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Not Good After Tuesday, May 28th.

### W. O. GATTIS BEIPS OUT.

Charlotte Cotton Broker Who Once Operated Bucket Shop in Gastonia Forges Bills of Lading to Amount of Several Thousand Dollars and Disappears.

The item reprinted below from Saturday's Charlotte Observer will be of interest to many Gastonians. The principal in this affair, W. O. Gattis, conducted a bucket shop here for several months about three years ago and did a land-office business for a time. He went from Gastonia to Charlotte where he resided up to a recent date when he sought some more congenial climate, the location of which is unknown to his creditors.

The Observer says: W. O. Gattis, local representative of Charles E. Johnson & Company, cotton merchants of Raleigh, and a member of the firm of W. A. Smith & Co., of Pineville, has disappeared from the city with his accounts several thousand dollars short. He skipped Saturday night, March 19th, and his present whereabouts is a mystery. The immediate cause of his going was the discovery Friday, the 18th inst., by his partner, Mr. W. A. Smith, of Pineville, of the forgery of a bill of lading calling for 50 bales of cotton which had been consigned through Charles E. Johnson & Co., to the Erwin Cotton Mills, of Durham, and on which the sum of \$2,800 had been secured. This cotton was supposed to have been bought from W. A. Smith & Co., the bill of lading being made out in the name of that firm. While Gattis disappeared a month ago, nothing has been said in the papers about it because it has heretofore not been deemed a public matter. The day W. O. Gattis left, his brother, Mr. C. H. Gattis, of Raleigh, appeared in the city and, stating that he desired to preserve the family name untarnished, offered to make good the deficit provided nothing be said of it. This was agreed to. It developed yesterday, however, that no restitution had been made, that negotiations between Mr. Smith and Mr. Gattis had been severed and that the matter would be carried into the courts. Subsequent inquiries have brought to light the fact that there were three separate and distinct deals engineered by W. O. Gattis, the basis of each of which was a forged bill of lading. Gattis came to Charlotte as representative of Charles E. Johnson & Co., two years ago. He bought cotton on the local market the first season and in this way made the acquaintance of Mr. W. A. Smith, a leading young farmer and merchant of Pineville. At the close of the year Gattis said something to Mr. Smith about a partnership. He declared that by operating together in the handling of cotton on a small scale, both might clear a snug little sum aside from his regular business. Mr. Smith knowing Gattis' connection with Col. Johnson, and confident of his ability as well of the good faith, agreed.

That Mr. Gattis had his plans perfected for a swindle is evidenced by the fact that on the very day the partnership agreement was made, he forged a bill of lading for 65 bales of cotton which he claimed to have bought from W. A. Smith of Pineville for Chas. E. Johnson & Co., and consigned to the McAden Mills, at Lowell. The bill of lading was sent with draft attached to the office of Chas. E. Johnson & Co. What became of the \$3,400 he thus secured is not known for no further record of it appears. He evidently spent it himself. This may be styled forgery No. 1.

On or about January 14, a second forgery was promulgated. This time the fictitious bill of lading called for 67 bales. The cotton was supposed to have been purchased of W. A. Smith & Company for Charles E. Johnson & Company, and, again consigned to the McAden Mills. The proceeds the attached draft which amounted to approximately \$3,500 were appropriated to the covering up of the first fictitious deal. This is styled forgery No. 2.

Unable to provide the needed cotton and without the means to protect the second forgery, a third was necessary. This was fixed up on February 6th, the fake bill of lading representing 50 bales of cotton which were supposed also to have been bought for Charles E. Johnson & Co., from W. A. Smith & Co. The imaginary cotton was consigned to the Erwin Cotton Mills, of Durham, and the attached draft honored by Charles E. Johnson & Co. The proceeds, which amounted to approximately \$2,800, were used in covering forgery No. 2. Gattis doubtless having enough of his own money to make up the difference.

Saturday night Gattis skipped, leaving for parts unknown. He knew that his game was up and he decided to get away at once. He has never been heard of since.

### RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

The man who owes a debt and persists in spending money for luxuries is spending money that does not belong to him. And yet how often it is done.

There are too many boys and girls in the country and city, more in the latter than in the former, who are prone to look upon work as beneath them. There are thousands of them on the threshold of maturity who retain the same views and habits which found encouragement in their earlier years. What becomes of this class of people? Some of them awaken and after a desperate struggle overcome the habit and learn to work, to save, and to prepare for the inevitable rainy day. Many of them, however, drift and drift until they become acceptable recruits in the hobo army. Then they speedily reach the conclusion that things are mighty unequal in this world; that the advantages are all with the rich, and that a poor man has no show.

Bill Nye, the humorist, once had a cow to sell, the story goes, and advertised her as follows: "Owing to my ill health, I will sell at my residence in township 19, range 18, according to the government survey, one plush raspberry cow, aged 8 years. She is of undoubted courage and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form she would be a great boon. She is very much attached to her present home with a stay chain, but she will be sold to any one who will agree to treat her right. She is one-fourth Shorthorn and three-fourths hyena. I will also throw in a double-barrel shot gun, which goes with her. In May she usually goes away for a week or two and returns with a tall, red calf with wobbly legs. Her name is Rose. I would rather sell her to a non-resident."

