

Instincts of Men.

One of the great but secret causes of human failure and perversion, is the reluctance of men to recognize their instincts. The pride of intellect is not willing to refer to any other authority than reason, and we begin the work of self-sophistication on the very threshold of existence. Of the simplest objects we contrive to fashion mysteries—of the simplest arts, sciences—and the very things of which nature would seem to require of us the immediate personal performance, we strangely enough defer to a foreign authority. What more completely our own providence than our own feelings and health, our own rights and interests, our own spiritual nature and religion! Yet all these concerns, which can be attended to by nobody half so properly as by ourselves, we studiously put out of our own control. Hence, our lawyer can give us the most complicated and admirable system of laws, but not justice; our doctor, the most variously compounded medicines, but no cure; our priest, every variety of doctrine, but no religion—certainly no safety. But, even the farmer, sophisticated like the rest, in his ambition to make a science of his art, too frequently fails in making a crop. Yet, it is very certain that nothing in the world is so easy of attainment as food, health, justice and religion, if we will only, with common honesty and diligence, take the matter into our own hands. The things most essential to all, not only to the health and happiness, but to the absolute safety of man, were never intended by the Deity to be withdrawn from his own immediate control; and man will never know safety in any of his interests until he resumes all the privileges he has blindly parted with. It seems to be clear that among his personal duties are these: He must earn his own bread—learn his own bodily control—what is its meat and what is its poison—farm his own lands, and carry on his own intercourse with Heaven, to the employment of as few intermediate agents as possible. Individuality, and hence individual responsibility, is the grand feature which distinguishes man from every other animal.

The Criminal.

Play, in one of his celebrated letters, says that though there may be some use in setting the mark upon the criminal by way of example, there will be more in sparing him for the sake of humanity. It is not unfrequently the case that justice gains at the expense of humanity. It does not unfrequently happen that the laws, in the operation of penalties, make great out of small criminals, by putting the offender so entirely without the pale of civilization and society as to render it impossible that he should ever again be able to enter within it. The great difficulty in the way of criminal justice is so to proportion the punishment to the offence as to make the subject of its operations himself admit its propriety. By overstepping this limit, justice becomes harsh and unnatural, and compels the criminal, not uncommonly, into acts, proportioned in their extent to the penalty he has been compelled already to abide. Schiller has an admirable story, the German title of which is, "The Criminal," because of the Operation of the Laws; that is to say, one who, though in the first instance an offender, has been made, subsequently, a criminal by the very laws which have been enacted as a preventive of his crime. In imitation of the Draconian system of Great Britain, our criminal laws not unfrequently denounce the penalty of Cain upon the offence of Jacob; and the brand, which should be applied for the taking of a brother's blood, is also oftentimes the punishment for partaking of a brother's pottage.

GREENBACKS.—It may not be generally known that, by Act of Congress, United States Treasury Notes—generally termed "greenbacks"—are legal tender for all dues except import and export duties and the interest on the public debt. Gold and silver can only be rated as articles of merchandise. This should be understood by one and all.

LOOK OUT FOR COUNTERFEITS.—Two bills of the denomination of fifty cents greenbacks have been shown to the *Courier*. The gentleman having them in possession states that while in New York recently, there were several of these spurious notes in circulation.

THE NEGRO AMUSES HIMSELF.—To the observing person who trends the streets of the city, one thing is evident, that if the negroes are not idle, they are busily engaged in doing nothing. The circus wagon, containing the music of the exhibition, as it parades the different thoroughfares every day, carries with it a wake of woolly heads and eboskins, in quantity enough to work a thousand acres of corn or tobacco. At every corner a table is displayed covered with every species of condiments to suit every palate, and the attendants at each booth or stall will average nearly a dozen throughout the city. As the day passes on toward the cool hours of evening, it becomes a task to perambulate Broad street, on account of the great crowd of female Africans, out for an airing. When the night comes on and the lights of the circus are trimmed and made ready, half the pavilion is dark and dusky and fragrant. If the negroes of Richmond can live, like the chameleon, upon air, we certainly can urge no reasonable objection. If they choose to loaf and to idle away their time, again we say we have not the slightest word to say—that is, until the civil Government inaugurate a poor house and tax our pocket for the support of the same. The negroes are free, and they have the right to say on what terms they will labor, and to refuse the labor if the compensation is not sufficient. A number now supported upon Government rations may like their present mode of life and glory in it; but what is to be the future of the African, when the benevolence of the authorities is suspended, is a puzzling question to a great number of thinking minds. They manage to live now by some means, but as a general thing the past six weeks, and probably the coming fortnight or so, has been a great holiday—a sort of elongated Christmas or expanded Whitsuntide. Labor will be too cheap for idle or lazy persons; they will not be able to live if the support of the Government be withdrawn. Even now we know of cases where excellent cooks and house servants are giving their services for their food alone. What will be the fate of those idle wretches who promenade the streets or run after circus wagons a few weeks hence? With the lessons that are being taught at the African Church, let a few timely lectures be given upon the necessity of steady, hard labor, to procure meat and bread, and it will prove of as much benefit as instruction in spelling books and Bibles.

