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THE EDITORS' LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

A FEW DAYS IN CHARLESTON.

While it has been two weeks since we visited the Charleston Exposition it is not too late to make reference to it. Press of work on our return last week made it impossible to say anything in detail.

It was North Carolina week, and thousands of North Carolinians were there. Last week we made mention of Governor Aycock's visit to the Exposition and the fine impression he made.

It was President's day on Wednesday, and of course many people were attracted at that particular time by the President's presence. How well he was pleased and how heartily he was welcomed into the South, has been told and told again by the daily press. Charleston did indeed give him a royal welcome and he was alive to the keenest appreciation of it all.

The Exposition is not great as an exposition simply, for it has to compete with the World's Fair at Chicago, the Pan-American at Buffalo; but as an Exposition for Charleston and South Carolina it is indeed very great. Most of the credit of the whole thing is due, we learned, to a few brave, strong spirits of Charleston; and the work that has been done and the exhibit shown fully illustrate what may be done by bold determination and persistent effort. The Exposition is up-to-date in all that has been undertaken; and while it does not compare in size with the great World's Fair at Chicago, in some respects it may be said to have made improvements.

The Southern States as a whole have not made a great exhibit, and here the South has missed a fine opportunity. Many visitors have gone from the North and they expected to see a full display of the South's products, but they have been disappointed. The Exposition as a whole is well worth a visit by any one, North or South, considering the cheap rates and the light expense of living a few days in Charleston.

Of course South Carolina has the most elaborate and complete exhibit, but next come North Carolina. Our State exhibit is very pretty and attracts great attention. It shows well the products of North Carolina and is one of the most tastefully arranged exhibits yet seen on any Exposition ground.

The exhibit from the West Indies is very pretty and is quite creditably arranged. The products of the soil are shown, which in some cases are more interesting as curiosities than anything else; and the manufactured products show well.

Most of the buildings representing the Northern States have no exhibits at all, but present the appearance of finely furnished club rooms.

The United States fish exhibit is fine and the Art building is one of the most attractive there.

The Negro building is a place of considerable interest and the exhibit is quite creditable. We were especially struck by the display from the silk mills at Fayetteville, which are operated by colored labor.

The Midway is a Midway, of course, but has fewer objectionable features than we have seen before, and the open gambler was not in evidence about the Exposition grounds at all.

Taken altogether the Exposition is a fine success and has many things to interest all who may find time and occasion to visit it.

Charleston itself is a very attractive old city. It has a number of fine churches, good hotels, beautiful parks and cemeteries and the like, some large business houses, some important manufacturing, and many places of historic interest, such as Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie and the like.

FOR CHILDREN AT HOME.

How Marjorie Found Fairyland.

THROUGH A PRETTY GATE.

By Zelia Margaret Walters in Sunday-School Times.

"I know it's just stories," said Marjorie firmly to herself as she closed her book, "but I wish things like that did happen. I wish a funny fairy godmother would take me away to a beautiful palace, or a mysterious white bird would fly before me to an enchanted forest, or something."

She had been reading in the meadow and leaned back against the oak-tree to think about it. Just then the saucy east wind snatched up her hat and sent it careering through the air at a great rate. At first she did not move, but as the hat sailed on and on a sudden hope took possession of her. Suppose the wind was carrying her hat to the fairyland. In that case all was necessary was to follow it.

It really did seem as if the hat was bewitched. It would settle to the ground and lie until she almost reached it, and then it was up and away again. Across the field, across the road, down the lane, it went, and at last it whisked suddenly over the high fence that shut in the little cottage that she had often seen. With a beating heart she climbed up and looked over. There was one in eight but a little lame girl sitting in her chair under the big elm-tree.

"Please, may I come and get my hat?"

"Oh, yes!" said the lame girl smiling brightly. "I would get it for you if I could."

But Marjorie did not see the bright smile nor the wistful look that followed her. She got her hat quickly and went out. She felt cross and disappointed because no adventure had been found by following the runaway hat. She went straight home and told her mother about it.

"Of course, I didn't expect to get to fairyland," she concluded, "but I thought something might happen besides just common every-day things."

"Still, you might have got to fairyland if you had known how, and, better yet, you might have taken some one with you," said her mother.

"What do you mean?" cried Marjorie.

