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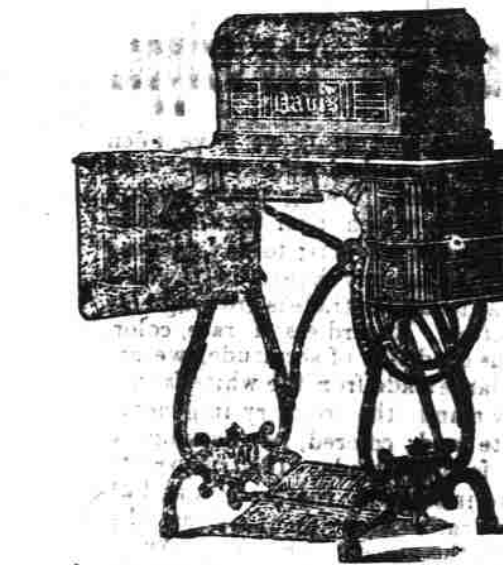
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God Give Us Men!  
BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.  
God give us men! A time like this demands Great hearts, strong minds, true faith and willing hands. Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the lust of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor, men who will not be bought.

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## A REMARKABLE OPERATION

By Dr. Whitehead of the University Medical School.  
Dr. R. H. Whitehead, instructor in anatomy and materia medica in the University medical school, has just saved the life of a little negro girl nine years old, by producing artificial digestion in the gullet. The girl, Pattie Lanier, who lives in Durham, swallowed a large piece of hard beef with a cartilage attached and it stuck in her gullet. A local physician pushed it down the gullet with an instrument, thinking to get it into the stomach; but it remained tightly lodged in the gullet, several inches above the stomach. The child was unable to eat or drink for six days, and began to suffer great pain. Her life was despaired of, and she had the appearance of a starving person, snatching at water which she would drink only to throw out again. Her mother took her over to Chapel Hill where the other members of the family lived, expecting her to die at any moment. Dr. Whitehead heard of the case, found that the obstruction could not be pushed down into the stomach without tearing the gullet, and made an artificial gastric juice by taking Pepsin Syrup and Hydrochloric Acid in proper proportions, these being the constituents of the natural gastric juice of the stomach. This artificial preparation was placed up on the beef, and the process of digestion began in the gullet. In a few hours the piece of cartilage became detached and was vomited up; a few more hours and the beef was so far digested that it passed easily into the stomach. The child is doing well, and she owes her life to the happy genius of Dr. Whitehead.

## Shot from the Rocket.

Charlotte is still dry. The commissioners met last week and once more gave a blank vote to the applicants for license.

The coffee men of the country met in Cincinnati some days ago and formed a combine. This trust will be hard to fight, unless it's true that some of these patent medicines do all that is claimed for them.

Rev. A. C. Dixon, a Baptist preacher in Baltimore, is spoken of as a successor of Spurgeon. This is a great compliment to Mr. Dixon, and to North Carolina, in that he is a native of this State.

The Third party movement seems to be cropping out in North Carolina. Several counties are organizing a nucleus, and this tickles the Republicans, who can afford to laugh, as it will derive its support from the Democratic ranks.

From several of our exchanges we learn that mad dog scares are very common things. We don't very seriously whether there ever was a half dozen mad dogs in this State. Every time a man sees a dog that don't wag his tail and hold his ears like other dogs, he puts him down as mad.

A part of the Democratic press of this State seem indispersed to give Hill a fair showing for the Presidential contest. Hill is not the statesman that Cleveland is, but no doubt would make a safe chief executive. Hill is a Democrat on one side and down the other, and if elected President there wouldn't be enough Republicans left in office to tell what had become of their party.

Cleveland and Hill.  
Philadelphia Record.  
In the sense that Mr. Hill is a candidate, Mr. Cleveland never has been one. He has done nothing, said nothing, to indicate that he was a candidate. His position is quite clear to those who enjoy his confidence; it is simply that if his party wants him as its candidate, it can have him, but it will have to go to him, he will not go to it.

