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## THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

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

The cocaine habit has become very prevalent in many parts of the United States, and is said to be very insidious, and very dangerous as well. Both races in the State of Georgia are becoming so addicted to it the Legislature there now in session is casting about to find some means of controlling it. The habit has not fastened itself upon the people of North Carolina to any extent yet, and it is to be hoped that it will not, for we have habits enough without it.

Perhaps farmers get tired sometimes of the great amount of free advice which is given them by others; but there is a good reason why so many people should feel like giving farmers free advice. The farmers of the country are the supporters of all in a sense, and all should feel an interest in them.

The following may be of interest and suggestive to our farmer readers. It is from a Raleigh letter to the Charlotte Observer:

"This is the hardest year the farmer who buys 'on time' has ever known. There are thousands of these unfortunate, veritable 'white slaves,' who know no crop save cotton and no smoke house or granary save that of the commission merchant. The late lamented Dr. George W. Blackburn used to say he could tell by looking at a man's house and premises in a minute whether his smoke house was there or in Chicago. There are people who say that commission merchants force the farmers to raise cotton by refusing to make 'advances' on any other crop. If that is the case then pride, ambition and self-help are cast to the winds and one would not know whether to feel pity or contempt for the farmer who remained in such voluntary servitude. These 'time' farmers live from hand to mouth, and a successful year finds them blowing in their money, while a bad one like the present finds them in the 'low grounds of sorrow.'"

The fakir is as nearly ubiquitous as mortal man well can be. He turns up at every point where he can get in his work and misses no opportunity to attend to his business as many hours a day as he can get customers. Sunday's Charlotte Observer said:

"Attached to the Southern's south-bound train No. 35 last night were two cars full of fakirs who were en route from Buffalo to Charleston, S. C., where they will prepare for the exhibition which begins December 1st. A railroad official said last night that the fare of each fakir from Buffalo to Charleston was, by special contract, only \$7. The Observer contained a publication a few days ago stating that 1,700 fakirs or midway people would go from Buffalo to Charleston, and had been given a rate of \$8 for the trip with \$1 extra for Pullman or sleeping car service. The lot that went through last night evidently expect to lose no time in beginning their work at the exposition. Last night and Friday night a number of the fakirs who had been at the Salisbury carnival stopped over here. They too, were on their way to Charleston. Sleepy, aristocratic old Charleston and the noisy fakir crew seem incongruous, somehow."

There is by far too much criticism of men and their policies and actions. It is the easiest thing in the world to criticize. Some one said, perhaps it was Sam Jones, that any fool can criticize other people. It matters very little who said it—it is a very strong truth. So many people with little or no knowledge of the persons of whom they speak hurl scathing criticism as mercilessly against good and worthy people as they would against a vile criminal. The habit of criticizing right and left any and everybody and everything not in accord with one's own views or wishes, is very deplorable in any one. It is harmful to many a time when the person who passes the criticism scarcely knows he has done it. It detracts from the person who is criticized whether it be a person in private or public life. To criticize a private person weakens his influence, and to criticize a man in public diminishes the dignity attached to such position. Of course no person, private or public, should be considered above deserved criticism, but too free criticism is to be condemned and ought to be discouraged.

FRAY-BALM Stops the Tickling, and is the Throat.

## LIFE.

(A Literary Curiosity.)

