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This year the fatalities in deer hunting and those in aviation are running each other quite closely.

The boy who is late at breakfast, late at school stands a poor chance to be a prompt man.

The governor who expects to get to heaven because he turns criminals loose had better read his Bible, if he owns one.

United State Judge Smith of Charleston has just ruled that papers of citizenship will not be given to any applicant in this State who is engaged in the sale of whiskey contrary to law.

The Greenville Piedmont says "people who expect to buy their Christmas presents on credit ought to do their shopping before the rush." This is good advice, and it applies to those who pay cash as well as to those who buy on credit.

The Greenville Piedmont says "In Orangeburg, S. C., it is fashionable for the girls to chew chewing gum." We regret to admit that some of our girls would have to plead guilty to the above charge, but many would not. But what about the Greenville girls?

A man who has no enemies is seldom good for anything; he is made of that kind of material which is so easily worked that every one has a hand in it. A sterling character is one who thinks for himself, and speaks what he thinks; he is always sure to have enemies. They are as necessary to him as fresh air; they keep him alive and active. A celebrated character who was surrounded by enemies used to remark: "They are sparks which, if you do not blow, will go out of themselves."

It is cheering to know that the railroads of this country killed and wounded fewer passengers last year than in the year before. It indicates greater caution and precaution on the part of roads and a greater regard for the safety and comfort of their patrons. It is also but fair to the roads to say that many of the deaths were due to the fault of passengers themselves and to trespassing on the lines. But clearly there is still room for improvement on the part of the roads and that improvement will come with more efficient service and better equipment.

A young couple out West recently got married at the unearthly hour of three o'clock in the morning in order to escape hazing from their foolish friends. This custom of indulging in rough horse play and silly practical jokes at the expense of the bride and groom cannot be too severely condemned. In addition to the humiliation it oftentimes causes it indicates a lack of reverence for a very solemn and sacred rite and most certainly the statistics of marriage and divorce in this country prove that marriage is already suffering overmuch from irreverence and folly.

The ability of always seeing the bright side or shining up the dark one is a blessing to the person who possesses the power, as well as to those with whom he has to do. It changes our daily struggle in the performance of duty into playing the joyful game of life. Instead of the home being a place of grumbling and growling it becomes a place of laughter and song. Wrinkles will not come so soon upon your fair countenance. To live daily with sun beams flowing from the heart is a trick that may be learned by everyone with a little patience, determination and daily practice.

Perhaps most people regard the agitation in this country for women suffrage as of quite modern origin. As far as it is an organized movement that is true, but it is an interesting though not generally known fact that as far back as 1648 a woman claimed the right to vote in the Maryland assembly, which convened in January of that year. Miss Margaret Brent was her name and she claimed the right to cast two votes—one as administratrix, for the late Governor Leonard Calvert and one for the proprietary, Lord Baltimore. But the assembly was so ungallant as to refuse the request.

The Charleston Post came forward a few days since with the suggestion that South Carolina ought to install the electric chair as a substitute for the barbarous method now in vogue in South Carolina for the execution of murderers. The Gaffney Ledger promptly responds that there is "no need for electric chairs or any other device in this State just at present. Better wait until our juries learn the art of convicting criminals and our governor develops a backbone strong enough to allow the sentence of the courts to be carried out rather than be a jumping jack for political purposes."

"Do You Believe in Santa Claus?"

After telling us the other day that some one had told him that there was no Santa Claus, a bright little eight-year-old boy asked us the question, "Do you believe in Santa Claus?" Before we had time to reply the little fellow answered his own question by saying he did. There are thousands of other little boys and girls in our homes who are asking the question, "Do you believe in Santa Claus?" To all such enquiries we answer yes, and we answer truthfully too. We do believe in Santa Claus, and we pity the man or woman who does not.

We are glad, too, that Santa Claus does not grow old. Time has no effect on him. His silvery locks do not signify old age or senility. He is just as active, virile and buoyant in this wonderful twentieth century making the little ones happy as he was when the children of long gone generations awaited his coming on Christmas Eve. He finds his way around this great world of ours at the Christmas tide in his marvelous sled just as readily as if steel rails and electric wires did not form an almost impossible network over hill and dale, through forest and glen.

Santa Claus lives in the sweet and tender light of children's happy smiles. His queer little cars—always tied up in a crimson muffler, for Santa Claus is the very embodiment of the spirit of winter—are ever open, ever alert to the sound of children's happy laughter. So long as these sweet, alluring things shall be, so long will good Santa Claus reign without a rival in the affections of children who hush their prayers at mothers' knees, and in those of either children, who at the blessed Christmas time, catch the echoes of the merry prattle of their own little ones who have grown into man's and woman's estate.