While Mr. Hill is playing all sorts of sharp political tricks, playing his seat in the Senate of the United States to go to New York and Albany to arrange for a snap judgment on his party in the way of securing delegates for himself to the national convention, Mr. Cleveland goes off to the Southern plantations of his old friend Morrison, the actor, to shoot and fish, refusing to speak or be interviewed by the public on politics.

Bad on South Carolina Farmers.  
A special correspondent to the Richmond Times from Kershaw, S. C., says:  
"The farmers of South Carolina are in a worse condition financially than any section of the South over which I have traveled. Having failed in a crop last year and the low price at what cotton was made have reduced them to almost a state of want. Few were able to pay their accounts now due for supplies, and consequently the merchants will be unable to run them another year. Many will be unable to operate their farms.

The reason we like to see our preacher hit from the shoulder is because we imagine he is hitting at the fellow in the next pew, and that fellow thinks the shot is at some other fellow, and so we all like to see evil handled without gloves.

## Wanted, Better Plowmen.

It is hardly too much to say that good plowing is the foundation of good farming. In the good old times, when the American Agriculturist was younger, and State and county fairs were novelties, plowing matches were frequent and popular. We had poorer plows, perhaps, but in many sections, at least, we certainly had better plowmen. Farmers' sons competed at the plowing matches, and Scotch and English plowmen astonished us by their skillfulness in which they turned straight and regular lap-furrows. "But," we asked, "what is the good?" In our climate, and with modern harrows, pulverizers, and grain drills, such furrows are seldom of any special benefit, while frequently a flat, wide furrow will better withstand drought. We wanted to plow faster, and get in the crops. He was the best plowman who could turn over two or three acres a day. Perhaps we plow too wide a furrow, but there is not much probability of our plowing narrower unless we use plows that will turn two or three furrows at once.

## Falling Off in the Sale of Fertilizers.

Wilmington Star.  
There is one thing that is bound to diminish the next cotton crop, both as to acreage and production. That is the tremendous falling off in the sales of fertilizers. There are many persons who estimate the total output this season at only 25 per cent of that of last year; while the most sanguine dealers and manufacturers consider 40 to 50 per cent, an excessive estimate. There are tens of thousands of acres of cotton land in the South that are not worth cultivating, and that will not be cultivated, without the use of fertilizers, and there are tens of thousands more that will be cultivated without fertilizers, on which the yield of cotton will be far below the average on account of the absence of the usual stimulants. This enormous decrease in the sales of commercial fertilizers is a "pointer" that will have a marked influence on the future of prices.

## Arrested on His Way to Get Married.

Shelby Review.  
L. Reed Morrison, of South Carolina, was arrested near Rutherfordton some days ago by an officer from that State on the grave charge of having burned a gin house near Anderson, after he had robbed it of six bales of cotton, which he sold and on the proceeds of which he ran away. Morrison was run down by the officer shadowing two young ladies, who joined him at Rutherfordton. One of the young ladies was engaged to Morrison and had come on to meet and marry him, accompanied by her best friend. Before he left South Carolina, Morrison gave her a sum of money, part of the proceeds of the stolen cotton, to keep for him, and this amount was recovered.

The young lady knew nothing of Morrison's crime until he was arrested in her presence on the way to a minister's to be married, and it is said she was well nigh heartbroken. She refused to marry him and gave the money to the officer. Morrison was taken back to Anderson and lodged in jail.

Durham Globe: A woman who poisoned her husband will be hanged in North Carolina. This is business. Poison is as mean administered by one sex as another. Let the woman take the kinks out of the rope, and the lesson will be a good one.

Col. Earle, of Greenville, will not this year enter the race for Democratic nomination for Governor of South Carolina.

