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### Catch-All-Column.

Best way to start a fight is to tell a fool he is one.  
A man who growls at everything leads a dog's life.  
Cheer up your troubles will soon pass away. Then you will have worse ones.  
A man in Jersey City drank furniture polish to get on a jog. His "finish" is permanent.  
Wouldn't it be awful if the girls didn't have any more sense than we think they have?  
Our scientists tells us that a plesiosaurus' last name is dolichoderionus. Well to remember this in case you meet one.  
Davidson county, says the Lexington Dispatch is ninth in automobile ownership in the State.  
Some Luzz wagons unloaded on the South within the last few years has come well nigh paralyzing business and bankrupting the country, it's something to boast about, to say the least.  
The other day I heard a man say that there would be great prosperity in this country when the merchants quit buying diamonds and went to buying alarm clocks, and when the farmers quit buying silk shirts and went to buying overalls, and when everybody got up early and went to work.  
Rev. T. J. Ogburn, in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, among other good things, says:  
"Don't get cheated! Tobacco costs money. A friend of mine, a poor man chews \$109.00 worth a year. Three five cent cigars a day will cost in fifty years, with compound interest at six per cent, \$15,895.52"  
All true. On the other hand I know a number of men who smoke like an engine and chew like an ox who own more than \$15,000 of this world's chattels. I also know a lot of fellows who do not smoke or chew, and so far as I know, do not have any bad habits, who are not worth a darn. "A man's a man for a that."

Good butter today may be obtained in Monroe, Marshville and Wingate at 20 cents a pound. But listen to what John Paul Lucas Governor Morrison's appointee, to save the State, says:  
"North Carolina imported last year dairy products of a valuable equalizing the value of the products of the dairy industry in the State for the same year. But even at that tens of North Carolina farm families, to say nothing of families in town, did not consume any whole milk and used very little butter, cheese and condensed milk."

Lucas then quotes Dr. Dr. W. S. Hankin, of the State Board of Health, as saying, "You cannot grow a man without milk."  
According to these leadin' lights, folks in other States would be led to believe tens of thousands of pore folks here in No'th Ca'liny are goin' to starve plum to death without nary a garden, keow, pig, hen or bee. And too, them children as did grow up without no milk, accordin' to the learned doctor, would not be men at tall, nor may e women. For don't he say, "you can't grow a man without milk." You tell 'em.

**Hikes Long Way to See President.**  
The Rev. W. F. Lamwood, a local minister of San Francisco, Cal. declared April 18, he would depart on April 20th for Washington, a-foot. The minister said he expected to go blind soon, and that he wanted to see a President while he could. The minister, who is past sixty years of age, will take about seventy-five pounds of luggage with him, which he said he would haul in a small wagon. He will start with \$5 in cash.

### Body of Son Remains Unburied.

There is nation-wide interest in the unusual announcement than an Iredell county man, John Speaks, has refused to accept \$5,000 insurance which the government has offered and is ready to pay on the life of his son, Thomas Speaks, who was killed in overseas service during the World war.  
Another peculiarity about this citizen is that he refuses to bury the body of his son. The remains of Thomas Speaks arrived in Statesville in August, 1921, and were immediately taken to the home of his parents near Jennings postoffice, about 22 miles north of Statesville.  
In September following, the writer made a special visit to the Speaks home and found the casket of the dead soldier boy resting on two chairs in the best room in the house. Mr. Speak stated that he did not want to bury his boy and would not do so unless he was forced to do so by law, adding that he meant to build a little house nearby in which to keep the body until his own death and then he wanted the remains of his boy be placed beside his own. Latest reports indicate that the young soldier's body still rested undisturbed in the home of his parents, eight months after its arrival.  
Another peculiarity about Mrs. Speaks is that he reads his Bible regularly and claims to be deeply religious, still he is at variance with the churches and will not attend a church or Sunday school and not permit a member of his family to attend public religious services of any kind.  
Local authorities would have forced Speaks to bury the body of his son if it had been shown to be unsanitary, but the remains have been reduced to a skeleton and the county health officials could not say that it was dangerous to the health of the family, and therefore were powerless to enforce burial.

