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## Toys! Toys! Toys!

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Concerning that Flag Captured at Sharpsburg.

Col. J. Bryan Grimes has letters from Gen. A. D. Cowles, Col. Osborne and Mr. Stikeleather from which we make extracts:

Gen. Cowles says he turned the correspondence about the flag over to Col. E. A. Osborne, the last colonel of the 4th. Col. Osborne is Chairman of the committee of arrangements in Charlotte to receive the flag. He writes as follows: "I was wounded in the battle of Sharpsburg between 12 and 1 o'clock, I suppose. Up to that time our regiment was intact with colors flying. After I was wounded the command of the regiment devolved upon another captain, who was also disabled, and finally every commissioned officer in the regiment was killed or disabled; but I never heard that the flag was captured, and am inclined to think that your story in regard to it is correct. I am writing today to John Stikeleather, the color bearer of the 4th, for the facts in regard to the matter, and hope to be able to obtain some light upon the subject."

John A. Stikeleather writes as follows: "I was sick at the time of that battle—Sharpsburg. I never heard before that the flag of the 4th was lost then, and I don't believe it was. Some one has gotten things a little mixed." John Stikeleather became color bearer of the regiment at the battle of Seven Pines, when the 4th immortalized itself in the deadliest charge known in the history of modern warfare, losing 88 3-4 per cent of its men. Col. Bryan Grimes led the charge on foot, his horse having been killed, and bearing the flag (all the color guard being killed or wounded) handed the colors to John Stikeleather (see extracts letters of Maj. General Bryan Grimes, pages 14 and 15) who bore it with conspicuous valor in every subsequent battle except Sharpsburg, at which battle he was sick.

This flag was planted in sight of the Capitol at Washington—was the first to enter Gettysburg—floated further North than any other Confederate flag (at Carlisle barracks, Penn.) and proudly waved in the smoke of the last charge at Appomattox.

Gen. D. H. Hill in his report of Sharpsburg (official records of the Union and Confederate armies, series 1, vol. xix, part 1, flag 1029.) says: "Col. Grimes was disabled by the kick of a horse from being with his regiment (4th N. C.) at Sharpsburg and unfit for duty for months afterward. The 4th, thus lost his valuable services. This gallant regiment, which has never been surpassed by any troop in the world for gallantry, subordination and propriety, was commanded by the heroic Capt. Wm. T. Marsh, and after his

fall, by equally heroic Capt. D. P. Latham, who shared the same fate. All the officers of this noble regiment present at Sharpsburg were killed or wounded. Their names deserve to be preserved: Captains Marsh, Latham, and E. A. Osborne, Lieutenants Jesse F. Stancill, J. C. Cotton, T. M. Allen, Parker, T. J. Brown, F. H. Weaver, Crawford, and B. F. Bonner. Sergeants, John Troutman, and J. W. Shinn. Corporals, J. A. Cowan, and H. H. Barnes, and private J. D. Barton of this regiment were greatly distinguished for their courage. It is probable that no regiment in either army saw so much service or sustained as many losses as the 4th. Gen. Anderson said "that, although small in numbers, Col. Grimes' regiment is the keystone of my brigade." This regiment was the "Bloody Fourth" and belonged to the "Ironsides" brigade, so famous in the A. N. V. The 2nd, 4th, 14th, and 30th, N. C. Regiments, S. T., composed this brigade.

Any one able to throw any light upon this flag matter will do a patriotic kindness to the living and dead of the 4th N. C., by giving such facts, over their signatures, as may be known to them.

### A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes Loudon Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold at Tayloe's Pharmacy.

After the reported "pardon" of Gen. Rivera, who succeeded Maceo in Cuba, the Spaniards have taken him to Cadiz, Spain, and incarcerated him there. They were probably afraid that if they left him on the island he might break out of prison and give them some more trouble. He was born in Spain but went to Cuba in 1863, where he served through the ten years war against Spain.

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of Wm. H. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Iowa, who writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For two years I have suffered from indigestion, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief. Price 25 and 50 cents; for sale at Tayloe's Pharmacy."

