

KENTUCKY GOVERNOR HAS AL TREADY ASKED FOR INVI TATION.

Raleigh. Formal invitation' to the Governors and councils of State of twelve Southerd, commonwealths to attend the "shift sleeve" road show which begins in six weeks will be sent out by Governor, Cameron Morrsion immediately, and more than three thousand invita-tions will be sent by Highway Commis-

alongy Frank Page to county and city, angingering authorities. Unwilling to wait for formal assur-ances that he was to he invited to at-tend the road show, Governor W. J. Fields, of Kentucky, wrote Mr. Page last week to inquire if it would be all fight is he came anyhow. Mr. Page immediately informed Governor Fields that Mentucky was on the list, and the show wouldn't be complete until he got here. Governor Morrison will repeat the assurance, and the Blue Grass executive will be one of the first to arrive and the last to leave. Formal invitations will also be extives of the score of Latin-American countries for whose benefit the show is being staged under the auspices Is being staged under the numpless of the North Carolina Highway Com-mission and the American Road Build-ers' Association. The engineering de-partments of the several \*Countries have already made ready following de-parture for America and fail fach Washington during the coming month. Plans for the road show are develop-ing satisfactorily. Manufactures of post building machiners and others coing satisfactorily. Manufacturers of road building machinery and others co-operating with the Highway Commis-sion in staging held demonstrations of all types, of road, constraining maintenance base made printing of a staging held maintenance base made printing ments to install the most modern equipment to installing most modern equipment on the prejects where construction will be demonstrated. All other de-tails are being worked out by Mr. Page and Charles, M. Upham, business man-ager for the road builders and State Highway Engineer

More Cotton Baing Planted in-NCCI North Carolina this year than ever betore. It is estimated that the increase in acreage will be from five to ten per cent over last year. An increase of about the same per-An increase at about the same per-centage in figuilizer is indicated by re-parts from regions sections, of the State. These reports are form form invited and sectionals. They rep-resent a cross section of opinion, but are not submitted as consistive infor-mation on the subject. Planting is from ten days to two

wacks late in most sections of the State. Wet weather and a backward apring have been responsible for the delay. These factors have also result-ed in insidentials preparation for plant-ing. Labor is scarce and this has helped to delay planting also. Cotton is being planted over a wider

area than ever before. Pledmont and western counties that have never before gone in for cotton on any considerable scale are making preparations to make a killing this year, if possible.

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DOCTOR FRANKLIN

SYNOPSIS. Solomon Binkus, veteran scout and interpreter, and his young companion, Jack Irons, passing through Horse Valley, New York, in September, Valley, New York, in September, 1768, to warn settlers of an In-dian uprising, rescue from a band of redskins the wife and daughter of Colonel Hare of England. Jack distinguianes himself in the fight and later rescues. Margaret, Hare from the river. Jack and Mar-garet fall In love. On reaching Fort Stanwiz, Colonel Hare says both are too young to marry. The Hare family sail for England, and the Irons family move to Albany. Hare family sail for England, and the Irons family move to Albany. Unrest grows in the colonies, ba-cause of the oppressive measures of the English government. Solo-mon and Jack visit Boston. In November, 1770, Jack goes to Philadelphia and works in Ben-famin Franklin's printing plant. Nearly three years later Margaret writes him from London, remind-ing him that her youth is passing and issying she has appealed to Doctor Franklin. Binkus has re-ceived a letter from Washington ceived a letter from Washington to be carried across the ocean, and Jack sails with him. Arriv-ing in England. Binkus is ar-rested, but Jack has the letter and proceeds to London.

## CHAPTER V

London and the Philosopher.

The stir and prodigious reach of London had appalled the young man, The thought thrulled him that some where in the great crowd, of which he was now a part, were the two human beings he had come so far to see. He put on his best clothes and with the letter which had been carefully treasured-under his pillow at night and planed to his pocket lining through the day-set out in a cab for the lodgings of Doctor Franklin, Through a maze of streets where people were "thick as the brush in the forests of Tryon county", he proceeded until after a journey of some thirty nshutes the cab stopped at the home of the famous American on Blooms bury square. Doctor Franklin was in and would see him presently, so the liveried servant informed the young nan after his card had been taken to the doctor's office. He was shown into a reception room and asked to wait, where others were waiting. An hour passed and the day was growing dusk when all the callers says Jack had been disposed of. Then Franklin entered. Jack remembered the strong, well-knit frame and kindly gray eyes of the philosopher. His thick hair, hanging below his collar, was now white. He was very grand in a suit of black Manchesfer velvet with white allk stockings and bright silver buckles on his shoes." There was a gentle dig-nity in his fage when he took the

