

THE SCRAP BOOK



AN \$800,000,000 INDUSTRY.

A point of great interest is the manifold values of the by-products of the cotton industry. The cotton fibre is chiefly used for the manufacture of cloth, while the by-products are used for many different purposes. For instance, the portion of the cotton fibre that remains on the seed (the lint, as it is called) is taken off in the manufacture incident to the use of the seed and is used for a variety of purposes. It is sold at a much lower rate than the other, and used for stuffing pillows, horse-collars, and cushions, and, stranger to say for adulterating shoddy. The idea of a shoddy being adulterated is somewhat amusing, but that is a fact. It is also used for making fine writing paper and for the manufacture of gun cotton and a number of other purposes. Then there are the uses of the seed itself, the manufacture of the oil and the value of the hulls and cakes for feeding purposes. So that we have here an industry which represents in its total value more than \$800,000,000.

HOW PAPER CAME TO BE MADE.

Long years ago a Japanese walked through his pretty garden to his home; his hands were clasped behind his back and he was thinking, as he crossed the bridge to pluck a fresh wistaria blossom that hung just over his head. This little gentleman had a great many parcels to send out from his shop every week, and he had always wrapped them in silk; but this was expensive material and he needed something cheaper for his purpose. All at once a wasp came flitting toward him, but he thrust it away that it might not nip his nose, and lo! there at his hand was a wasp's nest! It was made of thin wood pulp, softened into a thin paste by the jaws of the insect, then formed and left to dry. "Why can't I do that same thing?" thought the Japanese merchant. "Get certain wood, form it into a pulp by means of water from the river and make something like this wasp's nest in consistency to wrap about my packages." And this was the way paper was first discovered.

A RECORD LAW SUIT.

A suit in which a French woman, Mme. Cotton, is the present plaintiff, is unique in the annals of long-drawn-out cases. This lady is the legal heiress of a goldsmith who in 1658 lent the government of Venice \$800,000 crowns, the present value of which, with interest, is estimated at about \$4,000,000. The heir of the original lender was a Frenchman, Jean Thierry, who died before the loan was repaid. There was a lawsuit over his succession, and Louis XIV. claimed the estate, and annexed the French portion of it. The suit was still dragging on at the time of the directory, when Bonaparte forced Venice to repay the loan. Since then France has been the custodian of the Thierry estate. The government has been sued dozens of times, but to no purpose. Now, Mme. Cotton is suing the government of Austria and Italy, as well as that of France, because each in turn has owned Venice.

ORIGIN OF "PLAGIARIST."

To appropriate, that is, steal, the literary work of another to use it as one's own thought, the child of one's own brain, is plagiarism, as everybody knows, yet few are acquainted with the derivation of the word or know that the plagiarist is literally a child-stealer. Among a certain class of criminals in Rome in the time of the earlier Caesars, there existed the damnable custom of stealing children and selling them as slaves. According to Roman law, the child stealers, when detected, received as a part of the penalty for their crime a severe flogging. As the Latin word *plaga* signifies a stripe or lash, the ancient kidnapers were termed "plagiarii"—that is, deserving of stripes. So both the crime and the criminals received their names from the castigation inflicted.

A NOVEL INN.

"No intoxicating liquors have been sold here for seventeen years, and will not as long as the present owner is alive," said Mr. James Blenkhorn, when applying at Richmond for the transfer of the license of "The Layton Arms," at East Layton. Applicant said it was simply to keep the license on. They might apply for one when Mrs. Maynard Proud, the owner, died. The license was granted. The property was so willed to Mrs. Maynard Proud that the license of the house had to be kept. Being a great temperance advocate, she refused to have intoxicating liquors sold there, and for seventeen years she has paid for the magistrate's certificate. The house is now used as a temperance hotel.

We can stand for female aviator, but not for aviatress.

This is the identical cold wave you were wishing for last July.

This is a beautiful world to live in, when one's liver is working all right.

Some mistakes can be corrected, but eating toadstools is not one of them.

How fortunate for oyster lovers that the successive months have an R in them!

Unfortunately weepy, maudlin weather cannot be put into a cell to sober up.

Our idea of a versatile man is a poet who can eat a second plate of boiled cabbage.

Women would do well to let aviation alone until men have made a greater success of it.

A paragrapher asks: "What is a perfect wife?" The only answer we can give is: "How old is Ann?"

Possibly one reason why aeroplanes are not being made safer is that accidents help swell the gate receipts.

Flying from New York to San Francisco is just as dangerous as flying from San Francisco to New York.

An Illinois judge has decided that Reno divorces are not good in Illinois. Have your divorce papers made transferable.

A New Jersey man became the fourth husband of his third wife the other day. Birds of a feather do flock together.

Whenever there is a great disaster in this country you are sure to find heroes who gave or risked their lives for others.

No, brother, the anti-pistol toting law in New York was not passed for the purpose of stopping the hold-ups in Wall street.