That Americans love to be duped is often remarked and the same might truthfully be said of Englishmen, Frenchmen, Spaniards, or the members of all nationalities. The fact that people have been duped once by some slick artist is no guarantee whatever that the very next slick artist that comes along will not have smooth sailing. The Scrap Book for June contains an interesting article under the caption "Some Famous Frauds" in which the reader is made acquainted with the workings of some of the most widely known fakes of recent days, such as "The Franklin Syndicate of Brooklyn", "The Woman's Bank in Boston", "Two English Chapters of Frenzied Finance", "The Arizona Diamond Swindle", "The Humbert Case in Paris," and "The Strange Career of Mrs. Chassie Chadwick". If all makes mighty interesting reading as does another article in the same magazine and along somewhat the same line under the title "Unclaimed Estates" in which it is shown that hundreds of people of America have been swindled by foreign concerns which proposed to secure for them a large estate left by some supposed and usually imaginative ancestor. Even when estates have been left and the persons in America are genuine heirs, states the writer, in the majority of cases the workings of the statutes of limitations render their efforts fruitless.

Magazines nowadays have a mania for "discoveries." To some, the act itself seems more important than the object found. Appleton's Magazine has made what some periodicals would acclaim a distinct discovery.

Few people have known a more remarkable career than Alexander Irvine. Born in the humblest circumstances, he worked for a time in a coal mine in Wales, later served in the British navy and also with the army in the Sedan. At the age of eighteen he could neither read nor write. Hearing a sermon by Rev. Henry Drummond, author of "The Greatest Thing in the World," he was moved to become a preacher himself. He went to Mr. Drummond, who gave him aid and put him on a path that led through Oxford University, where he took a degree. He then came to America and entered the Yale Theological School, where he graduated. He held various pastorates in the slums of New York and eventually secured a pulpit in New Haven.

The experiences of a man who had gone so rocky a road as he, however, had so filled his heart with understanding and sympathy for the toiling classes that when he heard the first rumors of the pronage scandals in the South he determined to throw his whole soul into a crusade against the evil. He had just previously sold to Appleton's Magazine certain manuscripts, of which they have thus far published the story, "Two Social Pariahs," in their January number. It is a profoundly moving

human document, and reveals all the best qualities of the writer's art. It concerns those who, in the author's words, are at "the bottom rung of the social ladder. Those who slip through at this point land in the Potter's Field or in the penitentiary." When, then, Mr. Irvine proposed a secret personal investigation of the pronage system, Appleton's Magazine was only too glad of the privilege of commissioning and funding the enterprise.

Perfectly disguised as a common laborer just arrived on these shores, Mr. Irvine was accepted and sent South under specious promises in a gang of unsuspecting wretches. After sufficiently enduring the condition of his first iron mine in Alabama, he ran away—for this was necessary, as the laborers are held in practical slavery. He then visited another mine and ran away again. In this way he went through various pronage camps in the Alabama iron region, the turpentine fields of Georgia, and the lumber camps of Florida. He collected a mass of first-hand information which he is rapidly transcribing in a brilliant written series of articles. His revelations cannot but have a profound effect. The people under whom he worked had no suspicion that he was "a chiel among them takin' notes."

This is the first story of pronage from the inside, from a writer who has been of it, has seen and suffered, and who writes only what he knows. This is not a melodramatic compilation from inaccurate newspaper accounts, nor the dilettante impressions of a literary dandy who has never known manual labor. It is the record of one who knows labor, knows literature, knows whereof he writes. Aside from the great value of his articles as exposures of conditions that are attracting the attention of the Federal Government and up-heaving the governments of various states, the articles give one a contact with real life as it is really lived, and they are written with a literary style of wonderful vigor and vividness. They begin in the June number of Appleton's.

Charles A. Edwards, secretary of the Democratic congressional committee at Washington, last Thursday stabbed Alajandra Garland, attache of the Peruvian legation at the capital, and the latter is in a precarious condition. They quarreled, it is said, over a woman. Edwards made his escape.

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## THE GAZETTE PAYS ALL THE BILLS

The Gazette will send two young ladies, one living in Gastonia, the other one living outside of Gastonia in Gaston County or in Kings Mountain or Clover, S. C., to the Jamestown Exposition, paying all their expenses for a ten-day trip, including railroad fare, Pullman and dining car fare, board, street car fares, incidentals and admission to the Exposition grounds. The trips go to the two young ladies receiving the largest number of votes in our contest. Two valuable second prizes will also be awarded as follows: To the young lady in Gastonia receiving the second highest number of votes a handsome oak sideboard, which is on exhibition at Williams Furniture Company's; to the young lady in district No. 2 (outside of Gastonia) receiving the highest number of votes a handsome solid gold lady's watch on exhibition at Torrence-Morris Company's.

## HOW TO VOTE

Votes will be allowed on all subscriptions to The Gazette, a larger per centage being allowed for money paid to advance subscriptions than for evening up arrearages. The contest will be divided into two periods of four weeks each. Following is the schedule of rates:

Length of Subscriptions.	1st Period ending May 21st.	2nd Period ending June 18th.	Price.
12 months	200	150	\$1.50
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