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Stay East, Young Man.

A gentleman writing from Dakota to the Richmond Dispatch makes some pointed remarks as to the folly of young men leaving their eastern homes to carve out a fortune in the far West. The writer is a North Carolinian.

"Dakota is a very rich, fertile country, but none wants his garden on the outside of a tin can. Nor verily is it comfortable to retire clad in fur cap and gloves."

Verily, verily I say unto you, if you have a friend who has the "Promise Land" (reservation) fever say unto him; Come to Dakota in the month of December and let him stay until May the 1st, and his fever will be low chilled. Oft in this long winter have I hungered for dear old North Carolina with her piney old fields and bad roads. No Virginia or North Carolina man in his right mind wants to exchange the best country on earth, taking climate, luxuries, working months, four seasons, agricultural resources, varied, for this God forsaken one crop country (and that, too, a success one year in seven), fertile, cold, dry, treeless, and minus of home comforts.

'Tis true I have never seen such grit as these people display. Under such reverses they have built immense towns, with all the imported comforts, hotels, schools, churches, &c, that will put any State in the shade. But what does it amount to when you take into consideration the total absence of other perquisites to make life a heaven? Darn a country where a man is forced to put on a fur coat, fur cap, and fur gloves every time he steps outside the door. The "Promise Land" is not being filled up. There are few boomers here, and none en route. Stay home—stay in the South. It is the coming country on this continent—and among them all, stay in Virginia and North Carolina. We have the country, "God's country." We do need the pluck to work. If Virginia and North Carolina would diversify their crops by planting something of everything (and we can grow them all save the tropical and semi tropical plants and fruits), the people would soon need no mortgage and would be free of debt. There is nothing that we cannot beat these people at if we would only try. As David Copperfield would say, I have "meandered." Just charge this meander and digression to my love for the South, Virginia, and last but not least, to grand old North Carolina.

Invited to Richmond.

The Second Regiment of the North Carolina State Guard, and Col. Jones and staff, have been invited to attend the unveiling of the Lee equestrian statue on the 29th of May, at Richmond, Virginia. An effort will be made to secure the attendance of the entire regiment if possible, or as many of the companies composing it as can go.

Capt. W. R. Kenan, of the Wilmington Light Infantry, on yesterday received an invitation from Lee Camp Confederate Veterans, of Richmond, inviting him and his company to be their guests on the occasion. Quarters will be furnished free and arrangements have been made for furnishing rations at a low price. The question of accepting the invitation is being earnestly considered, and it is very probable that the company will go. They will decide the matter at their meeting Friday.

THEY KILLED EACH OTHER.

Battle to Death Between a Centipede and a Rattlesnake.

Chicago Daily News.

"Ugh! What is it? Take it away!" The frightened speaker was one of several employees of Pierce & Co, engaged in handling hardware in the basement of the firm's establishment in Broadway, says the San Francisco Examiner. He had almost placed his hand upon the object that had startled him.

"Look out! It's a centipede, and a big one, too," cried one of his companions. It must have got into one of the packages of bananas or other goods shipped at a southern port while the hardware was on board the vessel on its way from the east.

This was ample warning to prevent careless meddling with the centipede, but the hardware men determined to capture him, and after a little effort the many legged curio was scooped on a shovel and carried up stairs. But even then they didn't know what to do with it.

In the drugstore adjoining a monster rattlesnake, kept as a curiosity, was in a box in the show window.

"Let's put him in with the rattler and start a zoz," said one of the group, and the suggestion was received with approval.

The centipede was carried in and dumped into the box with the rattlesnake. An ominous rattle and quivering of the body of the snake showed that he resented the intrusion, and the centipede, apparently realizing his danger, made frantic efforts to escape by crawling around the edges of the box. The rattler glared with fury upon the venomous crawler, and attempted several times to coil and strike the intruder, but the space of the box was too limited, and, after several vain efforts, which all the time were accompanied by an angry rattling, the snake, gliding forward with darting tongue, gradually closed up on his enemy, and the centipede was soon writhing in its agonies.

