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BLIND TOM AT THE OPERA HOUSE

The Wonder of Musical Prodigies—His
Odd Ways Combining Apparent Intel-
ligence With That of Simple Instinct—
Equal to All Tests.

Blind Tom entertained a fairly
good house Tuesday night.

He is a prodigy, a study, an
amazement. It was our first oppor-
tunity to see and hear him
and truly the half had never been
told us of this wonderful spec-
imen of one of the "creators"
which in its magnitude balances
the combined attributes of the
ordinary man.

Some one has given expres-
sion to the interrogation, "Have
birds any sense of why they
sing?" It is a question whether
Blind Tom knows why he does
anything. For instance, he
claps his hands to cheer his own
performances and then as an
apology explains that "Tom"
has only the power to hear and
to reproduce all that he hears
and that it is his habit to re-
produce that causes him to do so
and hopes it is not offensive to
refined tastes in the audience.

He announces his own pro-
gram and speaks in good, strong
voice, in words well chosen and
elegant, not bound by an inflex-
ible groove of stereotyped rou-
tine, but capable, it seems, of
variations to suit circumstances.

Here comes the mystery and
like instinct in the animal you
ask how can he know so much
without knowing more?

He could not be taught a letter
by touch as other blind people
and yet he has a touch on the
piano that is unique. He can
imitate a music box, a banjo, a
guitar, making sounds uniform
and steady, yet barely audible.
As to letters he can spell and
pronounce as a school child in
class. His manager, a thorough
musician, has a system of sounds
on the piano by which he con-
veys to Tom the letters that spell
the name of any article held up
in the audience. As soon as the
tones are made on the piano
Tom spells and pronounces the
name of the article accurately.

He spells any common word given
by the audience in his own
way, ludicrous in the extreme,
but phonetically correct. He
says "Tom" spells it just as it
sounds to him. He compares it
to the Josh Billings style.

He announces that Tom speaks
of himself in the "third person"
as if he were versed in grammar.
He relates the connection of
sounds that he imitates as if he
were thoroughly familiar with
geography and history, for in-
stance before playing "The Bat-
tle of Manassas" he explains
every part with its significance
and its connection with the
tragedy, yet it is not probable that
he has any real conception of
what he is talking.

As to his music it is good as
that made by the best perform-
ers that he has heard and there-
fore is excellent.

Miss McIntosh kindly respon-
ded to his invitation and came to
the piano. He asked her to make
the tones in a number of chords
at each of which he told accu-
rately the letter of every tone in
the regular order. He then in-
vited her to render a piece that
he had never heard. She made
several starts at which he quick-
ly objected as Tom had heard
that and would say, "Play some-
thing else." When she found a
selection new to him he listened

WAIVED—Several persons of charac-
ter and reputation in each state
(one in the county required to sign)
and by the laws of the old establish-
ment, salary \$18.00 weekly
with expenses, and a house, and
other benefits. Monday night at 7 o'clock
at the Home and carriage furnished,
when necessary. References. En-
closed self-addressed stamped envelope, per Man-
ager, 316 Carlton Building, Chicago.

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CONCORD, N. C., THURSDAY, DEC. 26, 1901.

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Hot Rolls, hot muffins, hot cakes, made with Royal Baking Powder may be freely eaten without fear of indigestion.

attentively to her, then went to
the piano and reproduced it.

His ability to play a distinct
tune with each hand and sing a
different one at the same time is
Tom's very own and nobody else's.

The rendering of Old Hun-
dred, which, too, was a repro-
duction, was the very climax of
sweet devotion inspiring tones.

To those who have not seen
Blind Tom nor his picture we
say, he is a big awkward looking
negro that would not surprise
you carrying heavy burdens
and doing drudgery, but you
would not suspect that he pos-
sesses all the deftness of the fin-
gler that the most artistic dis-
play.

We learn that Tom is 53 years
old only, not so old as many
think as it seems that people of
three score years have heard of
him for a life time.

Surely every one of studious
investigating mind should hear
Tom once in life at least.

THE CHERRY TREES AGAIN.

Mr. Eskridge Asks the Agents and All
Concerned to Follow Him in a Few
Figures.

