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FROM AN OLD COUNTRY LADY

"WOMEN DO BE SUCH FOOLS."

Old Mammy Dinah hit the nail on the head when she made this statement. "Women do be fools, very often they be it till men often make the expression that all women are fools." "But this is a mistake, there are a great many very sensible women while there are hundreds who do be fools at times, and maybe it was this kind of a woman surrounded one of our late writers. In one of our late journals was a long article headed "Men can't make the bread and bake it, too." The writer says the world is chockful of men who not only make the bread but must bake it, too, that the women in two-thirds of the homes idle their time away and expect their husbands to do all the providing and home making. Then went on to say if women put in their time as usefully as men there would be few poverty stricken homes. Well, maybe his intentions were good and he wanted to be truthful, but it was a case of fallacy all around. First, he couldn't find two dozen men in this State who make the bread and bake it, and he lacks a whole lot of doing all the providing and for the home making that the least said the soonest mended. And I won't say a word then to add more to the untruthfulness of his statement. He says women idle their time away while men make the minutes count. Well, everybody believe him who can, but I can't. I don't believe a word of it. Maybe there are a few women in the world who could believe such stuff. You can find women, just plenty of them, who do be such fools that they are ready any time to believe every word a man says; believe an untruth just because a man said it. Yes, Mammy Dinah, women do be fools when it comes to their affection and reverence for a man, matters not if he be worthy or not. But this silly love and esteem comes only from women—these trusting hearts belong wholly to the women—they believe everything they see and hear, that is, if the statement is made by their husbands. If he hasn't had a sober minute in twenty years and happens to sober up all be extra more, and at the un lucky times tells her he won't drink any more, she will believe him and be shocked to death when he comes in thirty minutes later heaving drunk.

I was thinking of drinking men when I read the article, "Men Can't Make the Bread and Bake It, Too." She says, "they can't, but you can find several thousand women who are making the bread and also baking it. And added to this industry they are cooking and nursing a two hundred pound husband who can't do anything but hold a bottle, and in the meantime this man of information will find several thousand women who never idle a minute but must make every minute count. While their

"best halves" slumber away the time in day-dreams But then, I shouldn't complain, no need raising a fuss over it. We are all proud of our husbands, makes no difference how many he has loved before or since, just so we come in during his life time. But you can reckon on your last penny such state of affairs wouldn't suit the other side. Men don't like being the third or fourth love, they must be the very first or no wedding bell shall ring. And I advise the weak sex not fool 'em unless you want to be a widow before the honeymoon is over.

The fate of a North Carolina woman, an awful tragedy where a young husband killed himself, and for the benefit of my lady friends I'll read a little of it to you, read the letter he left telling his reason for taking his life: "My wife is the dearest woman in the world and one of the best and I have loved her more than I can ever tell, and we were so happy—happy in the love we had for each other, a love we never doubted, never for a moment until—one day in our heart to heart talk I told her of my youth, of my ups and downs, the jolly courtships I had with a lot of girls, and of the few who had given me the cold shoulder. I had quite a romance in several cases, but I had found little joy in it all, and was so glad to know there would be no more of it for me. In the little narrative my wife was deeply interested and at the conclusion put her arms about my neck and kissed me time and again, and I was so happy. I had reached the noon-time, the brightest moment of my life, bright maybe because of the darkness following. For in store for me was a night and an hour of pitch darkness, the hour that my life would lose all its brightness and I would crave death. No sooner had I finished the little sketch on my own life when my wife said she had wanted so much to tell me some of her joys and sorrows. She began with a happy childhood, surrounded with comforts and pleasures; then of her school days and their ending; then began the new life of loving and being loved; new because of the new friends she had made; how devoted some of them were, and how she revered their devotion; later this reverence had found a deeper hold before myself to whom she has confessed her heart's feeling. She had said to them in all its earnestness, "I love you." I was her third love, and she loved only for a while, each leaving her very nearly heart broken, but for me, because of my being so true she loved me dearer than life. But there was no need to finish her

story, no need to speak of hearts love and devotion to me, not now. The knowledge that I was not her first love turned my heart to a heart of stone; all my love her turned to bitter hatred. I could no longer live with this woman, my reverence had taken the stand of bitter scorn and I would rid myself of her. But how? I knew of but one way and that was death. I cannot kill her. She had done nothing to deserve death, but I would take my own life. I will die for death is better than living with a woman who had one time in life loved another man."

