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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

No intelligent person will question the theory that many of the diseases common to humanity are fostered and spread by certain and various forms of death-bearing germs; but we submit that a good deal of foolishness is set a-going on this subject of disease germs—some of it meant for foolishness and some of it meant for good sense. The latest scientific fad is the declaration by somebody, we do not remember the individual, that door knobs are a menacing source of disease communication. It is claimed that all door knobs are unclean and a remedy against their danger to health is suggested in a foot-spring contrivance at the front gate or bottom of the front steps, which, when stepped upon, will cause the door to open and admit whoever sees fit to press the spring. This is a case in which the remedy would seem worse than the disease, for you could never tell who might enter, whether welcome or not. It's a wonder we are able to live at all in the midst of the missiles of death which scientists are constantly discovering.

The get-rich-quick policy which about two years ago was encouraged by erstwhile evangelist W. P. Fife, has come to judgment. He advertised extensively a great Western gold mining company, and sold stock as its agent. Mr. Fife succeeded in placing considerable stock in North Carolina, and doubtless quite a little amount of money went out of the State through his tutelage. It turns out that the property which was capitalized at twelve million dollars was purchased for fifteen thousand at first, and a suit has been filed in the United States Court at St. Louis, seeking to have a receiver appointed for the company. It's a pity that there are people always ready to catch at every fraud that comes along. It is not so much a pity that certain individuals swallow the bait and are caught as it is that the patronage of such frauds encourages those who promote them to keep up such work. Something for nothing, or even too much for too little, is a dangerous policy for anyone to act upon. One can not guard too carefully his course and acts to sustain any good name he may be able to make. Mr. Fife may have impressed some people during the years he was an evangelist that he was sincerely trying to do good in the service of God and in his efforts to raise his fallen fellow man, and we would not dare say nay to such a proposition; but when he left off preaching and turned his attention and what talent he had to promoting wild western speculating schemes, he lost much in the estimation of the public. And especially will there be a revulsion of feeling now that his mining company has failed and his patrons lose their money.

The Rich Square Times told how some of the good Quaker people of Northampton took a trip North and into Canada and how they made observations of Northern thrift against Southern prodigality. For instance, the good Quakers saw in the North many a well peopled poultry yard with spring chickens in abundance but seldom did they get a chance to learn how toothsome were those chickens. They made the comparison between the Northern and Southern farmer by saying that the former counts on how much money his chickens will bring when he sells them for some one else's table, while the latter dwells on the pleasure he derives from using them on his own table as a luxury for his own family. While we deplore unnecessary and foolish extravagance everywhere and always counsel against it and try to say a word for economy, still we feel like endorsing what the Richmond Times-Dispatch says: "Northern farmers do not feel called upon to sacrifice money-fetching chickens to hospitality; Southern farmers have nothing too good for a guest. Go out tomorrow and take dinner with your friend in the country, and you will get the fattest chicken on the place with all the accompaniments from the garden, and after dinner the most luscious melon in the spring will be cut for your taste, and if one does not satisfy, the whole patch will be at your disposal. It is a pity that the Southern farmer is not more thrifty; it is a pity he does not learn from his Northern brother how to make everything on the farm pay. But when he learns the lesson, as he will by and by, God forbid that his delightful hospitality become tainted by his thrift. It is as fragrant as his own fried chicken; as refreshing as his juiciest melons."

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A WARNING TO MOTHERS.

Too much care cannot be used with small children during the hot weather of the summer months to guard against bowel troubles. As a rule it is only necessary to give the child a dose of castor oil to correct any disorder of the bowels. Do not use any substitute, but give the old-fashioned castor oil, and see that it is fresh, as rancid oil nauseates and has a tendency to gripe. If this does not check the bowels give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and then a dose of castor oil, and the disease may be checked in its incipency and all danger avoided. The castor oil and this remedy should be procured at once and kept ready for instant use as soon as the first indication of any bowel trouble appears. This is the most successful treatment known and may be relied upon with implicit confidence even in cases of cholera infantum. For sale by all druggists.

