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## THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

### Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

As a matter of news to those interested we are able to chronicle the fact that in the great yacht race Saturday between the Columbia and the Shamrock, the Columbia won the race of thirty nautical miles by 39 seconds.

The practice of hazing at college is rapidly growing into disfavor and rightly so. The following from Charity and Children is an interesting item touching that subject:  
"We are told that at Davidson College the sentiment is so strong against the brutal practice of 'hazing' freshmen that the students themselves expel the hazers from the classes without carrying the matter to the faculty at all. All honor to Davidson! It is not brave nor manly to persecute those unable to defend themselves, and a gentleman will never do it."

It has been said many times that Legislators are afraid of "yaller dogs." Many a man has spoken sneeringly of the Legislature on the subject of dog laws; and indeed so many sharp things have been said against timid legislators there is little room for more. We clip the following, however, from the North Carolina Baptist.  
"We hear about a North Carolinian who is getting out of the state because of the worthless, troublesome curs. He wants to raise sheep and North Carolina is an uncertain place for the business so long as the right of way is given to the 'yaller hound' in preference to the profitable sheep. The average lawmaker is powerfully afraid of the dog question when he gets to Raleigh, because the floating vote back at home is powerfully fond of dogs. A man who owns three or four hounds does not want a legislator talking about taxing those hounds and the hound goes untaxed. North Carolina could be a great sheep raising state. It is a shame on us to let a loafing, worthless, sheep killing dog thus drive capital out of the state. More sheep and less dogs would be a pretty good day's work when our legislature meets again."

The whipping-post has long been abandoned, and some say it is barbarous and ought never be brought back. We have long been of the opinion that there is virtue in the whipping-post and we believe in many cases it would be wise to have certain crimes punished in this manner. The Fort Worth Register speaks thus of it from Texas:  
"Public sentiment is turning in the direction of corporal punishment for a certain class of offenses. The whipping-post was put out of use many years ago because its use had been abused. It was considered that the public whipping of a man so degraded him in his own estimation that he ceased to try to be a respectable citizen. So the jail took the place of the whipping-post. Now we send culprits to jail for a week or a month for minor offenses. They are thrust in an atmosphere of crime, and mingle with other criminals. They are taken away from productive labor, and become a burden upon the public, which pays for their keeping in idleness. Which is the better for the public, the whipping-post or the jail?"  
The Legislature set apart October 12th of each year as North Carolina Day to be observed in the public schools of the State. If the 12th day of October falls on Saturday or Sunday another day may be chosen, and as October 12th falls this year on Saturday, State Superintendent T. F. Toon has chosen Monday, October 14th, as North Carolina Day. This day is intended to celebrate or in some specific way accentuate in the minds of the pupils in the public schools some leading event in North Carolina's history. It is a very important matter and the public school teachers throughout the state will doubtless give it the proper attention. By this means some important event of history may be impressed on the minds of children in such a way that they will not be apt to forget it, and which they might not otherwise remember so well. It is gratifying to see that the public schools are coming more and more to be regarded as a power in the State for good and noble citizenship.

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## PECULIAR PHRASES.

### Some Quite Odd Expressions.

#### WHAT THEY MEAN.

Selected.  
"To feel in apple pie order" is a phrase which dates back to Puritan times to a certain Hephzibah Merton. It seems that every Saturday she was accustomed to bake two or three dozen apple pies, which were to last her family through the coming week. These she placed carefully on her pantry shelves labeled for each day of the week, so that Tuesday's pies might not be confused with Thursday's, nor those presumably large or intended for washing and sweeping days eaten when household labors were lighter. Aunt Hephzibah's "apple pie order" was known throughout the entire settlement, and originated the well-known saying.

It was once customary in France when a guest had stayed his welcome, for the host to serve a cold shoulder of mutton, instead of a hot roast. This was the origin of the phrase "To give the cold shoulder."  
"None shall wear a feather but he who has killed a Turk" was an old Hungarian saying, and the number of leathers in his cap indicated how many Turks the man had killed. Hence the origin of the saying with reference to a feather in one's cap.

In one of the battles between the Russians and Tartars a private soldier of the former cried out, "Captain, I've caught a Tartar!" "Bring him along then," answered the officer. "I can't, for he won't let me," was the response. Upon investigation it was apparent that the captured had the captor by the arm, and would not release him. So "catching a tartar" is applicable to one who has found an antagonist too powerful for him.

"Before you can say Jack Robinson" owes its origin to foolish John Robinson, who, when he called on his friends, always was in such a hurry that he would be off again, without giving his host more than time to pronounce his name.

