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THE MOTHER TIGER CUFFS HER CUBS

That is the Surest Way of Making Them Savage.

The delightful idea advanced by a few incompetent school teachers that whipping is necessary to discipline in the schools would not be so popular if it were extended so as to include the teachers themselves as a means of preserving discipline among them.

In the present stage of civilization the mere advocacy of beating children ought immediately to disqualify the teacher who advocates.

The belief that the whip is necessary to make children behave themselves is in the first place a confession of absolute incompetence.

No teacher who understands his profession needs to beat children in order to make them conduct themselves quietly.

The competent useful teacher interests his pupils, inspires them with a desire to learn, and arouses in them that intelligent curiosity which keeps their mind on their work.

Every child, even the most stupid, has born in him a certain interest in his surroundings, and a desire to know more about them, which intelligently directed results in his education.

To keep this interest alive, to gratify it with satisfying explanations, and to encourage it, is the work that every teacher should be able to do.

And any person, entrusted with the education of children, who cannot do this, and who cannot inspire the confidence and respect of the pupils, is completely unfitted for any position in public or private schools.

Trying to inspire confidence by the practice of brutality is as sensible as hacking down a tender plant with an axe in order to make it grow more luxuriantly.

The mother tiger, after her cubs have grown large enough to shift for themselves, keeps them at a distance by cuffing them roughly and the baby tigers, quick as children to imitate, go out and cuff other creatures in the same fashion.

The chastising they get from their mother does not make them dutiful or obedient. It makes them savage. It teaches them that brutality is what rules the animal world, and that until they become accomplished in it they will have little chance.

And so they become as much like their snarling, cuffing, biting mother as they can, until their savagery, which is tiger education, enables them to make their way in the jungle.

There can be only one excuse for beating children, either by teachers or parents, and that excuse, which is a very bad one, is extreme anger.

To club or otherwise chastise a helpless child in cold blood, without even the excuse of anger, is a thing that should not be tolerated any people pretending to civilization.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to abolish whipping by parents, unless it is unusually severe. Only public opinion now can keep the brute of a father or the irritable mother from brutalizing their children, and lowering their own standing in their children's respect.

But it is possible to stop whipping in the schools. In fact it has already been stopped, and it must never be allowed to begin again.

Because a child is weak and cannot hit back is a pretty feeble justification for him.

There is quite as much reason for a school board to hire policemen whose duties would consist of going around the schools and clubbing stupid teachers as to allow teachers to attack children.

It is a very fortunate thing that the great body of teachers in America are a fine, competent body of men and women, whose only ambition is to do their work effectively and quietly, and who are proud to be entrusted with the highest duty of civilization.

Teachers who favor corporal punishment are in a very small minority, and that minority will in time steadily decrease until no more talk of barbarity will be in the schools, and no more fear that the club will be again introduced as a substitute for the magnetism and leadership which all good teachers possess.

Retailer's Wife Tried to Trap the Sheriff.

A few days ago Sheriff Berry, of Burke county, went after a man for retailing and found him on top of a house repairing the roof. He called on him to come down and surrender, which he refused to do. The sheriff sent his deputy up the ladder to get him and he stood the deputy off with a hammer. The sheriff then took a hand in the affair and while he was on top of the house the man's wife threw down the ladder, leaving the sheriff, his deputy and the prisoner on the roof of the house with no means of getting down. This forced Mr. Berry to jump a distance of 12 feet, shaking him up considerably. He landed his man all right, though, and now has him safe behind the bars of Burke's jail.—Landmark.

Small Boy's Essay.

Here's a small boy's essay on newspapers. He ought to make a good editor when he grows up: "Newspapers are sheets of paper on which stuff to read is printed. The men look it over and see their names in it. I don't think God does. The Bible says nothing about editors, and I never heard of one being in heaven. The first editor I heard of was a fellow who wrote up the flood. He has been here ever since. Some editors belong to the church and some try to raise whiskers. All of them raise Cain in their neighborhood. Sometimes the paper dies and then people feel glad, but some one starts it up again. Editors never went to school because editors don't get licked. Our paper is a mighty poor one but we take it so ma can use it on her pantry shelves. Our editor don't amount to much, but pa says he had a poor chance when a boy. He goes without under clothes in winter, wears no socks and has a wife to support him. Pa has not paid his subscription in five years, and don't intend to.

Your Printing.

