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PREFACE

In order to preserve to posterity the daring deeds and brilliant careers of the class of 1915, I herein set down in solemn rhyme as best befits the dignity and standing of such an organization, a true chronicle of the lives up to the present day of all members of the class of 1915. May 25, 1910. Signed E. D. E.

### THE ANCIENT SPINSTER

It is an ancient spinster,  
And she stoppeth one of three.  
With her wrinkled face and bonny eye,  
Leona, why stoppeth thou me?  
She holds him with her skinny hand;  
"There was a lass," said she.  
Hold off unhand me, gray haired loon,  
And soon he leaves her be.  
The captive man stood on one foot  
Then shifted to the other,  
While in his ear the spinster poured  
A tale of love and lover.  
"I was a bonny lass," said she  
Leona was my name,  
With chestnut hair and rosy cheeks  
I thought to be a dame.  
"Prince charming came in glad array  
Asked me to be his bride,  
But he once loved another girl  
I swallowed not my pride."  
"And then another laddie came  
He was an ideal beau,  
But even for my love he'd not  
His pipe forego."  
"For several years no suitor came,  
A weary time, a weary time;  
When looking Eastward I beheld,  
A man from a foreign clime."  
"At once to him my love did go  
And he to me was true,  
Too poor was he to suit my taste,  
Although his blood was blue."  
"And since that time no man has  
Come,  
To seek me for a wife;  
A wrinkled spinster I became,  
And shall be all my life."

She marries best who sees the least,  
Of all the faults of man;  
For I have seen them all too plain,  
And now I never can.

### THE LITTLE HOUSEKEEPER

The once fair Annie is faded now,  
Her hair has all turned gray;  
The little girl's form is jaded now,  
With care that lasts all day.  
Time was when the little girl's eyes  
Were bright,  
And the men did think her fair;  
And that was when the choiced man,  
Kissed her and settled her there.  
Now came the terrors of married life,  
The burden of a house to keep;  
Is enough for any busy wife,  
Along with the floors to sweep.  
There's the apple jelly and jam to make,  
With not a soul to aid,  
And the bread, pies and cakes to bake,  
All this without a maid.  
On, the years are many, the years are long,  
But Annie to duty is true;  
For the love of a husband that is so strong,  
Is enough for a whole life through.

### THE PSALM OF THE SUFFRAGETTE

Tell me not in election seasons,  
Votes are naught but empty dreams,  
For the women spoke with reason,  
Suffrage is quite all it seems.  
Votes are real, votes are potent,  
And the elections not the end;  
Displeased voters and both bent,  
Against the officer they send.  
Long did Mildred's banner wave,  
Long she stumped both near and far;  
In the end our triumph gave,  
Politics its rising star.  
Equal rights for equal creatures,  
Was her motto in the strife;  
Union, peace, the choicest feature,  
Of the new domestic life.

### THE DEFENCE OF MEN, THE CEASARS OF CREATION.

Friends, Romans and Countrymen,  
Lend me your ears,  
I come to bury suffrage, not to praise it;  
The evils of women's votes live after them.

The good, but ah, there's none in the last,  
And never will be in suffrage.

The noble Mildred hath told you  
women were ambitious,  
If this is so it is a grievous fault,  
And grievously will women answer it.  
Here before all this 'sembled company  
Come, I, Dupree to speak against  
th suffragettes

Women are men's friends, faithful  
and just to them  
They mend their socks, they cook  
their meals,  
But Mildred says women are ambitious;  
And Mildred is an experienced  
woman,  
You all do know that on the streets  
of London

### ESTELLE HANCOCK'S CAREER.

Listen, my children, and you shall  
hear  
Of the adventures of our Estelle,  
dear;  
On the nineteenth of August in the  
year sixteen  
She chose the greatest career she  
had seen.  
A nurse's part with trembling fear  
She took her training and did it  
well  
As she did her work in former days  
Within the sound of the high school  
bell.  
And made the others admire her  
ways.  
Then she resolved a Red Cross to be  
And soon she set sail across the sea.  
Her first care was a Canadian lad,  
And our 'Stelle grew very sad,  
For she saw that his wounds were  
fearfully bad.  
However, the soldier's life she saved  
And soon he was numbered among  
the brave,  
When by her side restored to life,  
No wish had he but to make her his  
wife;  
But Estelle said, "You are not of  
my native land,  
You belong to a foreign strand,  
And I cannot marry any man."  
But soon she learned he was a mil-  
lionaire,  
And then she decided they would  
make a good pair;  
In Canada they spent their honey-  
moon  
With never a care or fret;  
Then home came they to the Old  
North State  
Where the pair lives happy yet.