[Richmond Commercial Bulletin.]

BANKING FACILITIES.—Our highly esteemed fellow citizen, James S. Gibbs, Esq., President *pro tem* of the People's Bank, has been granted permission by Gen. Hatch to remove the effects of the People's Bank, where it now is, to this city. It is contemplated, we learn, to re-establish it as a National Bank as soon as all the arrangements can be completed. The various other banking institutions, it is hoped, will follow this good example. Capital is what is now wanted to give confidence and revive business. Our citizens, business men particularly, owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. P. H. Kessler, the worthy, enterprising and courteous gentleman who opened the first banking house after the occupation of the city by the United States forces. Mr. Kessler's house at the corner of King and Beaufain streets is now, we are happy to say, an established institution, and has met with the success it so well merited.—*Charleston Courier*, 1st.

Gov. AIKEN.—Gov. Aiken was in New York on the 24th ult., and would take his departure from that city for Charleston on the steamer Granada. We learn that he expressed himself well pleased with the treatment he received at the hands of President Johnson, who has permitted him to return home on parole. It is reported that his visit to Washington and interview with the President will result beneficially to Charleston and the State.

[Charleston Courier.]

A NEW SIGHT "NOW A-DAYS."—A fine herd of genuine Western beeves of an almost elephantine size were driven past the *Courier* office yesterday afternoon from Hit-on-Head, on their way to the slaughter pens. It has been five long years since such cattle have been seen in old Charleston.—*Charleston Courier*.

UNION MEETING IN SUMMERVILLE, S. C.—A Union meeting of the citizens of Summerville and the surrounding country was called by the intendant of the town to take place on Wednesday.

The total police force of London last year was 7,496, and its expense two millions eight hundred thousand dollars. There were 29 superintendents, 211 inspectors, 725 sergeants and 6,172 constables.

The Shenandoah was reported to be at Hong Kong at latest advices, and some alarm was felt that she might capture American vessels at sea.

Queen Victoria has a brooch which once belonged to Robert Bruce, of Scotland.

Rockaway or Double Buggy.

WANTED TO HIRE, a Double Buggy or Light Carriage and pair of Horses, to go to Mt. Oak, on the Charlotte Railroad. For further particulars apply at this office. June 3.

Removal.

THE undersigned begs to inform his friends and customers that he has REMOVED his Boot and Shoe Making Establishment to the house on the South side of Camden street, three doors from Assembly. June 5. GEORGE SMITH.

Local Items.

The office of the *Columbia Phoenix* is on Gates street, second door from Plain.

We are indebted to Dr. P. M. Cohen, Mr. C. A. Bedell and a lady friend for late copies of the *Charleston Courier*.

Our readers will observe, by referring to Dr. Melvin M. Cohen's advertisement, that he has just opened a fresh stock of useful articles. He claims that in quality and price his goods will rank with the best in the market.

OUR CITY—ITS PROSPECTS.—We are pleased to see that some of our merchants are commencing operations again, and that here and there buildings—of course, on a small scale—are being put up. We have no doubt that by the time the railroads through the up country are completed, quite a respectable amount of business will be done here. Prominent New York merchants have signified their willingness to accommodate their old customers; so that the scarcity of money need deter none from "entering the lists." We wish one and all success.

SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT—WHERE TO FIND IT.—Mr. H. Solomon, as will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, has just arrived from Charleston, with a large and varied stock of choice articles—the mere mention of which makes one's mouth water. Just to think of Scotch ale, Havana segars, English cheese, crackers, sardines, almonds, etc., etc. When we say these things are good, we speak the universal sentiment of "all hands" connected with the *Phoenix* office, and at the same time return to Mr. S. their sincere thanks for the abundant supply of articles furnished them.

Any person desirous of obtaining small or valuable articles from New York, can have an opportunity of doing so, by applying at this office previous to Thursday next. Commission 25 per cent. on the cost of the articles. The goods to be delivered in this city.

PERSONAL.—All subscribers to the *Phoenix* whose subscriptions have expired, will please come forward and renew, in specie or provisions; otherwise their papers will be stopped.

We wish it distinctly understood that our terms are cash. No advertisements will, therefore, be inserted unless paid for in advance.

