

THE GOLD LEAF.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1908.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

EXPURGATED FOOTBALL

Can this game, benevolent game, be the same old-fashioned, death-dealing sport with which we were wont to amuse ourselves in days of yore?

Saving Time.

"He was never sick a day in his life." "No, he is too stung, so he has had all his sickness at night so as not to interfere with his work."

Best She Had. "How did the handmaid pan out at your house?" eagerly asked the hungry tramp of his companion, who had gone forth on a foraging expedition.

The Reason For It. Although she braved the breakers, she couldn't swim at all. But when she donned her bathing suit and found she had no soap...

Know Men Are Contrary. He—But all the other girls say that she is attractive. She—Oh, that's just to antagonize the men.

Dubbed the Painter. "I hear he was arrested for painting the town." "Yes; they caught him red-handed."

Say on Raw Goods. "Do you say he's going to reform?" "That's what I wonder where he's going to get the material."

Opponents. We have the best bachelor in high and booty grade. Then why not get her complement? The masculine and maid.

Been Broken In. "Do you think that Jack is engaged?" "I believe he is. He seems willing to listen when he is with a girl now."

Pert Paragraphs. There are people who are entirely immune to attacks of common sense.

The clothes (of some men) look as if they were made at home.

Getting ahead of the procession is a long some proceeding.

The helping hand is the one that has the dollar in it.

It isn't always safe to be interested in what people don't do.

After breaking into society the first thing a man not to the manner born is to get to do his break out.

As the wise man who knows what she doesn't want him to have.

The morning after is the pessimist's day.

Zoology is a coupon attachment to the certificate.

Men don't really seem to care to be their own boss. Most of them marry.

The embarrassment in getting caught is greater than any other penalty.

Mostly Talk. A barking dog, as we are told, is seldom known to bite. Likewise a man who talks a lot will run before he'll fight.

Well? "Did the new laundry do your shirts up well?" "Yes; did 'em up brown."—Cleveland Leader.

Tell-tale. Little drops of water, little grains of sand, show when boys go swimming. Needless of command.

Just Cranky. Smith—Isn't he rather eccentric? Jones—Oh, no. He's a poor man.—Detroit Tribune.

Intensely Human Affair.

Dr. Cy Thompson Takes a Fall Out of Both Gov. Glenn and Dr. Stiles Anent the Hookworm Discussion—Much Ado About Nothing, Thinks this Correspondent.

Correspondence Charlotte Observer.

If Dr. Stiles had come to North Carolina in the temper of Solomon, and had said to him:

"O, fair Shalottine, Thy beauty is greater than starlight on Helion when Helion is bright. Thy sweetness is sweeter than Carmel!"

North Carolina would have swelled with pride and she would not have been abusive.

In your issue of the 21st, I note the following editorial paragraph: "Our North Carolina people are curious. Professing to want light and knowledge upon subjects which are obscure, dissonant, those outside of their own profession, which is more advanced than any other; soliciting, and alert for information by means of which we can improve ourselves, when an outsider suggests a deficiency or imperfection we swell up about it and abuse him."

You state therein a very evident truth, but assign no reason for it; you content yourself with saying that it is "curious." I do not wish to be troublesome, but with your sweet permission, may I venture to say to the editor I would like to develop this subject a little further.

It is a curious fact, indeed, that not only North Carolinians, but men everywhere as well, readily confess to themselves what they are unwilling to be told by others.

Standing before her mirror, my lady says to herself, with becoming frankness, "I may be amiable, but alas! I am not beautiful," and then with cheerful heart she essays with massage, cosmetics and snips to make intruder her harsh impeachment. But if I say to her, "I am not so handsome as the most amiable little woman I ever saw, but you are not pretty," her skies are bedclouded, she goes with a hollow cough all day, and she feels somehow that I am not her friend.

And so with me, I have known for scores of years that I am not handsome, but if you tell me that I am ugly, I shall feel that you are rankly discourteous. I make no doubt, furthermore, that under pressing circumstances I would be like a gentleman; but if you should tell me that I am not a gentleman, I should cover your blood and call you "another." And so if a man has worms and knows it, you cannot with impunity go about making cross-roads talk of it.

We tell ourselves unpleasant truths without offense, no one being allowed the same truths by others. Telling them to ourselves, we are assured of the kindly spirit of our accuser; if the rebuker is another, we suspect the spirit of him who unconsciously the naked truth. This is true even when the answering is done in private by a friend; if the revelation is made in public by "an outsider," we consider the exposure, so unkind and indecent as to demand denial of the allegation and abuse of the allegator.