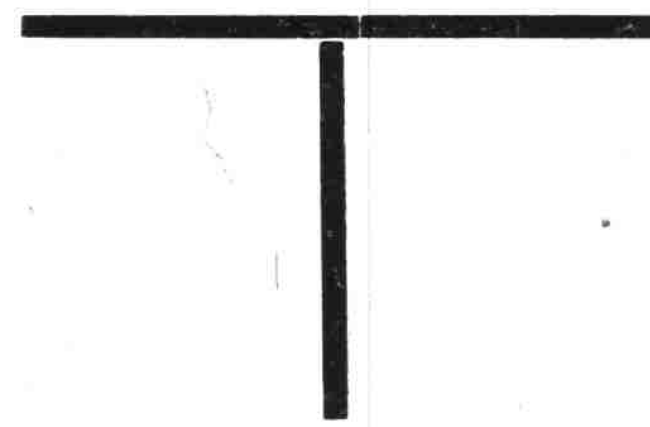
A Baltimore man has been indicted for kicking a mule in the stomach. If the mule had kicked him in the stomach that would have been the end of it as far as the mule is concerned and probably the end of him, too.



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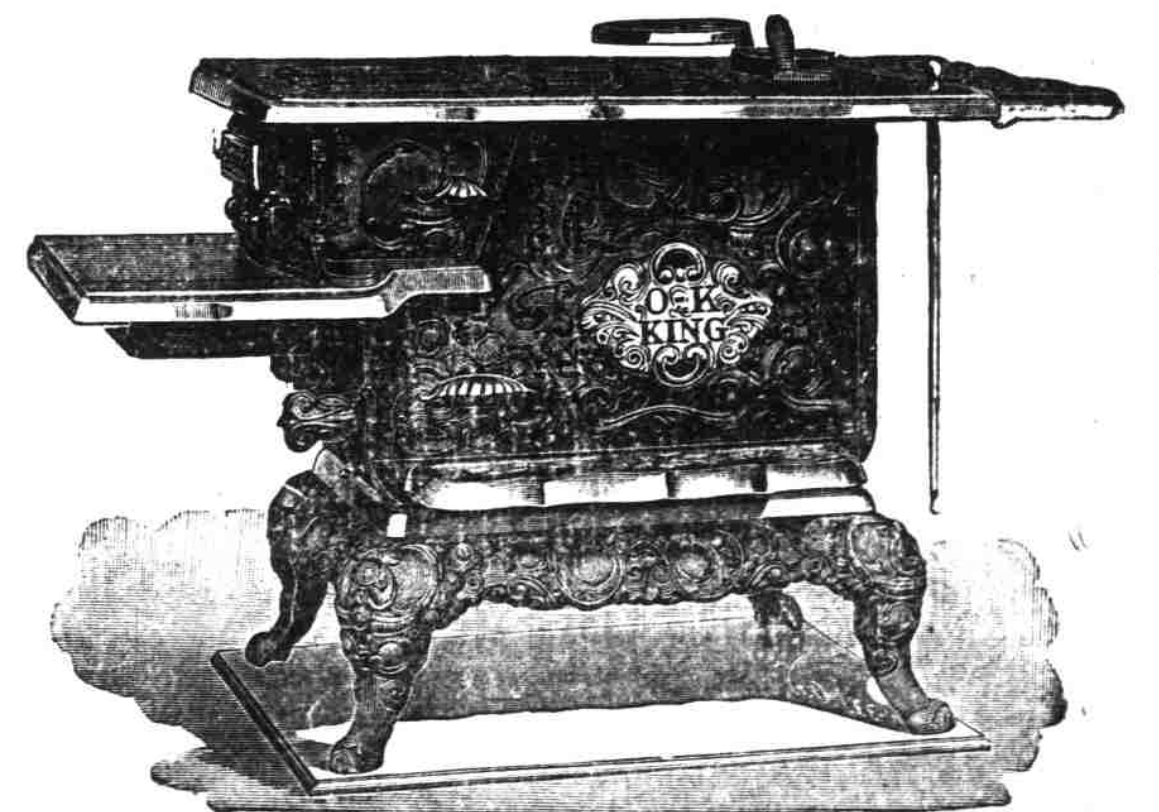
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