To the Editor of the Observer:
I was pleased to see the Ob-
server express its opinion
against this concern and feel that
no other warning should be nec-
essary, but that the case may be
made clear I will ask all the
present agents and all concerned
to figure a little. The agent-to-
be must first send a stipulated
amount of money. Then he is
to write a given number of let-
ters each day in the effort to se-
cure other people to do just what
he has done, i. e., send money
and become an agent. Unless
an agent can induce at least four
other people to become agents,
so says the "defender," who
seems to be the owner, he will
not get his salary. Naturally he
would not get paid unless his
services were worth it. Now
each agent is guaranteed work,
as I understand it, for at least
one year. Suppose this cherry
tree concern starts with only one
agent; at the end of the first
month he must have four others.
The second month will give 20;
the third 80; the fourth, 320. At
the end of twelve months there
would be 20,974,720 agents. Al-
low the first to drop out and so
for all as their year is completed.
At the end of the eighteenth
month the Amos Owens Cherry
Tree Company would have only
4,952.45, 295 agents in the field.
Don't the cut birds be glad when
these cherry trees bear?

I know one agent who worked
for this concern for one month,
securing eleven others, and not
a cent has been received.
So much for the Amos Owens
Cherry Tree Company. There
are other concerns run on the
same basis. A Florida newspa-
per, a telescope firm and various
other affairs. I know one home
in which nearly a dozen letters
have been received, soliciting
agents. The saddest feature is
that many innocent, honest and
industrious young ladies have
lost their little earnings, or bor-
rowed money, hoping to get it
back.

They are all run on the old
endless chain principle—a decep-
tion that has swindled good-
meaning people out of millions,
and I believe finally give it to
my opinion in regard to them,
one and all, that they are swin-
dles, humbugs and cheats.

R. S. ESKRIDGE,
Swannanoa, N. C.

"A man may be willing to ad-
mit that his wife knows more
than he does, but just the same
he is not willing to let her
manage."

Steps the Cough and Whoops off the Cold.
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tab-
lets cure a cold in one day. No
cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

APPROPRIATION ASKED FOR.

To Help in the Celebration at Roanoke
Island Next Year.

The North Carolina delegation
in Congress will unite in asking
Congress to make a liberal ap-
propriation for the celebration
next summer at Roanoke Island
in commemoration of the landing
of the Sir Walter Raleigh colony.
A bill has been drawn asking
Congress to appropriate \$50,000
to the celebration, and it will be
introduced in the Senate next
Tuesday by Senator Simmons.

With the active support of the
North Carolina Senators and
Congressmen it is believed the
bill stands a good chance of pas-
sage. Several of the North
Carolina representatives have
written from Washington to that
effect. Senator Simmons has
written that he believes there is
a reasonable good chance to get
an appropriation from the govern-
ment.

The bill asking for the ap-
propriation was drawn by members
of the State Literary and His-
torical Society, who have the ar-
rangements for the celebration
in charge. The gentlemen who
were selected to arrange for the
celebration are not idle and they
propose to make it one of the
notable events in the State's
history.

A letter has also been received
here from a North Carolina Con-
gressman who says he believes
the government will make an
appropriation to the Raleigh
statue.

The preliminary committee
that has in charge the Roanoke
Island celebration will meet at
an early date, when the working
committees will be chosen and
no time will be lost in preparing
for the celebration, the magni-
tude of which will fully equal
the importance of the occasion.
—News and Observer.

[Senator Simmons presented
the bill on the 18th.]

TEN ENDLESS CHAIN COMPANIES.

A List of Get-Rich-Quick Concerns That
Is Published to Serve as a Warning.

I suppose the Amos Owen
Cherry Tree Company will not
do much more business since it
has been so thoroughly exposed,
but there are many other com-
panies following their plan of
work. I have just counted ten
from which I have received cir-
culars, five of them in our State.
I have received anywhere from
100 to 300 letters from agents of
these different concerns, asking
me to accept the positions offered
by these companies. The
salaries offered for this "home
work" is from \$12 to \$25 per
month. The following are names
and address as given in circulars.

