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A YOUNG EDITOR.
...a great chap in mind...
At least that is the notion I gather from the notion with which he drives a pencil through a page: He has edited my Poem. Annotated Mrs. Stone. And now he's shaping Shakespeare for the stage.
I confess that I'm annoyed. That my books have been destroyed. But I suppose must keep still as a mouse. For his mamma, standing near, says it's fun for Willie, dear. And it keeps the sugar child within the house.
—Philadelphia North American.

BOER COURTSHIP.
Philadelphia Record.
"While here," said the traveler in the Transvaal, "I saw how the Boers come courting. The girl was the daughter of my employer. The young man dashed up to the house on horseback, wearing new clothes with an ostrich feather in his hat. He made his fine horse prance and caper before the house ere he descended. Then he gave the lines to one of the Hottentots standing near, and walked up and down in front of the windows of the house, well knowing that the eyes of his sweetheart were peeping through the blinds at him. Then he strutted into the house and first shook hands with 'Tante' the mother, and said 'Guten tag' (good day). The same he did with 'Oom,' the father, and then at last spoke to the girl and her sisters and brothers.
'Oom said only 'Sitze' (take a seat), and then there was complete silence which lasted until the bowl of coffee was brought in. Then each in turn spoke a few words. Oom asked how everything was at the 'huis' (home), and then he heard all about the health of each one in the family, how the cattle and the crops were doing. All the time we were drinking coffee. At last the suitor rose and handed his chosen bride the 'Luchergoot' (confessionary), white she, blushing and laughing, accepted.
'This was the critical moment, for if she had refused the gift that would have ended the courtship. Now there was gayer talk, until all but the two left the room, for it was the right of the suitor to remain in the front room with her of his choice. But so that he should not stay too long 'Tante,' according to custom, stepped up to the wax candle, and made a mark on it with a needle, saying that the visit might last until the candle burnt thus far. This was the command that the most lovelorn swain dare not disregard.

STOP SLANDERING.
Orange, Va., Observer.
The person who stops to listen to every idle rumor, bit of gossip or slanderous tale, will lose half the valuable time of life. It is far better to go right on and pay no attention whatever to the idle people. In most cases they are not believed by people whose good opinion is worth seeking, and the gossip is a dead weight for anyone to carry. A correct life does more to rot slanderers or shot guns, for if the character is not above reproach, the truth may be more damaging than falsehood. The busybody has no time to engage in a work that brings small returns. The most heartily despised person on earth is the chronic disturber of human happiness, whether in home, church or state, and so reprehensible is the calling that no one will own it; and its most persistent followers will deny it with a vehemence worthy of a better cause, and condemn it in all others. Hence the propriety of ignoring all idle tales intended to create strife and destroy happiness and comfort.

To Preach on the "End of the World"
Greensboro Record.
It is said a former bishop of the Catholic church, who left that denomination some time ago, will be here soon, preaching the doctrine of the end of the world, and will hold his services in Hagan's auditorium. It is further said that he has the day fixed for the final winding up of all business and expects to remain in Greensboro and be with us all on that most interesting occasion to pilot us along safely on the journey to the other country.
If the ex-bishop will guarantee to keep all the rest of the town alive and in good health until this event, we'll guarantee him more money than he ever saw. But at the same time he must furnish a guarantee to fulfill his part of the contract before any money is paid.
Next thing will be some fellow along with a flying machine destined for heaven at so much the through trip—no round trip, for if a man once gets there he won't want to return.
During the past four months this Government spent for pensions and war expenses \$184,000,000. Expansion comes high.

Take United Work.
Charles Observer.
It is going to take work, when the time comes, to put the amendment through and there is no wisdom in blinking the facts in the case—carrying a jaunty air and talking about 50,000 majority—for it will do a great deal more harm than good. It was a very worldly wise admonition, applicable in this case, that the King of Israel sent by the messengers to Ben-hadad: "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off."

