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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

BILL ARR has been to an old town in Mississippi named Tupelo which he finds prosperous and lively as against a state of being "pretty dead", as he puts it, when he was there twelve years ago. He says a cotton mill in the town and ten-cent cotton did the work for the old town, and that McKinley has had nothing to do with it.

Well, a good cotton mill and a ten-cent cotton market ought to hustle up any town.

So much for the presence of a cotton mill.

Senator Beveridge writes in the Saturday Evening Post that you cannot do much with people by giving advice. He says children have been advised for thousands and perhaps millions of years not to put their fingers into the fire; but children still persist in burning their fingers in the fire.

So some grown-up children will not allow you even to suggest to them what is good for them to have or to do. The spirit of true wisdom and worthy magnanimity is seen in the willingness to learn something new and good from any one.

The story of the South's advantages and opportunities is one that never gets old with THE COMMONWEALTH. One of the very best features about the South's opportunities is its fine climate. Almost every day in the year work can be done in the open air. Barring a few sharp cold spells now and then, the people of this region are able to work out doors almost all winter. These things considered in connection with the fertility of our soil, give encouragement to hope for yet greater and more rapid development. Southern resources are practically unbounded, and our people are already realizing it.

Perhaps partially in jest and perhaps partially in earnest the Goldsboro correspondent to the Wilmington Messenger writes as follows about the possibilities of bear grass:

"W. G. Hollowell, who remembers the August cyclone, was in town today. He says he 'sawed high, but hit the grit,' making a discovery. Finding no consolation in weeping over his defeat for the senate, he gathered himself together and put on his thinking cap. The result of his "think" he was displaying today. It was nothing more or less than beargrass fibre, which he claims is the thing for cotton bagging and a splendid substitute for the old hair mattress. He claims no land is too poor to produce beargrass, which, while a natural growth, can also be cultivated with great profit if reduced to fibre and put to the uses suggested. Lionel Weil and W. O. Gattis, it is thought, are in luck, for it is said they own a Duplin county beargrass farm, but didn't know what to do with it."

During the long and withering drought of last summer many people feared that the crops would come in very short. But the observation that has frequently been made, that the results from a drought are not so disastrous as those from too much rain, is true this year. Crops have averaged up much better than three or four months ago many thought they would; and with the good prices realized for them farmers are really in much better condition than they anticipated during the latter part of the summer. The farmer who has adhered to the policy urged by THE COMMONWEALTH for a dozen years—raised all home supplies needed—is now in good condition. To those who have not adopted this plan we say it is not too late. Let every farmer in the face of good prices for cotton and peanuts, set his plans for raising plenty of corn, potatoes, wheat and the like next year; and when the year closes he will have the money for his own crop and will not need to spend it for these things the following year.

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STATE NEWS.

Happenings Noted in A Week.

CULLED FROM EXCHANGES.

A special to the News and Observer from Gastonia says that on 28th at Gastonia, Page & Company's planing mill was burned at that place. The loss was \$10,000.

The Great Eastern railroad from Fremont to Snow Hill is progressing well. The rails have been shipped and tracklaying will soon commence. Snow Hill is expecting fine prosperity by reason of the coming of the railroad.

The Winston Sentinel says: A youth named Isaac Smothers, thirteen years old, was accidentally shot and killed by his companion, Will Rankin, aged eighteen, while the two were bird hunting near Reidsville Saturday. The dead boy is a son of a prominent farmer, while young Rankin is the son of the Sheriff of Rockingham.

News was sent out from Reidsville several days ago that there is a small-pox epidemic in Caswell county, near Yanceyville. One death was reported and twenty-five or thirty families had been exposed. A returned negro from West Virginia brought the disease. County physician Dr. Molloy handled the disease successfully last winter, and it is thought he will do so again.

Tarboro Southerner: Tuesday night some one went to the house of Reuben Cloman who lives on G. W. Howard's farm not far from Coakley, called him out and shot him, striking him in the hip and abdomen. The shot... is not known. After shooting him the scoundrel left, but fired three times more as he departed. Cloman's wounds are very serious.

A special from Wilkesbarre, Pa., said a few days ago: Word was received here tonight of the tragic death at Mebane, N. C., today of George F. Nesbitt, son of Abram Nesbitt, president of the Second national bank of Wilkesbarre, and probably the wealthiest man in this vicinity. Mr. Nesbitt left here a week ago on a hunting trip to North Carolina. The dispatch conveying the news of his death says he had left a colored attendant in the carriage in the woods and started off with his two dogs. Not returning as soon as expected the colored man became alarmed and started to search for him. He found Mr. Nesbitt's body a short distance away. The two dogs were standing over it. The supposition is that he fell and his gun was discharged, the load of shot entering his left side, causing instant death. Young Nesbitt graduated from Yale in 1887.

METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

News and Observer Nov. 30th: The Methodist Orphanage, of this city, was formerly opened for the reception of inmates yesterday. Bishop H. C. Morrison conducted the services. They were very simple, consisting of a chapter read by the bishop, a prayer, followed by a song and talk.

Bishop Morrison's remarks were very appropriate. He congratulated the church upon the completion of the institution. He spoke of the good that would be done by this work. The exercises took place in the orphanage building. The dedication will take place upon the completion of the new building. The building which has just been completed is a handsome brick, two story structure. In addition there is a basement and the building is surrounded by spacious porches. It has eleven rooms. On the first floor are the parlor, or reception room 20x20 feet, a school room 20x28, and library and reading room and matron's room. The rooms are finished with natural pine and are nicely furnished. The girls dormitory is 20x39 feet, and the boys dormitory is on the second floor. The rooms are furnished alike, and are of natural pine, hard finished. There are already about fifteen or twenty applicants for admission to the orphanage, and blanks have been sent to the applicants, but no children have yet been finally accepted. No children will be admitted who have relatives who are able to care for them.

Rev. J. W. Jenkins, president of the board of trustees, will act as superintendent.

Zachary and Zachary, of Raleigh, were the contractors.

Mrs. Ivan Proctor and her Sunday school class will furnish the parlor. The dormitories are fitted with white enamel iron bedsteads and woven-wire mattresses.

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Kermott's Chocolate Laxative Quinine taken in the head and sore throat. Children take them like candy.

An Irishman's Doctor.

Selected.
The story given below carries its own splendid application:

"You can't make a man sober by act of Parliament."
So they said. I thought it over. It didn't seem to me a self-evident proposition.

"Why not?" said I. Then came a crusher.
"You might as well try to cure the toothache by act of Parliament."

This made me reflect. I had been troubled with toothache, worried by it, maddened by it, kept from my work, my meals, my happiness by it. My health was failing in consequence. My temper was gone. My mind was going. I was invited to try various remedies.

"Stop it," said some.
"But how?" I inquired.
"Fill the tooth with gold," they explained.

The tooth was thus primed, but the toothache went on.
"Clear it out," said others.
"How? How?" was my agonized interrogation.

"Cleanse the blessed thing," they said.

I did. Got inspected, illuminated, syringed, fumigated, made beautiful with camphorated chalk, bath-brick, plate powder, and floriline.

"Give it a rest on Sundays," said a clerical friend.

I tried this. Even on Sundays there were some hotel guests twinges; on Mondays it was as bad as ever. What was I to do?

"Be extra careful what you let into it," advised a civic functionary.

Nothing could exceed my care. Three magistrates certified to the good, harmless, excellent character of all I put into my tooth. I felt safe. Not for long. I soon felt sold. The results were disappointing, distressing, excruciating. Somehow the certificated application lost its virtue the moment it got inside.

"Hold a drink of water in your mouth, and sit on the fire until it boils," urged a knowing one.

I began to think this was the only remedy. At last I took the counsel of a fanatic.

"Try the Parliament cure," said he.
"What's that?" said I.

"Have the tooth pulled out; a short act will do it."

This seemed drastic. It would leave a gap in my social system. I should miss an old friend. The tooth has a vested interest. I hesitated. I took courage.

"Let the operation cost what it may it must come," I cried.

So I summoned the dentist.
"I am ready for the Parliamentary cure," said I.

It took a strong pull. It was done. The tooth was gone. So was the toothache. I was happy.

Once more I reflected. Extraction cures toothache. I had never realized this before. No tooth, no toothache. This was strange, but true. And yet you can not make a man sober by an act of Parliament?

Let us see. No tooth, no toothache. Granted. No drinking traffic, no drink. Eh, what! Is that a fact? No drink traffic, no drink? I never thought of that. No drink, no drunkenness. I see. A mule with no hind legs doesn't kick. He is quiet. If a man can get nothing to drink, he doesn't drink. He is sober. An act of Parliament can make him so. By whitewashing the saloon? Not quite. Sanctifying it on Sunday and election days only? Scarcely. What, then, do you want Parliament to enact? Prohibition.

HOW TO CURE COUGP.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near America, Duchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for cough and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the coughy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co. Druggists.

The dumb man is safe from suspicion of babbling.

