

### Child Labor Law.

Next Wednesday, January 1, the new child labor law, passed by the last general assembly, goes into effect. Cotton and knitting mills throughout the state will be affected by the new act, which follows:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That no child under twelve years of age shall be employed or worked in any factory or manufacturing establishment within this state: Provided further, that after one thousand nine hundred and seven no child between the ages of twelve and thirteen years of age shall be employed or work in a factory except in apprenticeship capacity, and only then after having attended school four months in the preceding twelve months.

Section 2. That not exceeding sixty-six hours shall constitute a week's work in all factories and manufacturing establishments of this state. No person under eighteen years of age shall be required to work in such factories or establishments a longer period than sixty-six hours in one week: Provided, that this section shall not apply to engineers, firemen, machinists, superintendents, overseers, section and yard hands, office men, watchmen or repairers of break-downs.

Section 3. All parents, or persons standing in relation of parent, upon hiring their children to any factory or establishment must make a written statement of the age of the child or children being so hired, and certificate as to school attendance; and any parent, or person standing in the relation of parent to such child or children, who shall in such written statement misstate the age of such child or children being so employed, or their school attendance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished at the discretion of the court. Any mill owner, superintendent or manufacturing establishment, who shall knowingly or willfully violate the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished at the discretion of the court.

Section 4. After one thousand nine hundred and seven no boy or girl under fourteen years old shall work in a factory between the hours of eight p. m. and five a. m.

Section 5. This act shall be in force from and after January first, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

In the general assembly read three times, and ratified this the 9th day of March, A. D. 1907.

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### The One He Liked Best.

Woman's Home Companion.

A country clergyman on his round of visits interviewed a youngster as to his acquaintance with Bible stories.

"My lad," he said, "you have, of course, heard of the parables?"

"Yes, sir," shyly answered the boy, whose mother instructed him in sacred history, "Yes, sir."

"Good," said the clergyman. "Now, which of them do you like the best of all?"

The boy squirmed, but at last, heeding his mother's frowns, he replied: "I guess I like that one where somebody loaf and fishes."

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### Brutal Depravity—Child Burned by its Mother.

Mr. Thos. P. Winkler, of the Yadkin Valley, was in to see us yesterday and tells us a harrowing incident that happened just across the Caldwell line in Wilkes county about Christmas. One Victoria Hall, a white woman, who recently married a man named Bently, gave birth to an illegitimate child while alone at the home of her grandfather and when the neighbors came in to render assistance, the child could not be found. She denied knowing anything about a baby at first, but when a physician was called and upon examination found she had given birth to a child, she confessed, but said the child was born dead and while she was unconscious, it disappeared, she supposed had been eaten by hogs or dogs. A search was made of the premises and the partially burned body of a child was found in a soap-grease tub in an old out building.

The woman then changed her story and said while she was unconscious the babe disappeared and when she regained consciousness, she found it in the fire partially burned. Her husband says the child was born dead and he placed it beside her on the bed and went for help and when he returned it had disappeared and he knew nothing more about it. The whole thing is an inhuman ugly affair and the woman was placed under a bond for her appearance at an investigation as soon as she is able to attend. Rumors are thick in the community and one is that the child was a colored child and she endeavored to make way with it to keep peace with her husband. They both, however, seem implicated. They live with the woman's grandfather an old deaf man named Kendall, who seems to know very little of what took place.

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### Jack London Among the Lepers.

Woman's Home Companion.

On his way around the world for the Woman's Home Companion Jack London visited the lepers of Molokai, on the island of Hawaii.

"Leprosy is not so contagious as is imagined," writes Mr. London in the January Woman's Home Companion. "I went for a week's visit to the Settlement, and I took my wife along—all of which would have not happened had we had any apprehension of contracting the disease. Nor did we wear long, gauntleted gloves and keep apart from the lepers. On the contrary, we mingled freely with them, and before we left knew scores of them by sight and name. The precautions of simple cleanliness seem to be all that is necessary. On returning to their own houses, after having been among and handling lepers, the non-lepers, such as the physicians and the superintendent, merely wash their faces and hands with mildly antiseptic soap and change their coats."

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### The Real Question.

Industrial News.

The pistol, that abomination of modern civilization, always playing a prominent part in the tragedies of the holiday season, seems to have held a redder carnival this year than ever before. The most pitiful instance was the killing of a little girl on a depot platform near Asheville, by a drunken wretch, who fired his pistol from a car window. Another case of more than usual brutality was the slaying of an express messenger on a railroad near Elizabeth City, by a drunken youth who recklessly fired at the train. Other incidents are numerous. The papers are full of them. The question suggests itself, why do people carry pistols?

