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Suggestion to Mr. Cobb

Irvin S. Cobb says that what North Carolina needs most is a capable press agent. It seems to us that he, by his article in the November issue of *Hearst's International*, has himself qualified as a master at the job. Since he declares this state to be about the best place in the world to live, the superb cooking of pig being not the least of its attractions, we suggest that he come and settle here and be our press agent. The scheme has many advantages. One is that Mr. Cobb, with his ability to get in the neighborhood of 25 cents a word—it may be more—for anything he writes will be sure of a splendid income whether the state pays him a salary or not. He will enjoy the North Carolina climate, scenery, and barbecues, and we will enjoy both his presence and the fame he will give us. A perfect arrangement all around.

Good for the Playmakers!

It was a happy idea of the Carolina Playmakers to present "The Taming of the Shrew." The performance at the Forest Theatre in Battle's Park a few days ago was without a doubt a genuine success. Mr. Koch, in the role of the tamer, justified the high hopes of his audience. His voice carried perfectly to the remotest corner of the amphitheatre—a virtue that is not as common among actors as it should be—and he endowed Petruchio with all the insolence and swaggering boastfulness that a proper Petruchio should display. And Mrs. Moore and the rest of the company supported him well. For the costuming and other details of production George Denny deserves a good share of credit.

Passing rapidly from one duty or pleasure to another, with the football games and all the other events that crowd upon another in the busy life of the University, all of us are prone to give too little thought to the days upon days of hard work—the infinite care and patience—that go into the preparation of such a spectacle as this. The achievement becomes all the more creditable when one considers that the job was done in the space of less than four weeks.

While we applaud the record of the Playmakers and are proud of what they have done for the University in the way of encouragement to the creation of a distinctive drama, we must confess to a belief that at times they have over-exalted gloom at the expense of gladness. The tragedy of miserable, poverty-stricken creatures, moaning their lives away in desolate mountain huts and mill-town shanties, has been fittingly portrayed. And the rough side of existence will continue, as it should, to be reflected by the Playmakers' art. But an admixture of cheerfulness is welcome. A year or so ago the programs began to be lightened up, and the Playmakers have been better for it. It is well that they are presenting comedies and farce-comedies written by the students here, and we should like to see them give once or twice every year some play that has established itself as a winner on the professional stage. If they live up to the standard set in this most recent performance they will not fail to keep the public good-will which is so abundantly theirs today.

A CHARMED LIFE

The most remarkable thing about the achievement of the eleven-year-old boy who got to the edge of the city in his efforts to run away is that he got so far without being struck by an automobile—Indianapolis News.

Random Shots

BY HALIFAX JONES

When I read the words "Cold Prevention" in the headline of a News and Observer editorial the other day my heart leapt within me for delight. I thought I was to learn of some scientific discovery that was going to prevent cold weather, but I found it was not the weather they were talking about, but colds, the ailment.

I detest winter time. The prospect of it is so disagreeable that these perfect days of fall are half spoiled for me because I know they are the fore-runners of the season of dreariness and blight—of leafless trees and ashen skies and overcoats and rubbers and furnace vagaries and frozen golf courses and (hereabouts) muddy sidewalks.

Someone will be saying: "But you don't have to have muddy sidewalks." Maybe not. But the town I live in does have 'em, and although there is always a lot of talk about their being fixed up, they never are. So I feel I can look forward to this evil as a certainty along with the others.

The people who believe in a hell would scare me a lot worse if they pictured it as eternal winter.

I realize I am ungrateful to kick on the winters where I am now, for I once lived in New York and they are many times more disagreeable there. And there the winter has the fault of running right on through the months that are falsely called spring. Here, praise be to heaven, the curse is hardly more than half as long, and nature puts on her clothing and becomes again respectable early in March instead of late in May.

The Greensboro News has been having editorials about the "bunk in baseball," alluding to the fanciful theories of the distinguished reporters, Grantland Rice and others, as to the strategy of the game. The Durham Herald takes the News to task, suggesting that somebody in the News office must be a Giant fan, peevish at the outcome of the series and eager to take it out on the baseball scribes.

Both of the newspapers agree that baseball is a great game—and there, it seems to me, is where they are both mistaken. They are cherishing an ancient fallacy. As a game baseball is not only not great, it is singularly uninteresting. Count up the time elapsed from the beginning to the end of the nine innings, and I believe you will find that the proportion of thrilling moments to dull ones is lower than in any other sport. Acute partisanship gives any sort of competition flavor—mumbledy-peg or throwing horseshoes or anything else would excite you if you were sufficiently worked up about who was going to win, and so does baseball. I can understand how students and alumni of Wake Forest and Trinity, of Carolina and Virginia, of Yale and Harvard, get big fun out of their college games. But professional ball, the spectacle of bands of hired men playing a dull game for money—there are many better things to look at than this.

