding that if the offense is repeated, they will be bound over to court.

Alex Sloan, the negro who assaulted Mr. A. N. Deaton, at Wadsworth's stable yesterday afternoon, was in court this morning. Owing to the condition of Mr. Deaton he was not able to be present.

The case was set for trial next Saturday and Sloan was held in a \$200 bond.

C. B. Stegall forfeited a \$10 bond for being drunk and disorderly.

Lon Maclemore was taxed with the costs for an assault on Alex Freeman.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CENTRAL

Work Commenced This Morning—To Cost About \$20,000. Paper hangers commenced work this morning re-papering the Central Hotel. The entire building will be re-papered and painted from top to bottom and in addition to this 25 rooms with private baths will be fitted up. A tile floor will be placed in the main office, an electric elevator installed and a marble lavatory placed. The improvements to be made as stated before, will cost about \$20,000. Mr. M. P. O'Callahan, the new proprietor, expects to have the work completed early in the Spring.

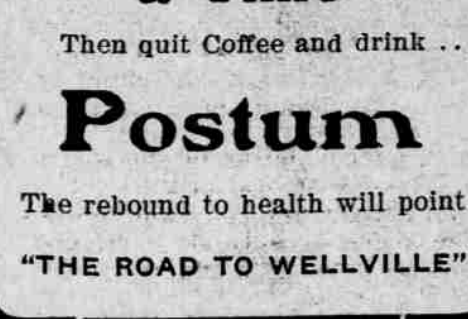
Ulcer of the Stomach

to Recognize and Cure It. Ulcer of the stomach may exist for years without very marked symptoms, excepting those caused by indigestion. In good health, the stomach resists the action of the gastric juices, but when weakened, the membrane is badly nourished and the digestive fluids act upon it as well as upon the food, keeping up until perforation of the stomach occurs. In advanced cases of ulcer of the stomach there is much discomfort after eating, with a constant gnawing sensation between meals, pain from the pit of the stomach back to the shoulder blade.

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Comes a Time



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The rebound to health will point "THE ROAD TO WELLVILLE"

MR. JOHN GRIFFITH

At the Presbyterian College—Lectured on Shakespeare and His Tragedies.

Yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Mr. John Griffith gave a talk before the faculty and students of Presbyterian College, in the college auditorium.

Last year he addressed the same audience, choosing for his subject "Macbeth," this year he discussed the more general theme of "Shakespeare and his Tragedies."

He first spoke briefly of the Bacon-Shakespeare controversy, and cited several reasons why the "Bard of Avon" must have been the author of the plays ascribed to him.

Chief among these proofs was the letter written by the actor, Burbage, Shakespeare's contemporary, in which he remarks that "we are rehearsing Will Shakespeare's new play, 'Macbeth,' but he hasn't finished writing the last act yet."

Mr. Griffith went on to discuss the great playwright's genius, which, he said, was especially shown by the fact that his dramas are so high a place in the opinion of critics, regardless of their being filled with anachronisms and other absurd mistakes.

As evidence of this, he cited one scene from "Richard III." Ignoring such trifles as the historical certainty that Richard could not have killed Henry—since he was in France at the time of the latter's death—and that Anne was not the wife of Henry, what modern writer would be audacious enough to conceive of a scene in which a man stops the funeral train of the man he had murdered in order to woo and win the mourning widow? "Yet," said Mr. Griffith, "Shakespeare has done this, and no one ever thinks of the absurdity of such a scene."

Richard was "the handsomest man in Europe," instead of the monster described in the play.

He discussed briefly the character of Macbeth, declaring that the man was evidently thoroughly bad by nature, even without the evil influence of his wife. Yet one cannot help sympathizing with him, in connection with this, Mr. Griffith gave an amusing account of a lady who once came to him at the conclusion of this play with the pathetic exclamation, "Oh, I was so sorry to see you die last night!"

The lecture was concluded by an interesting description of the various ways in which different actors read the same lines from the play.

DR. HARDIN THE SPEAKER

Will Address Men's Meeting next Sunday Afternoon.

The third series of mass meetings to be held in the Academy of Music, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, will be held next Sunday afternoon and will be addressed by the Rev. Dr. Martin D. Hardin, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church.

This series of services for men are among the largest services ever held by the local Young Men's Christian Association and every man should attend. The musical features of the meetings too are very interesting.

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J. S. Bache & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

(Furnished by the Charlotte Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade.) New York, Jan. 10.—The sentiment in Liverpool getting unusually bearish; the trade there professing no fear of the cotton held in the South, expecting a showing there of 40 for March. It remained for sale if future contracts remain at this level. Consequently they paid no attention to the Government Ginner's report yesterday in view of the fact that American markets responded very slightly to a report that we regard, after comparing by states with the previous reports, as containing estimates of 10,250,000 bales.

In the New York market there was selling by disappointed buyers and considerable pressure by the bear combination, but the support from Wall Street bulls was sufficient to take all offerings up to 40 for March.

The attempts recently to force liquidation have undoubtedly increased the short interests to a large extent and will sell him at 34 cents. Mr. Borden is the largest individual cotton manufacturer in the world and his judgment is unexcelled on trade conditions.

12,651,994 CATHOLICS IN 1905.

New Directory Shows Roman Church Made Large Gain Last Year.

Milwaukee, Jan. 10.—From advance sheets of the official Catholic directory it is found that the total Catholic population of the United States is 12,651,994, an increase of 189,151 over the previous year. The number of priests, including seculars and regulars, is 14,484, an increase of 627. The number of Catholic churches is 11,814, an increase of 427.

The archdioceses of New York and Chicago are each rated as having 1,200,000 Catholic inhabitants.

FORCED TO STARVE.

