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**"Crying for the Moon"**  
 Has become a proverbial phrase to express the futility of trying to get what is not to be had. There are a great many people who think it is as easy to get the moon as to get a good business. Do not continue to spend good money where no appreciable returns are seen. That is Proof that it pays Them.



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Wilmington Messenger.

We have carefully and interestingly read the new book concerning the South issued from the press of Messrs. P. D. Gold & Sons, Wilson, N. C. It is fairly well done and is creditable to the publishers. It is entitled "The Broken Sword," and is from the pen of Col. D. Worthington, now a resident of Wilson, but of whose previous history of activity we have no knowledge. That he is a writer of boldness, vigor and pertinacity of purpose is apparent from the beginning to the end of this volume which deserves to be widely read all over the South, and by all who have come upon the stage of action since 1870. He calls his book "A Pictorial Page in Reconstruction." It is well named for it is an intense, graphic, picturesque and vitalized description of the darkest, saddest, bitterest days that ever befell any modern people after a protracted and most desperate war.

"The Broken Sword" cannot be called a novel or even a romance. It has but little of the qualities and characteristics of a genuine novel. It is more of a reminiscence and a history, and is really an interesting, absorbing discussion. We have often wished and have frequently expressed a desire that some gifted North Carolinian with the true touch of vivid portrayal and of accentuated intensity would write for his people a faithful, well delineated picture of the days that were so well calculated to try men's souls, to arouse all the revenge in their natures, to fire them with a consuming heat to strike down the imported accusers, persecutors and scoundrels—the awful, gruesome, hopeless, ferocious times when the carpet-bagger was at the front, the native scallawag following in his wake, hungry and seditious, and the ignorant, besotted, credulous, superstitious, eager negro pushing ahead, with tongue out and eyes staring in a fond desire that a "Promised Land" was just ahead and the "fifti acre and a mule" were about to be doled out to him with "all his blushing honors upon him." What a day of desolation and crime and wrath! Hell seemed turned loose. The darkness was like that of Egypt, and you could feel it. It was the dread, the nightmare of white man's villainy and the black man's folly—a day of reprisal and pillage and persecution and unmitigated savagery.

North Carolina should have that period in its history carefully, calmly, accurately, vigorously presented. It was the time when the North reached its lowest depths of ignominy and the infernal world opened wide its devouring jaws.

We have said that the "Broken Sword" is not a novel or a romance. It is a series of most lively, fresh, energetic, appealing, illuminating pictures, the whole forming a complete representation, as if a panorama of the reconstruction times, but better described as destruction times. We found use for our hands and eyes more than once, for there is beauty, tenderness, human nature, real life in many places. It is full of pathetic appeal, there are many pages of power, there are passages of kindling eloquence, there are scenes of enthralling passion. It is not a perfect work. It is not the production of a trained artist. It is overdone in places. The language is sometimes strained, appearing in excess, almost grandiloquent and turgid, and the classic illustrations abound to repetition. But the work as a whole is extremely animated and even brilliant, at one moment glowing and virile. It would not please perhaps the acute,

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cultured British critic, wide awake and on the hunt for objections and faults and blers in the art and the style. We opine that a Yankee scribbler, would delight in cutting this Southern product into parts and offering certain things to the view as base and false and ridiculous. But we hold to what we have said. The book has power, interest, truth, life, pictorialness. It is a picture, a portrayal of character, of cause, of events, of results. It reproduces, in some exaggeration, we grant, the awful, blundering, savage days of reconstruction in the South. But it is a picture nevertheless that should long live. We trust the unborn generations in the South will read this revelation of consummate villainy and idiocy, this masterly description of devils incarnate and stupidity run to seed.

There is good character drawing both of whites and negroes. The negro dialect is faithful and impressive, but it is of the most ignorant negroes. In fact, it sometimes appeared to us that it almost drifted into caricature. There are three or four negroes who are drawn with amusing coloring, and yet there is a genuine verisimilitude in the execution. We do not undertake analysis of the book or any account of the

engaging personalities. The one white maiden is of fascinating beauty and interest, and most lovable and sweet. Col. Seymour is a fine character and there have been in the South many men of his high and noble type. We do not like perhaps the way his daughter married—a Northern man. It would have been more in harmony with the feelings of most readers and "the eternal fitness of things" if the fortunate man to wed such a charming personality had been the gifted and many son of a Confederate hero. Let this book, so well named "The Broken Sword," be generally read. It will greatly attract the men who lived through the tremendous war and after, and it should prove both an inspiration and a romantic history to the sons and daughters of the Confederacy and of their descendants, and "may their tribe increase."

