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SWAMP HOLLOW PEOPLE.

Raleigh's Poor—Lazy Men—A
New Hair Cutter, &c.

Correspondence of the VISITOR.

SWAMP HOLLOW, April 17.

I would have written sooner, Mr Editor, but I have been sick for several days on account of not having anything to eat—to give to a lot of poor people who moved from Raleigh to Swamp Hollow some time ago.—Some of the neighbors put their heads together and soon food was raised for them, one benevolent old lady giving them a whole 40 cent flour sack full of chufas, telling them that they would last them several days. But the U S government having heard of their distressed condition, sent them supplies, and they are now happy, and I am well again.

A HAIR CUTTER.

As I was walking down Sam Jones street yesterday I saw something that I never saw before. I know that there are some curious things most everywhere, but this got away with me. I have traveled lots in my life—been slap to Hillsboro, all over Sanford and Goldsboro, and even went as far as Eagle Rock, and have seen things, but I never saw a man cut his own hair before. And it is done in such a simple way that I would recommend the plan to some of your Raleigh people. It is this: The man's hair was very long, and in order to save expenses he had placed a wash pan over his head and simply trimmed around the edges. If he wanted much of it taken off he'd use a small pan, and so on. Folks are certainly smart now a days.

TWO LAZY MEN.

It is not often lazy people are found in Swamp Hollow, but there are two here and they are good natured fellows nothing bothers them except the flies. Both of them got into such habit last summer of brushing away the flies and gnats, and their arms got in such a motion that it was nearly spring time again before they found out that the flies were gone. It is a pity, but some people do have a hard time in this world!

I asked one the other day why he was smiling all the time. He said his mother learned it to him when he was young, and he hated to stop it—it was such hard work for him to smile again. Poor fellow! he almost lost his breath in trying to tell me this.

These two men are neighbors, and sometimes they get a "smart fit" on and work a little. They agreed to work together in each other's garden. They were to commence after dinner. I heard them make their bargain, and I was on hand to watch them. They worked pretty for about ten minutes, then I heard one say: "Smith, this is an all fired hot place: let's work under that tree."

They got under the tree, and it being cool under there Jones lay down, but Smith kept at work. But would you believe it, that lazy rascal worked all round that tree and kept up with the shade. Smith got after Jones and wanted to know why he did not go to work. Jones told him he would as soon as the shade got around to him.

WHAT THE ENGINEER SAID.

There has been a crowd of men from Raleigh in town for several days past and I was surprised at them. Every time they heard a locomotive whistle they would all run to the depot to see the cars come in.

One day this week the northbound freight came thundering in and as usual these Raleigh men were there. But I will give them credit for one thing—they all had umbrellas and as it was pouring down raining they had sense enough to get under them. Finally, the train was ready to go, and when the engineer pull the throttle her big driving wheels did not do anything but slip, the track being so wet. Finally, the engineer remarked to his fireman, "Watch me make those fellows take down their umbrellas." Accordingly he stuck his head out of the window, and said:

"Gentlemen, I wish you would lower your umbrellas until I can get away from here. You see my engine is afraid of them."

Every umbrella was put down in a second, the engine pulled out, and as the last box car passed one of them said:

"Well I'll be durned! Who would a thought a great big thing like that was afeerd of a umberell."

But I must quit. Yours truthfully,
JOB BILKS.

Lecturer and Desperado.

During his lecture tours, which filled the better part of eighteen years, A Miner Griswold (the "Fat Contributor") had many curious adventures. One night while lecturing in a very demoralized Western village he was constantly interrupted and insulted by the town bully, a desperado who had killed a number of men. The doorkeeper and u her were afraid of the fellow, who came for the avowed purpose of breaking up the entertainment. Griswold finally lost his patience, and, stopping short in a sentence, said to the ruffian:

"My dear sir, either you or I must leave the hall."

The man leaned back in his chair and smilingly answered:

"Waal, young fellow, I guess you had better quit."

The lecturer stepped back, and then, running forward at full speed leaped from the platform full upon his adversary. What with his speed big weight (190 pounds), and the height of the rostrum, his impetus knocked the man senseless and smashed the chair in which he was sitting. He was carried out a hopeless wreck, amid loud applause, and Griswold returned to the platform and finished his lecture—New York Star.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has received a telegram from Indian Agent Upshaw asking for troops to suppress a threatened uprising of the Indians on the Tongue River Reservation in Montana.

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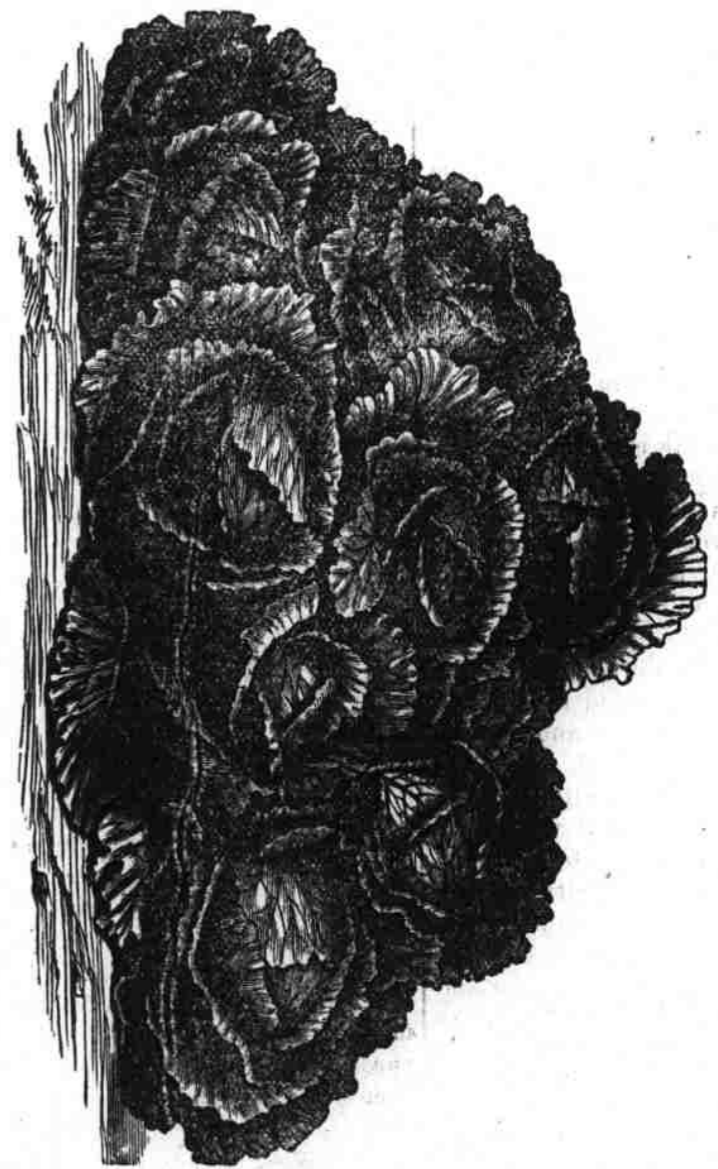
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