

Children's Column.

HOW MY BOY WENT DOWN. It was not on the field of battle, It was not with a ship at sea, But a fate far worse than either...

GUNPOWDER JACK'S CABIN BOY. Gunpowder Jack—what a name! Yet belonged to Sir John Narborough, one of the bravest of English seamen...

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Christian Life Column.

DECAY OF FAMILY RELIGION.

Thoughtful, observant people are impressed with the fact that family religion is on the decline. Forty or fifty years ago there was more family religion, in proportion to the number of professed Christian parents, than there is now.

My father used to read a chapter from the Bible every morning. He often gave short explanations of various things in the chapter; after which he led in prayer. At night he always sang a hymn and prayed. He repeated the words of the hymn from memory, two lines at a time, and all the family joined in singing the hymn.

My mother, though having only a limited education, possessed a large store of religious knowledge. She was a constant reader of the Bible, Henry's Commentaries, and the Biblical Record.

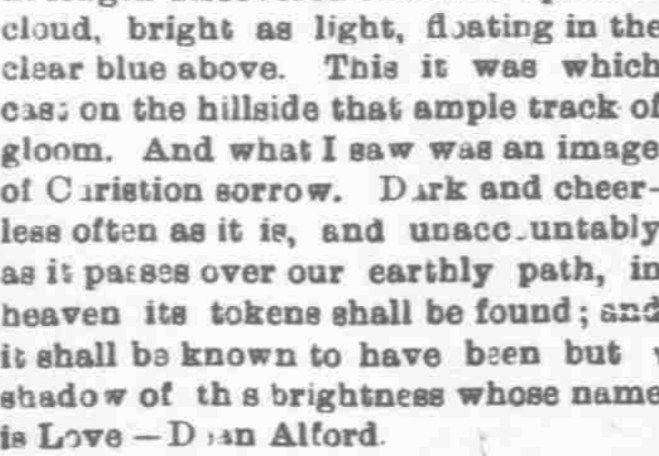
But now comparatively few heads of families hold family worship. At a recent association a report was offered on Family Prayer. During the discussion of the report, a speaker asked all present who held family prayer to hold up their hands.

Why is family religion so much neglected? I think of three probable reasons. First, in this age of steam and electricity, and machinery, everything goes with a rusa, and men do not take time to attend to religious duties as they should. Secondly, the way of getting religion devised by our modern evangelists has filled our churches with a membership who love little because they have been forgiven little.

SHADOWS OF LIFE. What H. does we know not now, but we shall know hereafter. I remember on a glorious day of all but cloudless sunshine passing in view of a well-known line of bare and majestic downs, then basking in the full beams of noon. But on one face of the hill rested a mass of deep and gloomy shadow. On searching for its cause, I at length discovered one little speck of cloud, bright as light, floating in the clear blue above. This it was which cast on the hillside that ample track of gloom. And what I saw was an image of Christian sorrow. Dark and cheerless often as it is, and unaccountably as it passes over our earthly path, in heaven its tokens shall be found; and it shall be known to have been but a shadow of this brightness whose name is Love—Dan Alford.

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THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Believing that no more important measure has been before the people of North Carolina for a score of years, we give in full herewith the proposed Constitutional amendment, which we expect to keep standing until the election in August of this year.

That article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby abrogated and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following article of said Constitution:

ARTICLE VI. SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICE—QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTOR.

(Section 1) Every male person born in the United States and every male person who has been naturalized, 21 years of age and possessing the qualifications set out in this article, shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

(Section 2) He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for 2 years, in the county six months, and in the precinct, ward or other election district in which he offers to vote, four months next preceding the election: Provided, That removal from one precinct, ward or other election district, to another in the same county, shall not operate to deprive any person of the right to vote in the precinct, ward or other election district, from which he has removed until four months after such removal.

(Section 3) Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally registered voter as herein prescribed and in the manner hereafter provided by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this article.

(Section 4) Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language, and before he shall be entitled to vote he shall have paid on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote his poll tax as prescribed by law for the previous year.

(Section 5) No male person, who was on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualification prescribed in section 4 of this Article: Provided, He shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this Section prior to December 1, 1908.

(Section 6) All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be viva voce.

(Section 7) Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this Article disqualified, shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as _____ So help me God."

(Section 8) The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: First all persons who deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted, or confessed their guilt or indictment pending, and whether sentenced or not, or under judgment suspended, or any treason or felony, or any other crime for which the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizens of the United States, or of corruption and malpractice in office, unless such person shall be restored to the right of citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

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A YANKEE "JINGO."