1. Atmore Medicine Co., Atmore, Ala.
 2. Balsom Medicinal Co., Sylva, N. C.
 3. Stereoscopic Supply Co., Sylva, N. C.
 4. Sun Book and Job Printing House, Rutherford, N. C.; C. D. Wilkie, manager and proprietor.
 5. The Constitution Publishing Co., Monticello, Fla.
 6. The Cherokee Napkin Ring Co., Bryson City, N. C.
 7. Vans Agency, N. C.
 8. W. C. H. Harris, Kinston, N. C.
 9. Chilton & Co., Blackville, S. C. sell silverware.
 10. Auto Freeze Co., Mt. Carmel, S. C., sells "Laurel Lotion."
- These with the cherry tree company, makes the ten men-
tioned before. Perhaps a pub-
lication of this list may save
some one the loss of several dol-
lars. Clipped from Charlotte
Observer.

Another Endless Chain Scheme.

The Attorney General has re-
ceived a letter stating that the
"Stereoscopic Supply Company,"
of Sylva, N. C., is one of the
"endless chain" affairs. He says
he will at once investigate it.
There is great satisfaction at
the result of the investigation
of the "Amos Owen Cherry Tree
Company." There is evidence
that this company shipped a
large number of wild cherry
trees to customers. Endless
chain schemes are unlawful, and
in direct defiance of the United
States postal laws. The ex-
posure of all these "get rich
quick" schemes ought to be
prompt.—Salisbury Sun.

A Child's Horrible Death.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 17.—
A distressing accident occurred
in the southern part of the city
early this morning. The three-
year-old son of Mr. David Jam-
ison fell in the fire and was
burned almost to death before
his mother discovered him.
Mrs. Jamison was in the house
alone with her little boy, and
left him to go next door for a bucket
of water. When she returned a
horrible sight confronted her.
The little fellow was lying in the
fire, face downward. She lifted
him from the fire place, but he
died after drawing three breaths.
Medical assistance was called,
but there was nothing to do for
the charred form that lay lifeless
in the arms of the heartbroken
mother.

FURNACE EXPLODES AT PITTS- BURG.

Veritable Volcano of Melted Iron and
Burning Coke Stays Nine Men.

Pittsburg, Pa., had a horror
on the 19th that will be long re-
membered. At a smelting fur-
nace an accumulation of gas ex-
ploded, making a veritable vol-
cano of melted iron, burning
coke and cinders. An accident
had occurred by which the wagon
that elevates the material to
dump into the furnace got stuck
and 14 men had gone to the top,
120 feet high, to loose it when
the explosion occurred. The
shower fell upon them. The ex-
plosion destroyed the elevator
and there was no escape. Five
were blown off and fell and they
are alive but terribly injured.
The other nine were burned to
death and one by one fell from
the dizzy heights masses of
burned and broke humanity.
Several minor injuries were re-
ceived by passers by when the
accident occurred.

The financial loss is estimated
at \$25,000.

Concord High School Remembered.

On Thursday the 19th the Con-
cord High School received its
Christmas gift in the form of a
valuable addition to its Library.
The books received were from
the Library of Congress and were
sent through the courtesy of
Hon. Theo. F. Klutz, who is
ever on the look out for some-
thing valuable and useful to his
constituents.

The donation comprises 145
large volumes, many of which
are very valuable, and all of
which are useful, in a high
school library. The Concord
High School Library now con-
tains nearly 700 volumes—includ-
ing unbound pamphlets, and is
one of the best school libraries
in the State. PRINCIPAL.

The Standard wishes to con-
gratulate the Concord High
School on this splendid gift and
in its behalf to thank Mr. Klutz
for the interest that prompted
him to give our high school such
a valuable contribution.

We have never feared any
neglect from Mr. Klutz and we
are doubly assured that if there
is anything valuable to be passed
around we will get a fair share.

Exposure to Wet.

dampness and cold, invariably
results in a sudden chill, which
if not attended to immediately
will cause a cold. By mixing a
teaspoonful of Perry Davis' Pain-
killer in half glass of warm wa-
ter or milk, the whole system
will be heated and the danger of
cold avoided. Avoid substitutes,
there is but one Painkiller, Perry
Davis'. Price 25c. and 50c.

Changes at the Depot.

At the dropping out of Mr.
Williams from the depot force
Mr. Moore the checking clerk
becomes car clerk and Mr. Leon-
ard Boyd becomes checking
clerk and Mr. Marvin Hatchett
becomes delivery clerk in place
of Mr. Boyd.

