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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

When we read of suicides of young men who commit the rash act because of unrequited love, we feel sorry that they did not hear at the Red Spring's Sunday-school Chautauqua Rev. Mr. Brown's lecture on "Courtship."

And now railroad rails are made of paper in Russia and Germany. The seemingly impossible is coming to pass all the time.

And now the prediction that was made years ago seems to be coming true—that eggs will be manufactured very like the hen egg.

A remarkable preacher is reported in a Kentucky paper. His name is Tice Spear. He is eighty-seven years old and has been preaching sixty years.

One of the wonders of the age, especially to the people of the South, is the mysterious growth of the pension list.

The Norfolk Virginian gives the figures of the New York Sun that the army of pensioners is now between 30 and 40 per cent. larger than the fighting army at any time during the war.

It is worth while for young men to have regard to their opportunities. So many fail to see the opportunity in time!

All a young man has to do to make a grand success under such circumstances is to stand by his duty to his employer in everything.

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A CANOE ADVENTURE.

IN EASTERN CAROLINA.

Many Years Ago.

BY "SAND AND GRAVEL."

It is well to confess in the beginning that I always had a liking for adventure, but especially for adventures of that kind which seemed difficult of accomplishment, and if there was one which no one else dared undertake alone because of the supposed hazard attending it, it was this that had a charm for me, and I craved to undertake it.

Such an opportunity offered itself to me when I was quite a young man and was sojourning in the eastern part of North Carolina, where creeks, rivers and sounds are so numerous, and the light cypress canoe is found everywhere.

A map of those eastern counties will show that near the Southern border of Tyrrell county there are two rivers bearing the name of Alligator. One is called Great Alligator, the other Little Alligator.

No one, however, has been able to assign a valid reason for calling these two rivers Alligator, and it is left for the ingenuity of the modern explorer to find out what can have suggested the name, since no alligator has been either seen or heard of in all that scope of country from the days of Walter Raleigh until the present.

I am merely guessing at the distance when I assume that about half way, by the course of the stream, between its mouth at Albemarle Sound and its head in Hyde county, is Gum Neck landing. And Gum Neck landing was to be the point of embarkation.

Never having been one foot of the way between Gum Neck and my destination in Hyde county, nor having even been at the "Landing" itself, the whole trip promised to be a novelty, and I wonder to this day how I came to plan and persistently carry out such an adventure.

It was a clear, cloudless morning in June, when Col. Charles McLees, a kind friend, with buggy and horse, conveyed me from his house to the "Landing." I do not remember that

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the Colonel had ventured to make any discouraging remarks about my trip, and as he was a man of fine judgment I may have been encouraged by his silence, when his simple belief may have been that, after going a short distance and seeing how small a speck I was in that broad and deep river whose banks were hung in dense cypress and long moss, my heart would fail me and I would come back. But with the kind offices of the Colonel I was presently seated in a canoe of the ordinary build, armed with a paddle, and carrying a cloak, an umbrella, and a single lunch for dinner.

Just here another thought haunted me, for some one had told me the river in some places was seventy-feet deep! A slight tremor crept over me again and again as I thought of myself and my frail canoe dancing above such dark and mysterious depths, and my breathing, even, was quiet and cautious.

I should say, by way of explanation, that the waters of Great Alligator are so sluggish that there is really no appreciable current, and in ascending the stream in a canoe the tide seems no obstruction. But after propelling the canoe for several miles I discovered that a moderate breeze had sprung up behind me, and it occurred to me that by a skillful, cautious handling of the umbrella I might bring it to do me valuable service while I rested.

But with the aid of paddle and breeze I presently found myself at the noted place, "Kilkenny," nine miles from the point of starting. "Kilkenny," at that time, consisted of a small farm, situated on an elevated piece of ground, on the left bank of the river, and on landing and walking up to the modest looking farm house I saw no person and heard no human voices.

"Kilkenny" was the only human habitation at that time for a distance of twenty miles, as one goes up from Gum Neck toward the head of Great Alligator. On the right bank of the river a pine tree of no small interest was pointed out to travelers. It was known as the "Baptist Pine."

What You Would Like to Hear. What you would like to hear of a medicine is that it will either cure you, or you will get your money back.

them capable of bearing up a man's weight, so that landing places are rarely to be found, and in case a man found it necessary to take up camp by the way, he could hardly find a broader footing than the root of some tree, to which he might cling and "wish for the day." It was during a severe snow storm many years ago that a Baptist preacher, with his family and household goods, was making his way down to Gum Neck Landing.

Allowing Others to be Mistaken.

There are two kinds of mistakes; mistakes of moment and trivial mistakes. Undoubtedly the best service which one friend can render another is to save him from a mistake liable to be serious in its results.

Why do I love him, my noble Knight? It is because of his visage bright Or his strong right hand and his bounding health.

Thomas Jefferson's Monument.

An exchange points the following at the critics: "On Thomas Jefferson's monument stands the following inscription: 'Author of the Declaration of American Independence, of the Statute of Virginia for religious freedom, and Father of the University of Virginia.'

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ANOTHER TALK

TO LADS IN LOVE.

NEMO'S THIRD ARTICLE.

Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

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TO YOUNG MEN IN LOVE.—Some day, when you have toiled for her awhile longer, and gathered a reasonable amount of worldly goods for her protection and comfort, she will place her hand confidently in yours in the presence of witnesses.

My Knight.

Why do I love him, my noble Knight? It is because of his visage bright Or his strong right hand and his bounding health.

Why do I love him, my noble Knight? It is because of his wooing sweet Or the gifts that he flings at my favored feet?

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You smile at the old fable about the greedy dog that dropped a bone in order to snatch at its reflection in the water below.

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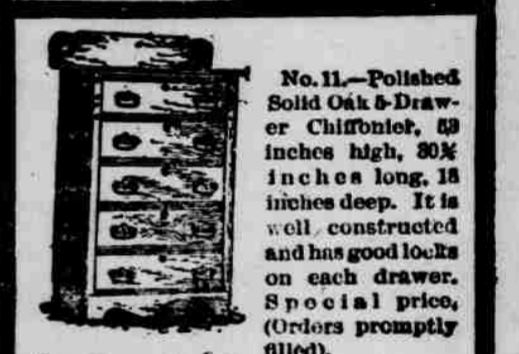
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