**New-Laid Egg**  
The batchelor had brought two new laid eggs for the next morning's breakfast, and when he got back home with them he noticed some writing on the shell of one of them. Of course, he read what the thing had to say. It ran like this:  
"I am a farmer's daughter, 17 years of age, blond hair and brown eyes, height and weight just about right, and complexion the same. If this should meet the eye of some young man who desires to wed a merry but industrious county girl, let him communicate with—" and then followed the merry country girl's name and address.  
"Well, the young man was so pleased that he rushed off and telegraphed to the girl. He got her answer next morning. She married six years ago, and am now the mother of five."—London Opinion.

**A Grand Jury Address.**  
The grand jury, setting in Pasquotank county, recently gave advice as follows: "If mothers will look after their Flapper daughters and see that they are most modestly dressed, these girls will not be subjected to rude remarks from the male apes who assemble on street corners to watch the afternoon parade of silk hosiery."

Bankers of Miami, Fla., are accused of backing a mammoth whis key ring. As a rule, bankers know where to place money so as to receive the greatest returns on the investment. No doubt the illegal sale of whiskey is an attractive proposition to be good many people, bankers included.—The Harriman Record.

The man who gets quick obedience doesn't issue many orders.

### More Cowardly Than Bootlegger.

To gratify his taste for liquor; to have one drink; to be able to treat his friends; to boast that he can get some things others can not have; the rich man virtually says to the bootlegger: "Bring me some whiskey. In bringing it to me you may find it necessary to kill some officer; to steal an automobile; to bribe some officials to wreck some lives and risk your own; to help throw the Constitution of the country into contempt but for this I will pay your price, whatever it may be." The bootlegger goes forth and does some, or all of these things. Every person who is killed the patrons of the bootlegger is responsible for. He may hide his guilt behind a cloak of respectability but nevertheless he is as guilty as is the man who committed the murder. When he pays \$100 a care for whisky he is paying for the services of men who do the killing if killing done, just as much as if he had pointed out the victim and directed the murderer's pistol towards him.  
Everyone looks to the law to protect life and property. The patron of the bootlegger is helping to undermine this law which stands between his children and murderer's; between his money and theiver; between himself and anarchy. He is helping to build up a criminal organization which may not stop at breaking one law but may try to violate other laws. The buyers of bootleggers' booze can not escape this responsibility.  
To the prohibition law is as much the law of the land as is the law against murder or theft. If it is distasteful to you that is no excuse for your breaking it or encouraging others to break it. Every good, solid citizen who buys bootleggers' booze forms a part of a criminal organization just a business of running booze into the country himself. As a matter of fact, he is more cowardly and despicable than the booze runner. The latter takes the risk and a sporting chance. The booze buyer hiding behind the respectability which wealth and position give him, takes no risk, out with his money encourages others in doing so.—Times-Mercury.

**Lexington to New York and Back to Lexington.**  
Putting a New York label on a thing is something a great piece of "bunkum," but it often works magic with the buyers, whether he be merchants or the person who buys at retail from the merchant. Many instances have been found in North Carolina where products made in the State have not found the sale at home they should have but when shipped to the New York or some other big distribution point and given a new tag have been sent right back to the community in which they were made and found a big sale.  
Some things like that have happened in Lexington. Not long ago it is said a certain manufacturer here was talking to a local merchant about handling his line. In the course of the conversation the merchant said: "You know the best line of that kind I can find is the one I get from Jones and Company of New York." (Only that wasn't the name.)  
"Yes," replied the local manufacturer, "Jones and Company do sell good goods. We have just shipped them a rather large order this week. They buy a good deal of their stuff from us."  
"You don't mean it," said the Lexington merchant in surprise.  
The New York firm are labellers and distributors only.  
It is said, indeed, that a great deal of "Grand Rapids" furniture sold in this section can be manufactured in Lexington, Thomasville, and Hight Point.—The Dispatch.

The most embarrassing feature about the child who thinks he knows more than his parents is that he sometimes does.

### Your Plain Duty.

Every American citizen, native born or naturalized, owes a solemn duty to this country. That duty is to vote for the very best men for public office, without regard to the ties of friendship or other consideration.  
It is possible that a consideration, discharge of this duty may require that a person vote against a warm personal friend in order to install in office a man who better to perform the duties of the position.  
This fact, painful though it might be, should not deter any man from following the course which he deems to be right and just, for the ties of country are greater than those of friendship—or at least they should be.

