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The Majesty of The Law.

Editor Johnson, of Charity and Children, asks the question if Beattie could have been convicted in North Carolina? He doubts it, and argues that Beattie's father is said to be worth \$300,000 and if a rich man's son has ever paid any very severe penalty for crime in this State we do not just now recall his name. We are quick to punish poor folks and niggers. The law works beautifully when the defendant has no money, but it is mighty hard to reach men of influence who have sidestepped and gone wrong. We are aware of the danger of bringing our courts into contempt, but it is hard to get around the facts and the plain fact is that Virginia is ahead of us in the trial and conviction of prominent criminals. Would Richeson be in as much danger in North Carolina as he is in Massachusetts? We doubt it. He is backed by both money and influence. He stood high in social circles in Boston, and is still enjoying the confidence of wealthy families and friends. We do not know, of course, but we have no doubt that this sporty parson will get what he deserves. On the other hand, how many can be recalled without a moment's reflection, walking around in North Carolina enjoying social favor and business patronage whose hands are red with innocent blood?"

This is a very severe arraignment of the administration of justice in North Carolina but is it not true? The trouble is mainly to be found, if one wants to look for it, in our jury system. Had the North Carolina system of selecting a jury prevailed in Virginia, the odds are ten to one that Beattie would have been acquitted. The press of this State has cried unavailingly for reform in the jury system for years past, but the lawyers seem to be "agin" it, just as they are in the matter of the Torrens system. It is a desire to get their man off, in the first case, and to pocket fees in the second.—Charlotte Chronicle.

What a Man Expects of a Girl.

A young man contributes the following to the December Women's Home Companion:

"I don't care for a prude; but I like still less the other kind of a girl who has rather uncertain ideal of womanhood. It is quite probable that the latter is more popular than the quiet girl who refuses to allow even, nice boys to hold her hand, hug and kiss her; but allow more to express the opinion that no popularity at all is better than such popularity. A girl can be a 'good fellow,' and a

jolly comrade among the boys, and at the same time let the boys know that they are not to make free with her. Such a girl will be accorded genuine admiration on the part of the boys.

The young men may seem to flock around the girl who will let them snatch a kiss in a dark corner, for young men have an evil nature as well as the better side that responds quickly and gladly to the good influence of a pure, sweet girl.

"I can answer for a large circle of young men friends when I say that we prefer the pure-minded girl to the girl who appeals to our baser natures. There would be no hesitation in making a choice.

"I sometimes feel that girls do not make full use of their power to influence young men for good. Much as it would embarrass me to admit it in public, seven tenths of the things I do, plan, and strive for are because they will result in making me what I think a certain young lady expects me to be. For some reason—possibly shyness and the thought that the young men would not care for such influence—the majority of girls do not seem to attempt to exert their ability in this way. A pure girl consciously using this gift will do more, I think, to keep a young man in the 'straight and narrow' than anything else I know of. Not even a mother can do as much in guiding a young man as his sweetheart in a 'puppy love affair' at twenty or more years of age.

"The one big thing every young man worth while expects in a girl—whether she is sweetheart or just a friend—is her influence for good. Everything else is incidental, and will fade into the background in comparison with what most young men silently expect in girls."

The Men Can Now Attend Church.

The poor men of Ithaca, New York, have gotten themselves into a snap. They have not been attending church and gave out as the reason therefor, that the hats of the women obstructed their view and that they could not become interested in the sermon unless they could see the preacher. The women of the congregation were equal to the occasion. They did not care to be made responsible for the delinquencies of the men here, or hereafter. At a congregational meeting they voted to leave off their millinery show during church services. The men are thus deprived of their excuse, an excuse by the way, which services in more than one community. We are not informed as to the nature of the new excuse.—Raleigh News.

The Best Help.

It is to be regretted that the good roads people in convention at Richmond, had a row about federal aid to public road building. The constitutionality of such a course would have to be fought out in congress. It seems clear that congress can under the constitution, and that it should, under the necessities of the case, appropriate money for this purpose. Especially should it, do so in view of the use that the government, through its rural free delivery service makes of the public roads. The carriers of this system use 400,000,000 miles of public roads every year. It is necessary for the government to use these roads in its delivery of mail just as it is essential that it use railroads for the same purpose. The government pays the railroads well for the use of their lines. Why not pay the people for the use of their lines, by helping to construct and maintain them so that both public and government may use them more effectively?

