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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 nature from the Creator  
which in its magnitude balances  
the combined attributes of the  
ordinary man.

Some one has given expres-  
sion to the thought, "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 respond-  
ed 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  
solution new to him he listened

WANTED—Several persons of charac-  
ter for a party in each state  
(one in the territory) to be ap-  
pointed and advised; old established  
and new business in every solid sec-  
tor; salary \$100 weekly  
with expenses; address, 315  
Madison St., Chicago, Ill. or  
office, Home and carriage furnished,  
when necessary. References. En-  
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ager, 315 Madison 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 in carrying heavy burdens  
and doing drudgery, but you  
would not suspect that he pos-  
sesses all the deftness of the fin-  
ger that the most artistic dis-  
play.

We learn that Tom is 52 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.

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 20,972,720 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 food-  
meanings people out of millions,  
and I believe finally give it them,  
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."

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

Narrow Escape for a Little Girl.

Starting home from his store  
about 6 o'clock Friday evening,  
Mr. R. E. Lumsden was accom-  
panied by his little ten-year-old  
daughter, Ruby. They were in  
a delivery wagon and in the rear  
of the vehicle was a rocking-  
chair. The child seated herself  
in a chair, and as the wagon  
was crossing Salisbury street  
Hargis' Mr. Lumsden heard a  
crash, and, checking his horse,  
looked back and saw the child  
lying on the hard pavement.

The wagon wheel had run over  
and smashed the chair, and Mr.  
Lumsden thought for a moment  
the child had been killed, but  
most fortunately the only injury  
was a broken collar bone. Doc-  
tors were hastily summoned and  
the child is getting along nicely.  
Mr. Lumsden thinks she was  
thrown from the wagon by a  
bound caused by the depression  
where the streets cross.—Morn-  
ing Post.

Mrs. J. C. Watson Dead.

Mrs. J. C. Watson, nee Miss  
Annie Misenheimer, of Charlotte  
who was stricken with appen-  
dicitis last week, was operated  
on Saturday and died this (Monday)  
morning at 9:30 o'clock. The sad  
dispatch came with crushing ef-  
fect on her many dear friends,  
here who were watching her  
case with intense solicitude.

She was a bride of one month  
and two days, having married  
on Nov. 14th.

Life began so auspiciously for  
happiness to her and her hus-  
band, each being the only child  
of fond parents.

She was 25 years of age.

Not in Need of a Husband.  
A young woman who is very  
popular in social life was asked  
why she did not marry. Her  
answer will furnish young fel-  
lows who are forming habits  
something to think about. Here  
it is: "I have considerable  
money of my own; I have a par-  
rot that swears, a monkey that  
chews and a stove that smokes;  
so you see I am not yet very  
badly in need of a husband."—  
Our Church Paper.

General Finishes Her Own Goods.

The new building for the  
bleachery of the Cannon Manu-  
facturing Company, Concord, has  
been completed and machinery  
is now being installed. Formerly  
these mills had most of the  
bleaching done in the North, but  
now the bleaching is done at the  
mill, and the goods put in shape  
so that when it leaves the mill it  
will be ready for the consumer.  
—Textile Excelsior.

Another Endless Chain Scheme.

The Attorney General has  
received 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  
quickly" 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.

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 500 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. Chilton & Co., Blacksville, S. C. sell silverware.
9. Auto Freeze Co., Mt. Carmel, S. C. sells "Laurel Lotion."
10. The United Cherry Tree Company, makes the ten mentioned before. Perhaps a publication of this list may save some one the loss of several dollars. Clipped from Charlotte Observer.

A Little Shooting Affray.

Mr. M. J. Freeman had a dif-  
ficulty with a negro, who works  
for Mr. Will Bradford, soon after  
4 o'clock this evening.

Mr. Freeman forbade him  
to persist in hauling wood from  
the Wincoff place. The  
negro became insulting and  
cursed Mr. Freeman. Mr. Free-  
man attempted to head him off  
and get a policeman to arrest  
him when the negro whipped  
his horses till he got some  
distance then, seeming to be  
in the act of drawing a pi-  
stol, swore he would shoot Mr.  
Freeman's head off. The latter,  
who had just taken his pistol out  
to shoot a dog, was prepared and  
fired three shots at him as he  
hurried away.

—Daily of 19.

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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.  
Williamis from the depot force  
Mr. Moore the checking clerk  
becomes car clerk and Mr. Leonard  
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. Christenson  
of Hayfield, Minn. "For three  
years I was troubled with dys-  
pepsia so that I could hold nothing  
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,  
Centemer 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.

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.

Among the tens of thousands  
who have used Chamberlain's  
Cough Remedy for colds and la-  
grippe during the past few years,  
to our knowledge, not a single  
case has resulted in pneumonia.  
Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wa-  
wash avenue, Chicago, one of the  
most prominent retail druggists  
in the city, in speaking of this,  
says: "We commend Chamber-  
lain's Cough Remedy for it not  
only gives prompt and complete  
recovery, but also counteracts  
any tendency of the grippe to re-  
sult in pneumonia." For sale by  
M. L. Marsh, druggist.

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.

"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.

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 bed 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  
when 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 "Winn-  
slow's" medicine, 25 CENTS, and take up  
with you.

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

MEXICAN  
MUSTANG LINIMENT  
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 Liniment. As a flesh healer it stands at the very top.

Send us \$1.00  
and get this  
paper 1 year.

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL.  
Classes 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, See  
Richmond Lillie McLeester,  
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 rheuma-  
tism. One application gives re-  
lief. 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.

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.