When the Spanish armada came to the coast of England, many of the ships were driven by the fierce attack of Drake and Howard and the fury of the elements north to the Heider river and South to the Skelder river—the Scheldt hence the expression "halter skelter."

"Go to Halifax!" That town was a place of special terror for rogues because of the first rude guillotine invented there by Mannays for chopping off felons' heads. His ax law was that the criminal should be condemned first and inquired upon after.

To "dun" a man for debts comes from the memory of Joe Dun, bailiff of Lincoln, who was so keen a collector that his name became a proverb.  
The expression "He's a brick" is first found in Plutarch. The whole phrase is expressive of every form of admiration. The Spartans, quick witted and noted for their repartee, were men of few words, and fewer laws, and embodied in short phrases their admiration, dislike or appreciation. Lycurgus was not only a man of few words but quick action. On being asked "should Sparta be enclosed?" at invasion of the enemy being expected during the time of war, he replied: "A city is well fortified which has a wall of men instead of brick." A very clever story is told of the diplomatic mission from the court of Epirus. The ambassador, being shown over the city by the king, expressed surprise that no walls were built around Sparta for its defense. "Walls!" cried the king. "You canst not have looked carefully. To-morrow we will go together and I will show you the walls of Sparta." On the following day the king led his guest to where his entire army was drawn up. Pointing with great pride to the magnificent body of men, he exclaimed: "There thou beholdest the walls of Sparta, and every man a brick."

"By hook and by crook" is an allusion to an ancient manorial custom, which permitted the neighboring poor to take all the wood that they could reach and pull down from the forest trees, using only their shepherd's crook.  
How many of us who use or hear the familiar expression, "It was Hobson's choice," are acquainted with the real sort of selection that Tobias Hobson offered his guests? This is the genuine version of the tale: The said Tobias Hobson was a Cambridge inn keeper, with forty horses in his stables, some better, of course, than others. When a traveler came to request a mount he was obliged to take the steed that stood nearest the door, although there were so many others advertised as for hire. If the traveler ob-

## REMARKABLE FACT.

### It is Asserted That it Never Stops Growth of the Ears. Until Death.

Philadelphia Evening Post.  
The systematic examination of more than 40,000 pairs of human ears in England and France has resulted in some interesting conclusions. For one thing, it is ascertained that the ear continues to grow in the later decades of life; in fact, it appears never to stop growing until death. If one will take the trouble to look around in any assemblage of people, as at church, he will discover that the old folks have ears considerably larger than those of the middle-aged. A woman who has small, shell-like ears at 20 years of age will be very apt to possess medium-sized ears at 40 years and large ears at 60.

Why ears should go on growing all one's life, any more than noses, is a mystery. There are a good many other points about them that are instructive, their shapes being markedly persistent through heredity. An ear will be handed down, so to speak, from father to son for generation after generation with comparatively little modification. Some authorities on criminology assert that criminals are very apt to possess a peculiar kind of ear, which is recognized by an expert in such matters.

There is probably nobody in the world who has a pair of ears perfectly matched; in most people the two differ perceptibly not only in shape, but also in size. Frequently they are not placed precisely alike on the head. The age of a person may be judged with great accuracy by the ears, which after youth is past assume an increasing harshness of contour. A pretty woman whose first youth has departed may not show the fact in other ways, but these telltale features will surely tell the story of the flight of time. Then there is the little wrinkle that comes just in front of each ear during the thirties—a fatal and ineradicable sign.

Near the top of each, just within the down-turned edge and slightly toward the back, will be found, if one feels for it, a small lump of cartilage. This is a remnant of what was originally the tip of the ear, when, ever so long ago, that organ in our remote ancestors had a point to it. Most of the apes today have pointed ears, but in human beings the upper edge of the organ has, in the course of ages, been folded over so as to cover the real tip.

Lewis Ockerman, Goshen, Ind.: "De Witt's Little Early Risers never bend me double like other pills, but do their work thoroughly and make me feel like a boy." Certain, thorough, gentle. E. T. Whitehead & Co.

### A Group of Mottoes.

Over the triple door ways of Milan Cathedral there are three inscriptions spanning the splendid arches. Over one is carved a beautiful wreath of roses, and underneath are the words—"All that which pleases is but for a moment." Over another is sculptured a cross, and these are the words—"All that which troubles is but for a moment." But underneath the great central entrance to the main aisle is the inscription—"That only is important which is eternal." If we realize always these truths, we shall not let trifles trouble us, nor be interested so much in the passing pageants of the hour. We should live, as we do not now, for the permanent and the eternal.

