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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, 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 fifty-cent 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. Kimer'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. Kimer & Company, Binghamton, N. Y.)

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### Mr. White's Statement.

To the Voters of Halifax County:

Some time ago I told you I would be a candidate for Treasurer of Halifax County in the primaries to be held sometime this year and now I fulfill that promise.

I do not base my claim on you and ask for your support simply because I have been a Democratic voter for thirty years, twenty-four years of which time have been spent in holding polls for my friends and the party in some of the blackest townships in the county and doing things for the party and my friends for no reward, and for which I never thought of asking anything in return. I am asking you for your support upon grounds higher than this. I might write pages of what I have done for my friends and for the party, and still I confess I have done nothing more than what I conceive to have been my duty. Certainly it has been my pleasure. I want to ask forgiveness, and ask you to be considerate of me in speaking these things. Indeed I should not tell you of my political qualifications and what I have done for my friends for the party, but for the fact that there are a great many men in the county whom I do not know and who do not know me. I shall assume, however, that I am thoroughly fit to be your next Treasurer from a party standpoint and from the standpoint of loyalty to my friends. I ask you to support me because I believe you are loyal to me as I have been to my friends and to the party. I believe for the good of the Democratic party and for the good of the community in which we live, that we should stop, take stock and see where we are and find out, if possible, where we are drifting to.

I wish I could say something that would arouse you to what I conceive to be your duty and my duty, viz., to put our foot hard on this tendency to syndicate the Democratic party, turn it over to a few men who join in a compact to control, shape the policies of the party and delegate themselves the power to fill all the important offices by men of their own choosing. I am aware there are some people in the county who will think that I am after somebody's job, which is true. Let me go further, though, and tell you that I am as much entitled to the place I am asking for as anybody in this county, and as proof I refer you to my friend, the present occupant of this office, who could not tell you other than this, for I have given him six years of as loyal support as I shall ask him for.

I believe that we should do something to make our party in this county a progressive Democratic party, and we can never do this as long as we continue the methods we are pursuing. If we do not wake up to a sense of our duty and take the people into our confidence a little more and the politicians a little less, our party will become affected with the biggest case of dry rot you ever heard of, and all the political doctors in this county could not save it. You know and I know how hard it is to get a large per cent of the people to attend our primaries. What do you think causes this lethargy of indifference in the people about attending the primaries? My idea is that we have gone on under the system allowing a few people to meet, shape the policies of the party, name their friends whom they want to fill the different offices, until a great many people have gotten tired and disgusted and do not care whether they vote at all or not. These people are as good Democrats as you or I, and believe in good government as much as you or I.

Gentlemen, I am not fussing with anybody personally. It is the system I am after, and the sooner we adopt a different system the better it will be for the Democratic party in this county. I am not attacking any office holder in this county, but they themselves know that I am eternally right in condemning this tendency to long tenure in office, or else they were wrong when they asked the people to support them for the offices they now hold. I have been content to help my friends and the party for thirty years, and now in asking you for your support I shall not ask you for a longer period than three terms. I shall make a clean, aggressive fight for this office and I hope a majority of the good, loyal Democratic voters will take the same view of the tendency to disintegration of the party instead of progression, and give me their loyal support.

I should like to see the Democratic party in this county stand for no special privileges and recognize merit in distributing patronage. I do not mean in my case only, for I know there are a thousand men in this county who are as much entitled to the office as I. I am claiming no superior qualities over them for the office I am asking. I am not after anybody particularly. I am simply condemning the system as I see it.

I am told that the whole organization in the county is solidly against me. This I am not prepared to believe, however, as I have done too much for at least some of these parties to believe it. If this is so it is another proof why we should call a halt and see where we are drifting to. If I am defeated for this office it will not be by the office holders in the county, but by the plain voting people to whom I am addressing this article.

So I put my candidacy in your hands and what you do shall be my pleasure. I shall not attack anybody personally. I hope there will be no cause for this. I simply ask a square deal from top to bottom and if I am defeated I will take the consequences. I am not begging for this office. I am simply asking your support because I think I have a valid claim on you for it. With such support from you as I have given my party and my friends I shall be your next Treasurer of this county.

