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Retired Georgia Planter's Advice to Kidney Sufferers

Regarding the wonderful curative merits of your Swamp-Root, I cannot say too much. After suffering severely for three years or more with severe pains caused by weak kidneys, I was finally induced to try Swamp-Root through a testimonial I read in one of the newspapers. I was in such a condition that I was obliged to arise from my bed six or eight times every night. I purchased a different bottle and before it was used I felt so much relief that I purchased a one-dollar bottle and by the time this was taken the old pains had left my back and I could sleep the whole night through. I am a retired planter, 70 years of age, and owing to Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, I am in the best of health and feel like a boy. I am always glad to recommend Swamp-Root to those who are in need of it.

Sincerely yours,
C. E. USSERY,
Bowersville, Ga.

Personally appeared before me, this 8th of September, 1909, C. E. Ussery, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.
T. H. McLANE,
Notary Public.

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

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

Send to Dr. Kilmer & Company, Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. It will convince any one. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling all about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention The Commonwealth. Regular fifty-cent and one dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.

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Consulting Analytical Textile and Sanitary Chemist. Office and Laboratory 815 N. 9th St.,
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Analysis of anything, particular attention to Fertilizers, Cotton Seed and Cotton Seed Oil Products, Well Water, Spring and Mineral Water, Canned Food Products, Dairy Products, Urine and Earth, etc.
Farmers should have their Well Water examined at least once a year, and all that part of their farm that gives poor crops, analyzed to find what is missing, so it can be added to their land to make it good and productive.
Ask for my price of analysis, which is not high, and may save you lots of trouble.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & hair falling. 50c. and $1.00 at Druggists.

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Physician and Surgeon
Scotland Neck, N. C.
Office in the building formerly occupied by Dr. J. P. Wimberley.

CHAS. L. STATON,
Attorney-at-Law,
Scotland Neck, N. C.
Practices wherever his services are required.

ASHBY DUNN
Attorney and Counselor at Law
SCOTLAND NECK, N. C.
Practices wherever his services are required.
Money to loan on approved security.

DR. R. L. SAVAGE
OF ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.
Will be in Scotland Neck, N. C., on the third Wednesday of each month at the hotel to treat the diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, and fit glasses.

DR. O. F. SMITH
Physician and Surgeon
Office in The Crescent Pharmacy, Inc
Scotland Neck, N. C.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY FOR COUGHS AND COLDS

Malaria or Chills & Fever
Prescription No. 666 is 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

A QUEER LAKE.

With Neither Inlet Nor Outlet It Has a Mysterious Tide.

There is a curious Swiss lake, Lake Marjelan, which at regular intervals completely disappears and does not begin to refill until the following winter or spring. On these occasions it empties itself so rapidly that the Rhone rises several meters in a few hours and overflows its banks.

But it is not necessary to go to Switzerland in order to find a freakish lake. There is a pond in the center of Long Island, at the present end of the Motor parkway, called Lake Ronkonkoma. It has neither inlet nor outlet and lies at the foot of the hills that form the backbone of Long Island. Round its shores are many pretty summer homes. The trees about it are much larger and more beautiful than elsewhere on Long Island. The waters of the lake are very clear and cold. In some places it seems bottomless.

The strange thing about Lake Ronkonkoma is that it has a tide; not a tide like the ocean that rises and falls every twelve hours, but one that takes seven years to rise and seven more to fall. The difference between high water and low water mark is between thirty and forty feet. Many scientific men have studied the curious phenomenon, but no one has found out what causes this mysterious tide. Neither long continued rains nor severe droughts affect the quantity of water in the lake.

The Indians used to hold the lake in great awe, and few dared to cross it in a canoe. There is a legend of one brave who, while fishing, was drowned in the lake. His body was found six months afterward nearly ten miles away in Long Island sound.—Youth's Companion.

HIS BACKING WAS GOOD.

And President Tyler Found a Place For Old Jack-Dade.

