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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS. OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

At the meeting of the Southern Cotton Association in Birmingham last week Mr. Harvie Jordan was re-elected president and accepted. The organization has been a great benefit to the South and it deserves the hearty support of all the people of this great section—farmers, merchants, professional men and all; for it is a means of saving millions of dollars annually to our people.

It will be hard for the United States Congress to make the people believe that the salaries of congressmen should be raised from \$5,000 to 7,500. Such a bill has passed the House, but to the credit of North Carolina, it was stated that all our members present voted against it. For the time they are in actual service and with the privileges that they have for attending to their outside affairs, it strikes the average citizen that congressmen are as well paid for services as most officials, and far better than some.

WHEN you can truthfully say of a man that his word is his bond, you have said much for him. To be sure, any one's solemn promise ought to be his bond, but we find so many people whose word means little more than they are compelled to do, that one hesitates to "pin his faith" to the promise of any one. And this is the source of much disappointment in many things. If every man's word were good as his bond the world would be far better and the good that there is in people would be developed, men would have confidence in each other and life would be very different for most people.

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Turning Back for the Want of Grit.

Success magazine. Most lives are filled with half finished tasks which were begun with enthusiasm, but which have been dropped because the enthusiastic beginners did not have grit enough to carry them to a conclusion. How easy it is to start a thing when the mind is aglow with zeal, before disappointment has dulled ambition! It does not take much ability to begin a thing, and we cannot estimate a man by the number of things he commences. We do not judge him by his speed at the beginning of the race; it is the home-stretch that counts. The test of character is in a man's ability to persist in what he undertakes until he adds the finishing stroke. He must have persistence and grit enough to carry him under the line at the last heat. The ability to hold on is one of the rarest of human virtues. There are plenty who will go with the crowd, and who will work hard so long as they can hear the music, but when the majority have dropped out, when others have turned back and a man feels himself alone fighting for a principle, it takes a very different order of ability to persist. This requires grit and stamina. Look out for the period in your life when you are tempted to turn back! There is the danger point, the decisive period. All the great things of history have been accomplished after the great majority of men would have turned back. Nearly every invention which has emancipated man from drudgery and given him comfort and better facilities, was made possible only by the man of superior grit and persistence. Not one man in ten thousand would have endured the suffering, the deprivation, the heartrending poverty of an Elias Howe to make the sewing machine possible. The world owes nearly all its great things to those who have persisted when others have given up. Look out for a man who persists, who keeps right on when everybody else calls him a fool for not letting go! It is pitiable to see a young man with robust health and good education wavering when an obstacle confronts him doubting whether he will go on or turn back. You may gain a certain amount of success without education, without culture, and without brilliancy, but you cannot do much without stamina, staying power and clear grit. Grit has always been more than a match for any handicap. The great achievers have ever substituted grit for good opportunity or lack of early advantages. More young men have achieved success in life with grit as capital than with money capital to start with. The whole history of achievement shows that grit has overcome the direct poverty; it has been more than a match for lifelong invalidism.

Captain John Smith.

London Outlook. Captain John Smith, from Willoughby in Lincolnshire, was the man to whom the success of the first English permanent settlement in North America was directly due. Though only twenty-six when the expedition sailed with him on board, he had already enjoyed such a succession of thrilling experiences as was the lot of few men even in the adventurous age of Elizabeth. At the age of sixteen he had entered on a military career in France and the Low Countries. In 1600 he sought service against the Turks, who were then at the height of their power, and had only lately ceased to threaten Vienna itself. On the way to the East he was thrown overboard as a Huguenot, and was rescued by a pirate, from whom his inexhaustible resourcefulness enabled him to escape after a time. He then entered the Austrian service and soon signalized himself by a series of brilliant exploits. One of these—the defeat of three Turkish champions in single fight—earned him his well-known coat-of-arms, "three Turks' heads in a shield," from Sigismund Bathori, Prince of Transylvania. Later he was taken prisoner by the Turks, and owed his escape to the interest with which he inspired a Turkish lady. "Whatever might happen," as Gardiner says, "he was always able to turn it to account. In the worst dangers he knew what was the right thing to be done." Dade's Little Liver Pills thoroughly clean the system, good for lazy livers, makes clear complexions, bright eyes and happy thoughts. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, and Leggett's Drug Store, Hobgood.

