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## People Will Talk.

We may get through this world, but 'twill be very slow, If we listen to all that is said as we go. We'll be worried and fretted and kept in a stew.

For meddlesome tongues must have something to do;  
For people will talk, you know.

If quiet and modest you'll have it presumed,  
That your humble position is only assumed.

You're a wolf in sheep's clothing or else you're a fool;  
But don't get excited, keep perfectly cool—

For people will talk, you know.  
If generous and noble, they'll vent out their spleen,

You'll hear some loud hints that you're selfish and mean;  
If upright or honest and fair as the day,

They'll call you a rogue in a sly sneaking way—  
For people will talk, you know.

And then if you show the least boldness of heart,  
Or slight inclination to take your own part,

They will call you an upstart, conceited and vain;  
But keep straight ahead, don't stop to explain—

For people will talk, you know.  
If threadbare your coat or old-fashioned your hat,

Some, of course, will take notice of that,  
And hint very strong that you can't pay your way;

But don't get excited whatever they say—  
For people will talk, you know.

If you dress in the fashion, don't think to escape,  
For they all criticize then in different shape,

You're ahead of your means, or your tailor is unpaid,  
But mind your own business, there's naught to be said;

For people will talk, you know.  
If a fellow had chance to converse with a girl,

How the gossips will talk and their scandal unfurl,  
They'll canvas your wants or talk of your means,

And declare you are engaged to a chit in her teens,  
For people will talk, you know.

They'll talk fine before you, but then at your back,  
Of venon and slander there's never a lack—

How kind and polite in all that they say!  
But bitter as gall when you are out of the way—

For people will talk, you know.  
The best way to do is to do as you please

For your mind, if you have one, will then be at ease;  
Of course you'll meet with all sorts of abuse,

But don't think to stop them, it isn't any use—  
For people will talk, you know.

—Exchange.

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## FRUIT GROWING IN THE SOUTH.

Subject of Interesting Bulletin by Department of Agriculture.

The Carolinas and in fact most of the States along the Blue Ridge mountains have, of recent years taken wonderful strides in fruit growing. Fruit growing in these regions, however, is only slightly developed in comparison with the possibilities which exist in this direction. The methods of orchard management are commonly faulty and not productive of the best results which the natural advantages make possible. Notwithstanding these conditions, large quantities of excellent fruit, but principally apples, are grown in some portions of these regions.

Realizing the problem that many orchardists will find confronting them, the department of Agriculture has published a bulletin entitled "Orchard Fruits in the Piedmont and Blue Ridge Regions of the South Atlantic States," and while the information supplied therein will doubtless prove of value to prospective planters of orchards who already reside in these regions, it is expected that its greatest usefulness will be to those who are unfamiliar with the conditions, but who may be attracted to these sections by the opportunities which they offer for fruit growing. The hints are also applicable to other sections made up of hill and valley and where soil and other natural conditions may be similar.

There appears to be no doubt but that the success of fruit growing in the Blue Ridge mountains is due in great part to the fact that the orchards are planted on the sheltered side of the numerous knobs which dot the chain from end to end and thus in measure protect the trees from winter killing or hold back the buds until all danger of spring frosts has passed.—Greenville (S. C.) News.

## Penitentiary Report.

Superintendent J. J. Laughinghouse today submitted to Governor Kitchen the annual report of the penitentiary for the year ending December 31. He took charge of the prison on the 7th of last April, finding then \$60,650 to its credit, to this being added the balance on the peanut crop of 1908, \$3,761, and cash received from the sale of old and condemned horses and mules, \$5,062. The disbursements from April 7 to Dec. 21 totaled \$139,038. The present management bought 51 young mules, costing \$12,095, for use on the State farm near Halifax. It has built at one part of the farm a stable for 36 mules, also a large building for a hospital, kitchen and dining room and commissary, these costing \$3,000 each, and on another part of the farm has built a stable of the same size and a building for women, these costing \$3,000 each. The sum of \$2,000 has been expended on improved farm implements. This additional value of stock, implements, buildings, etc., should not be considered an expense like feed and provisions which are consumed, but may very properly be counted as assets and permanent improvements, which will be very valuable and more than pay for themselves in producing the next crop and others and in protecting the live stock, implements and machinery.—A special from Raleigh.

## The Young Man That Wins.

The following editorial from a recent issue of The News and Observer should point a moral to the young man who thinks success will come to him through the poolroom, the gambler's den, watching the clock or hunting an easy job; and who scoffs at the young man who reverences those things which his mother taught him to reverence—God and religion.

"When the will of the late Mrs. F. P. Tucker was read, and it was learned that Mr. Cary K. Durfee was named with Judge Womack as executor and trustee, not a few people asked: 'Who is Durfee?' Most business men in Raleigh knew him, but there were people in Raleigh who had never heard of the quiet young man who for several years had been employed by Mrs. Tucker to transact her business. He had lived in Raleigh only ten years and Mrs. Tucker never heard of him until a few years ago. She found him clean of life, honest, willing, capable. He won her full confidence in his capacity and in his integrity and she gave him a trust that the richest man in Raleigh would have felt it an honor to receive. The estate is worth nearly a million dollars and it is to be held in trust. That this unknown young man should have been entrusted with equal power with Judge Womack in so important a matter contains a moral.

Mr. Durfee owes his success to his industry, integrity and good sense. While other young men, enjoying what the world calls superior advantages, were spending the time in loafing, playing pool, and pleasure, young Mr. Durfee won a place and a confidence that gives him a position among Raleigh's most trusted leaders. The road to success lies along the path trod by this young man. It is proper to state that when he came to Raleigh, he became a regular attendant upon Sunday school and church, and was as unostentatious in his religious life as in his business. That is the type of young men the world needs and when such young men have capacity, there is always promotion for them."