Since we wrote nearly all of the above it has been suggested to us that the author is a native North Carolinian, and perhaps born in Martin county. He was a Confederate officer of merit. It is of no particular consequence in which Southern State he was born as he is a thorough Southerner in every inch of his anatomy, and has done a needed and good work for "the land we love."

**A Word to Farmers.**  
 Now that the crops have been gathered and it is an off season so to speak with the farmers, the Lumberman *Robesonian* throws out the following timely suggestion:  
 The time heretofore spent in repairing fences, before the adoption of the stock law, may now be more profitably spent in better preparing the soil for coming crops. Much plowing might now be done in covering up the growth of weeds, grass, stalks, etc., which would add greatly to the fertility of lands, and whose value as fertilizing agents is usually lost by being left exposed until late spring plowing, or by being destroyed by cattle turned on the fields. The turning under of such growths is one of the cheapest methods of improving land, and one which is too much neglected by our people. It is much less expensive than surling, and peavines especially contain fertilizing elements which are most needed and which are also most costly. Too much care cannot be taken in returning everything possible to the soil, and our farmers should exercise greater efforts in this direction.

A man may have the physique of a giant and still not be able to support a frail little wife.

**Two McKinley Memorials.**  
 Raleigh Times.  
 Some confusion exists about the memorial to be erected to the memory of the late President McKinley because two associations have been formed. The memorial at Canton will be the one built by popular subscription, while later Congress is expected to erect an immense memorial bridge connecting Washington city and Alexandria as the tribute of the nation. No popular subscriptions are all those who desire to contribute for this object should give their donations to the Canton memorial. The Washington *Post* in an editorial says that the people will not be asked to erect the arch there and Governor Aycock says that he regards it as proper that the individuals of the nation should build the Canton memorial and that the Government should make appropriation for the one at Washington city.

The hero of the hour sometimes doesn't last much longer.

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**THE GREAT NAPOLEON.**  
 AN EFFORT TO RESCUE HIM FROM THE ISLAND OF ST. HELENA.  
 His Death Announced Three Days Before the Expedition Was to Have Sailed From New Orleans—Reason to Believe That the Thoughts of Europe's Greatest Soldier Turned Frequently to the Western Republic.

In Lord Rosebery's recent work on Napoleon he says little is really known of the last six years of the exiled Emperor's life. There is reason to believe that the thoughts of Europe's greatest soldier turned frequently to the Western Republic, in whose favor he said he "signed away an Empire," during his exile on St. Helena. It is plain from his written and spoken words that he looked to the United States as the most powerful future rival of Great Britain. There are traces of his intention to visit this country in many of his unpublished manuscripts. It is a well established fact that the great Emperor had many friends and ardent sympathizers among the French settlers both in Canada and the United States. This is especially true of the city of New Orleans and the other French settlements of Southern Louisiana. It may be possible to prove that there was a secret correspondence carried on between the prisoner on the lonely island and some of the citizens of New Orleans. The prominent part Napoleon took in the transfer of the Louisiana Purchase, and the coming Exposition to celebrate the accession of that vast territory to the United States, have awakened new interest in the hero who sleeps in the beautiful Hotel des Invalides, in Paris. The fact is recalled that a French citizen of New Orleans, a Monsieur Girod, built a large and handsome home on the old Street St. Louis in that city, fitted it up elegantly and kept it ready for the occupancy of a distinguished guest. All the older citizens of New Orleans will remember the house. When M. Girod commenced the house he bought a staunch ship, enlisted a number of soldiers and sailors, and drilled them to climb rocky escarpments. Three days before this ship was ready to sail, the news of Napoleon's death was received at New Orleans. The expedition of M. Girod, which was to forcibly rescue Napoleon from his English prison on the island of St. Helena, was of course abandoned, and a chronic melancholy took possession of his energetic and devoted champion in Louisiana.

Did the deposed Emperor know of this effort to free him and bring him to the foremost city in the great domain his hand had signed away to the Western Republic? It is reasonable to conclude that he was informed of this expedition and was prepared to co-operate with his American friends. He was a comparatively young man when he died. If his life had been spared, and he had landed in the Crescent City, he would probably have made as many changes on the map of the Western Hemisphere as he did on that of Europe. The French-Canadians, especially in Montreal, Quebec, Nova Scotia, would have rallied to his standard. Thousands of French citizens of the then young Republic would have done the same.

It is one of the most interesting of the "what ifs" which have been questions the world can ask.

The Louisiana Purchase Commission has an opportunity to add a most attractive feature to their Exposition by establishing a Napoleonic Museum on the grounds to be collected and installed by those who first suggested it and who have access to data and material, some of which is unknown to the French people themselves.

There was such intense excitement in parts of the Louisiana Purchase Territory that poems and songs were written about Napoleon when his death occurred. Some of these were gems of their kind.

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