

AN ABDUCTION

A group of British officers were seated in the quarters of one of their number in the garrison at Calcutta. Chester Ashby, captain of dragoons, seemed the most deeply interested.

"It is certainly strange," observed a young lieutenant, "where Miss Blatchford could have disappeared to. That it is a case of abduction there is little doubt in my mind, but who is there who would dare perpetrate such a crime?"

"I know not, Will," returned Ashby, "but as sure as there is a heaven above us I will find her. Gentlemen, she is my affianced bride."

As the young soldier crossed the parade ground a white robed dusky form followed closely behind him. When the two reached a spot where the light which streamed from the barrack windows did not penetrate, the natives touched the European gently and whispered:

"Would Ashby sahib find the lost maiden? If so, Ah can direct him to where she lingers."

"What! You!"

"Sahib, she is even now a prisoner in the palace of the rajah of Judpore."

"What! In the power of that heathen prince! By my sword, I'll go to the order out my dragoons and tear his glittering abode down about his ears."

"Stay, sahib!" quickly rejoined the faithful servant. "If English soldiers were seen about the palace of the rajah, the feeble spark of life which still flutters in the bosom of the white maiden would die."

"What! Would the villain murder her?"

"Sahib, Ah has said the maiden would die and leave no trace of her death. Listen, sahib. The slaves of the rajah are friends of Ah, and it is they who have told him of the master's captive. Would Ashby sahib enter the palace of the rajah unaccompanied save by Ah!"

"Why does the light of the rajah's eyes weep? It should bring joy to the heart to be chosen one of so great a lord!" And a lovely Hindoo girl knelt at the feet of Agnes Blatchford, who was sobbing bitterly.

She offered no reply to the kindly meant speech of her companion. Presently the damask portiere at one end of the saloon was lifted, and the rajah himself entered.

"When will the light of my life cease weeping and when will a smile adorn the face of her who is loved by the rajah of Judpore?"

Agnes Blatchford sprang to her feet and, turning upon her persecutor, exclaimed, "Never, wretch, never, until she is restored to the home of her father."

The native prince might have made answer had it not been for the entrance of a sable Nubian, who, falling flat upon his face, begged forgiveness for the intrusion.

"Speak, slave. What would you at this time?"

"Most mighty and powerful rajah," said the black, "will it please the son of a king to look upon that which his servant has brought him?"

"The curiosity of the rajah is aroused. Let him see."

The Nubian arose and left the apartment, but reappeared in a moment, ushering in a closed palanquin which was borne upon the shoulders of four blacks like himself.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

There were 35 bales of cotton sold here yesterday at 7.90.

Mrs. H. S. Bradshaw is taking treatment in the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Wednesday's Journal will contain the results of all the important Tuesday's election returns.

New timbers are being placed in the E. C. D. Company's dock, and the rotten timbers removed.

Prof. J. Paul Spence, will preach this morning at 11 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. There will be no night service.

Weather forecasters promise a stormy week with snow in the Northern States and a general cold wave all over the country.

Mr. J. J. Baxter has made a great improvement in his store and also to the appearance of the street front by putting infinite plate glass windows.

The Board of County Commissioners met here Monday and took a recess until Wednesday, as Tuesday was election day.

Election bets are due to be made. It is said all over the country that this has been the quietest campaign in the history of American politics.

The small house recently occupied by E. Quilley on East Front street took fire from a defective chimney yesterday afternoon. The damage was slight.

Chairman H. R. Bryan Jr. has made arrangements for the election returns at the Court house, and those wishing to hear them can, hear them read out there tonight.

Yesterday was the first day of the open bird season, and a number of local sportsmen were out. The reports brought in were that no great number of birds could be found.

At the Polls today there will be four boxes, one for the State ticket, one for Congressman, one for solicitor and County officers and one for constable this last box is known as the Township box.

County Superintendent of Health N. H. Street, made his report on Monday, which showed 51 cases and ten deaths from small pox in Craven County during the month of October. There is one case in this city.

A case of severe destitution is reported of the family of Mrs. Fordrey, who lives near the Knitting mill. The family is said to be in need of a physician and household necessities. The family is white and very unfortunate.

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MAN ABOUT TOWN.

A Miscellaneous Hodgepodge to Fill Up Space and for no Other Purpose Whatever.

