

THE GOLD LEAF

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Bilkins Going Abroad.

Extraordinary Announcement by the Raleigh Enterprise—Zeke Bilkins, Its Special Staff Writer, Soon to Start on a Tour Around the World.

The Raleigh Enterprise announces that its special staff writer, Zeke Bilkins, will start on a tour around the world, and readers of that paper have something of interest to look forward to. Those who have read Zeke Bilkins' letters in the Enterprise know what to expect—only with a broader field to call from than the home town of Zeke Bilkins, and more illuminating. Bilkins' little excursions abroad, to Washington, the White House, New York City, and elsewhere outside of North Carolina, have been full of rosy humor and lively philosophy.

We are glad to be able to announce to the readers of the Enterprise and the public generally, that our special writer, Zeke Bilkins, will in a short time start on a tour around the world. On this trip he will ride his famous mule, Bob. Others have traveled around the world by rail and steamer, a few have made much of the distance on bicycles and automobiles, but none has ever attempted the trip on horse-back, or mule-back. Of course, he will cross the ocean by steamer, and long land trips will be made by rail.

Mr. Bilkins will tour England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Morocco, Holland, and other European kingdoms in that portion of the world; also Russia, China, Japan, the Philippine Islands, and other countries in the Far East. Comparatively few people have gone around the world. In most instances they have hurried through the trip, getting only casual glimpses of the various countries from the beaten paths of travel. Mr. Bilkins will travel leisurely and take in the interior as well as the principal cities of each country. He will hobnob with monarchs; but he will also go down among the masses and see how they live, and dispense advice where he thinks it is needed. Doubtless Bob will be the object of attraction in many countries where the American mule is unknown. His eccentricities will play an important part in the articles.

Bilkins will hunt lions and tigers in Africa, and elephants in India, shooting them from Bob's back. He will spend some time with the Sultan of Turkey and try to learn why he is the greatest ladiesman since the days of Solomon.

A special and most interesting feature of the so-called articles will be exhaustive descriptions of Egypt, Jerusalem, Palestine, and other lands and cities anciently familiar to Bible students, but about which so little is known to-day, owing to their lack of commercial importance. Bilkins will trace up old family history and relate back to the days of Adam and Eve. At some time during the tour Mr. Bilkins will make an attempt to reach the North Pole. In fact, that is the height of his ambition. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lost and many lives sacrificed in attempts to reach the North Pole, but it seems impossible owing to the extreme cold. Bilkins professes to believe that Bob can make the trip, regardless of ice and snow. Doubtless the stories of his experiences will be thrilling.

Of course, we cannot go into details. Suffice it to say that these articles will be genuinely descriptive and historically true, even though they will not be written in a serious vein. Mr. Bilkins will be given plenty of latitude and he will write in his peculiar style. But we can safely promise that the reader will know far more about foreign lands, the peculiar customs of the natives, their good and bad points, their past, present and future, a year from now, than he or she knows today, and the stories will be interspersed with quaint expressions, odd experiences and thrilling narratives which will tend to relieve them of all dullness.

As a writer, Zeke Bilkins has occupied an humble and modest position. Society has never set its seal of approval upon his work. The great literary critics who can make and unmake writers at will, have ignorantly of his existence; fate hath decreed it so. But Bilkins has a small but growing cortege of friends who read his letters regularly, and refuse to be comforted without them. This little army consists of boys and girls from five to ninety years of age. Among the number who may be classed as admirers of his letters, on their testimony, we believe it safe to say that there are more boys and girls from right to fifteen years of age who can come nearer repeating verbatim one of his letters, written perhaps one or two years ago than any other writer can claim in proportion.

This goes to show that his work is natural and impressive, though far from brilliant.

The trip around the world will begin soon, and will continue for a year, or longer. Those who care to read it should send a dollar for a year's subscription to the Enterprise at once. If your subscription is about to expire, you should renew promptly. If you have been a subscriber now is the time to renew. Do not miss the first letter.

What is the Solution?

There are constantly cropping out of race associations revolting crimes which cause the mind to turn instinctively to race-separation as a remedy. The recent conflict in Atlanta is a case in point, and in numerous other countries North and South similar troubles are constantly recurring. If colonization solved the Indian problem, the question arises: Why would not colonization solve the Negro problem? The Richmond News Leader, Tom Dixon and John Temple Graves are among those who find a solution of the race problem only in a separation of the races.

The Seaboard Air Line is getting ready to handle with greater dispatch the freight business it now has and to increase its traffic. The Manufacturers' Record announces the purchase by that road of one thousand gondola cars and five hundred box cars. This looks like it is expecting to haul a large amount of coal in the near future. We expect some of those gondola cars to haul coal to Southport.—Wilmington Messenger.

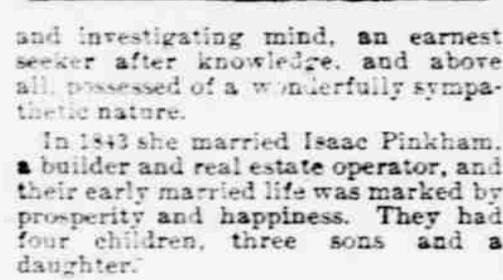
If we mistake not the commander of the warships now at Genoa is a North Carolinian. A young man named James T. Smith, who was born and raised in Wadesboro, entered the naval academy about 1872 and graduated four years later, standing high in his class. We had lost sight of him for a number of years. The commanding officer of the Cleveland must be the same person.—Wilmington Messenger.

