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DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?

Money Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmor's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmor's Swamp-Root, and the address, Burlington, N. Y., on every bottle.

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KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS WITH Dr. King's New Discovery

THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Observations of Passing Events.

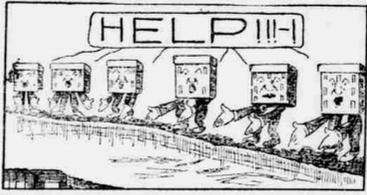
SOME farmers are in danger of being misled by the statement now and then that the demands for cotton are so great there can scarcely be too much produced. This kind of talk may lead to the conclusion that there is no need to keep the cotton acreage down.

THE exceedingly late spring and the frequent heavy rains have so thrown farmers back in their work that they are in danger of making the mistake of plowing their lands while too wet.

In last week's issue of THE COMMONWEALTH was told how a man from North Carolina was taken in by a man in Norfolk who posed as the owner of a great building and sold it to the North Carolinian who paid \$800 cash and was several hours finding out that he had been duped by one of the gold brick types.

THIS is the season of college and high school commencements and many good and wise things will be said by the commencement orators. There is sometimes a disposition amongst certain persons to "make light" of commencement orators and speak of their efforts as "spread eagle" speeches; but those who speak in this way know little of the work it requires to prepare such addresses.

THE cry of "Help!" has gone up from the mills all season, not that the mills are seeking financial aid, their trouble being of another character.



is kindly disposed and is not inclined to ignore a call for pressing aid in an extremity, he is bound to feel some comfort in being able to command such good figures for his product.

WITH the outlawing of bucket shops and the removal of speculative influences generally, is bound to come a new era of improvement of general farming conditions. Paid dope crisscrossing in papers and free circulars, which has been for the most part accepted as friendly and authentic news by the producer, has been most demoralizing and has kept the grower's head in a constant whirl as to the actual condition of the market, not to mention the fact that the market itself, by virtue of such confusing and conflicting information and advice, cannot be kept normal and natural.

Spring Winds chap, tan and cause freckles to appear. Pinesalve Carbolic applied at night will relieve that burning sensation. Nature's own remedy Acts like a poultice and draws out inflammation.

Improper action of the Kidneys causes backache, lumbago, Rheumatism. "Pinesalve" is a kidney remedy that will relieve these diseases.

For Over Sixty Years Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success.

The Conquered Banner.

Father Ryan.

Furl that Banner, for 'tis weary, Round its staff 'tis drooping dreary: Furl it, fold it,—it is best;

Broken is its staff and shattered, And the valiant hosts are scattered Over whom it floated high;

Hearts like theirs entwined dis sever, And that flag should float forever O're their freedom or their grave!

And the hearts that fondly clasped it, Cold and dead are lying low; And the Banner—it is trailing,

And oh, wildly they deplore it, Now to furl and fold it so!

Furl that Banner, softly, slowly, Yet 'tis wreathed around with glory, And 'twill live in song and story!

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Present Tendencies in the South.

(S. C. Mitchell in Kind Words.)

LITERATURE.

If great literature springs naturally out of intense and vivid experiences, it may confidently be expected that the South will increasingly produce works of world-value. The history of the South during the last half-century has been unspeakably tragic. Our people have passed through the fires of affliction. In the decade prior to the Civil War there was the fiercest controversy going on as to the fundamental rights of man.

There are compensations in sorrow; there are moral uses of defeat; there is an active element in suffering. Hence it is that out of the ordeals through which the South has passed we may look for a literature that is responsive to reality and interpretative of the deeper impulses stirring in our people, battling with difficulties greater by far than any other portion of Christendom is at present forced to encounter.

"The Present South," by Mr. Edgar Gardner Murphy, of Montgomery, Ala., is a first-hand study of formative influences in this region that well deserves the widespread attention which it has received. Mr. Murphy is a publicist of rare power, discerning the real tendencies in Southern life and trying to give them direction in a truly constructive way.