The paper stated the man was found dead in his room with this note in his hand and when I read it said to myself, if every one who had come in on the third run were to commit suicide, the dead would have to bury the dead. And wasn't it a pity that woman didn't get one of the first ones. But finding herself a widow made it not so bad after all. Then, no doubt, she realized she had better not have talked so fast. But one thing sure, she couldn't have married a worse chance. Do you know I feel like wringing a man's neck that would talk that way. But then, there is no need killing him while all men think alike. I don't mean they want to die every time, but they must always be the first. The idea! Hating a woman because she had confessed to loving some one before. Of course she was unlucky not to get her first love, but what about this man? His wife was about the fourth one he had loved and she had never complained. But women do be such fools. This woman knew he had flirted with women and felt sure several had rejected him. He went so far as to tell her he had courted other men's wives, and the only course was a hand clasp and a smile of deep affection.

Yes, women, what fools we be. "This woman is one of us, always ready to forgive but not daring to ask forgiveness. Men are hateful no doubt about it, they don't want to marry where there has been previous courting. They are too afraid the girl has loved before. They don't want to marry where courtships are common. Few women realize the horror men have of old love affairs in their wives' history. The well known gallantry of men before marriage is only equalled by their jealousy afterward, and the best thing for a wife is to be sure her husband can't pick up many of her old admirers. A man always hates a former lover of his wife, and no man is fair to a woman when his jealousy is aroused and it takes very little to arouse it. The poor woman with a few old sweet hearts scattered about her sure to have a miserable time. Matters not how badly she hates them, her husband will vow she loves 'em, 'em in their bodies. It is a pity for a woman to have a lover before the man she marries. You won't think of all this before you are married, but you are bound to think upon and hard afterwards. Lives of men and women are so different, or

so differently judged, that we are prone to feel that the judge is not the same. A man is not judged by his purity while a woman is. Few engagements would be broken off because of the discovery that the proposed husband was not all right, but not so with the woman, the least doubt and she finds herself alone. But this matter of virtue among sweet hearts never reaches the sad stage until after marriage, and the culture becomes a serious problem, made more serious by the one-sided view that is taken by both husband and wife. While I censure the husband severely, I do believe a woman's lack of self-esteem drives him to his way of thinking. We tire of the old, old saying: "The woman must bear and forbear, while the man dares but not once does he forbear." True enough, a woman's purity is her only shield, but it is little heeded by a man sunken deep in sin. He doesn't mind coming home after a night of debauching; come with the fifth clinging to him, inside and out he is vile, his soul is blackened, his heart is hardened, his brain is weakened, until he is only a babbling while his body scents of the carrion crow; and all in all he is dead in sin and shame. But the ties are not broken, and the woman finds herself clinging to him still. The marriage vow is not forgotten and the good wife faces her obligations. With a heart full of love she makes the best of the situation and tries day after day to make a success of the failure. She does her best, never once giving a thought that he might have loved a dozen before he knew her. Maybe married him after all her girl friends her rejected him. This has often been the case. She was not only his third love, but the very last one.

Yes, Mammy Dinah, sure enough, "we women do be such fools."

MEMBERS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Complete List Members Legislature by Counties—Several New Members In House.

There have been several changes in the personnel of the general assembly since the last session, and the following list of members at this time.