More genuine thrills come from even a mediocre game of football than are imparted by all the games played in a week by the National and American baseball leagues.

Some sixty years ago Amer-

ica had no national game, and it needed one. The era of sport was coming on, and there were thousands upon thousands of people who demanded contests to look upon while they cracked peanuts or busied themselves with some other occupation requiring about that much physical exertion. Baseball was invented, and there being no other sports to choose from, took the prize by default. Ever since, the myth of its virtues has been sedulously cultivated. We make fun of the English—to be thankful to clever reportmen's cricket, but it is fully as exciting as baseball. We oughters who can give to our national game an interest it does not possess in itself.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of power conferred upon me in an order of the Superior Court of Orange County, in the proceeding entitled N. Rosenstein versus Lonnie DeGraffenreid and Mack DeGraffenreid, I will on **MONDAY THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1923, AT 12 O'CLOCK M.**, at the court house door in Hillsboro, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following land, to-wit:

Adjoining the lands of A. D. Barnes and others, BEGINNING in the center of the New Ridge Road, said DeGraffenreid's corner, and running with his line South 2 degrees E. 21 chains and 15 links to his corner and corner of Crabtree heirs tract; hence with their line South 2 degrees East 3 chains and 35 links to Rocks and pointers, Ed. Jones' northwest corner; thence with his line East 20 chains and 81 links to a rock, Ed. Jones' northeast corner; thence N. 2 degrees West with A. D. Barnes's line 27 chains and 12 links to the center of the New Ridge Road; thence with said Road West 22 chains and 16 links to the first station, containing 50 acres, and being the same land conveyed to Mack DeGraffenreid, and Lonnie DeGraffenreid by deed of L. H. Hackney and wife, dated October 20th, 1911, registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Orange County in Book 64, page 323. This the 2nd, day of October, 1923. **W. J. BROGDEN, Commissioner.** The terms of sale cash.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power conferred upon me in a certain deed of trust, executed to me by Fred Merritt and wife, Corrie Merritt, dated January 1, 1920, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Orange County in book 61, page 52, to secure the indebtedness therein described, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, and having been requested to do so by the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness, I will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the post office door in Chapel Hill, N. C., at 12:00 o'clock, M., on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1923**, the following described land, to-wit:

Lying and being in Chapel Hill township, Orange county, N. C., adjoining the lands of Elizabeth Snipes, Church street and others, Lot No. 1—Lying and being on the west side of Church street in the town of Chapel Hill, known as the Fred Merritt lot, bounded on the north by the lands of Elizabeth Snipes, on the west by the lands of Thomas Atwater, on the south by the Ell Merritt lot, and on the east by Church street. Lot No. 2—Lying and being on the west side of Church street in the town of Chapel Hill, known as the Ell Merritt lot, bounded on the north by the above lot, on the east by Church street, on the south by the lands of Charles Brooks, and on the west by the lands of Thomas Atwater.

Both of the above lots contain, each, one-quarter of an acre, more or less. See Mortgage book 46, page 393, of Orange county.

Being the same lands conveyed by Orange Trust Company to Henry Lloyd by deed dated Nov. 12, 1916, recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Orange county in book _____, page _____, and conveyed by Henry Lloyd to R. A. Eubanks by deed dated December 11, 1919, recorded in said register's office in book _____, page _____, and conveyed by R. A. Eubanks and wife to Fred Merritt by deed dated January 1, 1920, recorded in said register's office in book _____, page _____.

But this conveyance is made subject to the dower rights of Nancy Lloyd, wife of Henry Lloyd, who refused to join in the execution of said Lloyd's deed to R. A. Eubanks, and the warranties and covenants hereinafter entered into are made subject to this provision.