"The Rise of the New South" is a still more recent work by an eminent historian, Mr. Philip Alexander Bruce, of Richmond, Va., which attempts to register the progress made since the reconstruction period closed. All the qualities of the scientific interpreter were shown by Mr. Bruce in his two earlier volumes on "The Economic History of Virginia in the Seventeenth Century."

The bane of Southern historical writing has been the too-present desire to set off to advantage Southern events in contrast with things in New England. We must learn that Southern dates have significance, altogether aside from the question of priority as to the origin of settlements or colleges or constitutions in other portions of the Union.

The orderly development of the facts in the life of a nascent people are of supreme value in themselves, and are not to be enhanced by any disparagement of another series of somewhat parallel achievements. The volume of Mr. Bruce on the progress of the South thrills the heart with the courage, tenacity of purpose, and resiliency of spirit exhibited by the people of Dixie since 1876.

He clearly shows that the life of the South today is being wisely interpreted in terms of industrialism and education; that the process of demonstration is making rapid strides in every quarter; that our people are ardently national in sentiment and keenly responsive to world-movements.

Mr. William Garrot Brown, of Alabama, has made an enlightening study of the "Lower South," to which he has brought delicate sympathy and kindest appreciation, as was to be expected of an author springing right out of the bosom of our section. "The Rebuilding of Old Commonwealths," by Dr. Walter H. Page, born and reared in North Carolina, bristles with the rugged qualities of independence, aggressiveness and sinewy thought so characteristic of the people of that hardy and progressive State.

It is surprising, when you come to think of it, what a vast amount of creative work, in many different realms of activity, the Old North State has been doing within the past two decades. Simply to mention leaders in public opinion, such as

Artists have no trouble securing models. The famous beauties have discarded corsets and have become models in face and form since taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, 35c Tea or Tablets.

President Edwin A. Alderman, the late Dr. Charles D. McIver, former Governor Aycock, Dr. John E. White, President W. L. Potent and Professor Edwin Mims, calls up in the mind a fine array of talent expressive of what is most potent in Southern enterprise.

The school of novelists in the recent South have either reverted to the creative era of Queen Elizabeth and of the American Revolution or sought to vivify the fierce passions of the period of the Civil War and its aftermath. It is yet too early to venture a word as to what will abide in the literature of this type. Suffice it to say that the works of two Richmond women, Miss Mary Johnston and Miss Ellen Glasgow, have riveted in turn the attention of the reading public, while a Tennessee authoress, "Charles Egbert Craddock," has made a real contribution to American literature by interpreting the life of the people in the lower Appalachians.

The fact that literature is gathering fresh energy in the South is apparent from the growth of large publishing houses such as those of Nashville, Richmond and other reading cities, while the flourishing condition of high-class journals like the Sewanee Review and the South Atlantic Quarterly make evident the purpose of our people to give free and earnest utterance to all the forces making for wholesome public opinion. In the realm of poetry, oratory and editorial writing the South at this time has many shining examples. In eloquence, particularly, there are voices among us at this time that ring with as true and high notes of sympathy, courage, faith and inspiration as ever made themselves heard in earlier periods of our history.

The Unpardonable Sin.

New York Herald

An old negro preacher of southern Georgia had been given a fine fat "possum by some of his admirers and was keeping it in a barrel, feeding it heavily to still further increase its weight. He had decided to have it killed the next day; when, to his rage, it was stolen in the night.

Shortly afterwards a revival meeting was being held, and among those who went up to the mourners' bench was a certain very black Jim, and his grief seemed insupportable.

"Dat's all right, mah brudder!" the old man shouted. "Don't matter what you done, the good Lawd gwine fergible you!"

"But Ah's been powerful mean," Jim declared, weeping. "Isyo, stole chickens!" the old man demanded.

"O, wuss dan dat!" "Good Lawd! he 'dis po' nigger!" the old preacher entreated. "Isyo used a razor?"

"Is yo'—yo' ain't don' killed nobody?" "Wuss dan dat!" "Den hyah whar we tangled!" the old man shouted, laying aside his coat. "De good Lawd kin fergite yo' of he wants ter, but Ah's gwine skin yo' alive! Yo's de varmin dat stole mah 'possum!"

