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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS. Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

At the annual reunion of the Confederate Veterans in Nashville, Tenn., last week, Gen. John B. Gordon was re-elected Commander in chief by acclamation.

The grand jubilee in honor of good queen Victoria last week, was an occasion that turned the heads of the people of every nation on the globe.

On Wednesday, June 23rd, "Stonewall" Jackson-Memorial Hall was dedicated at Lexington, Va.

Good home training will tell everywhere. We were recently in a crowd of people who were packed together promiscuously for a short while when a youth who perhaps thought that he would look more like a man if he would smoke, began to light a cigar.

Many people will recall the Charlie Ross mystery which excited the country nearly twenty-three years ago. His father, Mr. Christian K. Ross, has recently died.

A grand reception was given to the Daughters of the Confederacy in Nashville, Tenn., last week on the occasion of the reunion of Confederate Veterans.

In the midst of the business of the association the North Carolina delegation marched in, singing "The Old North State," a song composed by William Gaston.

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FEEBLE MINDED. A FAMILY HISTORY. Some Rambling Thoughts.

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Continuing our comments upon the question of the proper care of the feeble-minded, let me, in order to emphasize the demand for prompt and general action, make a lengthy mention of some facts set forth by E. P. Bicknell, Esq., Secretary of the Indiana State Board of Charities.

He says: "The great, threatening danger from the increase of feeble-mindedness, is the frequency, almost certainly, with which it is passed from parent to children."

In one of the southern Indiana counties is a family, of which from one to six members have been in the poor asylums at all times for thirty and probably forty years.

These children were named Mary, Margaret, Andrew and George Washington. The first wife died and in his old age this man married a second time, his second choice being also a feeble-minded woman.

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PIRATES OF CAROLINA. THE TERRORS OF THE SEAS.

These are now Things of the Past. W. C. Allen in Wilmington Messenger.

Restless and roving in his disposition Blackbeard could not long remain contented upon land. Accordingly to the sea he went with his followers, who were at all times under his guidance.

Governor Eden ordered a court of admiralty with Tobias Knight as judge to sit in Bath to decide upon the merits of the case. Evidence was taken from Blackbeard himself and some of his gang in support of the falsehood about finding the vessel adrift.

After the condemnation of the French ship by the court of admiralty at Bath, Blackbeard remained in Pamlico river and vicinity to continue his nefarious work.

At last the people of the province, becoming indignant at the high handed acts of the great outlaw, and thinking that Governor Eden was a secret accomplice of the pirate, appealed to Governor Spotswood, of Virginia, for protection.

"Where are these pictures?" queried the visitor; "may I see one of them?" And the old woman went to the old Bible, and there between the leaves lay the "pictures" that her son had been sending from America through all these years.

As Maynard's boat came in gunshot Teach opened upon him with all his guns. Maynard replied with effect, and the battle soon became bloody.

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An old woman in Scotland was living in abject poverty. Her neighbors thought it strange, knowing that she had a son in America reputed to be in comfortable circumstances.

"Does your son ever send you any money?" "No," reluctantly answered the mother; but eager to defend him against the implied charge of forgetfulness and ingratitude, she added, "But he writes me nice long letters and sends me pretty pictures in almost every one of them."

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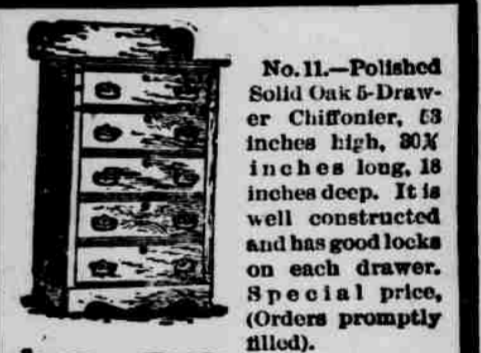
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