Such is human nature, touched in Carolina or Ohio, and the wholesome truth that the beneficently uttered by Dr. Stiles, to whom the profession in this State has been indebted for six years. Our executive head, as every body knows, is a remarkably voluble, industrious and human shepherd of his sheep, and we know he could not brook a stranger's coming among them, even for their good, and bawling out: "Your panicles are big, your blood is thin, your wool is short, and your lambs are lean."

Evidently Dr. Stiles is not a tactful man; if he had come with a lulling lull on his lips—if he had said, "your flock is all wool and a yard wide—sound in wind, limb and abdominal viscera," he would have gone from the State covered with roses like the grave of the newly dead, and every denunciation of him would be a belting of the flock would still be bleating his phrases.

Dr. Stiles meant well, and the spirit of his indictment was doubtless sympathetic, but he was unfortunate, being a scientist, in phrasing his helpful charge. If he had said it so that our neighbors would not so readily have understood it—had said that we were suffering with uncinariasis; that in the face of summer floods and a Republican panic, our alimentary canals in their tortuous convolutions and rotund ruffles, supported by mesentery and covered by caul, were infested and filled with a new-fangled parasite, a pestiferous nematode of the family of Strongylidae, known to scientists as the Uncinari Americana (Stiles), a deadly vampire which inwardly develops destructive toxins, drinks the blood and saps the vitality of adolescent youths, even as the robber tariff on "silly" sucks the blood of a helpless man too proud to confess their spoliation—it wouldn't have been so bad.

Now, the Governor, to be sure, in his public prayers does not hesitate to say in the hearing of his flock, "O, Lord, we are poor, helpless worms of the dust;" but when it is said that his flock get worms out of the dust—when Dr. Stiles, an outsider, even a helpful stranger, a man of a Federal job from Washington City, says, not that we are worms, but only that we are wormy, the Governor is offended, shows signs of anger and with injured pride begins to pull cover over our unbecomely parts.

Intensely human all this, but unwise. In the very nature of things, surely the offense must needs have come; but woe to him always by whom the offense cometh.

Very "curious," very human and very funny withal—funny enough to make a cultured hookworm chuckle in the anaemic belly of his host.

CYRUS THOMPSON. November 23, 1908.

Medicine That Is Medicine. "I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters, a medicine that is medicine for stomach and every derangement, and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kessler, of Halliday, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. Sold at Melville Doney's drug store.

In Thankful Land.

Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

May be life's still worth the livin', So—Thankin'! Sometimes treats us far from right—Stormy day, an' starless night; But a little hope's in sight. So—Thankin'!

True, the mortgage, it falls due—Yes—Thankin'! Hurricane has landed, too; Yet, though feelin' mighty blue, Earthquake hasn't swallowed you. So—Thankin'!

Wearv travelers still we roam. Still—Thankin'! Still the life is in the team. Still the lives held homebound. Come in—make yourselves at home—It's Thankin'!

We are led to believe that crime is on the increase and especially that of murder. It is not confined to any particular section, but is scattered over our entire country.

There is a cause and a remedy and our courts and legislative bodies as well as the people should look at the matter from a serious standpoint. In North Carolina it is almost impossible to prove premeditation and this is necessary before a man can be convicted of murder in the first degree.

Take our own country, where we have had six or eight killings in the past three years, and those that were convicted of any crime only received comparatively light sentences.

It is from the remedy to prevent or stop so much killing, yet it is plain enough that when one man killed another he was sure to pay the penalty on the scaffold before his next birthday.

The legislature that meets in January ought to examine the law and look at the conditions and increased number of murders that are committed every year and throw a safeguard around human life.

The remedy is in the making and execution of the law. A loose and slack punishment of criminals, and particularly that of murder means to encourage mob violence, for when the life of a good man in a neighborhood has been taken by another, and in the past such criminals have only been given minimum punishment, there is nothing to prevent a disregard for law and order.

Mother Goose Up to Date. Edna Perry in the New Idea Woman's Magazine.

Little Miss Smart has lost her heart, And doesn't know where to find it; Leave her alone, and she'll come home with the man she left to mind it.

The heart of a woman lay on the wall, The heart of a woman had a great fall, And all the love of a thousand men couldn't mend that woman's heart again.

Faith and Love went up the hill, To fill a heart with laughter; Faith fell down and broke his crown And Love came tumbling after.

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