

WHAT I WOULD DO.

BY WILLIS B. HAWKINS.
Poor boy! He loved the very ground
On which his darling trod.
And, kneeling at her feet, he found
Joy to kiss the sod.
This she mistook for love of self,
And thus she snatched his fate!
'Tis well with one who loves myself,
And not my real estate.
Poor boy! had he but been a man!
Were I in such a place—
Well, I've a very different plan
Of treating such a case.
I'd grab her in both my arms,
And let her scream and squirm;
(A beautiful of her I'd be firm,
I'd hold her close and firm.
I'd give my life to her, and there
In grip of iron I'd hold her,
Until she yielded fair and square,
Her head upon my shoulder.
I'd long her—yes, sir; that I'd do—
Until she ceased her strife,
I would, and I can prove it too,
By her who is my wife.

WHAT A NAIL DISCLOSED.

A North Carolina Island and Its Curious History—The strange ride from Morehead City reveals much.
Among the many points of interest in the vicinity of Morehead City and Beaufort, on our eastern coast, none is better known than the trouble(?) of a two hours' sail than Harker's Island, which lies in Core Sound, about eight miles from the Atlantic Hotel.

On a bright summer morning not many weeks since a gay party of visitors at that popular resort took their places in the "Mena Branch," one of the most comfortable of the little sail boats which ply in those waters, and were carried smoothly across the Bayne several miles out into the broad Atlantic and down the Core until anchor was cast on the shore of a green island, which we were told was our destination.

Nothing but the spire of a small white building could be seen from the landing. Many were the surmises as to the reception to be expected from the people about whom such strange tales had reached us, and not a few misgivings filled our minds as we fled along the narrow sandy path which the boatman told us led to the residence of Miss Mary Bell, the most interesting person on the island. A walk of eight minutes brought us to grounds enclosed by a plank fence. A gate stood open and we entered. Surprise was pictured upon every face at the scene which met our eyes. It seemed like fairyland. Coming, as we did, from the glare of a mid-summer sun, the dense shade of the semi-tropical shrubbery was most grateful. Walks of whitest sand wound in and out between flower beds and foliage plants of every variety. Over these bright bouquets of dwarf palm and palmetto met so closely as to allow only occasional sunbeams to penetrate. In the midst of this labyrinth came upon a wide, white, vine-girdled cottage; but, wishing to intrude upon the household in such numbers—there were ten in the party—we passed on, curiosity and wonder increasing at every turn. As we stood in groups discussing the beauties of this island home a white-haired old lady came out of one of the summer houses near, and, introducing herself as Miss Mary Bell, cordially invited all to walk in and rest awhile in her parlor. This invitation some of us accepted, while others went on to examine the school-house and other buildings which stood near. The room where we soon found ourselves seated on rocking chairs and lounges was furnished like the sitting-room of any lady of good taste in comfortable circumstances. Books, pictures, magazines and oric-a-brac, shells and curiosities of the sea covered the tables and shelves.

Our hostess seemed pleased to answer our questions, and kindly gave us the following facts about herself, the island, its people and connection with them: She is a native of New Brunswick, where her family still resides and where she makes a visit once a year. In 1863 she was teaching in Beaufort, N. C. Many of her Northern friends were endeavoring to establish schools for the negroes, but she, hearing of the ignorance and destitution which prevailed among the inhabitants of this region, made a visit to Harker's Island, and there found a call for her services more urgent than that among the blacks. Without loss of time she took up her abode here, receiving encouragement from her relatives, who pronounced her mad, and being looked upon with distrust amounting to hatred by the people she came to help and elevate. A few children were collected in a little log hut, with dirt floor and no windows, and these were taught through the winter in an irregular fashion, their parents being entirely indifferent to their attendance. It is impossible to give a detailed account of the almost hopeless discouragements under which the work was carried on, but the story from the lips of the aged missionary sounded like a romance. The island, which is five miles long and one-half as broad, was named for its first owner, Ebenezer Harker, who came down from the New England colonies in 1725 and bought it from the Indians for a canoe and a keg of Jamaica rum. The inhabitants, who are descendants of Harker, number now about 300, of whom 80 are children. Several families possess considerable wealth, and have educated their sons and daughters at first-class schools in North Carolina and other Southern States. Two young ladies, Miss Stewart and Miss Potter, who were pupils of Miss Bell, now teach the

FOUR ELECTROCUTED.

