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The Farmer's Proverbs.

If butter churned in morning air
Is kept in a cool place with care,
The taste is nice;
But that which shows the buttermilk
Dont sell to those who dress in silk—
For any price.
To be in debt
Brings out the sweat,
No half-cook'd meat
Is fit to eat.
A woman who sneezes
Ought not to make cheeses,
Put her hands in a muff,
Or ever take snuff.
When the wind is east and turkeys gobble
It is no time a horse to hobble; [ble.
But let him range to catch the breeze—
Should he be troubled with the heaves.
An ox with broad horns and short glossy hair,
Is good for a team, the market or fair,
One white foot is bad, two are too many,
That horse is best that has not any.
Safe bind,
Safe find.
A farm without hogs,
But an army of dogs,
Will have more puppies than pork;
For the swill will be lost,
To the husbandman's cost,
Dogs good for nothing to work.
The slackest farmer, strange to say,
Is known for being out of hay.
It does not pay in any way,
To milk a cow three times a day.
When chickens roost above the mow,
It spoils the hay for horse or cow.
The well-bred daughter of a farmer,
A prudent help-meet and a charmer,
Geese in a pasture spoils the grass,
For horses, donkeys, and the ass.
It is no place to set poles,
Where moles or mice have dug their holes.
Cobs make no food for kine to eat,
But they are good for smoking meat.
Pork and beans make muscles strong—
Something farmers seek;
It is a dish to make life long,
When cooked but once a week.
A slovenly dress a shaggy pate,
The fences down, a broken gate,
Pigs in the garden, weeds very high,
Children unwash'd—no bacon to fry—
Lots of great dogs and yawling tom-cats,
Windows repair'd with a dozen old hats,
An empty barn, not a spear of hay,
Cows in the clover, horse run away,
Things sold by guess without being weighed,
Bills coming in and taxes unpaid—
Pipes and tobacco—whiskey—neglect,
Drag in their train as all might expect,
All sorts of trouble to fret away life—
But worst of the whole an unhappy wife.
Little boats should keep near shore,
But larger ships may venture more.
Many estates are lost in the getting,
Since men have forsaken hewing and splitting,
And women their sewing and knitting.
A mackerel sky—
The wind will be high,

Then bring in the grain,
Close by there is rain.
A smoky chimney may be cured,
A scolding woman not endured,
A farmer's wife, like cream or curd—
Is to be seen but seldom heard.
Bare-footed girls,
With floating curls
About the gate—
Though quite content,
Are no ornament
To the estate.
If you would thrive,
Be up by five
For there is health
And certain wealth,
When at the plow,
Or milking cow.

A farmer should at home be found,
And often looking at his ground,—
Inspecting fields, repairing fence—
For dollars come by saving pence.
Clear the soil from moles and slugs,
Prune the trees—keep off the bugs,
Then fruits and melons, rich and fair
Will recompense for all your care.
Rutabaga, carrots and beets,
Improve the character of meats;
They make good beef, and quicker too,
Than any other feed will do.
At the farmer's cost
Is an early frost,
Exercise reason—
Harvest in season.
Of all the crops a farmer raises,
Or capital employs,
Brings back such comfort and such
praises,
As a crop of girls and boys.

COMMUNICATIONS.

[For the Vindicator.]
RUTHERFORDTON, N. C.,
Sept. 29th, 1868.

My Dear —
Your sweet poem, in the Vindicator of yesterday, so exquisitely copied from Moore, has been received.
It is impossible for me to look as dear as I did at the time you allude to. Then I was rich in possessing the rich treasure of your love. Now that is gone, and I am very poor.
I try to solace myself in various ways. Sometimes I walk across the room with great strides; at intervals slapping my forehead with my hand. Then I hop round on one leg for about half an hour. But I obtain the most relief from standing on my head. When my mind becomes gloomy, thinking about you, I immediately invert myself and wave my legs gently to and fro. This voluntary collocation of the body has a fine effect on the mind, rendering it in a short time perfectly cheerful.
I think you are mistaken about my not being able to give you a look like the looks of old. In this matter let your most particular friend judge between us.
I have been rendered miserable by those elegant verses. Let me hear from you again. One with your taste for poetry cannot copy too much.
Adieu.
ONE WHO DOES UNDERSTAND THEM.
Withdrawals from the League.
For the Vindicator.
It is being circulated that I am trying to carry water on both shoulders, and that I pretend to be both radical and conservative. Now, all I have to say is, that no man can serve God and Mammon, nor can he be Radical and Conservative. I am henceforth for God and my country, and will vote if I vote at all, for Seymour & Blair, for the constitution and the Union. I want it thoroughly understood that I am no

longer a member of the U. L. A., and will henceforth be a free man, to vote for who, and what party, I think is right and honest, and for them only.— I hereby authorise the officers of the League to take my name from their books. I acknowledge that I was cowardly once—when I was scared into the League—but now let them try me if they doubt me. I expect to make my home in old Rutherford, and to make my living honestly, with the fear of God before my eyes, and without the fear of man. We are commanded to fear not those who can only kill the body, but to fear Him who can destroy both soul and body. Respectfully,
H. G. MITCHELL.

For the "Vindicator."
Mr. Editor,
In regard to my turning off Mr. J. A. Duval you have not been furnished the facts in the matter. I turned him, not because he was a conservative or a Red String—for I did not know what he was—but for carelessly leaving his mule in the street without hitching him. The article in your paper done me injustice, and I desire you publish this denial of Mr Duval's statement.
RICHARD SMITH.

