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## EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

### OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

All sorts of questions come up as regards labor. The Tarboro Southern makes the following observation about white labor in the cotton fields:

"There exists a general belief that negro, and not white labor, is the best on the cotton farms. The census figures, however tell a different story. Of 24,000,000 acres in cotton in 1900, 14,000,000 were cultivated by white labor and 5,000,000 by white, assisted by colored. In this county it is true that much over half the cotton is made by negro labor, but that made by white is by no means inconsiderable. It is also cleaner, better picked and sells for more. With these figures to prove that cotton is also a white man's crop, those farmers who are short of labor should address themselves to supplying the deficiency with white labor. With proper efforts much of the white immigration could be turned Southward into our cotton fields."

NORTH CAROLINA is fast becoming a manufacturing State, especially in the cotton mill interest. A quarter of a century ago there were few cotton mills within our borders, but now there are two hundred and eighty-nine. The following interesting statistics were recently taken from the State Labor Bureau, and sent to the Charlotte Observer by its Raleigh correspondent:

"The State Labor Bureau today completed its annual report on textile mills showing 289 in operation, with 1,835,411 spindles, 41,596 looms and 39,193 machines. The total number employed is 50,824, of which 25,916 are males over 12 years; 23,494 females. The total number of children under 12, reported by 2,027 mills, is 914. It is found that 128,978 persons are dependent upon textile mills for a livelihood; 84 per cent. adults and 73 per cent. of children read and write. The hours of labor vary from 10 to 12. Alamance county has 20 mills; Cabarrus, 10; Catawba 12; Cleveland, 10; Durham, 7; Forsyth, 13; Gaston, 29; Guilford, 9; Halifax, 10; Lincoln, 11; Mecklenburg, 16; Randolph, 11; Rockingham 10; Richmond, 7; Wake, 8. The highest daily wage paid to men is \$2.05; women, 97 cents. The lowest average paid to men is 60 cents; to women 47, and the average wage of children is 38 cents."

THERE are many advantages in country life over life in the town or the city. One of these is the fine opportunity the country boy has for reading.

#### The Country Boy and Books.

This advantage is especially fine in the winter when the evenings are long and sometimes the days rainy. The boy in the country does not have the temptations to waste time of evenings like the boy in the town or city. In the country on the farm the day's duty may all be done "by dark," as we say, supper is soon over and the young man of studious habits has the advantage of several hours every evening for reading good books and some papers. The boy or young man in town is generally employed in a store or an office and has to make some hours of work after supper. And when there is no work or duty after the supper hour, oftener than not the young man has an engagement of some kind to keep him out of his room until it is time for him to go to sleep—and many times such engagements hold until far beyond the proper hour for seeking sleep. It is not so with the boy or young man in the country. He has few such engagements and can get an average of two or three hours with books every night, if he wishes. And as to the matter of books, they are so cheap in these latter times that almost any one can have whatever book he desires. Book agents can do no better service to the world than to induce parents in the country to buy good books for their children; and parents can make no better investment of a few dollars every year than in purchasing some good books, and they do well to keep one or two good family papers coming every week. It is good to have a good monthly magazine. It would be a great help to many a country boy if he would plan to utilize two hours every night with good books and papers. And this can be done easily enough, and the boy or young man in the country can have as much time as he needs for pleasure and amusement. It is glorious to be a country boy in this favored year 1904, and we hope the country boys may see it so.

NEVER in the history of this country have there been such possibilities for the rural districts as now. This is especially true in the South. The rural districts in the South, in North Carolina, are many times in advance of what they were forty years ago. Then there were no free rural mail delivery routes. Then there were no rural libraries. Then there were no telephones. Then there was not much attention paid to roads. All these things have changed now. For many years it has been a subject of much comment by speakers and writers that people in the rural districts have largely abandoned their homes and have moved to the town or city. This is true, and in some cases there has seemed a fairly good reason for it. School facilities have been poor, mail facilities have been irregular and unsatisfactory, communication of every kind has been slow and disadvantageous. And added to all this the farmer has sometimes felt that he just as well leave the country place and take chances in the town or city, for his produce scarcely ever brought him money enough to pay expenses. In every disadvantage here named there is a change for the better now. For two or three years farmers have been getting good prices for whatever they have had to sell. The products of the field bring good prices, the products from the dairy are in demand and poultry products are higher than known in years. And there is almost a sure prospect that prices will rule high for a long time to come. Then there is the free rural mail delivery to carry mail every day to the farmer's gate; here and there a country library for intellectual improvement; the telephone threads almost every community, whereby constant communication may be had with a physician in the town or city, if he is needed. The question of improving our system of public roads is claiming more attention. There is a strong probability that the public road question will be acted upon by the United States Congress in such manner as to make it possible to have good roads all through the country. Indeed, we feel free to predict that a quarter of a century from today farmers will be able to haul to market two bales of cotton as easily as they now carry one. All these things considered, we regard the outlook for life in the rural districts the finest ever known in this country.