"That little lame girl—her name is Laura Randal—has just moved here. She doesn't know any one; her parents are poor, and she has few books or games. If a girl of her own age would visit her, think how perfectly happy she might be made by a little attention and sharing of treasures."

"I see, mama," said Marjorie, and a half-hour later she was ready to start on a visit to Laura. Now Marjorie never did things by halves, and she had her brother's little wagon piled full of things out of which to construct her fairyland. She went down the lane to the cottage, looked over the fence again, and said:

"May I come in, please?"

And again the little lame girl smiled, and Marjorie drew her little wagon in through the gate.

"I've come to stay with you this afternoon, if I may. We will read my story-books and have some fun, and after a while we will have a little picnic. My brother Harold is coming to help us eat. He's good at eating up everything that's left; and, besides, he's a jolly boy, he's just as much fun as a girl."

With this introduction Marjorie began unpacking her wares.

"We'll play I'm a peddler," she said, "and you're a lady. Please, madam, may I come in and show my goods?"

"Yes," said Laura, "if you're a nice polite peddler, and take off your hat, and scrape your shoes at the door."

AN ALMOST FATAL RUNAWAY.

Started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill., which defied doctors and all remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Just as good for Boils, Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Corns, Scalds, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s drug store.

Laura bought all of the books of fabulous prices, and seemed so eager to read them that Marjorie declared she would leave them there until every one had been read through. Then they made a comical scrap-book, cutting out all the pictures of people and animals, fitting new heads and bodies together, and what funny effects were produced!

Harold was on hand to take his share in the picnic, and, as the sun was setting, he and Marjorie said good-bye, with many promises to come again.

"I had a beautiful time to-day," said Marjorie to her mother.

"Yes," said her mother, "the way to fairyland is very easy. You just enter the little gate of kindness and go straight on."

Teach Children Industry.

School and Fireside.

There are some misguided parents in this world. They send their children to school with the one aim in view to educate them, never dreaming that education or book learning alone does not accomplish much. The writer once heard a mother tell her boy that she wanted him to have an education so he could make his living easier. A boy educated with that purpose in view will not be benefited by an education. The boy when he enters school, especially the higher institutions of learning, must be given to understand that education does not fit a man for idleness but industry. That he may more fully understand his duty and be able to do it in a more satisfactory manner both to himself and society in general. Then, too, he should be given to understand that all labor is honorable. Teachers of men overlook this point while they instruct the boy. A boy that is not industrious from childhood up will never amount to much, education or no education.

A Pretty Incident.

Columbia (S. C.) State.

When the train bearing Companies A and F of the Richmond Blues to the Charleston Exposition, paused at the union station yesterday at noon all disembarked, the commander drew up his men in line on the platform and put them at parade rest, while the fine band accompanying them played "Near My God, to Thee." Briefly requesting those present to say to the people of Columbia that this was a tribute in honor of South Carolina's dead hero, Wade Hampton, the captain re-embarked his men, and they proceeded to Charleston. It was a pretty incident.

Child Burned in Plymouth.

Plymouth Beacon.

While at play in the yard of her grand-mother, Mrs. A. M. Johnson, on Saturday last, little Pattie Forbes built a fire in a toy cook stove and in some way her dress ignited and she ran into the house where Mrs. Johnson met her and tried to tear the flaming clothing off, which she succeeded in doing, but not until the child was fearfully burned almost from feet to head, and Mrs. Johnson's hands and arms burned almost to a crisp.

Neighbors rushed in and did all possible for the two sufferers until Dr. Ward arrived and dressed the wounds.

Despite the efforts of kind friends and the careful treatment of the physician, little Pattie grew weaker until Sunday night when bronchial affections set in, and at 7:55 Monday morning her earthly sufferings were relieved by death, and holy angels bore her spirit back to the God who gave it.

It is better to have loyed and lost than to have married on \$50 a month. —Chicago Record-Herald.

"I STOOD IN A DRAUGHT"

with my coat off and caught this wretched cold," says the sufferer. He need not pay a heavy penalty if he follow his act of folly with an act of wisdom. Soak the feet in hot water with a few teaspoonfuls of Perry Davis' Painkiller in it. Take a teaspoonful of Painkiller in hot sweetened water at bed time and be thankful for so simple and speedy a way to break up a cold. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

DRESS REFORM.

