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DARK SPOT.

It seems that Durham has a pest hole of animosity called "Smoky Hollow," a veritable terror to moral and personal safety. The Durham Sun in a tripple-headed, double column article in bold type, appeals most forcibly to the city aldermen to straighten Main street and open up "Smoky Hollow."

"Surely there should be a way found," says The Concord Standard, "to break up such dens of vice and shame. The Sun is striking some strange hammer blows that doubtless make that hollow ring."

Such places exist in almost every city and the problem is to lessen the danger as much as possible. It is impossible to furnish these places of vice, but such sections of a town should be thoroughly lighted and policed.

Last year, after consulting three ministers of Raleigh and zoning their hearty approval, The Times-Visitor in several editorials advocated cordoning the most trouble places of Raleigh in some definite section of the city. This is done in most cities and two results are attained. First, property is not injured by having these resorts located in the neighborhood second, such places can be handled easier by the police when they are grouped together.

This recommendation was first made when the purity crusade was inaugurated in Martin street. However, that crusade stopped short at the end desired. All the objectionable places were not forced away. The crusade seems to have been prosecuted only against white people and a section of the street has been turned over to negroes. The government will not pare it any sooner now than before. If the city wants the government to modernize that street then let the crusade be carried out and the street made what it really should be, a residential street.

A POPULAR BOOK.

"Fables in Slang," by George Ade (Stones & Kimball, Chicago). Price \$1.
This is one of the most popular of the newer books. It is one for which I have been looking for a long time. Doubtless has "sports" and less punch than "Billy Baxter" and more interesting than Bangs and his "Edna" ever could be. These Fables show an intellectual brilliancy combined with a moral lesson that sticks. To some they may seem flippant and frivolous; to many they might appear common, yet the wit and human nature deep down beneath the lines are refreshing and wholesome.

In this little book, Ade has brought out the best and the worst in us—the solemn and the ridiculous, the grave and the gay, the wicked and the wise. His story of the "Broad Woman," who had nothing else to do" and so "became benevolent," is true to life and ends with the moral: "When lifting, get underneath." The baseball vernacular in another is accurate. An extremely humorous bit is the summing up of all fiction into light classes, worth the money to those who are kept guessing in an attempt to be up on the latest novels. Altogether, the book is chock full of as elegant slang as ever was slang. H.

PHILADELPHIA RECORD ALMANAC
The Philadelphia Record Almanac for 1900 contains highly interesting and valuable information. Beside the calendar and chronological features, the sporting features of the country are given careful attention—the international yacht race, the turf, base ball, inter-collegiate football, cricket, bicycle records and general sports. An interesting sketch of the Philippine war is given. The make up of the 56th Congress is given and much information relative to Pennsylvania and other States.

THE SUN ALMANAC.

The Times-Visitor has received a copy of The Baltimore Sun Almanac for 1900. This publication is always one of the most valuable of its character and this year's is up to the usual high standard. Many valuable features not contained in other prominent almanacs are noted in the Sun's. Its pages are filled with a variety of valuable facts not easily accessible elsewhere relating to the calendar, the planets, the weather and the like. Particular attention is given to political statistics of the State of Maryland—the organization of the political parties, a minute record of the vote, the platforms and other data are given. There is much about the courts of Maryland, the religious denominations, sporting matters, the judicial system and State societies, the public health, the debt, etc.

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North Carolina—Wake County.
Superior Court, October Term, 1899.
Julia Fisher, Plaintiff,
vs.
Maria J. Clency, Philip Clency, Josephine Clency, Margaret Clency, and others, the widow and heirs at law of Daniel Clency, deceased, defendants.

NOTICE.
The defendants, above named, Maria J. Clency, Philip Clency, Josephine Clency, Margaret Clency, and others, heirs at law of Daniel Clency, deceased, whose names are unknown, will take notice that an action entitled as above in the Superior Court of Wake County to foreclose a mortgage executed by Daniel Clency and wife on a lot of land in Wake County, North Carolina, in the city of Raleigh, being the lot whereon said Clency lived, when in North Carolina, with his family, and more fully described in the said mortgage, which is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County, N. C., and to sell the said land to satisfy, as far as may be, the debt secured by said mortgage and the said defendants whose names are given above and other heirs at law and all persons interested in the estate of said Daniel Clency and in said land, whether their names are known and above given or unknown, will take further notice that they are required herein and pursuant to order of Court in this action to appear at the next term of Wake Superior Court to be held in said County at the Court House in Raleigh, N. C., on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1900, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action as the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 28th day of November A. D., 1899.
W. M. RUSS,
Clerk of Superior Court for Wake Co.,
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Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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