

FLOWERPOT INN

Theodore Hook, wishing to visit Sunbury, was recommended to the Flowerpot inn. Now, there resided, it seems, at Sunbury in a large house an elderly gentleman, a bachelor of somewhat eccentric disposition, whose ruling passion was for his garden.

This was kept in admirable order and decorated with a profusion of ornaments in the very height of suburban fashion—leaden Cupids, slate sundials, grottoes of oyster shells and looking glass, heaps of flints and overburned bricks denominated rockwork and, beyond and above all, with a magnificent vase filled with a flaming cluster of fuchsias, geraniums and a number of plants with brilliant blossoms and unutterable names which faced the entrance.

Here one fine afternoon when the flowers had reached their acme of refulgence Mr. Theodore pulled up his dunnit. A powerful pull at the bell brought a sort of half groom, half gardener, to the gate.

"Take the mare round to the stable, put her in a loose box and rub her down well. I'll come and see her fed myself in a few minutes. None of you rascals is to be trusted."

So saying the young gentleman threw the reins to the domestic, marched leisurely along the broad, brown, sugar-like looking walk, dexterously cutting off here and there an overgrown carnation with his whip, and entered the hall.

Giving another tremendous jerk to the bell wire in passing, he walked into the dining room, the door of which happened to be open, took up a magazine and threw himself at full length upon the sofa. A tidily dressed maid-servant appeared at his summons.

"Bring me a glass of brandy and water, my dear, and send Boots."

"Boots, brandy and water!" exclaimed the astonished girl.

"You may fetch me a pair of slippers yourself if you like, so make haste and you shall have a kiss when you come back."

Duped by the authoritative air assumed by the visitor (it would be indecorous to suppose another motive), the attendant disappeared and speedily returned with the slippers, observing, "If you please, sir, I have brought you a pair, but they are master's, and he is rather particular."

"Nonsense! Where's the brandy and water?"

"He never leaves out the spirits, sir; he always keeps the key in his pocket."

"He must be a deuced odd sort of fellow then. Send him here."

"Master is dressing, sir; he will be down directly." And accordingly, after a few minutes, Mr. — made his appearance in full evening dress.

"My good friend," commenced Hook, without raising his eyes from the paper, "allow me to observe that the rules of your establishment are a little inconvenient to travelers. I have been here above a quarter of an hour and have not been able to get so much as a glass of brandy and water. Bring me one immediately and let me know what you have for dinner."

"I really beg your pardon," said old Mr. — as soon as he could find words, "but I am quite at a loss."

"So am I, my good man—for a glass of brandy and water—bring that and another for yourself, and then I shall be happy to hear whatever you have to say."

"But, sir, you must permit me to state"—

"I was never in such a detestable house in my life," exclaimed Hook, starting up. "What do you stand there for instead of attending to my orders? Am I to be kept here starving all night? Bring the brandy and water, d'ye hear?"

The old gentleman was struck positively speechless, his face purpled. He seemed in imminent peril of choking with a sudden confux of ire, indignation and astonishment.

"Why, the fellow's drunk," pursued Theodore; "disgracefully drunk at this time of day, and in his own parlor too! I shall feel it my duty, sir, to lay a statement of this inexcusable conduct before the bench."

Mr. — sprang to the bell. "John! Thomas! Turn this impudent scoundrel out of the house!"

The arrival of the servants led to an explanation. Nothing could exceed Mr. Hook's regret. What apology could be made? He was a perfect stranger to Sunbury, had been directed to the Flowerpot as the inn affording the best accommodation, and on seeing what he imagined to be a gigantic representation of the sign in question at the garden gate he had naturally entered and acted upon this erroneous impression.

This was the unkindest cut of all. To find a stranger reclining in full possession of his sofa and slippers was bad enough, but to hear the highest achievement of art he possessed—the admiration of himself and friends and the envy of all Sunbury, his darling vase—to hear this likened to an alchouse sign was a humiliation which dwarfed into insignificance all preceding insults.—London Evening News.

The Hyacinth.

For more than a century, from 1550 to 1680, the tulip had an undisputed reign till a rival appeared in the shape of a double hyacinth. Ren says of the hyacinth, or "jacinth." It is "of divers sorts, and many of them of small esteem." Some double varieties were, however, known at that time, three being mentioned by Bauhin, but the double kind from which modern ones have been derived was raised at the end of the seventeenth century by Peter Voorhelm, a celebrated Dutch florist. The hyacinth was never quite such a rage as the tulip, though during the height of its popularity great prices were paid for bulbs in Holland. It is said as much as 2,000 florins, or about \$750, was given for one root by some enthusiastic Dutch collector.

