

LITTLE STARS

Cotton, per pound 20c
Cotton seed per bush 55 1-2c

Returns from Hospital—Miss Vivian Dellinger who was operated on last Friday at the Shelby hospital, returned to her home Tuesday and is getting along nicely.

Electric Cutter—Mr. E. F. McKinney at McKinney's market has installed an electric meat cutter, one of the latest and most modern appliances for meat markets.

Breaks Arm—Miss Grace Ledford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ledford, of North DeKalb, fell and broke her arm in the grounds of the high school here Monday. She was treated at the Shelby hospital, and is reported to be improving.

At Charlotte—Hon. Clyde R. Hoey was the chief speaker at a meeting at the men's club of the 2nd Presbyterian church at Charlotte Monday evening. Two hundred and fifty men heard Mr. Hoey's address which was on "Stewardship."

Lincoln Court—A two weeks term of Superior court opens at Lincoln next Monday. The criminal docket is expected to take up the first week, while the civil docket will consume a majority of the second week. If not more, Judge H. P. Lane will be the presiding judge.

Wrong Regiment—In the regular account given in The Star of the death of the Rev. A. C. Irvin the regiment in which he served during the war was given wrong. According to the records Rev. Mr. Irvin served in the 34th regiment, Waters' company in Ransom's brigade and was wounded at Gaines Mill.

Lincolnton Crows—The postage receipts of the Lincolnton postoffice for the year 1925 were \$19,394.52 as compared with \$16,454.48 the year previous, which represents a gain of \$2,850.04 over the preceding year, according to figures in the office of Postmaster C. C. Mullen. The Lincolnton postoffice receipts indicate a healthy growth during the past year for this city.

Good Team—High school boys and followers of Shelby High athletics are already talking spring baseball and indignations are that Coach "Casey" Morris will again have one of the strongest high school aggregations in this section. The Shelby nine for two seasons has won the state championship and although the majority of the players on the champion teams are not in school their berths promise to be well filled by youngsters coming up.

In Hospital—Mr. Carl C. Laughridge, one-time resident of Shelby, but for the past eight years a citizen of Rutherfordton, was operated on Tuesday at the Rutherfordton Hospital. Mr. Laughridge is a brother of Mr. Russel Laughridge, assistant postmaster at the Shelby office. Mrs. Irvin Lutz, also of Shelby is a sister. Mrs. Lutz was at the hospital during the operation, and telephoned her brother at the postoffice that the patient had stood the operation well.

Ill in Winston—Friends in this section and around Mooresboro will regret that Mrs. R. H. Weathers, mother of Mrs. J. H. Still, of Winston-Salem, is critically ill at Mrs. Still's home in Winston, suffering with plural pneumonia. She is 71 years old. Relatives summoned on account of her illness and who have arrived at the bedside are a son and daughter, A. R. Weathers of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. W. B. Martin of Mooresboro; and a nephew, Albert Starr of Goldsboro.

Take Shrine—Sixteen Shelby Masons go to the ceremonial Friday of this week at Charlotte, where they will take the degree work of the mystic Shrine. Local Shriners, strong in number, are making multitudinous preparations for the entertainment and reception of the candidates at Charlotte. Among the candidates are Peter F. Grigg, R. Zollie Riviere, Dr. R. L. Hunt, Wade Hoey, Shovine Beam, Eneas Beam, Clayton Peeler, Paul Wootton, Dewey Plummer, Jesse Lowry, John Honeycutt, Jack Palmer, Keith Hardin, F. B. Hopper, Fields Young and Fred Baber.

James Assisting Star Staff Rush

Mr. A. D. James, able newspaper and magazine writer, who is well known to Shelby people through his recent services with the Cleveland News, is this week assisting the advertising and news staffs of The Star during a general rush and the absence of Editor Lee B. Weathers, who as vice-president of the State Press association, is attending the newspaper institute at Chapel Hill.

Any courtesies show him will be appreciated by The Cleveland Star management and in him readers and advertisers will find a newspaperman capable of their trust.

Negro Father Advises Road Sentence

Raleigh, 9.—Arthur Pendleton, negro boy of 17 was given the chance to pay \$25 and costs for pretty larceny today, but the boy's father told Judge Barnhill to send him to the roads and it was so ordered. The youth will serve four months.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller spent Thursday in Morganton.

Mrs. Fred Borders has entered a Charlotte hospital for treatment.

Miss Pat Alexander who has been spending some time returned to Charlotte Monday afternoon.

Miss Evelyn Doyr was operated on for appendicitis at the Shelby hospital on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Doggett is visiting in Darlington, S. C. She was called home by the illness of her mother.

