

THE HISTORY OF COTTON TEXTILES

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SOON after he introduced modern textile manufacturing methods to America, Samuel Slater took the lead in expanding cotton spinning mills throughout New England. He saw the industry grow from his single mill in Pawtucket to more than 100 factories in Rhode Island and nearby states. Slater and his associates also became the first large-scale builders of textile machinery and today he is known as "The Father of American Manufacturing."



SLATER'S WIFE MADE THE FIRST SPINNING WHEEL IN THIS COUNTRY BY TWISTING YARNS TOGETHER ON HER SPINNING WHEEL.



ONE OF AMERICA'S FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOLS WAS ESTABLISHED BY SLATER FOR HIS EMPLOYEES AND THEIR CHILDREN.



LEADERS OF THE NATION, INCLUDING PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON, HONOR SLATER AT HIS SICK BED AS THE "FATHER" OF TEXTILES.

Incidents In The Life Of Judge Oliver Allen

By: A. T. OUTLAW
Judge Oliver H. Allen, now long since gathered to his illustrious others, was one of North Carolina's well known Superior Court jurists.
Born in Wake and raised in Duplin, he became a lawyer and started the practice in Kenansville. As District Solicitor and then as Superior Court Judge, he was in public service for many years.
Noted for kindly words of encouragement to the unfortunate, and for merciful judgments, he was a humble and sincere Christian gentleman and knew the Book of comfort to cover and lived by its teachings. He was partial to the so-called Reference Edition of the Bible and wherever he went, went so the Scofield. He was often seen at jails and prison camps urging the unfortunates to seek better ways of living.
Many stories, typical of the life and character of Judge Allen, could be told.
While holding a term of court in

Duplin a young man charged with a crime entered a plea of guilty. The Judge was impressed with the young man's appearance and asked for the names of his father and grandfather. "Yes," said the Judge, "I knew them well and they were good men." The Judge then gently proceeded with a fatherly discourse on the ways of the transgressor, the wages of sin, the paths of righteousness, and often quoted from his indispensable Scofield. Then the young defendant was lastingly impressed and the Judge turned to the Clerk and said: "Let judgment be suspended upon payment of costs and defendant show good behavior at the next term of court."

On another occasion a young Negro man entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$100 and costs. An aged Negro woman proceeded to the bench and humbly offered all of her money to the court in payment of the costs. "Who are you, aunty?" the Judge inquired. "I see his mammy," she replied. "How

much money have you there and how did you make that money?" asked the Judge. "I can't count and I takes in washing," came the answer. Furling to the Clerk the Judge said: "Strike out that fine and give the money back to Aunt Sally. Let judgment be suspended on condition that the defendant appear at the next term of court, show good behavior, and that he is supporting his mother." It was later testified that all conditions were fully complied with.
Years ago the late R. C. Lawrence, of the Lumberton Bar, gave his version of the case against Judge Oliver Allen in the final judgment: "I fancy that on the day of judgment when the Great Judge takes His seat upon the bench, and calls the case against Oliver Allen, He will inquire whether any counsel appears for the defendant. Then will arise Abou Ben Adhem, and say: 'I appear for the defendant.' Then will the Great Judge say: 'Call the witnesses.' Then 500 North Carolina darkies will rise up and say: 'We witnesses for Judge Allen.' Then will the Great Judge ask the Recording Angel: 'What does the record say?' The will the Recording Angel thumb over his records and report: 'He always gave his fellowmen a second chance.' Then will the Judge look

SAM BYRD KEEPS BALL HE USED IN 'TOBACCO ROAD'

By: JOHN SIKES
The first time I saw Sam Byrd he was a scrubby, po'-white-trash, hook-wormey yokel who spent the better part of two hours each night chunking a rubber ball against the side of a filthy, tumbled-down cabin.
The cabin was Erskine Caldwell's notion of a hovel in which existed a family of Caldwellian low-downers by the name of Lester.
The cabin was part of the stage-set in the Forrest Theatre in New York. And Byrd was "Dude Lester", son of "Jetter" in Caldwell's "Tobacco Road".

"Dude"—er, Sam, born with the best of 'em in Mt. Olive, chunked that rubber ball throughout the long run of "Tobacco Road", which until "Life With Father" hit the boards and stuck, held the record for longevity on Broadway, surpassing even Anne Nichol's "Able's Irish Rose."

Byrd out-stuck a couple of "Jetties", Henry Hull and James Barton, in that play.

"I suppose," Byrd sighed a little, "I'll always be known as 'Dude Lester'."

down with compassion on Oliver Allen and say: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto Me. Let this defendant spend his eternity here with Me; let him walk by the banks of My river of life; let him rest under the shade of My trees, the leaves of which are for the healing of all the Nations."

And now, my own Scofield, purchased more than twenty years ago, is just one of many examples of the living influence of Judge Oliver Allen, and I would that I were worthy to even shine the shoes of so good a man.

Many Sided
But there really isn't any reason for him to be so typed. He's done too many other things, including a flock of plays, two or three books and a turn in the Navy since. Right now he's on the faculty of the College of Charleston, S. C., a full-fledged Guggenheim Fellow, and working on the script of "The Duplin Story", the name of the pageant to be presented this September 21, 22, and 23 in Kenansville highlighting Duplin's 200th anniversary.
Sam's not only writing "The Duplin Story". He will also star in it, produce and direct it.

Why such picayunish bagatelles stick in my mind when I should be sweating away at something significant I don't know. But the thing that I remember most from my chat with Sam was his statement: "You know, I still have the rubber ball I bounced against that cabin the last night I played Dude."

Pleasant View

Mrs. J. H. O'Neal has returned to her home in Jackson, Ga. after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. H. F. Grady.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Williams and Joan of Newport News, Va. spent the week end with relatives here.

Miss Emma Chambers spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Oscar Chambers.

Mrs. Jerry Herring spent Saturday in Wilson.

Miss Ruth Teachey and Dou, 's Townsend attended a picnic at Garners Chapel Saturday afternoon.

Miss Elsie Byrd spent the week end at home with the home folks.

FOOD... through the ages..



IN EARLY VICTORIAN CITIES, ENGLISH-WOMEN SENT THEIR MEAT TO THE PUBLIC OVENS FOR COOKING.
AFTER A WEDDING FEAST, SOME EUROPEAN VILLAGERS THROW CROCKERY AT THE NEWLYWEDS HOME-FOR LUCK!



IN HEARTY HENRY VIII'S HOUSEHOLD, BREAKFAST FOR THREE WAS A ROAST OF BEEF, A LOAF OF BREAD AND A GALLON OF ALE.



VATEL, CELEBRATED CHEF OF THE PRINCE DE CONDE (1736-1818), COMMITTED SUICIDE BECAUSE THE FISH ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Remus Teachey of Raleigh have moved back to "Chocoklet". Everyone welcomes them.
Mrs. Ike Stroud and Caroline visited here Sunday.
Mrs. Earl Stroud visited her sisters Mesdames Leonard and Robert Grady Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Barwick of near Mt. Olive visited Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hardy Sunday.

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