President Tyler had a curious office seeking experience at the very beginning of his administration. 'Old Jack Dade, a character about Washington, who had been the president's classmate at college, went to the White House, and said he, "Jack, I want an office."

"You do?" said President Tyler. 'What office on earth do you think you are fit for?"

"Why, one o' these 'sinecurees' I hear so much about—no work and good pay," Dade promptly replied.

"Well, Jack," said Tyler deprecatingly, "you know that I am president now and must have some kind of warrant for making an appointment. Can you get anybody to indorse you? Could you bring me a letter of recommendation?"

"Oh, yes," said Dade. "I'm fixed for that," and he produced a letter of four pages written by Tyler himself to President Harrison, whom he had just succeeded, urging the claims of his dear friend and classmate, Colonel John W. Dade, for a good, fat office. "Cast your eye over that!" he exclaimed in triumph.

Tyler read the letter attentively to the end, folded it carefully and said: "Jack, your backing is irresistible. Come up here tomorrow, and I'll have a place for you."

The next day Colonel John W. Dade was appointed keeper of the Federal prison of the District of Columbia.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Appropriate Excuse.

"Before the establishment of righteous courts and trials by jury where justice could be obtained," explained the teacher, "persons suspected of certain crimes were tried by what was known as the 'ordeal.' One of these was the 'ordeal of fire.' Hot plowshares were laid at short intervals along the victim's path, and the suspected person was blindfolded and compelled to walk over them. If he succeeded in doing it without stepping on the hot irons he was deemed innocent. But if he received burns he was adjudged guilty. Who would submit to such an ordeal now? Johnny, would you?"

"No, ma'am," said Johnny.

"And why not?"

"I'd get cold feet."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Good blood prevents sickness and *Scott's Emulsion* will energize your blood and create reserve strength to endure changing seasons.

Scott's Emulsion is not an experiment but has served humanity faithfully for forty years; it contains the purest cod liver oil—free from alcohol or stupefying drugs.

Scott's Emulsion is nature's greatest blood-maker and furnishes the elements necessary for body warmth, rich blood and healthy circulation.

Shun alcoholic substitutes and demand the genuine Scott's Emulsion
AT ANY DRUG STORE
SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 PEARL ST., NEW YORK

Announcement of Clean, Snappy Voting Contest for Hustlers of Halifax County.

Automobile, Diamond Rings, Watches and Other Valuable Gifts Given Away as an Inducement to Add More Readers to The Commonwealth---Greatest Opportunity to Earn with Little Effort One of The Very Best Up-To-Date Machines.

Telephone or Write to The Contest Manager To-Day.

Would you like to own an automobile? Have you got the real American craving for a benzine buggy? Then tell your troubles to the Contest Manager of the Commonwealth. They have a Ford, 1914 Model, Touring Car, fully equipped to give away and its yours practically for the asking.

Usually when anyone offers to give you something for nothing it is a good policy to yell for the police, but in this case you are expected to do a little work for The Commonwealth that you will find pleasant and light. You will help this paper to build up a circulation and you will be rewarded handsomely for your efforts.

Besides this High class Ford Automobile, two $65. diamond rings, two $25. watches and four elegant dinner sets.

WHY WE DO IT?

We will give away all the elaborate schedule of prizes named above in order to get the name of The Commonwealth before all newspaper readers throughout this section.

We have therefore, resorted to this big contest in order to engrave indelibly on the mind of the English reading public in this territory the name of The Commonwealth and for this invaluable privilege we are willing to pay royally. While we know the trouble and expense of such a contest is enormous, nevertheless we feel justified because of the tremendous amount of advertising which will results to our paper.

THE PUBLIC IS TO CHOOSE

Question of determining the winners to be put squarely up to the people of Halifax County and vicinity, and they decide who will be the prize winners. Balloting is open to all and it costs nothing to vote. Start to day and clip the coupons.

HOW THE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED.

The Ford automobile will be awarded to the person having the largest number of votes at the close of the contest.

