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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

DESPIE all the scientific investigation of the boll weevil it seems that none of it promises a way to its extermination. There is promise, it is said, for its extermination by a red ant that has been discovered in Guatemala. The ant is said to be sure and certain destruction to the boll weevil, and every chance will be given the ant to do destructive work upon the boll weevil in Texas. Much is involved in the whole matter. If the boll weevil continues its work as at present and should spread as has been predicted without any check, it will soon greatly affect the production and price of cotton.

THE war news for some days has been quite favorable to the Japanese. Indeed they have achieved some splendid victories and the Russians seem unable to resist them. While Russia is a great power and the Japanese must have felt it a great task before them as they approached the beginning of the conflict, the Japanese preparations and calculations for the war were careful and accurate. Long before the war commenced the Japanese sent through Korea and Manchuria skilled engineers in the guise of coolies, who took the measure, depth, flow and current power of every river, and the pontoon bridges were made in sections to meet the demands in each case. Thus they have been successful in crossing rivers, and thus successful in most they have undertaken.

JUDGES Purnell and Peebles have been overruled and peace has been restored within our borders. Under writ of habeas corpus the witnesses Kerr, Carroll and Southernland whom Judge Peebles had sentenced to jail for thirty days for contempt in their affidavits against him, have been declared not guilty of contempt. The writ was issued by Judge H. G. Connor of the Supreme court, and the case was heard before him Saturday. He overruled Judge Peebles, finding that the witnesses had not committed contempt against Judge Peebles' court. As soon as that matter was settled, the case between Judge Peebles and the Lumberton lawyers was compromised. The attorneys for both sides came together in amicable agreement, accepting the denial of the Lumberton lawyers that they meant any contempt for Judge Peebles' court in continuing all their cases in court some time ago. And so that matter was finally settled Friday.

The case between Judge Purnell of the Federal court and Editor Daniels of the News and Observer was also settled Friday. Judge Pritchard, the successor to the late Judge Simonton, granted a writ of habeas corpus for Mr. Daniels, and came to Raleigh to hear the case. His decision was prompt that he saw no act of contempt in the editorial utterances of Mr. Daniels, although he thought Judge Purnell had acted conscientiously in the matter. Preceding these two overrulings, Chief Justice Fuller of the United States Supreme Court, had overruled Judge Purnell in the appointment of a receiver a second time for the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, and that property has been restored to its owners, the receivers, Mears and McBe, having held control only two days. And now that all these matters have been settled, the people of the State can have something better to read than the every day evidences of acrimonious feelings between persons in high places. The people of the entire State are glad that all these troublous matters have been settled.

Now is the time when the students from the various colleges and the children in the town and city schools will have a season of rest from study.

It is indeed a gladsome season to the young men and the young women who have spent nine or ten months within the walls of a college. It is the time when they can enjoy to the full that looked-for freedom which has been before their minds for many weeks. Even to the ambitious youth, who loves his books and delights in study, it is a pleasure and a delight which could come in no other way to go back to the farm home and again drive the team a-field and again drink in the joys that are peculiar to that life which has a blessedness which no other life can have—the life in the country. After a long season of close application to books and lectures and examinations and all that is taxing in the work of a good and faithful student at college, nothing can be more restful and gratifying than to get back under the wide-spreading shade and enter into the freedom of home-life in the country. It is a glad and glorious time when the country boy can go back from college and be received into the bosom of the family, to be blessed with the commendations of a fond father, enjoy again the tender care of a tender mother and to mingle in glee and fun with loving brothers and sisters. But perhaps every college student does not have all the joys here referred to; but even in that case the vacation time is a glad time any way. And it is no less so to the young women who go from college back to be with the home folks again for a season and enjoy the pleasures that await them on their return after a faithful year's work in college. No time is quite so precious to the ideal young girl as that which she spends at home with mother and father and the others at home. And the boys and girls and children in the crowded town and city schools great vacation time with just as much joy as do the young men and young women from the colleges. The girls can have some time for play and to take perhaps their last season with their dolls and pictures and the like. And the boys have time for the rollicking fun which no one else can enjoy like a boy. It is a happy season for those who have been in school and now burst forth into the freedom of a few weeks of rest. But the pleasure is not all on the side of those who have been confined to the work of the college and school. Those at home are just as glad to have the young men and young women home again as they are to go. All are equally happy in the season's pleasures. It may be added that the hard-worked, faithful, thoughtful teachers have as much and perhaps more claim on the pleasures and rest of the season than any others. No one but those who have had the experience can even imagine the relief that comes to the tired and care-worn teacher when the last examination paper has been passed upon, the last report made out and the year's work has all been done and the day for rest has come. We wish for students, children and teachers throughout all the land the richest blessings of every good that can come to them in the rest and recuperation that come through the vacation season.