This is to remind the business man and others who use printed matter that we do all kinds of commercial printing. Let us send you samples and quote prices on envelopes, letter heads, statements, pay envelopes, church envelopes, shipping tags, programs business and visiting cards, report blanks, hand bills, circulars, circular letters, prescription blanks, receipts, special blanks of all kinds, booklets, pamphlets or anything else that you may need. Prices right, delivery prompt, satisfaction guaranteed. Mail orders receive prompt attention. Democrat Printery. Hickory, N. C.

A Higher Health Level.

"I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach, liver and bowels working just right." If these pills disappoint you on trial, money will be refunded at C. M. Shuford; W. S. Martin and Menzies drug stores, 25c.

"RUSTICUS" ATTACK.

Farmer Lyles Creek Correspondent Asks Him Why He Often Spoke of Dutch Settlers in North Carolina as Descendants From "Good Old Pennsylvania Dutch?"

Mr. Editor: The writer having been living in Pennsylvania over three months, and in a city where almost every class of people in the states reside Philadelphia brings to mind a fact which we apply through your columns for an explanation from your "Uncle Rusticus," a historical writer for your publication from the rural district known as South Fork.

It has been a custom of your good old writer to write histories of the early settlers of Catawba county and the state generally, which it has pleased this writer to read from time to time. But before we knew anything about Pennsylvania people it was always puzzling to us to know what he meant by saying "So and so were descendants of the good (?) old Pennsylvania Dutch Settlers." We presumed at the time that he meant descendants from the Dutch and German tribe of the state of Pennsylvania.

And by the way when we first launched in this historic old state our thoughts wandered back to the writings of "Rusticus" to know something about what kind of inhabitants (if indeed inhabitants they can be called) our good old friends back there in Catawba were descendants from. Hence our eagerness to find out. We find that the Dutch and Germans here are a dirty, filthy, low class of worthless beings. They made the city here as some worthless tribe they fill the police courts, the prisons are filled with them. Possibly Philadelphia applies to Pennsylvania, it is almost large enough and deadly enough to apply to the universe.

But we have inquired all the possible information we could about the Dutch here, and we have seen some pretty rough specimens for more absolute data, and we are extremely disappointed. We are sure none of the earlier settlers of our own civilized country were descendants from this class of Dutch here and if those here are fair specimens of their ancestors, their ancestors were extremely low.

Why they are even worse than the people in that section of this city known as Chinatown inhabited by the tongs, and they are low, lawless, murderous, villains!

We want Uncle Rusticus to write a nice article and explain what kind of people the early Dutch Settlers of Catawba really were, and if they actually were descendants from the Dutch people from in and around the Quaker City, or their ancestors, why he could apply the word "good" to their names.

We are confident he can relieve us greatly, for until he does so we shall be greatly disappointed about the early settlers of our country down there, which we have always been proud of.

"MONOTYPI"

Formerly Lyles Creek Correspondent.

It Does the Business.

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c, at C. M. Shuford; W. S. Martin and Menzies drug stores.

Mr. J. B. Johnson left for a weeks trip Monday.

At The Academy of Music.

The theatre goes on Hickory will no doubt hail with joy the coming of the well known Democrat Comedy Co., which will open a weeks engagement at the Academy on Monday Jan. 15th with the beautiful rural comedy drama "His Country Sweetheart." This play tells a beautiful story of a country girl's life who marries above her rank and is not properly appreciated by the husband or his family, they finally separate and for five years she goes to school, and finally meets her husband at a party given by his sister, and is recognized by the wedding ring, and of course all well that ends well. Ona Demorest will be seen in the role of Rose Baxter the country girl and Mr. Walker as Jack Henderson. Mr. Demorest as Prof. Potts, and other members of the Co., are equally strong. High-class specialties between the acts as usual, and popular prices will prevail—15 25 35.

An entire change of plays and specialty will be presented every night and no plays will be repeated that they played on their former engagement. They will present all new plays.

Death of An Aged Lady.

Mrs. A. S. Menzies died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. McKethan, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on Jan. 4. She leaves four sons, Messrs W. B. K. C., Dr. H. C. and E. B. Menzies and one daughter, Mrs. John A. McKethan. She came to Hickory with her husband in 1884. She was about 65 years old and a woman of many sterling traits of character. She was the highest type of the christian and her life was beautiful in its simplicity. Her remains were brought to Hickory on Saturday night and carried to the home of her son, Mr. K. C. Menzies where on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives a very simple, but impressive funeral service conducted by Dr. Wharey of the Presbyterian church assisted by Dr. Murphy of the Reformed church was held. Her body was carried to Oakwood and laid to rest by the side of her husband where beneath a bed of flowers placed by loving hands it waits the resurrection of the dead.

