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MOTHERS, Do You Know that Paregoric, Boteman's Drops, Godfrey's Cordial, many so-called Soothing Syrups, and most remedies for children are composed of opium or morphine?

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THE NEW YEAR.

What is the Happiest Period of Life?

We spend our years as a tale that is told.—Psalms xc, 9.

How strange it will seem to us by and by to live in a world where there is no time at all, because there is so much of it! Years will count for nothing, since there are so many of them that the treasury cannot be exhausted.

Time exhibits some curious traits which are well worth observing.

It is in no hurry whatever, but, on the contrary, seems to be willing to sit at its ease on the roadside when it is watching the boys and girls of the world. So persistently does it linger in our early days, before yet there are clouds in the sky, that we many times wish it would throw away a few summers and winters and bring us suddenly nearer to a realization of our dreams.

Then we are in the rush and whirl of life, our shoulders laden with duties and responsibilities, time loses its interest in us and so quickens its pace that we wonder if our weeks and months are winged and have flown away while we slept.

But in old age time cannot go fast enough to suit itself. We get the impression that it is tired of us; that it would like to get rid of us by leading us speedily toward heaven at whose gates it bids us farewell. No time is so short as that of the man who has passed the three score milestone. The clock no longer ticks the seconds away, but the days. The very weeks flash by. Hark! do the flowers of April bloom before the frosts of October set in, and hardly do the frosts carve fantastic pictures on the window pane before the sun of another spring makes the meadow green once more.

But what care we if at the end of time we can draw on eternity? Time can gain no advantage over us, for if he would be quit of us we would also be quit of him. He is our servant after all, and is nothing better than the driver who whips up his horses when they are tired with the journey and they too are glad to rest after the day's jolting. Why should we murmur or grow despondent? for we have been living in the porter's lodge on our creator's estate, and by and by we shall hear the summons of that grim servant, Death, to leave the homely cottage and take up abode in the Father's House.

The question has often been asked, which is the happiest period of human life? It would be difficult to say, for each has a charm of its own.

What more unique or exquisite spectacle than that presented by a youth fired with ambition, painting his hope on the sky and looking forward to their realization with something like ecstasy? He has the delightful recklessness of inexperience, and recognizes no difficulties that may not be overcome. His imagination has an element of necromancy in it, and he thinks it easy to do all sorts of impossible things. No winter blast of failure has touched his cheek, and his trust and confidence in his fellows is of tropical abundance, for suspicion has never nudged his elbow, and men and women are all angels to him. The consciousness that this is a hard world to live uprightly in has not touched his heart by so much as a finger tip, and he sees in others the sweetness and light which his own life so full of sunshine.

His is the beauty of an untried soul. He thinks of greatness, but we who look on cannot tell whether he is really great until some mighty effort must be made. Then the revelation will come to him come to him and to us alike. When the flames crackle and roar we

learn what stuff we are made of. But do not arouse him from his sleep. Let him dream on, dear boy of our households, until the sunshine falls on his eyelids and wakes him. Soon enough he will learn his sad lesson; soon enough discover that not all his companions came from the New Jerusalem with the fragrance of heaven about them. In the meanwhile his castles are quite worth building, though he may never live in them. Give him your blessing, but do not disturb his pleasant thoughts.

If you turn to ripe manhood what a different environment greets you. The fire has been built, and the boy in passing through it has become serious. There is a dignity in his bearing which circumstances has developed. He has broadened and deepened since he caught his first glimpse of his first tragedy. Life may no longer be a dream, for those old days have gone and he has looked upon a new earth and a new heaven. But in the place of the dream has come a struggle which hardens every fibre of his frame, and as he sits by the winter fireside—whether in a humble or luxurious home, it matters not—some dear woman at his side with whom he has walked through stormy and sunny years, the children making the welkin ring with their glee, dare you say there is less happiness there than was found in that mans boyhood days? His enjoyment has a different flavor, but is it not keen and sharp?

But turn from this magnificent period of achievement to a calm and serene old age. It has its early life behind it, but before it is immortality. It is like a gorgeous day in October, when the clouds throw gray shadows on the lake and forest are crimson. You may not compare a day in June, when the sap in every tree flows like a mountain torrent, but it has a beauty and a glory of its own—a beauty and a glory so sublime that you look upon the landscape with mingled tears and smiles.

