WIT AND HUMOR.

The Bachelor's Soliloquy.

Bless my soul! I'm thirty nine to-day; six feet in my stockings, black eyes, curly hair, tall and straight as a cedar of Lebanon, and still a bachelor! Well, it's an independent life, at least—no it isn't, either! Here's these new gloves of mine full of little rips, string off one of my most faultless dickeys, nice silk handerchief in my drawer wants hemming, top button off the waistband of my pants; what's to be done? How provoking it is to see the e married people looking so self satisfied and consequential, at the head of their families, as if they had done the State a great service. Why, as to children, they are as plenty as flies in August, and about as troublesome; every alley and court, and garret is swarming with them; they re no rarity, and any poor miserable de—(I beg pardon) wretch, can get a wife, enough of them, too, such as they are. It's enough to scare a man to death to think how much it costs to keep one. Young folks, have to begin now where their fathers and mothers left off. Silks and satins, ribbons and velvet, feathers and flowers, cuff pins and bracelets, gimcracks and folde rols; and there's no help for it in my case—for if I married a woman I loved, and the dear little thing should ask me for my scalp, I should give it to her, I know I should. Then there's the tapestry, carpets and mirrors, and sofas, and ottomans, and damask curtains, and pictures, and crocke-ry, (and you must look at the subject in all its bearing) little jackets and frocks, and wooden horses, and dolls, and pop guns, and ginger-bread; don't believe I can do it, by Jupiter! But then, here I sit with the toe of my best boot kicking the grate, for the want of something better to do; it's coming awful cold, dreary weather, long evenings, can't go to concerts forever, and when I go, my room looks so much the gloomier when I come back, and it would be cosy to have a nice little wife to chat and laugh with. I've tried to think of something else, but I can't; if I look in the fire, I am sure to see a pair of bright eyes; even the shadows on the wall take fairy shapes. I'm on the brink of ruin—I feel it. I shall read my doom in the marriage list before long—I know I shall. Heaven help me for there's no living with a better half, so they say; and may I be refused if I can get along without one.

A PROMPT WITNESS. — "Have you purchased an intoxicating liquor of the defendent?" inquired the constable.

"Not that I remember," replied the witness, cooley.

"Have you obtained any at his store?"

"Not that I remember."

"Will you try and recollect? Bear in mind that you are under oath."

"I am trying."

A pause.

"Well, witness, what do you say now?" continued the official presently.

"I haven't made any discoveries as yet."

"Have you not, within a week, told persons that you bought liquor of defendant?"

"Not that I remember."

"Did you not tell me yesterday that you bought spirits of defendant?"

"Yes, sir."

"You did! Ah! Well, sir, when you told me that, did you lie or tell the truth?"

"I told the truth."

"Well, sir, then you have bought spirits of defendant?"

"Yes sir."

"What did you mean by swearing you could not remember?"

"I meant that I could not."

"Your memory returned amazingly quick. Did you pay defendant for the spirits you bought of him?"

"Yes sir."

"How much?"

"Twenty five cents."

"What kind did you buy?"

"Spirits of camphor."

"Ahem! we rest the case here."

"Not guilty," came from the jury box, as the members tried to appear sedate and and dignified, and with an effort restrained themselves from joining in the roar of laughter that went round the court room

"The court will please to observe," said an Arkansas lawyer, "that the gentlemen from the East has given them a very learned speech. He has roamed with old Romulus, socked with old Socrates, ripped with old Euripides, and cantered with old Cantharides! but what, your honor, what does he know about the laws of old Arkansaw?

We know a girl says Punch, so industrious that when she has nothing else to do she knits her brows.

PERVERSENESS OF THE SEX.—A man newly married, being about to leave home, said to his wife: "Now, Julia, you may do anything you please while I am away, except ride Jowler; the house dog." "Ride Jowler! what do you mean?" "Never mind, only I warn you not to ride Jowler" When the husband came home, Julia had a black eye, and an arm in a sling. "Why Julia, what's the matter?" "Well, you told me not to ride Jowler, and I thought it must be very nice or you wouldn't have told me not to do it, so I got on his back and he threw me down stairs."

It is important to housekeepers and others to know that lavender will prevent mould on books, ink, leather, etc. A few drops will save a library, and a single drop will preserve a pint of ink.

Cotton Ginning at Trough Shoals.

I have just got in operation a new Georgia Cotton Gin of the reputed Greswold make. It will be kept by DAVID REED AND SON, whose life time experience and reputation in attending to a Water Gin is well known. It is said this is a superior gin, and the only new one anywhere near in the country, and that beyond a doubt the lint is of superior quality. I believe that it is an acceded opinion, that water power makes a finer lint than horse, and will command a better price in market. We will gin for the fifteenth, and expect in the future to continue at this rate or lower, and if necessary, run two gins after this year. I hope by the ginning of the third crop, to have a most complete organized arrangement for both GINNING AND PACKING by water, all under the same roof, and be able to turn out in superior style fifteen bales a day.

The number of my competitors in business, has considerably increased since the starting of my gin. My rates being below all precedents, I hope will not engender the prejudice of any, as the very nature of this fine water power and position, requires for the good of the country as well as myself, that it shall be employed on a large scale, WITH SHORTER PROFITS; also, I have been similarly constituted, thus adapting myself to the same style of business, which no doubt I have in a measure acquired from my travels through the North, where I have so much witnessed the beautifully organized system of large business, with short gains.

