

### A NINE-DAY-OLD BABY TALKS.

**The Apparently Normal Infant of a Reputable Virginia Farmer Astonishes Parents and Other Relatives by Calling Their Names—The Word Heaven Uttered After Each Name, the Articulation Being Perfect.**

Roanoke, Va., Special, 20th, to The Observer.  
The Fox postoffice neighborhood of Grayson county, this State, is in a state of excitement and perplexity as a result of the prodigious performance of a 9-day-old child, the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Leftwich Brewer, well known people of that section. W. E. Daniel, a traveling man of Chilhowie, Va., who has just returned from the place, brings news of the consternation caused by the baby talking perfectly, and Dr. G. B. Halsey, a reputable physician of Briddle Creek, near Fox postoffice has corroborated the story. Dr. Halsey furnished the following data, which is unimpeachable:

Mrs. Belle Brewer, wife of Leftwich Brewer, a thrifty farmer living near the North Carolina line, and whose postoffice address is Fox, Va., two weeks ago gave birth to a normally developed baby. The little fellow thrived like any healthy new-comer and its mother progressed to the road of recovery without any backset.

When the child was nine days old Thomas Brewer, a brother of Leftwich Brewer, together with his wife and other relatives and neighbors, went to visit the home in which the stork had so recently paid a call. While Mrs. Thomas Brewer was holding the baby in her arms calling its endearing names and congratulating its proud parents on the splendid specimen, the little one suddenly began talking. It called the names of its parents and grandparents and of other relatives present, following each name with the word "heaven," the articulation being perfect.

This monstrous behavior on the part of the nine-day baby so excited and scared the party that a number of persons fled from the house in dismay, believing something terrible was about to take place.

Every word spoken by the child was repeated three times and this cast served to intensify the spell over those who heard the voice. News of the marvelous actions of the latest arrival in the Brewer home spread like wildfire and threw the section into a state of perturbation.

The child died yesterday and the excitement has somewhat subsided, but the people are yet in a maze of wonderment, having never before seen nor heard of anything like what has happened in their midst, and many are said to be living in fear and trembling lest the child's death will be followed by some terrible catastrophe.

### Special Occasions.

Sunday School Convention, Wrightsville, N. C., June 14-22nd, 1907.—On account of the above occasion the Seaboard will sell tickets to Wilmington, N. C., and return from all points on their line in North and South Carolina, including Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Boykins, Richmond and intermediate points in Virginia, Augusta and Savannah, Ga., on the basis of one first class fare for the round trip, tickets to be sold June 13th, 14th and 15th, bearing limit of July 1st, 1907. For rates from local points and other railroad information, apply to Seaboard local agent or C. H. GARRIS, T. P. A., Raleigh, N. C.

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### Roosevelt Gets the Lie Passed Back.

President Roosevelt is into another wrangle, this time with an author, Dr. Long. Protesting against the work of certain animal writers because of their false and distorted nature studies, President Roosevelt, in an interview with E. B. Clark printed in the June Everybody's, says:

"Take Mr. Long's story of 'Waynes, the White Wolf.' Here is what the writer says in his preface to the story: 'Every incident in this wolf's life, from his grass-hopper hunting to the cunning caribou chase, and from the den of the rocks to the meeting of wolf and children on the storm-swept barrens, is minutely true to fact, and is based squarely upon my own observation and that of my Indians.'"

"As a matter of fact the story of Waynes is filled with the wildest improbabilities and a few mathematical impossibilities. If Mr. Long wants us to believe his story of the killing of the caribou fawn by the wolf in the way that he says it was done, he must produce eye-witnesses and affidavits. I don't believe the thing occurred. Nothing except a shark or an alligator will attempt to kill by a bite behind the shoulder. There is no less vulnerable point of attack; an animal might be bitten there in a confused scuffle, or, of course, or seized in his jump so as to throw him; but no man who knows anything of the habits of wolves or even of fighting dogs would dream of describing this as the place to kill with one bite. I have seen scores of animals that have been killed by wolves; the killing or crippling bites were always in the throat, flank, or ham. Mr. Geo. Shiras, who has not seen wolves but hundreds of such carcasses, tells me that the death wounds or disabling wounds were invariably in the throat or flank, except when the animal was first hamstringed."

"If Mr. Long's wolf killed the caribou fawn by a bite through the heart, as the writer asserts, the wolf either turned a summerset or pretty near it—or else got his head upside down—under the forelegs of the fawn, a sufficiently difficult performance. Waynes would have had to do this before he could get the whole breast of the animal in his mouth in order to crush it and bite through to the heart. It is very unlikely that any wolf out of side of a book would be fool enough to attempt a thing like this even with a fawn caribou, when the killing could be done far more easily in so many easier ways."