Wholesale Execution at Nine Sing by Electricity.
Sing Sing, N. Y., July 7.—The killing of the four murderers, Slocum, Smiler, Wood and Jarigo, was done this morning. Slocum was killed at 4:31. Smiler was put to death at 5:14. Wood met his doom at 5:39. Jarigo was killed at 6:06. One of the witnesses briefly tells the story of the executions as follows: About 4 o'clock the witnesses and jurors were let into the death chamber. The experts had previously examined everything and said they were satisfied the machinery of death would work successfully. At 4 o'clock Slocum walked into the death room accompanied by Father Creelan. He seemed to be making a tremendous effort to keep his composure. He had received Father Creelan's last office and had declared himself ready to die. He was then firmly strapped into the chair and the death current applied. There was a sudden contraction of the nerves and then all was over. Smiler followed next and Rev. Mr. Edgerton cheered him up. Before Smiler had time to think, he was strapped into the chair and in an instant later the current of electricity was flashed through him that sent him into eternity. Next to follow was Wood, the negro. He had been worked up to a state of religious enthusiasm and it was while in this frame of mind that he was fastened into the chair and killed by the fatal shock. Jarigo was stubborn to the last. There was the general ferocious look on his face. He was closely guarded, and short work was made of him. There was no apparent hitch in the four executions, and the were pronounced a success. The death of the four men appeared to the observer to be painless. Death came like a flash. It was one awful shock and then oblivion. The doctors took charge of the four bodies immediately after death, and began the autopsy to discover, as far as possible, how rapid had been the killing and the precise effect produced. The electrodes were not applied as in the Kemmler case to the top of the skull and the base of the spine, but were bound to the forehead of the condemned men and calves of their legs. The current was turned on in each case for twenty seconds. The voltage was about fifteen hundred and sixteen hundred. In each case there were apparent evidences of revival, as in the Kemmler case, and in each of these four cases the current was turned on the second time. In spite of the fact that the sponges were kept constantly wet, all of the executed men were burned by the current, and especially about the calves of their legs. The medical men present agree that death came on the first contact and that the seeming revival was merely a reflex muscular action.

IN 9,000,000 MORTGAGES?

We have seen this statement often published: "That the national records show the existence of 9,000,000 mortgages on the farms and homesteads of 63,000,000 of people, a mortgage to every seven individuals, or a mortgage for every four families out of five." The statement is misleading, and should not be allowed to stand uncorrected. The facts are: That from 1880 to 1890 the number of mortgages placed on record were about 9,000,000, and that in this number are included every class of mortgages, whether on personal or real property. Now it is probable that some of these mortgages were discharged during the decade named, and, if so, of course they should be deducted. It is probable too that some of them may represent two or more sales of the same piece of property, and certainly these would not be counted as different mortgages in the sense meant by the extract we reproduce. And further, that many of these mortgages are on city business or manufacturing property, and cannot properly be included in any statement intended to show only the number of mortgages on farms. If, for example, we take the State of Illinois, and counting the mortgages recorded in that State, it will no doubt appear that the majority of them are on property in the city of Chicago. In Alabama the same principle would apply, as nearly all the borrowing and mortgaging is in Birmingham. It is not just to American farmers to present them before the world as money borrowers, and ever ready to mortgage their homes. The statement referred to is unjust to them.

A Strange Story.

The eccentricities of fate are curiously and painfully illustrated in the experience of a Mr. Yarrington, who has naturally become very much disheartened. He was at work in Johnstown when the big dam broke. The flood washed away his earthly possessions and all of his children was drowned. He then moved to Arizona and was getting along successfully when another flood carried away everything he had and drowned another child. Once more he removed, and he fixed upon a spot in the Indian Territory, where he thought he was beyond the reach of disaster. But a third time a flood swept through the town and he was beggared. Moreover, he lost a third child by drowning. He is almost crazed with grief at these repeated bereavements and losses.—N. Y. Herald.