I will get another corn mill running in about two weeks from this time, when I will be prepared to grind corn with great dispatch and perfection, and can accommodate stock grinding, which I propose from this date, to grind for the *twentieth*, as an inducement to farmers to grind for stock; the grade of the meal to be made distinctly coarser than that used for bread. Also, for further inducement to the same, I expect soon to get up a CORN SHELER to run by water, which any one can use *free of charge*, and save the tedious process of shelling by hand.

I expect to go onward in perfecting the present, and adding more and new machinery to this capacious power and room as fast as means will permit. For the encouragement of the same, I again, as on last July, invite a liberal patronage, from motives, prompted in part, by a love of country, as my principle means of reliance, upon which to render subservient to the interest of the public and myself, a few of the many superior resources of this place.

The number of miles of different roads connecting this to the public roads around, which have fallen mainly upon me to keep up, are about eight or ten, and the faithful manner which I have pursued for several years in working them out, has seemingly conduced to an expectation among the people that the burthens of this work should continue upon me, which I am fully willing to bear with the support of your patronage.

The keeping up of this amount of road and bridge, and to bring into usefulness the capabilities of this place, is a task that none would undertake with so short a means, but that limited few possessing an untiring perseverance.

Who is it, that a few years ago in poverty would have purchased these waters, amidst its huge granite cliffs and vales, and crossed its dashing rapids with a bridge and dam, and erect machinery on the side of its lashing waves in opposition to an overwhelming opinion of the aged men around that my efforts would prove an unsuccess; and further, to have excavated roads meandering through this rugged country and make accessible and useful this abundant gift of nature, where I am told that man before had never dared to venture. I foresaw the various public necessities of improving this place, that it was a very superior one for a bridge, that all the shoals from this to the mouth of the river were rapidly filling up with sand, that some would soon, and the best of them would ultimately go into disuse, that at some day not far in the future, with proper labor and encouragement, that this place would loom up and spread its usefulness all around.

Who is it now that can deny the correctness of these various, my earliest and first views, formed in 1858. Who is it now that can say any other, but that my success under all the circumstances, has surpassed the anticipations of the most sanguine, and as I have been thus successful under the most embarrassing circumstances, that now with a more enlarged experience, is it not fair to presume with the assistance of a liberal public favor that my labors will be onward, when the public will receive a fair share of its benefits. If I but had the means, I feel sure that my labor here is now but only a small beginning to my future intentions. We must go to work and develop the many various resources of our whole country as the best means I think to protect ourselves against the threatening power of Radicalism. I have for years felt it to be all important that the South should with great energy, develop her resources as our defensive guard against Northern sectionalism.

My success during the ten years lease at the Littlejohn Mills below this, was achieved with an almost unanimous opinion against me, during the first quarter of its term, that I could not withstand the expense of my contract. I there built a mill, that in point of dispatch and convenience of organization, has surpassed any I have seen in the State, which returned me a remunerating custom. A short time before the close of the war, I was frequently and kindly offered by Maj. Littlejohn, (for whom I had a high regard,) the refusal to release this commanding position, but declined to accept, for the reason that I might be able to employ my undivided attention to the unbounded field that lies here before me. Having thus abandoned this resource for means, which was followed soon by an adverse close of the war, repudiating our currency, and the loss I sustained from the indebtedness of our late Government has in the whole reduced me suddenly as thousands of others to complete destitution of means to operate, which has greatly stunned my progress and partially walled in my energies from which I am struggling to escape. Since I have attempted to resume business after the war, I have endeavored to raise means by every possible method that man's mind could think of, but have completely failed, and having dispaired in this direction, and having an overwhelming thirst to go onward, I have been thus driven to call aloud for patronage, which I am sure would react upon the country and as a whole would pay a two fold reward.

I will here state that the improvements made this season on my flouring and corn mill, have performed remarkably well, and I return gratitude for the increased patronage extended thereto.

Bring on your cotton where it will be convenient to the Depot for shipping. I will keep BAGGING and ROPE on hand for customers.

LEROY McARTHUR.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

Lawson T. Meaders, Applicant,
vs.
William Meaders and others.

IT appearing to my satisfaction that Amos L. Bearden, Polly Ann Bearden and Jane Bearden, three of the Defendants reside without this State, on motion of Farrow & Duncan, Applicants Attorneys, it is ordered that they do appear and object to the division or sale of the Real Estate of George Meaders, deceased, on or before the 14th day of NOVEMBER next, or their consent to the same will be entered of record.

JNO. EARLE BOMAR, O. S. D.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

Citation for Letters of Administration by Jno. Earle Bomar, esq., Ordinary.

In the Court of Ordinary

WHEREAS DR. T. E. WOOD, has filed his petition in my office praying that Letters of Administration on all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of W. N. JOHNSON, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, to be and appear at the Court of Ordinary, for said District, to be held at Spartanburg Court House, on Friday, the 2nd day of November next, to shew cause if any exists, why said Letters should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 19th day of October, A. D., 1866.

JNO. EARLE BOMAR, O. S. D.

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