B. P. Leek, of Concord, Ky., says: "For 20 years I suffered agony with a sore on my upper lip, so painful sometimes that I could not eat. After vainly trying everything else, I cured it with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's great for burns, cuts, and wounds." At Woodall & Sheppard's drug store; Only 25c.

TEACHERS WANT INCREASED PAY

At a Meeting of the School Board Held Last Night, the Teachers of the Sixth Grade Asked More Pay. Night Schools are in Flourishing Condition.

At a meeting of the city school commissioners held last night a motion was made to increase the salaries of the teachers of the sixth grade from \$40 to \$50 a month.

The petition of the teachers of this grade for an increase of salary was allowed to go over at the December meeting of the board. Last night it was again taken up by Mr. J. Arthur Henderson, in championing the cause of the teachers of the sixth grade.

Mr. Henderson stated that their work was very difficult and that all the teachers were not only efficient but really deserved the amount asked for.

In this connection, Commissioner D. B. Smith asked that all the teachers who have been in the service of the city for more than two years, be allowed an increase of 10 per cent.

After much discussion on the two motions it was decided to withdraw both and that the matter be referred to the finance and teachers committees which will arrange a scale of salaries very soon, the board will be guided, hereafter.

These committees will report to the board at a call meeting to be held next Friday evening.

Willie Massey, a teacher in the second grade at the colored school, asked that her salary be increased from \$30 to \$35. At the request of Prof. Graham this increase was allowed.

As chairman of the committee on night schools, Mr. T. T. Smith made a most interesting report. He stated that the night school, taught at the North graded school building, was started December 5th, with an enrollment of 59 pupils. Prof. R. A. Foard and Mr. T. J. Hutchison, are the teachers. Only boys are taught.

A night school for both sexes was started at the Ada Mills about the first of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Brown are the teachers and the enrollment is 22.

Last night a school was started at the Continental mills, (the old Victor mills) and Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the teachers.

At the North graded school the night school will be open three nights in the week and at the other places, two nights in the week.

At the meeting last night, Mayor McNeill presided and the following commissioners were present: J. Arthur Henderson, John R. Pharr, J. Hirschinger, D. B. Smith and T. T. Smith.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS.

Committee Appointed to Solicit Funds. The executive committee of the Mecklenburg Cotton Association met this morning in the office of County President C. C. Moore, on East Fifth street. The main business transacted was the appointment of a committee to solicit funds to aid in a better State organization. The following committee was appointed: Messrs. McD. Watkins, W. S. Pharr and C. H. Wolfe. These gentlemen will commence a canvass of the business people and firms of Charlotte Friday morning. The members of the executive committee present were: Messrs. D. A. Johnson, S. B. Alexander, McD. Watkins, J. H. McCintock, J. M. Davis, C. H. Wolfe, John McDowell, and W. S. Pharr.

Death of Mrs. Harrison. Mrs. John A. Harrison, formerly a resident of this city, died last evening in the city of Greensboro. The funeral will take place at Greensboro tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Harrison was 76 years old and besides her husband she survived by five children: Mr. John A. Harrison, of Stamford, Texas; Mr. James Harrison, of Charlotte; Mrs. N. R. Sills, Miss Betty Harrison and Mr. E. V. Harrison, of Greensboro.

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IOWA ADRIFF IN GALE.

Warship Narrowly Escaped Collision With Other Vessels in Hampton Roads.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 10.—During a gale or almost hurricane proportions in Hampton Roads late Saturday night, the battleship Iowa broke one of her anchor cables and the remaining anchor, failing to hold her she began slowly drifting until she came near fouling the other ship at anchor. Her engines were uncoupled at the time, it is said, and the vessel was at the mercy of the elements.

The auxiliary Hannibal answered the alarm whistles sounded on the Iowa, and made fast a hawser in time to prevent serious trouble. The navy yard tug, Alice, is also said to have lent a hand at holding the ship off. A report was in circulation at the navy yard today, lacking official confirmation, however, that the Alice while thus engaged came near being swamped by the seas. No one here will confirm the details of the accident to the Iowa.

DIPLOMAT TO WED HEIRESS.

Engagement Announced of Miss Lurline Spreckles to Spencer F. Eddy, San Francisco, Jan. 10.—The engagement of Miss Lurline Spreckles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Spreckles, and Spencer F. Eddy, Secretary of the American Embassy at St. Petersburg, has been announced.

Miss Spreckles is at present at the Spreckles apartment in Paris, whither she went with her mother after a brief visit to San Francisco last summer. The news of the engagement was a surprise. The cablegram from Paris did not state when the wedding will take place, but it is understood that it will be soon.

Miss Spreckles is the daughter of August Spreckles, and it is said that some day she will inherit \$20,000,000 or more from her father and her grandfather, Claus Spreckles, the sugar king. She is a blonde, rather tall, with some claim to beauty, and pronounced very chic. Miss Spreckles comes on to New York at intervals and always attracts the attention of some of the socially influential Eastern contingent.

Three Divorces For \$6.

Kansas City, Jan. 10.—Ten minutes and six dollars is what it cost one man in Kansas City to get three divorces, all within the last three years. The information was obtained by an attorney who happened to overhear the subject discussed recently in the corridor of the court house.

"Say, how long did it take you to get it?" asked one woman of another. "Five minutes," was the answer, "and that's too long. The last divorce I got was granted in three minutes, and three years ago in Independence the court gave me a decree in exactly three minutes. This one cost me \$6, but the other two didn't cost me anything."

The Republican leader in Western New York introduced in the Senate of that State a resolution calling upon Senator Chauncey M. Depew to resign on account of the insurance revelations. As soon as the resolution had been thoroughly aired, the author withdrew it. Mr. Depew will doubtless regard this as a triumphant vindication—Norfolk Landmark.

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