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GREAT MOUNT MITCHELL.

ITS DIFFICULT ASCENT.

The Magnificent and Splendid Scenery.

(Written for The Commonwealth.)

The mountains of Western North Carolina present nothing more interesting than the ascent of Mitchell from the Black Mountain side. One making this trip must drive from the little village of Black Mountain to Tyson's "Mountain House," eight miles away. Here the ascent is begun. If there be ladies in the party they had better procure mules or sure-footed horses, for the distance is twelve miles.

The first few miles are easy, for we follow a wagon path along the course of a turbulent mountain stream. Finally, however, this path dwindles into a narrow trail which gradually leaves the stream and turns up the mountain side. For miles yet, the sound of the stream reaches the traveler's ear as he trudges up the now steep trail, which winds in and out to avoid a sudden climb. We are now beyond the sound of human habitation, and the ascent has fairly begun.

The woods which cover the mountain sides are redolent with the odor of Mountain Laurel and Rhoda Dendron, which grow on every side, and resonant with the songs of many birds. Now and then we hear the chatter of a squirrel or the sound of a half eaten nut, as it falls with a heavy thud, dropped from the top of a tall tree. As yet there is little but local scenery, for we have reached no clear space from which we can overlook the trees; we are entirely unable to judge of the distance we have come because of the winding way.

Now, we tread on almost without a word, for the ascent is becoming steep and the climber foot-sore and exhausted. We have gone many miles—perhaps half the distance. Gradually the trail becomes less steep, our pack-mule (if it has made the trip before) quickens its pace, and suddenly we emerge into an open space, covered with short grass. To the right, at the foot of a small cedar, bubbles a sparkling spring. This is the "half-way house." Here, in the days of Vance, stood a lonely mountain house. Here rested the body of Dr. Mitchell during the night of his last ascent of the mountain he had measured. But the "house" is gone now and its only remains is a pile of stones which served for pillars.

Yes, we have made half the distance. We have still six miles to go. We release our mule and allow it to graze while we slake our thirst and gaze at the scene before us. We are standing on a level space of about half an acre. Below us lies the wooded slope that we have just ascended. At its foot lies a narrow valley and beyond rises another mountain. In the distance we see the blue outline of the ridge.

After a short rest we move on. Again the trail becomes steep, the tall trees disappear. We are crossing the line beyond which grows nothing but balsam, and soon find ourselves passing through an almost impenetrable growth of the same. At times we emerge upon small level spaces, on the mountain side, from which we obtain a clear view. A rock thrown, it is said, from one of these falls a mile before striking. We are climbing Clingman's Peak, for, to reach Mitchell, we must climb three other peaks. Soon we reach a point from which, in the distance, we get a view of Mitchell. There, on its bare top, solitary, rising above all else around it, stands the monument of Dr. Elisha Mitchell. For a moment we gaze upon this mecca toward which so many tourists turn their wandering steps; then turn away in silence and resume our march.

After descending from Clingman's and climbing for some distance the side of Mitchell, we find ourselves in another open space. Here gushes forth a spring as clear as crystal and cold as ice. We are at the foot of the first ascent. Just above us (but out of sight) is the highest point of Mount Mitchell. To reach this height the climber must gather his flagging energy and put forth one supreme effort. But the reward is doubly worth the effort, for suddenly he finds himself in an open space, overlooking everything around it. To west, south and east one can see peak upon peak for miles and miles. The whole is covered with a carpet of velvety green which becomes less and less distinct 'till it fades into a blue haze in the distance. Perchance it is a clear afternoon. Then we see a sight that can never be forgotten. The setting sun shoots his yellow beams athwart a stretch of innumerable peaks, the outlines of which are lost in the misty haze, and covers the whole with the gorgeous tints of sunset. It is magnificent!