We present the following schedule of rates, in the case of the most obvious commodities. For one month's subscription to the *Phoenix*, we will receive either of the following, viz:

- 1 bushel corn, 1 bush. peas or potatoes
- 5 pounds butter, 25 lbs. flour,
- 7 " lard, 4 lbs. candles,
- 7 " bacon, 9 qts. rice,
- 8 dozen eggs, 4 head of chickens,

Wood, vegetables and provisions generally received at fair market rates approaching the specie standards.

Brass and Copper Wanted.

THE undersigned will pay the highest prices—in goods or money—for old brass and copper. June 5. HARDY SOLOMON.

Medical Card.

DR. A. N. TALLEY may be found, by such as desire his professional aid, at the residence of the Rev. N. Talley, corner of Gervais and Pickens streets. June 5. 3*

For Orangeburg.

TWO PERSONS can obtain PASSAGE to Orangeburg, in a light spring wagon, by applying at the Telegraph Office. June 5.

Wanted to Purchase.

A GOOD HORSE, that will work in a double harness; one light Two horse Spring Wagon, and one Traveling Trunk, all in good order. Address JOS. MARSH, at this office, stating price and where articles can be seen. June 5. 1*

Bakery and Confectionary.

L. SHODAIR and W. STIEGLITZ have re-opened their BAKERY, CONFECTIONARY and CRACKER MANUFACTORY. Also, on hand a fine assortment of CHEWING and SMOKING TOBACCO, SCOTCH and MACCABOY SNUFF, CIGARS, PIPES, &c., at Messrs. Cooper & Gaither's old stand. June 5. mth6

Caution.

ALL persons whomsoever are hereby cautioned against trading for any notes drawn in favor of the subscriber, as administrator of the estate of Mrs. E. Rowland, late of Greenville District, as payment has been stopped. These notes were lost in Columbia during its occupation by Sherman's army. A liberal reward will be paid for their delivery to Col. C. R. Bryce or the subscriber. WM. E. EARLE. June 5. 43*

From Charleston. DR. P. MELVIN COHEN has returned from the city with a choice assortment of DRUGS, MEDICINES, COMBS, BRUSHES, &c., &c., and has made arrangements to receive regular weekly supplies of imported goods. Office PICKENS STREET, Head of Lady street. June 5 2*

DRIED APPLES, FLOUR, BACON, Lard, Rice, BUTTER, &c., &c. MELVIN M. COHEN, Assembly Street, West Side, one Door from Pendleton Street.

BEGS leave to inform the public that he has just received a FRESH AND HEAVY SUPPLY of the following articles, to which he invites attention, viz: Choice Bacon—Hams, Sides and Shoulders, Flour, Rice, Candles, Matches, Black Pepper, Cooking Soda, Blacking, Smoking Tobacco, Chewing Tobacco, Segars, Superior Green Tea, Tooth Brushes, Superior Black Tea, Extract Logwood, Indigo, &c., &c. Together with a valuable assortment of

DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FANCY ARTICLES Also, by late arrival, Low's Genuine Brown Windsor Soap, Cosmetique, or Stick Pomade, &c. June 5.

GROCERIES!!! JUST ARRIVED FROM Charleston.

- A CHOICE and WELL SELECTED STOCK OF GOODS, which I am prepared to offer AT RETAIL for a SMALL ADVANCE, and can give a FAIR MARGIN to dealers in the city and country. My stock consists in part of: Boxes SMOKED HERRINGS, COLGATE'S WASHING SOAP, TOILET SOAP, Ebb's BROWN SUGAR, Chest YOUNG HYSON TEA, BLACK TEA, Kits MACKEREL, Cases PICKLES, quarts and pints, Boxes CANDY, assorted, Frauds FRESH DATES, Boxes TURKEY FIGS, RAISINS, FRESH LEMONS, SOFT SHELL ALMONDS, BUTTER CRACKERS, OYSTER, GINGER CAKES, LEMON, DAIRY CHEESE, SARDINES, CHOCOLATE, CONDENSED MILK, Doz's NORTHERN BROOMS, Boxes Colgate's PEARL STARCH, BLACK INK, in stands, YEAST POWDERS—Durkee's, Brown's Es JAMAICA GINGER, Cases SPARKLING SCOTCH ALE, Boxes HAVANA SEGARS, MASON'S BLACKING, Doz's SHOE BRUSHES, Boxes FINE CHEWING TOBACCO, SMOKING TOBACCO, Fine Cut Chewing TOBACCO, SPERM CANDLES, BACON, BUTTER, LARD, FLOUR, MOLASSES, CARBONATE SODA, BLACK PEPPER, COFFEE, RICE, SALT, MANILLA ROPE, PINDERS, COTTON CARDS, MATCHES, GUM CAMPHOR, GUM OPIUM, CHLOROPFORM, CALOMEL, POTASH and BLUE MASS.