A SHREWD FARMER.
In one of the towns of Upper Michigan is the president of a railroad that is several removes from a trunk line, says the Detroit Free Press. As a horse trader he is one of the same type as David Harum, and thinks it perfectly "Christian" to get the better of the other fellow. Not long ago he sold a roadster to a farmer near the place, receiving \$175. One day the last week the farmer dropped into the president's office and casually inquired whether or not that official really thought the horse worth the money paid for it.
"Not trying to rue a bargain, are you, Si?" replied the president. "That horse is worth \$500 to a man who drives as much as you do. If I needed one at all you couldn't have bought him at any figure."
"Wouldn't \$500 be a little steep for him?"
"Not a bit of it. He's got a better pedigree than many a 2:20 horse; he can gallop as fine gait all day and he's as gentle as a kitten. There isn't a better horse in the State for road work, and don't you touch less than \$500 for him."
"Well, I won't."
Then the farmer winked at a couple of men who had been listening and laid a paper before the president.
"How did this happen, Si?" stammered the president.
"Them men 'o' yours that were haulin' ties across my place left the fence down, the boss got on the track, and a freight train dove the rest."
"But your claim for \$450 is ridiculous. We'll contest it."
But when Si grinned from ear to ear and when the two men laughed uproariously, the president blushing announced that he would have the matter adjusted in accordance with the claim.

It BAYS THE MOON.
Washington Post.
The New York Sun of five years ago would not know the New York Sun of today. Then it was a Democratic paper, an advocate of Tammany, a believer in the patriotism of the South, and, otherwise, a specimen of the better and higher journalism. Now, it is a bitter and unreasoning foe of things Democratic, a systematic seducer of the Southern people, and a flagrant instance of newspaper recklessness and rancor.
The following extract from a San editorial of the 7th instant, furnishes all necessary illustration:
"In States of the old Southern Confederacy where the animosity of the civil war still dominates political sentiment, the elections, of course, will express these only, and in the city of New York, anomalous usually because of its political perversity and disregard of its own interests, the election may mean nothing deserving of reasonable consideration."
It is difficult to believe that the Sun speaks from honest conviction in this reference to the Southern States. No intelligent newspaper or person who is at the same time truthful could possibly entertain and announce a sentiment so preposterous. What the Sun says of the New York Democracy is intelligible enough. There is no bitterness like that which subsists between quondam partners who have quarreled. But why the Sun should take this tone toward the Southern States, we confess we cannot understand. Even the notorious violence of the proslavery fails to cover the case. In years past, the Sun has so abundantly and so eloquently paid tribute to the loyalty and the Americanism of the South, we are lost in amazement at its impudence now.
The South, however, needs no defense against the New York Sun. The South, whatever else may be said or thought of it, is outspoken and straightforward. It takes refuge in no concealments or hypocrisies. What the South wants and intends, the South frankly proclaims. Right or wrong, the South is always can did, manly, and steadfast. The New York Sun, which has been on every side—which is Republican to-day or Democratic to-morrow, according to its sordid interest or its vain caprice—the Sun is in no position to throw a stone at any reputable or decent thing. The Sun arraigns the South much as the cur-dog bays the moon.

2,500 POUND IN A COFFEE POT.
Salisbury Index.
Miss Pollie Beard was a maiden lady of 76 years. She was known to many of our citizens, having peddled strawberries, greens and milk and such like for many years. On the night of Oct. 27 she died. It was thought by many that she was in destitute circumstances. Since her death her household effects bring to light the astonishing fact that the supposed pauper had simply stowed away in a tin coffee pot rusty with age \$2,500 in gold.
We learn in connection with this discovery that shortly after the civil war, she exchanged a bundle of greenbacks, for gold; to this she has steadily added the proceeds arriving from her industry and frugality.
This demonstrates the wisdom of the old adage, "that mighty tree from little acorn grew" the discovery of that amount of money probably is as much of a surprise to the bereaved family of the deceased, as it will likely prove to the public at large who will not soon forget the picture that this plodding old woman presented on her daily rounds of the city. No doubt the sun has been hid behind the dark clouds many a bright day. Her path was not strewn with flowers and lilies.

Became Insane on the Subject of Religion.
Statesville Landmark.
Our Taylorsville correspondent mentioned, in the last issue of the Landmark, that two daughters of Mr. Sion Watts, who were employed in the Moore Cotton Mill, near Taylorsville, had become demented and had to be taken home.
The Landmark learns that these young girls became insane on the subject of religion. They had been attending a meeting conducted by a sanctification preacher and had become so wrought up on the subject that they decided they could pass through fire without damage—even as Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in days of old. They therefore divested themselves of their clothing and saturated their bodies, the room and the furniture with kerosene, and were about to apply the match and try the actual experiment when they were discovered and prevented from endangering their lives.
At last accounts one of the girls was slightly improved but application has been made to send the other to the State Hospital. It is a pitiable case.