But while congress probably can and, it would seem, certainly ought to help, it should not be expected of that body that it do the whole thing. We are right now pursuing the matter in a proper fashion. The southeastern states have this year spent, from the revenues of local bodies, the sum of \$30,000,000 for road building, and North Carolina has led them all. And while we want Uncle Sam to do his just part, we must keep up the pace we have begun; for self-help is the most efficient of all help.—Kinston Free Press.

The Deadly Gasoline.

It is claimed that large percentage of household damage by fire is caused by the explosions of gasoline, or coal oil; fires from gasoline usually result from failure to observe the simple rule that gasoline must never be exposed to the air where there is any fire or flame; the gasoline in bulk does not explode, but when mixed with air the gas arising from the fluid makes a very high explosive, and is claimed to be a far more dangerous substance to handle in this form than dynamite or gun powder; the danger does not depend on the nearness of the fire to the gasoline, but to the existence of fire in any form where this gas can reach it. No gasoline tank should be filled where there is a flame or fire of any kind. Gasoline should not be used for cleaning in a closed room, or where there is the least bit of fire or flame. Many housewives use gasoline for all household purposes for years, with no accident because they are uncon-

sciously careful in handling it, observing necessary precautions and following the simple rule given. In careful hands it is a good servant; in careless hands, it is a constant menace. If there is the least smell of the gas in the room, the burner should at once be inspected, the doors and windows open, and the smell allowed to escape before a match is lighted. In many localities, gasoline is the only fuel of the kind obtainable for the house, and where it is handled carefully and intelligently, with a good reliable make of range, it is a good servant. The new evaporator range is the only one that should be used; the old style, where the old is lighted to form the gas should have no place in the house. The majority of housewives are learning that the quick fire to be had by the turn of the wrist and the lighting of match is a necessity in winter as in summer, and a good, safe gasoline range is an investment where proper care is observed if gas is not to be had.

A Lesson the South Must Learn.

The necessity of labor, honorableness of labor are the first lessons to be taught the youth of the South. Our people, as a whole, can not learn these lessons, because we are still too close to slavery. We still consider manual labor to be somewhat beneath a gentleman or a lady. We waste our substance in the employment of servants, apparently to wait on us, while frequently we wait on them, and usually they cost us more time, money and trouble than they render service. It is a matter not of economy, but of supposed gentility. A little observation and easy calculation will demonstrate that in this State we spend for wages and food, breakage and stealage of unnecessary servants, money enough, if saved annually for thirty years, to purchase every acre of ground in the State. Our whole property is eaten up by servants one time during each generation. It is impossible to become wealthy under such condition.—Dr. George T. Winston.

More Valuable Than Money.

It sometimes costs too much to get rich. There are other things more valuable than money and when those other things are sacrificed for sake of money the price paid is too high. In the lust for wealth men not unoften lose all sympathy with and consideration for others and also lose all interest in public affairs except as they financially effect them. When all this is allowed to go on unchecked the soul shrivels up and becomes as hard and metallic as the coin itself after which men grasp.—Oxford Banner.

It Rests with The Farmer.

The placing of fifty million dollars in the cotton belt for the purpose of handing the cotton crop will be hailed with delight all over the south. New York bankers will put up the money under a plan that propose to advance to the growers \$25 a bale, based on the market value of cotton at the time of the loan. One dollar a bale is to be charged for grading and handling, but no interest is to be charged on the money advanced. This fund is to be placed through committees empowered to sell when the price is 12 cents and compelled to sell when it reaches 13 cents. According to statistics gathered 12 on 13 cents will give only a close legitimate profit.

Thus a new force enters the struggle for better marketing for the greatest of American agricultural products. There is financial backing now; but of course the success of this or any other plan must depend on the attitude of the individual farmer. If success comes the farmer must avail himself of the proffered aid, must abide by regulations that must govern any plan must curtail production of cotton and, in short, himself help to make the plan a success.

Financial backing may make it possible for the farmer to get better prices for his cotton, it can't make him get those prices, if he refuses to co-operate.—Kinston Free Press.

From Whence They Came.

"I have on my desk," said the writer; "a list of 1,000 successful men of this nation. By 'successful' I do not mean mere money-makers, but men who have given us new conceptions of steam, electricity, construction work, education, art, etc. These are the men who influence our moral as well as our physical lives. They construct for better things.

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"Two hundred started as messenger boy.

"Two hundred were newsboys.

"One hundred were printers' apprentices.

"One hundred were apprenticed in manufactories.

"Fifty began at the bottom of railway work.

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