

CONFIDENCE GAME

Greensboro, March 21.—Sometime ago Messrs. Thacker & Brockman, merchants here, received a letter from a man who signed himself as Rev. John Thompson Hargrave, of Verdon, Va., asking them to quote him prices on their shoes and men's underwear. The firm promptly mailed the desired information. In a few days an order came for twenty-six pairs of shoes of different kinds and numbers mentioned in the catalogue. Accompanying the order was a long list of references, the writer stating that he was an Episcopal minister, located at Verdon, Hanover County, directing the shoes to be shipped to Taylorsville, Hanover County, the depot and stating that his residence was at Alvir Post Office, Hanover County.

In the list of references were half a dozen Bishops in as many dioceses and as many more prominent clergymen in this and other states besides prominent bankers and railroad officials.

Among the North Carolina references from clergymen was that of the Rev. Francis Joyner, of Littleton.

There were so many of these references that the Greensboro firm grew suspicious, and before filling the order wrote to the postmaster at Verdon concerning the responsibility or the identity of the Rev. Mr. Hargrave.

The answer came today, stating that the party inquired about must be a scamp of the first water. That he came there from somewhere in Pennsylvania some time ago, and since then had been receiving goods consigned to him from all parts of the United States, many of them being seized before he could get hold of them. The postmaster said he was tired of getting inquiries and from what he heard and had reason to believe, the alleged clergyman "was one of the biggest scamps on earth."

Parties here have received copies of a Virginia paper published at Roanoke giving a detailed report of the obtaining under false pretenses of sixty-five dollars on a forged check at a bank there by Rufus K. Parks, of Allegheny County, and of his escape from officers. The article stated that he had formerly stood high in Allegheny County, being a brother-in-law of Governor Doughton and of Mr. S. A. Carson, of the Allegheny Star, having married a few days ago Miss Ellen Carson, a splendid young woman well known and greatly admired in Greensboro. The two column news story has a foot note: "Allegheny Star please copy."

It seems difficult to arouse much interest in the approaching city election. So far only two candidates are in the field for mayor, one being the present incumbent, T. J. Murphy, the other L. J. Brandt, at present a member of the Board of Aldermen.

Not a solitary man has offered for an aldermanship. It is understood that not one of the present administration, except the two first named for mayor, will be candidates for reelection. There will be legalized primaries under recent act of the Legislature for the nomination of all Democratic candidates for city offices under the rules adapted by the city Democratic Executive Committee.

Rumor is busy with the names of several prominent citizens as aldermen, among those mentioned being E. A. Brown, John L. King, W. M. Barbee, Lee H. Battle, Z. V. Taylor, C. M. Vanstoy, Samuel Mitchell, E. H. Merriman, Samuel A. Boyd, E. P. Wharton and William Love. None of these gentlemen have indicated their desire to run, but some of them will probably be run by any way.

It is an anomalous situation, but things may get more interesting from now on.

Letter to J. F. Abernethy, Hickory, N. C.

Dear Sir: No man is in a position to influence men with regard to their property more than you in that little room where they tell you their troubles. Pity, if you don't know how to keep a house dry and sound, any sort of structure, house store factory warehouse shop barn fence—any sort of fence, except rail; with paint.

What paint? The paint that takes least gallons; for paint costs money, and putting it on costs twice as much as the paint.

That is short; but that's all; it includes the rest. One paint wears long, another wears short; but the one that wears long is the least-gallons paint; least-gallons means pure and strong, and most-gallons means adulterated and weak, besides small gallons.

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FABRICS FOR SPRING.

Popularity of Checks and Stripes—Chiffon Weights.

Second only to the novelty which characterizes the modes of the present season are the fabrics and materials brought out for their development. Never in the history of woman's costume have we seen such fineness of texture and such beauty of design as these new weaves display. Cottons, linens, silks and worsteds—it is the same along all the line.

The very early date of Easter and the unsettled weather conditions have given worsteds a strong preference over the lighter-weight silks and the two or three pieces tailored suit over the costume and separate wrap. True, these latter will find favor with a class of women to whom expense is no item, but the woman who must needs satisfy herself with one spring costume—and she it is who is greatly in the majority—will select a smart walking costume of modish cut and materials.

Light in weight and light in color typifies the class of dress materials which we are using this spring. Plain cloths in rich dark tones, brown, blues and grays find their way into the more serviceable suits for morning and walking wear, while the lighter tones of broadcloth, Panama, serge, shetland cloth and the like find favor with those who for one reason or another do not approve of the novelty stripes and checks which mark the high-style note of spring dress goods collections.

