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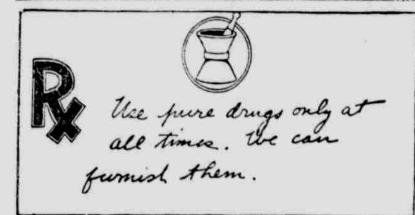
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Raleigh the First and Most Romantic Colonization in America.

the two great English-speaking nain London where Raleigh once trod ordinated everything else to the masthe ways of glory, and also by the ter-purpose of his life-that of win-

to co-operate with the North Caro- you need this more than I do!" the celebration on the occasion of the celebration in Raleigh. Unfortu-nately, the nation-wide scourge of in-fluenza prevented the celebration in a cure for all diseases." Then havform to the man to whom not merely our country, but civilization itself. owes so much.

The famous painting of Sir Walter, by Zucchero, which represents the man to the mind's eye of most Americans and Englishmen, shows him as he appeared about 1588 when he was one of the foremost figures in repelling and destroying the Invincible Armada of Spain. Twenty-six years old at that time, he was at the height of his power, the favorite of the English Queen, and altogether the most fasany way connected with the early history of America-statesman, soldier. sailor, scientist, historian, explorer, courtier, poet and hero of adried talents. In fact, Raleigh has seen called " the most universally capable Englishman that ever reviewing the Queen's Guard, some- ter leon, then answering the chief of the racy she is today, gave his own life it could be done like that the first country party in the House of Com- at last for his Dream! mons, then again murmuring one of his sweet love songs too near the ears of her Higness's maids of honor, and or collating Polybius with Livy." By picturing him at evening in the Mermaid Tavern in quaint converse with Shakespeare and Ben Johnson, Macaulay might have made his picture fairly complete! It was a wonderful era, and perhaps only in that "purple, rich, Elizabethan time," as Vachel Lindsay calls t, could so full and colorful a life have been lived even by a Walter Raleigh. Through him our North Carolina history is linked, as the hisory of no other State is linked, with he age of chivalry, the days when knighthood was in flower-the days. too, of explorers and adventurers and sea-rovers, when "the world's great age began anew" as all Europe went aflame with interest in the new-found world beyond the seas, and accepted with almost equal credence the stories of the real Virginia and the fabled El Dorado, the real Father of Waers and the imaginary Fountain of Youth. Into all this intoxicating enthusiism, Raleigh entered fully, and his zeal for his North Carolina colony, it s interesting to remember, was at its height when Zucchero's painting was made, and the prospects for the sucers of that colony were then at their rightest. Four years previously his first expedition had landed at Roatoke Island and but a few months reviously, the first Anglo-American had been born in the little colony on North Carolina coast -- Virginia are, the wee, mystery-shrouded foreoner of all the millions who have spoken the tongue of Shakesscare and Milton on this continent, and of all who are to come after us. This tercentenary reminds us, too. of Raleigh the Dreamer; the man of vision and courage, the rare man 'whose heart alike conceives and dares," the man who had the courage to follow the gleam and gave life and fortune to his great idea of winning both Americas for England and for English civilization. Well does his latest biographer declare that Queen Elizabeth's captains were greater than their seovereign, and that Ral-eigh and his fellows "would have conquered half the Spanish world and swept the wide waters through their length and breadth had it not been for the vaciliating and petticoated occupant of the throne." We must admit, of course, that many of Raleigh's greatest plans were doomed to failure. But we must also say that the heroes who have dared to become failures as a result of aspiring too greatly, of attempting "The high that proved too high, the heroic for earth too hard" they are the sublimest figures in human history and the great world ever turns for inspiration to their mighty names-the martyr at the stake, the philosopher with his hemlock, the patriot at the gibbet, the Christ on he cross. We know in fact that no such