How to get a Handsome Husband.

"When'er some lucky Indian maiden Found a red ear in the husking, 'Moska! cried her altogeter, 'Moska! you shall have a sweetheart— You shall a handsome husband."
The handsome man always admires the beautiful woman. Then simply make yourself beautiful. Remove all blotches, pimples, "forked signs of turkey track" from your features, by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, a tonic to the nervous, circulatory and procreative systems. Its use brings roses to the cheeks, and sparkle to the eyes. Take it, and you will, like the Indian maiden, find a "red ear" in good health, an omen of future happiness. Guaranteed to give satisfaction in every case, or money paid for it refunded.

Big Mortgage Deed.

The largest mortgage ever registered in Davie county has just been made at Mocksville, says the Times. It was given by the North Carolina Midland Railroad Company to the Central Trust Company of New York, and was to secure loans to the railroad company, not to exceed \$15,000 for every mile of road bed, and is to run for forty years. The mortgage file fourteen pages in one of the large Books of Mortgages in Register Sheek's office.—Winston Sentinel.

One of Joe Caldwell's Sauters.

A dog of unknown species, with the appearance of a cross between a sky-tiger and one of the "yaller sheep killing kind," is winning a reputation in our community as a lover of comfort. He stepped into one of our stores on yesterday, took a light wooden butter dish in his mouth, walked into the rear yard of the Piedmont Bank, placed the dish over his face to keep off the flies and "laid him down to pleasant dreams."—Morganton Herald.

LITTLE DROPS OF

Tar, Pitch Turpentine and Other Tar Root Products.
Warrington Gazette: The growing tobacco generally seems more backward than it was at this period last year.
Wilkesboro Chronicle: At James Combs' store last week Lee Mathis severely stabbed Jim Roberts in a difficulty, one jam on the back being 12 inches long.—Wilkes bears the distinction of being the pioneer field of the bark, root and herb business in North Carolina. Mr. Clavin J. Cowles, of this place, was the first man in the State to engage in this business.
Washington Progress: Many new dwellings are now going up in our town.—Mr. W. H. Swindell, one of our most highly respected and thorough Christian men, died on Friday morning last.—The potato season, which practically closes this week, has been the most remunerative for many years, and will no doubt excite our farmers to devoting more attention to truck in the future.
Elizabeth City North Carolinian: Thomas E. Winslow, of Belvidere, Perquimans county, died in the Asylum at Raleigh, on the 24th ult., from softening of the brain.—A few Sundays ago the steeple of the Methodist church at Columbia was struck by lightning during the service, reading it from top to bottom. It caused great alarm and a rushing out of doors and windows. Fortunately no one was more than shocked and scared.

SMITHFIELD HERALD.