Old age has a beauty which does not obtain with any human life. Its pleasures are two-fold—the battle is over and the future is near. The strength of the body is like the ebb tide, but the strength of faith is like the tide of the flood. The things of earth become a legend and the minarets of the Celestial City glisten with the rays of the setting sun. The journey is done. There are but a few more steps to take and then comes sleep from which the angels will waken you.

There is happiness to be found at every stage of our progress—boyhood, manhood and tottering age—but which is deeper and larger we dare not say.

It is a pleasure, however, to whisper something about "A Happy New Year," whether it shall be spent here or among the stars.—N. Y. Herald.

There is good reason for the popularity of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Davis & Hazard, of West Newton, Clarion Co., Pa., say: "It has cured people that our physicians could do nothing for. We persuaded them to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and they were cured. It is a wonderful medicine for sale by Dr. W. L. Crouse, D. 22 21st."

Walter Humiliated and One Legged Men Have to Hop.

Aside from The News regular telegraphic reports from Raleigh, we get some inside scenes from the Legislature that are of interest to everybody in the State, from the News and Observer.

For the first time in the history of North Carolina, a Speaker of the House is not permitted to name the committees which it is his duty to appoint. "At his request," which means "at the dictation of The Boss," a committee has been appointed to assist the Speaker in naming the committees. Not even during the corrupt days of

1863 was a Speaker of the House ever subject to such humiliation as the cup contains which the Boss prepared for Mr. Walzer, and which Mr. Walzer pretends to like. The price of success was this humiliation. The cup Mr. Walzer, you must drink to the dregs, and you will be forced to declare that you like it.

The record is broken twice in the election of Mr. Walzer. He is the youngest man, except Joseph W. Holden, ever called upon to preside over the House and Holden presided over the most corrupt body ever held in the State. He is also the only man who ever accepted it and disclosed the fact that other hands were dictating and controlling his actions. The Boss permits him to sit in the seat, and seem to wield the gavel but behind the scenes, the string is pulled and Walzer is the dummy in the celebrated Punch and Judy show now being enacted in the House of Representatives.

James P. Norton, a one-legged soldier, from McDowell county, was elected Assistant Door-keeper in the House in 1874, in the Constitutional Convention in 1875 and several times hereafter. With his earnings he started a store in Marion and provided himself with a home. He joined the Fusionists a little while ago, because the Democrats didn't keep him in all the time, with it is surmised, a promise from them that he should have his old place. But he was unfortunate in his location. He lived too near to Pritchard. Not even the fact that the fire a few weeks ago, destroyed all he had, saved him. He went down in the general wreck of mountaineers to save Jeter.

This is an era of "reform." When the Democrats controlled the Legislature, Mr. Reitzel, of Catawba, who lost one leg bravely fighting for the Confederate cause, was Assistant Doorkeeper of the House. Last year, in common with other misguided men, he joined the Populist party. It won even in the Democratic stronghold of Catawba, and he naturally thought that his experience and devotion to Fusion, would at least enable him to hold his old place. There was a general belief that the prominent Populist member from Catawba, Lee Whitener, would see to it that the brave Confederate soldier kept the small crumb the "corrupt" old Democratic party had given him. There was a great surprise, therefore, when Mr. Reitzel was turned down by the Fusionists, and Abe Middleton, the negro boss of Duplin county, was elected to the place Mr. Reitzel had filled so satisfactorily.—Charlotte News.

TWO LIVES SAVED. Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery cured her and she is now well. Dr. Thomas, Eggers, 133 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful, it is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colic. Free trial bottles at Dr. J. M. Lawing Drug Store, Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

We print to-day the full text of the Governor's message which was read yesterday in the House of Representatives. It is a careful and well digested treatment of the affairs of the State during the past two years, and is replete with interesting statistical information and wise recommendations. It is a non-partisan, thoughtful and judicial State paper; and, without intending it, Governor Carr has furnished the best proof of the efficient administration which the Democratic party has given to the people of the Commonwealth.

There is no man who loves his State, whether Democrat, Republican or Populist, who will not feel a thrill of pride in reading the clear record of an administration that has been free from scandal, extravagance, or negligence. In all history there is no record of any government that has reflected the economy and thrift of a people more perfectly, nor one which has been so free from mistakes.