Rutherford College News.

Editor Democrat Dear Sir: Among the well known speakers who will participate at the dedication exercises of The Carnegie Library at this place on Friday next, January tenth, former Senator Judge Jeter C. Pritchard will be the principal orator of the day, and it is urgently requested that as many of the citizens of Hickory and Catawba and adjoining counties as can be present, come to these exercises. A literary treat is in store for all those who attend. Senator Ben Tillman has been invited to be present, and it is hoped he may be able to arrange to take a part in the entertainment, but we are not sufficiently assured to make a definite announcement of this fact.

However, we will greatly appreciate it if you will make a liberal announcement of the event as possible and we hope you will be present as our guest, with the other editors who will be here on this occasion.

Thanking you in advance, and trusting to see you next Friday, we are,

Very Respectfully Yours
T. L. SIGMON—Mayor
For the committee.

Pretty little pictures made twenty eight for twenty-five cents, at Huffmans old stand,

PASS IT AT THE EXTRA SESSION.

Strong Reasons Why it is Better to Act Now than to Wait—Would Put Whiskey Question Out of Politics.

Greenville Reflector. Our reporter sought out Governor Jarvis and asked him this question:

"If the Legislature should be called together in special session, do you think it wise for it to pass a general prohibition law for the whole State? The governor answered, "Yes," and gives his reasons as follows:

"While it is true that no law is worth much unless it has a strong, healthy sentiment behind it to enforce its execution, it is likewise true that when that public sentiment manifests itself it is well to respond to it. It must be manifest to all who take note of passing events that the people of North Carolina have made up their minds to try prohibition. Whatever one may think of the wisdom of prohibition as a remedy for the evils of the liquor traffic, he must admit, if he be not blind, that the people are determined to give it a trial.

If the legislature shall be called together in special session it will be political wisdom to pass a carefully prepared act making it unlawful to manufacture or sell liquor in North Carolina after the 30th day of June, 1908. If this is done, prohibition will be an accomplished fact and harmless issue when the time comes to nominate and elect candidates for the legislature, and this disturbing question cannot be injected into politics in the campaign of 1908. Prohibition is now an acute question in this State, and it cannot be silenced by anything short of an act of the legislature, which shall give it a fair trial, and it is likely to become still more acute till such an act is passed. If the selection of candidates should take place in the present disturbed and unsettled state of feeling on the whiskey question in the coming campaign candidates would be compelled to declare themselves and no matter which side they take the other side would be angered, and thus you have the question in politics whether you want it so or not.

There is another reason why it is better to have this question settled at once if it can be done. These whiskey elections tend to bring the negro back into politics. When we have one of these elections my observation is that both sides, with rare exceptions, get on a bribe hunt for voters. I heard that in more than one of these elections negroes have been registered under the "Grandfather clause."

Conditions are very different in this State from what they were in 1880 and 1881, when the legislature passed an act submitting the question of prohibition to the voters of the State, but there is danger, if this question gets into politics in 1908 of bringing back some of the conditions of 1882. There is danger, in some localities at least, if this whiskey question is not settled before, of having a good deal of independent mixing and trading in the coming campaign. If the legislature assembles it would be better to wipe the whole thing out and be done with it. I therefore sincerely hope that if an extra session of the legislature is called that it will settle the "rate question" and the "whiskey question," before it adjourns, by the passage of equitable, enforceable laws."

The Democrat Printery has just issued a handsome Directory of the Presbyterian church.

THE BEST EVER

The Fiddlers Convention.

Hickory N. C. Jan. 9th and 10th. 1908. This will be the biggest entertainment ever given in the city. Good old fashioned fiddle music by men who know how to swing the bow!

Every fiddler in the country cordially invited to come and take part in the contest.

GOLD! GOLD!

Big prizes for best fiddlers.
Best Lead Fiddle \$10.00
2nd Best Lead Fiddle \$7.50
3rd Best Lead Fiddle \$5.00
Best Second Fiddle \$10.00
2nd Best Second Fiddle \$5.00
Best Specialty \$5.00
2nd Best Specialty \$2.50

A booby prize of \$2.50 for poorest fiddler and another prize for the most comical.

