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An Appeal to the Patriot

Pay your tax, my neighbor,
Pay your tax to-day,
Sheriff Adams is a-waiting,
And you should not delay.

Cotton is bringing twelve the pound,
And grain is selling well;
So bring your purse around,
And help the funds to swell.

The prison house is to be built,
The pauper claims be paid;
An honest man will meet his dues,
And not wait to be made.

"Treasures empty," says Art Deal,
"I have no funds at all;
The teachers need their salary,
On me they daily call."

"It is my duty," says the patriot,
"I owe my country first;
So I must see the sheriff,
Or times will grow worse."

"The first of May is coming,
When I must pay my poll."

Now, friend, don't do so small a thing,
But up and cash the whole.

Don't wait until the first of May,
But see the sheriff now,
No time is like the present day,
And you'll feel better any how.

A. C. SHERRILL.

Eighty-two per cent of the population of North Carolina live on farms. Most of the farmers grow their own timber, so want fire protection for their wood-lands. The remainder have to buy lumber for building teaching, and other purposes, and want to get it as cheaply as possible. Let us increase the yield of timber by preventing fires?

There is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well cut with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cure has gained a world wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all druggists. Advertisement.

How to Get Rid of The House Fly.

The fly is a nuisance besides being a carrier of infectious diseases, and the attempt to exterminate it needs no justification. How one can make one's home, town or city flyless is described by C. F. Hodge of Clark University, Worcester, Mass. He says that the American public spends \$10,000,000 a year for window and door screens in a futile attempt to exclude a lively insect which insect which insists on getting into the house every time the doors are opened. He believes also that the method of swatting the flies, using fly-paper or indoor traps or poisons is ineffective, but may help. His method is to make use in various ways of the conical wire-mesh fly-trap, which is familiar to almost every one, in such a way as to turn the tables on the flies and "put them in jail and let ourselves out." The plan involves, of course, the abolition of all breeding and feeding-places for flies and the application of the fly trap mentioned above to the garbage can, to the garbage-can, to the screens on windows, to the covers on manure-bins, etc., all of which can be done by a little mechanical ingenuity. Garbage-cans are on the market which have a cover larger than the can and not fitting down closely on it so that the flies gain access to the can under the cover and escape through a hole in the cover over which is fixed a fly-trap. In fighting the fly, Hodge has found that the essentials of a successful campaign are to transfer the fight against the fly from the house to outdoors, and then to exterminate it. Another essential feature in a town or city is that households must co-operate. One ignorant or careless home can breed flies enough to vitiate the best endeavors of a whole town. Hodge has succeeded in his neighborhood in practically eliminating flies; he uses no screens in windows and doors, and can sit outdoors or have windows or doors open at any time without molestation. As flies begin to breed early in the spring and as they breed with marvelous rapidity, the time to arrange for a fly campaign is in the winter.

Found a Cure for Rheumatism.
"I suffered with rheumatism for two years and could not get my right hand to my mouth for that length of time," writes Lee L. Chapman, Mapleton, Iowa. "I suffered terrible pain so I could not sleep or lie still at night. Five years ago I began using Chamberlain's Liniment and in two months I was well and have not suffered with rheumatism since." For sale by all druggists. Advertisement.

Individual Responsibility For Fires.

Can any real progress be made in checking our fire waste, enormous as it is, until the man who has a fire cease to be regarded as an unfortunate and is looked upon as a public offender? Individual legal responsibility for loss by fire seems a drastic corrective, but is it not the real remedy.

Under the Code Napoleon in France a man is held responsible for fire damage to his neighbor.

In France a tenant usually insures by one policy the following items: (1) His own property; (2) The risk of responsibility for damage to the building; (3) The risk of responsibility for damage to property of his neighbors. A landlord insures in one policy the following items: (1) His own property; (2) His responsibility for damage to the property of tenants; (3) His responsibility for damage to the property of his neighbors.

Why should this not be done when 50 per cent of fires are due to gross carelessness? The loss by fire in France is about one eighth of that in the United States.

Nearly all of our cities and towns make some provision for putting out fires after they start. In North Carolina less than 50 per cent of our property is protected by insurances. A loss falls heavily on our citizens and the State, county, and cities in loss of taxable property whether the fire is caused by malice, carelessness, or thoughtlessness.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A Modest Request.

North Carolina likes health work. In fact it seems to agree with us mighty well. A report has recently been issued showing that somewhere between 2,000 and 2,500 lives were saved by health work in this State last year. Two thousands lives at \$1,700 each. If any one says that \$1,700 is too much for a human life, ask him what he will take for his. Nothing is allowed here for the sickness prevented.

Of course nobody is kicking out the undertakers. But here is the point. If a little health work does a little good, will not more health work do more good? That is what some people think, and so the State Board of Health has been modest in asking for a total increase of \$32,000 to carry on the increasing amount of health work demanded of them.

The matter of increased health work and decreased death rates is now in the hands of the Legislature. If the Legislature sees fit to grant it, the matter will be put up to the health authorities to deliver the goods; if not it will remain with the Legislature and the people that selected the representatives. Where do you stand on this matter.

Co-operation.

Washington, D. C., February 23th.—To aid in the work for attracting desirable settlers to the territory served by the Southern Railway, the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, and affiliated lines, and for locating industries in this territory, an agency of the Land and Industrial Department has been established at Harrisburg, Pa., and W. E. Price, traveling immigration agent connected with the Western Agency in St. Louis, has been promoted and will have charge of the Harrisburg agency, effective March 1st, according to announcement made today by M. V. Richards, Land Industrial Agent.

Mr. Price is well equipped for his new position, having served in the headquarters at Washington and having been later promoted to his present position in the West where he has been traveling extensively, working among prospective homeseekers for the Southeastern territory. His district in the new position will cover the thickly populated section north of the Potomac river and east of the Ohio, including Eastern Canada. He will give especial attention to the direction of new settlers and industrial propositions to the territory along the Southern Railway and affiliated lines, his work being a part of the extended efforts which these lines are making for the general upbuilding of the Southeastern states.

Where Are the Robins?

"Is it to be another case of waiting until the robins are all dead, as with the wild pigeons, before we wake up to their value and pass protecting laws? Can't our present Legislature act before it is too late? Thus questions a correspondent in the Raleigh Times.

Does the farmer and the gardener realize the value of the robin to him in destroying cut-worms, bud worms, and hundreds of other insects which would destroy his crops but for the birds?

What reason have we in North Carolina for destroying a bird which all but five of the States protect absolutely? Do we need the robin for food? Certainly not! But it is said that our boys have to kill something so we let them kill the robins. This is a poor excuse for exterminating our best friends.

Albany, N. Y. March 3.—Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, is still of unsound mind and his release from Mattea wan state hospital would be dangerous to the public peace and safety, according to an affidavit made today to Attorney General Carmody by Dr. Roy L. Leak, acting superintendent of the hospital.

If the House idea prevails in the Senate we are going to have just about as much compulsory education in North Carolina as may suit the politicians. Which shows that the mill people wanted to do more for the betterment of child labor conditions than the other fellows did.—Exchange.

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