SOLD HIS SIX ACRES.

The Negro Who Defied Vanderbilt's Millions to Buy His Land at Last Tempted to Sell.

Atlanta Constitution.

The news comes from Asheville that Charles Collins, the negro, whose little homestead of six acres occupied the heart of Vanderbilt estate, has at last been tempted to transfer his property to the lord of Biltmore for "a fancy consideration."

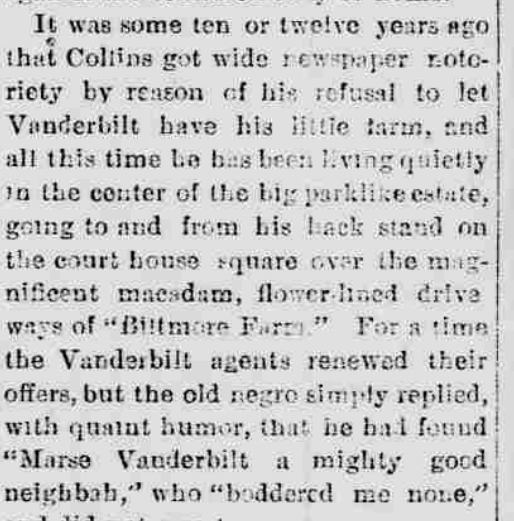
An interesting story is this, throwing some light on negro character. When George Vanderbilt's agents discovered his paradise in Buncombe county and secretly bought out the small farmers whose combined holdings were to constitute his baronial estate, they struck one petty landlord in the dusky Asheville back-driver who could not be persuaded to part with his home for many times its value. The old darkey, Charlie Collins, born in slavery and an independent specimen of his race, simply said he had no land to sell.

There were those who showed the old negro was simply a shrewd real estate speculator, holding out for his price. Others said, notwithstanding he was a back-driver, that he had no adequate conception of the value of money when placed in the balance against the sentimentalism of home.

It was some ten or twelve years ago that Collins got wide newspaper notoriety by reason of his refusal to let Vanderbilt have his little farm, and all this time he has been living quietly in the center of the big parklike estate, going to and from his back stand on the court house square over the magnificent macadam, flower-hatched drive ways of the "Biltmore Farm." For a time the Vanderbilt agents renewed their offers, but the old negro simply replied, with quaint humor, that he had found "Marse Vanderbilt a mighty good neighbor," who "boddard me none," and did not care to move.

At length the offers ceased, and it is said Collins began to show a disposition to come to terms. Vanderbilt, perhaps, nettled by the old darkey's stubbornness, is said to have shown a disposition to keep the unwelcome freeholder on the anxious seat, his agents telling the old man that Mr. Vanderbilt had found him to be a pretty good neighbor and now was contented to let him spend his days inside the Biltmore lines. In the last few years there was no talk of a transfer by the Vanderbilt interests.

Whether by design or not, Collins rented his six acres to a negro family who were anything but desirable neighbors. The immediate effect was to re-awaken interest in the purchase of the tract by the master of Biltmore. Collins was approached again, and he is believed to have "got his price." In addition to the fancy figure, he imposed other conditions that go to show his thrifty nature. Mr. Vanderbilt bound himself to build for the old darkey a comfortable cottage elsewhere and keep the same in repair during the life of its occupant. There is also a pension and more or less luxurious perquisites.