Reports from different parts of the county are more favorable as to the prospects of the crops. The farmers are nearly all through with the grass and a good many have killed their early corn, which is generally good. A good many of those who paid the Direct Land Tax and have kept the receipts find that the copy and their receipts do not correspond—sometimes a difference of nearly half, always in favor of the Government.
Rocky Mount Phoenix: Grape root promises to be very luxuriant.—The new passenger depot has been finished.—A negro woman killed another in Wilson on Monday night. She walked up behind her and her husband, a colored preacher, and fired, killing the woman.—A shooting scrape is reported from Scraper, a point near Wilson, on the fourth of July. A difficulty occurred between a white man and a negro in which the latter was shot four times.
Winston Sentinel: John Miller, a farmer of Bethania township, ran across the turtle in his meadow a few days ago upon the back of which he cut his name in 1861. The letters are as plain as the day they were made.—Bob Ross, col., who has been in the employ of Dr. W. C. Calloway, was arrested Saturday evening upon the charge of stealing \$120 in money from the Doctor. When arrested he was in the act of leaving town on the Roanoke and Southern road. Fifty-one dollars and a ticket to Walnut Cove were found in his possession.
Rockingham Spirit of the South: Col. Alexander J. McQueen died suddenly last Wednesday at his residence in the extreme lower end of this county, aged about 70 years.—During the prevalence of a thunder storm last Wednesday morning lightning struck the residence of Mr. Samuel G. Covington, near Roherdel, in this vicinity, but no serious damage resulted. The bolt passed down a chimney and utterly demolished two bedsteads in one of the rooms upon which two of Mr. Covington's children were lying, without, however, injuring either of them. Several articles in the building were scorched, but there was no fire.
Morganton Herald: The market is well supplied with apples, peaches, watermelons and beans of various kinds. Burke's fruit crop will be a magnificent one this year.—The young man Randolph, who was in Morganton a week or two ago, with his pocket full of recommendations and who met with some old friends here, who knew him when his reputation was of the best, was arrested in Marion last week on a charge of forging and was carried to Asheville. It seems that he is charged with forging the names of V. S. Lusk, Collector Rollings and other prominent Buncombe Republicans to checks and obtaining money on the same.
Laurinburg Exchange: Last Monday the County Commissioners and list-takers together raised the valuation of the real and personal property of the county an average of 12 per cent.—Mr. Key Ritch has made another invention and is now applying for a patent on it. Buggy tops will get loose and shakily by continued use, and his invention is a simple sliding catch or arrangement to continuously take up the slacks and keep the top as tight as when new.—Last Wednesday morning, Mr. C. F. Lawler, Superintendent of the Alma Lumber Company, shot Sol. Smith, colored, who was in the act of striking him with a piece of scantling. It was caused by Sol. disobeying the orders of the Superintendent, for whom he was working. The ensuing excitement became so great among Sol's friends that, as a means of safety, Mr. Lawler was carried to Lumberton jail, lest his continued presence at Alma might irritate Smith's sympathizers into impulsively murdering him. Smith's wound is not serious. Mr. Lawler is a Northern man.

NEW BERNE JOURNAL.

Two respectable women of Kingston—Miss Gardner, white, and Mary Conner, colored—became involved in a difficulty Saturday afternoon while under the influence of liquor, which resulted in the death of the latter.
Elizabeth City Economist and Falcon: The artisans are still boring. At over a hundred and twenty feet they came to a rock, which made their progress slow. The water was from a sulphur vein but the flow was not free and they now seek a more abundant fountain.
Louisburg Times: Within the next two months at least five new prize houses are to be erected in Louisburg in time for the next crop. Some of the farmers are quite blue over the crop prospects this year, while others take a very philosophical view of the matter and hope for the best. The large crop of last year, as a farmer said to us one day this week, "spoiled" us.
At Roanoke College, Va., last session, North Carolina, with eleven students, ranked next to Virginia; and of the three gold medals awarded at the commencement, June 10th, two were won by young men from this State. Two members of the Faculty—Dr. L. A. Fox and Prof. W. A. Smith—and the Instructor in Penmanship—J. W. Lamm—are North Carolinians. The record for general scholarship was the best ever made in the history of the College.
Maxton Union: At their meeting yesterday the Board of County Commissioners made uniform reduction of 20 per cent. in the valuation of property in Shoe Heel township, outside of the town of Maxton.—A most lamentable accident occurred near Rowland last Sunday afternoon. Mr. James Ward, who lives about one and a half miles from Rowland, left his pistol lying on a window sill, and some one in passing knocked it off. When it struck the floor the weapon was discharged, the ball striking his ten year old son in the left breast, passing through his heart and killing him instantly.
Carthage Blade: We hear that hog cholera is prevalent in some sections of the county. "Squire McLeod tells us that at least two hundred hogs have died in Pocket since June 1st.—A friend from Mr. Carmel neighborhood tells us that the wheat and corn crops are very good, but that cotton is backward. Hogs are dying with staggers.—Last Sunday, just after dinner, McLean Bros' saw mill, located three miles from town, was consumed by fire. Besides the mill it burned about 40,000 feet of lumber in the yard, and about two hundred acres of timber.

