

**When Frenchmen Laugh.**

A Parisian who, during the few years of his residence in New York, has observed American sensitiveness to any criticism from foreigners, says that this reminds him of a difference between Frenchmen and Americans. "When an Englishman or a German or any other foreigner," he remarked, "who has been in France, writes a book finding fault with Frenchmen or their manners, or their cookery, or their domestic habits, or their fashions, or their architecture, or their ways of life, we do not take offence at the book, but we ridicule and laugh at the author of it. There are *bon mots* about the poor author in the journals; there are caricatures. We sneer in good fun at his ignorance of France and our customs. We have pleasant times over him, and he puts all Paris in an agreeable humor. If he be a person of consequence we dramatize him in a comedy which will make the habitues of a cafe chantant happy for an hour. Let a German get obfuscated over French cookery; we speak of the horrible things that are eaten in Germany. Let an Englishman do it; we advise him to devour his raw rosbif of the cannibals. They do not like French *esprit*; that is because they are very stupid. They do not admire Paris; we remind them of such gross places as Hamburg or Manchester. We do not get angry at them, but mock them in the spirit of gaiety. Thus they are mortified. We Frenchmen know that everything in France is the best in the world, and do not care for the ignorant words of incompetent barbarians. France is sufficient for herself, and the soul of France is Paris, which all the world tries to imitate, at which we are amused.

"But the Americans, unlike the French, are very sensitive as to the things said about them by the foreigners who scribble books. This is evidence of their immaturity, their lack of self-respect, their consciousness that they can be successfully assailed, their apprehension that they must have weaknesses which are visible to strangers, or their knowledge that the boasting in which they sometimes indulge is mere bombast. It is two generations since Mrs. Trollope ridiculed the Americans in her jolly book, yet when I uttered her name one day to a Puritan of Boston he got enraged at her memory. This is foolishness in the Americans, who have a fine country, a satisfactory population, manners that are not intolerable, and some curious French cookery perpetrated by Germans. The Americans must attain to the equilibrium of mind which characterizes the Frenchmen; they must take no more heed than Frenchmen take of what the foreigners think of them; they must laugh at every word uttered by their foreign critics. Above all, they must refrain from reading the piquant books of their assailants. The French would not read a foreign book which depreciated France. Yet Americans are always ready to buy English books which slur their country and people."

**After Thirteen Hundred Years.**

Atlanta Constitution.)

European scholars have been very much puzzled of late over a discovery in Asia Minor of a handsome volume of the four gospels, dating as far back as the sixth century.

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Several years must have been consumed by the patient and laborious penman who undertook to accomplish this stupendous task. Perhaps, as some one has suggested, the volume is a labor of love and may represent the long and tedious years of

solitude which its author spent behind the walls of some old monastery.

The volume was found among the recesses of an old library in one of the deserted convents of Asia Minor. The news of the discovery reached Constantinople only a few days ago.

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Under and by virtue of the power and authority given by a certain deed of trust, executed by John F. Clark dated 15th May, 1896, and duly recorded in Book Z, No. 4, Page 145, Register's Office of Cumberland County, we will offer for sale on the premises at Manchester, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock M. on Monday the 20th July, 1896, that valuable property known as

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Or—  
C. W. BROADFOOT, Attorney,  
Fayetteville, N. C.  
June 18, 1896. w4t

**Notice of Sale Under Execution.**

By virtue of five executions directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Cumberland County, in certain actions entitled Y. P. Yancy & Co., Butler Bros., S. R. Urdell & Co., Fairmount Machine Company, against John F. Clark, I will, on Monday, the 27th day of July, 1896, at 12 o'clock, M., at the Court House door of said county, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, to satisfy said executions, all the right, title and interest which the said John F. Clark, defendant, has in the following described real estate, to-wit: 130 acres of land in 71st township near Manchester, known as the Geo. Robinson farm. Also, 130 acres in Carver's Creek township, known as the McCormick land, together with all buildings and improvements which may be thereon.

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Cumberland County.  
June 18. w4t

NORTH CAROLINA, Superior Court,  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, May Term, 1896  
Maggie Baxley, Publication in Lieu of Sum-  
mons, for non-resident  
Elias Baxley, defendant.

**Action for Divorce.**

It appearing to the Court that the defendant Elias Baxley is a non-resident, and that service of summons cannot be had upon him in this county or State, under and by virtue of an order made at this term of the Court, the said Elias Baxley is hereby notified to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Cumberland County, N. C., beginning on the 6th Monday before the 1st Monday in September, 1896, (the same being the 27th day of July next) and answer the complaint of the plaintiff which is deposited in the Clerk's office of said Court, or demur or plead to the same, or judgment will be demanded for the plaintiff according to the prayer of the complaint.

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J. H. MARSH,  
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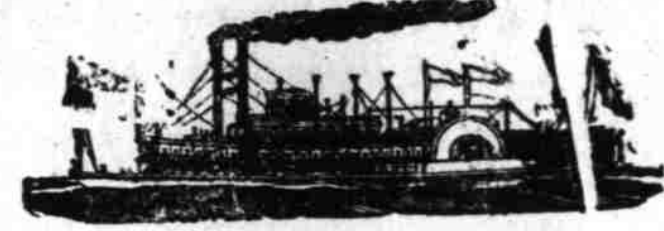
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