Why all this toll for triumphs of an hour? Life is a short summer—man is but a flower. By turns we catch the fatal breath and die. The cradle and the tomb; alas how nigh, To be is far better than not to be. Though all man's life may seem a tragedy; But light cares speak when mighty griefs are dumb. The bottom is but shallow whence they come. Thy fate is the common fate of all; Unmingled joys here no man befall; Nature to each allots his proper sphere, Fortune makes folly her peculiar care. Custom does not reason overrule, And throw a cruel sunshine on a fool. Live well; how long or short permit to heaven. They who forgive most shall be most forgiven. Sin may be clasped so close we cannot see its face—Vile intercourse where virtue has no place; Then keep each passion down, however dear, Thou pendulum betwixt a smile and tear. Her sensual snares let fall, let pleasure lay, With craft and skill to ruin and betray; Soar not too high to fall, but stoop to rise; We masters grow of all that we despise. Oh, then, renounce that impious self-esteem, Riches have wings and grandeur is a dream. Think not ambition wise because 'tis brave, The paths of glory lead but to the grave; What is ambition? 'Tis a glorious cheat, Only destructive to the brave and great. What's all this gaudy glitter of a crown? The way to bliss lies not on beds of down. How long we live, not years, but actions tell; That man lives twice who lives the first life well. Make, then, while ye may, your God your friend, Whom Christians worship, yet not comprehend. The trust that's given guard, and to yourself be just, For live we how we may, yet die we must. —Mrs. H. A. DEMING.

NOTE:—Accompanying this is a statement that a year was occupied in searching for, and fitting the lines in this remarkable mosaic from English and American poets.

## Stories in The Companion.

In the fifty-two issues of its volume for 1902 The Youth's Companion will publish between two hundred and three hundred good stories. Four series of stories which promise to be exceptionally entertaining will be "Tales of a Deep-Sea Diver," "Tales of a Circus Hand," "Tales of a Mississippi Pilot," and "Tales of an Indian Agent." There will be four stories in each group.

Among the contributors of fiction during 1902 will be Annie Fellows Johnson, Eva Wilder Brodhead, Arthur E. McFarlane, Homer Greene, Ellsworth E. Kelly, Ella W. Peattie, Grace M. Gallagher, Alice Morgan, Elizabeth McCracken, Alice Brown, Jack London, H. S. Canfield, Margaret Johnson, Edward W. Thomson, Carroll W. Rankin, May Roberts Clark, Sara Orne Jewett, Margaret Sangster, Marshall Saunders and Sarah Barnwell Elliott.

A full announcement of the new volume will be sent to any address on request. The new subscriber for 1902 who sends \$1.75 for the new volume at once will receive free all the remaining issues for 1901, including the double Holiday Numbers; also THE COMPANION Calendar for 1902, lithographed in twelve colors and gold.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 195 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Mass.

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It is a sad thing to see fine fruit trees spoiled by the blight. You can always tell them from the rest. They never do well afterwards but stay small and sickly.

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## Facial Meteorics.

U. C. Advocate. Planche gives a remarkable account of the way Labache, the celebrated yocallist, used to represent a thunder storm by facial expression: "The gloom that gradually overspread his countenance appeared to deepen into actual darkness, and the terrific frown indicated the angry lowering of the tempest. The lightning commenced by winks of the eyes, and twitchings of the muscles of face, succeeded by rapid sidelong movements of mouth, which wonderfully recalled to you the forked flashes that seem to rend the sky, the notion of thunder being conveyed by the shaking of the head. By degrees the lightning became less vivid, the frown relaxed, the gloom departed, and a broad smile illuminating his expansive face assured you that the sun had broken through the clouds and the storm was over. He told me the idea occurred to him in the Champs Elysees, where one day, in company with Signor de Begnis, he witnessed a distant thunder storm above the Arc de Triomphe." This must have been, as the small boy would say, a good deal of a circus.

## DID YOU KNOW THIS?

Do you know that a neglected cough or cold leads to consumption? More people die from the effects of catching cold than from any other known cause. There is one remedy, and remember it only costs twenty-five cents, that has proven a safe, untailing cure for coughs and colds. It is called Mexican Syrup. Your druggist has it or will get it for you. It heals and strengthens the lungs and breathing passages, when nothing else you take seems to do you good you had better get a bottle to-day and read the testimonials on the wrapper.

