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are urged to follow the example of thousands of their sisters and take Cardui. Cardui is a non-mineral, non-intoxicating medicine for women. It is for sick, weak ladies, with sick female organs.

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Very truly,

J. W. HOLDER, The Little Gem Restaurant

Christmas After Freedom.

On a typical plantation the first Christmas after the war came gloomily indeed. A number of the negroes still inhabited the old "quarters," but they were too demoralized and unsettled in mind to work.

The cotton crop had been a failure, and old debts had swallowed up the proceeds. No boxes and barrels containing good things for Christmas had been rolled from the steamboats out upon the plantation landing—as in better times. But Christmas morning there was the old chorus "Merry Chris'mus" under the window.

The master of the house flung open the window impatiently and called out: "There's no Christmas for you here; you will have to make your own Christmas now." An old patriarch of the tribe stepped forward and laid his gray head. "We're proud of l'il Chris'mus 'mem-ban-e-fer Marster and Mistis, please sah," he said. They came in then. Each had a gift and laid it on the table in silence.

One brought a dressed chicken another a dozen eggs, the patriarch brought a baked 'possum. A pair of home-knit socks, a bag of hickory nuts and a basket of walnuts were among the offerings.

When their gifts had been deposited, they started to file out, when the man of the house, affected almost to tears, called them back and thanked them as best he could.

The children poured out the contents of their Santa Claus stockings to share with the visitors, and the house-mother brought out a jug of home-made wine.

There was a little Christmas cheer after all. The hard feelings melted away; every heart responded to the prayer uttered by the old negro leader when he was departing. Bowing his white head, he said:

"De Lawd bless you and your famby, Marster, and he'p us ter feel an' ack right towa'ds one anuder."—Mary E. Bryan.

GIVING OUT.

The Struggle Discourages Many a Citizen of Hickory.

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A little book of these endorsements has been compiled by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., and will be mailed free to any one asking same by postal card, or letter addressed to the Doctor as above. From these endorsements, copied from standard medical books of all the different schools of practice, it will be found that the ingredients composing the "Golden Medical Discovery" are advised not only for the cure of the above mentioned diseases, but also for the cure of all catarrhal, bronchial and throat affections, accompanied with catarrhal discharges, hoarseness, sore throat, lingering, or hang-on-coughs, and all those wasting conditions which do not promptly and properly treated are liable to terminate in consumption. Take Dr. Pierce's Discovery in time and persevere in its use until you give it a fair trial and it is not likely to disappoint. Too much must not be expected of it. It will not perform miracles. It will not cure consumption in its advanced stages. No medicine will, but it will cure the actions that lead up to consumption, if taken in time.

DON'T KNOCK.

If there is a chance to boom business, boom it. Don't be a knocker. Don't pull a long face. Hope a bit. Get a smile on you. Hold up your head. Get a hold with both hands. Then pull.

Bury the hatched. Drop your tomahawk. When a stranger drops in, tell him this is the greatest town on earth. It is. Don't get mulish. Don't roast. Be jolly. Get popular. It's dead easy. Help yourself along. Push your friend along with you. Soon you'll have a whole procession. Be a good fellow. No man ever helped himself by knocking other people down. No man ever got rich trying to make people believe that he is the best man on earth. You can't climb the ladder of fame by stepping on other people's corns. They are their corns; not yours. And they're tender. Keep off the corns.

All men are not alike. Once in a while, you may find one who is very much alike. But some are different. You're not the only shirt in the wash. If you don't like their style, let 'em alone. Don't knock. You'll get used to it. There's no end of fun in minding your own business. And it makes other people like you better. Better have others get struck on you than get struck on yourself. Nobody gets struck on a knocker. Don't be one. Be good.

MRS. McRANEY'S EXPERIENCE.

Mrs. M. McRaney, Prentiss, Miss., writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me. On sale at W. S. Martin & Co.

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