A baby's cry saved six people from being asphyxiated. Let us learn to be patient with crying babies. They may come in handy.

Mr. Malcolm McDowell puts the hobo's cost of living at four cents a day. But he fails to tell how the hobo gets the four cents.

The knights of old had one advantage over their descendants. They could go through the deer season without being punctured.

When we stop to consider the number of isms that exist the great wonder is that more people do not get into the violent wars.

Platinum is now worth two and one-half times as much as gold, and gold is worth about its weight in potatoes and other luxuries.

The undertakers having decided to call themselves "morticians" we presume that hod-carriers of the future will be known as "mortarians."

Brooks' comet is said to be composed of illuminating gas and cyanogen, but the scare manufacturers cannot frighten us after the Halley hoax.

A New York woman has just received \$200,000 from the husband she ran away from to join a younger man. Which shows how grateful he was.

A Greek couple in Connecticut waited 24 hours at a church for a priest to come from Boston to marry them, so evidently they had made up their minds.

A Pittsburgh scientist says that Andrew Carnegie looks like the ear drum of a whale. That man need not waste his time performing any heroic action.

A western man has asked the Philadelphia police to find him a nice wife. Great goodness, does he think the police have anything to do with "nice" people?

Newly manufactured lumber is said to be made of fifty-seven per cent waste paper. Who can tell? Some day your old love letters may appear as a board fence.

An eastern clergyman says that wedding fees should be refused because they are no more than a waiter's tips. Yes, they are, too. Eight or nine dollars more.

A Stamford, Conn., woman who died recently had read the Bible through sixty times. We presume after the third of fourth time she ceased to skip to the last chapter to see how it was going to end.

A Cleveland judge granted six divorces in ten minutes each. At the normal rate of arithmetical progression, if he could do that well in Ohio, what a home-breaking record he could establish in Nevada!

After he had made his first flight in an aeroplane Postmaster General Hitchcock said: "The time is certainly coming when we must depend upon the aeroplane for carrying the mail." When that time comes will people who are hit by the pouches that are dropped from above be liable to get into trouble for obstructing the mails?

Relation of Teeth to The Health. (continued from page 7.)

Cleanliness of the face and hands are required of the children in our schools, yet the filthiest part of the human body, the mouth, is unnoticed because the filth there is hidden. The filth of the human mouth is the most dangerous, yet we send our children to schools where they mingle with other children, inhale their breath exchange chewing gum, saliva. And there are many other clean their slates with bacteria lader ways for dissemination of these disease germs in our schools, yet no vent it, while thousands of dollars adequate measures are taken to prepare spent on ventilation. Health is more important than wealth, and knowledge of how to secure it and ward off disease is more important than arithmetic or latin or manual training. It is the duty of the public schools to teach the rising generation to be better able to meet their conditions as they will find them. Neglecting any part of this work is neglecting an important duty, and what is more important than health? How can the children be expected to learn these things when their parents are ignorant of them, unless they are taught in the schools? At present the schools pay almost no attention to this most important subject.

In order to prove to you the importance of this work, I will mention made in various parts of the country. In Cleveland O., out of 2,672 school children examined 1,479 did not use a tooth brush, 2,145 had never had any dental work other than extraction. There were teeth containing cavities 1,673. New York 500 between 14 16 years old were examined found 14 with sound teeth, 2,808 decayed teeth and 2,550 could have been saved with proper dentistry.

In November 1909 I examined at the Oxford Orphan Asylum 88 children and found 356 decayed teeth.

What is true of other school children is true of our own.

As it does no good to call attention to a wrong without suggesting a remedy, I suggest three things as especially important:

1. The insistence by the teachers on cleanliness with regards to the mouth.
 2. Each teacher to be provided with subject matter along these lines suitable to her pupils, and be required to give talks to them therefrom.
 3. Ultimately, at least compulsory examination of the teeth and the placing of them in a satisfactory condition before admission to the schools is granted.
- I believe that if you will look at this matter seriously you cannot help but see that it is of great importance, and that it should be taken up by the school boards on their own initiative. The dentist would of course be willing to suggest, advise, or assist in any way possible.

Fishing Creek Flashes.

Mr. J. Y. Longmire went to Oxford Monday.

Mrs. Mary Wright, of Oxford, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. P. Overton this week.

Mr. L. T. Harris and family, have moved into their new home.

Esq. A. P. Overton sold his last load of tobacco Monday and he made an average of \$20 per hundred. That is pretty good for the land down this way.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tunstall and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brummitt last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Powell will preach at the Sears Academy next Sunday.

We learn that Mr. C. D. B. is going to get married.

Prof. W. S. Howell has closed his school for the Christmas holidays.

We are having right much sickness in our community.

Mrs. Robert Harris is suffering with a rising in her throat, and there are several children who have whooping cough.

We have killed a few pigs down this way in the past week so if you want anything in the fresh meat line, just call around. Mr. Robert Harris killed 4 that weighed 385, 325, 307 and 350, average 381 a piece. Mr. T. E. Bobbitt killed six that weighed 1,500. But Mr. George Hunt is the champion hog raiser as he killed two that tipped the beam at 466 and 477. Who can beat that?