THIS MAY INTEREST YOU

No one is immune from Kidney trouble, so just remember that Foley's Kidney Cure will stop the irregularities and cure any case of kidney and bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine C. C. Chase. S. R. Biggs.

It is said that there is a bottle of brandy more than a hundred years old in the corner stone of a Jersey court house and there is little wonder that some of the citizens are advocating tearing it down

STATEMENT
DIXIE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
Of Asheville, North Carolina

CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 1907, AS SHOWN BY STATEMENT FILED

Amount of capital paid up in cash.....	None	Mutual Assessment	
Amount Ledger Assets December 31st previous year.....	\$ 140.03		
Income—from members.....	\$5,803.25;	Miscellaneous, \$50.50;	Total, \$5,853.75
Disbursements—To Members \$1,917.86;	Miscellaneous, \$3,836.46;	Total, \$5,754.32	
ASSETS			
Cash in Home Office.....	\$	92.30	
Cash deposited in Banks.....		122.19	
All other Assets, as detailed in statement.....		213.50	
Total.....	\$	427.99	
Less Assets, not admitted.....		213.50	
Total admitted Assets.....	\$	214.49	
LIABILITIES			
Death losses, not yet due.....	\$	37.50	
Salaries due or accrued.....		1,953.25	
Total Liabilities.....	\$	1,990.75	
Balance to the right of assessment.....	\$	1,776.34	

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1907

Policies or Certificates in force December 31st of previous year.....	Number 855;	Amount \$ 20,099.00
Policies or Certificates issued during the year Number 3,452;	Amount \$ 76,654.00	
Policies or Certificates in force Dec. 31, 1907 Number 2,127;	Amount \$ 49,752.00	
Losses and claims incurred during the year	Amount	1,941.86
Losses and claims paid during the year	Amount	1,904.36
Losses and claims unpaid December 31, 1907, Number 1;	Amount	37.50
Premiums and assessments collected during the year		5,803.25
President, J. S. Bradley; Secretary, J. N. Walker		
Home Office, Asheville, N. C.		
General Agent for service Officers of Company, Asheville, N. C.		
Business Manager for North Carolina, Home Office		

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
RALEIGH, N. C., April 15, 1908

I, JAMES R. YOUNG, Insurance Commissioner do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Dixie Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Asheville, N. C., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December 1907.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

JAMES R. YOUNG,
Insurance Commissioner.

Sale of Land for Taxes

North Carolina—Martin County

I, J. C. Crawford Sheriff of Martin County, have this day levied on the following tracts or parcels of land, and will sell the same for cash the Court House door of Martin County, on Monday the 4th day of before May 1908, to satisfy the taxes due and unpaid for the year of 1907. This the 30th day of March, 1908.

J. C. CRAWFORD,
Sheriff of Martin County

JAMESVILLE TOWNSHIP

NAME	ACRES	TAXES	COST	TOTAL
Ausbon, Amey, 14 acres adj. J. Moore		.18	1.30	1.48
Boston, J. Brick 122 " Residence		3.46	1.30	4.76
Cordan, J. C. Jr., 16 " adj. Stewart Jones		.15	1.30	1.45
Gray, Thos., 1 " Town Lot		1.46	1.30	2.76
Gaynor Mary, 30 " Residence		2.12	1.30	3.42
Garrett Lewis, 5 " adj. Gardners Bridge		.25	1.30	1.55
Hooper, Pink, Est 10 " Residence		1.35	1.30	2.65
James, Haywood, 5 " C. James		2.93	1.30	4.23
Pearce, Lawrence 20 " Residence		2.40	1.30	3.70
Williams, Lewis 25 " "		2.82	1.30	4.02
Waters, Sarah, Est 12 " "		1.44	1.30	2.74
Willis, Osco, 3 " "		2.10	1.30	3.40