[Dr. Long comes back at the President and says that if he is honorable he will not hide behind his office, but must retract, as he (Long) can prove what he says in his book.]

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### Letter from Corea.

Miss Ethel E. Kestler, missionary of the Presbyterian church of Monroe, writes the following very interesting letter to a friend:

Your much appreciated letter came nearly a month ago, and I fully expected to answer it before now, but was called to Chungju to nurse one of our missionaries there, and since returning to Kusan have been helping with the medical work, began the reopened the language school and in charge of attending to my garden work, etc.

Our medical work is so interesting, and I enjoy it very much. The clinics continue to grow. Last month we treated nearly one thousand cases.

We have so many lepers that come to us for help, and I am hoping some day we may be able to build a hospital for them. There is so much sadness in this country. At first I felt that I could not endure it, and wanted to go home; but God made me see my selfishness and now I am so glad to be here, and pray that He will make me one of his helpers to lift these people up into a better life for His sake.

While I was in Chungju a few weeks ago and was attending the morning church service, as Mrs. Tate, M. D., and myself were coming out of the church a poor woman came up to her with tears in her eyes and said, "My daughter is dead." Mrs. Tate told me her daughter had been beaten by an angry husband, and from these wounds she had died. Mrs. Tate remarked, how thankful we should be that we were born in a Christian country. I said yes, and too, how glad we should be to be permitted to work for such a people that had not enjoyed the same privileges.

Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet arrived here about three weeks ago. They were on the "Dakota," which was wrecked about forty-five miles out from Yokohama, Japan. You probably know Mr. Nisbet, as he was born in Waxhaw, not far from Monroe. We are so pleased with both himself and wife, and while they lost almost everything they had except a hand bag and typewriter, they are so cheerful over it. They had been keeping house for several years and had collected quite a nice lot of things, most of which they brought with them. They estimate the loss at about three thousand dollars. I felt so sorry for her when she spoke of her mother's picture, saying it was the only one in the family, so could not be replaced. This was the only time I saw a tear.

You have probably not heard of the wreck and would like to know something of it. The captain did not seem to know what he was doing and was a mile off the course. It was a quiet Sabbath afternoon and all were on the deck looking at the landscape, when there was a sudden lurching of the boat and water began to pour into the engine room. They had run on a rock. The boat soon began to sink, but everyone was saved. The little boats were swarming around the ship and the passengers were carried to different Yokohama villages.

Three ladies had rather a frightful experience. They were carried to a little village, they knew not where, and after paying the boatmen thirty dollars, they went into a Japanese house, and in a short while the boatmen came and demanded five hundred dollars from them. They did not have so much, and told the men they would give them one hundred dollars. But they would not accept that amount. Fortunately for the ladies, one of the lower officers of the boat was brought to the same place, and arrived just in time to arrest the men. With best love to you all whom I know,

ETHEL E. KESTLER,  
Kusan, Corea, April 6th, 1907.

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Bert Barber of Elton, Wis., says: "I have only taken four doses of your Kidney and Bladder Pills and they have done for me more than any other medicine has ever done. I am still taking the pills as I want a perfect cure." Mr. Barber refers to DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills, which are unequalled for backache, weak kidneys, inflammation of the bladder and all urinary troubles. A week's treatment for 25 cents. Sold by S. J. Welsh and C. N. Simpson, Jr.

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### Romantic Marriages and Lives of Sorrow.

The suggestion of The Monroe Journal that something should be done to protect parents in North Carolina from the wide-open marriage laws of South Carolina is a good one. We have always heard that it is easy to get married in South Carolina—that all you have to do is to go to a minister or officer clothed with the power to "tie the knot" and the work can be done without any guarded restrictions as to age, etc. And now we are told that it is really not necessary in that State to have any ceremony, but that a couple is legally married in South Carolina if they, in the presence of any witness, agree to be man and wife, and that under the law even a mock marriage is binding if pulled off in the presence of witnesses.

The unrestricted marriage laws of South Carolina have resulted in blighting the hopes of hundreds of parents in North Carolina who have seen the opportunities of life closed to a son or daughter, who at an early age, under a crazy which they called "love," hurried to South Carolina and got married when they knew no more about the responsibilities of married life than a six-month-old yearling.

Aside from the extreme disgust that kind of marriages causes, there is an element of sadness that accompanies such senseless performances. To see a bright boy or girl, whose minds are yet in the formative or undeveloped period, give up the opportunity of receiving a practical education, and with nothing that they can call their own except a little wearing apparel, assume responsibilities that should never be taken except by mature minds and only after long and careful consideration, is like a leap in the dark from a dangerous precipice and about as fatal in its results—fatal to the success and happiness of the youths who start out in life thus handicapped.