Perhaps men have more of the native wood dweller in their composition than women, but they never seem to have much difficulty in adapting themselves to the lack of home conveniences and comforts during a camping out period. Possibly this is because they have less of the work of the purveying to do. Children, too, often enjoy this sort of life and are never happier than when enduring some small privation that makes them feel that they are leading a truly wild existence.

The average woman does not take quite so kindly to the unconventional camp life—for obvious reasons. She is usually more a creature of habits than the man and she takes her pleasures in an orthodox fashion. Yet it is a good thing for her to be shaken out of her accustomed round once in a while, and even if she does not become so enthusiastic over camping out as do her children and husband, she can hardly fail to get real benefit from it.

There are many ways in which the camp may be made comfortable for the seekers for health and change who cannot indulge themselves in the luxuries of those Adirondack campers who supply their rustic dwellings with brass beds and porcelain tubs. That sort of thing is not camping at all, in the real sense of the word, much as it may appeal to the lovers of the flesh pots. The day has gone by when a camp must of necessity be a tent. A tent has its advantages, but it also possesses drawbacks. In hot weather it is very hot, even although it cools quickly at night. In wet weather it is not always waterproof, and is chilly. Men and boys are usually satisfied with it, but a woman owns to a preference for some kind of a shanty or shack when she goes camping. Whether it be under canvas or beneath a more substantial roof, the main thing to make sure of in planning for a camp is that the beds shall be comfortable.

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Built Up By Trucking.

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Correspondence of the Charleston News and Courier from Lake City, S. C., asserts that nothing has done so much for the improvement of that section as trucking. It adds:

"It has helped everything. Six or eight years ago the common opinion prevailed that our soil was suitable for only one crop, cotton. Then our farmers were in debt and their farms were miserable weed patches. All this has been changed. The farmers, as a rule, are out of debt, their farms are in nice condition, they live in better houses, their food is better, they wear better clothes, and their children are at school. On every hand are evidences of improvement. The deposits in our local bank amount to \$60,000 to \$70,000, and the depositors are our own people. The credit for all this is due to tobacco and truck. Besides strawberries, vegetables are grown in considerable quantities. We have from 400 to 600 acres in beans, and will put upon the market 40,000 to 50,000 crates. There are some 50 acres in cucumbers. The lettuce this year brought the growers returns at the rate of nearly \$3,000 per acre. I feel sure that our trucking business amounts to from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year."

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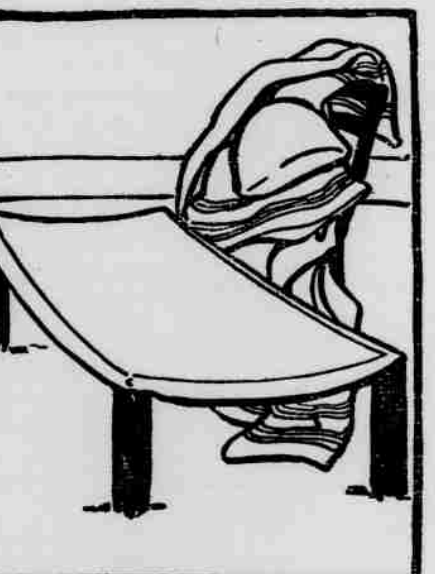
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CAMPING OUT.

The Camp Near Home. How to Make a Camp Comfortable. The Outfit for Camp Housekeeping. Women's Camping Out Dress. Camp Occupations.