ALSO, A small stock of HARDWARE and STATIONERY. Give me a call, and judge for yourselves. HARDY SOLOMON, In basement of Mr. L. Levy's house, Corner of Assembly and Plain streets. June 5.

JUST RECEIVED FROM CHARLESTON. CHEESE, CODFISH, IRISH POTATOES, SMOKED HERRINGS, MACKEREL, PICKLES, FAMILY SOAP, CANDLES, CAKES, &c., &c. And for sale CHEAP, at residence formerly occupied by R. Davis, Henderson street, by A. S. TRUMBO. June 3.

AUCTION SALES.

Furniture, Crockery and Provisions. By Durbeck & Walter. THIS DAY, June 5, at 10 o'clock, we will sell, at our office, The following articles, viz: Bedsteads, Mattresses, Lounges, Looking Glass, Curtains, Bed Clothes, Crockery, Engravings, Tubs, Buckets, Wheelbarrows, Chains, Coffee Pots, Carpets, Chairs, Press, Coffee, Sugar, Black Pepper, Flour, Tea, Starch, HERRINGS, &c. ALSO, A fine Sewing Machine. N. B. Purchasers must call for the articles immediately after sale, as the parties are leaving town. June 5.

MILLINERY. MISS M. McELRONE respectfully informs the ladies of Columbia that she is prepared to execute all orders in the MILLINERY line. Also, STRAW HATS dyed, made and pressed to order. Residence corner of Lumber and Marion streets. June 2 3*

PAPER! PAPER! FOR sale, a small quantity of No. 1 WRITING PAPER. Also, some excellent COPYING PAPER. Inquire at this office. May 30.

Headq's United States Forces, CITY OF COLUMBIA, S. C., May 27, 1865. GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3. ALL citizens having in their possession any property that rightfully belongs to the United States Government, according to the terms of surrender of Gen. Jos. E. Johnston, C. S. A., to Gen. W. T. Sherman, U. S. A., will immediately report the same to these headquarters. Persons having mules, horses and wagons, will, for the present, be permitted to retain the same for the purpose of carrying on their work. Any person failing to comply with this order within a reasonable time, will not only be deprived of any further use of said property, but will also subject themselves to punishment by military authority. By command of N. HAUGHTON, Lieut. Col. 25th U. V. I., Com'dg City of Columbia, S. C. W. J. KYLE, Lieut. 25th U. V. I. and Post Adjutant. May 29.

Headquarters, Northern District, DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH, CHARLESTON, S. C., April 25, 1865. Circular to Planters, &c. NUMEROUS applications have been made to me for information as to the policy to be adopted on the subject of labor. All can understand the importance of making a crop the present season, and foresee the misery and suffering consequent upon its failure. In the present unsettled state of the country, and in the absence of any recognized State authorities, I find it my duty to assume control of the plantations near the military lines, and order as follows: 1st. The planters, after taking the oath of allegiance, will assemble the freedmen (lately their slaves) and inform them that they are free, and that henceforth they must depend upon their own exertions for their support.

2d. Equitable contracts in writing will be made by the owners of the land with the freedmen for the cultivation of the land during the present year. Payment will be made in kind, and the allowance of one half the crop is recommended as fair compensation for the labor, the landlord furnishing subsistence until the crop is gathered. These contracts will be submitted to the nearest military or naval commander for approval and endorsement. When the above requirements are complied with, protection will be granted as far as military necessity will allow; but where no contract is made, the crop raised will be considered forfeited for the use of the laborers. Should the owners refuse to cultivate it, they will be considered as endeavoring to embarrass the Government, and the land will be used for colonies of the freedmen from the interior. JOHN F. HATCH, June 1. Brig. Gen. Commanding.

Headq's United States Forces, CITY OF COLUMBIA, S. C., May 27, 1865. GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2. INFORMATION having been received at these headquarters of the existence of armed bands of marauders infesting the country and committing depredations on the property of peaceful citizens, it is hereby ordered that all persons composing such will be considered and treated as outlaws, and if caught, will receive the severest punishment of military law. The United States Government is desirous of protecting all peaceful and law-abiding citizens, and they will confer a favor on these headquarters, and do justice to themselves, by giving any information they may have in their possession respecting the names and movements of such bands, and, if possible, aiding in their capture. The time has arrived when it behooves every citizen to do all in his power to assist the military forces of the United States to restore peace and harmony throughout the land. By order of Lieut. Col. N. HAUGHTON, 25th U. V. I., Com'dg U. S. Forces, City of Columbia. W. J. KYLE, 2d Lieut. 25th U. V. I. and Post Adjutant. May 29.