## LABOR IS WORSHIP.

By FRANCES S. OSGOOD.

Frances Sargent Osgood was born in Boston, Mass. June 18, 1811, and died in Hingham, Mass., May 20, 1890. Her father, Joseph Locke, was a Boston merchant, but she herself lived at Hingham. From her childhood she showed marked literary taste. In 1835 she married Samuel Stillman Osgood, portrait painter, and thereafter removed to London, where she wrote for the English magazines.

PAUSE not to dream of the future before us;  
Pause not to weep the wild cares that come o'er us;  
Hark, how Creation's deep, musical chorus,  
Unintermitting, goes up into heaven!  
Never the ocean waves falters in flowing,  
Never the little seed stops in its growing;  
More and more richly the rose heart keeps glowing,  
Till from its nourishing stem it is given.

"Labor is worship!"—the robin is singing;  
"Labor is worship!"—the wild bee is ringing;  
Listen! that eloquent whisper upspringing  
Speaks to thy soul from out Nature's great heart.  
From the dark cloud flows the life-giving shower;  
From the rough sod grows the self-breathing flower;  
From the small insect, the rich coral tower;  
Only man, in the plan, ever shrinks from his part.

Labor is life! 'Tis the still water falls  
Idleness ever despateth, bewails;  
Keep the watch wound, for the dark rust assaileth;  
Flowers drop and die in the stillness of noon.  
Labor is glory!—the flying cloud lightens;  
Only the waving wing changes and brightens;  
Idle hearts only the dark future frightens;  
Play the sweet keys, wouldst thou keep them in tune.

Labor is rest from the sorrows that greet us,  
Rest from all petty vexations that meet us,  
Rest from sin promptings that ever entreat us,  
Rest from world sirens that lure us to ill;  
Work—and pure slumbers shall wait on thy pillow;  
Work—thou shalt ride over Care's coming billow;  
Lie not down wearied 'neath Woe's weeping willow;  
Work with a stout heart and resolute will!

Labor is health! Lo! the husbandman reaping,  
How through his veins goes the life current leaping!  
How his strong arm, in its stalwart pride sweeping,  
True as a sunbeam the swift sickle guides.  
Labor is wealth! In the sea the pearl groweth;  
Rich the queen's robe from the frail cocoon floweth;  
From the fine scorn the strong forest groweth;  
Temple and statue the marble block hides.

Drop not, though shame, sin and anguish are round thee;  
Bravely fling off the cold chain that has bound thee;  
Look to you pure heaven smiling beyond thee:  
Rest not content in thy darkness—a cloud.  
Work for some good, be it ever so slowly;  
Cherish some flower, be it ever so lowly;  
Labor! all labor is noble and holy;  
Let thy great deeds be thy prayer to thy God.

#### Pecans for Revenue.

Pecan trees furnish a better revenue than running many a newspaper, according to the Times-Union, of Jacksonville, which says:

"Fortunately, Florida has been long enough engaged in pecan-growing, sporadically, it is true, to have brought a few orchards up to the point where they have ripened shuckfuls of facts. When a grafted tree on pine land, and not even pronounced first-class pine, but with a strong leaning toward second-class, at the age of eleven years yields eighty pounds of nuts that sell for \$16, on a strict table-top basis—no fancy seed-nut prices about it—that is a fact harder to crack than the nuts were. True, it stands near the house and is somewhat of a family favorite; but it is safe to challenge the record of orange culture to produce a tree of that age on that character of soil showing a better money return. This was in the grove of a well-known Alachua county physician. A group of his trees—fifteen of them—from four to eight years after budding, returned 500 pounds, making \$100 to be accredited to a quarter-acre. Again, twenty-six trees, lining an avenue, yielded 800 pounds—\$160 worth of solid cash—and just as much picturesque and refreshing shade as water oaks would have given. But the best is yet to be told: All calculations above have been based on his minimum price. He never sells any for less than twenty cents per pound—Texans, 'polished Jumbos,' seven to seven and a-half in New York and has repeatedly received orders from men who have tested his pecans, at fifty cents per pound, purely for table use."