Mrs. H. T. Hudson, Mrs. Play Hoey and Mrs. Charles McBrayer spent Monday in Charlotte.

Mrs. Mayne Wray Webb has returned from Charlotte and will be with her father here, Mr. John Wray.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Babington are leaving this week for an extended visit to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Goode and Mr. and Mrs. John Dellinger will leave this week for a trip to Florida.

Mrs. O. M. Gardner, Mrs. George Blanton, Mrs. J. D. Lineberger and Mrs. S. R. Riley spent Wednesday in Charlotte.

Mrs. Ralph Royster has returned from an extended visit to her parents in Greenwood, S. C. Her father who has been quite ill is much better.

Miss Caroline Blanton will arrive home from Converse college Friday afternoon bringing with her some of her school notes. They will spend the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. George Blanton.

Mr. Baxter Moore, former baseball and basketball star of Lehigh-Rhine college, spent Tuesday here with Mr. Opie Tharpe, Moore, one of the best college pitchers ever turned out in the state, will report to the Wilson club of the Virginia league in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Neely, and little daughter, Mary Kate, returned to Shelby Tuesday from a two days' visit to Charlotte and Huntersville. At Huntersville Mr. and Mrs. McNeely were present at the birthday celebration of Mrs. Neely's father, Mr. E. H. McAuley. Mr. McAuley was 75.

The same day the family were celebrating this event at Huntersville, Mr. McAuley's son, Mr. John McAuley was celebrating his 42nd birthday in New York.

Centuries of poverty have bred the habit where it is not now the fact. A pair of shoes is a luxury. If you the guest, have three or four, you will be expected to divide up with your host. There is little furniture, and that is cheap, tawdry, and in bad repair. Strange that the builders of the Pyramids and the Temple of Karnak cannot now paint a window sash without leaving a lot of paint on the glass. There is much cheap jewelry. There is great display of food when three are guests. At other times a man will go all day with nothing but water and a handful of dried dates, occasional minute cups of strong coffee, and incessant cigarettes.

Hospitality is the Egyptian peasant's chief virtue—incredible generosity in the entertainment of total strangers whom he would not hesitate to deceive, or cheat, or rob outright under other circumstances. Hospitality, of course is always found among people who live in a certain stage of social development. There are no inns in Egypt, except in the large cities. One gives entertainment because one expects to receive it without question. It is not unjust to add that hospitality is enforced by implacable public opinion. If a man refused a guest, or received one for payment, he would make a public scandal. Did not one of the poets say of such people: "Their men can never say yes, and their women can never say no!" Hospitality is the chief subject of boasting and the chief criterion of "nobility."

The lot of womankind in Egypt is not an easy one. She has a bad reputation in literature and in the mouth of men, and she has learned to live up to this. Even among Christians one never converses alone with a woman or presumes to speak of her, or of knowing her. Among Moslems one has to pretend that there are no women, in the concrete and related to the men with whom one associates. In cities like Cairo the whole house, except the reception room near the door, is "harem" or "forbidden." Women have no inner defenses, and are not expected to have any. Married life is for the man an agony of jealousy and suspicion, and for the woman a career of fear and evasion. Contact with the West has brought a certain amount of light to beam upon the causes of this situation and their remedy. There is a proverb now that runs: "Thief fears for house, paramour for spouse."

Marriage among the Egyptian "Coptic" Christians is monogamous and permanent; and there still lingers the tradition of the greater blessedness of celibacy. But among the Moslems it is the precise opposite: marriage is the ideal state on earth and in heaven; a man may have three wives besides his concubines, and he may divorce any of the wives by merely putting them out of the house, and here is the difficulty, restoring the dowry which he originally received from the wife's father. That

disinfecting sun, and the dry desert air, though piercing cold at night; a mercy that there is no timber in Egypt with which to build roofs.

The fallah is one of the laziest of created beings, and one of the hardest worked. His idea of bliss is to sit and smoke, or drink coffee, and gossip, or tell stories. He has to work very hard, not only plowing, sowing, harvesting and marketing, but irrigating his land with the bucket and self-sweep, called "hadduf." He is very prosperous now, under the wise administration of Great Britain; but for nearly five thousand years he had been taxed to the point of extinction. He is 95 per cent illiterate. He cannot even understand the newspaper when it is read aloud to him, so divergent has his speech become from the written language. He delights in tales of deceit, and marvels and fabulous wealth and ease. He will attend any number of religious services of any length and character, for the sake of herding pleasantly with his kind, hearing speeches, and singing. He has no idea of the flight of time nor of its value. He will promise to meet you tomorrow at a certain time "if it please Allah." If you insist that he shall be there he will call it an appointment "ingiliz," or after the manner of an Englishman, that is, on time. The native operated steamboat on the Ibraimiyah Canal leaves "at sunrise, if it please God." You have to go early and sit around for an hour if you don't wish to risk missing it. When time for prayer comes the engineer-fireman shuts off steam and prays toward Mecca.

