

**SAVES BIG BRIDGE.**

**Inventor Works Three Days In Subterranean Cavern.**

**RISKS HIS LIFE EVERY HOUR**

**Bored Around a Corner With a Flexible Drill and Clears Cement Plugged Drainpipe—Forty Thousand Gallons of Water Almost Overwhelm Him.**

With the aid of a drill that actually bores around a corner Hartwell W. Webb, a Newark inventor, by risking his life for three days in a narrow conduit running down into the huge stone anchorage for the cables at the Brooklyn end of the Manhattan bridge, now being built in New York city, cleaned out an important drainage pipe which had been clogged with hardened cement. In accomplishing what had seemed an impossible task he won a large prize for himself and enabled the contracting company that built the anchorage to collect \$250,000 from the city, the last payment due on the anchorage.

Not only did Webb display remarkable nerve, but he proved himself an inventor of a remarkable instrument. To clean out the cement which had stopped up the drainage pipe he contrived a special drill, which is so powerful and yet so flexible that it can drill a straight hole for a certain dis-



THE DRILL WAS RUN UP THROUGH THE SIX INCH PIPE.

tance and then go on at an angle of forty-five degrees. The drill he used was twenty-five feet in length and only half an inch in diameter. It had a bit four inches in length and cleared out a six inch pipe. Lying in water in a conduit, Webb forced the drill up twenty feet, making a turn of almost forty-five degrees and slowly boring through the hardened cement. The drill is made of elastic steel pieces so put together that the drill can be bent and yet work with great efficiency.

The spot in which he did his work was a dangerous one. He was beneath the surface of the ground in a conduit that runs into the stone anchorage. The structure is 250 feet long, almost as broad and 200 feet high. It is built of massive stone and is required to be of sufficient strength to hold the great cables that will stretch from pier to pier to hold up the enormous bridge structure. There is no occasion, however, for the anchorage being solid stone. The engineering company which constructed the anchorage built huge rooms about the size of the auditorium of an average theater in it. Drains were left at the bottom to let out water that might gather from rain.

A discharged workman dumped cement into one of the pipes, closing it effectually. By the time the anchorage was completed 40,000 gallons of water had collected in the room, and the city demanded that the drainpipe be cleaned out.

The building company tried many ways of clearing the pipe, which ran downward through the solid masonry and then made a sharp turn, running to a conduit which in turn connected with the sewer pipe. It found it impossible to reach the clogged cement by a drill of the ordinary kind. It seemed as if it would be necessary to tear down part of the structure until Webb suggested his flexible drill.

To reach the point where he had to work he went down a shaft twenty feet and then crawled on his hands and knees through a conduit for seventy-five feet into the heart of the anchorage. There he lay on his back. The drill was run up through the six inch pipe and around the corner and operated by electricity. Water in the conduit occasionally touched the frayed insulation of the wire and carried the current to the inventor, who received many shocks.

Webb was in almost utter darkness except for a small electric lamp. He knew that the moment he completed the boring of the pipe the water would rush down upon him. Once he thought he had struck water and started to scramble out, leaving the drill and the motor, but he was mistaken. Three days he remained at the task for many hours each day, determined to finish it. Finally the drill burst through the cement, and a stream of water six inches in diameter dashed down upon him. It filled his mouth and eyes, but he preserved his presence of mind and, quickly turning face downward, scrambled through the narrow conduit to the shaft, where a workman was waiting to pull him up.

**NO RENT FOR 1,998 MONTHS.**

**Campaign of Neapolitan Tenants Who Are Leagued Against Landlords.**

The Naples householders have formed a league with the object of obtaining a reduction of rents, and they discovered that the best method to force the landlords to accede to their demands was to stop the payment of rents. The league numbers about 2,000 members, none of whom has paid rent for the last six months, says a Naples (Italy) correspondent of the New York Sun.

The landlords first attempted eviction, but they failed, as the police declared that they were unable to evict 2,000 families who meant fight and expressed their willingness to stand a siege. Next the landlords brought suit in the civil courts.

The case came on in due course of time, but none of the householders was present or represented. The landlords rejoiced at the prospect of an easy victory. Suddenly a woman walked in.

She said she was one of the 2,000 members of the league and wanted to defend her case. The judges have to accord a reasonable period of time to the defendant in order that he may prepare his defense. This period is generally a month. Accordingly on the woman's demand the case was adjourned a month.

The month passed and the case again came on for hearing. None of the defendants was present. The court then decided to hear the case in their absence, but just then another member of the league came in, repeated the identical performance of the previous hearing, and again the case was put off for another month.

For the next 1,998 months a member of the householders' league will repeat the trick, and the case won't be heard before that time. Meanwhile the members continue not paying their rents.

**STORK'S CHRISTMAS JOKE.**

**Left Wax Doll at Jersey Home Where Real Thing Was Wanted.**

Both Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Andrews, who live in Montgomery street, at Bloomfield, N. J., heard a knocking at the front door Christmas morning at the same time, says a special to the New York Times.

"Get up, Sam," urged Mrs. Andrews after the knocking had gone on for some time. "Get up. It may be a Christmas present."

