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DAYS OF H. W. GRADY AND NOW

Gone are the days when, according to the late Henry W. Grady, famous Southern orator and editor, "the average Tennessee farmer gets up early at the alarm of a Connecticut clock, buttons his Chicago suspenders to Detroit overalls, puts on a pair of cow-hide overalls made in Ohio; washes in a Pittsburg tin basin, using Cincinnati soap; arises on a cotton towel made in New Hampshire, sits down to a Grand Rapids table, eats not biscuits, made with Minneapolis flour; Kansas City bacon and Indiana frits fried in Omaha lard, cooked in a St. Louis stove; buys Irish potatoes grown in Michigan, and canned fruits put up in California, seasoned with Rhode Island spices; claps on his old wool hat made in Philadelphia; harnesses his Missouri mule, fed on Iowa corn, with New York harness, and plows his farm covered by a Massachusetts mortgage, with an Indiana plow; at night he crawls under a New Jersey blanket and is kept awake by a Tennessee dog, the only home product on the place, and wonders why he keeps poor;" for Dr. Battle, writing in the Greensboro News, says he now finds himself getting up every morning by 6 o'clock or sooner by no alarm clock at all. "I put on under-clothes," he continues, "made in Winston-Salem, my socks in Burlington, my shoes in Lynchburg, my overalls in Greensboro, made out of denims made in Greensboro, out of North Carolina cotton, dry face and hands on cotton towel made at Kannapolis. "Going in to breakfast we sit down to a High Point table, covered with damask made in South Carolina, silence cloth made in Greensboro. We have for breakfast grapefruit grown in Florida, sweetened with sugar made in Louisiana. Hot biscuits (which have been proven to be as easily digested as stale bread), breakfast bacon, or fried ham, or fried spring chicken, scrambled eggs, and single cakes with honey, or syrup, Jersey milk and butter, all made in Guilford. Our apple vinegar, potatoes, canned peas and fruits, jellies, jams, etc., all made and canned in Guilford county. "A Tennessee horse fed on Guilford county corn, oats and hay is harnessed by a North Carolina negro with a Knoxville harness and hitched to a plow made in Chattanooga and later hitched to a wagon made in Winston-Salem. After the day's work is over I retire to a High Point bed, on a mattress made in Mebane, and

sleep between sheets made in South Carolina, under a blanket made in Elkin, a spread made at Fieldale, Va., and sleep, guarded by a North Carolina dog, realizing what patriotism, and dream of what North Carolina would be if her two and one-half million citizens would patronize home industries." Machine Can Be Made Do Anything Except—Think. (From the Type Metal Magazine.) This has been called the era of machine production because so much of the world's work is done with the aid of the human hand. Brain is replacing muscle. Men do only that work which a machine cannot do. Machine production dates from the revolutionary improvements in the steam engine by James Watt, about a century ago. So great has been the development of labor saving devices since that time that many people actually fear that there will soon be no work left for the human animal to do. There is no basis for any such thought. The adding machine, for instance, has not eliminated the book-keeper, but it has taken most of the drudgery out of book-keeping. It has largely contributed to the development of a new profession—that of accounting and cost finding. When the human spirit is freed from the deadening toil, it turns to its nobler function—that of creating. With the adding machine the modern book-keeper becomes an interpreter. He now has time to do more than "figger." He analyzes his figures and translates them into terms that make them useful. The once lowly book-keeper, pictured so effectively by Dickens, is now doing finer, better and more useful work because he has the proper tools to aid him. The other day I visited an exhibition of manuscripts which were transcribed in the thirteenth century. This was before the invention of the printing press. Some of the volumes contained over ten thousand words, every letter being laboriously produced as perfectly as though printed from type. An ancient scribe often worked five years on a single book. The modern scribe sits at a type-setting machine, which has a keyboard like a typewriter. He can do more work, and better work, in a week than the ancient scribe could do in a year. Freed from stoop-shouldered drudgery, he can do creative work. Some of the finest type-setting is now done on machines. The machine does not displace human energy. It liberates human energy. The human factor will always be the dominant factor in industry, because it is the creative factor. Machines may be made to do anything—except think. And after all, isn't that the function of man—the chief, if not the only function, as far as production is concerned? Think!

Greeting the Queen In his recently published volume of reminiscences, entitled Days Before Yesterday, Lord Frederic Hamilton tells an amusing story of a royal visit to his father's home, Queen Victoria, who was a very close friend of his mother, with her children and suite occupied the family mansion during one of her visits to Scotland. His younger brother was in a state of sulks and rebellion at having been evicted from the nursery to make room for the royal children. In presenting him to the queen, his mother said, "And this, Your Majesty, is my second boy. Make your bow, dear." The younger brother, his heart still hot within him at being turned out of the nursery, instead of bowing, stood on his head in his kilts, and remained for some seconds like that, an accomplishment of which he was very proud. "The queen," adds Lord Frederic, "was exceedingly angry." His admirable reserve here leaves much to the imagination. STRAND TODAY "DINTY" With WESLEY BARRY Report of the Condition of the Monroe Bank & Trust Co. at Monroe, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 28th, 1921. RESOURCES Loans and Discounts \$245,358.86 Overdrafts 12.18 Banking House 20,182.25 Furniture and Fixtures 11,487.14 Cash in vault and in drawers due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies 16,618.07 Cash items held over 24 hours 715.21 Checks for clearing 1,028.24 Insurance Investment 1,000.00 Total \$296,391.95 LIABILITIES Capital Stock paid in 50,000.00 Surplus Fund 25,000.00 Undivided Profits 1,447.22 Dividends Unpaid 16.25 Bills Payable 52,500.00 Deposits subject to check 66,738.99 Time Certificates Deposit 61,301.74 Savings Deposits 19,642.25 Cashier's Checks outstanding 376.90 Certified Checks 9.90 Trust Funds 19,358.70 Total \$296,391.95 State of North Carolina, County of Union—I, H. B. Clark, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. H. B. CLARK, Cashier. Correct—Attest: S. O. BLAIR, N. C. ENGLISH, A. M. SECREST, Directors. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of May, 1921. J. H. Price, Notary Public.

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