HOW TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine
Tablets. All druggists refund
the money if it fails to cure. E.
W. Groves' signature on each
box. 25 cents.

Pension Warrants Have Come.

The Confederate pension war-
rants have come and are now
ready for payment. Veterans
and widows will call on Register
W. R. Johnson.

saved His Life.

"I wish to say that I feel I owe
my life to Kodol Dyspepsia
Cure," writes H. C. Christensen
of Hayfield, Minn. "For three
years I was troubled with dys-
pepsia so that I could hold noth-
ing on my stomach. Many times
I would be unable to retain a
morsel of food. Finally I was
confined to my bed. Doctors
said I could not live. I read one
of your advertisements on Kodol
Dyspepsia Cure and thought it
fit my case and commenced its
use. I began to improve from
the first bottle. Now I am cured
and recommend it to all." Dis-
gests your food. Cures all
stomach troubles.—Gibson Drug
Store.

CANNON & FETZER CO'S Holiday Offerings.

Fashionable and Seasonable Goods at
Wonderfully Low Prices.

All through our immense establishment the work of
replenishing our stock in all the departments has been
going on and now we are prepared to announce our
readiness for the holiday trade. We can supply all
your needs and if you want presents for your own family
or your friends, the kind that we sell will be most ser-
viceable and most appreciated and longest remembered.
This is a practical age and you must get something
USEFUL, therefore we invite your attention to our
mammoth new stock of

Men's Fine Clothing, Men's Medium and Cheap
Clothing, Men's Overcoats, Boy's and Childrens
Clothing. Suits of all grades and styles.
Boy's and Childrens Overcoats—cheapest and
best yet.

Men's Fine Shoes, Women's Fine Shoes, Chil-
drens Fine Shoes. All kinds of Shoes that you
can think about.

Biggest line of Stylish Hats ever Shown in Con-
cord and prices the lowest.

Furnishing Goods in endless variety.
Underwear of the best kind.

Shirts, Socks, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders,
Gloves and \$1.00 worth of New Neckwear just in.
Finest line of Men's and Ladies Umbrellas ever
shown in Concord.

Ladies' Fine Dress Goods, Black and colored
Silks, Stylish Taylor Made Jackets, Fur Scarfs
and Collarettes.

Marseilles Quilts, Silkoline Comforts,
Centemeri Kid Gloves, newest evening Shades,
Fine Sun Umbrellas, Gun Metal, Silver and
Gold Handles.

Smyrna and Moquet Rugs, Full line of Carpets,
Elkin Blankets, 10-4 for 2.25 worth 3.00 pair.
Come here for anything you want. Satisfac-
tion Guaranteed. Your money back if you want it.

CANNON & FETZER COMPANY.

To Hunt for Miss Cropsey's Body By Electric Light.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 19.—
A submarine lightning appar-
atus has just arrived here from
New York of Nellie Cropsey,
who mysteriously disappeared
November 20th. Andrew G.
Cropsey, of New York, uncle of
the missing girl, sent it. The
electric light apparatus will be
employed in exploring the river
bottom.

A Ragging, Roaring Flood.

Washed down a telegraph line
which Chas. C. Ellis, of Lisbon,
la., had to repair. "Standing
waist deep in icy water," he
writes, "gave me a terrible cold
and cough. It grew worse daily.
Finally the best doctors in Oak-
land, Neb., Sioux City and Oma-
ha said I had Consumption and
could not live. Then I began
using Dr. King's New Discovery
and was wholly cured by six bot-
tles." Positively guaranteed for
Coughs, Colds and all Throat
and Lung troubles by Fetzer's
Drug Store. Price 50 cents.

"Necessity is often the mother
of contention."

Mr. Proctor Promoted.

Our genial agent Mr. Irving
Phoctor, of the Southern Rail-
way, has accepted the agency at
Salisbury and will leave us at
some time soon though not yet
designated. It is a promotion
as measured by salary and in
this we congratulate him while
we are sorry to see him leave.

A young man will become
agent here whose name will be
announced later.

Dr. Coleman Critically Ill.