Mr. Andrews looked out of the second story window, asking the dark figure below what he wanted.

"Here's a package for you," was the answer. Laying down a big bundle, the figure hurried away. Mr. Andrews went swiftly downstairs, with his wife making hasty preparation to bring up the rear. He struck a match, pulled back the cover and yelled up to his wife:

"It is a Christmas present. It's a baby."

The Andrews home is childless, and there was great joy in the voice of the head of the house. All morning the neighbors crowded in to see the baby that had been left on the doorstep, just as babies are in New York city, on the stage and in books. Alarmed by the exceeding quietness of the Christmas present, some motherly old soul, in a great worry, grabbed up the little figure and began to investigate it from top to bottom.

Well, it was a big doll; that's all. Bloomfield is a great place for the humorous.

**MUSEUM IN TOLSTOI'S HONOR**

**Wife of Russian Philosopher Supervising Its Organization.**

Countess Tolstai is in Moscow supervising the organization of a museum in honor of her illustrious husband, says a St. Petersburg cable dispatch to the Chicago Tribune. The museum will contain a great mass of letters received by the count, many of them being from America, one from John D. Rockefeller, asking the Russian philosopher's opinion as to the best way to employ his money.

It will also contain Russian documents connected with the old count's activity on behalf of the famine-stricken in 1891, besides an album of portraits and photographs of the author of "War and Peace," most of them made abroad. The famous painter Repin has just finished a great portrait of the count, which, after figuring in a perambulatory exhibition that will visit the principal towns of Europe, may finally be placed in this museum.

**No Need of Cotton Famines.**  
The cotton spinners of the world are needlessly alarmed lest the ability of the south to increase her cotton production will not keep pace with the increasing number of spindles and looms, says the Southern Farm Magazine. Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia in a recent article or interview says that his state alone if necessary could produce as much cotton as is now being produced by the entire south. The same is true of Mississippi and more than doubly true of Texas. The labor supply is absolutely the only difficulty that prevents the expansion of cotton production in the south to almost any limit that might be desired.

**New Industry For Boys.**  
Boys who have been apprenticed to no trade and who want to make a career for themselves invent their occupations. The knocker cleaner has been knocking at the door. But two boys of Charlton, England, appear to be starting a new industry, says the London Chronicle. They called up the household, as follows:  
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**Piney Grove Academy Items.**

Mrs. Ballard Sasser visited her sister, Mrs. S. A. Pittman, Monday.

Mrs. Willis Tyner and Mrs. E. F. Pearce were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyner Sunday.

Constable J. H. Game and Mr. R. A. Pearce are constructing a magnificent building for Mr. Alex Eason.

Piney Grove Academy school will close on February 29, 1908. The exercises will begin at one o'clock p. m. Every body is cordially invited.

Mr. S. R. Brady is going to organize a Sunday school at the Brown school house next Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m. Every body is cordially invited.

Rev. W. C. Royal preached an excellent sermon to a large audience at the Woodard school house Sunday.

Mr. A. G. Tyner died of pneumonia last Sunday morning about 7 o'clock. Mrs. W. M. Rose, his nearest door neighbor, died on Monday morning about 8 o'clock with the same disease. Both leave a host of friends to mourn their loss.

PROPHET.

Feb. 17, '08.

**Smithfield's Poison Factories.**

When food is retained too long in the stomach the poison factory in the digestive tract works overtime and there is giddiness, confusion of thought, despondency, heartburn, sleeplessness, nervous trouble and other symptoms of indigestion.

The general sale of Mi-o-na stomach tablets puts within the reach of everyone a reliable and positive cure for all stomach weakness. Mi-o-na quickly cures the worst cases of indigestion, and the pain and distress which is often felt after meals will soon disappear, such is the wonderful curative power of these little tablets. Hood Brothers have seen so many cures made by Mi-o-na that they give a guarantee with every 50 cent box that the remedy costs nothing unless it cures. Try Mi-o-na on this guarantee and you will be surprised at the quick relief.

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**Our Spring Hardware**

Our Spring Hardware is arriving almost daily. We are putting in the largest stock of Plows and Castings ever shown in our part of the county. Syracuse Chilled Plows, 2 sizes in two horse, and the prettiest one horse plow we ever saw. Chattanooga plows in two sizes. A large shipment of White's Dixie Clipper, Stonewall and Carolina plows and Castings.

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**SALE UNDER EXECUTION.**  
NORTH CAROLINA JOHNSTON COUNTY.  
MCNAIR and PEARSALL VS BENJ. and I. B. HUDSON.  
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Johnston Co. in the above entitled action, The Homestead of Benj. Hudson was laid off according to law and no excess in personal property being found, the undersigned Sheriff of Johnston County, in order to satisfy the above said execution, as well as the following execution, against said Benj. and I. B. Hudson, issued out of the Superior Court of Johnston County, and in my hands at this date to-wit: Dixie Oil works, Red C. Oil Mfg. Co., Bonville Grocery Co. (Inc) Wilson and Thumm Co. (Inc) West Over Paper Co., Smith Mfg. Co., Hamilton Pants Mfg. Co., Wells Grocery Co., and Kenton Baking Powder Co.

