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A WATCH IN THE NIGHT.

From Young's Companion. In the long dim night, if you cannot sleep, Don't fall to counting the dreamland sheep.

They follow their leader fast and faint Over the hedge in a dizzy train, But they have no power to drive away The haunting ghosts of the weary day.

Cease, if you can, from adding lines, Of curveying figures, sevens, nines, Sixes, elevens, till by and by, Like a cloud of notes in a summer sky, You could brush them away, but back they'd creep,

And never, never would bring you sleep, And, whoever may bid you, do not say The verses you learned in your childhood's day, Over and over, until full fain, You wish you were merely a child again,

With a head that at touch of the pillow knew The tender dropping of slumber's dew. But, dear, just think of the forest pool Where the ferns stand close on the edges cool,

Where the whispering willows bend and lave, And the lisp is heard of the rippling wave. Hark to the wind in the pine-tree tops, To the syllable murmur in grove and copse,

Shutting your eyes, drift out to sea, Where the stars look down and the sails float free, And the waters will croon you a drowsy tune, And the lulling of slumber will reach you soon.

Or, think, if you will, of the sweet green grass, Acres and acres where no feed pass, Of daisies and clover, that over and over The zephyrs kiss, with the heart of a lover,

Of dunes that are billowy 'neath the sun, Where the skylark stoops when his song is done. Or ever you know it, unaware, The angel of sleep will find you there, Will sift his poppies above your head, And rock you as if in a cradle bed;

And, hushing and hiding, will bery you deep In the wonderful, beautiful cave of sleep, And you'll never wake till the new day's dawn, When the watch of the dark, dull night is gone.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

INVENTOR—"I've hit a money making thing at last. The preachers will go crazy over it, and it will sell like hot cakes. It's a church contribution box."

Friend—"What good is that?" Inventor—"It's a triumph. The coins fall through slots of different sizes, and all dollars, halves, quarters, and dimes, land on velvet; but the nickles, and pennies, drop on to a Chinese gong."—Ex.

Pretty Calendar.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Calendar for 1895 is out and may be obtained at the drug stores. It is one of the most beautiful that the firm has ever issued and the edition was the largest ever printed by any one concern, being over ten millions of copies. There are two faces on the calendar, both of children, representing "Summer" and "Winter." The design was by one of the most gifted artists in the country, and the coloring is most exquisite. The calendar is not only beautiful, but it is also useful, as it presents all the desired information concerning astronomical events during the year. If your druggist does not have Hood's Sarsaparilla Calendar it may be obtained by sending six cents in stamps to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

SHORTHAND IN OLD TIMES.

The Greeks, the Romans, And the English of Queen Bess' Time Had it.

The art of "brachygraphie," or shorthand, as we call it now, is by no means a modern invention, says the New York Post. Even the Greeks and Romans had their system of abbreviating language, using it to take down public speeches. By the time of the renaissance the art had grown to considerable proportions. England has always cast a more favorable eye on the system than any other country, and in the days of Queen Bess stenographers were plentiful.

They were not, however, contented with reporting merely speeches and sermons, but copied down the dramas of the time and always got credit for their theft, owing to the miserable copyright laws. It is not surprising then that John Webster should make Santilla in the court-room scene of the "Devil's Law Case," exclaim:

"Do you hear, officers, You must take special care that you let in No brachygraphie men."

Surely the circumstances must have been exasperating to those sturdy old dramatists if such lines as the following of Thomas Heywood in the prologue of "Queen Elizabeth" are true. He says the play

"Did through the seats, the boxes and the stage, So much that some by stonography drew A plot, put it in print, scarce one word true."

The mangled condition of many of our finest Elizabethan dramas can largely be attributed to these "brachygraphie" men. Of the systems of this time we have knowledge of but two, those of Timothy Bright and Peter Bales, but considerable is known of the life of these men.

Anonymous Writing.

Dr. Pritchard in Charlotte Observer.