As the sun slowly sinks we awake from our reverie and turn to the tomb of Dr. Mitchell. We must examine it before darkness sets in, for we must be off in the early morning before sunrise. Here is but a humble tomb, and yet half the scientists in our State would be glad to rest there under similar conditions. A low wall of unhewn stones surrounds the grave of our greatest scientific explorer. At its head stands a simple zinc shaft which bears this inscription:

"Erected, in 1888, to the memory of Rev. Elisha Mitchell, who, after being for thirty-nine years a professor in the University of North Carolina, lost his life in the scientific exploration of this mountain, in the sixty-fourth year of his age, June 27, 1857."

Mount Mitchell is the highest peak (6711-25) east of the Mississippi, and was first measured by Dr. Mitchell. It was thus that he lost his life. While attempting to cross the mountain one afternoon he lost his way and was overtaken by darkness. He fell from an overhanging cliff into a clear pool about fifteen feet below. Here the body was found several days after. It was prepared for burial, taken to the top of the mountain and placed in the grave just described.

The traveler who would spend the night on Mitchell must carry ample blankets, for with approaching darkness comes cold, and both fire and covering are necessary. He will find shelter beneath an overhanging rock (15 by 60 feet). If there are many in the party, he will sleep but little, for all this is now and strange. He will hardly see a clear sunrise on account of the dampness and clouds, which almost always hang around the peak in early morning.

The return presents almost as many attractions as the ascent, for he sees everything in a new light. One thing is certain: He will never regret the trip, even though he may be a little sick from the unusual exertion of climbing.

W. L. VAUGHAN, Scotland Neck, N. C., Aug. 1, 1905.

The Heart of the Hills.

There's a wonderful country lying far off from the noisy town,
Where the wind flower swings,
And the song-bird sings,
And the tumbling brooks come down;
'Tis a land of light and of laughter,
Where peace all the woodland fills.
'Tis the land that lies
'Neath the summer skies
In the heart of the happy hills.
The road to that wonderful country
Leads out from the gates of care;
And the tired feet
In the dusty street
Are longing to enter there;
And a voice from that land is calling,
In the rush of a thousand rills,—
'Come away, away,
To the woods to-day,
To the heart of the happy hills."

far away in that wonderful country,
Where the skies have deepest hue,
In the shadows cool,
By the foaming pool,
We may put on strength anew;
We may drink from the magic fountains
Where the wine of life distils;
And never a care
Shall find us there,
In the heart of the happy hills.

NOTHING ON THE MARKET EQUAL TO CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

This fact is well known to druggists everywhere, and nine out of ten will give their customers this preparation when the best is asked for. Mr. Obe Witmer, a prominent druggist of Joplin, Mo., in a circular to his customers, says: "There is nothing on the market in the way of a patent medicine which equals Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints. We sell and recommend this preparation." For sale by all druggists.

"Were you out at the races every day, Spatter?" "No-o, the day it rained I stayed at home and wasn't out a cent.—Detroit Free Press.

The pills that act as a tonic, and not as a drastic purge, are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure Headache, Constipation, Biliousness, etc. Early Risers are small, easy to take and easy to act—a safe pill. Mack Hamilton, hotel clerk at Valley City, N. D., says: "Two bottles of these Famous Little Pills cured me of chronic constipation." Good for either children or adults. W. H. Howell, Houston, Tex. says: "For years I have used Little Early Risers Pills in my family. No better pill can be used for constipation, sick headache, etc., than these famous pills. Scores of testimonials prove their worth. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co."

NOTHING ABOUT CHINAMEN

Book of Law Had No Mention of Them, So It Was No Crime to Kill Them.

For many years there was a primitive justice of the peace who administered law, equity and tradition among the half-breeds in the cactus regions along the Rio Grande in Texas west of the Pecos river. He was famous in southwestern legend for his original and aboriginal adjudications and methods. A client who had reached it in the justice's bailiwick for many years and personally knew him gave me the facts, relates a Chicago lawyer, in the Daily News:

Mexicans predominated in that section and among the Mexicans he was known as the alcalde, a Spanish name for a dispenser of justice. They looked up to him as a judicial dictator. In addition to his minor duties he used to hear their matrimonial dissensions, grant divorces and dispense such other "equitable relief" as to the court seemed meet, which was received with due credence and reverence. He arrested and exacted fees for his services in settling the matters. His word was law among them and there was no appeal. First, appeal was beyond their comprehension and, secondly, it was practically beyond reach, for the forum and facilities for appeal were too distant.