Checks of very size from the tiniest shepherds to the checkerboard of inch dimensions, decided checks and invisible checks, these, with the new broken patterns designated on the other side as peasant's checks, are found in the softest and most beautiful worsted and silk weaves which one can imagine.

Stripes, if anything, are a trifle more modish than checks, for any woman can wear stripes, while only a limited few find a checked fabric becoming.

The slender woman can indulge in checks and even plaids to her heart's content, but her sister of more generous proportions—and the average American woman is not small like her French sister—will, if she is schooled in the art of dress, adopt those modish stripes, which tend to lengthen the figure and give to it the long, graceful lines which present modes demand.

Add to this quality the trimming possibilities of the fabrics themselves and one readily understands the popularity of checks and stripes in every fabric from the inexpensive cottons to the highest priced silks and worsteds.

Among the plain fabrics and those carrying an unobtrusive design, such as hairline or polka dot, are the velvets, marisettes and similar chiffonlike fabrics, to be made up over linings of lustrous silk in self of contrasting color. Checked, striped and plaided silks are likewise used with telling effect as linings for these semi-diplomatic materials. Lustrous silks bring to mind the new mohairs, patterned as attractively as any silk, and well-nigh as soft in quality and lustrous in finish. These will be developed into some of the most fetching costumes of the season and already are finding a new and novel as well as serviceable use in separate coats for both day and evening wear.

Dividing favor with the new silks for separate costumes and dressy waists are the land-downs and silk poplins—not new fabrics, to be sure, but so soft and lustrous in their new expressions that, though the season is yet young, large quantities of them are daily finding their way over the counters.

Tennessee Builders Organize.

Memphis, Tenn., March 25.—A conference was begun here today having for its object the organization of a state association of builders' exchanges of Tennessee, on the lines of similar bodies existing in Texas and other states. Among those interested are the builders' exchange of Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis and Jackson. If the project is realized the state association will become affiliated with the National Association of Builders' Exchanges.

Priest's Silver Jubilee.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 25.—The Rev. William Graham, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, today celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination. Father Graham was born in Ireland in 1858. He made his theological studies at the St. Sulpice Seminary at Montreal, and afterwards attended the American College in Rome, where he was ordained March 25, 1882.

A REMARKABLE STORY.

A strange procession dashed into Valeville yesterday afternoon at full gallop from the timber out in Putnie township.

First there was a four horse team hitched to a bobbed on which was what appeared to be a very small but quite long saw log with the branches only partially cut off and following this were half a dozen teams driven by the farmers who live out in the neighborhood of the old Bremstein place, and whose business in the procession seemed to be that of providing contented enthusiasm for keeping up speed.

With great haste and noise they made their way directly to the Valeville public hospital and in a very few minutes later, all the men being quickly admitted, disappeared within the hospital frock doors, carrying the heavy log with them.

It seems that Erringe Drave a hired man, who has been working for Mr. Bremstein, had been sent by his employer the day before to collect some money—several hundred dollars—that was due from a man who lived several miles distant, and that when morning came Drave still had not turned up at the Bremstein place with the money nor without it, for that matter.

Mr. Bremstein, fearing that his employe had decamped with the funds, started out to make search and inquiry, and about noon accidentally discovered the missing man half-way up a small tree out in the deep woods, and seeming unconscious, while all about the tree were discovered footprints of wolves, showing that the man must have been attacked by a large pack of these dangerous animals, and having climbed the tree for safety, had been imprisoned there by his assailants till he was overcome by the cold and was unable to get down when the morning light drove the animals away.

The unfortunate man was in a strange position. In order to hold himself securely in place, he had been compelled to wrap his arms and legs around the trunk of the tree, he being seated on a small straw mat the time when he was found by those in search of him. He was so badly frozen that, even after ladders had been obtained and they had climbed up to where he was, he could not be unwrapped from the tree about which he was frozen.

The neighborhood is thickly settled, and in a very short time a large party of strong vigorous willing men had gathered, and steps were immediately taken to rescue the dying man if possible. Ladders and even were brought and heaped upon the ground on the side of the tree toward which it would fall when severed, and then it was cut down, although every blow struck on the trunk hurt the imprisoned man by means of the vibration so that he moaned. Then as much of the tree as was absolutely necessary was cut off, and the remainder loaded into a sleigh to which a four horse team was hitched, and the whole procession set off for town and the hospital on a gallop, which was not slackened till the goal was reached.

At the hospital the very best attention was paid to the frozen man, with the result that in a few hours he had scientifically thawed out, and will not lose so much as a toe or a finger by reason of his terrible exposure.

