

VALENTINE DAY NEAR

Pretty Love Messages Ready for Men and Maids

The Times Have a Great Variety of Beautiful Booklets, Cards and Valentines, all Prepared to Carry Love Tokens—The Choice of Sending Valentines.

With the approach of Valentine's Day in the windows of many of the favorite stores, some very beautiful and containing sentiments of love and good wishes, while others contain rhymes and suggestions which are not the least complimentary. Of course the recipients will not feel insulted when they receive one of the latter kind for it is the privilege of many, especially the younger folk, to send them to their friends on Valentine's Day, strictly for amusement.

St. Valentine's Day comes next Wednesday, and a great day of fun will be indulged in on that day by the younger element. The sending out of comic pictures and the ringing of door bells will be carried on to a greater or less extent. Custom, more potent than any other authority known to man, has decreed that on St. Valentine's Day young folks of both sexes, and older ones too, for that matter, should exchange messages and epistles, either comic or sentimental, in which the fulfils of the receiver or the love the sender are set forth in prose, in verse and in emblematic pictures.

Now, there is no custom without a reason. But the reason for this custom is found in the life of the good saint who is made to endorse the custom with his name. He wrote no love songs. No one rises up to accuse him of casting sheep's eyes on any Roman maiden. He was a bishop or pope of Rome, who stood steadfast to the faith during the Claudian persecutions, and for that faith was cast into jail, where he cured his keeper's daughter of blindness. It is the pleasure of cupid to blind himself to bring upon his victims a similar blindness, not to cure it.

Nor was there anything, either comic or sentimental, in the fate of St. Valentine when the miracle was made known to the authorities. They first beat him with clubs and then beheaded him. What was left of him is preserved in the Church of St. Praxedis, at Rome, where a gate, now known as the Porta del Popolo, was formerly named in his honor, Porta Valentini, or Valentine's gate.

In the days of quill pens and high postage the transmission of valentines through the post was an expensive luxury. The amorous swains of that period had to content themselves and their identical fair ones with thick sheets of gilt-edged letter paper, envelopes had not come into use and book postage was still unknown, the first page of each sheet being adorned with a gilt cupid, carefully gummed on, surmounting a few lines, the favorite formula announcing in terms still held sacred to St. Valentine, that because the rose is red and the violet blue, therefore the adored one is as sweet as sugar.

With the reduction of the heavy postal charges printed valentines gradually came into use. The valentine of a generation ago consisted of a gaudy colored picture representing a loving couple seated in a bower, with a few lines descriptive of the tender sentiments of the persons forwarding the same. The designers of these amatory billets seemed to have entertained rather singular notions respecting the proper attire of the ladies and gentlemen of whose feelings they sought to become the interpreters. The lady was invariably dressed in a scarlet gown, with a blue or green shawl; the gentleman was attired in lavender trousers, yellow waistcoat, blue surcoat, and green or crimson cravat. The effect thus obtained was, as might be imagined, somewhat striking, but the fathers and mothers of the present generation were apparently satisfied with these quaint productions.

The introduction of the cheap postage of today laid the foundation of the present trade in valentines, the manufacture of which now constitutes an important branch of industrial activity, furnishing directly or indirectly, employment to many thousands of persons of both sexes.

Cheap postage is also responsible for the introduction of the comic valentine, that hideous bit of impertinence sold for a cent, which still remains one of the tribulations of the day. But side by side with this monstrosity grew up the pretty, and fanciful cards, whose use in a modified form has been extended also to Christmas and to New Year's.

Valentine's Day will be properly celebrated here with the sending out of the gaily colored pictures and with numerous private parties. The assortment of valentines is large and more varied this year than ever before, and the letter carriers on that day will be overtaxed in order to deliver the numerous missives of love and affection.

Conditions Have Changed. "Kind words go a great way in this world," said the gentle philosopher. "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum, "but people are getting wiser. It isn't as easy to trade kind words of for votes as it used to be."—Washington Star.

The Exclusive Keyhole. Mrs. McBoah—It's the little things that worry me the most. Mr. McBoah—You're dead right. It's usually easy for me to find this house when I come home at night, but the keyhole always stumps me.—Chicago Leader.

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Uniform Divorce Laws Are Required

Five North Carolina Lawyers Appointed by Governor to Attend Conference in Washington City February 19.

Gov. R. B. Glenn has appointed five prominent members of the North Carolina bar delegates to attend an important conference of lawyers and members of the American Bar Association for the purpose of bringing about uniform divorce legislation throughout the United States. This conference will be held in Washington city February 19.

The meeting was to have been held last summer but was deferred until winter when congress is in session. Governor Glenn previously commissioned Messrs. F. H. Busbee, J. C. Biggs, Durham; J. C. Buxton, Winston-Salem; George Rountree, Wilmington; Judge B. B. Winborne, Murfreesboro. Mr. Andrews notified the governor that he could not accept this time since it will be impossible for him to attend.

Governor Glenn has requested the delegates to bring before the conference another matter besides divorce. Some of the states it appears make charges for extradition papers while others do not. North Carolina charges those states which make charges. Governor Glenn thinks extradition papers should be free and he wants the conference to bring about this agreement by legislation or otherwise.