We do not wish to do any man an injustice, and will cheerfully repair any injury we may commit unintentionally. In this case, however, the question is simply one of veracity between Mr. Smith, and Mr. J. A. Duval, who gave us the facts upon which we based our article.
We know, furthermore, that Mr. S. accused Mr. Duval, of having gotten us a few subscribers along the Cherryville route; and that he refused to allow him (Mr. D.) to bring up a small box of type from Cherryville for us, although the hack is the only regular medium of transportation between this point and that. We do not know any reason why Mr. Smith should object to accommodating us except upon political grounds.

Union League of America.

The officers of a council of the U L A are a President, Vice-President, Assistant Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Marshal, Herald, Sentinel, and Chaplain.
The P occupies the principal station in the room, V-P and A V-P at the opposite ends and in front of the P, T at the left hand of the P, Sec at the right hand of P, M near the V-P, H within the inner door, and Chaplain at the center of the room, on the right.
EMBLEMS.
Altar, Holy Bible, Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States, Flag of the Union, Censer of Incense, Sword, Gavel, Ballot Box and Scales, Shuttle, Anvil or other emblem of industry.
*The Fire of Liberty to be kindled in the censer is obtained by dissolving one pound of gum myrrh in half a gallon of alcohol. Saturate a sponge with a portion of this liquid, place the sponge in an iron vessel and set it on fire. A little chloride of strontia, in the proportion of one to eight of the above solution, sprinkled on the sponge, will change the flame to a beautiful red. These are to be found at most druggists, or if these cannot be obtained, a taper or candle may be substituted.
OPENING A COUNCIL.
The President assumes the chair and gives one rap with the gavel.
The Marshal then places the flag and emblems upon the altar, the books being open and the sword lying across them, in which position they will remain during the session of C.
INITIATION.
The Marshal ascertains if any are awaiting initiation into our loyal league

ated and the candidates will take places before the chair.
The P will then deliver the charge as follows:
CHARGE.
The oath which you have taken of your own free will and accord cannot be retracted without leaving the stain of infamy on your soul. You have declared that under God your first and best allegiance is to the government of the United States of America, one and indivisible. You have taken a solemn oath of allegiance upon the Holy Bible, constitution and Declaration of Independence lying within the folds of the flag of the Union. These are the enduring records of your rights and privileges. The symbols of our country which greet you upon the altar remind you of the great purposes of our order, and to represent the foundation upon which our institution rests. We strengthen and elevate this to the splendor and durability of our structure we uphold.
The Bible contains man's moral code and the principles of religious faith.— The Declaration of Independence declared as self-evident truths that all men are created equal, endowed by their creator, with inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The constitution is an instrument reducing to practice the precepts of this declaration. It is liberty regulated by law.
The sword is a weapon of defence and protection. Lastly, the light you behold burning upon the altar is emblematical of the sacred fires of liberty which burn forever in the hearts and breasts of true patriots.
We inculcate the spirit of peace as essential to national happiness and prosperity, but when foreign foes or traitorous hands attempt to rob us of our national inheritance, let our gleaming swords leap from their rests to guard the temple of our liberties.
The M instructs the new members in the signs, &c. When these have been imparted, the P. may give a short history of the origin, present condition, and future prospects of the organization.— He should impress upon the members the impropriety of using the signs, &c., too often or carelessly, as it detracts from their value and increases their chances of exposure. It is enjoined upon each officer to commit to memory his part of the initiatory ceremony.
Any portion of the foregoing charge may be omitted, at the discretion of the P., and other appropriate words may be substituted.
The council room should be rendered attractive by its emblems and ornaments and neatness and order must always prevail. It should be made instructive by ceremonies, by discussions, and by a good supply of appropriate reading matter. Should any person become a member who cannot read with facility, he should at once be instructed by some brother who will voluntarily undertake that duty. It is incumbent upon the President to see that this is done. We must thus banish ignorance from our council.
The La Grange (Ga.) Reporter says of the Radical nominee for Congress in the Third District:
"John H. Caldwell is charged with having caused the death of a fancy mulatto woman, his own property, in 1860 or 1861, by giving her medicine to produce an abortion to hide the results of his own illicit intimacy with her. This statement can be proved to have been made by the woman herself, on her death-bed, by her attending physician."

OBLIGATION.
I (each repeating his own name,) with an uplifted hand, in the presence of God and these witnesses, do solemnly swear (or affirm if conscientiously opposed,) without mental reservation in me of any kind, that I will support, protect and defend the constitution and government of the United States of America, one and indivisible, and the flag thereof, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will vote only for and none but these who advocate and support the great principles set forth by the League to fill any office of honor, profit or trust in either the state or general government, and that if ever called to fill any office I will faithfully carry out the principles set forth by this League. And farther, that I will protect and defend all worthy members of the Union League of America, and that I will never in any manner or form divulge or make known to any person or persons not worthy members of this organization any of the signs, passwords, grips, proceedings, designs, debates or plans of this or any other council of this organization, unless when engaged in admitting new members, and with my right hand on the Holy Bible, Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States of America, I acknowledge myself firmly bound and pledged to be faithful to the performance of this my solemn obligation; so help me God.
Response by the member—To this we pledge ourselves.
President—Gentlemen, around you is a band of brothers alike sacredly pledged. This circle is never to be broken by treachery.
Response by the members—Never.
President—Brothers, will you enlarge your circle to any new members.
Response by the members—we will.
President—Prepare then for accessions to your ranks. The circle will here be opened and the members admitted.
President—With clasped and uplifted hands repeat after me the freemen's pledge:—To defend and perpetuate freedom, political equality and indivisible Union I pledge my life, my fortune and my sacred honor. So help me God.
Here follows the patriotic ode at the discretion of the C.
The members of the council will now

D. J. Jones