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## EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

### OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

ONE seldom sees fruit on a hotel table. Indeed one seldom sees fruit on any table. We have heard the question discussed recently as to why there is so little fruit used, especially at hotels. One said that a gallon of figs would furnish fruit at the table for all the guests at a dinner in an ordinary hotel, but we never see any figs at a hotel. Come to think of it we see very few figs anywhere. They are a most delicious fruit, and the wonder is that people pay so little attention to them. Perhaps this is not a good climate for them; but if it is it would be nice to have them, for nothing is more toothsome than a good, ripe fig.

There has been some trouble at the A. & M. College at Raleigh between two students and the faculty. The students raised objections to some restrictions that were put upon their privileges by the faculty, the objections coming mainly through the senior class. A number of students went away and others prepared to go after several had been expelled. President Winston had consolation in the observation that there are plenty of boys and young men throughout the State who will gladly fill up any gap which may be caused by the misunderstanding. It is quite probable that with the experience of years in the future those insubordinate students will wish they had not been quite so assertive.

There is an occasional discussion about the uses of meats. The Japs are said to live largely on rice and they are very active and strong and equal to almost any emergency. Americans eat meats of all kinds in abundance and keep on discussing the question whether or not it is healthful and helpful to the system; and ask if vegetables are not far better. After discussing the matter Collier's Weekly reaches this conclusion:

"Like Byron, we still hold that 'man is a carnivorous production' whose anatomical construction bears vegetables in a grumbling way. Most of all, our sympathy will go out to Burns when he says:

"Some hae meat and canna eat,  
And some wad eat that want it;  
But we hae meat and we can eat,  
Sae let the Lord be thankit!"

FOR a number of years the editor of Charity and Children has been greatly disturbed by the frequent use of "taken" for "took" and he freely expresses his unrest at such flagrant violations of good speech. We heartily agree with him in all that he says about this careless handling of the parts of the verb. And now we wonder if the editor of Charity and Children is ever annoyed by the use of "sit" for "sat." Well, down this way, and indeed almost any way, it is a common thing to hear even ladies of education and refinement say "sit" for "sat." For instance, the question will come up in their conversation whether or not a certain lady was at church last Sunday. One will say, "I don't think Mrs. Jones was at church Sunday." "Yes she was," will reply the second lady, "she sat just two seats in front of me." Horrors at such mangling of the parts of the verb! But it is as common as "taken" for "took," and we hope the editor of Charity and Children will address himself to the task of correcting this abuse of "sit." All of which reminds us of what an Episcopal layman said to a Methodist preacher. They were free friends and said what they pleased to each other, and the Methodist was making some not very favorable comment about the Episcopalians always using the prayer book, to which the Episcopalian replied, "Well, we do at least address the Lord in good English." Pity but people would learn to address each other in good English.

SOME days ago at a hotel table we heard the conversation of a number of gentlemen concerning certain conditions in the South, and the conversation interested us very much. One of the gentlemen was from Ohio, and of course the conversation had to take a turn at lynchings in the South. This gentleman from Ohio did not say anything harsh about the South, nor about the lynchings here. On the contrary he said that for the same crimes for which negroes are lynched in the South, they would be "strung up," as he put it, in the North. He said that the people in the North do not really care as much for the negro as do the people in the South. He says the people here understand the race better than the people there do. But the most interesting part of the conversation turned upon the question of reading. The gentleman from Ohio said that he has travelled much in the North and in the South and so has had opportunity to make observations of the people in the different sections. He said that the people in the North read many times more than the people in the South. Some one, he said, made close observation on a railroad car of the number of people reading as they leave a city. In the North on a train leaving a city he observed that almost every one is reading; but in the South on a train leaving a city very few are reading. One person in the company ventured to suggest that the price of newspapers may have something to do with it—in the North you can buy a paper for a penny, but in the South you have to pay five cents for a paper of equal size. It was not admitted, however, that the price of the paper could not be the cause of such a discrepancy between the reading of the people in the two sections. The gentleman from Ohio stuck to his proposition, that the people in the North like to read much more than the people in the South. From his view of the matter the people of the South are too garrulous, they talk too much and think too little. And when we come down to the truth of it, the indictment which was not made in any spirit of bitterness or ridicule, for the most part holds good. The Southern people are not so constant readers as the Northern people, and in this lies much of the disadvantage which we suffer in being considered slow and behind the times. We might make good investment with more of our idle time by reading books, magazines and papers a little more.

### THE STOMACH IS THE MAN.

A weak stomach weakens the man, because it cannot transform the food he eats into nourishment. Health and strength cannot be restored to any sick man or weak woman without first restoring health and strength to the stomach. A weak stomach cannot digest enough food to feed the tissues and revive the tired and run down limbs and organs of the body. Kodol, Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat, cleanses and strengthens the glands and membranes of the stomach, and cures indigestion, dyspepsia and all stomach troubles. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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### What the Little Jap Teaches.

Baltimore American.  
The little Jap he pegs away  
Night after night, day after day;  
He's always going right ahead—  
That's why so many Slavs are dead.  
He doesn't stop to rest or sleep, [steep  
But though the roads are rough and  
And too begirt, still day by day  
The little Jap he pegs away.

The little Jap he doesn't talk  
Nor diagram with pen or chalk.  
He doesn't tediously explain  
How certain foris his men will gain.  
Instead he saves his breath and strength  
To about with whom he shall at length  
Have felled the goliath giant's stalk—  
The little Jap he doesn't talk.

The little Jap he doesn't brag  
Or madly masticate the rag.  
He doesn't boast o'er fallen foe  
Until that foe is lying low.  
He doesn't tell the world his plans  
But mambala silently by his plans  
And scraps with vim that cannot lag—  
The little Jap he doesn't brag.