The Legislature has a great responsibility. On the one hand is a radical and irresponsible element clamoring for change for the pleasure of tearing down. On the other hand, there is an element that would conserve all that is best, and that opposes radical and extreme measures. The whole people in the State, of all parties are interested in the contest between those who would wantonly destroy and those who would conserve and build up. "Conservation is not antagonistic to growth," but is antagonistic to change that is not certainly and surely an improvement.

Among the recommendations contained in the message, we note:

1. That any person deemed in danger of being lynched shall be immediately taken to the penitentiary and kept there until trial, at the expense of the county in which the crime was committed, or said to have been committed.
2. That all capital punishment be inflicted in the penitentiary that it may act as a deterrent of crime by effectually impressing the criminal classes.
3. That criminals who must be kept in the penitentiary be allowed to make bricks, clothes, shoes and other articles now used in and bought for the charitable institutions of the State. He recommends that the bulk of the convicts be continued in farm work which has been presented with vigor and effect and has accomplished good results. He recommends the purchase of the farm now rented by the State by an issue of four per cent bonds.—The State is now paying a rental of seven per cent, for the farms, and by buying with four per cent bonds the State would save the difference, three per cent. At the expiration of forty years, this saving would pay the purchase price.
4. That the county and town governments have been wisely and economically managed under the present system, and cautions the Legislature to hesitate long and anxiously before making any change whatever, even then they should feel satisfied that the proposed form of government will produce better results in efficiency and economy.
5. That the appropriation be continued for the State Guard, refers to their efficiency and promptness of action at the James City trouble and declares that without their assistance the matter would have been beyond legal control. He cites other instances in which the State Guard prevented mob violence.
6. That the appropriation for the charitable and educational institutions be continued as at present, and cautions against any change in their management.
7. That the appropriation for the colored Orphan Asylum at Oxford be increased to \$3,000 per year.
8. That a monument be erected in commemoration of the late Senator Vance.
9. That a reformatory be established for juvenile criminals. There are now fifty-five convicts in the penitentiary under sixteen years of age, and some are as young as nine.
10. That the office of County Court Stenographer be established.
11. That the Solicitor be a salaried officer, and the fee which is now taken in the bill of costs be collected from the defendants, and paid into the State Treasury.
12. That two or more special Judges be provided with authority to hold special courts, and try cases which demand immediate investigation.
13. That a printing office and pottery works be established at the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Morganton.
14. That all exceptions from taxation be taken from the North Carolina Railroad, it being the only corporation in the State which does not already pay its due proportion of the taxes.
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The Railroad and Immigration.

It is notable that both the systems of railway in the Southeastern section have engaged new men in high positions, and that both these men are emphasizing in all they say, the importance of immigration. In the years from 1850 to 1880 some of the Southern States were amongst the richest in the Union. The wealth that was in the South then was practically all made in the production of cotton. The land was in the main owned by planters, who were men of affairs but were in no sense farmers. The work was done by the colored man as a slave.

It transpires that the planter was not only in no sense a farmer, but he was so constituted that he could never become a farmer. It transpired also that most of the colored people are not yet adapted to run a farm on their own account profitably. The planters have in many cases gone into other occupations, such as banking, railroading, manufacturing, etc. Many of the colored people have also left the country to find work in the cotton mills, acid phosphate and fertilizer works, tobacco works, etc., etc., because they find it easier to work under dissection for fixed wages than to assume the responsibility of farming on their own account.

New people who are farmers would find in the South an abundance of land for sale very cheap. Much of it is land upon which fortunes have been made in the past and it is as good land now as it was in 1840 or 1860. The system upon which it was worked in those years was destroyed by the war and no other system has yet been established that has been entirely satisfactory.

If Mr. Baldwin, of the Southern and Mr. St. John, of the Seaboard, can bring about a condition that will put the land of this region into the ownership of good farmers they will do a good service to both the South and the people they bring here. Besides the fertile soil and salubrious climate, the presence of the colored brotner will make it possible, for a very long time to come, for a farmer to get in the way of help most excellent labor at a most reasonable rate.

The results of the work of both Mr. St. John and Mr. Baldwin will be watched with much interest.—Observer.

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