But it was not vanished without retaliation. The many legs of the centipede had been doing their deadly work, and when the snake moved away from his victim, he himself began to show signs of distress. He tossed about from one side of his box to the other, rolled over, coiled and uncoiled his scaly length, and in every way except by cries, betrayed his agony to the interested spectators. In about an hour the body of the snake began to swell rapidly. His struggles became gradually weaker, and in 2 hours from the time the fight commenced his snakeship rolled over and died. The poison of the centipede had done its fatal work. The body of the snake was swollen to twice its natural size. The rattlesnake and the centipede lay dead together in the box, and thus ended the strange duel.

Kendig & Hostetter, proprietors of the Mapleton Heading and Barrel Manufactory, Huntington, Pa, have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Liabilities, \$18,000; assets, \$12,000.

Annie Cooley, who had been keeping house for M. W. Norton at North New Portland, Me, was found dead yesterday morning. She had been shot in a vital spot, but whether the wound was self-inflicted or not is as yet unknown.

Sidney Kellogg, an all round tough who formerly lived in Utica, but has been absent for some years, has been in that city for a week spending Canadian money quite freely. He was arrested on Sunday on suspicion, and yesterday it was learned that he is wanted in Buffalo on a charge of robbing a Canadian farmer. He arrived in Utica with about \$1,000 but when arrested had only \$11 left.

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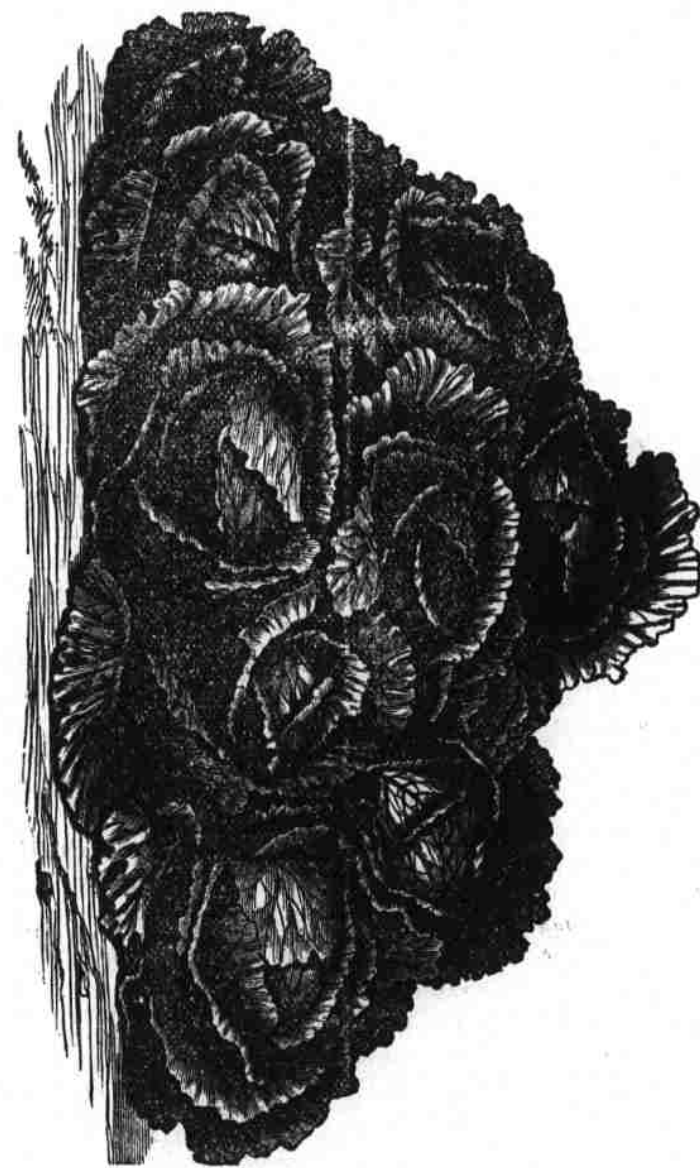
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