The fallah is not virtuous. He doesn't even try to be. He looks upon lying as one of the little social graces, and as one of God's gifts to the relief of life's tedium and imperfection. Why tell a disagreeable truth when one can substitute a beautiful falsification of reality? So inbred is this habit of speaking beautifully of things, and so unusual is the instance of rank utterance, that the mere mention of evil is regarded with repugnance: If you should speak of death you would be prompted to add the formula, "Far be it from the liars!" If you are not thus tactful your companions will mutter it under their breath. If you persist in this habit you will be an ill-omened person, to be avoided. Poor, shivering beggars regale themselves with pleasant exaggeration of good that was or still may be. In short, language creates an artificial world; and language, being cheaper than opium or hashish, is the Egyptian's chief addiction. When the father of the family retires at about forty, if he can, he is said to be "retiring in the house," which means that he is spinning wool for the family loom, and pleasant talk for all who will listen.

It is quite easy to inform oneself about the geography, or history, or literature of a foreign country, but very difficult to learn anything about the real daily life of a foreign people. Books continue to be made from other books. Travelers often do not actually live among the plain folk; and when they do, they see mostly what they have been taught to see. When they write they forget that they are describing people, not outlandish beings. Now, because it was my good fortune to spend a considerable time in Hawatka and other Upper Egyptian villages and in the slums of Cairo, I am going to try to tell just what I saw there from day to day. Not all that I shall say will be pleasant exactly, but you may be assured that every word of it is true.

The Egyptian peasant, or "fallah," although he speaks the Arabic language and professes in most cases the religion of the Arabian prophet, Mohammed, is a pure-blooded lineal descendant of the peasant who tilled the fields in the days of the Pharaohs. Christianity and Mohammedanism have not changed him much; so that while we are at the same time learning about his ways in the time of Moses.

The thing that strikes one first in Egypt—after one has got used to the impressive monuments—is the dirt. The peasant lives in little mud-and-wood-built houses, without roofs and without windows; for it never rains in Upper Egypt, without drains or latrines, without any water supply. No wonder that they spend very little time there, and live mostly in the open. Water is carried from a nearby inlet of the Nile. Slops are thrown off the housetops into the narrow, twisting lanes and into the court-yards below, as is also the garbage and animal refuse. The sun that shines every day in the year speedily dries up the water and such of the garbage and offal as is not immediately devoured by the multitude of hungry, mangy, yapping dogs, and the prowling bob-tailed cats, and the scuttling rat. You remember that cats were first bred in Egypt to eat the rats that ate the grain that lay in the storehouses that Pharaoh built. The dogs and cats were so useful that they finally became gods. In these dusty dirty, draughty huts, then, elaborate and mostly fried food is prepared, over sickly fires of stubble or charcoal, in the presence of all the domestic animals and fowls and under the superintendence of innumerable busy crawling things. The women wear a trailing garment and veil which she uses indiscriminately for wiping her brow, the baby's nose and the cooking utensils. Bread-cakes and refuse-cakes for fuel are baked side by side in the blistering sun. On the earthen floor are the bones and other solid remains of past meals. Inquiry as to the more intimate conveniences bring the reply: "O, my lord! Have we not all the open country as far as eye can reach?" A mercy that they have the burning

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QUALITY IS OUR MOTTO

is the theory. In practice divorce is rather difficult. The husband has usually invested or spent the dowry, or the wife has spent it in his name; and he has difficulty in saving so large a sum. Then there are the male relatives of the wife whose fists have to be reckoned with. They are the same the world over, law or no law. Polygamy also has its difficulties. The prophet observed that a man was entitled to several wives only when he was sure of being just to them all—a thing which every Egyptian will admit is possible only to the Prophet himself—peace be upon him! Human nature is the same in Egypt as elsewhere, if not more so. No man can live with several wives in peace in one household. Few men can maintain several homes; and who wants more than one home anyway? No woman wants a lot of other wives hanging around, with different and decided opinions, foolish ones, about nearly everything. So most Moslem Egyptians are content with monogamy, relieved now and then by divorce and remarriage. Many Moslems pass their whole lives with one wife, sixty years in one case I know of, and we may be sure that they were happy. A woman cannot divorce a man for any reason whatsoever, which I believe was the case in England until very recent times, by the way.

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