Roll of Senate.
The following are the members of the senate of South Carolina and the counties they represent:
Cherokee—Leotis Appelt.
Colleton—J. B. Ackerman.
Calhoun—J. A. Banks.
York—J. E. Beaumgard.
Barnwell—J. B. Black.
Horry—H. J. Buck.
Spartanburg—H. B. Carlisle.
Beaufort—Neils Christensen.
Sumter—J. H. Clifton.
Saluda—B. W. Crouch.
Berkeley—E. J. Lennis.
Greenville—Wilton H. Earle.
Williamsburg—E. C. Epps.

Hampton—E. R. Ginn.
Laurens—O. P. Goodwin.
Dorchester—H. H. Gross.
Chester—W. S. Hall.
Chester—P. L. Hardin.
Kershaw—W. R. Haynie.
Greenwood—D. B. Johnson.
Newberry—Alax Johnston.
Fairfield—T. H. Ketchin.
Chesterfield—George K. Laney.
Darlington—L. M. Lawson.
Orangeburg—Robert Lide.
Dillon—J. H. Manning.
Abbeville—J. Moore Mars.
Pickens—T. J. Mauldin.
Florence—J. W. McCown.
Marlboro—John L. McLaurin.
Marion—Henry Mullins.
Edgefield—B. E. Nicholson.
Barnwell—A. B. Patterson.
Jasper—J. C. Richardson.
Lexington—W. H. Sharpe.
Charleston—Huger Sinkler.
Lancaster—T. J. Strait.
Lee—George M. Stuckey.
Anderson—George W. Sullivan.
Oconee—E. E. Verner.
Georgetown—LeGrand Walker.
Richland—Francis H. Weston.
Aiken—John F. Williams.
Union—Macheth Young.
The names of the members of the South Carolina house of representatives with counties they represent follow:
Abbeville—J. M. Ashler, J. H. Moore, F. C. Robinson.
Aiken—J. C. Busbee, G. T. Holy, Hugh Long.
Anderson—J. W. Ashley, O. D. Gray, J. A. Hall, H. C. Summers, T. F. Nelson, W. W. Scott.
Barnberg—J. A. Hunter, B. W. Meley.
Barnwell—N. C. Crech, F. M. Mixson, C. S. Warner.
Beaufort—E. M. Frupp, A. M. Hlott.
Berkeley—W. K. Cross, J. A. Harvey.
Calhoun—D. R. Sturkie.
Charleston—N. D. Barawel, L. F. Mehl, S. Rittenburg, H. G. Senseny, Moultrie J. Clements, C. Thompson, A. Vander Horst, A. W. Todd.
Cherokee—G. B. Daniel, N. W. Hardin.
Chester—R. O. Atkinson, A. G. Brice.
Chesterfield—W. P. Odum, W. F. Stevenson.
Clarendon—E. M. Kenedy, R. D. White.
Colleton—J. L. Robertson, H. K. Strickland.
Darlington—W. T. Harper, C. D. Lee, J. F. Pate.
Dillon—P. L. Bethen, L. M. Rodgers.
Dorchester—Joseph Murray.
Edgefield—J. H. Courtney, J. P. Delaughter.
Fairfield—S. Clowney, T. L. Johnston.
Florence—E. K. Charles, O. J. Gause, W. H. Whithead, Jr.
Georgetown—O. M. Mitchell, M. W. Wyatt.
Greenville—J. G. Greer, C. O. Goodwin, C. F. Haynesworth, R. A. Means, W. M. Scott, H. B. Tindal.
Greenwood—J. W. Ewers, W. T. Jones, W. H. Nicholson.
Hampton—George Warren.
Jasper—L. A. Hutson.