"About five years ago I was troubled with catarrh of the lower bowel," says C. T. Chlebicki, 484 Dearborn Ave., Chicago, and although I consulted several eminent physicians who prescribed for me, I found their remedies failed to in any way relieve me, and the trouble almost became chronic. After suffering several months, I one day concluded to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and I beg to assure you that I was most agreeably surprised to find after taking two doses of the remedy that I was completely relieved of the disease that had cost me so much trouble and annoyance. I am thankful to say that I have not suffered from it since." For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co. Druggists.

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UNDER THE KNIFE.

THE SURGEON'S THREAD.

Many Kinds of Needles. A Variety of Stitches Used in Operations.

New York Sun.
Imagine a tailor who deliberately plans to have the stitches he so carefully sews give way at a certain time. Suppose he should use one kind of thread in a coat, warranted to break in one week another kind in the trousers, guaranteed to fall apart in a month, and using permanent material only in making up a waistcoat. Yet, this is exactly what the surgeon does every day. Sutures, as the surgeon's thread is called, are made from various materials according to the requirements. Catgut, silk thread, silkworm gut, silver wire, kangaroo tendons and horsehair are in common use.

Catgut was at one time obtained from members of the feline tribe. As its use increased, the supply ran short. Experiments showed that sheep furished an acceptable substitute. So catgut used by surgeons, jewelers and making of musical instruments comes now from the submucosa, or middle layer of the intestine of a sheep. It is the most commonly used of all suturing material. Catgut stitches are absorbed in from five to seven days, depending on the individual upon whom they are used. In occasional instances catgut stitches have been known to be absorbed in thirty-six hours. By treating it with chromic acid, such a suture will remain in position for many weeks. Because of its adaptability and the cheapness of the material catgut heads the list of surgical threads.

Silkworm gut can be more thoroughly sterilized than any other known suture material. In preparing sutures of all sorts, the usual method is to boil the material in ether, allow it to soak for twenty-four hours, then place it in alcohol for a day or two and follow this with a bath of mercury solution. Notwithstanding this thorough cleansing, the microscope reveals germs still present in varying numbers in many instances. Silk worm sutures show fewer microorganisms than other materials treated in this way, hence it is highly recommended for surgical work. The material is extracted from a silkworm killed immediately before it begins to weave its cocoon. Unfortunately for surgeons, silkworm sutures are not absorbed, but remain permanently in place. For this reason its use is restricted to special work.

The short, tough tendons taken from the tail of a kangaroo furnish surgeons with a valuable thread. Kangaroo tendon stitches will hold fast for many days. The time of absorption is estimated from four weeks to two months. Horsehair and silver wire sutures are non-absorbable. The fluids of the body do not affect them in any way, and once in place the stitches will remain until forcibly removed. By some it is asserted that silver wire has distinct antiseptic properties. Nitrate of silver in solution is known to be a good germicide. Hence it is argued that a silver salt injurious to germ development is formed by the contact of body fluids with silver wire. Thus stitch abscesses are said to be of rare occurrence when silver wire is utilized.

Silk thread, such as is used by tailors, but of the finest quality and of larger caliber, is frequently used. The stitches are practically non-absorbable, though at times no trace of the thread has been found in the tissue at the expiration of a year.

To accommodate this assortment of threads special varieties of needles are naturally required. A surgeon's "house-wife" contains needles that would scarcely be recognized as such by the uninitiated. Besides the needles curved in different segments of a circle, surgeons use needles shaped like spears, javelins and bayonet points. Some are as long as bodkins, terminating in a point like a miniature knife blade. Others have the sharpened end triangular, with the apices of the angles sharpened to a razor edge. Some few are formed like ordinary sewing needles, but made of greater tensile strength.

Instead of a thimble, a surgeon uses an instrument called a needle holder. It is shaped like a pair of scissors, the points of which are blunt clamps. The needle is held fast between the jaws of the clamps until released by opening the two blades as the scissors are opened. Then a fresh hold is taken and the action repeated with every stitch.

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Thy loyal sons most nobly did their part,

To keep fair honor's name alive for weal or woe,
And plant devotion's flower within the human heart.

Aycock, Simmons, Kitchin—these thy peerless heroes grand—
Who led the fearless charge against a monstrous wrong;

Who went forth to the fray at thy demand,
And fought the foe entrenched behind his bastions strong.

Thy darkest days are o'er; they've vanished as a dream;
The tyrant's usurped power swiftly now declines,

Far on thy clearing verge a radiant star doth beam,
And on receding clouds a matchless rainbow shines.

Smile on, oh star of peace, from chaos' night!
We welcome thee, fair herald of the coming day!

In whose unclouded splendor and un-fading light,
All party strife, all bitterness and hate shall pass away.

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