WORKING WOMEN LEADING.

Changes Predicted for the Next Decade.

Philadelphia Record.

There is an obvious tendency on the part of women who have entered the professions and some who are in business to wear dresses which are each year further removed from the fashionable wear. Convenience first dictated a modification of fashion, but now there is a growing disposition to adopt a style which will be peculiar to women workers, leaving the Paris fashions exclusively to the butterflies of society. This, in turn is having an effect on all women who are not the absolute slaves of fashion. Just as we have men who dress well without following the customs of fashionable men about town—men who wear one respectable suit of clothes all day and day after day, instead of dressing in three or four suits according to the hour—so we already have women who refuse to follow the fashion plates. Out of this condition will grow a habit of sensible and healthful dressing for all except the women who devote their time and thoughts wholly to social matters.

Strangely enough, this emancipation of woman from the tyranny of fashion in dress receives strong support in France, where a prominent deputy has introduced in the Assembly a bill to prevent the wearing of corsets by any woman under thirty years of age. In this movement the deputy has the assistance of M. Octave Usance, the editor of a leading fashion periodical. The latter makes the prophecy that within twenty years not only the corset, but also the long skirt and the bulging sleeve will have disappeared. Whether the strictly fashionable minority shall continue these perilous fashions or not will matter little provided the majority of women shall exercise a large measure of independence and place comfort and health in dress before every thing else. A prominent society woman, the Princess Mary d'Ysemburg, of Reuss, is even more radical in her suggestions for dress reform. She would abolish corsets, high heels and face veils and institute skirts which shall not reach the ankle, sandals or shoes without heels and gowns to fall straight from the shoulders.

"There could be little hope of any permanent reform in dress which should dispense whatever is injurious to health but for the increasing independence of the professional women and the woman of business. Of the serious injury which is done to young girls by tight lacing the doctors do not speak extravagantly. It is possible that corsets which do not compress the body to the point of discomfort may not only be harmless, but even healthful; yet it is easily apparent that we have returned to the mischievous custom of inordinate tight lacing.

Fortunately the women of business, whose numbers and influence are growing, cannot afford to lace. Just as man has been forced by the nature of his occupation to abandon the laces and frills of an early period, so will an increasing number of women find it necessary to devote less time to their toilet and to consider convenience and comfort in their dress."

A Giant in Duplin.

Duplin Journal.

Prince Grady, who resides in the lower part of Duplin, is attracting considerable attention on account of his tremendously large frame. His wrist is 8 1/2 inches round and his second finger is almost 4 inches long. His legs are already 3 feet and 11 inches, and Grady is still growing. He is now 27 years of age and the sole of his foot measures 11 inches and Grady reaches up into the air just 6 feet and 3 inches. By the time he becomes a man—or rather by the time he stops growing—Duplin county will have the distinction of having the largest man.

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Mr. Lizzie Blovins, 102 Boliver street, Cleveland, Ohio, writes: "I candidly feel Peruna was the means

of saving my life, for I suffered for months from catarrh of the stomach. Two bottles of Peruna cured me."—Mrs. Lizzie Blovins.

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Insurance for Roosevelt.

New York—President Roosevelt has taken out a life insurance policy for \$50,000, beside continuing other policies which he took out before he was elected Governor of New York.

Mr. Roosevelt's policies, it is understood, exceed by \$15,000 or \$20,000 those held by President McKinley at the time of the latter's assassination in Buffalo. Mrs. McKinley was paid about \$60,000 on policies on her husband's life. When Mr. Roosevelt succeeded to the Presidency he became convinced that it would be prudent for him to largely increase his life insurance.

Bale of Cotton 40 Years Old.

Exchange.

Henry Leither, aged 90, who lives on the state border between Fairfield and Richlands, N. C., has a bale of cotton ginned before the Civil War. He has refused rich offers for it, as he prefers to keep it as a memento of old days.

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"I NEVER KNEW PAIN KILLER TO FAIL"

before, what can the matter be? Where is the bottle? There, I thought so; it is not Perry Davis' Painkiller at all, but something the druggist must have made himself and I did not notice it; I have used Painkiller for years for diarrhoea, cramps and stomach aches and it never failed."

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