#### Household Receipts.

Pulled Bread—Pull or tear out the centre of a loaf of bread; place three irregular pieces in a baking pan and put in a moderate oven until a delicate brown; these will keep a long time, and must be heated in the oven before serving.

Sugared Beets—Cut boiled beets in thin slices, season with butter, pepper, salt and sugar, put into a baking dish and set in a very hot oven for a few minutes. To make delicious pickled beets slice hot beets and pack in a dish with sugar plentifully sprinkled between the layers. When thoroughly cold pour on a little vinegar.

Graham Muffins—Mix two cupsful of Graham flour and one cupful of white flour and one tablespoonful of sugar; beat one egg; add to it two cupfuls of milk; add this to the flour with three level spoonfuls of baking powder and three tablespoonfuls of melted butter; beat until light and smooth; fill greased muffin pans two-thirds full and bake in a quick oven twenty minutes.

Raised Rye Bread—Make a sponge of one pint of white flour, one-half of a yeast cake dissolved in one pint of lukewarm water and one rounding teaspoonful of sugar and two level spoonfuls of salt. When this sponge has risen like honeycomb, as it should be in one hour, add one quart of sifted rye flour and warm water to make a soft dough. Mix and beat thoroughly for ten minutes. Divide into three loaves, let rise until double the first size and bake one hour in a very moderate oven.

#### NEARLY FORFEITS HIS LIFE.

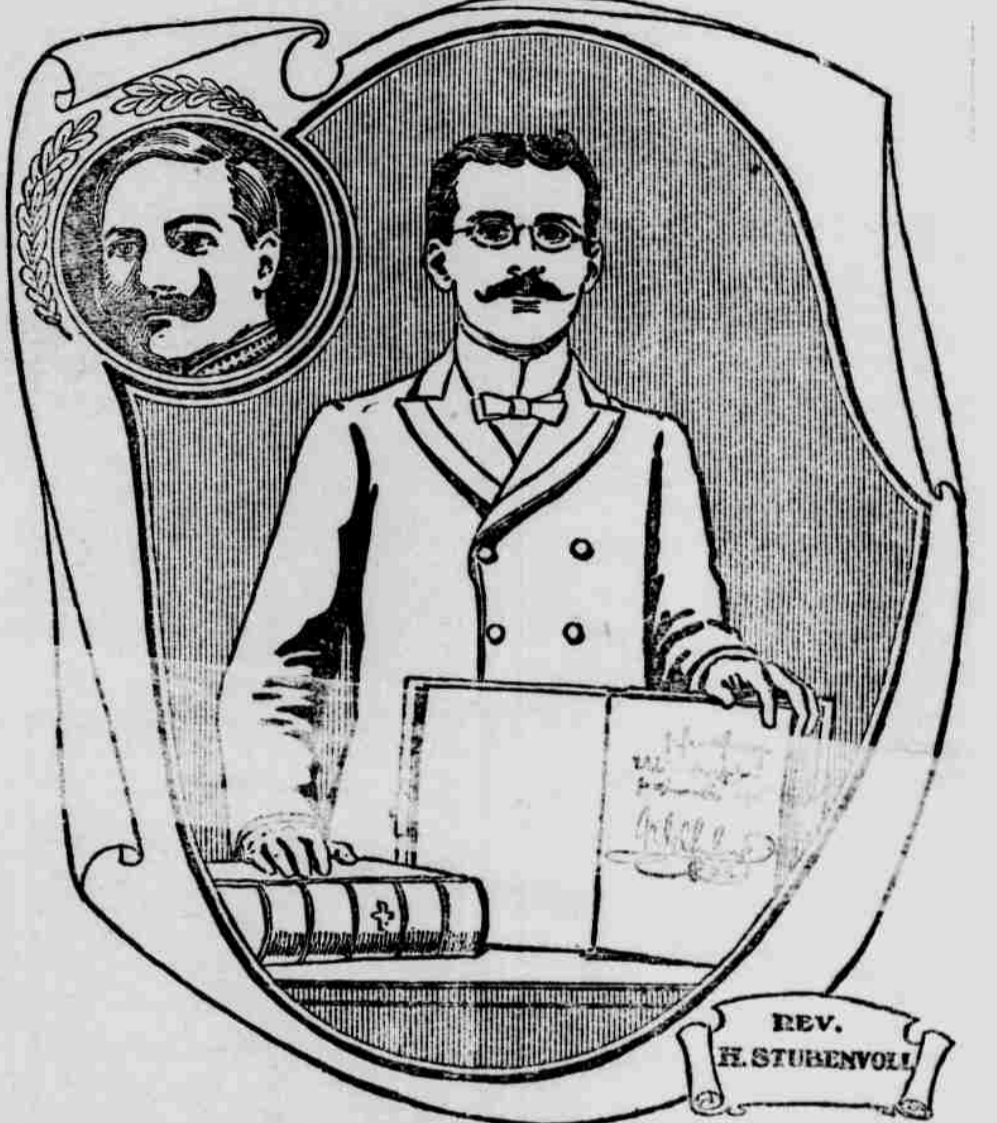
A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arniea Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store.