That is a question of some moment, of course, but a question of equal importance is; why do many men, who should walk circumspectly on Christmas, it on no other day during the year, take definite steps to transform themselves into beasts? And we say this with apologies to all brute creation.

### The Real Article.

Success Magazine.

Just why Dr. Wiley, the government's pure food expert, should have cared to take chances with restaurant food is not known. Not long ago he walked into a Washington cafe and took a seat. He evidently knew just what he wanted, for, waving aside the bill of fare the bowing waiter proffered, he said:

"Bring me a chicken pie—one of those little individual pies."

A few minutes later it was set before him, brown and hot, and with a smile of anticipation he broke the crust to find, just beneath, a three-inch feather.

"Take this away!" he commanded. "What does it mean, anyway tell me that?"

The waiter was evidently a man of resource, for he immediately leaned over and said in a confidential voice:

"Why, Ah'll tell you, sah. It's dis way. Yo' know dat Dr. Wiley been raisin' such er howl 'bout food not be in' what hit was claimed to be, de cook des puts one chicken feather in each one of dem pies to show ter folks dat dey's recivin' de genuine article, sah!"

### A Breadful Assault.

Coronet Magazine.

Justice Ball, an Irish judge, was noted for his amusing manifestations of ignorance, but whether they were real or pretended has never been clearly established. He tried a case in which a man was indicted for robbery at the house of a poor widow. The first witness was the young daughter of the widow who identified the prisoner as the man who had entered the house and smashed her mother's chest. "Do you say that the prisoner at the bar broke your mother's chest?" said the judge in astonishment.

"He did, my lord," answered the girl. "He jumped on it till he smashed it entirely."

The judge turned to the crown counsel and said: "How is this? Why is not the prisoner indicted for murder? If he smashed this poor woman's chest in the way the witness has described, he must surely have killed her."

"But, my lord," said the counsel, "it was a wooden chest."

It will be observed that Gov. Patterson is still at work on that pile of wood, only ceasing from his labors long enough to occasionally oil and file his trusty saw. Murfreesboro.—News-Banner.

### Effect Smoking on Boys.

Boys learn to smoke because it is habit of our times; because it is encouraged by the practice of many eminent men in all the walks of life. More than one boy has replied to my argument on the ground of health. "My doctor smokes;" on the ground of morals; "My pastor smokes," on the ground of high breeding, "My father smokes."

"Now while tobacco is injurious to every one, it is far more hurtful to those who are growing. All physicians agree in saying that, a boy who uses tobacco can never be as large or well developed a man as he could have been without it. He can never have the strength of body nor vigor of mind that he would have had except for the use of tobacco.

Dr. N. B. Delamater, specialist in mental and nervous diseases, says: "The use of tobacco in any form previous to sixteen years of age, has an undoubted tendency to lower very materially the mental force and acumen, and to render the user a person without ambition, and may even cause insanity or idiocy."

"Out of thirty-two young men in New York city, who were recently examined for West Point cadetship, only nine were accepted as physically sound. Beer, the cigarette, too much amusement and the hidden vices are making havoc with the physical manhood of all our towns and cities."—Journal of the American Medical Association.

### The Buds.

Exchange.

Old Dr. Ryland, clergyman and educator, was greatly beloved in the south, and his visits were always enjoyed by his former pupils and parishioners. In his later years it was his custom so offer prayer whenever he made a ministerial call. On one occasion he called at a house where three of his former pupils were staying. These ladies were all past the thirtieth year mark, but in the eyes of the old gentleman they were still girls, were still girls, which explains the petition he offered:

"Lord, bless these dear girls, just budding into sweet womanhood."

This was too much for one of the number, who, taking advantage of the doctor's deafness, added this clause sotto voce, "Alas, Lord, budged, blossomed, faded and still unpecked!"

### Robber's Big Haul at Asheville.

At Asheville Friday night robbers entered the establishment of Chas. Mascari, an Italian fruit dealer, and got about \$4,000 from the safe, more than \$2,000 of the money being in gold. The safe had not been locked and the iron box inside was opened with a cold chisel. The money represented the savings of years and Mascari's brother-in-law, was arrested on suspicion.

### Papa is Brave.

Fliegende Blatter.

Elschen—Mamma, is papa ever brave? Mother—He is always brave, I hope. But what makes you ask? Elschen—Because I thought if he were he wouldn't let my governess pull his ears so.

Although scientists declare that the human race is eighteen million years old, some members of it have not yet learned to shut the door on a cold day.—Bristol Herald Courier.



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