

## A Valentine Story.

I will make no mystery of my self, but will tell you at once that I am a Valentine, only a comic one at that.

Never will I forget my feeling of humiliation when first I saw myself. The painful fact was revealed to me when I caught sight of my face reflected in one of the plate glass mirrors which formed the side of the window in which I was placed by the owner of the stationary shop, where I had been brought to be sold.

Until this revelation I had flattered myself into the belief that I was beautiful, as beautiful as my companions who were adorned with lovely pictures of hearts, and of pretty little boys, who seemed to shoot arrows from golden bows. Under the pictures were little verses, all about love and doves and hearts and darts.

I firmly believed that I was like them; picture then my dismay when I saw myself, and for the first time realized that I was comic. In fact, that my face and form were that of a donkey possessed of an unusually long pair of ears, while the words I would have had to say had I been a speaking likeness were these: "I see myself as others see me."

My first impulse under the sting of mortification, was to run away, and hide myself before any one had a chance to buy me, for well I knew how disagreeable the reception I must expect from any one so unfortunate as to receive me.

Very nervous for fear I should be purchased, I lay there trembling for several days, feeling my position most keenly.

The children who passed by laughed at me, which was bad enough, but stank heavens, no one seemed inclined to possess themselves of my ugliness.

One day, when nearly all of my lovely companions had been sold, a beautiful young lady stopped in front of my window and, fixing her eyes upon me, exclaimed to her companion:

"See, what a dear donkey! I shall buy him for little Bert. You know he talks always of those in the park. I am sure it will make him laugh to see this one."

At first I was very miserable, but when she said, "laugh," I brightened up a little.

Could any one laugh with pleasure over me, who had no right to expect anything except frowns and angry looks?

However, she had said "Bert would

## A GREAT PROBLEM.

### A Warning to the South Against Child Labor.

(From the Atlantic Journal.)

Owen R. Lovejoy, assistant secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, speaking at New Orleans, before the Home Mission Institute of the Methodist Episcopal Church said that "During the past year, directly or indirectly, through the work of this Committee, improved legislation was secured in twelve States all in the North and West, among them being New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont." There is plenty of work for the National Committee to do yet, both in North and South, before all parts of the country are freed from this disgrace of Child Labor, which is in no wise a sectional one. And those interested in the various States, should co-operate with the National Committee. So many of the Northern writers have approached conditions in the South in a "holier than thou" spirit, that the manner in which the National secretary approaches the subject in his speech must strike Southern readers as refreshingly fair and candid.

"All of the industrial States of the North," he says, "have developed a system on injurious Child Labor which has had to be broken or is in process of being restricted. Now it surely cannot be thought an impertinence if, from the volume of our experience, we venture to plead with the good people of the South to pause before you have permitted to grow to its full development this institution of wrong, which has so caused and afflicted the North. This is a national problem and the National Child Labor Committee has undertaken to arouse the interest of right thinking people in all parts of the country."

Mr. Lovejoy shows that America has today "the largest army of child wage-earners maintained by any civilized country. During the twenty years preceding 1900, while the population of the country increased fifty per cent., the number of boys between the ages of 10 and 15 years employed in the manufacturing establishments, increased one hundred per cent., and the number of girls increased one hundred and fifty per cent."

Mr. Lovejoy does not treat the subject from the sentimental standpoint primarily. "Our problem is no longer chiefly a problem of pity," he says. "It is the problem of race development. It is the problem how to rescue the generation from an industrial tendency which saps, drop by drop, the

## GIANT COMBINATION DEAD.

### Sale of San Francisco Lumber Co.—Pacific Pine Co. Passes Out of Existence.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—The sale of the stock of the San Francisco Lumber Company to the Bellingham Bay Lumber Company for \$250,000 following the passing out of existence on January 1 of the Pacific Pine Lumber Company marks the death of a giant combination which for 18 years past has absolutely dominated the lumber business of the Western coast of America.

The death of the trust will have little effect on the lumber industry. For some years it has been a trust in name only. Although nominally the business will now be conducted on a basis of competition, as a matter of fact the different concerns will fix their schedules of rates after consultation.

## DELIRIOUS MOTHER'S CRIME.

### Kills New-born Babe and Seriously Wounds Another Child.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—In a state of delirium last night Mrs. R. W. Kavel, of Allegheny, killed her new-born babe and so seriously cut her three-year-old daughter Margaret with a penknife that her life is despaired of.

Mrs. Kavel is in a critical condition, suffering with pneumonia. Her recovery is doubtful.

## Raleigh Dispensary.

### Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 6.—It was just two years ago January that the twenty-three bar rooms that had for many years furnished the whiskey, for the State Capital were closed and the dispensary opened its doors under the auspices of the city and county government and some comparison of the business done, the criminal statistics and the figures make "mighty interesting reading."

Of course it could never be ascertained what the sales of liquor by the twenty-three saloons aggregated, but it is a matter of record that the saloons yielded a revenue of \$8,000 to the city and something like the same amount to the county in license tax, whereas the dispensary paid in net profits to the city and county \$28,000 each during 1904 and \$26,181.83 to the city and \$36,113.64 to the county during 1905, the reason for the difference in the amounts to the city and county last year being due to an act of the 1905 legislature, changing the law so that instead of an equal division between city and county the county would get six-tenths and the city four-tenths of the net profits.

The above figures it will be noted represent merely the net profits of the business as conducted by the city and county as against that license tax paid by the saloon keepers. The gross sales of the dispensary really assume immense proportions—\$178,000 for 1904 and \$214,000 for 1905.

