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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

THERE have been many suggestions from one place and another about what to do under the present depression from the low price of cotton and how to restore the price to a reasonable figure; rather too fast, but the action of some farmers in Georgia seems to be rather precipitate. Some one has suggested that cotton should be burned to do away with the surplus now on hand so that the price of what should be left might be better. Acting upon this suggestion some Georgia farmers a few days ago made bon-fires of cotton bales and created considerable excitement in their community. Doubtless if a great part of the cotton now being held in the South should be burned the price would go higher as a result; but we do not see the wisdom in this course. It would have the same effect on the cotton market if the cotton should be held until the price advances. This the farmers could do and produce other crops. Then when the price should advance they would have the cotton to supply the demands without raising any more. It is folly to burn cotton now and then raise more right away.

THE Charlotte Observer recently found itself somewhat embarrassed by a mistake which its types made. It tells its own story thus:

"At a session of a United States court in this State some years ago a government witness of the name of Anchises was on the stand, and an interested auditor of the proceedings, a doctor, turned to a store-keeper and gauger sitting next him and asked him if that witness was a descendant of the old Anchises whom Aeneas bore from the flames of Troy upon his shoulder. The store-keeper and gauger said he really didn't know; that he had never 'heard' of it before; and the doctor said afterwards that that was the last time he would ever try a classical joke on a revenue officer. Thinking, the other day, to be very smart, we wrote of the immigrants coming to this country that they are like Jeremiah's pigs—the good very good and the bad very bad. It appeared in the paper 'Jeremiah's pigs,' and the next mail brought us a postal card from a Presbyterian preacher in Alamance county, wanting to know more about them. We are minded at present to never try another Scriptural reference on a linotype machine."

EVERY year the Hub Clothing Co. of Norfolk gives a free Christmas dinner to the poor children of the city. THE COMMONWEALTH last year printed the account of it, and we do so again this year, not to advertise the Hub but because their generosity displayed is so commendable. The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot of Dec. 27th gave the following interesting account of the event:

"More than one thousand boys enjoyed The Hub Clothing Company's Christmas dinner served at Armory hall yesterday afternoon. To be exact 1,050 hungry mouths partook of the bounteous repast. In numerous respects it was one of the most remarkable events of the kind this city has ever known. Never before have such extensive preparations been made for a public Christmas dinner and never before have so many representatives of the rising generation gathered together upon the same occasion and for a similar purpose, and never before has any event of whatever description been more thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

"Messrs. Joseph and David Wurtburger, of Baltimore, owners of The Hub Clothing Company, came to Norfolk especially to attend this Christmas dinner, and they, with manager C. L. Fine, seemed to enjoy the occasion fully as much as the hungry youngsters. If it was their intention to disperse Christmas cheer and sunshine among the little fellows who are unable to enjoy such good things at home, their purpose was more than fulfilled. The dinner was spread upon the table in the spacious auditorium, there being more than one hundred men and women on the floor assisting in the serving of food. The gallery was filled with spectators who looked on at the concourse of urchins engaged in making turkey and pie disappear as if by magic, and enjoyed the exhibition to the fullest degree. It is doubtful, however, if they derived as much pleasure from looking on as the 'kids' did in taking part in the actual proceedings of the afternoon. When the army of young Americans, accompanied by large and healthy appetites, lined up on Brewer street, heard the call, announcing that 'dinner was ready,' there ensued a wild scramble for the hall. One had only to take a hurried glance at the crowd to see that the charity dispensed by The Hub would go to the class for which it was designed. It was evident that the little fellows had not much comforts at home. Some of them were actually barefooted, and scarcely ten per cent. of the entire number possessed such luxuries as overcoats. All of them were ill-clad and showed signs of having had a strenuous tussle with hard times. Rev. C. S. Blackwell, D. D., pastor of the first Baptist church, asked the blessing over the sumptuous dinner. An address by Mayor James G. Riddick followed. The mayor expressed pleasure at seeing so many eager and happy faces before him, and he took occasion to give his young auditors some good advice. Noting that they had made an indiscriminate scramble to get at the tables, Mayor Riddick warned them in future life against being too eager to get ahead of one another. Then the guests proceeded 'to get on the outside' of the splendid turkey dinners. After the dinner came a vaudeville performance. The scenery for the stage settings had been procured from the Granby theatre and the effect was very appropriate and pleasing. Edward Barnes, the ragtime pianist; Herman Nowitzky, the Punch and Judy performer; 'Great De Varde,' the contortionist; Harry Lee, the magician; 'Mobile' and 'Alabama,' the blackfaced burlesques, and Fordham Morgan, the Santa Claus. After the dinner was over Mr. Fine found that a great deal of food was left, so he had put up at least four hundred extra packages for those at home who could not be present for various reasons—a little sister, perhaps, or a sick brother, or mother too poor to provide the family with a Christmas feast. In addition to this, a large quantity of food was turned over to the superintendent of the City Mission, who will serve a dinner with it at the City mission today. Several hundred packages of candy remaining were distributed equally among the Jackson Orphan home, the Turney Home for Boys, the Norfolk Female Orphan asylum and St. Mary's orphanage."

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THE THREE.

By Maurice Smiley in Collier's Weekly.
I saw three walking and of all I loved
The Second best, the likeliest unto me.
The First had fellowship with brutes
and on
His brow was stamped the brand of
hate and sin.
No pain or penitence was in his eyes;
No dream of higher things was in his
heart.
He knew no law but felt and never
gazed
Above the mire. With raving hand
he struck
His climbing comrade down and
snatched the prize
Of life at cost of others' pain. He
drained
The cup of pleasure with a swinish
zeal,
Despite his brother's thirst, whom
from the feast
He dashed aside with gnashing, snarling
greed—
I could not love this First, that never
knew
A throbb of softness nor the kindly
pang
Of pity—even tho' I saw in him
What once I was.—For he was Yesterday.