HAMMER.

Tar River Notes.

Mr. Ural Bragg, of Tally Ho, spent the best portion of last week with Mr. W. B. Bragg.

Mr. Lee Overton, of Corinth, came over last Friday evening to aid Mr. John Curran in some work about his house.

We are having a wet time of it now and a freshet is feared in the river.

The wood piles look quite pleasant adorned off with plenty of winter wood.

The Bunnies are seeing a hard time, as they are being hunted so much. We don't think there will be any left for Christmas time.

If the weather don't change, old Santa will have to lay aside his sleigh and take up a new boat.

Our good mail carriers are having a bad time now, we sympathize with them.

Mr. D. N. H. you and Mr. Hub Crews keep on writing, we all like to read your letters.

Some more big hogs that are making Tar River farmers happy Mr. W. B. Bragg killed three, one weighing 447, another 475, and another 379. Mr. Bragg is a farmer that farms to profit.

The people of this community regret to report that Mrs. A. A. Latta and family have moved from out of its borders. Mr. Sim Latta was a prosperous farmer, a high class tobacco grower. We wish Mr. Latta much success with his future place.

Miss Josephine Moss is visiting at the home of Mr. W. B. Bragg.

Mr. A. A. Latta, Jr., is making repairs on the place that he has bought near here.

W. L. F.

R. F. D. News.

This writer sends Christmas greetings to the editor, the manager and readers of The Public Ledger.

Many patrons have recently killed some very fine hogs. This writer R. Woody, to Mrs. J. H. and Miss Ethel Breedlove and to Rev. W. S. returns thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hester, for a nice chance of fresh meats, sausage and cracklins. Thanks to aunt Marry Curran for a bag of nice potatoes. R. F. D. men usually fare well about cornshucking and hog-killing time.

To the men and boys of the world, do not think you must get drunk and swear and do all manner of meanness because it is Christmas and disgrace yourselves and your family, but be temperate in all things, conduct yourselves aright and do not be guilty of things that will make your own people ashamed of you.

This writer sent Beattie a message and a telegram before he died. The message was this, "The way of the transgressor is hard," the telegram was, "If guilty and not confess it, Hell will be your home."

D. N. HUNT.

Took Fatal Joy Ride.

Savanah, Ga.—As the result of a midnight automobile accident on the grand prize automobile course several nights ago, Mrs. W. J. Donnell of Norfolk, Va., died this afternoon at a local hospital. Her leg was amputated in a vain effort to save her life. A man who accompanied Mrs. Donnell on the trip was injured but not seriously.

Teddy Says He Won't.

That Theodore Roosevelt will not be a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination next year is the message that will be delivered by Gifford Pinchot in an address at Mediana, Ohio, Friday night next.

LISTEN!

We are not going to move nor are we selling goods at cost but we are selling goods as cheap as anybody—so come on and buy—will treat you right.

We have several SPECIALS going at a BARGAIN so get OUR PRICES before buying.

UPCHURCH BROS.

Funeral Directors and Embalmers,

Oxford, N. C.

Sunday morning, Dec. 17, Mr. tie Longmire, one of Oxford's popular young ladies, Rev. J. A. Stradley officiating.

ANTICIPATING CHRISTMAS

WE EXTEND TO ONE AND ALL GREETINGS

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO VISIT OUR STORE AND LOOK AT OUR IMMENSE LINE.

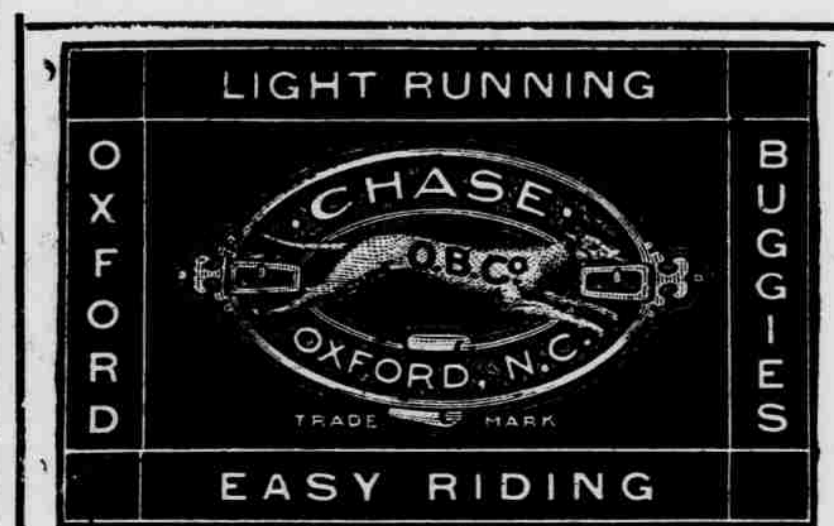
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