After the automobile has been awarded the person having the next largest number of votes in each district will be given a $65.00 diamond ring.

The person having the next highest number of votes in each district will be given a $25.00 gold watch, either an Elgin or Walthan.

The two people having the next highest number of votes in each district will be awarded a handsome 31 piece dinner set.

All candidates who remain active until the close of the contest and fail to win a prize will be given ten per cent. of what money they have turned in.

HOW VOTES ARE SECURED.

Votes are secured in two ways. There is a ballot printed in this issue good for 25 votes if voted within two weeks. The date on which they expire is on the bottom of each ballot, and if the time is expired the ballot will not be counted. A nomination blank counts for 1000 votes. Besides this coupon and the 1000 votes which goes with the nomination votes will be given with every subscription to The Commonwealth, according to the length of the subscription. This is outlined in the vote schedule. These vote certificates may be held as long as desired and may be voted any time up to the last day of the contest. In fact, it is well to hold back a large per cent of your vote coupons. Then no one knows how many votes you may have, and you are less likely to have someone who knows how you stand step in at the last and by paying a great many subscriptions, secure the prize you desire. If you hold a part of your votes back, no one can do this. They will not know how many are necessary to win, and will not take chances on spending money for nothing. It is not necessary to hold back subscriptions to hold back your votes.

The territory has been divided into districts as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

All of Scotland Neck township.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

All territory outside.

THE AUTOMOBILE.

The automobile to be given away is a Ford Model 1914 Tour Car. Is a 5 passenger—4 cylinder—and will be given the winner fully equipped which includes extension top, top cover, automotic brass wind-shield, speedometer, 2 six inch gas lamps, generator, three oil lamps, horn and tools, including jack. This car will soon be on display in this city and every one is invited to call and see it.

THE DIAMONDS.

The diamond rings will be on display in a few days. They are genuine diamonds and are sparkling gems of beauty set in gold mountings. These rings have been purchased from E. T. Whitehead Co. where they will be shown to persons interested in the contest. They are indeed beautiful and the name of Whitehead is a perfect guarantee that they are just as represented—genuine diamonds.

THE WATCHES.

These watches are also purchased of E. T. Whitehead Co. They will be either Elgin or Walthan fitted in 20 year cases suitable for ladies or gentlemen. They are valued at $25.

Here is the subscription rate and vote schedule which will prevail during the contest:

Term:	Price:	Votes:
Ten years,	$10.00	150,000
Nine years,	$ 9.00	124,000
Eight years,	$ 8.00	100,000
Seven years,	$ 7.00	80,000
Six years,	$ 6.00	64,000
Five years,	$ 5.00	50,000
Four years,	$ 4.00	40,000
Three years,	$ 3.00	29,000
Two years,	$ 2.00	14,000
One year,	$ 1.00	5,000

THE CONTEST EDITOR

The contest editor will be in the office of The Commonwealth every day after 3 p. m., and contestants are invited to call and get acquainted.

VOTING RULES

Candidates are not permitted to cast more than 10,000 votes each week more than the leader had in the proceeding count of votes.

The contest opens Oct. 1st. and closes Nov. 25th at 9:00 p. m.

In case of a tie for any of the prizes between two or more candidates the value of the prize will be equally divided between the tieing contestants.

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The Family Cough Medicine.

In every home there should be a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, ready for immediate use when any any member of the family contracts a cold or cough. Prompt use will stop the spread of sickness. S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., writes: "My whole family depends upon Dr. King's New Discovery as the best cough and cold medicine in the world. Two 50c. bottles cured me of pneumonia." Thousands of other families have been equally benefited and depend entirely upon Dr. King's New Discovery to cure their coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles. Every dose helps. Price, 50c and $1.00. All druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

Scouts Help Man In Want.