"Stat nominis umbra." This was the shadowy title of "Junius," the great unknown, who after a hundred years of careful research is still undiscovered. I once thought that Macaulay had conclusively shown, in his paper on Hastings, that Sir Philip Francis was "Junius," but further and fuller examination has proven that he was mistaken. Beyond all question, "Junius" was a great writer; his letters have quietly taken their place among the classics of the English language, but so far as I am individually concerned I can have no respect for his memory. He was, in my judgment, a cowardly assassin, who stabbed character in the dark, and deserves the execration, rather than the praise of men. He vilified his king to such an extent that Edmund Burke said, in open Parliament, that it made his blood run cold; he traduced private character, paraded before the public family secrets and misfortunes, with which neither he nor the public had any business; he maligned some of the best men of his day, and slandered their virtues, as, for instance, his merciless abuse of Lord Hansfield for certain interpretation of law as posterity has recorded his chief glory. I have no question but that the influence of "Junius" has been most pernicious on English society. And all this leads me to say that I question the propriety of anonymous writing, and even its morality, where personal character is involved. I have never in my life, and I have been writing for newspapers for forty years, written an article to which I did not sign my own name, and even when associate editor, I have always put my initials to everything I wrote, and this I think the honorable thing to do. It is so easy for writers to leave the real issues of any matter and descend to personalities—the "argumentum ad hominem" is not only easier but sweeter than any other sort of argument, and when a man hides himself under a "nom de plume" he is apt to say things that he would not dare to say over his own name. There may be cases in which it is allowable to conceal the writer's personal character, but they are very rare, and I give it as my deliberate opinion, after a good deal of reflection on the subject, that it is a species of immorality for one to reflect personally on his neighbor from ambush.

Curious Newspaper.

London Press News.

Curious newspapers by themselves form a readable chapter in the history of journalism. Here are a few samples. The largest paper ever published was (or is, for the promoters have the preposterous intention of bringing it out once every century) the Illustrated Quadruple Constellation.

The first number came out in 1858, consequently No. 2 is due 1958. It measured eight feet long by six feet wide; price, two shillings. The first number did not contain a single advertisement.

The smallest newspaper in the world is El Telegrama, published in Mexico, exactly four inches square.

In Japan, the Shi Gyo Shu Den Kwai Zasshi is printed with its sheets or leaves of different colors. The title is printed on white paper; the inside leaves are printed on various bright colored—green, orange and yellow. It is not printed on both sides, but each sheet is folded at the fore-edge, not at the back, as in this country, and the printing is done on the first and fourth pages. It is about the size of a crown octavo pamphlet.

The Austrian Fortnightly Review is a unique literary publication, in that it has contributors in almost every land, and each article is printed in the native language of the writer.

The City of Roman Express was a little paper printed and published on board an Atlantic liner. Every voyage it made its appearance, price 62c a copy, and had a circulation of 400.

Hora Jocunda is a useful monthly periodical for the blind, printed in Edinburgh, from the "Braille" type and all engaged in its production are blind.

The credit of having the smallest circulation in the world belongs to the Imperial Gazette, Berlin, of which two copies are printed daily. This exclusive publication is intended for the perusal of the Emperor alone.

In Turin is a paper printed with an ink that becomes luminous in the dark, so that the matter may be read without the assistance of artificial light.

At Prince Albert, a township in the Northwest Canada, a weekly newspaper appears in the handwriting of its proprietor, who is also his own editor, reporter, printer and advertising agent. The paper appears in violet ink from a gelatine hectograph, and is said to be widely read, and is often quoted by the printed papers.

In France, M. Pol Martinet, the editor of the daily farthing newspaper published in Paris, has overcome the difficulty presented by the absence of the farthing from the French coinage. It is printed on alternate mornings on paper of two different colors. The purchaser, therefore, pays a half-penny for one day's color, and receives on the next the other color in exchange.

Likes North Carolina.

Joseph Daniels in News & Observer.

The most enthusiastic lover of North Carolina I have met in a long time is a lady who has spent some time in Polk county and made some investments there. She was passing through Washington, heard that I was a North Carolinian proud of the State, and said she came to see me because she wanted to talk to some one who shared her enthusiasm. "There is no place in the world like it," she said, "and no climate so positively delicious, and no people so frank, clever and hospitable. I believe it is destined to hold a vast population attracted there in the pursuit of health and fortune." She is right.