Santa Claus' reindeer may have walked out of the ark when it rested on Ararat's crest after the flood subsided, but who cares? The gift of eternal youth is theirs and they are too busy to bother with family records or chronological tables. Each year the rhythmic patter of their tiny hoofs will be heard on your roof on Christmas Eve if your heart keeps young and true and your ears are still attuned to the faintest whisper of God's own messengers. Santa Claus finds his happy way into the homes of the rich and the poor alike; into the palace and into the cottage, wherever children have been sent to brighten and to bless.

The life of that child is peculiarly pathetic and incomplete which has not been illumined with an unquestioning, unflinching belief in Santa Claus. Without the mysterious joys of anticipation on Christmas Eve, the richest child has lost one of the most exquisite phases of earthly happiness. We be to him who willfully destroys the beautiful ideal personified in good old Santa Claus. Don't you believe in Santa Claus, the gray-haired saint of universal childhood? Now, do say that you do, for all the little boys and girls who bring flashes of light and the sound of melody in our homes are just eager to know the truth.

Praises the Southern Railway.

Some time ago the Augusta Chronicle published an article from President Finley, of the Southern Railway, correcting some errors the Chronicle made in reference to the efforts being made by the Southern Railway to bring people to the South as settlers. In a manly spirit of fairness, the Chronicle published the article on its editorial page, and in a strong editorial apologized for misrepresenting the Southern Railway. "It would seem," said the Chronicle, "that we owe the Southern Railway an apology—and we hasten to offer it. For we are not amongst those who hold it a matter of no consequence if they happen to do a railroad an injustice; and, certainly, we are not amongst those who make a business of misrepresenting the railroads."

"But we did misrepresent at least one railroad not long since, when we undertook to show that the railroads of the South are not doing what they should toward advertising and bringing new settlers into this section. In the editorial in question we referred to the part played by the transcontinental railroads in the development of the Great West, and we expressed the wish that the railroads of the South might manifest a similar interest in the development of the Southern States. We knew, of course, that the immense land grants with which the Western roads were favored from the outset enabled them to do more than the roads of the South, possibly, could; but we thought, and still think, that the Southern roads might do a great deal more than they are doing. We contended that the South offers better opportunities today than any other section of this great country; but that we too rarely hear of a railroad in the South making any effort toward advertising the lands and investment opportunities in the territory traversed by its lines.

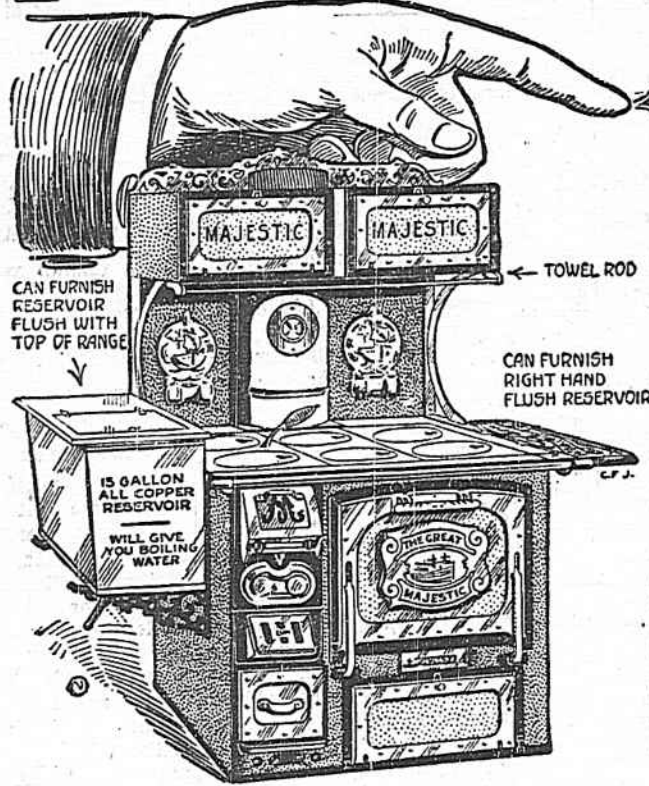
"While we still think this is true as a general proposition and that our remarks will apply justly to nine out of every ten roads in the South, it is clearly evident that they do not apply to at least one road; and we are glad to give the president of that road an opportunity to tell just what his line is doing toward advertising and developing the South. We, really, had no idea that all of the roads put together were doing as much as the Southern Railway, alone, is doing; and we are doubly glad to give a letter from President Finley unusual prominence, not only in an effort to make as full reparation as possible for our mistake as to this particular railroad—but in the hope that it will prove an inspiration for others. Certainly President Finley is to be applauded for his progressive policy; but, better than that, he and the stockholders of his fallway will soon begin to reap rich benefits from such a policy. If every railroad in

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M. O. DANTZLER,

Orangeburg, South Carolina.

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