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP			
NAME		TAX	COST TOTAL
Williams, C. T., 20 acres of Eason Land		.86	1.30 2.16
Wiggins, James, 9 " " Wallace Ward		.16	1.30 1.46
GRIFFINS TOWNSHIP			
NAME		TAX	COST TOTAL
Fenton, H. T., 150 Acres of Pugh Land		3.00	1.30 4.30
Perry, Jno. R., 520 " " Grassy Island		4.80	1.30 6.13
Butler, Geo., 20 " Residence		4.44	1.30 5.74
WILLIAMSTON TOWNSHIP			
NAME		TAX	COST TOTAL
Biggs, Mizell 1 town lot		3.10	1.30 4.40
Gurganus, Nancy, 1 town lot		1.20	1.30 2.50
Hassell, Wheeler, 1/4 acre adj. J. Hassell		2.71	1.30 4.01
Slade, J. A. D., 1 town lot		3.00	1.30 4.30
Williams, Jos., 1 " "		2.85	1.30 4.15
Wilson, Burt, 1 " "		3.11	1.30 4.41
CROSS-ROADS TOWNSHIP			
NAME		TAX	COST TOTAL
Clark, J. H., 19 acres adj J. B. Clark		2.59	1.30 3.89
Everett, J. F., 6 " " J. A. Whitley		2.58	1.30 3.88
Highsmith, R., 62 " " J. B. Everett		4.52	1.30 5.82
Long, Charley 17 " of land		2.48	1.30 3.78
Taylor, Ashley, 24 " adj. J. E. Barnhill		3.23	1.30 4.53
ROBERSONVILLE TOWNSHIP			
NAME		TAX	COST TOTAL
Brown, R. L., 1 town lot		2.10	1.30 3.40
Harper, W. H., 1 " "		3.00	1.30 4.30
Cogleton, Mc. G., 60 Acres adj. J. R. Robertson		3.82	1.30 5.12
Chance, Bryant, 75 " " O. L. Whichard		2.82	1.30 4.12
Deabraux, Essex 1 town lot		.30	1.30 1.60
Daughtry, Jeff, 1 " "		.30	1.30 1.60
Henton, Dock, 10 acres of land		1.50	1.30 2.80
Jones, Edmond, 1 town lot		.60	1.30 1.90
Morgan, Henry, 10 acres adj D. S. Powell,		2.81	1.30 4.11
Nelson, Henry, 15 acres of land		2.10	1.30 3.40
Parmele Normal School, 135 acres J. R. Carson		5.10	1.30 6.40
Teel, Osco, 50 acres adj J. L. Williams		1.50	1.30 2.80
Ward, Isaac, 10 " " J. H. Everett		.90	1.30 2.20
White, Ed., 1 town lot		2.25	1.30 3.55
Williams, D. S., 1 town lot		.30	1.30 1.60
POPLAR POINT TOWNSHIP			
NAME		TAX	COST TOTAL
Williams, Jordan 10 acres adj Ned Williams		1.21	1.30 2.51
" " Ned, 18 " " J. Williams		4.53	1.30 5.83
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP			
NAME		TAX	COST TOTAL
Wiggins, Pattie, Est 125 " " Henry Bell		3.00	1.30 4.30
GOOSENEST TOWNSHIP			
NAME		TAX	COST TOTAL
Williams, J. R., Heirs 2 town lots		4.20	1.30 5.50
Barnhill, Ferd, 5 acres adj Sherrod		2.46	1.30 3.76
Bennett, G. H., 3 " " Walker		4.92	1.30 6.22
Council, Wilson 30 " " Council		2.48	1.30 3.78
Davis, Harry, 10 " " C. H. Baker		.30	1.30 1.60
Gilmore, P. G., 1 town lot		3.56	1.30 4.86
Howell, Sam, 1 " "		2.26	1.30 3.56
Lynch, P. L., 70 acres of land		4.20	1.30 5.50
Staton, Edmond, 24 acres adj Luke Council		1.50	1.30 2.80

"One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole World Kin."

When a rooster finds a big fat worm he calls all the hens in the farm yard to come and share it. A similar trait of human nature is to be observed when a man discovers something exceptionally good—he wants all his friends and neighbors to share the benefits of his discovery. This is the touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. This explains why people who have been cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy write letters to the manufacturers for publication, that others similarly ailing may also use it and obtain relief. Behind every one of these letters is a warm heartfelt wish of the writer to be of use to someone else. This remedy is for sale by All Druggist and Dealers in Patent medicine

It is reported by some man who has been taking figures that one man in every three is idle. How he must be envied by the other two.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup—the cough syrup that tastes nearly as good as maple sugar and which children like so well to take. Unlike nearly all other cough remedies, it does not constipate, but on the other hand it acts promptly yet gently on the bowels, through which the cold is forced out of the system, and at the same time it allays inflammation. Always use Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. Sold by Chase's Drug Store, and S. R. Biggs.

Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of Davis Harris, deceased; notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 20th day of March 1908, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

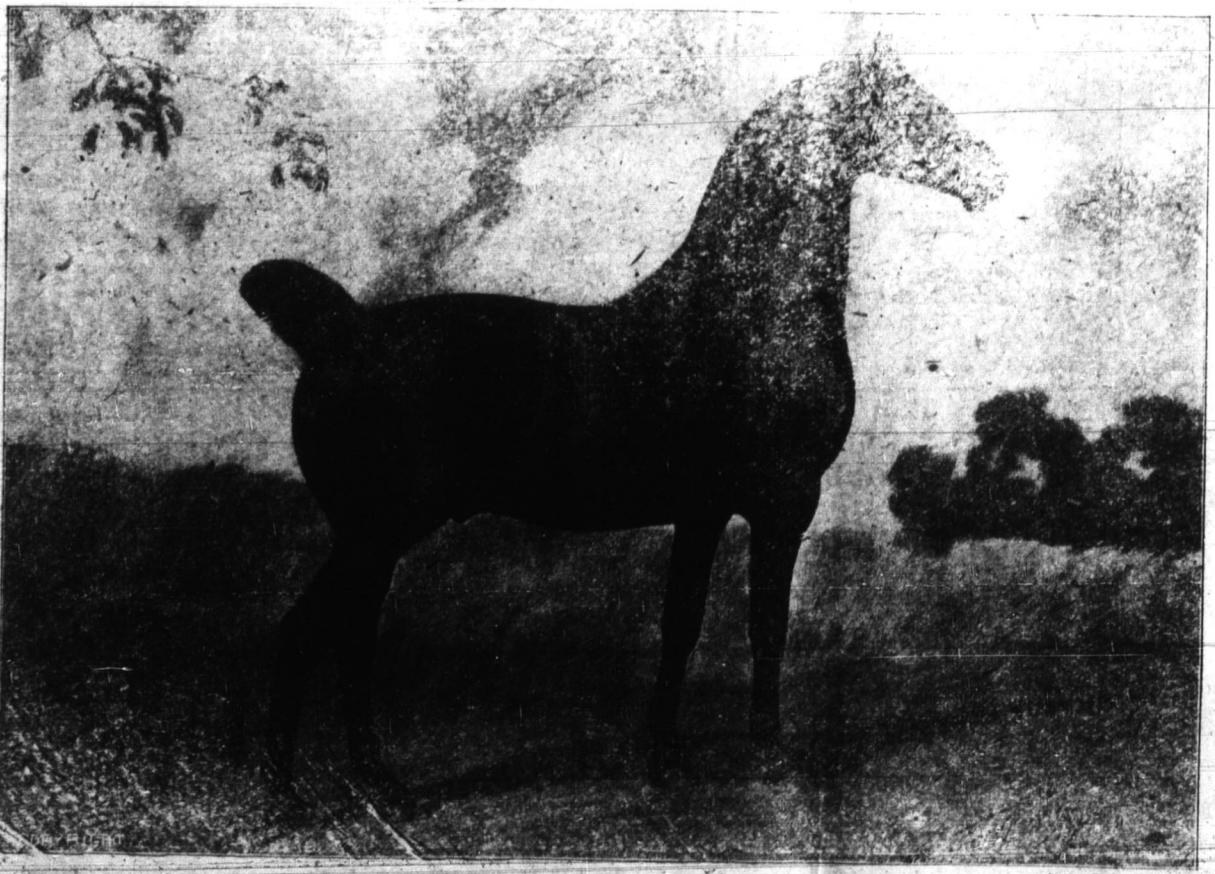
This 20th day of March 1908.
3-20-08 EDMOND HARRIS, Admr.

Notice.

By virtue of authority vested in me by the Superior Court of Martin County entered by an order for resale in the special proceeding, entitled Ausbon, Hyman and others against, Allsbrook, Stamper, Vaughan and others, I shall sell to the highest bidder for one-third cash, the remainder payable in nine months, at noon on May the 4th, being the first Monday, at the Court-house in Williamston, the following described property: Lying and being in the edges of Martin and Halifax counties and near the road leading from Palmyra to Hobgood, and known as the John Frosty Hyman piece of land, adjoining E. P. Hyman, J. B. Stephenson, The Mizell Place, and others, containing 250 acres more or less. Said piece of land having a growth of timber on it 12 or more years old.

This April 1st, 1908.
S. J. EVERETT
Williamston, N. C. Commissioner

ECHO, No. 4232, Coach Horse Register of France



The Imported French Coach Stallion,
ECHO 4232

Brown; foaled March 25, 1904. Bred by M. Martine, Department of Calvados. Sired by the Government Stallion Quotiden, dam Amaryllis by Ris Toujours, 2d dam Sollice by Assuerus. The blood of this Stallion runs back in unbroken strain to 1732 to Darley Arabian.

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