Dr. L. W. Coleman, near Gold
Hill, who is now 78 years old is
critically ill and his recovery is
little hoped for.

Seven Years In Bed.

"Will wonders ever cease?"
inquire the friends of Mrs. L.
Pease, of Lawrence, Kan. They
knew she had been unable to
leave her bed in seven years on
account of kidney and liver
trouble, nervous prostration and
general debility; but, "three bot-
tles of Electric Bitters enabled
me to walk," she writes, "and
in three months I felt like a new
person." Women suffering from
Headache, Backache, Nervous-
ness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy
Fainting and Dizzy Spells will
find it a priceless blessing. Try
it. Satisfaction guaranteed at
Fetzer's Drug Store. Only 50
cents.

Subscribe for the Standard.

ON A WHEEL the rider frequently meets with disaster. A very
handy and efficient doctor to have with you when
an accident happens is a bottle of Mexican Mustang Lintment.



Ulcers or Running Sores

need not become a fixture upon your
body. If they do it is your fault, for

MEXICAN MUSTANG LINTMENT

will thoroughly, quickly and perman-
ently cure these afflictions. There
is no guess work about it; if this lin-
iment is used a cure will follow.

YOU DON'T KNOW how quickly a burn or scald can be cured
until you have treated it with Mexican
Mustang Lintment. As a flesh healer it stands at the very top.

Send us \$1.00

and get this

paper 1 year.

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL.

Closes for Holidays—Honor Roll for
Term—Resumes January 6.

The Concord High School
closed today for the Christmas
holidays. Miss McIntosh will
leave to-morrow to spend the
holidays at her home in Cartha re,
Miss Holland will remain here
until the first of next week when
she will leave for Limestone
Tennessee.

The Honor Roll for the fall
term.

For Scholarship:—Ellen Gib-
son, Wilma Correll, Clarence
Stiefel, Boyce Talbert, Grace
Watkins, Homer Fisher, Charles
Cannon.

For Progress:—Julius Fisher,
Ross Cannon, Arthur Odell, Sue
Richmond, Lillie McLeister,
Henry Smith.

For absolute punctuality:—
Sue Richmond, Oscar Black-
welder.

The next session will begin on
the first Monday in January.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened
with Chamberlain's Pain Balm
and bound to the affected parts
is superior to any plaster. When
troubled with lame back or pains
in the side or chest, give it a
trial and you are certain to be
more than pleased with the
prompt relief which it affords.
Pain Balm also cures rheumatism.
One application gives relief.
For sale by M. L. Marsh,
druggist.

Paper Changes Hands.

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 18.—
The Argus, a semi-weekly pub-
lished at this place by Mr. Ed B.
Furman, has been bought by
Prof. O. J. Peterson. The paper
will be changed to a weekly to
be published Thursday after-
noon.

Prof. Peterson proposes to
consolidate the Argus and the
Robeson Baptist, a church paper
formerly edited by Rev. C. H.
Durham.

If you would have an appetite
like a bear and a relish for your
meals take Chamberlain's Stom-
ach and Liver Tablets. They
correct disorders of the stomach
and regulate the liver and bow-
els. Price, 25 cents. Samples
free at Marsh's drug store.

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Fakirs Handling the Queer.

The Columbia papers state
that that city is flooded with
counterfeit silver coins. It is
said the bogus stuff is hard to
detect as they are standard in
weight and looks and lacks only
the ring which good money has.
It is thought that fakirs on their
way to the Charleston exposition
are responsible for the appear-
ance of so much of the "queer"
in the city.

OF B used to You.

D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md.:
"During a long illness I was
troubled with bad sores, was ad-
vised to try DeWitt's Witch
Hazel Salve and did so with won-
derful results. I was perfectly
cured. It is the best salve on
the market." Sure cure for
piles, sores, burns, Howards
counterfeits.—Gibson Drug Store

FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has
been used for over fifty years by mil-
lions of mothers for their children
who teething, with perfect success. It
soothes the child, softens the gums,
always allays pain, cures wind colic, and
is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will
relieve the poor little sufferer imme-
diately. Sold by druggists in every part
of the world. Twenty-five cents a bot-
tle. Be sure you get the original Win-
slow's Soothing Syrup. See label on
bottle.