May Find the Men Who Blew up the Malno.
Francis Atwater, the field manager of the Red Cross in Cuba, cabled to parties in Meridian Conn., under date of the 16th, saying:
"I have just learned from a well known detective that he is now on the trail of the villains who blew up the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, the wreck of which I can see as I send this dispatch. One of the scoundrels, according to my information, claims he has not been treated right. He offers to turn State's evidence if he is paid \$15,000, to \$20,000, so that he can live in seclusion in some foreign country the remainder of his life, as he well knows that in Cuba or the United States he never would be allowed to live an hour when it was known that he is one of the dastardly cowards who caused the loss of so many lives! He claims that there were seven or eight in the plot, some of them now being in the United States and the others here."

August Flower.
"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houton, "that in my travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomachs and indigestion." Sample bottles free at J. B. Smith's.
According to the official figures of the Treasury there are now in this country over a billion dollars in gold; \$875,458,989 in the Treasury or in circulation and \$139,017,000 billion in the Treasury. There may be that much in circulation, but there is not much of it circulating down this way.

Reactions of a Grass Widow.
Chicago News.
A wedding fee is not wholly wasted. It helps to support the preacher.
Never throw a pair of old shoes after a bride. Save them and give them to her. She will need them some day.
If you are faithful in sewing the buttons on your husband's trousers he will think you ought to be able to make your own bonnets.
If you humbly ask your husband for money you spoil him. If you demand it he raises a fuss and wants to know if you think, by George, he is one of the Rothschilds.
If your husband turns out to be the man you thought he was when you married him, and never gives you a cross word, don't tell any other wife about it. She will not believe you.

McKINLEY NOT INDORSED.
Raleigh News and Observer.
The Washington Post reaches the conclusion that the elections on Tuesday "must be construed as an emphatic popular endorsement of the President's conduct in respect to the Philippines." How such a conclusion could be reached is a mystery, but if the President so regards it he will be paving the way for defeat in 1900. There is no question about the result in any except four States. In three the Democrats won and the Republicans in the President's own State. If we judge by those doubtful States, three-fourths of the close States repudiated the President's policy. In Kentucky and Nebraska the party declared against the President's policy. In Maryland the Democratic platform made no reference to national questions. The Republican platform endorsed expansion and imperialism, and Roosevelt rode rough shod over the State telling the voters that a Democratic victory in Maryland would be repudiation of the President's policy. While other matters entered in, the Democrats of all factions, including Gorman and the Baltimore Sun, stood strongly against the President's policy. In Massachusetts the Republican platform was a straddle, but like Iowa it is a rock-ribbed Republican State, issue or no issue.
If McKinley goes on in his policy of "criminal aggression" and "benevolent assimilation"—they mean the same thing, imperialism and militarism—the Democrats will welcome the issue and will win on it in 1900.

Had been Married 42 Times.
Forty-two wives scattered throughout the world, four of whom are in Chicago, was the confession made to-day by Walter L. Farnsworth, the Chicago candy commission man, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of bigamy. "I cannot tell exactly how many women I have married," said he. "I know of 11 in Europe, four in Chicago, three in Peru, one in England and over 20 others in different parts of the world. I married them for different reasons, even though I did not live more than a day or so at a time with them. They will tell you I was good to them all."

Best Looking Side of the Face.
Cincinnati Enquirer.
When women are having their portraits painted they should remember that the left side of the face is the best looking. Artists always put the best finishing off and the finest shading on the left of the profile. Actors, actresses and public singers have been taught to make a half turn to the right when they wish to impress the audience. The left hand is more magnetic than the right, and a glance from the left eye has a charm which the right eye has not. There are a few exceptions, but these rules apply to ninety-nine per cent. out of one hundred persons.

Dangerous Business.
Salisbury Sun, 8th.
An interesting freak of nature was exhibited at Brown Bros. stable, Thursday evening. It is a horse with five perfectly formed feet. The supernumerary foot is attached to the inside of the pastor joint of the right front leg. The hoof and pastor are not equal in size to the other four but are about the size of a six-months' old colt, yet perfectly formed. The animal is a native of Catawba county.