boy's hand and said, with a smile: "You are so big, Jack. You have built a six foot two inch man of that small lad I knew in Albany, and well Weather in June and July will fell finished, too-great thighs, heavy the slory for cotton in North Carolina. The boll weavil will be in his glory in those months. It was the eye of Mars? It's and shall I say the eye of Mars? It's a winder what time and meat and bread and potatoes, and air can ac-complish. But perhaps industry and good reading have done some work on the job Jack blushed and answered: "It would be hard to fix the blame." Franklin put his hand on the young man's shoulder and said: "She is a lovely girl, Jack. You have excellent good taste. I congratulate you. Her pulchritude has a background of good character and she ing time in prisons and confined in is alive with the spirit of the New World. I have given her no chance to forget you if that had been possible. Since I became the agent in England of yourself and sundry American provinces, I have seen her often, but never without longing 'for' the gift of youth. How is my family ?"

"Are they the Hutchinson, Rogers | he passed. A number of small boys scurried along with them, curiously staring into the face of Solomon. "I think they are known to every

"Ain't this like comin' into a savage tribe that ain't seen no civilized human bein' fer years?". "Wot is it?" a voice shouted. "E's a blarsted bush w'acker from

North Hamerica, 'e is," another answered. Jack stopped a cab and they got

into It. "Show us some of the great buildings and land us in an hour at 10

Bloomsbury square, East," he said. With a sense of relief they were whisked away in the stream of traffic. They passed the king's palace and the great town houses of the duke of Bedford and Lord Balcarras, each of which was pointed out by the driver. Suddenly every vehicle near them stopped, while their male occupants sat with bared heads. Jack observed a' curious procession on the sidewalk passing between two lines of halted people.

"Hit's their majesties!" the driver whispered under his breath.

The king-a stout, red-nosed, bluejowled man, with big, gray, staring eyes-was in a sedan chair surmounted by a crown. He was dressed in light cloth with silver buttons. Queen Charlotte, also in a chair, was dressed in lemon colored slik ornamented with brocaded flowers. The two were smiling and bowing as they passed. In a moment the procession" entered a great gate. Then there was a crack of whips and the traffic resumed its hurrled, pace. When they had been conducted to

the presence of Doctor Franklin he took Solomon's hand and said : "Mr. Binkus, I am glad to bld you welcome."

He looked down at the sinewy, bigboned, right hand of the scout, still holding it.

"Will you step over to the window a moment and give me a look at your hands?" he asked. They went to the L. the

Doctor put on his et and examined, them closely "I have never seen such an able Samsonian fist," he went, en. "I think the look of those hands would let you into Paradise. What a record of human service is writ upon them ! Hands like that have laid the foundations of America. They have been generous hands. They tell me all I need to know of your spirit, your lungs, your heart and your stomach." ...

"They're purty heavy-that's why I gen'ally carry 'em in my pockets when ain't basy," said Solomon.

"E saw Sir Jeffrey Amberst this morning and told him you were in London. He is fond of you and paid you many compliments and made me promise to bring you to his, home." "I'd like to smoke a pipe with of Jeff," Solomon answered. "They ain't no nonsense 'bout him, I learnt him



The toys in the toy shop were have ing a splendid time talking after the people had all

left and the shop

had been closed.

that Fairy Grant,

Your - Wishes

came and asked

the toys if they

wanted to talk

This time they

said that they

would have a lit

tle talk first and

"You see," said

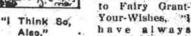
one of the dolls

then a game.

or to play.

Then It was

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wanted to make

sure that the other toys knew that dolls had been in existence for years and years and years. heard it said that children who lived way back in the olden days, in Egypt and in Asia Minor and in Greece all played with dolls and that many

of their dolls had arms and legs which would move when the strings attached 'to them were pulled.

"I thought that was quite an intersting fact. It seems, too, that dolls have always been made to look like people. And in olden days, too, dolls were always called 'children's bables,' which seems a very, very nice name for us. I think,"

"We think so, too," said the other dolls.

"I think so, also," said Fairy Grant-Your-Wishes. "Some of the old dolls I heard, too,

had legs and arms which were movable, even without using strings.

"And one more thing I heard was that foys had always been made to be like tools and things in use at the time they were made.

"In olden times there were toys like the tools used by grownups and when machinery became so much more wonderful, more and more did mechanical toys appear and come into fashion. "But I have talked enough, for-

"We've enjoyed what you; had to tell us very much." the other toys agreed

And Fairy Grant-Your-Wishes said that she would have to see that the Dreamland King carried some of this news to children. Fairy Wondrous Secrets would help in doing up some dream packages with this news in them.

"I've always been proud," said another doll, "that such a pretty name as Dorothy is said by some to be the original name given dolls.

"Yes, some say that doll is short for Dorothy, and I like to think that."