## HAVE YOU WORMS?

Are you growing thin and sickly? Has your skin a pale or sallow tinge? Do you not occasionally feel a hollow sensation in the pit of your stomach, or a queer distress in your bowels? Do you get easily vexed, nervous or fidgety? Probably you are nourishing some stomach worms, a lengthy tape worm, or else a thousand pin worms that are devastating your entire system. You can expel them by taking Mother's Worm Syrup. Nothing else is so effective.

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Always follows a use of Mexican Root Pills, simply because they cleanse the system of sickening and effete matter so thoroughly and completely. It is a sin to remain constipated when Mexican Root Pills only cost 25 cents a box.

## THE BEST PAIN CURE

Is one that is absolutely safe and sure and that taken internally will cure cramps and colic, or applied external will reduce swellings and subdue pain. Gooch's Quick Relief does this and only costs 25 cents.

## WANT TO BE PRETTY?

Then purify your blood by taking Gooch's Sarsaparilla, the best of all blood medicines.

## PILE-CURE CURES PILES.

Money refunded if it ever fails. Anti-Aguc cures Chills and Fever.

## NEW SPECIE.

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## AMERICA'S GREAT MEN.

### College President's Statement Denied.

### ALL ORIGINAL MEN GREAT.

Philadelphia Record. The complaint of a college president that America has produced no great men has been quoted with apparent relish by an English periodical, which is just enough, however, to admit that the rising generation in England gives no promise of filling the places which have been or will soon be left vacant by great Judges, great writers and great preachers. It is easy to show that of all countries America should present not only the highest level of popular trained intelligence, but also thinkers and writers who should compare favorably with the most conspicuous in any preceding generation. Nowhere else has the expenditure for popular education been so large per capita, and nowhere else has the interest in schools been so keen and the originality in methods of training so marked as here. Back of the enterprise of teachers, the taxes for the support of schools and the compulsory education laws has been the wholesome influence of the ideal political institutions of our country. From this has come a spirit of independence and a freedom from the iron heel of tradition. The American youth has been encouraged to believe that there is hardly a limit to his intellectual possibilities, and he has been urged to recognize no authority in opinion, but to bring every question to the test of his own investigation. With everything subordinate to the matter of education; with vast millions for the establishment not only of the common schools, but also of special schools with laboratories and work benches and whatever can give practical information to the mind, it would be reasonable to expect the American of to-day to tower above the tallest men of the past.

In spite of the lamentation of the college president, it is a fact that the modern American does tower. His genius and his training have been directed toward achievements of a practical, material character, and not toward literature and art save as they are incidental to science and to commerce and industry. This is our age of material development, and it is more because of the trained intelligence and originality and daring of our captains than because of the prolific character of the field that we have far surpassed anything the world had ever accomplished. There are no railway generals who can compare with our own; for the man who made the great Siberian lines an assured fact got all his training in the United States. The Morgans and Rockefellers are the Shakespeares and Miltons of finance the Aristotels and Platons of commerce. Our superintendents and workmen in shops have revealed an originality and daring which have created what all Europe calls "the American peril."

It happens that the ambition of American greatness has not been for culture chiefly, but to master the vast problems which an increasing population forces on the world's serious attention. Wealth is essential to the achievements which Americans have in view, but it is not sought for itself. It is a mistake to say that we worship money simply because we value it and acquire it as a tool for the production of something which all the world will profit by. It is not for money alone that such a showman, say, as "Buffalo Bill" has revolutionized the art of showing and has amazed every continent. His Annual money transactions would look big to the Bank of England; yet pride in his originality as a showman has been his chief inspiration. Our proprietary medicine men have made millions from formulas which are an old story to the regular profession, and they have done it by their genius for and boldness in advertising. In this city are half a dozen great merchants who show executive qualities which would fit them to direct the financial transactions of a powerful nation. The Morgans and Rockefellers, the railway managers, the captains of commerce and industry, the great merchants, the proprietary medicine men, the successful showmen and the like—these are our great men, the product of the spirit of the time.