The incentive furnished by the Boy Scout Movement is pictured by J. L. Gibbons, Scout Commissioner in Lexington, Kentucky. He tells of the faithfulness of Charles Cheek, leader of the Beaver Patrol, Troop No. 1. In a letter he writes:

"Cheek and his patrol are all hustlers. Several days ago he saluted me and showed a clipping. It announced that an incapacitated man of middle years was in urgent need. This man lives a solitary life in one of the poorest sections of Lexingtion. Cheek and his companions asked my advice in regard to trying to help him. I told them they were on the right track and gave them an offering to start the good work. They went on. Several days afterwards I found out that they had recieved help from several places and had taken the old gentleman a barrel of good things and a world of good cheer. The boys said he exclaimed, 'God bless the Boy Scouts.' "—Exchange.

Anti-Hog Cholera Serum.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture has for the past three years prepared and distributed to the farmers of this State anti-hog cholera serum at cost of production.

This serum is used as a preventative for hog cholera, and if injected before the hogs show any signs of cholera, it will prevent them from developing a case of cholera, even if they are exposed. It is not claimed for this serum that it will cure a case of cholera, as it is a preventative and not a curative measure.

We begun the preparation of this serum in a very limited way and have found that it has met with uniformly good results. The demand for it has continued to increase until it was impossible to meet the demands at the plant where we first begun the work. In order to be in position to meet all demands made by the farmers of this State for the serum, we have built and equipped a large new serum plant which will be used exclusively for preparing anti-hog cholera serum.

Eor full information and directions for using this serum, apply to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

B. B. FLOWE,
Director Veterinary Division.

The Longest Word.

A little town in North Wales is said to have for its name the longest word in the world. A writer in Philadelphia Press tells us that it is Llanfairpwllgwynmllgogerychwryandrobwlldullandisiliegogoch. Think of it, and—pronounce it, if you can. On an address it is usually written Llanfair, P. G., for short. Our authority says that its meaning is to this effect: "St. Mary's Church by the white hazel pool nearby the black whirlpool by St. Teilh's Church near the red cave." No wonder it takes a word of 58 letters to give all this information!—Biblical Recorder.

They Make You Feel Good.

The pleasant purgative effect produced by Chamberlain's Tablets and the healthy condition of body and mind which they create make one feel joyful. For sale by all dealers.

INFORMATION BLANK.

Contest Manager, The Commonwealth, Scotland Neck. N. C.

Please send me detailed information concerning THE COMMONWEALTH GREAT AUTO PRIZE CONTEST and the method to be pursued to win one of the many valuable prizes.

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone .....

CUT OUT AND SEND TO THE COMMONWEALTH.

STAY ON YOUR FEET.

Taking Calomel Means Staying Home for the Day—Take Dodson's Liver Tone and Save a Day's Work.

If an attack of constipation or biliousness hits you, there's no need to take a dose of calomel and spend at least a day getting over the effects of it. E. T. Whitehead Company sells the liver tonic, Dodson's Liver Tonic, that takes the place of calomel and starts a lazy liver without any bad after-effects.

Dodson's Liver Tone does all the good that calomel ever did, yet it is absolutely harmless to young people and old. It is a pleasant-tasting vegetable liquid that will relieve constipation or sour stomach or other troubles that go along with a lazy liver without restriction of habit or diet. You don't leave off any of the things you regularly do when you take Dodson's Liver Tone.

E. T. Whitehead Co. sell Dodson's Liver Tone and give it a strong personal guarantee. They say, "A large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone sells for 50 cents, and we will hand any person back his 50 cents if he tries a bottle and doesn't say that it does all that calomel ever does and does and it pleasantly. Get the genuine Dodson's Liver Tone and if you are not pleased with it we will give your money back with a smile.

Willie H. Allsbrook
Life Insurance.
Representing The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., of New York.
Ordinary and Industrial Policies written.
Scotland Neck, N. C.

Sale of Land for Taxes.