Having proved that polygamy still exists in Utah, a fact which was never disputed, the attorneys for the complainants will have to take up the more difficult task of proving that Senator Smoot is responsible for it.—Omaha Bee.

#### MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE.

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## A PASTOR WHO WAS BEFRIENDED BY AN EMPEROR SAVED BY PE-RU-NA.



Rev. H. Stubenvoll, of Elkhorst, Wis., is pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Church of that place. Rev. Stubenvoll is the possessor of two bibles presented to him by Emperor William of Germany. Upon the fly leaf of one of the bibles the Emperor has written in his own handwriting a text.

This honored pastor, in a recent letter to The Peruna Medicine Co., of Columbus, Ohio, says concerning their famous catarrh remedy, Peruna:

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Thousands of people have catarrh who would be surprised to know it, because it has been called some other name than catarrh. The fact is catarrh is catarrh wherever located; and another fact which is of equally great importance, is that Peruna cures catarrh wherever located.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

#### A Few Shopping Don't's.

Don't try to do too much in a day.  
Don't swing your purse recklessly. Others may care for it if you don't.  
Don't walk miles to save a few pennies. Shoeleather and good nerves cost money.  
When you go forth to buy, don't get sidetracked and go a sightseeing.  
Don't forget to take along a bag in which to put the small parcels, then you will not be minus several at the close of the day.  
Don't delay until 2 p. m. to start shopping.  
Don't make a list and then leave it home in your desk.  
Don't forget to unbutton your coat and release your neck fur when you enter the big stores intending to stay some time.  
Don't let your skirt trail when shopping; you deserve to have it stepped on if you do.  
Don't wear a trailing skirt to sho din anyway.  
Don't carry a large sum of money in your pocketbook.  
Don't let your generous inclinations do violence to your financial limitations.  
Don't keep on shopping long after strength has left you and your head aches and bones cry for mercy.  
Don't drag the little children around with you on the worrisome purchasing round.  
Don't take the baby into the crowded ill-ventilated places.  
Don't take the baby anyway.

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Before we try to figure out the printing record of Lieut. Gov. Willard, we should like to know the physical condition of the rabbit he chased.—Chicago Post.

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#### A CURE FOR ECZEMA.

My baby had Eczema so bad that its head was a solid mass of scab, and its hair all came out. I tried many remedies but none seemed to do any permanent good until I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The Eczema is cured, the scabs are gone and the little one's scalp is perfectly clean and healthy, and its hair is growing beautifully again. I cannot give too much praise to DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve.—Frank Farmer, Bluff City, Ky. In buying Witch Hazel Salve look out for counterfeits. DeWitt's is the original and the only one containing pure Witch Hazel. The name E. C. DeWitt & Co. is on every box. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.