For centuries horse racing has been a sport which has been close to the hearts of every class in England. Derby day has done more than the gaming table to demoralize the people of that country. Every man with a talent for training and every boy with a taste and skill for riding horses has been paid well to become proficient. Yet the American trainers are eagerly sought, and little Danny Maher, an American lad, receives a retainer of \$35,000 to ride the King's horses for a year; and altogether his earnings will equal the salary of our President. All over Europe our trainers and riders are in demand because of their originality and success. Because our great men have not turned to Latin and Greek in school, and to the writing of poems in after life, is no reason why their greatness should be denied. Every man is great who does anything in an entirely original way, and in the way that is better than any other ever known.

## THE HOME GOLD CURE.

AN INGENIOUS TREATMENT BY WHICH DRUNKARDS ARE BEING CURED DAILY IN SPITE OF THEMSELVES.

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Can be cured by Roberts' Chill Tonic. The world does not contain a better remedy. Many wonderful cures made by it. 25 cents a bottle. Money refunded if it fails to do the work. Delightful to take.

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TRAINS GOING SOUTH.				
DATED	Jan. 13, 1901.			
No. 25	No. 26			
Day	Day			
Day	Day			
Day	Day			
Leave Weldon	11:50	8:00	11:50	8:00
Ar. Rocky Mt.	1:00	9:10	1:00	9:10
Leave Tarboro	12:21	6:00	12:21	6:00
Ar. Rocky Mt.	1:05	10:02	6:37	6:15
Leave Weldon	1:50	10:08	7:10	6:20
Ar. Fayetteville	2:55	11:10	8:10	6:30
Ar. Fayetteville	4:30	12:25	9:10	7:30
Ar. Florence	7:35	1:40	10:10	8:30
Ar. Florence	P. M. A. M.			
Ar. Goldsboro				
Ar. Goldsboro				
Ar. Weldon				
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TRAINS GOING NORTH.				
No. 25	No. 26			
Day	Day			
Day	Day			
Day	Day			
Ar. Weldon	8:00	11:50	8:00	11:50
Ar. Fayetteville	12:15	12:15	12:15	12:15
Ar. Fayetteville	1:50	11:25	1:50	11:25
Ar. Weldon	2:35	12:10	2:35	12:10
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Second Crop of Apples. Silas Washington, the colored porter at the First National Bank, has an apple tree in his yard filled with apples—the second crop this year. Washington says the tree was in full bloom a month or two ago, but he had no idea it would bear another crop this fall—Charlotte News.

## BUTTON STYLE.

Rodick—I wonder who originated the fashion of having only two buttons on the sack coat.

Van Albert—Probably some poor married man who had grown weary of asking his wife to sew on the rest—Chicago News.

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Leave Weldon	1:50	10:08	7:10	6:20
Ar. Fayetteville	2:55	11:10	8:10	6:30
Ar. Fayetteville	4:30	12:25	9:10	7:30
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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 1:45 p. m., returning leaves Sanford 3:05 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 4:20 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 4:40 p. m., arrives Wilmington 9:25 p. m.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8:05 a. m., Maxton 9:05 a. m., Red Springs 9:50 a. m., Hope Mills 10:55 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 11:10 a. m., returning leaves Fayetteville 4:45 p. m., Hope Mills 5:55 p. m., Red Springs 6:35 p. m., Maxton 7:15 p. m., arrives Bennettsville 7:15 p. m.

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.

Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:55 p. m., Halifax 4:17 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:05 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kinston 7:55 p. m., returning leaves Fayetteville 7:50 a. m., Hope Mills 8:52 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m., de' y except Sunday.

Trains on Washin' on Branch leave Washington 8:10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., arrive Parme 4:0 a. m. and 3:00 p. m., returning leave Parme 9:35 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., 6:30 p. m., returning leaves Plymouth 7:55 p. m., Sunday 7:50 a. m., and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 10:10 a. m., 11:00 a. m.