There is a young man in town who is in a sadly disturbed state of mind. His condition is really pitiable. At present he is undecided whether to "fly the coop" and "leave for parts unknown" or look fate straight in the face and take life as it comes without any thought as to the happiness or woe, the promises of rash and impetuous youth have imposed on him.

This young man had a vacation some four years ago and in the progress of that vacation he was in company with a young lady. And in that fact lies the cause of the young man's anxiety, for in a foolish moment the two pledged a provisional troth which was to the effect that if neither one had found a husband or a wife by September 28th 1908 promises made on the above date 1898 would hold valid. And that is why the young man is harassed by sober meditations.

The question of the right of men to wear neckties and of the women to wear ruffles on their dresses was the cause of a wrangle in a religious convention in a northern state a few weeks ago and it was in imminent danger of causing a division in the denomination. It is such quarrels that make the cause of religion unpopular and when churches divide on doctrine depend upon it there is a jubilee in the place where these very churches teach that it is too warm for comfort.

Every little while the attention of the reading public is attracted to some beautiful act of christian charity performed by Miss Helen Gould, only last week she was at Norfolk to help inaugurate some Christian work among the sailors under the auspices of Young Men's Christian Association, and to which she had contributed liberally.

Miss Gould is one of the very few whom the gaud and glitter of the super abundance of riches does not corrupt. Although possessed of much affluence she only seeks for the elevation and improvement of those less favored than herself.

It makes no difference to what creed Miss Gould subscribes or whether she follows any creed her life is a benediction in a world of selfishness and greed.

Here is an account of an incident in which Miss Gould figured last summer illustrates one prominent feature in her character—that of self reliance.

Miss Helen Gould and a party of friends rode from Poughkeepsie to Tarrytown, New York in a caboose of a milk train. They were returning from Lake Mohonk, and by a trolley accident they were caused to miss the 6.45 train on the Hudson River Railroad.

At the station here the proposition was made to Miss Gould that she should take a special train, but she declared that the situation was by no means such as would warrant so much fuss and trouble. She was equally positive that she would not wait for the 9.53 train, and the station officials were not a little worried.

When the milk train, which carries an old coach as a caboose, came along, she said she would ride in that. The station officials offered to put on a new coach, but she said the old coach was good enough for her, and she and her friends got into it.

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JINGLES AND JESTS.

A Kiss in the Dark. Today I asked of Madge, the winsome sprite, To whom I'm pledged by grace of love's old story, "Were you not rather startled when, last night, I caught you in the dark conservatory and kissed you?" The effect of her reply "I'll leave for you to gimpse, then draw the curtain. "Well, no, not startled," came her answer shy. "I thought 'twas you-but wasn't certain!" —Brooklyn Life.

Burning Verse. "I wouldn't care if that poet would bring in a hundred poems a day," said the country editor. "He knows how to write 'em, does he?" asked the office bore. "He certainly does," replied the editor. "He brings them in written on shingles." —Indianapolis Sun.

The Use of the Proposition. In addressing his class on the correct use of the parts of speech, this is the way a college professor caused considerable merriment at his own expense: "Gentlemen," he said, "a proposition is a bad word to end a sentence with." —New York Times.

They Knew Him Not. The ancient sat on the fence And sings of other days; His thousand children roam the earth And wend their devious ways. His throat is sore, his voice is cracked, And sad is his "meow". Not one of all his prosperous sons Will recognize him now. —Puck.

Not Taking Chances. Young Man—The wife I am looking for must be young and pretty. Coy Maiden—Do you think you will have to look very far? Young Man—Confound it, I can't look at all! I'm dreadfully nearsighted, and I've left my glasses at home. —Chelsea Gazette.

Indigestion Pains RELIEVED IMMEDIATELY BY CAPUDINE SOOTHES THE STOMACH. Sold at Drugstores.

THE DISAPPEARING OYSTER.

How North Carolina is Depleted of Its Oysters. A Lost State Industry. Legislation Needed.

That the oyster industry is a lost industry so far as North Carolina is concerned, can be seen by an inspection of those State Markets where a few years ago, this delicious sea product could be found in quantity and quality.

Today the oyster is really scarce in every North Carolina market, and in quality there is none of that richness of oyster quality to be found a few years ago.

In an interview with an oysterman, the Journal has been able to learn a number of facts bearing on the disappearance of the oysters from North Carolina waters.