I will on Monday the 2nd day of March 1908, at 12 o'clock, in the Court House door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title and interest, which the said Benj. and I. B. Hudson the defendants, have in the following described real estate to-wit: Tract No. 1 being lot near the town of Benson fronting on road 150 feet and running back North 85° E 150 feet, on which is situated a dwelling house in which I. B. Hudson now resides. One other tract containing 30 acres adjoining the lands of J. W. Wood, C. A. Heaves, Julia Tart and J. A. Hall and lying and being in Banner township Johnston County, One other tract containing 30 acres bought of Henry Bryant adjoining the lands of Plas Hudson, Geo. Hudson and John L. Banner and lying and being in Banner township Johnston County. For a more complete description reference is hereby made to the Registry of Johnston County.  
Jan. 28, 1908.  
R. M. NOWELL,  
Sheriff, of Johnston Co.

**NOTICE.**  
Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a certain judgment rendered in the Superior Court of Johnston County of the December term, 1907, in a case entitled J. W. Barnes and J. J. Barnes, executors of Jno. H. Barnes deceased, against Patience Daughtry, I will on Monday the 2nd day of March, 1908, at 12 o'clock sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door in Johnston County, at Public Outcry, the following described tract of land, namely: that tract of land lying and being situate in Boone Hill township, Johnston County, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Daniel Woodard, Monroe Woodard, Polly Wiggs and others containing 47 3/4 acres, more or less, and more particularly described in a mortgage deed made by the said Patience Daughtry to John H. Barnes and recorded in Book 8, No. 5, page 314 in the Register of Deeds office of Johnston County, reference to which is hereby made for more perfect description.  
This the first day of February, 1908.  
J. D. FARRIOR, Mortgagee.  
BARNES & DICKINSON, Attys.  
Wilson, N. C.

**NOTICE.**  
By virtue of power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by M. B. Saunders, Anna N. Saunders, J. M. Norris and Ada Norris to J. D. Farrior, on the second day of April, 1907, which mortgage deed is recorded in Book 8, No. 9 page 428, in the office of Register of Deeds in Johnston County, the undersigned mortgagee will on the second day of March, 1908 at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House door, in Johnston County, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract of land, to-wit: That tract situate in Beulah township, County and State aforesaid, adjoining the lands of Gaston Fitzgerald, Vet. Freedmen, Lillie Goswin and others, it being that tract of land bought by N. B. Saunders from Minot B. Saunders, containing 27 acres, more or less.  
This the 23rd day of February, 1908.  
J. D. FARRIOR, Mortgagee.  
BARNES & DICKINSON, Attys.  
Wilson, N. C.

**NOTICE.**  
The undersigned having qualified as executor on the estate of Frank Williams deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 31 day of January 1909 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.  
This 29 day of January, 1908.  
ALEX WILLIAMS SR., Executor.

**NOTICE.**  
The undersigned having qualified as Admr. on the estate of John R. George deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 21 day of February 1909 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.  
This 17 day of February, 1908.  
P. E. JOHNSON, Admr.

**NOTICE.**  
The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Martitia M. Sanders deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present same to me duly verified on or before the 7th day of February, 1909, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to estate will make immediate payment.  
This 5th day of February, 1908.  
A. M. Sanders, Admr.

**NOTICE.**  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF JOHNSTON.  
In the Superior Court before the Clerk, Jan. 29 1908.  
Lucy Benson and husband Joe Benson, and K. L. Barber, Vs.  
E. E. Barber, L. E. Barber Bertha Barber and husband David Barber and others.  
By virtue of the authority of a judgment obtained in the Special Proceedings entitled as above, the undersigned commissioner will on Monday, March 2nd, 1908, sell to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door in Smithfield as public auction for cash the hereinafter described tracts of land.  
Lot No. 2.  
Beginning at a maple in the Horse Pen Branch, runs S. 6 E. 5.97 chains to a stake; thence S. 8.25 chains to a red oak; thence N. 65 E. 1.46 chains to a post oak; thence N; 41 E. 14.25 chains to a pine thence N. 60 E. 18.20 chains to a stake in R. M. Barber's line; thence N. 64 W. 5 chains to a stake; thence N. 12 W. 3.9 chains to a stake; thence N. 82 W. 5.57 chains to a white oak; thence S. 7 W. 5 chains to a stake in the ditch; thence up said branch to the beginning. Containing 31 acres.  
Lot No. 3.  
Beginning at a white oak R. M. Barber's corner; runs S. 7 W. 5 chains to a stake in the ditch; thence up said ditch to a poplar; thence N. 15.433 chains to a stake; thence east to the beginning. Containing 3 acres.  
This sale is made for a division.  
This January 29, 1908.  
Jas. A. Wellons  
COMMISSIONER.

**HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.**  
A two room house on a half acre lot adjoining the lot of Mr. James A. Wellons in Smithfield for sale. About twenty-five thousand feet of lumber on the place. Apply to O. R. Rand, Smithfield, N. C.