### OLD SOLDIER'S EXPERIENCE.

M. M. Austin, a civil war veteran, of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My wife was sick a long time in spite of good doctor's treatment, but was wholly cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills, which worked wonders for her health." They always do. Try them. Only 25c at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s, drug store.

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—New York Weekly.

"I had long suffered from indigestion," writes G. A. LeDels, Cedar City, Mo. "Like others I tried many preparations but never found anything that did me good until I took Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. One bottle cured me. A friend who had suffered similarly I put on the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. He is gaining fast and will soon be able to work. Before he used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure indigestion had made him a total wreck. E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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Then ax him what's a-hurtin' bim an' laugh his cares away, An' tell him the darkest night is just before the day. Don't talk in graveyard palaver, but say it right out loud, That God will sprinkle sunshine in the trail of every cloud.

This world at best is but a hash of pleasure and of pain; Some days are bright and sunny, and some all sloshed with rain, And that's just how it ought to be, for when the clouds roll by We'll know just how to 'preciate the bright and smiling sky.

So learn to take it as it comes, and don't sweat at the pores Because the Lord's opinion don't coincide with yours; But always keep rememberin' when cares your path enshroud, That God has lots of sunshine to spill behind the cloud.

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### HIS MILD INQUIRY.

"There is no doubt that this scheme will pay," said the promoter. "Yes," answered the purchaser of stock. "I suppose so. But who is to get the money?"—Washington Star.

The excitement incident to traveling and change of food and water often brings on diarrhoea, and for this reason no one should leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

### MADE IT WORSE.

"The old idea," said the lecturer "was an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." "Yes," coincided one of his hearers, and there were no pained dentists in those days, either."

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She—When I marry I hope my husband will shuffle off this mortal coil without unnecessary delay. I want to be a dashing young widow.  
He—How cruel of you to talk like that.  
She—Oh, don't you care. You'll not be at the head of the funeral procession.—Chicago News.

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—Ohio State Journal.

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DATED	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day
Jan. 15, 1901.	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Tue	Wed	Thu
Leave Weldon	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30
Arr. Rocky Mt.	1:00	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52
Leave Tarboro	12:21	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00
Arr. Rocky Mt.	1:00	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52
Arr. Weldon	2:55	11:18	11:18	11:18	11:18	11:18	11:18	11:18	11:18
Leave Selma	4:39	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
Arr. Florence	7:35	2:40	2:40	2:40	2:40	2:40	2:40	2:40	2:40
Arr. Goldsboro	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05
Arr. Weldon	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50
Arr. Wilmington	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50

TRAINS GOING NORTH.									
DATED	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day
Jan. 15, 1901.	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Tue	Wed	Thu
Leave Weldon	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30
Arr. Rocky Mt.	1:00	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52
Leave Tarboro	12:21	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00
Arr. Rocky Mt.	1:00	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52	8:52
Arr. Weldon	2:55	11:18	11:18	11:18	11:18	11:18	11:18	11:18	11:18
Leave Selma	4:39	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
Arr. Florence	7:35	2:40	2:40	2:40	2:40	2:40	2:40	2:40	2:40
Arr. Goldsboro	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05
Arr. Weldon	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50
Arr. Wilmington	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50	7:50

{Daily except Monday. {Daily except Sunday.  
Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Yadkin Division Main Line—Train leaves Wilmington, 9:00 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12:05 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 12:25 p. m., arrives Sanford 1:43 p. m., returns leaves Sanford 3:05 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 4:20 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 4:20 p. m., arrives Wilmington 9:25 p. m.

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Connections at Fayetteville with train No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

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Trains on Wash. y. Branch leave Washington 8:10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., arrive Farmale 10 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., returning leave Farmale 9:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m., arrive Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday 5:30 p. m., Sunday, 4:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m., 6:10 p. m., returning, leaves Plymouth 7:50 p. m., Sunday, 7:50 a. m. and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 10:10 a. m., 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily, except Sunday, 7:00 a. m., arriving Smithfield 6:10 a. m., returning leaves Smithfield 7:50 a. m., arrives at Goldsboro 8:25 a. m.

Trains on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount at 9:30 a. m., 3:40 p. m., arrive Nashville 10:20 a. m., 4:03 p. m., Spring Hope 11:00 a. m., 4:25 p. m., returning leave Spring Hope 11:20 a. m., 4:55 p. m., Nashville 11:45 a. m., 5:25 p. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 12:10 a. m., 6:00 p. m., daily except Sunday.

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