These prizes will be awarded by a committee of competent and impartial judges.

3 grand performances. 25 to 50 good old time fiddlers Thursday night, Friday afternoon and Friday night.

The following rules and regulations will govern the contest:

1. Each contestant must be a fiddler of the old school, no what is known as a violinist.

2. Contestants will be allowed to select their own accompaniment—fiddle, banjo, guitar, either, or all.

3. Contestants are allowed to select their own program, consisting of three pieces to be played during the convention.

4. No entrance or admission fee will be charged contestants.

5. All music must be "old time," such as Mississippi Sawyer, Leather Breeches, Arkansas Traveler, Devil's Dream Soap Suds Over the fence, Old Sooky Blue Skin, Virginia Reels, Cotillions, Polkas, Schottisches, etc., or music of that class and date.

No up-to-date or classical music allowed.

The fiddlers when they arrive will assemble at the Academy of Music, where they will have a good social time and arrange the programs and select their judges.

Come and enjoy the best entertainment of a life time.

For further particulars, address, Academy of Music. Hickory, N. C.

Miss Pearl Moretz Entertains.

At the pleasant home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Moretz Miss Pearl Moretz entertained a number of young friends Saturday evening last. The day had been very stormy and the night was but little better. But notwithstanding this, some twenty young people were present.

The parlor and hall were decorated in Christmas greens and ferns, with the sacred mistletoe in a prominent place. One young lady said she "Had made up her mind that she was not going to another party where they had mistletoe." Why she objected to giving her reasons this scribe saith not.

A number of games were played and about ten o'clock Mrs. Moretz served delightful refreshments of cake, fruits etc. The guests enjoyed the entire evening and went away delighted with their amusements and the hospitality of their hostess.

Miss Moretz was assisted in receiving by her cousin, Miss Ada Norris of Blowing Rock, a young lady as handsome and good to look upon as the glorious mountains where she has grown to maidenhood.

The marriage bells may be expected to ring more frequently this year than last year. It is leap year, you know and the women have a constitutional right to propose.

McDowell Case Similar to the Mecklenburg Tragedy.

The Marion Democrat tells of a case in McDowell county somewhat similar to the recent case in Mecklenburg, in which a young woman was shot in the door of her home after night. The Democrat says that on the night of December 21st someone rapped at the door of Wm. Mayfield, who lives at Nebo, McDowell county. The inmates of the house asked who was at the door but received no response and Code Mayfield, the daughter of Wm. Mayfield, opened the door. She was immediately fired on and fatally wounded dying in a few hours.

The crime was charged to John Carswell, an uncle of the young woman, and Pat Gibson, it being alleged that Gibson provided the gun and Carswell did the shooting. Both men were arrested and put in jail but were subsequently admitted to bail in the sum of \$750 each. Whether they gave bond is not stated and the Democrat makes no mention of any motive for the crime.

LOCAL

and Mrs. Noah Deal and Miss Whitener spent Sunday in Newton the guests of Mrs. R. R. Caldwell.

The little six and seven year old Misses were given a party at Mrs. J. F. Abernethys a few evenings past.

The C. & N. W. railway have changed their schedule to run 0.19 hour earlier each way.

D. H. Warlick of Granite Falls was on the streets Tuesday.

Please call phone 37 when you have an item of news for the paper, we want you to call us.

A good business man will advertise, you can't hold him down.

A big time at the Academy of Music all next week.

The reason a girl likes to have a chaperone is so it won't be her mother.

Communion services will be held in the Reformed church next Sunday with paratory services on Saturday at three o'clock.

Miss Josephine Murphy of the Startown High School spent Saturday and Sunday in town with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Murphy.

Mrs. J. L. Murphy spent last Sunday in Maiden visiting her parents.

Rev. J. H. Shuford assisted in the services at the Reformed church on last Sunday morning.

The Thaw agony is now being gone over again, but there is comfort in the thought, there wont be so much of it.

Miss Virginia Herndon, who has been visiting relatives at Danville, Va., has arrived in Hickory.

Miss Pattie Guerrant and Mr. Percy Herndon, aunt and brother of Mr. J. A. Herndon, have come to Hickory which they will make their home.

Your beauty struck while you wait 18 times for twenty-five cents. West corner Union Square.

If you want your friends far away to know what you look like get your picture taken twenty eight times for twenty-five cents place easy to find.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. C. Long of Statesville spent Sunday in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blackwelder Mr. Long is Post-master at Statesville.