## How They Act—Symptoms of True Love Easily Diagnosed.

When he is making a good salary and allows you to walk two or three blocks through the chill night air and in your thin slippers after the ball to catch the street car.  
When he hints to you that he likes scenter girls and compliments you upon being so lovely and slender about the waist, while he is well aware that nature demands you should be fully a hand's breadth additional in girth.

## When He Takes You Out for a Walk

When he takes you out for a walk and some other girl to a box at the theater; treats you to soda water and your friend across the way to a grand spread at Delmonico's.  
When he gives you for a Christmas present a bottle of cologne or a pair of dollar kid gloves and some other girl, who has rich a father, the costliest vase or piece of bric-a-brac that his allowance can afford.

## When He Calls to See You Once in a Fortnight

When he calls to see you once in a fortnight, and even then brings an excuse that he has been so busy and declares that really this is the first time he has had to spare, while in his breast pocket there are at least a half dozen pink tinted notes from some other girl; telling him how she enjoyed the last evening which he spent by her side.  
In short, when a man is really in love with you you can sum it up in this wise: He will spend every available moment by your side; he will think more of your health and comfort than the cost of a dollar or two to himself; his greatest aim will be to give you happiness, and no other girl in the whole wide earth will have the slightest charm for him, and if the stress are of business actually does deprive him of the pleasure of seeing you, he can contrive to write you a line every day to let you know that you are in his thoughts.

## When He Does These Things You Can Safely Say to Yourself, That He is Truly a Young Ladies Bazaar.

Chum for Governor Cleveland.  
Mr. Cleveland was not able to complete his journey to Joseph Jefferson's Louisiana plantation without being honored by some special attentions from the populace en route. When his train reached Biloxi, Miss., a large crowd was waiting, and it evinced enthusiasm. "One of the loungers, a typical specimen from the backwoods, dressed in a misfit butternut suit," says the Atlanta Constitution, "tapped on the window of Mr. Cleveland's stateroom and beckoned for him to come out on the platform. The man would not desert until the ex-President got up and went to the platform. The countryman straightened himself up, grasped Mr. Cleveland by the hand, and said, 'Old pard, put her there. We have all seen your picture and we wanted to see the original. Mr. Cleveland (turning toward another rural specimen), this is Biloxi's lawyer. He may be lean and lanky, but he gets that just the same.' This introduction was received with cheers and Mr. Cleveland made a few remarks in reply."

## Two Can Be Smart.

Chicago Daily Tribune.  
"Do you keep corn meal?" inquired the man with the basket on his arm.  
"No, sir," said the grocer. "We sell it. How much do you want?"  
"If I may I wanted any '22' mild," asked the man with the basket.  
"And he went out and hunted up another grocery store, where the salesmen were not quite so smart."

## Less Guano in Robeson.

Robesonian.  
From the small amount of guano being sold it would appear that the farmers propose to cut off the cotton crop. The Alliance store has not ordered any fertilizer yet, and the same is true to a greater or less extent of all the merchants. Some estimate the sales of guano, the coming season as low as twenty-five per cent, while the highest estimate is fifty per cent. We are not prepared to say that it is not best that this should be so, but we will be surprised if the sales, in the main, fall below twenty-five per cent.

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## INTENSIVE FARMING.

Year by year we are coming nearer the farming that has long prevailed in Europe. In the Eastern States the aim is to grow a large crop upon a small area, while in the far west the total only is looked at, and acres are completely worthless. But things are changing. Land is going up, as the fertility is going down, and soon it will be necessary to base everything upon the market value of a load of dung. There is much comfort in this for the eastern farmer, who needs to use every scrap of fertilizer he can take and scrape together. "He cannot afford to dissipate the effect of a ton of fertilizer upon a ten-acre field. He fears that he cannot sow it broadcast upon a single acre, but carefully places a handful in each hill of corn or potatoes. Manure is as much a factor in farming as seed, and the load from the barnyard goes ahead of the seed bag from the granary. Till well, what is tilled."

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