The little Jap he doesn't wait  
And sit around and rail at fate.  
Instead he tackles with a vim  
Whoever's in the way of him.  
He doesn't murmur or complain,  
He knows such things aren't any use.  
He's busy early, busy late—  
The little Jap he doesn't wait.

The little Jap thus teaches you—  
And teaches other people, too—  
That 'tisn't wise to brag or brag  
Or mouth the masticative rag.  
Or wait or murmur or complain,  
But just to work, come sun or rain;  
Less theorizing, more of do,  
The little Jap man teaches you.

### Run Down Lands.

Virginian, in the Southern Planter.  
The great inducement for men to buy and develop the productivity of the run-down lands of the South is the fact that by wise management these lands can be made to pay for their improvement as they are built up. They become unproductive through a long course of bad treatment, and they are not suddenly going to be made fertile as they once were by any immediate vast expenditure in green manuring. The man who puts lime on poor land destitute of humus, with the notion of aiding the growth of cow peas, will find that lime does not help them, as it does other legumes. He must get the peas first by the aid of acid phosphate and potash if on a sandy loam; or acid phosphate alone if on a clay loam. He will find, too, that the pulverized rock will give very little return at once on the peas, and that for immediate results he had better use the dissolved rock. Thus, having got a good growth of peas, he will be very unwise to turn them under green, for he will run the risk of damaging his land more than helping it, and will have cut short the work the peas would do for him, as the larger part of their nitrogen gathering is done in the latter stages of their growth. Then, too, the burying of a large growth is a poor preparation for fall grain, which needs a well compacted soil.

In short, our worn lands have still a great resource of fertility to be brought out by good plowing and tillage and are really undeveloped farms and not mere "places for farms," and properly treated they can be made to pay for their improvement as they develop and do not need the expenditure of a high priced farm on them before giving profitable returns.

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Stella.—He wore my picture right over his heart, and it stopped the bullet.  
Bella.—No wonder, it would stop a clock.—New York Sun.

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Pelvic catarrh is a phrase coined by Dr. Hartman, covering all that large class of diseases that used to be known



Miss Ruth Emerson.

as female weakness. The lower portion of the abdomen is called by anatomists the pelvis. The organs contained in this portion of the body are known as the pelvic organs. There are several of them, very delicate and very subject to catarrh. Few women escape entirely

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Miss Ruth Emerson, 72 Syracuse St., Buffalo, N. Y., writes: "I suffered for two years with irregular and painful menstruation, and Peruna cured me within six weeks. I cannot tell you how grateful I feel. Any agency which brings health and strength to the afflicted is always a welcome friend, and to-day the market is so filled with useless and injurious medicines that it is a pleasure to know of so reliable a remedy as you place before the public."  
Miss Ruth Emerson.

catarrh of these organs. While each case presents some minor difference as to detail, they are all in reality alike. Peruna does not relieve these cases by temporarily mitigating some symptom, but by a removal of the cause. Many a woman can testify that local treatment does not permanently cure. A large multitude of women are constantly going from doctor to doctor to receive local treatment, with little or no result.

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### Small.

"How small have you felt?" she asked anxiously.  
"Well," he replied, "I have felt as small as a man in the presence of a heat plumber."  
"That isn't enough."  
"I have felt as small as the Prohibition nominee for Vice-President."  
She shook her head.  
"Or as a man when his wife catches him in a lie."  
"That isn't anything."  
"I have felt as small as the man who made a righteous complaint to the president of a trolley line."  
She shook her head again sadly.  
"That isn't anything to the way I felt," she said. "You know I have never been to Europe, and I've been talking with a girl who has just returned."  
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### Whiskey's Doom.

Rocky Mount Record.  
"Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad." This is about the way the average voter in North Carolina regards the recent declaration of the North Carolina Whiskey Dealers Association that in the election this year they will make war on all men and associations of men who do not think the open barroom is a blessing. The elections held in the State have shown how the people regard the saloon question and if the issue is forced on all the people of the State by the Whiskey Dealers Association as they now seem determined to do, the funeral knell of the whole business will soon strike in the State.

A POWER FOR GOOD.  
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Forty-three years makes a great difference, but it is to be doubted if the spectacular events at Manassas in this good year of 1904 will differ very much in grandeur from those of 1861.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

### An Amusing Anecdote of Darwin.

A good story is told of Charles Darwin, the great English scientist. It is given here:  
"Two English boys, being friends of Darwin, thought one day that they would play a joke on him. They caught a butterfly, a grasshopper, a beetle and a centipede and out of these creatures they made a strange, composite insect. They took the centipede's body, the butterfly's wings, the grasshoppers legs and the beetle's head and they glued them together very carefully. Then, with their new bug in a box, they knocked at Darwin's door. 'We caught this bug in a field,' they said. 'Can you tell us what kind of a bug it is, sir?' Darwin looked at the bug and then he looked at the boys. Then he smiled slightly. 'Did it hum when you caught it?' he asked. 'Yes,' they answered, nudging one another. 'Then,' said Darwin, 'it is a jumbug!'"

A STITCH IN TIME.  
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"At this height," said the guide, as they paced on the mountain side to look into the valley below, "people with weak hearts often die." "How often?" asked a deeply interested listener, do they have to die before they stay dead?"—Chicago Tribune.

### SOUL STOMACH.

When the quantity of food taken is for the quality too rich, our stomach is likely to follow, and especially so if the digestion has been weakened by constipation. Eat slowly and not too freely of easily digested food. Masticate the food thoroughly. Let five hours elapse between meals, and when you feel a fullness and weight in the region of the stomach after eating, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and the sour stomach will be avoided. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, and Leggett's Drug Store, Hobgood.

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