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A CURIOUS CLOCK.

It Was Made by a German Artist Who Worked at It Six Years.

N. Y. Sunday Advertiser.

A curious clock has been made by a clock-maker at Warsaw, named Goldfaden, who has worked at it six years. The clock represents a railway station, with waiting rooms for the traveler, telegraph and ticket offices, a very pretty, well lighted platform and a flower garden, in the center of which is a sprinkling fountain of clear water. Past the railway station run the lines. There are also signal boxes, signals, lights and reservoirs—in fact, everything that belongs to a railway station, to the smallest detail.

In the cupola of the central tower is a clock which shows the time of the place; two clocks in the side cupolas show the time at New York and Pekin, and on the two outermost towers are a calendar and a barometer. Every quarter of an hour the station begins to show signs of life. First of all, the telegraph official begins to work. He despatches a telegram stating that the line is clear. The doors open, and on the platform appear the station master and his assistant; the clerk is seen at the window of the ticket office, and the portmen come out of their boxes and close the barriers.

A long line of people forms at the ticket office to buy tickets; porters carry luggage; the bell is rung, and then out of the tunnel comes a train, rushing into the station, and, after the engine has given a shrill whistle, stops. A workman goes from carriage to carriage and tests the axles with a hammer. Another pumps water into the boiler of the engine. After the third signal with the bell the engine whistles and the train disappears in the opposite tunnel; the station master and his assistant leave the platform, and the doors of the waiting room close behind them; the portmen return into their boxes, and perfect stillness prevails till, in a quarter of an hour, the whole is repeated.

1000 Head of Cattle.

Charlotte Penny Post.

The Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Company has commenced receiving 1,000 head of cattle to be fattened with cotton meal and hulls on the Burns farm, recently purchased. This farm adjoins the large tract upon which is located their immense plant. From an interview published in the Constitution, we learn that the Messrs. Oliver expect to fatten 3,000 head at Charlotte and Atlanta. Owing to the lack of slaughtering facilities South, the fattened stock will be shipped North on the hoof.

It is interesting to take a few facts and figures in connection with this departure upon which results may be forecast. The average cost at Sitnon, Tex., is \$20.50 a head, freight about \$4.50, making \$25 a head delivered here. Now beehives have until recently, sold in Charlotte at 2c. per pound on foot, a 1,250 pound animal bringing \$25. It costs about 10c. per day, say, for seventy-five days to get the cattle in good, fat condition, making the total investment \$32.50 per head, which represents a 1,625 lb. cow in Charlotte. Again the animal costing 10c. per day must increase 5 lbs. per day, in weight, or 372 lbs. during the seventy-five days. All stockmen recognize the great value of cotton meal and hulls as cattle food, but heretofore no one has had the temerity to suggest that the cotton States might become a large source of food supply to the country. It looks that way now, we rejoice to say, and we believe that no more naturally favored region can be found.

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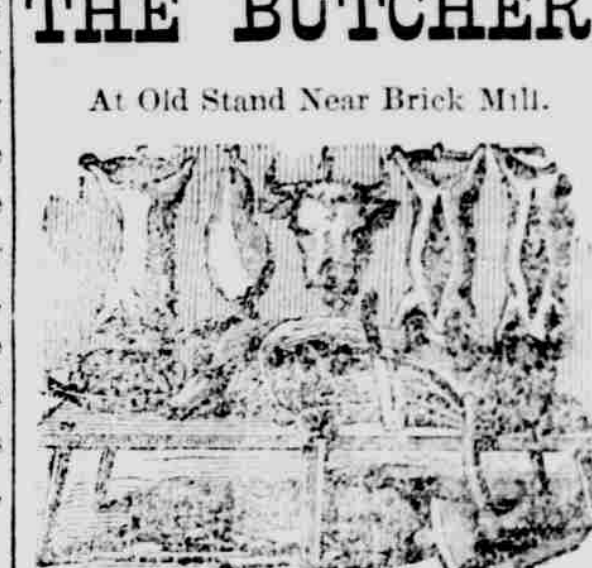
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