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Doctors Said He Had Dropsy.

Some time ago I had an attack of grippe which finally settled in my kidneys and bladder. I doctored with the doctors and they claimed I had dropsy. I tried other remedies and got no relief from any of them. My condition was such that I was unable to work for about two months and the annoying symptoms caused me a great deal of pain. I was hardly able to turn over in bed. Seeing one of your Almanacs, I decided to give Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root a trial and after taking several bottles was able to resume my work again. I cannot say too much in praise of your Swamp-Root as the results in my case were truly wonderful.

Yours very truly,
ROBERT BALLARD,
Mansfield, Pa.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 7th day of May, 1912.
RAY C. LONGBOTAUM,
Notary Public.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

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Office in the building formerly used by Dr. J. P. Wimberley.

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Scotland Neck, N. C.
Practices wherever his services are required.

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DR. R. L. SAVAGE
OF ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.
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DR. O. F. SMITH
Physician and Surgeon
Office in The Crescent Pharmacy, Inc
Scotland Neck, N. C.

Notice.

This is to notify all persons having any claim or claims against the estate of J. H. Lewis, deceased, late of Halifax county, North Carolina, to present them to the undersigned for payment.

This the 5th day of July, 1913.
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Representing The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., of New York.
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This is a prescription prepared especially for MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER. Five or six doses will break any case, and if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not return. It acts on the liver better than Calomel and does not gripe or sicken. 25c

PRESTER JOHN.

Legends of an Elusive Warrior of the Twelfth Century.

The famous if somewhat phantom personage Prester John, who for two or three centuries occupied so prominent a place in the historic annals of Europe and in the minds of Europeans, was, from the most reliable accounts, a Christian conqueror of enormous power and great splendor, who combined the character of priest and king and ruled over vast dominions in the orient in the middle ages. He had, it was related, established a powerful empire either in Asia or Africa, and wonderful stories were told of his victories, his riches and his power.

His mode of warfare, which was unique and entirely effective, indicates an intimate acquaintance with explosives and combustibles. He possessed an army of life sized copper soldiers mounted on brazen horses, which were charged with explosive materials, projectiles and poisonous gas. This formidable array was marshaled to the front and spat forth its deadly fumes and dangerous projectiles with horrid effectiveness, making havoc in the ranks of the enemy.

The first mention of this extraordinary man, who appears and disappears from historic annals at long intervals, occurs in the Chronicles of Otto, Bishop of Friesengen, who narrates Prester John's conquest of the Persians at Egbatana, in the extreme orient, in the year 1145.—Boston Herald.

CREATING NEW STATES.

Work That Congress May Do, but, Once Done, Cannot Undo.

Several times it has been proposed to make two states out of the state of New York. In fact, resolutions have been introduced in the state legislature once or twice, but have died in committee. The purpose has been to include all of the present state south of Westchester county in a new state to be called (in one instance) the state of Manhattan. North of the Bronx district the name of New York was still to be retained. The surrounding islands of the south—all those of Long Island sound, Long Island complete and all of the counties comprising New York city—were to be embraced within the new state of Manhattan.

The creation of a new state confers a right that cannot later be abrogated and in this respect is unique in the establishment of political areas. After the people of the district in question have decided by vote that the carrying out of a new state is desired, congress passes upon the application. Up to this point congress is supreme. Once, however, congress agrees to the new state creation and the new state becomes an established fact, then no power of the republic can undo what has been done by legislative act. No repeal can revoke the privileges of a law abiding sovereign state. — New York Sun.

Ball a Girls' Game.

Of all the games ball seems to be peculiarly a girl's game throughout the ages. The Roman girls used to strike balls with the palm of the hand to keep them bouncing or would fling them against the wall to drive them back on the return or would pass the ball from hand to hand in the ring or in a row. The ball of the olden times was much like the one now in use. It was soft or hard, as occasion demanded; it was plain with painted or embroidered cloth; it was a hollow large balloon or a small light sphere. The German poets make frequent allusion to ball as a girl's game. It was described as a first sport of summer. One writer observes, "When I saw the girls on the street playing ball then came to our ears the song of birds." The game was a favorite one with youths and maids, who would contend for the ball, that the one who gained it might throw it to the one loved best. —Kansas City Times.

An Artist at Six.

Among painters the prodigy of prodigies was Sir Thomas Lawrence. One of his earliest pictures, it is said, was produced in 1775, quite early enough, for the lovely cherub who painted it was then six years old. He was getting on in life, tottering on the verge of twelve, when the quality crowded his studio at Bath. The fates were kind to the infant prodigy when they made his father landlord of the Black Bull, Devizes, the inn where fashionable men and women called for rest and refreshment on their way to the waters. At the Black Bull the prodigy made his first acquaintance with the great world which flattered him in after life and which he flattered on canvas.—St. James' Gazette.