W. H. WHITE.  
(Political Advertising.)

### How to Cook a Husband.

A good many husbands are spoiled by mismanagement. Some women think they are balloons and blow them up; others keep them constantly in hot water; others let them freeze by their carelessness and indifference. Some keep them in a stew by irritating ways and work; others roast them; some keep them in a pickle all their lives. It cannot be supposed that any husband will be tender and good managed in this way. But they are really delicious when properly treated.

In selecting your husband you shouldn't be guided by silvery appearance and in buying mackerel; nor by golden tints as if you wanted salmon. Be sure and select him yourself as taste differs. Do not go to the market for him, as the best is always brought to your door. It is best to have none unless you will patiently learn how to cook him.

A preserving kettle of the finest porcelain is the best, but if you have nothing but an earthen pipkin that will do with care. See that the linen in which you wrap him is nicely washed and mended with the required number of buttons and strings neatly sewed on. Tie him in the kettle by strong silk cords called comfort, as the ones called Duty is apt to be weak. They are apt to fly out of the kettle and be burned and rusty on the edges, since, like crabs and lobsters, they are cooked alive. Make a clear, steady fire out of love, neatness and cheerfulness. Let him as near this as seems to agree with him. If he skuffes and murmurs do not be anxious, as some husbands will do this until quite lone. Add a little sweet what confectioners call "Sugar", but no vinegar nor pepper on any account. A little spice improves them but must be used with good judgment. Do not stick any sharp instrument in

him to see if he becomes tender. Stir him gently, watching the white lest he be too flat and close to the kettle and become useless. You cannot fail to know when he becomes done.

If thus treated you will find him very digestible, agreeing nicely with you and the children and will keep indefinitely unless you become careless and set him in too cold a place.

### A Warning!

To the farmers of this County: Look out for the seed fakir! He has for the past few weeks been operating in the central part of the State, and has deceived and defrauded farmer after farmer, selling them ordinary seeds from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per bushel that were not worth more than from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bushel.

Keep your eyes on the fellow who comes to your house with his new kind of seed for spring or fall sowing—seed that makes miraculous yields. Ask him to show his license to sell seeds in N. C. If he cannot show the receipt of the Commissioner of Agriculture for money paid for such a license, get his name and address and send them to us at once and we will make an effort to get in touch with him. It will pay you to write the State Department of Agriculture before buying seeds from these seed peddlers.

Last year these seed fakirs did much damage in Wilkes and other counties in that section and finally one farmer cried out against their dirty business, but the cry reached us too late to do any good—it was a case of locking the stable after the horse is stolen.

We have just received a complaint that these fakirs are in the State again, selling seeds for spring sowing at ridiculously high prices, and we are after them, but they may get you before we get them. Therefore, be on the lookout for them.

J. L. BURGESS, Agronomist  
Raleigh, N. C.

Approved:  
W. A. GRAHAM, Commissioner of Agriculture.

### In Memoriam.

In loving remembrance of my darling daughter, Rosalie Harris, who departed this life six years ago to-day.  
Farewell, dear daughter, sweet thy weary years and warm with pain;  
Farewell, till in some happy place We shall behold thy face again.  
Tis ours to miss thee all our years  
And tender memories of thee keep;  
Thine in the Lord to rest,  
For so He giveth His beloved sheep.  
By her mother,  
MRS. ANNIE HARRIS.

**Eased His Mind.**  
Having suffered mental anguish, to say nothing of damage to my reputation as a poet, from typographical arrangements, transpositions and other accidents incidental to the careless handling of verse, I submit herewith a form of stanza which I believe to be proof against such vicissitudes. It reads the same backward and forward, up and down and standing on your head:

**WE SHOULD WORRY.**  
Should we all worry?  
We should worry, all.  
All worry, should we?  
Worry all we should.  
Copyright all for—Henry Tyrrell in New York World.

**A Famous Old Paper.**  
It would be difficult to find a paper with a more romantic history than La Gazette de Hollande. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries statesmen of the first rank were her contributors—Lord Chesterfield and Frederick the Great, king of Prussia, to name but two of an illustrious roll. During the war of independence Washington sought the sympathy of Europe through its columns. In 1810 it was temporarily suppressed by Napoleon. In its modern form La Gazette has accomplished good work in making the Netherlands and her colonies better known beyond their own boundaries.