Horry—E. J. Sherwood, M. M. Stanley.
Kershaw—N. Kelly, M. L. Smith.
Lancaster—C. N. Sapp, J. C. Massey.
Laurens—H. S. Blackwell, G. A. Browning, W. C. Irby, Jr.
Lexington—J. B. Adger, E. L. Lybrand, J. M. Malpass.
Lee—J. C. Baskin, W. A. Jones.
Marion—O. H. McMillan, N. C. Harrclson.
Marlboro—J. J. Evans, D. MeQueen, F. P. B. Pugues.
Newberry—Arthur Kibler, George S. Mower, C. T. Wyche.
Oconee—M. R. McDonald, F. H. Shirley.
Orangeburg—T. M. Dantzer, E. B. Friday, J. T. Liles, W. C. Martin, T. W. Zeigler.
Pickens—E. P. McCravy, J. L. Bolt.
Richland—A. M. Lumpkin, J. T. Miller, R. H. Welch, P. T. Youmans, Palmer McMaster.
Saluda—E. L. Ready, J. C. Riley.
Spartanburg—J. W. Eloyd, C. D. Fortner, H. F. Harrellson, J. B. Irby, M. A. Moseley, W. S. Rogers, Jr., C. C. Wyche.
Sumter—R. B. Beiser, George W. Dick, R. D. Epps.
Union—J. Frost Walker, Jr., B. G. Wilburn.
Williamsburg—R. H. Kellman, F. J. Kirk, W. J. Smiley.
York—J. R. Halle, A. E. Hutchinson, W. B. Riddle, O. L. Sanders.

BLEASE REFUSES TO HONOR REQUISITION

Mill Operative Wanted in Augusta For Stealing Horse and Buggy

Columbia.—It is understood that Gov. Blease refused to honor requisition papers from Gov. Slaton, of Georgia for O. M. Grubbs, charged with horse stealing or simple larceny under Georgia laws. Grubbs was arrested in Ellenton and was taken to Aiken. His release was ordered this afternoon, it is stated.

Charles Carroll Simms, candidate for governor, appeared for robbery. Mr. Simms stated that Grubbs was a cotton mill boy and rented the horse and buggy Christmas eve from a liveryman in Augusta with the understanding that if he used it long-er than a certain period he was to pay for the difference. He started to Barnwell, his old home, said Mr. Simms, and was arrested en route and charged with horse stealing. Mr. Simms appealed to Gov. Blease and stated this afternoon that the request for honor the requisition had been granted, and the boy's release ordered.

GEN. S. B. BUCKNER DIES IN KENTUCKY

Served With Distinction in Mexican and Civil Wars—Vice Presidential Candidate

Lexington, Ky.—General Simon Bolivar Buckner, former governor of Kentucky, and a candidate for vice president of the United States on the gold democratic ticket in 1896, died at his home in Hart county tonight.

General Simon Bolivar Buckner had a long and distinguished career as a soldier, having served in the Mexican and civil war in both of which he was promoted for bravery and soldierly qualities. He was born on a farm in Hart county, Kentucky, April 1, 1823, and graduated from the United States military academy in 1844.

During the Mexican war he was brevetted for bravery at the battles of Contreras, Churubusco and Molino del Rey. He remained with the army in various positions until 1855 when he resigned. When the civil war broke out he joined the Confederate army with the rank of brigadier general. He was successively made major general and lieutenant general.

He was governor of Kentucky from 1887 to 1891, and served as a member of the Kentucky constitutional convention in 1875. After being a candidate for vice president on the gold democratic ticket in 1896 he retired to his farm in Hart county, but continued to take a lively interest in public affairs until the time of his death.

BLESSING TO ATLANTA.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 12.—All excuse for keeping Atlanta a smoky city has been removed by establishment of the immense water power at Fallula, according to a statement made by E. M. Hall, consulting engineer of Atlanta, in an address before the mechanical, science and engineering department of Georgia Tech.

Mr. Hall points out that within a 100 mile radius around Atlanta there is 1,154,000 horsepower, and that within a radius of 150 miles the available horse power runs over three millions.

The part that this wonderful development and the tower lines of the Georgia Railway & Power company will play in the future upbuilding of Georgia, Mr. Hall said was so great that it could not be estimated. If properly utilized it will make Georgia the richest manufacturing State in the whole country, and at the same time will play a great part in the development of cities and the improvement of municipal conditions.