WHO SHE WAS

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF LYDIA E. PINKHAM

And a True Story of How the Vegetable Compound Had Its Birth and How the "Panic of '73" Caused it to be Offered for Public Sale in Drug Stores.

This remarkable woman, whose maiden name was Estes, was born in Lynn, Mass., February 9th, 1819, coming from a good old Quaker family. For some years she taught school, and became known as a woman of an alert



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restored the family fortune. They argued that the medicine which was so good for their woman friends and neighbors was equally good for the women of the whole world.

The Pinkhams had no money, and little credit. Their first laboratory was the kitchen where roots and herbs were steeped in the store, gradually filling a gross of bottles. Then came the question of selling it, for always before they had given it away freely. They hired a job printer to run off some pamphlets setting forth the merits of the medicine, now called Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and these were distributed by the Pinkham sons in Boston, New York, and Brooklyn.

The wonderful curative properties of the medicine were, to a great extent, self-advertising, for whoever used it recommended it to others, and the demand gradually increased.

In 1877, by combined efforts the family had saved enough money to commence newspaper advertising and from that time the growth and success of the enterprise were assured, until today Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound have become household words everywhere, and many tons of roots and herbs are used annually in its manufacture.

Lydia E. Pinkham herself did not live to see the great success of this work. She passed her reward years ago, but not till she had provided for her children, three sons and a daughter.

In those good old-fashioned days it was common for mothers to make their own home medicines from roots and herbs, nature's own remedies—calling in a physician only in specially urgent cases. By tradition and experience many of them gained a wonderful knowledge of the curative properties of the various roots and herbs.

Mrs. Pinkham took a great interest in the study of roots and herbs, their characteristics and power over disease. She maintained that just as nature so bountifully provides in the harvest, fields and orchards vegetable foods of all kinds; so, if we but take the pains to find them, the roots and herbs of the field there are remedies expressly designed to cure the various ills and weaknesses of the body, and it was her pleasure to search them out, and prepare simple and effective remedies for her own family and friends.

Chief of these was a rare combination of the choicest medicinal roots and herbs found best adapted for the cure of the ills and weaknesses peculiar to the female sex, and Lydia E. Pinkham's friends and neighbors learned that her compound relieved and cured, and it became quite popular among them.

All this so far was done freely, without money and without price, as a labor of love, and not for gain.

But in 1873 the financial crisis struck Lynn. Its length and severity were too much for the large real estate interests of the Pinkham family, as this class of business suffered most from the fearful depression, so when the Centennial year dawned it found their property swept away. Some other source of income had to be found.

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Protect Your Family. LIFE INSURANCE advertisement for New York Life, The Great International Life Insurance Company.

Manzan advertisement for a medicinal product, featuring a small illustration and text.

Death Benefit For Tobacco Employees. Blackwell's Durham Tobacco Co. advertisement.

Valuable Department of a Valuable Paper. Advertisement for a newspaper or publication.

California One Way--Colonist Tickets \$34.50 from Henderson advertisement for Santa Fe Railroad.

The Mecklenburg Hotel And Mineral Springs, CHASE CITY, VIRGINIA. Advertisement for a hotel and resort.

"Pilsener Export Beer" "Malt Tonic." Advertisement for beer and tonic, featuring a bottle illustration.

NEW LIFE For You! Advertisement for a health product, featuring a bottle illustration.

Backache Any person having backache, kidney pains or bladder trouble... Advertisement for a backache remedy.

Kidney and Bladder Troubles. PINE-ULE MEDICINE CO., CHICAGO advertisement.

Lucky the Man Who rides in a CORBITT BUGGY. Advertisement for a carriage company.

New Fall Goods. Attention is called to our line of New Fall Dress Goods just received. Mohair Goods, Repellent, Silk Bouquets, Ladies' and boys Golf Gloves, etc. H. Thomason.

Stock Profits can be greatly increased by giving special care to the health of every animal and fowl on the farm.

Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine keeps their livers working and therefore keeps them well.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you eat. HENRY PERRY, INSURANCE advertisement.

COAL AND WOOD. Hard, Splint and Steam Coal Pine and Oak Wood. Why pay for splitting your wood when you can get it split ready for the stove without extra cost?

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. E. W. Brown advertisement.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE Will cure any case of Kidney or Bladder Disease not beyond the reach of medicine. No medicine can do more. For sale by MELVILLE DORSEY, Druggist.

There is Strength for The Weak NEW LIFE For You! A torpid liver is always associated with indigestion. A disease but few of us entirely escape throughout life.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic has stood the test 25 years. Average Annual Sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record of merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay. 50c.

THE NEW IDEA THE ORIGINAL LAXATIVE KENNEDY'S LAXATIVE HONEY AND TAR COUGH SYRUP advertisement.

TELEPHONE IN YOUR RESIDENCE FOR RATES APPLY TO LOCAL MANAGER OF Home Telephone and Telegraph Company HENDERSON

FEELING LIVER-ISH This Morning? TAKE THE FORD'S Black-Draught Stools indigestion Constipation 25c

THE ORIGINAL LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP KENNEDY'S LAXATIVE HONEY AND TAR advertisement.