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Sunlight and good temper are so nearly related that it is hardly a figure of speech to speak of a sunny disposition or a sunny smile; sunny seems the plainest, simplest and most natural word for the fact. Good-tempered, gay and genial people, too, generally love the actual sun, and wish to have abundant light and color about them.

Charles Dickens delighted in color to the verge of gaudiness. He could hardly restrain his exuberant taste to the modest hues demanded in a gentleman's attire, while in his home he revelled in wide windows, bright tints, large mirrors and plenty of flowers, scarlet geraniums being his favorites. Red, wherever it was possible to use it, was the color of his choice.

Sydney Smith rejoiced in a burst of sunlight. "Glorify the room, Saba!" he would cry cheerily to his daughter when he came down-stairs in the morning and wished the curtains drawn aside.

Lydia Maria Child's pleasure in the flowers, the pictures and the little ornaments of her home was endless; enriched as they were by abundant sunshine broken here and there into rainbows by prisms which she had so arranged as to send gleams of green, violet and orange gliding and dancing over the plain walls and ceiling in the beauty of which her eye never wearied.

She used to laugh contentedly at her own daily satisfaction in such trifles, and fear that people would think her childish. But her prisms, as a friend once truly said, were like her own clear and beautiful soul, which gathered to itself the cheer and happiness of every-day, and transmuted common blessings into something rare and precious—the sunny presence which carries with it, wherever it goes, kindness, warmth and comfort.

"Folks make so little of sunlight," said a poor woman, shaking her head, "folks that can have all they want of it; they don't know what it's worth."

She was a woman whose work was done in an upper room, very poor and bare, in a squalid neighborhood in the city; but from her high window she had received every day for several years the full glory of the morning sun; then a great tenement building of many flats was built near by and shut it out. It was a sore blow, and at first she hardly knew how she should bear it, she missed the light and warmth so bitterly.

"But," she added, triumphantly, "there's a way to better most things, if a body can find it; and one day in the winter, when I was just thinking what a deal of sunshine was wasted on that great flat roof, where it did no good, it popped into my head that it might do good, after all, if somebody set about letting it.

"So I made friends with some of the folks in the house, and we talked; and then with more of 'em, and talked; and one day I met the owner there and talked; and sure enough, by spring they'd taken up with my notion, the whole of 'em, and they went at it together, and a prettier garden than they have up there to-day you never saw! Ah, 'tis a beauty—flowers and sun all day long, and every breath of coolness whichever way it blows!

"Sure, a roof garden is better than a bit of sun for one poor old woman; and then the friends I've made out of it! And hardly a day all summer that I've not a flower or bunch of posies the children bring for my little jug there; and once in a while, when I'm not too tired, I climb up and see the place for myself; but not very often, for the shake in my knees after so many stairs.

"But even when I do miss my own sun a little, and the jug is empty, it is worth while just to look out of my window and see the bits of vines waving down over the eaves, with a glint of red in it, maybe, here and there, as it comes into bloom. A whole garden up there—and half mine, for I started it!"

That was a woman who had opened the windows of her soul to let in the day.

A Struggle for Appearance. Young People's Leader.

A St. Louis paper relates an instance of the pride of a child who struggled to keep up appearances in a way that was touching to witness. The hopelessness of the endeavor was made painfully manifest by the well-meant action of her teacher, and the facts are these:

Just before the close of the last session of the public schools of that city, an incident took place which, as an illustration, is more than touching. At one of the schools, numbers of pupils were in the habit of bringing a luncheon with them, which at noon they ate together. Among those who did not go home to dinner, the teacher in a particular room noticed a little girl who always sat looking wistfully at her playmates when they went out with their luncheon, but who never brought any herself.

The child was always neatly but very poorly clad, and one of the closest students in school hours. This odd action of the child's lasted for some time, when one day the teacher noticed that the little thing had apparently brought her dinner with her. The noon hour came, and the children took their lunch as usual and went out to eat it, the little girl referred to alone remaining in the room, with her dinner wrapped up in a paper on her desk before her. The teacher advanced to the child and asked her why she didn't go out with the rest, at the same time putting out her hand toward the package on the desk. Quick as thought the little girl clasped her hands over it and exclaimed, sobbing: "Don't touch it, teacher, and don't tell, please! It's only blocks!"

And that was the fact. Having no dinner to bring, and too proud to reveal the poverty of her family the child had carefully wrapped up a number of small blocks in paper and brought the package to present the appearance of a lunch! It was nothing, a mere ridiculous incident in school life; but it was sufficient to make wiser and older hearts than hers sad.

Some Curious Postoffices in this State.

Person county leads with the shortest named postoffice—"A," though Forsyth county is neck and neck with "O. K."

"Grover is very properly located in Cleveland county, and "Jugtown" likewise in Catawba. "Democrat" is in Buncombe county, but no Republican shows up—though Bladen has a "Pop-li."