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The fresh air fashion has ceased to be a fad. Every where people are learning the value of a life in the open air and are proving for themselves what even a few weeks of roughing out of doors will do. The complete change of habit aids the fresh air to get in its good work and it is not necessary for the tired toler to take a long and costly trip in order to make a total variety in the habits of daily life. Farmers' wives have found out that there is benefit to be derived from leaving home for a few days and camping down at some place a few miles from the farm. Busy city workers who cannot afford to take themselves and their families to distant rural spots have discovered that a tent or a cabin within a short ride of town, near enough for the business man to go back and forth to their work on wheels, is not to be despised as a means of setting the change that every one



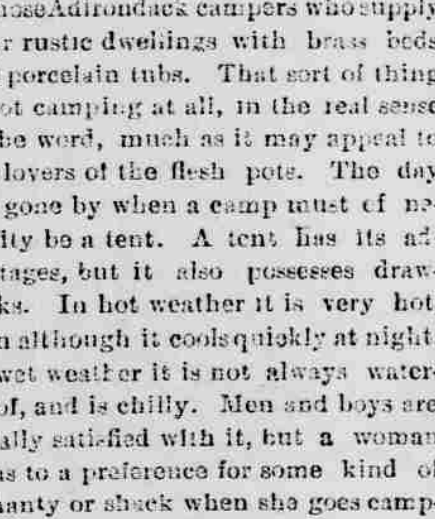
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Therefore, unless the woman who goes camping has the love of Nature very strongly developed, or is deeply interested in some outdoor lad, she will do well to take with her some means of amusing herself. Let it be her fancy work, or her basket making, or her pet game. There should always be books and reading aloud, and with these and the needed work of the camp in a place accessible by good roads the bicycle will help to make the outing more delightful.

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balsam or hemlock arranged on these for a mattress. The old style of making a bed of boughs on the ground left much to be desired. In wet weather, even with a ditch cut around the tent, some dampness was sure to make itself felt. Likewise crawling things found it very easy to get into the green mattress.

The covering for such a bed should be dark blankets—blankets are lighter and warmer than comfortables—and there should be enough of them. Cold nights are not unknown, even in summer, and if one lies awake and shivers during the dark hours there is not much good won from the camping out experiment. Let no woman be deluded into believing she can be really comfortable sleeping on a rubber pillow. This may do for a foundation, but for real comfort she will need a pillow of feathers or down.

When a man camper wishes to wash he takes a plunge in the nearest body of water. A woman must plead for a basin. If she can afford herself the luxury of a rubber tub she is in great luck. Some sort of a rude wash stand can be readily contrived for her in the corner of her tent or of her cabin and there may be a rope put up or pegs on which she can hang the few clothes she takes with her in camping.

Her wardrobe should be small and sensible. Of course she will wear a short skirt of some woolen stuff, thin flannel shirtwaist, as being easily done up, soft stockings instead of laundered collars, knickers rather than elaborate underwear, stout boots and a soft hat. "Falls" of any sort are out of place in a camp—unless it be one of the luxurious establishments to which I have already referred.

In the regular hunting camps where there are guides, these take charge of the cooking, and the women of the party do not have to trouble themselves with anything in the way of kitchen work. But there are camps where the women do the housework and there must be provision made for the cooking and eating. The best camp outfit, both for the stove and the table, is of the blue enamel iron-ware, which is light and durable and not unpleasing to look at. Stone china is ugly as well as heavy and anything finer or more fragile is out of the question.

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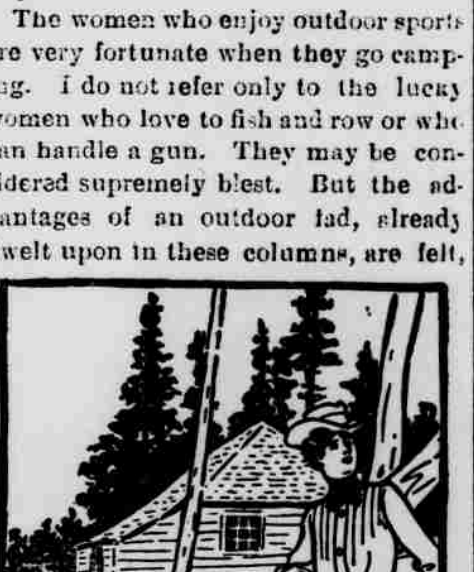
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