A Pertinent Query.

The drummer had been bragging about his achievements for a goodly time, and finally the meek little man in the corner piped up.

"Excuse me," he said, "but perhaps you can tell me why you gentlemen are called drummers?"

"Well, why shouldn't we be so called? We drum up trade, don't we?" was the retort.

"I know," said the meek little man, "but the drum is not a wind instrument."—Harper's.

CAMPAIGNING FOR ALFALFA

Object of the Work and Results Obtained—Some of the Prominent Features.

GOING TO THE FARM HOMES

Thirteen Campaigns Have Been Carried on in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois—Holden's Plan Meets Warm Reception With the Farmers.

Prof. P. G. Holden, director of the Agricultural Extension Department of the International Harvester Company of New Jersey, has planned and put into operation a new method of extending agricultural knowledge.

Holden was the originator of agricultural demonstration trains; of agricultural short courses, and many other effective plans, through the agency of which millions of dollars have been added to the agricultural wealth of this country.

The latest plan of Holden is to place alfalfa upon every farm. There are three prominent features in his plan:

(1) The introduction of a comparatively new crop into the Corn Belt, Southern and Eastern states.
(2) Going direct to the homes of the farmers, where meetings are held in the fields, and success and failure discussed according to local conditions.
(3) The use of that most modern vehicle—the automobile.

Purpose of Campaign.

The primary purpose of the campaign is to show the American farmer that alfalfa is the most profitable crop he can grow; that it can be grown profitably upon every farm; that it enriches the soil; increases farm values; stimulates live stock growing and dairying; produces double that of other hay crops, and is better feed.

Thirteen campaigns have thus far been successfully conducted in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois.

Some of the Results.

Results of the Kent county (Mich.) campaign are:

(1) Six thousand farmers visited at their homes during a five-day campaign.
(2) Thirty-two meetings held.
(3) Three hundred and seventy-five miles traveled by the Alfalfa Automobile Train.
(4) One hundred and thirty-six alfalfa talks made by the Holden staff of alfalfa lecturers.
(5) Many applications for similar campaigns from all parts of the United States.

The Kent county campaign has been followed by campaigns in Allegan, Barry, Grand Traverse and St. Clair counties, Michigan; Van Wert, Marion, Fulton, Williams and Champaign counties, Ohio; and Sangamon, DuPage and Kane counties, Illinois.

Great Meeting in Ohio.

At one meeting in Ohio upon the farm of Joseph E. Wing, near Mechanicsburg, nearly 4,000 people gathered from all parts of Ohio and adjoining states to learn more about alfalfa. At this great meeting the Ohio State Alfalfa Growers' association was organized. Over 300 automoiles made up the alfalfa train. It is recorded as the greatest agricultural assemblage in the history of Ohio. Other Ohio counties where the work has been taken up report success on every hand.

Sangamon and Kane counties, Illinois, have both conducted great campaigns. At one meeting in Williamsville, Ill., over 1,200 farmers came to hear the alfalfa lecturers.

In all of these campaigns which were conducted within a period of about two months nearly 50,000 farmers have been reached with the gospel of alfalfa.

As a result also of the campaign work it is conservatively estimated that 200,000 acres of alfalfa will be seeded during this and the coming season.

Such is the result of the initial work of campaigning for alfalfa, but vastly more than this tangible result has been accomplished. Every farmer throughout the region where the work was conducted is talking about alfalfa. The co-operation of the schools in the territory is a very important and effective feature. School officials, from the highest to the lowest, have never failed to appreciate the opportunity.

Professor Holden has expressed himself as considering it the most wonderful experience and the most beneficial trip from the farm standpoint that he has ever taken.

But this is not all—wherever the farmers of any community are interested in the growing of alfalfa, when possible a follow-up man, thorough in his knowledge of alfalfa culture, will be sent out to assist them in getting a start. He will live with the farmers and aid them in solving the problems at home. He will go from farm to farm upon request and study success and failure.

Before the coming of 1914 campaigns will have been conducted in every part of the United States and Canada. Interest is growing so rapidly that many counties have organized campaigns and undertaken the work without assistance from the outside.

The Commonwealth is $1 a year.

At The State Farm.