"Well," said Fairy Grant-Your-Wishes, after there had been a sllence for a few moments, "we must now play a game, for you all agreed that you wanted to play after having a little talk."



**MOTHER!** 

Child's Best Laxative IS "California Fig Syrup"

fornia Fig Syrup" which has directions for bables and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrap.

## Willing to Square It

Mose was equipped with rod and basket when he bumped right into the parson, the latter being headed for church.

"Where to, Mose?" asked the good man gently .: "Well, parson, to tell the troof, I'm

going fishing." "Now, Mose, don't your conscience

hurt, you?" "Yes, it do. If I has any luck I'll

leave you a nice mess of fish."-Atlanta Constitution.

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### Bright Idea

"Hubby, you must wash the car and the dog?" "Suppose I wash the car with the dog?"

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remove every hard corn, soft corn, or

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one in America that reads. We are

indignant that these men born and

raised among us should have said that

a colony ought not to enjoy all the

liberties, of a parent state and that

we should be subjected to coercive

measures. They had 'expressed no

such opinion save in these private let-

ters. It looked like a base effort to

curry favor with the English gov-

curry comb," said Franklin. "I had

been protesting against an armed force in Boston. The government de-

clared that our own best people were

in favor of it, I, knowing better, de-

nled the statement. To prove their

claim, a distinguished baronet put the

letters in my hands. He gave me leave to send them to America on

condition that they should not be pub-

lished. Of course, they proved nothing

but the treachery of Hutchinson, Rogers and Oliver. Now I seem to be

Jack told him of his prospects and

especially of the generosity of his

friend Solomon Binkus and of the

said Franklin. "With Preston's help

he will be coming on to London in a

day or so. If necessary you and I will

go down there. We shall not neglect

him. Have you any dinner clothes?

'I thought, sir, that I should best

"You thought wisely. I shall intro-duce you to a good cloth mechanic. Go to him at once and get one sult for

dinner and perhaps two for the street.

It costs money to be a gentleman here. It's a fine arf. While you are in

London you'll have to get the uniform and fall in line and go through the

evolutions or you will be a 'North American savage.' You shall meet the

Hares in my house as soon as your

clothes are ready. Ask the tailor to hurry up. They must be finished by

Wednesday noon. You had better have

lodgings pear me. I will attend to that for you."

The Doctor sat down and wrote on

number of cards. "These will pro-

vide for cloth, linen, leather and hats,"

They will be important to you."-

walt until I had arrived here."

"He must be a remarkable man,"

tarred by the same stick."

plight the latter was in.

"Yes, they were overworking the

and Oliver letters?"

"The same,"

ernment."

those months. If weather is favorable for cotton then, a big crop will be made; it it is favorable to the boll weevil a limited crop is expected.

Legion Auxillary to Do Prison Work. A new important activity of the American Legion Auxiliary has been ndertaken in the state under the pres-Ident Mrs. J. Renwick Wilkes, 10 which work Mrs. D. B. Desbriere Irwin is chairman. The veterans servcounty and city jalls will be gared for. This is in accord with the National past President, Dr. Kate Baret's report last year.

The Raleigh Post No. 1 Auxiliary on the occasion of last Armistice Day, forwarded packages of gifts to each of 160 veterans in the State's Prison camps. These gifts were inexpensive, consisting of candy, cigarettes, fruit and cigars, but included all that was necessary in the way of expense, time and effort, unless it be an occasional visit to a jail of county or city. This originated the work.

Weather Cuts Down Completed Road. Heavy weather during the most of March cut down the production of finished road for the month to 28.57 miles, according to announcementy made at the offices of the State Highway Commission. The high record still stands for October, 1923, when 91 miles of road were completed. Some-what better showing is expected for April, though a majority of the days have been to wet for laying concrete.

### Forest Conservation Urged.

Chapel Hill .-- J. S. Holmes, State Forester and head of the forestry division of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, issued a statement here calling attention to proclamation by President Coolidge designating April 21-27 Forest Protection Week.

The co-operation of the Agricultural Extension Service, civic clubs, women's clubs, and school authorities is being sought in an effort to arouse North Carolinians to the seriousness of the present situation.

"They are well. I bring you letters." "Come up to my office and we'll give an hour to the news.'

When they were seated before the grate fire in the large, pleasant room above stairs whose windows looked out upon the square, the young man said :

"First I shall give you, sir, a letter from Major Washington. It was entrusted to a friend of mine who came on the same ship with me. He was arrested ab Deal, but, fortunately, fbe Inter wapin my pocket." "Arrested? Why?" "I think, sir, the charge was that

he had helped to tar and feather a British subject."