Craven county holds the old "Bachelor," and Catawba the "Maiden," while another "Blooming Lady" looks on from Columbus county, and sighs for "Matrimony" away up in Rockingham.

"Eli" got there in Rowan county and Randolph says "Why Not?" The beloved Senator Vance will ever be remembered by "Zeb" in Rowan county, and "Vance" in Iredell; and "Nat Moore" has "perpetuated" his name on the people of Bladen.

Union county has a "Niggerhead;" Duplin has "Chinquapin;" Rowan has "Organ Church;" Wilson has "Barefoot," and Robeson has "Shoehel." "Paradise" is located in Richmond county, and it is probably not very well known that "Purgatory" is so near as Duplin county.

Almost the entire Greek alphabet is scattered over the State—the "Alpha" and "Omega" both being in Rowan county. Tyrrell county used to have a postoffice named "Frying Pan," but they thought the name common-place and had it changed to "Gum Neck."

"Durham county is all "Hunkadora," while "Greenback" is in Warren and "Money" in Henderson. "Short Off" is in Macon county; "Shinville" in Iredell; "Finger" in Stanly; "Eve" very appropriately, in Wake county. But, why is "Lul" in Wake county, and why is Choconinity" in Beaufort county?

Official Vote of North Carolina.

The vote of the State by Counties in 1892 for Governor, and for Treasurer in 1894, was as follows:

COUNTIES.	1892	1894
Alamance	1738	1199
Alexander	587	436
Alleghany	814	238
Anson	1348	263
Ashe	1390	1416
Beaufort	1919	1510
Bertie	1698	1322
Bladen	1292	904
Brunswick	767	140
Buncombe	3584	3140
Burke	1426	1075
Cabarrus	1442	620
Caldwell	1195	582
Camden	496	499
Carteret	1944	550
Caswell	951	1498
Catawba	1743	665
Chatham	1609	372
Cherokee	687	804
Chowan	679	793
Clay	373	253
Cleveland	1799	600
Columbus	1618	755
Craven	2483	1657
Cumberland	2389	1001
Currituck	820	386
Dare	332	331
Davidson	1928	1830
Davie	738	1073
Duplin	1502	970
Durham	1500	1233
Edgecombe	1760	1074
Forsyth	2903	2377
Franklin	1786	890
Gaston	1634	1146
Gates	889	545
Graham	323	260
Granville	1406	1589
Greene	1035	567
Guilford	2815	2500
Halifax	3328	1124
Harnett	1242	567
Haywood	1507	949
Henderson	842	1172
Hertford	665	867
Hyde	864	14
Iredell	2274	1500
Jackson	966	576
Johnson	3145	917
Jones	659	807
Lenoir	1426	943
Lincoln	992	563
Macon	850	520
Madison	1135	1805
Martin	1485	1009
McDowell	1062	732
Mecklenburg	3887	1961
Mitchell	714	1311
Montgomery	988	834
Moore	1693	1373
Nash	1081	347
New Hanover	2447	1826
Northampton	1455	1027
Onslow	1177	298
Orange	1117	875
Pamlico	497	413
Parquetank	869	1216
Pender	901	957
Perquimans	521	816
Person	1259	1404
Pitt	2083	1123
Polk	507	563
Randolph	2113	1870
Richmond	1740	1074
Robeson	2270	1121
Rockingham	1881	1881
Rowan	2327	848
Rutherford	1799	1550
Sampson	1370	1266
Stanly	1079	270
Stokes	1230	1570
Surry	1998	1683
Swain	580	395
Transylvania	522	506
Tyrrell	248	275
Union	1827	475
Vance	930	1801
Wake	3792	1674
Warren	802	1295
Washington	576	423
Watauga	928	829
Wayne	2283	1580
Wilkes	1755	1921
Wilson	2032	406
Yadkin	1044	1234
Yancey	917	601
Total	135519	94684

Worth's majority, 21036. *Tickets thrown out. In 1892, Wyatt P. Exum, Populist, for Governor, received 47,840 votes, and James M. Templeton, Prohibitionists, received 2,457 votes.

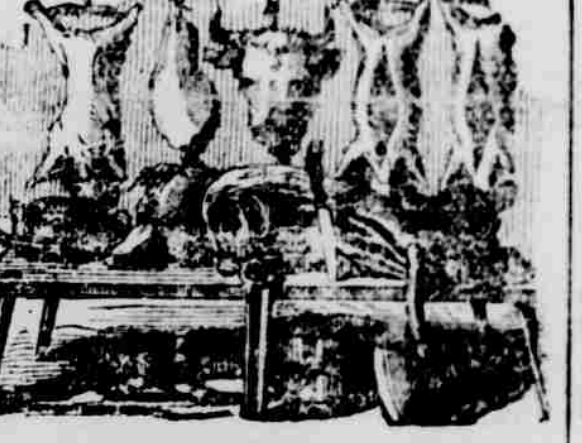


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