In using a cough syrup, why not get the best? One that comes highly recommended is Bees Laxative Cough Syrup, contains Honey and Tar and is superior to other Cough syrups, in many ways. Children always like it because it contains no opiates, is a laxative and is guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money refunded. Try it. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, Leggett Drug Co., Hobgood, Druggists.

Every now and then the dove of peace looks as if it were going to develop a set of spurs.—Washington Star.

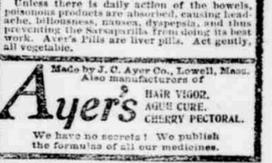
A Narrow Escape.

G. W. Cloyd, a merchant, of Plunk, Mo., had a narrow escape four years ago, when he ran a jimson bur into his thumb. He says: "The doctors wanted to amputate it but I would not consent I bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and that cured the dangerous wound." 25c at E. T. Whitehead & Co. Druggists.

Many a man will be surprised when he gets to heaven to find how large a place his little kindly deeds occupy in its history.

We Trust Doctors

If you are suffering from impure blood, thin blood, debility, nervousness, exhaustion, you should begin at once with Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the Sarsaparilla you have known all your life. Your doctor knows it, too. Ask him about it.



On St. Peter.

St. Peter settin' at the gate; Nigger passin' by— St. Peter up and sez to him,

"How did you come to die?" "Go ax de man whut helt de gu A-pintin' at dat roos';

Go ax de dog whut helt mah fe of An' wouldn't turn hit loose!"

"And so," St. Peter sez to him, "You was kotched in de ac'!"

Dat nigger turnt an' looked at him An' spon: 'H't is a fac'!"

"Down in de deep de you mus' go, Fer stealin' uf dat hen!"

The nigger scratch his haid right hard; St. Peter had him den!

But 'deek'y lifin' up his arms He flop 'em on his sides, An' 'zactly like a rooster crow

Three times out loud he cries. St. Peter hung his haid wid shame—

He 'membered up his sin— An' grabbin' up a great big key, He let dat nigger in!

Wonderful Eczema Cure. "Our little boy had eczema for five years," writes N. A. Adams, Henrietta, Pa. "Two of our best doctors said the case was hopeless, his lungs being affected. We then employed other doctors but no benefit resulted. By chance we read about Electric Bitters; bought a bottle and soon noticed improvement. We continued this medicine until several bottles were used, when our boy was completely cured." Best of all blood medicines and body building health tonics. Guaranteed at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug store, 50c.

A recent Chicago fire destroyed the manuscript of an author named Sinclair, who had just written a novel based on the Harry Thaw case. When fire gets to doing good service like that it's a shame to send in the alarms.—Wilmington Star.

My Best Friend. Alexander Benton, who lives on Rural Route 1, Fort Edward, N. Y., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is my best earthly friend. It cured me of asthma six years ago. It has also performed a wonderful cure of incipient consumption for my son's wife. The first bottle ended the terrible cough, and this accomplished, the other symptoms left one by one, until she was perfectly well. Dr. King's New Discovery a power over coughs and colds is simply marvelous." No other remedy has ever equaled it. Fully guaranteed by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

"What are you crying for, my little boy?" "Boo-hoo! Pa fell downstairs!" "Don't take on so. He'll get better soon." "Sister saw him fall all the way. I never saw nuffin'!"—Answers.

Don't Pay Aliensy to be divorced from your appendix. There will be no occasion for it if you keep your bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills. Their action is so gentle that the appendix never has cause to make the least complaint. Guaranteed by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists, 25c Try them.

Unless a man is willing to do something he will amount to nothing. Everyone knows that Spring is the season of the year when the system needs cleaning. Dades Little Liver Pills are highly recommended. Try them Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, Leggett Drug Co., Hobgood, Druggists.

It is vain to learn wisdom and yet to live foolishly.—Spanish. For a cold or a cough take Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. It is BETTER than any other cough remedy because its laxative principle assures a healthy, copious action of the bowels and at the same time heals irritation of the throat, strengthens the bronchial tubes and always inflammation of the mucous membrane. Contains Honey and Tar, pleasant to take. Children like it. Conform to the National Pure Food and Drug Law. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.