Mr. H. B. Varner, chairman of the State prison board, made inspection of the State farm in Halifax county last week, and he was very much pleased with what he saw. In his paper, the Lexington Dispatch, he says:

"This farm contains 7,300 acres, and it is probably the finest farm in North Carolina. There are something like 6,000 acres in cultivation. There are nine miles of dykes on the farm, seven and a half miles on the Roanoke river. These dykes are built to prevent the river from overflowing and destroying the crops on the farm. They are 100 feet at the base and about 20 feet on top, from 30 to 40 feet high. Sometimes the rains becomes so heavy and the river gets so high that it breaks through the dykes. When it does the crops are destroyed.

"Captain C. N. Christian, a native of Stokes county, and Captain C. J. Rhem, of Eastern North Carolina, are in charge of this farm. They are most excellent farmers and they say that the prospects this year are the finest they have ever been. They have 2,400 acres in corn, which will produce 100,000 bushels; they have 1,800 acres in cotton, which will produce a bale to the acre; 350 acres in peanuts, which will produce 40 to 50 bushels to the acre; and 400 acres of cow peas and soja beans. There are on the farm 200 head of cattle; 300 hogs, 240 horses and mules, 1,000 chickens, 150 turkeys and about 2,500 pigeons.

"There are 450 convicts doing the work on the farm. Of course, it takes a considerable number of guards and overseers to look after these convicts. It is a little world all to itself and is a very interesting place to visit. No North Carolinian would regret spending the time and money sufficient to visit this wonderful farm and see these wonderful products."

The Boy and the Cigarette—Also, the Law.

It is against the law in North Carolina for any boy under 17 years of age to smoke cigarettes. Know that? So, and what is more, any person who gives the boy a cigarette, or cigarette tobacco, as well as any one who sells the same to a boy, can be fined for the offense. Still further, the law requires the officers of the law—"every police officer in the State of North Carolina," it reads—to ask the boy caught smoking to tell where he got the cigarette, and on being told, to forthwith issue a warrant for the arrest of the party so offending. If the boy refuses to tell, he shall be hauled up before a magistrate, mayor or recorder, as the case may be, and tried for a misdemeanor. The old cigarette law was amended in this stringent manner. Of court no attention is going to be paid to it. The streets of Charlotte are filled with urchin-smoking cigarette fiends every day and the enforcement of this law would paralyze the delivery service of the whole town, and might even break us some of the Sunday schools. But all the same, the parent who is worried by his boy smoking cigarettes has it in his power to give painful trouble to both the boy and the one who gives or sells him the cigarettes.—Charlotte Observer.

He Had an Awful Habit.

According to the evidence H. Clay Grubb met his just deserts when he was shot dead by his wife. A man of reputed wealth, he attained considerable prominence as a citizen because of his wealth. He is said to have had some good traits—was generous and public-spirited. But he had also the meanest of all traits—the habit of getting drunk and abusing his wife and children. He had, it seems, been at this for years, and his conduct was most brutal. At last the patient wife, goaded to desperation by fear of her own life and the lives of her children, shot her husband dead and was exonerated, as she should have been. The world is better for the passing of a man of the Grubb type. No man who mistreats his family can be model citizen enough away from home to make up for it.—Statesville Landmark.

Safest Laxative for Women.

Nearly every woman needs a good laxative. Dr. King's New Life Pills are good because they are prompt, safe, and do not cause pain. Mrs. M. C. Dunlap of Leadill, Tenn. says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills helped her troubles greatly." Get a box today. Price, 25c. Recommended by E. T. Whitehead Co.

A. C. L. EXHIBIT CAR.

Advertising The South's Agricultural and Horticultural Resources.

The Atlantic Coast Line's especially equipped exhibit car left Wilmington Monday night, the 18th, with one of the very best Southern exhibits that has ever been sent out, with a view to attract settlers to the Atlantic Coast Line territory, viz: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

The first stop will be the Canadian National Exposition, which will be held at Toronto, August 3rd to September 8th. Then the car will double back and the exhibit will be displayed at various fairs in New York State and the New England States, until November 1st.

The exhibit consists of sixty-three glass jars of fruits and vegetables; seventeen glass jars of grain, peanuts, peas, rice, etc.; fifteen glass jars of pecan nuts; Georgia and Florida cane syrup; three large cases of grain in straw, forage grasses, tobacco, corn; peanuts and miscellaneous products; grape fruit, pineapples, watermelons, sugar cane; twenty small bales of different kinds of hay grown in the South; cocoanuts; a small bale of cotton; cotton on the stalk; sweet potatoes; corn on the stalk, showing the prolific varieties with four to six ears to the stalk.

A great deal of time was consumed in getting the very best products grown in the South in preparing and putting up this exhibit in an attractive manner.