Each spring for several years past, there has been a steady shipment of seed oysters from North Carolina to replenish the falling stock in Virginia waters. Boat after boat has passed the inspectors, who have proven most negligent in their duty, if not worse, in permitting such shipments.

One method has been for the shipper to go to Portsmouth and buy 500 bushels of good oysters, such as would legally pass according to law, then go to Stump Point or Roanoke and stow away 3000 bushels of seed oysters, which the law prohibits being dredged, covering these last with a layer of the larger oysters.

A superficial examination by an inspector made it easy to take away the entire cargo and then repeat the trick as often as the oysters were wanted.

These small oysters were bought for ten cents per tub, equal to about five pecks, and when taken to Virginia three tubs were made from each, netting three times the original cost to the shipper.

In the old dredging grounds, such as the place off Swan Quarter, where three years ago 500 bushels of oysters could be dredged a day, it is only possible now to dredge 50 bushels a day, and these oysters being very inferior. In all the former good oyster beds, the same rule applies.

And even more it is said that non-residents are coming in, notably at Elizabeth City, and are dredging and carrying away oysters from North Carolina waters.

These are only a few facts of the oyster situation in this State, but it is enough to show how a splendid natural industry has been destroyed, to the loss of thousands of people, directly, and taken from Eastern Carolina an immense business which should have been preserved and kept for the 'people of this State.

The coming Legislature should not handle this matter as it has before, for such legislation has been to establish political offices, which instead of affording protection to the oyster industry, has according to reliable sources of information, proven a sure means of getting rid of the oyster.

Unless the present Legislature takes this oyster question up and handles it as it must be handled to insure protection, there will be no need of future Legislatures bringing it up. The oyster will be entirely gone by that time.

As The Coaster Sees It.

Morehead City Coaster. Our wood sharks are taking advantage of the necessities of the poor to charge exorbitant prices—90 cents a load, or about 10 cts. a stick. It is all right if they know there is no hereafter, but most of us think there is, and when they leave here they won't need wood. So may it be.

We, the undersigned, believing Dr. SETH ARNOLD'S BALSAM to be a reliable Remedy for Bowel Complaints, hereby guarantee a twenty-five cent bottle to give satisfaction or money refunded. T. A. Henry.

Dutch Public Houses. Public houses in Holland are closed only between 3 and 5 a. m.

A Big Platinum Nugget. Platinum nuggets occur in nuggets, though once in a while a lump of it is found. The largest on record, about the size of a tumbler, is now preserved in the Dresden museum.

Australian Wells. Most of the water used for irrigating fields and watering cattle in Australia comes from artesian wells which range in depth from 100 to over 3,000 feet. The yield of a well is from 100,000 to over 4,000,000 gallons a day.

Christian Convention at Omaha Nebraska.

The Christian church held its annual convention at Omaha Neb., Oct. 16-23 1902. This was the greatest convention ever held by this church except their Jubilee convention held in Cincinnati, O., 1899, where over fifteen thousand delegates and visitors assembled. At Omaha there were about eight thousand.

In 1874 this church had but one national missionary organization now it has four. The most growing of these is the Christian Women's board of Missions.

25 years ago a few women met in Cincinnati and formed this society, now it has 1,716 auxiliaries and a membership of 37,311. Last year they raised for missionary purposes \$120,004.00. The reports of the various secretaries were very encouraging. The report of the statistical secretary shows a net gain of membership of 28,830 or nearly 3 per cent. The church now has a membership in the United States of 1,907,971. It raised last year for various purposes over \$2,105,000. They have 6,971 bible schools with 726,000 teachers and pupils.

CAPTURED A MOONSHINER.

A Member of the Notorious Tuten Gang Arrested.

Deputy United States Marshal H. W. Jewell made an important capture Saturday morning and he seems now to be on a clue that will effectually break up a lawless and murderous gang of moonshiners of Beaufort county.

At two o'clock Saturday morning he went to the house of Alexander Tuten, one of the well known family of illicit distillers, who live near Edwards. When Tuten realized that the officers were after him, he broke through the window sash, blinds and all and made his escape, closely followed by the marshal until a wire fence was reached. Tuten got safely over the fence but the Marshal was caught and was not able to release himself for some time. Several shots were exchanged but without effect.

An hour after Mr. Jewell went to the home of Isahab Moore, who is a companion moonshiner with Tuten and aroused him. Moore was arrested without any trouble and was brought to this city where he was taken before United States Commissioner C. B. Hill and was bound over to the United States Court. In default of bond he was committed to the county jail.