But ah, the Second! How my heart
went out
To him! He walked an upward way,
yet oft
He fell, but rose a little higher on
For every fall. Upon his face were
many tears,
The tears of sorrow for the ill he did.
Yet still he evil wrought. But in his
eyes
I saw the pain of weakness; in his
heart
I heard a prayer for strength. He
fixed his gaze
Upon the skies, yet oft his glances
roved
And wavered to the earth. And many
times
He ate the bitter sabbon fruit when
sweet
Was near at hand and often chose the
road
To needless pain, when blossomed
pathways stretched
Before. And so he staggered, stum-
bled, fell;
And rose and groped and clung and
climbed; and loved
And hated, sighed and smiled and
cured and prayed
And sinned and sobbed and suffered
and wept.
And him I knew for what I am—To-
day.

The Third was nobler than the
highest dream
Of all I longed to be. Upon his head
There fell the light of utter good. He
went
Serene and whitely in a way that had
No thorns or stumbling. With a
gentle hand
He helped each climber to a higher
place
And with compassion's tender touch
he balm'd
The wounds of falling. In his heart
There was
No thought of ill, for all desire was
gone
And only Love's divine absolving left,
That pardoned every weaker's fault.
He saw
The lower, yet he chose the higher,
path
And longed to see all feet set fast
therein.
He trod the earth yet looked upon the
stars.
And this bright, purged, winged walk-
er was
Tomorrow—what I might be but was
not.

CURED HIS MOTHER OF RHEUMATISM.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," says W. H. Howard of Husband, Pennsylvania. At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. We prepared her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact, she never without it and now is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by all Druggists.

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The Telegrapher's Story.

Charlotte News.
A friend of the News furnishes the following interesting story:
Several years ago about a half a dozen telegraph operators on a division of the Southern Railway quit the key rather than sit in a lonely depot in a country town and all through the dead hours listen to the Morse signals being transmitted over the wire by what they believed to be the spirit hand of a late deceased train dispatcher.
The dispatcher managed one end of the wire for a score of years. He was at times irascible, but was popular with the men under him, and was referred to by them as "the old man." He was stricken with fever and died, his remains being interred in the family grave yard at the opposite end of the one night wire from where he had been serving. One night several weeks after "the old man" had answered his last call, the boys along the line were surprised to hear the dead dispatcher's private wire signal "YT" ring out several times on the sounder on an idle wire. This wire not being used between the suns, one end was taken out of the battery every evening and left to stand open, thus turning its portion of the current to another wire running parallel with it. The first night the signal "YT" was heard it caused the operators along the line to think of their dead superior. The next night about the same hour—12 o'clock—the open wire closed and the letters "YT" were repeated a dozen times in quick succession. The night men started from their chairs and in fancy could see the form of "the old man" standing close by. On the third night the same thing happened. Shortly after the midnight hour the open circuit closed and then was heard again the "YT"—not a dozen times but fifty. The letters were perfect, and the writing on the wire sounded very much like that of a departed dispatcher, which was familiar to every telegrapher in that section. Night after night this "YT" business kept up always being heard between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock. The operators felt very queer and firmly believed that it was "the old man's" ghost. One day the operator along the line decided to meet at a certain station on the division and talk the matter over. At the meeting one of the fellows stated that he had often heard the dispatcher say that he would be with the boys even after he had shuffled off the mortal coil—he would haunt them until Gabriel sounded the trombone. That settled it, so far as the night men were concerned. They then and there signed a declaration that they would resign if "YT" was heard any more. That very night just after the clock hands met at the top of the dial, the sounder on the open wire began clicking off "YT" and kept it up for fully five minutes. That was the limit.
Next morning the boys wired the resignations to the superintendent and asked for immediate relief. The reason assigned for the sudden action was whispered about and the railroad people found it impossible to fill the vacancies. Special electricians and linemen worked on the puzzle for months, but every night the "YT" could be heard at the hour when the ghosts are wont to stalk through the land. The wire chiefs sat by the switchboard at one end and watched the needles on the galvanometer, trying to measure the distance and catch the mysterious operator. A chief constructor walked every foot of ground over which the wire ran, climbing every pole to make tests, and always found that the manipulator was further west. Finally the spirit sender was located at the depot in the town where the dead dispatcher had been buried. When the constructor reached the office at that point he found the office dark and deserted, but up in the depot loft there was an awful racket. The linemen climbed to the attic and traced the wires through a long groove and found in a narrow place that rats had gnawed an insulation off the wires and left them bare and almost touching each other. The mystery was no longer a mystery. The agent at the depot worked on his books and reports every night until 12 o'clock, at which hour he put out the lights and went home. Then the hundreds of rats in the building would meet and hold high carnival. The linemen took up a position in the attic and remained quiet. In a few minutes they heard an army of rodents approaching, and in single file they passed through the groove. Every time a rat crossed the wires the instruments in the office would tick. It would be better said just here that the letter "Y" in telegraphy is made with

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Apples and Drunkards.

A well-known physician, who has for some time held to the theory given in the caption of this item, has been telling the Evening Times about it. With the view of learning the opinions of other medical men concerning the efficacy of the habit of eating apples to destroy the taste for liquor he has corresponded with many medical men living in various States. He received replies from all but three. From a large majority came answers that they had never known a case where a person was accustomed to the free use of apples and was a drunkard, nor had they ever known of a drunkard who was reconverted to the daily use of apples. From a personal observation, covering a period of more than 25 years, the physician says he never has known a single instance where a person who was a free user of apples acquired the liquor habit, nor has he known a person addicted to the free use of liquor who was fond of apples.

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