THE EYEBROWS.

Some Superstitions and Odd Beliefs Concerning Them. London Globe. Notwithstanding their inconspicuousness, the eyebrows have been the center of a certain amount of lore and even superstition. But the chief point at which superstition or folklore is found in this connection is in those cases, not infrequently where the eyebrows meet. Everywhere this meeting of the brows has been held to be ominous in one way or another. In some of our southern counties folks say that it is good to have such brows, for the passer-by will never have trouble; but this is a rare interpretation. As a rule, the meeting brows are held to be of evil omen. Readers of Charles Kingsley's "Two Years Ago," will remember Mrs. Harvey's face, which had been handsome and was still clever; "but the eyebrows," continues Kingsley, "flushed together downward above her nose and, rising high at the outer corners, indicated as surely as the restlessness of a dog a character self-enclosed, furtive, capable of great inconsistencies, possibly of great deceptions." In the Icelandic sagas a man with meeting eyebrows is said to be one of the dreadful creatures known as werewolves, and the same belief has been traced in Denmark and Germany; while in Greece, says Mr. Baring Gould, they are a sign that a man is a vampire. In horror there is little to choose between vampires and werewolves. A fanciful reason which has been given for these superstitions is that the meeting brows resemble a butterfly, "the familiar type of a soul ready to fly off and enter some other body." This seems telegraphically far fetched. In Hungary gypsy women and whose eyebrows grow together are supposed to have in special degree the power of enchantment, and as illiterate folk have a great dread of such mysterious powers, especially as they may be supposed to be directed against the well being or happiness of their children, it need hardly be said that a man whose brows meet is not a popular person. Even now there are parts of England where a belief in witchcraft still lingers, and not so very long ago in Northumberland there were people who regarded a person whose eyebrows met as a witch or wiffock. In the north of Aberdeenshire, according to the late Rev. Walter Gregor, who was a very competent authority on Scottish lore and customs, a "close brood met"—that is, one whose eyebrows met—was regarded as being immoral. Elsewhere in Scotland one with "close broods" was regarded as unlucky to be met as "first fit," while other folk went a good deal further and regarded the unlucky possessor of "close broods" as one foredoomed to be hanged.

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Yes, Miss Ruxley is mad. There was a certain puppy with a great pedigree that she wanted her father to buy for her, but he wouldn't do it. "What was it—a French count or a Cerman baron?"—Catholic Standard and Times.

Checks For Papering Office

Kansas City Star. "No, Sir, I'm no tile worker; you'd better send up to one of the mosaic shops." That's what a paper hanger said to a member of the St. Louis Commission Company about three years ago when the firm made known its purpose to paper the walls of its offices with canceled checks. The checks were the accumulation of several years. The idea of using them for wall paper in fanciful designs was a whim that became a determination later on. The third paper hanger that answered the call agreed to do the work. And he did it artistically. The checks were all of one form and were put on the walls in panels with gilt moldings around the edges. There is no check on the walls that represents less than \$1,000. One is made out for \$30,000. The total amount of money represented in one room is \$8,000,000. In another room that was decorated in this way is a small panel of about forty checks that represent a quarter of a million of dollars. The checks are so much alike and are matched so evenly upon the walls that the extraordinary design is not noticed upon first entering the room. The panels look as if papered with ordinary wall paper of an oblong pattern. On every check appears the signature of Frank P. Stoller, one of the firm. "I never thought," he said, "of how much money I had signed away until I had the walls papered with these checks. Some of these checks tell stories. Here's one that was given to Kirk Armour for the last bunch of cattle that he produced on his farm at Waido, Mo., and this one for \$12,000 was drawn to pay for the first shipment of cattle that we shipped to Cuba after the war." More than 2,000 checks were used in papering one of the rooms.

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