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LEXINGTON DISPATCH CATCHING UP.

The Lexington Dispatch has recently announced that it will adopt the cash-in-advance system for its subscription department and all subscribers who have not paid up will be cut off, regardless of race or color, or previous condition of servitude. This is a wise resolution of the Dispatch, but only in keeping with modern methods of business. The Reporter has tried it now for nearly a year, and is well pleased. We have not so many subscribers as we once had, but those who are taking the Reporter now are paying for it. There is no loss for hundreds of copies mailed weekly to dead-beats, nor the expense of sending them useless statements. We have a clean list of paying people, which is constantly growing.

THE HATED FLY.

The most despicable creature in the world is the house fly. And yet the easiest thing in the world to get rid of. A fly will live only a few days, but if you don't stop the source he will multiply by hundreds, thousands, millions, billions. The way to get rid of the fly is not to kill him, but to prevent him. You may stand and swat all day, and more flies are born in the filth that your havoc creates. The only way to get rid of flies and stay rid of them, is to keep clean. Flies are born in the most loathsome surroundings. People used to look upon the fly as a necessary evil, and tired housewives stood at the table and kept them away from the victuals with a brush while the family ate. But in this day of more refinement, a dining room with flies is considered by well bred people to be the result of laziness and filth nearby. Wire screens are too cheap for decent people to stand the pests any longer, while if the right kind of sanitary arrangements are made on the premises there will be no need of the wire screens.

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD.

The following letter written to the New York World may prove interesting to some of the readers of the Reporter who have long had a hankering to move to Florida and get rich raising vegetables:

To the Editor of The World:

For almost a year now I have been receiving books and circulars telling me that Florida farms will earn from \$1,000 to \$1,500 an acre, so I finally decided to go down and look around before buying. I went to one place that gave promise of wonderful things (in the literature sent me,) and the appearances were certainly grand. In the land company's book, one man, who said he was twenty years in the place, told of getting \$900 from each acre of celery, and he had twelve acres under cultivation; \$635 from each acre of lettuce, and amounts averaging from \$375 to \$800 per acre from other produce, and three crops a year.

I looked this man up and he didn't look like a millionaire, so I went the local bank and asked if he was good for a loan of \$500 and if his note for that amount would be good. The banker said: "I would advise you to get a good indorser, for I don't know where Mr. ——— will be able to get the money to pay you; he owes everybody here now."

I didn't buy any of that \$250-an-acre land. What about these stories going through the mail? Isn't it like mine-stock swindlers?

EMORY HITCHCOCK.

Meriden, Conn., May 17.

If the Reporter mistakes not, a number of Stokes people have been bit in Florida during the last few years. The roseate pictures which the land agents send out are calculated to catch many a sucker who has not been up against the world's sharks, and learned their ways.

The same kind of judgment, hard work, economy and enthusiasm that it takes to get rich in Florida will make you rich in Stokes county.

Put this in your pipe and smoke it thoughtfully.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING OUR SALVATION.

We have not heard of any spring lambs being shipped out of Stokes county to northern hotels. But the Reidsville Review says the farmers of Rocking-

ham are shipping a good many of them to Washington, Richmond and New York, and are receiving \$12.50 each for them.

In fact, we don't know of any lambs in Stokes county. Charley Lunsford may have a few. It costs next to nothing to raise sheep. They do well on most any of our pasture lands. A check for \$150.00 for a dozen little ones about this time of year wouldn't be bad, would it? Another reason for the farmers of Stokes to quit being foolish--and stop trying to live off a one-crop system.

Talking about hard times--and every blessed thing that can be raised to eat bringing fancy prices, and our lands adapted to the growth of everything to eat? What's the matter with the country? Beef, mutton, chickens, eggs, butter, wheat, rye, corn, oats, potatoes, hay, peas, beans and onions--who said we could not raise these in abundance, and who said they wouldn't bring in the hard cash--yellow, white and green crisp checks that come on the mail, and are paid at the bank without question.

Mr. Tobacco Farmer smiles when you talk to him about these things. They are too little for him to fool with. He had rather invest \$600.00 in mules, \$200.00 in fertilizer, \$200.00 in chop, and \$300.00 in rations to raise a \$750.00 crop of tobacco with. If the season is good he may have \$100.00 left from his year's labors to pay on his mules.

Diversified crops is absolutely the only hope for our country. If our farmers do not arrange to make at home their supplies to eat, they will have to moor their ships in the port of starvation.

THE DANBURY DOG MENACE.

A careful census would probably show nearly as many dogs in Danbury as people. The least bit of excitement on the street any time will instantly summon a perfect swarm of bristling canines, with tails up, snarling and fighting, and committing other atrocities. Many of them are so hungry they are vicious. Big dogs, little dogs, bird dogs, beagles, shepherds, common fice and hounds. But the gaunt hound largely predominates.

Frequently it is difficult to sleep any on account of the howlings, which start promptly with dusk, a few lonesome, isolated curs beginning the racket, which waxes louder and louder, occasionally rising into a diabolical crescendo, chasing rest away from tired nerves, and making the night unbearable. Many of the poor beasts are half-starved and what time they are not on somebody's premises after loot, stand shivering and howling at home, with their nether anatomies slowly growing to their backbones. This process evidently being very painful, they don't fail to let the community understand their sufferings.

Everything about one's demesnes must be kept under strong lock and key, if it would be saved. The pilferers begin their depredations as soon as dark sets in, and all through the night may be heard ripping through the back porch, or trying to force a door behind which they can detect a scent of meat. One night last week Mr. J. G. Morefield had two settings of costly improved eggs destroyed. The same night another citizen's chicken coop was entered, and a brood of young chickens nearly all killed. Not long ago a dog broke into a cellar and devoured about 25 lbs. of lard and meat. These are only a few incidents of what is going on all the time.

There have been various remedies suggested to get relief, none of which has yet been put into effect. One is to try shot guns, another is for everybody to put out poison the same night and kill every dog in town simultaneously. Many people are willing to be afflicted rather than incur the enmity of the dog-owner, as it is generally recognized that a person who will knowingly allow his dog to prey on innocent people, is the same kind of fellow who might take private vengeance if you kill the dog. There is a statute against cruelty to animals, and this ought to be enforced against all persons who are trying to keep dogs without feeding them. A dog that is not hungry will not leave its owner's premises at night.

The Danbury dog proposition has long since developed from a nuisance into a menace. The danger from hydrophobia is imminent.

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This the 18th day of May, 1915.
N. O. PETREE,
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