Many otherwise good citizens feel that if they are busy on election day that fact should be sufficient excuse for refraining from voting.  
But they are mistaken. They are setting a bad example to the rising generation. They are strong for the inalienable rights of citizenship, yet weak in the discharge of one of the most sacred duties that developed upon a citizens.  
They are good citizens except in the matter of voting.  
In that they are not good.  
Their indifference hurts not only them, but their country as well.

**What A Democrat Says.**  
According to the keynote speech of Mr. Poul and the platform delivered at Raleigh the other day, the so-called democracy, so sure of success at the polls in November and rejoicing in their prodigality it is proposed to get out the old steam roller, and heedless of the cry of the people for relief from burdensome taxes, fadism, etc, to scamper through the campaign like a bull calf in a china shop. This kind of a program may be all right for the righteous in an attack on sinners, but for the sinners thus to run over the righteous reminds us more of a Lenin and Trotsky affair than anything else we can think of just now. Wonderful democracy!—Salisbury Watchman.

**Tar-Bubbles.**  
When the farmers ceases to function, there will be plenty of food for thought but little to eat.—Selected.  
Earthquake shocks reported in Tennessee may have been the boll weevils arriving.—Carolina Banner.

And now starts the conflict between the family with garden and the family with chickens.—Green-ville Record.  
Farm jobs are reported by employment bureaus to have gone begging. They haven't anything on some of those gave up a good job on the farm for one in the city.—Vass Pilot  
Don't pity the man with the hoe. He's probably after bait.—Robert Quillen.  
Now that jazz is over, the cows can have their bell back.—Raleigh Times.  
The Little Gem Resturant has been given ten days notice to clean up, but don't believe in kiff be done in that time.—Abe Martin.  
Live merchants advertise because they want the people to know of the goods they have to sell, especially when more than ordinary values are offered. People read the ads because they want to know where can buy to best advantage, and this can only be determined by knowing what merchants have to offer. The local paper is the medium between seller and buyer. The one should use it, and the other should read it.  
Somebody no doubt thinks you are "a man in a million," and so you are, but so is everybody else.  
Nobody ever appears so scared as a farmer driving a load of hay in a big town.

### PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



Sure, we all know "Doc!" When we are sick, "Doc" dashes to the Rescue, but when "Doc" ain't Feeling Well, ev'ryone thinks it the Prize Joke of the Century. "Doc" says he don't believe in Advertising, but we ain't Never yet got Bawled Out for giving him a Puff in the Paper.

**Before and After.**  
The same young woman who turns on the porch light, before marriage, so that her "sweetie" won't slip and fall, turns off the hall light after marriage, to see if he will stumble on the stairs.  
We often wonder why candidates can't act like normal beings, or at least just as they do before they acquire an itch for office. A man pursuing his daily avocations will pass you a thousand times with but a friendly nod and a cheerful smile—and sometimes with a frown. But the minute he get the "itch," he falls all over himself in his efforts to pump your paw and impress you with his great love for mankind in general and yourself in particular. Of course we must concede that candidates are human, but when the itch begins to work they overdo the part.

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### Wisdom for Wives.

A wise old minister, before parting with a young couple he had joined in matrimony, used to slip a card into the bride's hand on which was printed this advise: "When you marry him love him. After you marry him study him. If he is generous appreciate him. When he is sad cheer him. When he is quarrelsome ignore him. If he is soothful spur him. If he is noble praise him. If he is confidential encourage him. If he is secretive trust him. If he is jealous censure him. If he favors society accompany him. When he does you a favor or thank him. When he deserves it kiss him. Let him think how well you understand him; but never let him know that you manage him."  
—Boston Transcript.

### Several Thousand Bushels of Apples Killed by Frost.

Ashville Citizen.  
Reports of damage to the fruit crop by frost Sunday morning indicate a loss of several thousand bushels of apples in this immediate territory, and while a number of the larger orchards reported no damage several reported a complete loss of the crop.  
Agricultural and horticultural agents did not receive any accurate loss but will make efforts today to ascertain the damage to this year's crop. On account of the day being Sunday no trip into the country were made by the State or county officials.  
The hope was entertained by Asheville men who have orchards investments that the damage maybe confined to those trees in the lower sections or pockets where the wind was of no avail in counteracting the frost. Last year's crop of apples in this section was a total loss on account of the late cold weather and should this year's crop be destroyed the loss will be keenly felt.  
If it were as easy to acquire habits of industry as it is to take on those of laziness, there wouldn't be work for more than half of those now employed.

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