A BLOODY AFFRAY.

Between Rev. T. W. Kendall and Two Sons and W. Thomas and Two Sons.
The Wadesboro Intelligencer gives particulars of a bloody affray that occurred last Monday in the Long Pine neighborhood of Anson county. The weapons used consisted of pistols, brass knuckles, knives and weeding hoes. The belligerents in the affair were Rev. T. W. Kendall and two sons, V. H. and Pearl, aged about 23 and 15, respectively, and Wm. Thomas and two sons, Charles and Helton, aged about 23 and 21. All the parties engaged in the affray were more or less hurt, V. H. Kendall being dangerously wounded.
Bad blood existed between the two families for some time, dating from a quarrel about a negro woman the Thomases claim the Kendalls enticed from their service.
They met Monday morning about sunrise in a field tended by the Kendalls and the trouble began, ending only with the utter exhaustion of the combatants. The casualties are stated as follows:
V. H. Kendall—shot in side with pistol; cut in side with knife; arm cut open with a weeding hoe; wounds dangerous.
Wm. Thomas—shot in head with pistol; shot in arm with pistol; hit on head with brass knuckles; flesh wounds and not dangerous.
Charles Thomas—shot in one arm; other arm broken by a lick from a stick.
T. W. Kendall—badly bruised on different parts of the body.
Pearl Kendall—hit on head with hoe handle; not seriously hurt.
Rev. T. W. Kendall is a local Methodist preacher, and is well known in Anson and adjoining counties.
Wm. Thomas and his sons are men of good character in their neighborhood.

Make a Note of It!

Read it over and over again, spell it out and sign it, until it is indelibly fixed in your mind, that Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy is an infallible cure for chronic catarrh of the head, with all its distressing complications. Impaired taste and smell, offensive breath, ringing noises in the head, defective hearing, nose and throat ailments, are not only relieved, but positively and permanently cured! This is no fancy of the imagination, but a hard, solid fact, proven over and over again, and vouchered for, under a forfeiture of \$500, by its manufacturers, the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

There is always room at the top for the big straberry.

The mind needs a bridle sometimes as much as the tongue.

TOWN AND COUNTY.

"There's a CHEL AMANG VE TAKIN NOTES AND FAITH HE'LL PRENT THEM."
A Narrow Escape.
A thirteen-year-old son of Henry Lefler was thrown from a dog-cart on Wednesday afternoon. The horse became frightened in front of Scotia Seminary and ran, causing the boy to be thrown with great force upon the ground. It was thought that his injuries were very serious, but this morning it is found he had escaped with severe bruises and no broken limbs.
A Terrible Announcement.
The Charlotte Chronicle of the 10th, under the head, "The Lost Found," says something about an "oxen" that was stolen, disposed of and recovered two weeks ago. The Chronicle says of it: "Mrs. Aste Mendling, of Union county, lost an oxen several days since. It was found Wednesday, in Concord, having been sold to a party there by a negro who stole it."
A \$2,000,000 Mortgage.
The Richmond and Danville Railroad Company has filed a deed of trust to the Central Trust Company of New York, giving the company a mortgage on the property of all its lines for the amount of \$2,000,000. Not many concerns can give such a mortgage, and still a fewer number could ever pay it. Step by step this gigantic company is widening its influence and tightening its cold iron grips upon weaker vessels.
At the Alliance Meeting.
The Standard man was hauled out to Poplar Tent on Thursday by W. J. Poythress, who sells a sewing machine that is a Singer. We shall never go with Sheriff Morrison to another Alliance meeting—never. Sheriff Morrison divulges the secrets too easily, and there is too much pleasure in pursuit to have the secrets dished out by wholesale. The gathering was by far the largest for a year. We preferred not to go into the meeting, hence can't report it. The beauty and gentleness of Poplar Tent was there—that most, besides the pleasant company, a most excellent dinner for all. Those are great people around Poplar Tent.

WHOSE CHILD IS IT?