Neither the alcalde nor his constituents were sticklers about legal formalities. Documents and processes were not insisted upon as essentials in his court. He would send out his constable to enforce his demands with verbal executions and especially to collect judgments for costs, which were honored the same as though engrossed on parchment and sealed with the great seal of the state. If necessary he would impress into the service of the court private property by the same kind of process. Thus, he directed his constable on one occasion to go forth after a distant ranchero and collect a delinquent assessment. The constable, having no broncho at hand, thoughtfully alighted directed him to mount the broncho of another ranchero that was tied up to a post while its owner was refreshing himself at the grocery.

Soon the owner of the appropriated broncho made his appearance, searching for his steed, and naturally, with high indignation, sought the alcalde for some process of relief. But that sublime functionary informed him with much dignity that his property was engaged in necessary services for the state; that if deemed proper the state could impress him into service as well as his broncho, and that the inconvenience he was subjected to resulted from the obligations he assumed in becoming a citizen of this glorious republic.

In his earlier judicial career the alcalde was unable to read. Whenever reading was a necessary element in adjudication his bartender officiated. Later his daughters taught him to read. He it was that made one of those famous decisions relating to homicide when the victim chanced to be a Chinaman. A Chinaman who wandered out of his beat and some of the citizens arrested the offender and brought him before the alcalde. After hearing a statement as to the nature of the incident he called for his book of the law. With a puzzled air he fumbled long over the volume. Then, with the conscious assurance of one who has solved an intricate problem, he announced the result of his research as follows:

"I can't find nothin' nowhar in this here book whar it says that it is agin the statoot to kill a Chinaman. The defendant is discharged."

NEW USE FOR INCUBATORS

Manager of Alligator Farm in Arkansas Has Adopted Them in His Business.

Hatching alligators is the latest use to which incubators have been put. Beginning with chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys, the use of incubators was extended to ostriches and babies, and now a manager of an alligator farm in Arkansas has adopted the use of incubators there, reports the New York World.

An alligator is in its propagating habits between a fish and a hen. It swims in the water like a fish and lays eggs, but instead of laying them in the water it goes out and makes its nest on the land like a hen. In this nest it lays 25 or 30 eggs and then trusts to the warm weather to hatch them out. The period of incubation of alligator eggs is not accurately known, but it approximates five weeks, or a fortnight longer than chicken eggs or a week longer than duck eggs.

Most of the alligators hatched at the alligator farms are sold in infancy for one dollar apiece to visitors from the north. As many alligators are raised to maturity as the inclosed swamps and streams of the alligator farm will permit. They are valuable for their hides, which are used for bags, belts, purses and like purposes.

The supply of alligators is much less than the demand, as the hide hunters have killed off all they could find, and there is as yet no close season in the game laws for their protection. Like the terrapin, they are becoming extinct in their wild state. At the alligator farms no more old alligators are kept than are needed for breeding purposes. Most of them are sold when a month or six weeks old, and the others are killed at an early age, when their hides are more pliable and easily worked. Alligator farming so far has proved a profitable industry.

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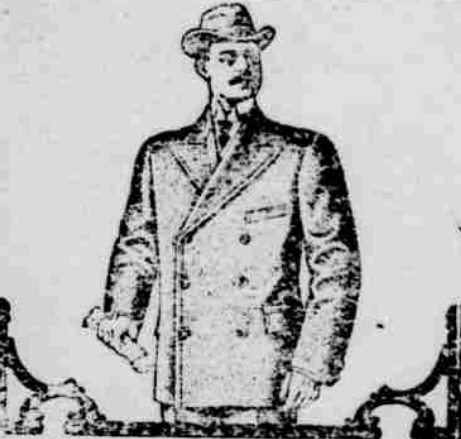
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