As to the use to which the city and the county are putting their profits from the dispensary the county commissioners are dividing theirs equally between the public schools and the public road work. And the applies her share to general purposes, a considerable amount for street improvement. A floating debt of over \$15,000 has been paid off since the dispensary opened and there has been some reduction in the tax rate, which the avowed purpose of the city government to still further reduce the tax rate from \$1.10 on the hundred dollars valuation to \$1. on the hundred for the next year.

Since the establishment of the Raleigh dispensary all saloons in Johnston and Nash, Durham and other counties have been abolished and people now come here from these and other neighboring counties for their supply of whiskey. So the immense sales of the dispensary do not mean, at all that there is so vast an amount of drinking or drunkenness in Raleigh. The fact is that a very large per cent of the whiskey sold is not drunk here, but carried away for "home consumption."

The police courts here do not show any very striking change as to drunkenness and criminality due to drink and dispensary. ... mfwyp mwyp under the operation of open saloons and dispensary.

For instance the records for the two years prior to the establishment of the dispensary show that for 1902 there were 1,401 arrests by the police, 745 being for drunkenness and kindred offenses and during 1903 there were 1,420 arrests with 539 of them for drunkenness, both years being during the saloon period. Then for the past two years under the dispensary there were during 1904 1,516 arrests, of which 445 were for drunkenness and during the ten months of the present fiscal year 997 arrests of which 570 were for drunkenness. It is noticeable that during the whole year of 1903, the last of the saloon period, there were 539 arrests for drunkenness as compared with 570 arrests for drunkenness during the past ten months of the present fiscal year under the dispensary.

William J. Martin.

## REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

From the New York Press.

A man seldom ever has less sense than his children think he has.

Half the fun of having a good time in making people think you are having a better.

A woman can wear low shoes and keep her feet warm if she has on a hat that makes her friends jealous.

The devil doesn't worry about the churches so much as he would if he wasn't sure of the rows in the choir.

A woman would have a much larger bank balance if she weren't afraid the bank would play a trick on her and use it.

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A block of 16 lots at Villa Heights, at one of the highest points on the property, and a number of lots fronting macadam highway, are offered for quick sale at a bargain price.

Another block of 16 lots on Providence Road, just over the city line, are offered at less than one-half the price of lots on Elizabeth, just one block away. Easy access to Elizabeth car line. Favorable terms.

Ten lots on Tenth Street, high, dry location overlooking the city, are also offered at a quick sale price if taken together.

The Kirshbaum Property, on Seventh Street Extension, comprising about 40 desirable lots, can still be bought as a whole if you act quickly enough, but will be offered at retail at an early date if not promptly taken as it is. This fine property has about 400 ft. frontage on macadam road road, with water and sewer mains already laid, and has fine grove of stately pines and large number and variety of fruit trees of several years' growth, as well as a variety of roses and ornamental shrubbery. It is one of the most suitable locations about Charlotte for a large suburban home or there is money in it as an investment proposition if you cut it up.

The Oliver Residence, on South Tryon Street, is another trade which you should look after soon for large transactions recently made in that vicinity are attracting much attention to properties in this neighborhood.

The lot extends from Tryon to Church Street, nearly 400 ft., and by moving the residence to Church Street you would have a good renting proposition there and a very valuable building site on Tryon St. We expect to sell this soon.

A fine Business Lot, 99x198 ft., on second block from the Square, is just the location for large wholesale or machinery business. Price will interest you.

The Wolff Farm, of 300 acres, just below Dilworth, is one of the very best, large properties now on our list. It has a double frontage of nearly a mile on one of the best macadam roads, and close to the city. We will sell it as a whole or we will sell it in tracts of 20 to 70 acres, giving each tract a good frontage on the macadamized highway. We will take pleasure in showing you the property at any time that suits your convenience.

That Water Power Proposition, with 400 acres of land, located on Asheville and Spartanburg Avenues, at the highest point on the road between Cincinnati and Jacksonville, is a fine opportunity for some manufacturer who is looking for a location where he can control plenty of water.

Two other acreage tracts close to city, of 75 to 200 acres, both good tracts.

That handsome new store on North Tryon Street, in the Anderson Building, is now ready for inspection, also that large store in the Durham Building, South Tryon Street.

**CHOICE BUILDING SITES.**

That Lot in The Grove, opposite the Heath residence, at the ban building lot on the line is, we believe, the finest suburban site. It is about 67x300 feet market, which has the city advantage of the finest suburban homes in size and surrounded by a group of ten minutes' run to the Squa in Charlotte, and the location is but a tenet you if looking for a chre, on the car line. The price will interest you.

We offer also a Fine Corcise home site, overlooking the Park and butner Lot on Seventh Street, 167x165 ft., has water and sewerage privy one block from car line. This lot also Two more Fine Corner Lleges, and is a beautiful home site. Avenue, are still offered on ots, 66x150 ft., fronting on Central Brevard" property, on Seventh Street Extension, just opposite Piedmont Park. These lots th Street Extension, just opposite mized road and have waterere 50x200 in size, fronting on macad- cessions to the first few buy and sewer privileges. Special con- ing at once. ers who will start their house build-

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We have several Elizabe and avenues at interesting pth lots also on some of the best streets At Dilworth also we haveverices.

vard and East Boulevard, at lots on Park Avenue, Kingston, Boule- That fine lot, about 50x100, is as low as the lowest.

Elizabeth Avenue, is a fine lso, next to the A. R. P. Church, on home or for investment. It ot for some one who would build for both and Piedmont car lines, has the advantage of both the Eliza-

A Railroad Site, close up town, 50x145 ft., is another good pur- chase for business site or investment, and if rumor of large de- velopment close by prove true, there will be large increase in value soon.

Fine Corner Lot, 75x140 South Myers Street.