Brother, Sister, Half-Brother and Half-Sister content for a Thirteen-Year-Old Child.
Almost a sensation at Poplar Tent on Friday!
The Alliance had nothing to do with it, except that the magistrates among them put a quietus on the boiling spirits of the contenters.
There is a family moved out near Poplar Tent from Stanley county. A widower with children and a widow with children. So in this family there are brothers and sisters, half-brothers and half-sisters, step-sisters and step-brothers. A separation had taken place. After so long a time the gentleman at Poplar Tent, by content, had brought up from Stanley a half-sister, thirteen years of age. In the course of time things and sentiment changed, and the sister in Stanley wanted the child. She came up. They all attended the Alliance meeting at Poplar Tent. About dinner time, as the story goes, this sister was sitting in her buggy with the child; the brother was on the ground. All of a sudden the horse dashed off, and some parties, believing that the horse was running away, made efforts and succeeded in stopping the horse. The child screamed and yelled, "I don't want to go!" The woman got angry with the men for stopping her horse, and then a regular volley of words set in.
Finally a number of magistrates in the crowd took the case in hand and decided that while the sister may be entitled to the child, yet the half-brother had possession of her and was entitled to her, at least temporarily. Here the story ends. It all shows the contentions and disagreements of this life.
They Worked.
Old and young, big and little turned out yesterday afternoon to see the town bovine and a match to him in size hitched together to the new road machine. Under the management of the Mayor the work was a success. The machine worked right and the bovines proved themselves equal to a four horse team. We venture to say this team and machine is equal to fifty hands per day.
That Machine.
Mr. Wells was here with his road-making machine. On Wednesday evening on East Depot street the machine was tried. The place was a good one to try any machine of that kind. If it did good work there it would be master of ceremonies anywhere. Four horses were attached to the machine, and they, not being used to work together, were not a satisfactory team. The run interfered with the trial. Nearly the whole business part of town was there, and it goes without saying that every one expressed his opinion about the machine, and even the small boy put in his mouth.
A Curious Kitter.
Jim Cook saw a News reporter in Concord, and thought he had met the "D-vil"—Stanly News.
Well, we don't know what we saw now. That "reporter" is a monstrosity, a something like a phenomenon. Several people enquired what that kitter was. The idea of claiming to be a reporter and return to his miserable job and not inform his readers that he had been in the world—the wide world—once; that he had seen a thriving town of 4,200 inhabitants, electric lights, street railway, (well, he saw the dummy and became frightened and ran into a jewelry shop), waterworks, hotels, stores, depot, churches, factories, barber shops, dentists, and many other things never before seen. No, no! He's no reporter; he don't know enough names. He saw a dummy standing in front of R. E. Gibson's store and raised his hat to the dummy; and he became interested in a soda fountain, believing it a natural spring throwing out its tiny stream. To avoid a catastrophe (the sights too much for him) he staid only ten hours, and when he left the Morris House he paid his bill, and left his note book, which contained this and this only: "My name is J. D. Bivins; if I get lost, return me to the Stanly News in five days."

PREVALENCE OF ILL-HEALTH.

Ill-health is a very matter-of-fact affair—it is so uncertain and problematical condition. The necessity, at times, for medical treatment is as evident as pressing as any other necessity, and it is for this reason that we would earnestly caution our readers against the use of any but the most approved remedies. Irreparable injury is often done by placing confidence in medicines which, although new and pretentious, are often worthless. It is the almost inevitable failure of this kind, that Ayer's Sarsaparilla has repeatedly proved itself such a specific in a well-known fact that cannot be too frequently and urgently proclaimed.
A distinguished physician has recently reported his belief, founded on the most satisfactory and reliable evidence, that "the fatal use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla will thoroughly eradicate the disease, either through inheritance or contagion, and that the only rational and effective way of curing these complaints is to produce a radical change in the vital fluid. The prevalence, for example, of scrofula is the most prolific cause of consumption. A specific that expels the hereditary taint of scrofula from the blood is, therefore, a preventer of consumption. That Ayer's Sarsaparilla has repeatedly proved itself such a specific in a well-known fact that cannot be too frequently and urgently proclaimed.
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