

killed by nailing a picture of one upon a tree and shooting it with a silver bullet. There are also plenty who believe in "conjuraton," and right here in Raleigh, are "Conjur Doctors" doing business, and whose hold on their patients is in making them believe they have been "conjured" by witches. The usual method of "cure" is to bury a bottle, containing queer things, under the room in which the patient lies ill, or to resort to some weird device to "lay the witch."

The superstition of the darkeys is also well illustrated in the negro cemetery here. On not a few graves will be found the medicine bottles used by the deceased in the last illness, and other strange things.

A queer sight is a large vault in which in a coffin, almost entirely of glass, lies dressed in sombre black, the body of a once well known and well to do negro, whose will required that his body be embalmed and taken to the cemetery and placed in such a casket, in order that his family and friends could view his remains whenever they liked. The casket stands upon a frame work, and the body looks as if in life.

REMINDERS OF SLAVERY DAYS.

In this connection the relics of slavery days in the Hall of History in the State Museum here are worthy of attention. There is a great rarity in the shape of a pass for a slave to leave the owner's premises at night, such a pass being shown to the patrollers, or citizens, a certain number of whom rode here and there and kept watch and ward after nine o'clock each night. In many places curfew used to be rung, and when those bell-strokes were heard the negroes kept within bounds, but now curfew is rung in only one place in North Carolina, Fayetteville. Generation after generation has passed, and all have heard that big bell give its booming notes at nine o'clock, though 'of course' its call, once so peremptory, is now unheeded.

Other interesting slavery day reminders are notices of runaway slaves, rewards, etc., in newspapers from Boston, New Haven, New York, Philadelphia, etc., as they reach back to a time when there were slaves in all of the thirteen original states. There are also advertisements from papers North and South alike, offering slaves for sale or for hire, some of the advertisements in the Boston papers announcing for sale, all in a breath, so to speak, "likely" slaves and "prime" New England rum.

FRED A. OLDS.

Go to Africa.

Bishop Goodman (impressively): "Only think, children! In Africa there are 10,000,000 square miles of territory without a single Sunday school where little boys and girls can spend their Sundays. Now, what should we all try and save up our money and do?"

Class (in ecstatic union): "Go to Africa."

New Interpretation.

Teacher—What does the word transparent mean?

Johnnie—Somethin' you can see through.

Teacher—Give me an example.

Johnnie—A doughnut.

BIRDS AWAKENING.

Songsters Tuning Up With Coming of Glorious Spring.

No season of the year in Pinehurst is absolutely destitute of bird notes, but though occasional songs may be heard in the winter, during the last three weeks the approach of spring has wakened all the birds to melody.

The mocking birds are not yet in full voice, nor are they giving many aerial athletic exhibitions, but these may take place any day.

The cardinal is singing, but not as much as he will later.

The song sparrows are practising all their new notes and cheating old friends by departing from the regulation, "Maids, maids, maids, put the teakettle on."

The peabody occasionally admonishes us to "sow wheat," but he may think this soil unfortunate for that business, as he is less emphatic by far than at the North.

The brown thrasher, most finished of songsters, has condescended to give a few short rehearsals that we may know he has not lost his voice, while the ringing tones of his cousin, the Carolina wren, attract the attention of the most unob-serving.

There have been a few arrivals from the South, but the great wave of migrating birds will not strike us till the last of March.

Flocks of rusty blackbirds are about and may be seen in full possession of bare trees, where they sit and "discourse-most sweetly." I counted over fifty in one group recently, the gray females strangely conspicuous among the iridescent black-feathered males.

"Chippy" is here with his usual air of permanent resident, oblivious of his recent journey and confusing new acquaintances by his resemblance to the field sparrow.

The lovely little blue-gray gnat catcher may be looked for shortly, as well as the Maryland yellow throat, purple finch and brown creeper.

ELIZABETH OLNEY.



"THINGS HAS CHANGED SINCE BEFO' DE WAR." Photo by Merrow, Pinehurst.

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