I shall sell to the highest bidder at the court house door in Halifax on Monday, Oct. 6, 1913, for taxes and cost in Halifax county, N. C., for the year 1912, the following parcels or tracts of land:

L. R. Morris, 145 acres, $20.60.
Lovender Estate, T. F. McQuire, Agent, 60 acres, $1.66.

N. R. NEWSOM, Tax Col.
Butterwood Township.

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require skill in the making, and best quality materials handled by experts to merit your approval. Our photo finishing department is thoroughly equipped—our men are skilled experts—our materials the finest procurable—and your pictures have the HALL stamp of quality. Send for price list and give us a trial order. Kodaks all prices.

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Successors to TUCKER, HALL & CO.
OPTICIANS OF THE BEST SORT
146 Granby Street,
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To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

Notice of Election.

Pursuant to an act of the Legislature of North Carolina, session 1913, House Bill 2060, Senate Bill 1309, entitled "An Act to authorize the issue of township bonds for improvement of roads in Halifax county," upon petition of one-fourth of the voters of Halifax township, notice is hereby given that an election is called to be held in Halifax township, North Carolina, on the 11th day of October, 1913, to determine the question of whether or not Halifax township shall issue bonds to run 30 years, bearing 6 per cent, payable semi-annually, to the amount of $40,000 to make improvements on the public roads of said township.

Done this the 1st day of September, 1913.

Board of Commissioners of Halifax County.
By W. R. Harvey, Chm'n.
J. H. Norman, Clerk.

PLANT
SCUPPERNONGS
(NORTH CAROLINA'S GREATEST FRUIT.)
A SURE CROP FOR A SURE MARKET
We will mail you a booklet on Arboring and Care of Scuppernongs, provided you own or consider planting a vineyard.
SOUTHERN PINES GRAPE NURSERIES, Southern Pines, N. C.
(Largest Produces of Scuppernong Vines.

The Habit of Saving.

Habit is the deepest law of human nature. It is either our supreme strength or our most miserable weakness It will make or break us Our whole scheme of civilization arose from our habits. A baby born today, in one or two score years will be the victim or triumph of his habits.

And you, also, through your habits, are moulded from a pulpy baby into a successful man or a noble woman. Now, of all habits, the habit of wasting is the most ruinous, and the habit of saving is the most precious. You can waste your talents, your time, your strength—your whole life—if you do not form the habit of saving the profits of your labor.

This habit of saving is not an easy habit to form. But once formed it replaces the old fear of the future with confidence. It creates ambition and provides the mind with the elation of independence. To spend all we earn seems to be as natural as breathing—until we grow so wise as to reflect that we will stop earning long before we stop breathing.

The habit of saving is real pleasure when it is once acquired. Indeed, there is a real fascination in it, just as there is in watching crops grow in the field. But it is not in holding the habit that there is difficulty, for if it is once formed it is likely to have a permanent and beneficial effect on the character. The difficulty is in creating the habit.

It has been said that "an early and provident fear is the mother of safety," and this fear will cause the wise to protect themselves with an armor of defense—and no armor is more secure than the saving habit.

Out of the saving habit will grow other habits that are calculated to add elements of strength to your character. You will learn the habit of self-denial, of self-reliance, of prudence and of making your own life-plan. This is the essence of freedom. No security is felt by the expenditure of every dollar of income by the wage-earner. But greater earning power is created by the saving habit, and thus there will be more power of enjoyment, a wider sphere of mental and physical consumption, and, what is most important of all, there will be more to save.

WE WILL HELP YOU TO SAVE. CALL TO SEE US. EVERY COURTESY EXTENDED CONSISTENT WITH GOOD BANKING. FOUR PER CENT ALLOWED ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. TIME CERTIFICATES ISSUED, PAYABLE THREE, SIX, NINE OR TWELVE MONTHS ALTER DATE.

THE SCOTLAND NECK BANK,
SCOTLAND NECK, N. C.
Capital, $25,000.00. Surplus, $13,500.00.
A. McDowell, President. J. Harper Alexander, Jr., Cashier.
P. C. Gregory, Vice-Pres. Hugh Johnson, Assistant Cashier.