### WHEN BERTHA DANCED AND SANG THAT NIGHT.

New York's sun is slowly setting  
Across the hill so far away  
Filling all the land with beauty  
At the close of this glad day.  
And its last rays rest on Bertha  
As she before the mirror turns  
Clad in garments light and airy  
In her eyes a clear light burns,  
For she is going to the theatre  
And in robes of purest white  
Will our Bertha sing in chorus  
She will dance and sing tonight.  
All her friends and classmates gather  
Gather thick from near and far  
To be present at her first night.  
To behold her be a star.  
They have bought for seats to sit in  
All the first row balcony.  
Even now they are treading Broad-  
way,  
Every heart is beating high,  
For our Bertha sweet and airy  
Clad in garments of sparkling  
white  
Will be at the cool Casino where  
She'll dance and sing tonight.  
In a taxi now she is seated  
Confident of triumph she  
Now she is arriving at the theatre  
Where the many taxis be;  
It is time to raise the curtain,  
Footlights are on and music plays,  
In skips Bertha fleet and agile  
As at ball in former days;  
She trills, she dwells, she sings so  
sweetly,  
Then she whirls in purest white,  
For at the cool Casino our dear  
Bertha stars tonight.  
She has made a splendid triumph,  
She's a star without a doubt,  
All the audience on its feet,  
Give a long and mighty shout,  
And our Bertha, smiling sweetly,  
Waves her white and gracious  
hand;  
There's no more modest maid than  
Bertha  
In our whole united land;  
Long may Bertha ever flourish  
Clad in garments sparkling white,  
Sing and dance on dear old Broad-  
way  
As she danced and sang that night.

### THE LITTLE SONG OF RUBY

I came from childhood, schooldays  
dear,  
I was a steady riser;  
I learned some new things every  
year,  
I ever grew the wiser.  
Through seven grades I hurried  
past,  
I went through all a singing;  
My class mates joined in to the last,  
Gay melody a flinging.  
I carolled gaily as I went,  
To the graded school each day;  
With boys and girls to music bent,  
We sang as if forever.  
When I reached the high school  
years,  
I sang in sharp or flat;  
I sang the songs right in their ears,  
They cared not straw for that.  
My class mates smiled with one big  
smile,  
When I sang such a solo;  
But I kept on all the while,  
And then I won a halo.  
Above the rest my voice rang,  
I saved the class day chorus;  
The others weakly, slowly sang,  
But I sang on forever.  
I went abroad to study voice,  
And there I found great fame;  
For I became the teachers choice,  
He made me take his name.  
I sang the parts of opera queens  
In European cities,  
A spellbound audience forward leans  
When I sing simple ditties.  
And now a star upon the stage,  
And I shall leave it never;  
For women may sing and men may  
sing,

As our little Annie was.  
Or be a spinster as Leona was,  
And live alone with black cats and  
dogs,  
But be able to do as you please,  
Be a trained nurse and win a man  
As our Estelle Hancock strangely  
did,  
But have to bear the suffering of  
men,  
Be a famous singer as our Ruby was  
But one must have a heaven-sent  
voice for that.  
Be a chorus girl as Bertha chose  
And give joy to many people,  
But live a hard life—matinees and  
night performances.  
None would drift on through a  
weary life,  
But that the dread of something af-  
ter choice  
Makes us rather bear those ills we  
have,  
Than fly to others which we see too  
well,  
Choosing a vacation makes cowards  
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### Ticky Cattle Bring Low Prices.

Washington D. C. July 5.—After  
an eight months' fight, the foot-  
and-mouth disease has been practi-  
cally stamped out and the danger of  
another great destructive animal  
plague averted. For this the coun-  
try has reason to be thankful, for  
American live stock already suffers  
from a disease to an extent of  
which few persons are fully aware.  
Hog cholera, tuberculosis, and the  
cattle tick cause an animal loss to  
the country which reaches so high  
into the millions of dollars that it is  
almost impossible even for trained  
statisticians to estimate it. The  
direct loss in deaths can be comput-  
ed with reasonable accuracy but the  
indirect losses which agriculture in  
all of its branches suffer whenever  
and wherever there is a scarcity of  
stock cannot be reckoned at all.  
Hog cholera and tuberculosis pre-  
vail throughout the country; cattle  
ticks are confined to the section—  
the South. Hog cholera and tubercu-  
losis present problems which science  
has not yet thoroughly solved; cattle  
ticks already have been eliminated  
in an area of more than 250,  
288 square miles and can be elimi-  
nated in the rest of the infested ter-  
ritory whenever the people really  
determine to rid themselves of the  
pest.  
It is no secret that the amount of  
live stock in the country by no  
means has kept pace with the  
growth of population. For many  
years it actually decreased, and al-  
though the official figures for Janu-  
ary 1, 1915, show a slight increase  
over the corresponding ones for  
1914, this increase is far from pro-  
portionate to that in population.  
The price of meat has risen steadily  
and the future of the country's sup-  
ply has become a matter of grave  
concern.  
Greater production of live stock  
upon the farms undoubtedly would  
go far toward solving the problem.  
This is especially true of the South.  
In an estimate quoted recently by  
the Secretary of Agriculture, it was  
stated that the average farm home  
in Georgia produced less than one-  
twelfth of a beef in the course of a  
year for each person on it. Instead  
of producing beef to sell to the rest  
of the country, the South imports  
much of what it consumes.  
For this condition of affairs speci-  
alists hold two things responsible—  
cotton and ticks. The danger in  
one-crop system of agriculture has  
now been made apparent and there  
are many farmers who would gladly  
abandon it if some substitute were  
available. But in any sound sys-  
tem of agriculture live stock is in-  
dispensable, and while the cattle  
tick flourishes the production of  
cattle is not an inviting prospect.  
The grower in a tick-infested coun-  
try labors under a crushing hand-  
icraft. His cattle weigh less and  
bring less per pound than those of  
his competitor in tick-free sections.  
In Alabama and Mississippi, for  
example, the average price for  
beef on the hoof was, on January 1,  
1915, only 4c a pound. In Connecti-  
cut, it was 8.4 and in no tick-free  
State was it as low as 5c. The  
average price of beef cattle over  
two years old was \$20 in Alabama  
and \$22 in Mississippi. It was \$64  
in Wyoming and \$60 in Montana,  
Vermont, with an average of \$39,  
was the only tick-free State in  
which the price was below \$40. In  
North Carolina, South Carolina,  
Georgia, Florida, and