If young people would always wait to reach the ages of 25 to 30 years before marriage, there wouldn't be so many examples that furnish an argument that "marriage is a failure." While it is true that through natural mental weakness, at any age, that wear pants, cloth and calico may sometimes marry quickly through "love at first sight," it is not often that they carry with them a sufficient amount of age and experience to be guided by mature judgment and common sense.

Youthful marriages and "romantic" marriages are the kind that are disgusting to the thoughtful people. Of course it is not impossible for successful and happy lives to follow, just as it is not impossible for a man to bring down a bird on the wing at a distance of a hundred yards with a shotgun, but the chances are against such adventures.

**The Child Marriage Evil.**  
Referring to the child marriages which South Carolina continues to permit and citing a recent case in which runaway children from North Carolina thwarted parents by crossing the line, The Monroe Journal suggests that North Carolina "refuse to recognize the marriage as valid in this State of persons under age who have such service performed in South Carolina." With all due regard for the principle of comity among States as laid down in the full faith-and-credit clause of the Federal constitution, we do not hesitate to express our opinion that the matter may yet come to this. When Earl Russell was on trial before the British House of Lords for bigamy, a Nevada divorce from the first wife was proved by the defence, but the law lords, terming the Nevada divorce a brand of "fraud upon civilized jurisprudence," refused to recognize the decree as valid, and the accused nobleman's trial by his peers resulted in a penitentiary sentence. If the South Carolina legislature continues to defeat the apparent desire of its people that an end be put to the South Carolina child marriage by enacting a marriage license law, adjoining States may be driven to unusual measures for self-protection.

**He Fired the Stick.**  
"I have fired the walking stick I've carried over 40 years on account of a sore that resisted every kind of treatment, until I tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve; that has healed the sore and made me a happy man," writes John Garrett of North Mills, N. C. Guaranteed for piles, burns, etc., by English Drug Co. 25c.

**Child of Five Kills Mother.**  
Mrs. Frank Doll of Airville, York Pa., was killed today by her 5-year-old son with a shotgun. A portion of the woman's head was blown off. The killing was declared to be accidental by a coroner's jury which had been summoned by Justice of the Peace J. S. Posey.

During the mother's absence this morning the child, Ernest Doll, secured the shotgun, which was standing in the corner of the kitchen, placed a shell in position, as he had often seen his father do, and then pointed it toward the door through which the mother would have to pass to get into the room. The mother soon returned, and when she opened the door the little fellow pulled the trigger. The aim was true, the full charge striking her in the head, causing death instantly. Neighbors who heard the shooting rushed to the Doll home. The father was sent for, and when he was told of the tragedy became frantic with grief.

The son who did the shooting, when he realized that his mother was dead, called for her return.

**Every Man His Own Doctor.**  
The average man cannot afford to employ a physician for every slight ailment or injury that may occur in his family, nor can he afford to neglect them, as so slight an injury as the scratch of a pin has been known to cause the loss of a limb. Hence every man must from necessity be his own doctor for this class of ailments. Success often depends upon prompt treatment, which can only be had when suitable medicines are kept at hand. Chamberlain's Remedies have been in the market for many years and enjoy a good reputation. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaint. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. Chamberlain's Pain Balm (an antiseptic liniment) for cuts, bruises, burns, sprains, swellings, lame back and rheumatic pains. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for constipation, biliousness and stomach troubles. Chamberlain's Salve for diseases of the skin. One bottle of each of these five preparations costs but \$1.25. For sale by English Drug Co.

### Both Were Collectors.

A local newspaper artist got a letter one day from a man over in Indiana who said he was making a collection of sketches. "I have drawings from well known newspaper artists in nearly every State in the Union," the Indiana man wrote, "but I have none from Ohio. I have seen some of your work and I think it is good. If you will send me some little sketch for my collection I shall have it framed."

The artist noticed from the letter-head that the Indiana man was connected with a bank in one of the small towns over in the State of literature. That gave him a hunch, and he wrote back as follows:

"I am making a collection of \$10 bills. I haven't secured specimens from every State in the Union, but I have several tens and a few twenties, and I am particularly anxious to have a ten dollar bill from Indiana. I notice that you are employed in a place where ten dollar bills are kept, and if you send me one for my collection I shall be glad to have it framed."

**The Magic No. 3.**  
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**He Had Saved Money.**  
Frank Eddy used to have a friend who never was known to stand treat to anything, neither dinner, drinks, cigars, theatre nor opera. One day, meeting him by chance, he said, earnestly:

"Just the man I want to see, Charley. If you want to make a little money right quick I've got a good investment."