Sale will be held open for ten days to receive increase bids. This the 22nd day of October, 1923. **W. S. ROBERSON, Trustee.**

NOTICE OF RE-SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Under and by virtue of an order of Charles Strayhorn, clerk of the superior court of Orange county, made the 22nd of October, 1923, ordering the re-sale of the land described below the same was advertised for sale at public auction, on October 13, 1923, at the court house door in the town of Hillsboro, N. C., and continued until October 20, 1923, and after due advertisement, of said continuance was on Saturday, October 20, 1923, offered for sale at public auction, at the court house door in Hillsboro, N. C., and the said sale having been immediately reported to the clerk of the superior court of Orange county, and a ten per cent bid having been placed thereon and an order of re-sale having been made, said order providing that the bid on the new sale shall start at \$405.00, and under and by virtue of the power conferred upon me in a certain deed of trust, executed to me by Della Minor and her husband, Ben Minor, and Charles H. Minor, dated August 24, 1922, recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Orange county, in book 65, page 146, to secure the payment of certain indebtedness therein described, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, and having been requested to do so by the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness, I will sell at public auction for cash, to the highest bidder, at the court house door in the town of Hillsboro, N. C., at 12:00 o'clock M., on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1923**, the following described land, to-wit:

Lying and being in Bingham township, Orange county, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. D. Webb and others, beginning at a point in the Chapel Hill road at Pine Pointers; thence a new line N. 10 chains and 22 links to Pointers; thence N. 85° E. passing over Spring 2 chains and 22 links to Pointers on the Spring Branch; thence down said branch as it meanders 5 1/2 chains to a rock and red oak pointer on the north side of the graded road, a corner of the west tract; thence with graded road N. 61 degrees W. 3 chains to rocks in old road; thence with said road N. 63 1/2 degrees W. 1 chain and 20 links to a rock in old road; thence N. 57 degrees W. 5 chains to rock on old road; thence N. 44 1/2 degrees W. 4 chains to stake in the graded road; thence with graded road west 13 1/2 chains to a stake at intersection of an old road called in the deeds the meeting house path; thence S. with said road 26 chains and 66 links to Pointers to center of said road, J. D. Webb's corner; thence with his line S. 5 chains and 44 links to two white oak pointers and Flint on N. side of the Chapel Hill road, J. D. Webb's corner; thence east with said road 17 chains and 72 links to the first station, containing 60 acres as surveyed by Jas. O. Webb, surveyor, April 16, 1921, being the same land conveyed by W. M. Nissen and wife to W. D. Tilley by deed dated May 18, 1920, registered in the office of the register of deeds of Orange county in book 76, page 246, and conveyed by Jno. B. Baker to W. D. Tilley by deed dated _____, registered in said register's office in book _____, page _____, and conveyed by W. M. Nissen or George W. Nissen Wagon Co. to John B. Baker by deed dated March 20, 1920, registered in said register's office in book 77, Page 466, and conveyed by W. H. Thompson and wife to George E. Nissen Wagon Co., July 2, 1918, registered in said register's office in book _____, page _____, and being the same land conveyed to Z. P. Crawford by deed of W. D. Tilley dated September 25, 1920, registered in said register's office in book 78, page 244, and conveyed to Della Minor and Chas. H. Minor by deed of Z. P. Crawford and wife, dated April 18, 1921, registered in book 78, page 508.

Sale will be held open for ten days to receive increase bids. Bid for new sale will start at \$405.00. This the 23rd day of October, 1923. **W. S. ROBERSON, Trustee.** ROBERSON & WHITFIELD, Attys. Chapel Hill, N. C.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS' RE-SALE OF NEVILLE PROPERTY

An increased bid of five per cent having been made upon the bid heretofore made in this course, the undersigned, under and by virtue of an order made in the action entitled "Walter Neville vs. Texanna Neville," pending in the Superior Court of Orange County, will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder on the premises in Chapel Hill, N. C., on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1923, AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON**, the house and lot hereinafter described, to-wit:

Lying and being on the South side of Franklin Street in the Town of Chapel Hill, N. C., adjoining the lands of Hester Taylor and others, and bounds as follows: Lot No. 3: Beginning at a stake on an alley, fourth corner of lot No. 4, and running S. 27 deg. E. 156 feet to a hedge; thence with said hedge 54 feet to a stake; thence N. 27 deg. W. 184.5 feet to a stake on an alley; thence N. 61 deg. E. 54 feet to the beginning, containing 0.232 acres, more or less, and being the same lot conveyed to J. H. Sellers by deed of J. L. Morehead, Commissioner of the

Superior Court, in Special Proceed- Sale will be held open for ten ing entitled "J. L. Morehead, Admr. days to receive increased bids. of Allen Edwards, deceased, vs. Rena This the 15th day of October, Edwards et al.," recorded in the office 1923. of the Register of Deeds of Orange H. A. WHITFIELD AND R. O. County in Book _____, Page _____, **EVERETT, COMMISSIONERS**

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