Delicate Children
They do not complain of anything in particular. They eat enough, but keep thin and pale. They appear fairly well, but have no strength. You cannot say they are really sick, and so you call them delicate.
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Washington Letter.
Correspondence of The Dispatch.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—"A Bryan triumph" is what nearly every democrat and many republicans see in the results of the State elections, and it is not likely that there will be any more serious talk of Col. Bryan's magnificent success in his own State, where he largely increased the fusion majority in the face of many obstacles, including the influence of the Federal administration and the lavish expenditure of money by the republicans, aroused admiration even among his opponents.
Boss Hanna's success in Ohio, probably the most costly campaign ever carried on in a single State, is accepted as having knocked the bottom out of all the schemes to spring an anti-McKinley candidate on the republicans, and, unless something of a scandalous nature should be fastened upon his administration between now and the meeting of the republican national convention, Mr. McKinley will not be opposed for renomination, but a strong element in the republican party, including many of its most prominent men in Congress, have already begun to demand of Mr. McKinley that he depose King Hanna before the Presidential campaign opens. That will not be an easy job, as Hanna has as much justification in claiming his dearly paid for victory in Ohio as a personal vindication as Mr. McKinley has in claiming it as an endorsement of imperialism by the country.
Imperialism run mad may be looked for in future acts of the administration, as Mr. McKinley and all his cabinet have succeeded in persuading themselves into believing that the State elections were an endorsement of imperialism by the people, notwithstanding the anti-imperialist victories in Nebraska, and in Maryland. The result in Ohio was not an endorsement of anything except the power of money corruptly spent.
Owing to the large number of Maryland democrats engaged in business in Washington there has been unusual rejoicing at the National capital on account of the return of that State to the democratic fold, from which it would never have strayed had there not been a bitter family row in the democratic camp. Maryland democrats are very positive in saying that they can keep the Ste in line now that the party is again united.
Now that there is no campaign to influence it is admitted by members of the administration that the movement to capture Aguinaldo and his army, which it was officially announced the day before election could not possibly fail, has met with delays which it is feared will give Aguinaldo time enough to get away.
Gen. Joe Wheeler has written that he will take his seat in the House during the coming session of Congress, but as he has not left Manila yet, so far as known in Washington, and it will take between six and eight weeks for him to make the trip, he cannot be at the opening of Congress. Constitutional experts say that should Gen. Wheeler appear in the House to take 'he oath his status would be entirely different to that occupied by him when objection was raised to his resuming his seat in the House while holding the commission of a major general of volunteers, on the ground that his acceptance of a commission in the House, an objection which was sustained by the committee of which Speaker to be Henderson was chairman, and which would have been sustained by the House had not the personal popularity of Gen. Wheeler been so great that the house declined to consider the report on the plea that there was not time enough, owing to the nearness of the end of the session. When Gen. Wheeler's present commission—brigadier general of volunteers—was given him he was not a member of the House, although he had been elected as such. Consequently no objection will be made to his being sworn in as a member whenever he presents himself, but the moment he takes the oath as a member of the House he will cease to be a brigadier general. Secretary Gage says he thinks the State elections were an order to the republicans in Congress to put the single gold standard into a law. Democrats only hope that he will be able to convince the republican leaders in Congress to think the same way.

GENERAL ITEMS.
A Napoleon (O.) couple were married a few days after an engagement which extended unbroken over a period of sixty years. The man was 80 and the woman was 72 years old.
John Wanamaker says, "we haven't had an honest election in Pennsylvania for years." And it will be years before they do unless there be some miraculous missionary work done in that State.
The Ohio man who failed to get an office and brooded over it until he landed in the insane asylum, set a bad precedent. If all of the disappointed did that most of the male population would be in asylum.
The safe in the office of Sheriff Hughes, at Hillsboro, was cracked last Wednesday night. The robbers got \$5,000 in cash, \$1,000 in twenty-dollar gold pieces. There is no clue and it is supposed to be professional work.
The Commonwealth states a fact that is not generally known, and that is that Scotland Neck is the largest peanut market in the world. That is to say, more Spanish peanuts are handled on that market than any other market in the world.
Ella Ewing, the giantess, has had built for herself a new residence near Gorin, Mo. The house was constructed on a scale proportionate to Miss Ewing's needs. The doors are ten feet high, and the ceilings and windows look like those of fabled giant's castles. The propriety of this establishment is now eight feet four inches tall and is still growing.
The editor of the High Point Enterprise is bragging about a 5 1/2 foot tall snake that was recently murdered in Randolph county and calls it the biggest thing in the snake line ever seen outside of a snake show in that section. Well, that does pretty well for Randolph, but down here we have them so long that they sometimes reach from one county into another.—Wilmington Star.

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