A fact which the Southern farmer should be proud of is that this exceptional exhibit was secured from regular farms and not a single item from an experimental farm.

In addition to their regular "Nation's Garden Spot" booklet, they prepared a very handsome booklet containing twenty-five beautiful agricultural and horticultural views along the Atlantic Coast Line, especially for distribution on this trip.

The exhibit is in charge of two experienced men who will take special pains to explain the exhibit and the conditions in the South to all visitors.

We think this kind of advertising should certainly attract settlers to this unexcelled country if they can be attracted.

Crop Moving Money Ready.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has just completed his plans for placing $50,000,000 in the south and the west with which to aid the farmers in the moving of their crops. This has proven to be one of the most popular moves ever made by the government at Washington and so pleased were the President and Secretary McAdoo at the prompt response at this offer, that Mr. McAdoo has announced if $50,000,000 is not enough with which to move the crops the treasury stands ready to double the amount if necessary. This act on the part of President Wilson and Secretary of the Treasury has had an electrical effect in aiding business in all parts of the country, by easing the money market, and the business men are experiencing prosperity of a very satisfactory character. As soon as the tariff bill is out of the way there is no doubt whatever that wave after wave of the most solid prosperity will sweep over the entire country.

Diarrhoea Quickly Cured.

"I was taken with diarrhoea and Mr. Yorks, the merchant here, persuaded me to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After taking one one dose of it I was cured. It also cured others that I gave it to," writes M. E. Gebhart, Oriole, Pa. That is not at all unusual. An ordinary attack of diarrhoea can almost invariably be cured by one or two doses of this remedy. For sale by all dealers.

Nature's Law.

The law of nature is, that a certain quantity of work is necessary to produce a certain quantity of good of any kind whatever. If you want knowledge, you must toil for it; if food, you must toil for it; and if pleasure, you must toil for it.—Ruskin.

"My child was burned terribly about the face, neck and chest I applied Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil. The pain ceased, and the child sank into a restful sleep."—Mrs. Nancy M. Hanson, Hamburg, N. Y.

Water Elephant.

The water elephant is a newly discovered animal found in central Asia.

Don't use harsh physics. The reaction weakens the bowels, leads to chronic constipation. Get Doan's Regulets. They operate easily. 25c at all stores.

Don't Let Baby Suffer With Eczema and Skin Eruptions

Babies need a perfect skin-covering Skin eruptions cause them not only intense suffering, but hinder their growth. Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment can be relied on for relief and permanent cure of suffering babies whose skin eruptions have made their life miserable. "Our baby was afflicted with breaking out of the skin all over the face and scalp. Doctors and skin specialists failed to help. We tried Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment and were overjoyed to see baby completely cured before one box was used" writes Mrs. Strubler, Dubuque, Iowa. All druggists, or by mail, 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Company, Philadelphia, Pa., St. Louis, Mo.

Stork Partial to Miner's Domicile.

There seems to be an especial affinity between the stork and the family of Frank Bartofski, a miner at Dickson City, Pa. In ten years the bird has brought 12 babies, including three pairs of twins, and one set of triplets. Ten of the children are living.

Hives, eczema, itch or salt rheum sets you crazy. Can't bear the touch of your clothing. Doan's Ointment is fine for skin itching. All druggists sell it, 50c a box.

Best Form of Prayer.

When the hearts of men and women are filled with heavenly love, a power which makes for righteousness constantly emanates from them. Those who pray withe their lives offer the most effective prayer even though they do not utter a [illegible]—Chauncey Giles.

Can't look well, eat well, or feel well with impure blood. Keep the blood pure with Burdock Blood Bitters. Eat simply, take exercise, keep clean, and good health is pretty sure to follow. $1.00 a bottle.

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MORE RACES!

The next real big races for Eastern North Carolina will be held in Scotland Neck on

Thursday, Sept. 25, '13.

The track has been put in the very best condition, and arrangements are now being made to make this occasion one of the most pleasant of the summer. The purses and races will be as follows:

Free-For-All, $200.00. 2.30 Class, $150.00.
3 Minute Class, $100.00.

Five horses to enter and four to start. The purse in each race will be divided as follows: 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. Five per cent to enter and 5 per cent added to winners. Entries to close on 23rd.

The racing will begin at 1:30 and finish in time for all visitors to leave on the afternoon trains. If the day named should be rainy, why, the races will be held the next day or the first fair day.

Get ready to attend these races. For further information address

M. FORD,
SCOTLAND NECK, - - NORTH CAROLINA.

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Two White Barbers,
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For those pimples and bad complexion you should try an Electric Massage.

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