VALENTINE DAY AT MECKLENBURG.

St. Valentine's day will be celebrated in royal style at the Mecklenburg hotel in Chase City, Va. Mr. W. P. Whitaker, advertising manager of the Mecklenburg hotel and the Mecklenburg Mineral Springs Company, spent today in Raleigh and tells something of the plans for the celebration at this popular resort. Wednesday night there will be a grand dance at the hotel, and Thursday morning a big fox hunt. There will be guests from New York, Richmond and many Virginia and North Carolina cities, and a gay time is promised. Special trains will be run to accommodate the visitors. It is expected that several will go from Raleigh. They will leave here at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon and take the special at Durham, reaching Chase City at 6:30 p. m. Returning they will leave Thursday afternoon and reach here at 8 p. m.

CLAIMS TO HAVE RICH GOLD DEPOSITS.

Mr. Chas. J. Alton, proprietor of Crystal Spring Farm, Warren county, is in the city exhibiting some very promising specimens of gold ore gathered on his place. He is looking for some capitalists to whom he can sell the mining right on the place.

He claims that the ore is very plentiful and with the improved gold mining machinery can be made very profitable. The necessary apparatus properly installed, he says, would necessitate an outlay of \$50,000 or \$100,000, hence the necessity for him to interest outside capital in the development of his place.

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FORESTRY RESERVE

National Conference in Charlotte March 3

Forestry Commissioner Pinchot and six Southern Governors Will Attend—Governor Glenn Accepts an Invitation.

Governor R. B. Glenn today accepted an invitation to attend an important meeting which will be held in Charlotte March 3, for the purpose of discussing the \$10,000,000 Appalachian Forestry Reserve, now a national state forestry reservation.

The invitation for this meeting was issued jointly by the city of Charlotte, the Chamber of Commerce, there and the Manufacturers' Club. The meeting will be attended by National Forestry Commissioner Pinchot of Washington. He is a close personal friend and advisor of President Roosevelt and a well known statesman. He will attend as the representative of the president and is devoting all his energies to forestry matters because of his deep interest in the subject. Commissioner Pinchot is a young man doing a great work for his country at a personal sacrifice.

The governors of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Virginia and North Carolina have been invited and it is probable that all save two of these will attend. Besides the Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has written that he will have representatives present. The convention is expected to be productive of much good.

TWO RAILROAD COMPANIES.

Hunter Bros. & Brewer, Also Godwin & Johnson.

Hunter Brothers and Brewer Company of Raleigh was incorporated in the office of the secretary of state today. The object is to conduct a mercantile business, including shoes, dry goods, carpets and notions. The authorized capital is \$50,000, with \$15,000 subscribed. The incorporators are G. E. Hunter, W. R. Hunter, J. T. Hunter, G. W. Brewer and J. L. Gill.

Godwin and Johnson (incorporated) was also incorporated today with R. D. Godwin, J. Beale Johnson and R. N. Simms as incorporators. The principal office is room 406 Carolina Trust building, Raleigh, N. C. The objects are to buy and sell timber lands, own and operate saw mills, tram roads and manufactories. The subscribed capital is \$5,000 and the amount authorized \$25,000.

A Death in the "Mazook" Family.

"Mazook" is in mourning. He met with the misfortune of losing yesterday morning one of his famous yaller pug dogs, which ran a great deal about the streets, and was familiarly known to pedestrians as "Jap." There are other members of the "Mazook" family surviving, and "Jap" will soon be forgotten by the public, but "Mazook" will tell you in ages to come that there was only one "Jap."

Real Estate Changes.

Mrs. Harriet Andrews has bought from J. R. Ragdale a lot in Fuquay Springs for \$200. E. P. Maynard deeds to Mrs. Annie Moore Parker for \$75 a lot adjoining the lands of the colored Christian church on Manly street.

The German Tariff.

An analysis of our export trade to Germany by an expert shows that the effects of the application of the new German tariff will not be as serious as has been apprehended. Our total exports to Germany in 1904 were about \$234,000,000, and of this amount \$160,000,000 was raw material and only \$54,000,000 food products. Of the raw materials \$133,337,000 were admitted free of duty, as also \$10,586,250 of the food products. The new tariff makes few changes in the free list, so that \$142,000,000 of the total of \$236,000,000 is not affected by the new German tariff rates. The exports really affected amounted in 1904 to \$55,000,000, but as the expert explains "the chief difficulty is really narrowed down to about \$25,641,000, or less than 2 per cent of American export trade." If there is to be a tariff war between the United States and Germany we can sustain it much better than Germany. It will also serve to force American trade in other markets which have hardly been cultivated by American products. Compensation are offered in many directions. German commercial houses, manufacturers and workmen will seriously feel the loss of imports from the United States, and the deprivation will be reflected upon the government in German politics.

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Funeral of Mr. Atkinson.

The funeral of Mr. George W. Atkinson held from Catawba church in Swift Creek township Saturday afternoon was largely attended by people from all sections of the county. Rev. W. S. Long of Graham conducted the services. The pall bearers were J. Milton Banks, J. T. Hobby, Paul Stephenson, David Henry Smith, S. R. Lee and E. G. Banks. The interment was in the church grave yard.

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