## New York's Tremendous Debt.

The annual report of the Comptroller of New York city shows that the municipal debt on October 31 last was over a billion dollars. The exact amount, according to the Comptroller's figures was \$1,016,712,478. New York has never been content with anything short of "the biggest," and this ambition is fully gratified by the proportions of its funded debt. It is probably bigger than the debt of any other city in the world. It exceeds by a hundred million dollars the interest-bearing debt of the United States. It is larger than the great sum that Germany extorted from France and which was expected to cripple the Empire for years. It is bigger than the imperial debt of Germany.

The annual interest on it at 4 per cent is \$40,000,000—a sum probably greater than the cost of governing in any city in America, and nearly double the net amount of the funded debt of Baltimore. The size of this debt is preposterous, and it is increased year by year. There is a clause in the Constitution of the State of New York which limits the debt of any city to 10 per cent of the assessment of real estate. This limit was passed by New York city long ago, and the constant effort has been to "jack" up the assessments in order to justify the debt and the increase which takes place year by year.

Pay day must come some time, and New York city is putting upon posterity a burden which will be intolerable.—Baltimore Sun.

## DID POWELL MARRY HIS OWN DAUGHTER?

A Case of Extraordinary Complications in Supreme Court.

One of the most remarkable cases ever tried in the courts of North Carolina was argued, on appeal, in the Supreme Court yesterday.

The appeal is docketed as the State against Powell, and comes up from Halifax county, and was argued by Attorney General Bickett for the State and Senator E. L. Travis, of Halifax, for the defendant.

There was but one exception in the taking of the appeal, and that was whether certain evidence that was admitted by the court below was competent.

The grand jury found the statutory indictment applicable to the case, against Powell, upon the charge of having married his own daughter.

The defendant denied the charge, and based his defense on the allegation that his present wife is not his child.

The mother (now deceased) of the woman he married had been married before she became Mrs. Powell, and the defendant claims that his present wife is the offspring of this former marriage and not his own child, as is alleged.

The main question which called for settlement in the Superior Court was, "Who was the paternal parent of the existing Mrs. Powell?"

Powell had been married previously, as well as his second wife, the mother (admittedly) of his present (third) wife.

Powell's chief efforts were to prove that his present wife was the child of his second wife by a previous husband.

This he did not succeed in doing to the satisfaction of the jury, which convicted him.

The judge sentenced Powell to 18 months imprisonment. Pending the appeal (on the one exception noted above) Powell is at home under bond.

The case is a most extraordinary one, to say the least. The "child" is not wise enough to settle the question, because she evidently does not know her own father.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The famous little liver pills are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They are safe, sure, gentle and easy to take. When you ask for DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve, refuse to accept a substitute or imitation. DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve is good for anything when you need a salve, and it is especially good for piles. Sold by E. T. Whitehead Company.

A few days after a farmer had sold a pig to a neighbor he chanced to pass the neighbor's place, where he saw their little boy sitting on the edge of the pig pen watching its new occupant.

"How d'y'e do, Johnny," said he; "how's your pig to-day?" "Oh, pretty well, thank you," replied the boy. "How's all your folks?"—Wasp.

## FOOD FOR A YEAR

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Butter ..... 100 lbs.  
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This represents a fair ration for a man for a year.

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## General Lee.

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Strange how many people there are in the world who could hold down the other man's job so much better than does the other man himself. For instance, did you ever, in your life, see a man who could not run a newspaper better than it was being run? Of course, it is about the same with all professions but it does seem that there are more finished and expert newspaper men in the county than any other variety of the genus homo, if we are to judge by their own opinions of their own particular capabilities.—Rockingham Post.

A few minutes delay in treating some cases of croup, even the length of time it takes to go for a doctor often proves dangerous. The safest way is to keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and at the first indication of croup give the child a dose. Pleasant to take and always cures. Sold by E. T. Whitehead Co.

Embarrassed Preadher (reading the first chapter of Jonah, and making the best of the seventeenth verse) "And the Lord prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the—er—a—and Jonah was in the—er—and the Lord prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the society of the fish three days and three nights."—Life.

## Sore Lungs and Raw Lungs.

Most people know the feeling, and the miserable state of ill health it indicates. All people should know that Foley's Honey and Tar, the greatest throat and lung remedy, will quickly cure the soreness and cough and restore a normal condition. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by E. T. Whitehead Company.

## Friendship.

Nothing delights the mind so much as true and sweet friendship. What a blessing it is when there are hearts prepared for you in which every secret rests securely, whose knowledge you fear less than your own, whose conversation calms your anxieties, whose opinion aids your plan, whose mirth dispels your sorrow, whose very sight delights you.—Seneca.

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"Oh, dear, I'm afraid I shall soon be the centre of a great scandal." "What's the trouble?" "I inadvertently slighted a poet yesterday."—Detroit Free Press.

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Lover—Of course, darling, our engagement must be kept private for awhile.

The Girl—Oh, yes, dear. I've told every one not to say a word.—Illustrated Bits.

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Scott—I always thought it was rough on Adam to rob him of his rib. Mott—Yes; but, on the other hand, it was the making of Eve.—Boston Transcript.

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"Has your wife a good memory?" "I should say she has. I borrowed \$1 from her six weeks ago and she hasn't forgotten it yet."—Detroit Free Press.

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