Arkansas,—all more or less tick-in-  
fested—the average price was be-  
low \$30.

Such differences are too striking  
to be ignored. They represent an  
animal loss to the farmers of the  
South of millions of dollars. The  
Georgia farmer may expect to re-  
ceive \$18 for his beef animal, the  
Ohio farmer \$56, Kentucky, Kansas,  
and Indiana men, \$56. For ten  
tick-infested States, North Carolina,  
South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama,  
Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana, Ar-  
kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, the  
general average is \$25.90; for the  
remainder of the country it is \$48.47.

In considering these figures it  
must be borne in mind that many  
of the States in the tick country  
have succeeded in freeing large area  
from the pest. Otherwise, the dif-  
ference in value undoubtedly would  
be much greater. A great deal of  
North and South Carolina, for in-  
stance, is as free from ticks as Ohio  
or Indiana. Oklahoma also has  
grappled so vigorously with the pest  
and has cleaned so much of its ter-  
ritory that the average value for  
cattle has risen to \$42 a head. In  
Florida, on the other hand, where  
no systematic work has yet been  
done, the average is \$18.

One reason for the low value of  
Southern cattle is unquestionably  
the disastrous effect of the tick  
upon all attempts to improve the  
breed. Pure-bred stock imported  
for breeding purposes are exposed  
to such danger of death from tick  
fever that it is not sound business  
to incur the risk. Producers are,  
therefore, compelled to do the best  
they can with the native cattle,  
which have acquired a certain de-  
gree of immunity. That there is  
no profit in scrubs is an old cattle  
raiser's maxim and in this connec-  
tion a comparison of average  
weights of beef cattle may be inter-  
esting.

In Florida, on January 1, 1915, it  
was 340 pounds; in Wyoming, 985;  
in Idaho, 966; in Montana, 938. In  
Mississippi it was 550; in Alabama,  
500; in Louisiana, 471; in Georgia,  
419. Out side of the tick country,  
Connecticut was the one State to  
fall below 600 pounds.

There are, of course, other factors  
than the tick in the raising of beef in  
the South, but in view of these  
figures, it is hard to escape  
from the conclusion that wherever  
the tick is, there the value of cattle  
is low.

It follows, also, that the farmer  
makes little effort to develop this  
source of profit—or what would be  
a source of profit under other cir-  
cumstances. Not only does he him-  
self suffer financially in consequence  
directly from loss of income, and  
indirectly through loss of soil fer-  
tility—but the whole country suffers  
from an inadequate meat supply.

For this reason, the Federal govern-  
ment is as vitally interested in  
the work of tick eradication, as it  
is in the suspicion of hog cholera  
and the prevention of tuberculosis.  
Throughout tick-infested territory,  
wherever the people have voted to  
free themselves from the tax the  
pest levies upon them, Federal in-  
spectors are cooperating with the  
local authorities and organizations in  
the erection of vats and the super-  
vision of regular systematic dipping.  
As fast as territory is cleaned,  
the quarantine is removed from it  
and stock owners in the community  
thus enabled to market the cattle on  
an equal footing with stock from  
other sections of the country. As  
has already been said, 252,288  
square miles have been freed in this  
way since the beginning of the work  
in 1906, and in addition much use-  
ful work has been done in areas  
still under quarantine. Within five  
years, if the same rate of progress  
is maintained, the entire coun-  
try should be free and ticky cattle a  
forgotten evil. But there is every  
reason to believe that as the evi-  
dence against the tick piles up, prog-  
ress will become more and more  
rapid. It can not be too rapid for  
the good of the entire country.

### Traveling Man's Experience.

"In the summer of 1883 I had a  
very severe attack of cholera mor-  
bus. Two physicians worked over  
me from 4 a. m. to 6 p. m. without  
giving me any relief and then told  
me they did not expect me to live;  
that I had best telegraph my family.  
Instead of doing so, I gave the hotel  
porter fifty cents and told him to  
buy me a bottle of Chamberlain's  
Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Rem-  
edy, and take no substitute. I took  
a double dose according to the direc-  
tions and went to sleep after the  
second dose. At five o'clock the  
next morning I was called by my  
order and took a train for my next  
stopping point, a well man but feel-  
ing rather shaky from the severity  
of the attack," writes H. W. Ireland,  
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