These two men are suspected of being implicated in the murder of John Catton several months ago.

John Hutchinson Dead.

Mr. Hutchinson, in the seventy ninth year of his age, passed away peacefully at his residence in Wilson, N. C. Saturday. He was a native and resident of New Bern, N. C. until he came to Wilson in 1874. He was one of the oldest citizens of Wilson and most highly respected and honored. He was cashier of the First National Bank many years. In his keeping, men's property and their names were safe. He loved righteousness.

Mr. Hutchinson was an elder in the Presbyterian church, and the church there has been his constant care. His trust in the savior of men was supreme, and the controlling motive of his life. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." The remains will be brought here Monday for burial, funeral to take place upon arrival of train.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Wm. Ellis has returned from Seven Springs.

Miss Kate Griffin returned yesterday from a visit at Durham and Raleigh.

Mrs. R. F. Bumpass returned last evening from a visit with friends in Raleigh.

Rev. James Thomas of Wilson, N. C., is in the city the guest of his brother Congressman Thomas.

Miss Sadie Moore returned Sunday after several weeks absence at New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk.

Messrs. "Donnie and Gov." Hutchinson were here yesterday. They met a number of old friends who were glad to see them.

Miss Octavia Hughes returned to St. Mary's Institute in Raleigh, Monday morning after a few days visit at her home here.

Mr. T. J. Crocker the clever chief clerk of the Yarrowbrough Hotel Raleigh is in the city visiting Mr. W. H. Hervey of the Chattawks.

THE VALUE OF EXPERT TREATMENT.

Everyone who is afflicted with a chronic disease experiences great difficulty in having their case intelligently treated by the average physician. These diseases can only be cured by a specialist who understands them thoroughly. Dr. J. Newton Hathaway of Atlanta, Ga. is acknowledged the most skillful and successful specialist in the United States. Write him for his expert opinion of your case, for which he makes no charge.

NEW BERN PRODUCE MARKET WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Eggs, per doz. 18c  
Chickens, old per pair .60 & 70  
" young per pr. .30 & 40  
Pork, per lb. .09 & 10  
Beef, " " .05 & 6  
Hides, green, per lb. .05  
" dry, " .09 & 10  
Beeswax, " .20 to 25  
Corn, per bush. .65  
Oats, " .55c  
Peas, " .45  
Potatoes, Yams, .45  
Bahamas, .40

Local Grain Market.  
Corn, per bu. \$ .65  
Oats per bu. .50  
Meal, per bu. .35  
Flouring, per bu. .55  
Corn bran, per 100 lbs. 1.25  
Wheat bran, per 100 lbs. 1.40  
Feed, 100 lbs. 1.50  
Cotton seed meal, 100 lbs. 1.50  
Cotton seed 4 balls, 100 lbs. 1.50  
Ship stuff, 100 lbs. 1.50  
No. 1 Tim. stuy, per ton. 20.00

A thorough cleanser

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Hackburn SAYS: If you are dissatisfied about your shoes and cannot decide what to get GO TO HIS STORES and ask to see the Dorothy Dodd Shoes for ladies, they have all the New Shapes and Styles, they are only \$3.00. Just Received a New line of the Victoria Shoes. This shoe is well known by all the ladies and the price is only \$2.00 Best Values in the City Or Money Refunded. Ziegler's Shoes at \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00, in all the late styles. Agent for Thos. G. Plant shoes.

Christmas Is Coming And McSORLEY is prepared for it already, with a Complete Stock of TOYS, FIREWORKS, CONFECTIONERIES, Etc. When in New Bern don't fail to call on McSorley and examine his Xmas Goods Everything New and Cheap. Don't Forget the place McSorley's, Cor. Pollock & Middle Sts., NEW BERN, N. C.

Tucker Bros., Wilmington, N. C., THE PLACE TO BUY YOUR Monuments, Headstones, and all Cemetery Work at Bottom Prices. Branch yard at Goldsboro, N. C.

BROOMS, BROOMS. If you want one why not buy a good one and save money. We have recently received a new stock of Brooms which you will find to be up-to-date both in quality and price. Also New Mince Meat just in, Atmore's Keystone, which you know is very fine, 10c per pound. We carry everything kept in a Grocery store, and will be glad to have some of your orders. Respectfully, McGehee & Willis, Broad St. Phone 137

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