He had lost the money, however, in fleeing from the wolves, and they had probably eaten it, for it could not be found.—St. Louis Republic.

NEGLECTED COLDS THREATEN LIFE.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

"Don't trifle with a cold," is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well established ripe cold is to the germs of diphtheria what honey is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. Whether it is a child or an adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A child never results in pneumonia, when it is given. For sale by Shuford Drug Co.

SONG OF THE SKYSCRAPER.

Deep rooted down in the good brown earth,
From the city's heart I rise;
I grow and grow from the hour of my birth
Till I reach the overreaching skies,
Fair is my face from the quarry freed,
And strong is my iron frame;
Some say I'm a temple raised to grand,
And others, the City's Fame.

A city within four walls am I,
Where shadows move to and fro—
Five hundred feet from my flagstaff high
To the sidewalk far below.

The joyous laugh of the god Success,
Or the bankrupt's harrowing moan
I heed not—pleasure nor dark distress
Ne'er trouble my heart of stone.
The feet of pauper and millionaire
On my corridors daily fall;
They are surging in from I know not where
And vanish again—that's all.

A graveyard within four walls am I,
Where hearts are laid cold and low—
Five hundred feet from my flagstaff high
To the sidewalk far below.

I watch men haste with a maddening rush
To kneel at the shrine of Gain,
A fellow-man in the dust to crush—
The thought of each fevered brain,
But off a halo illumines the place
With its mesh of tumultuous cares—
'Tis a Sister of Charity's pensive face
And the message of love it bears.

I read, for the modern Sphinx am I,
Life's riddle of joy and woe—
Five hundred feet from my flagstaff high
To the sidewalk far below.

I gaze on the city's wide expanse
At night with my thousand eyes;
I smile as the moonbeams round me dance
And stars watch their glad emprise.
But when the dawn comes to gild my crown
And darkness away hath rolled—
Once more I resume my stony frown
And men rush in quest of gold.

A glittering, bastioned keep am I,
I reek not of friend or foe—
Five hundred feet from my flagstaff high
To the sidewalk far below.

EUGENE GRAY.

Portuguese Crown Prince is 20.

Lisbon, March 21.—The twentieth birthday of the crown prince, Luis Philippe, Duke of Braganza, was celebrated throughout the kingdom today with public fetes and merrymaking. Flags and decorations were displayed everywhere and the day was observed as a holiday in all cities and towns.

Prince Luis Philippe, whom rumor says will soon wed Prince William of Hohenzollern is a manly young fellow, well educated and apparently possessed of more round sense than many of the other royal offsprings of Europe. With the general public, however, he is not so popular as his younger brother, Don Manuel, Duke of Beira, who is in his eighteenth year, and who is called by the people of Portugal "Our Own Sailor Prince." It is said to be the dearest wish of the young Prince that he may in time be allowed to go to the United States in command of a Portuguese man-of-war. This wish may be gratified this summer when Portugal will send a war ship to the exposition at Jamestown.

New York, March 25.—D. T. Laird, a passenger on the steamer, the City of Atlanta, was found dead in his berth Sunday when the steamer arrived from Savannah.

Death is said to be due to apoplexy. He was aged about 60 years.

LOST AND FOUND.

Lost, between 9:30 p. m., yesterday and noon today, a bilious attack, with nausea and sick headache. This loss was occasioned by finding at C. M. Shuford and M. S. Martin & Co. drug store a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills, the guaranteed cure for biliousness, malaria and jaundice. 25c.

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The world is a little full of streets,
And Death is the merchant that all men meet.

If Life were a thing that Monte could buy,
The Poor could not live, and the Rich would not die.

At Peters Isle, Thanet, may be seen this epitaph on a gravestone bearing signs of extreme age:
Herculean Hero, famed for Strength,
At last lies here, his breadth and length.
See how the mighty Man hath fall'n;
So Death the Strong and Weak are all one.

And the same judgment doth befall Goliath Great and David Small.

In a country churchyard in Scotland may be read the following bit of rhymed philosophy on an unpretentious crumbling gravestone:
Here lies I, Martin Eldebrod,
He! mercy on my soul, Laird God!
As I would do were I Laird God,
And you were Martin Eldebrod.

In a Devonshire churchyard the following unique epitaph may be read:
The horse bit the parson.
How came it to pass?
The horse heard the parson say
All flesh is grass.

Following the verse is the information that the parson who lies below came to his death through the bite of a vicious horse.