All eagerness, Charley wanted to know everything, but Eddy whispered: "It isn't safe to speak of a matter of this kind in a public street; where can we go and talk privately?"

"Why, let us step into this cafe and have a drink and chat."

"Good enough." Two whiskeys were ordered and disposed of.

"How much?" asked Charley.

"Twenty-five cents," said the bartender.

Having cast down his quarter, Charley said to his friend: "Now, how about that investment?"

"You've already made it, and have the profits in your pocket."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, you always drink alone at 15 cents a drink, two for 30 cents. You and I have just had two drinks for a quarter; therefore, by investing 25 cents you have saved a nickel. Good morning!"

**Remarkable Rescue.**  
That truth is stronger than fiction, has once more been demonstrated in the little town of Fedora, Tenn., the residence of C. V. Pepper. He writes: "I was in bed entirely disabled with hemorrhages of lungs and throat. Doctors failed to help me and all hope had fled when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. Then instant relief came. The coughing soon ceased; the bleeding diminished rapidly, and in three weeks I was able to go to work." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. 50c. and \$1. at English Drug Company's. Trial bottle free.

**Judge Bennett's Crop Report.**  
I have not seen any fields of wheat this spring but I have seen many patches of wheat. These are well grown in stalk and heads and promise rich returns in quality and quantity.

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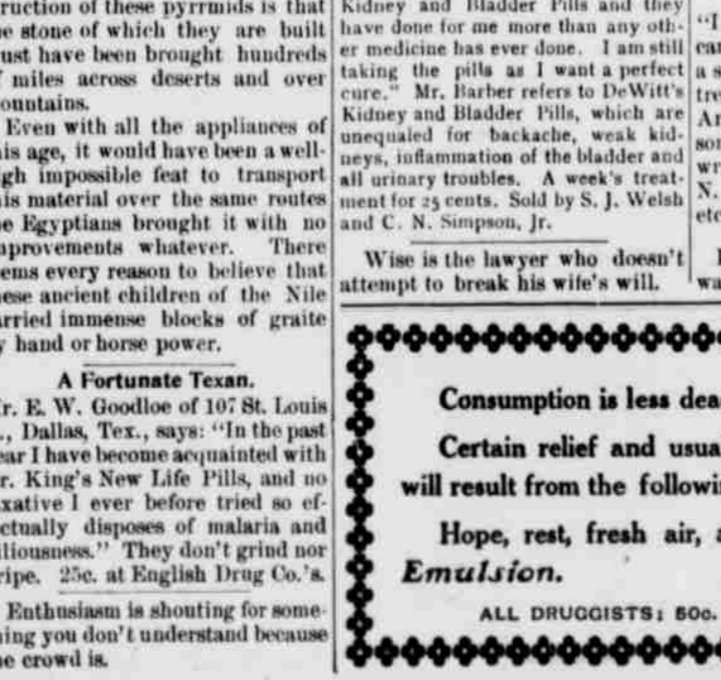
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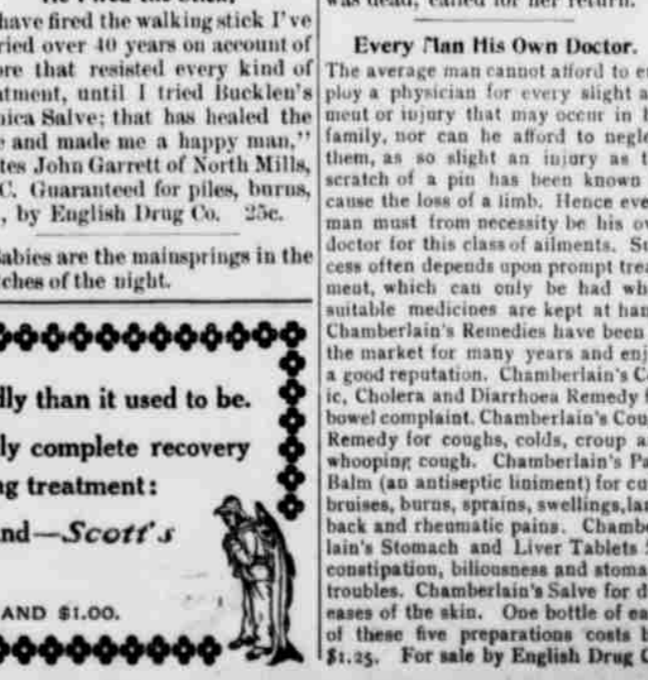
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