have really failed; that the only real faiture or success is, within, is in a man's own spirit; and no one can say that Walter Raleigh has failed when in 1602, having spent \$209,000 (an enormous sum in those days) to send Figure in the History of English five scemingly fruitless expeditions to our North Carolina coast, he prepares for a sixth expedition while his un-By Clarence Poe in South Atlantic daunted and unconquerable spirit Quarterly.) rings out in the phrase: "I shall yet For more than a year now, sons of live to see it an English nation!" the two great English-speaking na-tions have been battling together to man. Raleigh as a builder of indidetermine whether the world of to-morrow shall be governed by the ideals of liberty and democracy that have long distinguished men of Eng-lish speech and blood, or ruled in-stead by a dynasty which in principles his age, we see him make an end of of government looks backward to the life with spirit unsoured and unbrok-Dark Ages and in principles of moral-en, a gentleman unafraid, facing At such a time it is indeed fitting was bitterer than death, not with the that both England and America pause savage rebelliousness of Henley's "In-to make note of the three-hundredth victus," nor with the uncaring stol-anniversary of the death of Sir Walter Raleigh, the first and most ro- serener and truer courage of the ultimantic figure in all the long history mate type of man, the Christian of English colonization of the New gentleman. Not wholly unspotted was World. Raleigh was beheaded Oc- he from the vices of his time, but his tober 29, 1618, and the tercentenary faults were never those of selfishness date was to have been observed both or meanness or littleness. He sub-North Carolina Literary and Histori-cal Association meeting in the city "He was greedy to get," as Professor named for the great Elizabethan. Hersey says, "his hand itched for amed for the great Elizabethan. Hersey says, "his hand itched for The London celebration was in gold, but he lavished his wealth on charge of a committee composed of colonizing expeditions with self-sacri-Viscount Bryce, Sir Sidney Lee, Prof. ficing patriotism." When he threw C. H. Firth, of Oxford, and Prof. W. his cloak in the mud for the girl-P. Kerr, of University College, Lon- queen of England, it was not merely don. Inasmuch as it was on North a tribute to the Queen, but a natural Carolina soil that Raleigh planted his dowering of a fine courtsey that with colonies, the London committee had him was instinctive. Observe his arranged a program after consulta- thoughtfulness in spending a part of tion with the North Carolina Literary his last night on earth "giving direcand Historical Association; and the tions for correcting an injury to a Virginia Historical Society, South former friend." See him on his way Carolina Historical Siciety, and Amer- to the scaffold, tossing his cap to a ican Historical Society were expected wayside beggar: "Here, my good man,

On the scaffold Raleigh's wit Raleigh from taking place, but noth- ing protested his innocence to the ing should prevent the people of world, and commended his spirit to North Carolina and the nation from his Maker, his unshaken voice rings paying tribute in less spectacular out once more, and for the last time on earth, as he calls to the hesitating excutioner, "What dost thou fear? Strike, man!-strike!"

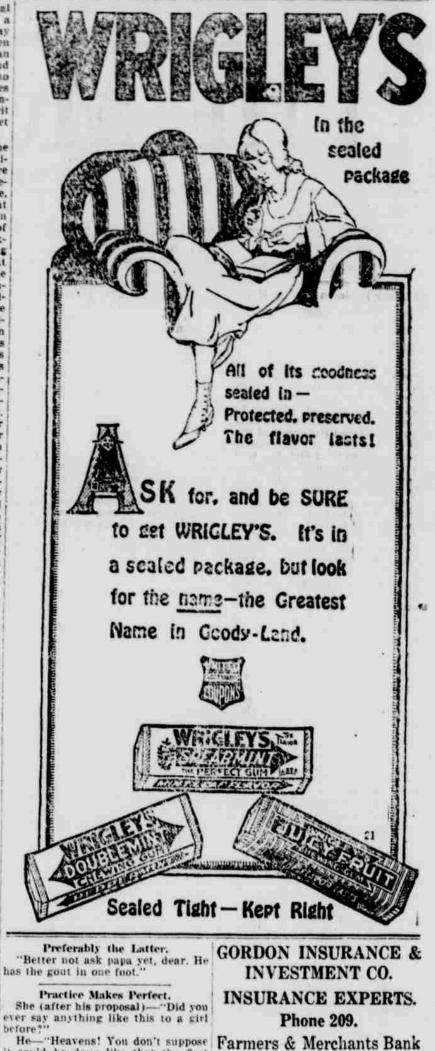
If indeed in the faith of the greatest living Poet of Raleigh's tongue-

Belong the path of the outmost sun, through utter darkness hurled, Farther than ever comet flared or

vagrant star-dust swirled. such as fought and sailed and ruled and loved and made our

world"-

cinating and versatile personality in then for three centuries now the herospirit of Walter Raleigh has looked down on the great New World which his genius, more than that of any plorer, courtier, poet and hero of ad-venture. Not even Leonardo da Saxon ideals; and if Heaven, as one Vinci was a man of more va- might well believe, sent in the earthquake hour of war, a pilot to guide this new world's sons across the seas has the gout in one foot." to Flanders and the Marne, that pilot lived;" and Macaluay gives us a must have been the spirit of the man sort of motion-picture of his activi- who loved England, loved America. ties by speaking of him as "sometimes and loved the seas between-Sir Wal-Raleigh, who because his Engtimes giving chase to a Spanish gal- land had not then become the democ-



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