On the gravestone of a chief constable of Stirling, dated 1809 is the following:
Our life is but a winter day:
Some breakfast early and away:
Others to dinner stay, and are full fed.
The eldest stays to sup and goes to bed.
Large is his debt who lingers out the day:
Who goes the soonest has the least to pay.

In a Woolwick churchyard may be seen the following:
As I am now so you must be;
Therefore prepare to follow me.
And added (presumably by his widow) the last added lines reading:
To follow you I'm not content,
Unless I know which way you went.

For weak kidneys and lame back use DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. Best for lumbago, rheumatism, bladder and other troubles arising from bad blood. They cleanse the kidneys and clear the system. Indorsed and sold by C. M. Shuford & W. S. Martin.

Why She Was Mad.

"Foreign relations," said Senator Culom, the chairman of the Senate's committee on foreign relations, "are delicate things and must be handled delicately."

"Foreign relations," in fact, remind me of a newly married couple I heard about the other day.

"Their life had been very happy for a year. Not a cloud had marred their perfect felicity. Then, one morning, the wife came down to breakfast morose and wretched.

"She was snappish with her husband. She would hardly speak to him. And for a long while she refused to explain her unwonted conduct."

"Finally, though, the young man insisting that he be told why his wife was treating him so badly, she looked up with tears in her eyes and said:
'John Smith, if I dream again that you kissed another woman I won't speak to you again as long as I live.'

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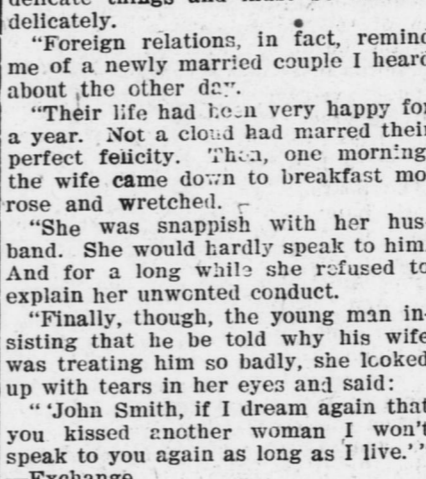
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DURHAM'S NEW CHURCH.

Durham, N. C., March 26.—The beautiful new edifice being erected by the members of the Main Street Methodist Church in Durham will probably be the handsomest church in the State and will cost \$120,000. Actual work on this church began several days ago and will be pushed rapidly forward. It will take one year before it is completed.

The plans and specifications have been submitted by Northern architects who have the work under their direct supervision. The old church which is at present being used by the Methodist congregation will stand as a memorial to the late Washington Duke, who was a faithful and consistent member. The congregation have been given permission to worship at this church when the new one is completed.

The handsome architectural work of the new structure will be a thing of beauty, and is being erected in one of the most desirable resident sections of the city, on West Chapel Hill street. Before the foundation was laid the board of stewards and the pastor visited several Northern cities and were shown several churches from which they made selections for the erection of the one in this city.

Mr. B. N. Duke, a resident of this city, has given \$100,000 and the remaining \$30,000 will be subscribed by the members.

INSPECT LOUISIANA WATERWAYS.

New Orleans, La., March 25.—Members of the House committee on rivers and harbors are going to make an inspection this week of the waterways of Louisiana. Several of the members have arrived in New Orleans and the others are expected tomorrow. From this city they will go to the mouth of the Mississippi and examine the locks from the river into Bayou La Fourche and Bayou Plaquemine, going thence to the mouth of the Red river. The Atchafalaya river will then be visited and the committee will sail down this stream to the gulf. The party will next go to Shreveport and sail down the Red river from there to New Orleans. A visit will also be made to southwestern Louisiana for the purpose of inspecting the salt mines, oil fields and rice and sugar plantations of that section.

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Yorkville	Lv. 9 48 am	5 57 am	
Gastonla	Lv. 10 38 am	6 00 am	
Lincolnton	Lv. 11 50 am	7 45 am	
Newton	Lv. 12 28 pm	1 06 pm	
Hickory	Lv. 12 57 pm	2 20 pm	2 20 pm
Lenoir	Ar. 2 12 pm	5 15 pm	
Southbound			
Lenoir	Lv. 3 05 pm		9 45 am
Hickory	Lv. 3 57 pm	5 20 am	11 50 am
Newton	Lv. 4 24 pm	7 00 am	
Lincolnton	Lv. 5 02 pm	8 10 am	
Gastonla	Lv. 6 00 pm	1 30 pm	
Yorkville	Lv. 6 50 pm	3 05 pm	
Chester	Ar. 7 45 pm	4 45 pm	

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