**Pompeii.**  
Pompeii was destroyed by an eruption of Vesuvius on the night of Aug. 24, A. D. 79. The ashes buried the whole city and covered the surrounding country. After a lapse of 1,500 years a countryman as he was turning up the ground found a bronze figure, and this discovery led to further search, which brought various objects to light, and at length the city was uncovered.

**Strange Arabian Custom.**  
In a Tripoli cemetery the grave-stones, with bowls or saucers sunken in the cement, indicate that the one who lies buried there was a person of wealth and importance. These receptacles, however, are not for flowers, as one might imagine, but to hold water for birds. The birds are said to bring good fortune, so the drinking basins are not provided wholly for love of them.

### THE HANDLING OF MILK

The care of milk around the barn yard and the home cannot be too strongly stressed. We note the following paragraph from a bulletin recently issued by the United States Department of Agriculture on the care of milk. We quote the following:

"No matter how carefully milk is handled between the farm and the home, or in how pure a state it is delivered at the domestic ice box, it quickly can become an undesirable food if carelessly handled in the home. Milk that is left for only a short time in summer heat may become unfit for use.

"Milk must be kept cool to prevent the bacteria already in it, and which may get in by accident, from multiplying to a point where the milk is undesirable.

"Milk should be taken into the house and put in the refrigerator as soon after delivery as possible. If it is impossible to have the bottles of milk put immediately in the refrigerator provide on the porch a box containing a lump of ice.

"In planning a house, arrange to have the refrigerator set in the wall with an opening on the outside. It is always possible to provide locks for these boxes, or refrigerator doors, and supply the milkman with one key."

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The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children, 50c.

## No Substitutes

RETURN to the grocer all substitutes sent you for Royal Baking Powder. There is no substitute for ROYAL. Royal is a pure, cream of tartar baking powder, and healthful. Powders offered as substitutes are made from alum.

**A Subtle Dig.**  
"Weel, weel," said the bull to the assessor, when a youth was brought up before him for some trifling offense. "Ye ken we mauna be ower hard on the pair fallow. We were laddies since oorsels, and I suppose I was as big a rule as any o' them when I was young."  
"And you're not an old man yet, bullie," said the assessor blandly.—Youth's Companion.

**Fruity.**  
"Do you expect this romantic turn of yours to bear any practical fruits?"  
"I do. I have now a date with a peach, who is the apple of my eye, and with whom I expect to make a pair when I have picked a few plums, unless she hands me a lemon in the meantime."—Baltimore American.

**One Way to Pay.**  
"Has Owen ever paid back that \$10 you loaned him a year ago?"  
"Oh, yes; he borrowed twenty-five more from me last week and only took fifteen."—Boston Transcript.

**A Willing Worker.**  
Mrs. Subbubs (to tramp)—Out of work, are you? Then you're just in time. I've a cord of wood to be cut up, and I was just going to send for a man to do it. Tramp—That so, mum? Where does he live? I'll go and get him.—Boston Transcript.

**Rare.**  
A genuine curiosity would be a man who keeps his mouth shut and lives to regret it. We have never seen a genuine curiosity.—Chicago News.

**Purity is the feminine truth the masculine of honor.—Hare.**

"My life is made a burden by bill collectors."  
"I've discovered a way of getting rid of 'em that never fails."  
"For heaven's sake, put me wise."  
"I pay 'em, my boy."—Boston Transcript.

It may be a little further around the corners of a square deal, but the road is better.—Anon.

### Comparative Statement of Deposits of The Commercial & Farmers Bank ENFIELD, N. G.

February 25th, 1908	\$69,036.21
February 25th, 1909	\$72,735.37
February 25th, 1910	\$111,883.63
February 25th, 1911	\$123,468.24
February 25th, 1912	\$124,665.94
February 25th, 1913	\$163,781.25
Feb. 25th, 1914	\$216,537.21

The above figures speak for our Bank more eloquently than any words could possibly do. We appreciate your patronage, whether your account is large or small.

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