"Feathers and the are poor arguments," the Doctor remarked as he broke the sear of the letter,

It was a long letter, and Franklin' sat for near hat an hour thoughtfully reading and rereading it. By and by he folded and put it into his pocket. saying as he did so: "An angry man

cannot even trust himself. I sent some letters to America on condition that they should be read by a committee of good men and treated in absolute confidence and returned to me. Certain members of that committee had so much gunpowder in their hearts it took fire and their prudence and my reputation have been seriously damaged, I fear. The contents of those letters are now probably known to you."

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he said. "Let the bills be sent to me. Then you'll not be cheated. Come in tomorrow, at half after two,"

Jack bade the Doctor good night and drove to The Spread Eagle where, before he went to bed, he wrote to his parents and a long letter to the Pennsylvania Gazette, describing his voyage and his arrival subsequently as the facts are here recorded. Next morning he ordered every detail in his "uniforms" for morning and evening wear and returning again to the inn found Solomon waiting in the Lobby. "Here I be," said the scout and trapper.

"What happened to you?" "S'arched an' shoved me into dark hole in the wall. Ye know, Jack, with good an' me, it allus 'pears to be workin'." 1 "What?"

"Good luck. Cur'us thing the papers was on you 'stid of .me-ayes, sir, 'twas., Did ye hand 'em over safe?" "Last night I put 'em in Franklin's hands."

"Hunkidory. I'm ready fer to go "hum."

"Doctor Franklin wants to see you," said Jack. "Put on your Sunday elothes an' we'll go over to his house. I think I can lead you there. If we get lost we'll jump into a cab."

When they set out Solomon was dressed in fine shoes and brown wool stockings and drab trousers, a butternut jacket and blue coat, and a big. black three-cornered hat. His slouching galt and large body and weathered face and the variety of colors in his costume began at once to attract the attention of the crowd. A half-drunk harridan surveyed him, from top to toe, and made a profound bow as

w to talk Injun an' read rapids an' build a fire with tinder an' elbow grease. He knows me plenty. He staked his life on me a dozen times in the Ini "How is hajor Washington?" the

Doctor asked. "Stout as a pot o' ginger," Solomen answered. "I rassled with him one evenin' down in Virgiany an' I'll never tackle him ag'in, you hear to me. His right flipper is as big as mine an' when it takes holt ye'd think it were goin' to strip the shuck off yer soul." "He's in every way a big man," said the Doctor. "On the whole, he's about our biggest man. An; officer whe came out of the ambuscade at Fort Duquespe with thirty living men out of three companies and four shot holes in his post must have an engagement with Destiny. Evidently his work was not finished. You have traveled about

some. What is the feeling over there toward England?" "They're like a b'ilin' pot every-

where. England has got to step care ful now."

"Tell Sir Jeffrey that, if you see him, just that. Don't mince matters, Jack, I'll send my man with you and Mr. Binkus to show you the new lodgings. We found them this morning."

"I kissed her lips and she kissed mine, and for a few moments-

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## His Excuse

A newsboy took a handful of pes nuts from a peanut stand and was an rested for It. "Well, what are you here for?" the

magistrate demanded. "I don't know, your honor," the cul-

prit replied, "unless it's 'impersonab ing an officer.'"

# Truthful

"You've been out with worse-look ing fellows than I am, haven't you?" (No answer.) "I say, you've been out with worse

ooking fellows than I. haven't you? "I heard you the first time. I was just trying to think "

like to play now," said the toys to Fairy Grant-Your-Wishes., "You see," an express cart . said we like to play when you come and grant our wishes and when the people are all away and when the shop is empty.

"We're careful not to break, and besides we are watched over by the Fairles when we play like this.

"But it is especially nice for us to be able to play, for you know when you're a toy it is mighty hard to stand still as much as we have to do.

"True, the mechapical toy's show off a bit, and sometimes I am pulled a little bit.

"But, oh dear, how I do long some times for a good coast down a real hill. I suppose my time will come and that I will be bought before long."... "Oh. yes, you'll be bought before ong," said Fairy Grant-Your-Wishes, "and then you'll

lead an exciting

life. "You will coast down hills and around corners and you'll not be sure whether you're going toever have another trip or not. but you will Dear me. have. yes, the exciting life will agree with you." "Sounds fine." said the express

cart. "You'll Be But now, Fairy Bought." Grant-Your-

Wishes had waved her wand and all the toys started in to play. The mechanical toys ran races while a Jumping Jack jumped up and down shouting:

"Go it, go it, I bet on the winner!" Oh, it was such a got, toy shop, the big dolls went about beating the drums, the toy soldiers paraded and gave orders, and the express cart began to train for future races by dashing around counters.

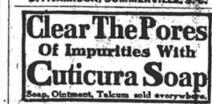
The trains of cars dashed through tunnels and around curves and every toy said it felt ever so much better because Fairy Grant-Your-Wishes had granted theirs that evening.





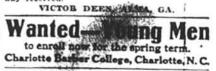
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