The English language is capable of many queer twists and turns. An American and an Englishman were once discussing the history of their respective countries. The American boasted that his people had repeatedly beaten the English in war.

"What! The English beaten! I would have have you understand, sir, that the English are the cream of all the fighters in the world!" answered the Englishman.

"Whipped cream, then, I guess!" said the Yankee.—Sel.

CONFESSION AROUSES SUSPICION.

"I dunno," remarked Pinte Pete. "I'm beginnin' to feel kind o' doubtful about that case."

"Yes, mean about that horse thief we jes' tended to?"

"Yes."

"But he confessed."

"I know it. An' it wasn't tell he confessed that I had doubts. There ain't no circumstances wha somer under which I'd take his word for anything."—Washington Star.

A Texas judge was robbed of a horse not long ago, and the thief, being apprehended, was brought before him for trial. The judge eyed the prisoner with deep satisfaction for a minute or so, and then delivered himself of the following: "Owing to a personal prejudice, the court will not hear this case. It will be tried by the bailiffs, who will find a verdict in accordance with the facts. In the meantime," he added, impressively, "the court will go outside and get a rope and pick out a good tree."—Arenant.

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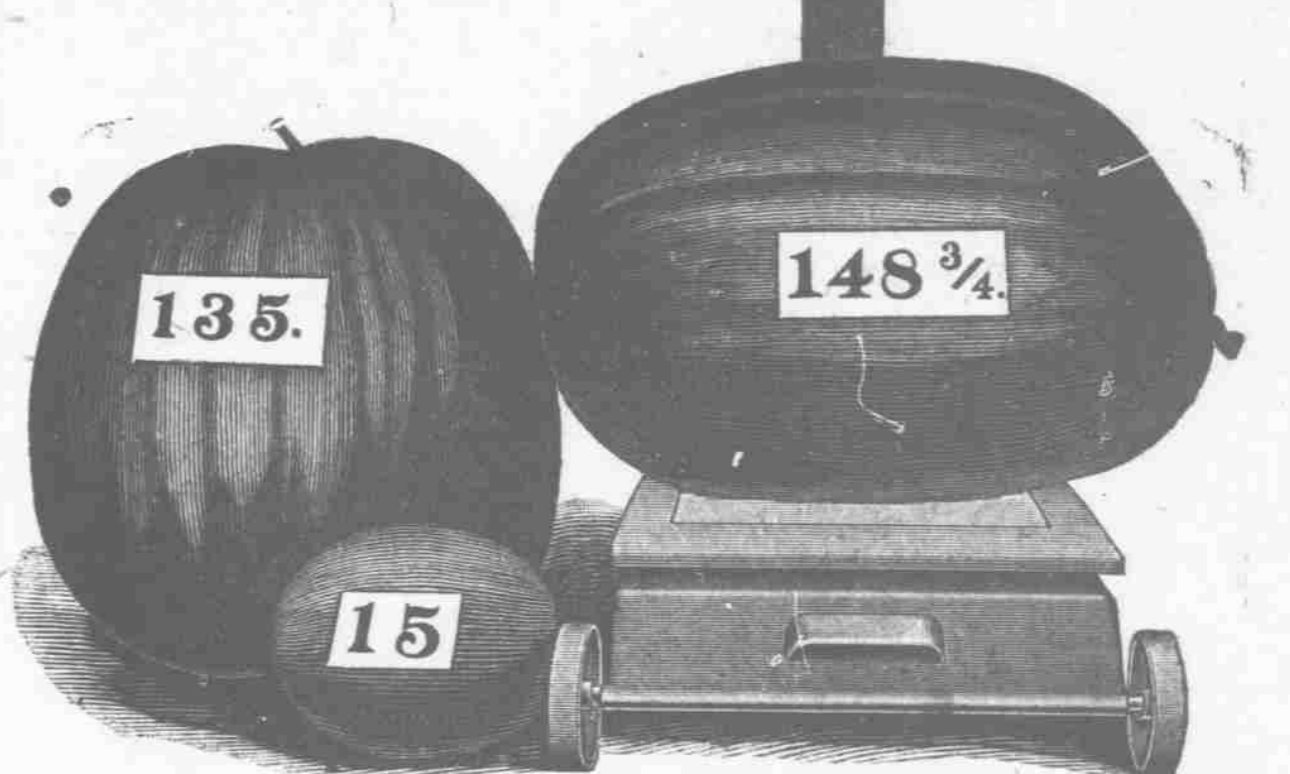
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