

"CRITIC AT CHURCH."

In noticing the issue of the Camden Journal of July the 7th, I particularly noticed an article from an individual, under the non descript name of "Critic at Church," the last place on earth that any person should go for the purpose of criticism. God's holy temple should never be designated to perpetrate such conduct, and especially such an uncalculated subject as ladies tight lacing, and to such an alarming extent as you seem to view them—a privilege that gentlemen are usually addicted to of meddling and fault finding with ladies apparel, which they have as little right to do as the freed nigger has of meddling with foreign affairs. America is truly the land of liberty and perfect freedom, and knowing that as well as we do, is a sufficient reason for us to exercise our taste and judgment in regard to our dressing, to the extent that we do; and I must confess, that the individual is assuming more of the garb of assurance than is becoming his trousers. None of the ladies have ever found any fault with the soft of his dicker, the style of his breeches or the fit of his patent-leather boots; or if they have it has not been to an extent sufficient to be paraded through the public columns of a newspaper. You have given us a very decided and unreserved rap on the subject of our corsets, not seeming to care really whether it met our approbation or not—although it being couched in the language of advice and friendship, (too excellent cloak) almost as good as a corner of the newspaper to hide behind to perpetrate dark crimes. You will not attack one of your own sex on the subject of any portion of his apparel, but you would assume the garb of a hood-winked friar, and seek your retreat (the corner of a newspaper) and dart your cowardly and venomous arrows that have been dipped in the loathing and poisonous stream of meddling and fault finding at unsuspecting woman, not supposing for a moment that any of us could have the moral courage to reply to you—thinking likely that our "brain and sense" had received such incurable injury from tight lacing, that our mental faculties were in a perfect state of lethargy. Your correspondent wears corsets of the latest patent, I. X. L. style, and laces to suit her convenience. I suppose though, that you would like to have a law enforced limiting to what extent you would have us lace, and those of us daring to assume our rights in lacing independent of your will, you would certainly have them identified, arrested and severely punished; but thank Heaven there is no law under this American sun prohibiting ladies dressing in any style they choose, or interfering with their rights in any way whatever. Yes, I can assure you that we enjoy it to the full extent in spite of the Yankee subjugation you have so kindly reminded us of. And who have we to thank for this heart-thrilling, soul-absorbing, joyful application? I will tell you—we must cordially and heartily thank the pump woods, hog-paths, barn-houses, shuck-pens and all the by corners on the suburbs of our towns and cities—lovel and honored shelters—most thankfully and cheerfully do we render you our warmest thanks for kindness and hospitality in sheltering our honored, brave, and patriotic skulkers—the hardships and trials they have endured under your hiding shelter, no tongue can ever tell. If these patriotic veterans had have been ferretted out and a musket put in their hands and sent to the field you would not have the pleasure of putting in our face that we are subjugated. You seem to have forgotten that until four years ago the most of our quill drivers, and counter-jumpers never thought their toilet complete until they donned their corset, and have their valet draw them as tight as possible, and then stand consulting his mirror on his fine upright appearance about two hours, pulling and twisting his little mouse colored moustache, that has at last venturated to the surface, after his long petting and nursing; then taking another full view, secretly declares in his pride and pomposity that his "tan-out" are fully equal to Louis Napoleon's moustache. But fortunately for us, secessi came along, and the enrolling officer politely had him to divest himself of his surplus apparel and don his knapsack and take up his line of march, and we quietly camp in full possession of our rights again. You say that half of us would marry. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesars." Yes we would all marry, and expect to at some time, provided we don't lace our breath out of us before the man of "good taste and judgement" can come to claim his "weak and feeble brains and sense effozed creature as his portion the fates has assigned him. Your humble servant is conditionally the betrothed of a rebel soldier.

He has never questioned me a moment in regard to my paraphernalia, nor I have never told him anything in regard to it, for the simple reason that I did not consider it his business what I or any other lady wore; neither do I consider it your business, or the business of any other gentleman what any lady wears, provided she does not lift any portion of your apparel unawares. Judging from the mania manifested in the "individuals" article of Friday, we are led to believe that he has suffered mentally from hereditary effects produced from tight lacing. Being a friend to the "individual," I would suggest a little advice, which if taken in time may stop other ill effects which would certainly be produced if not stopped. I would suggest that the "individual" go immediately and have a phrenologist examine his cranium, and if he understands his scientific business to perfection, he will certainly tell you that the organ of meddling and fault finding are the most prominent of the cranium, which is as true as you have a heart. I would suggest, that you try Mr. Nicodemus Easy's philosophical plan of diminishing those disagreeable organs into total inoperability. You will find it an easy and sure remedy for all such maladies. Many thanks to the Editor of the Journal for his sympathetic manifestations in our behalf. He is one out of a thousand of the opposite sex—long may he live to lend his kind and sympathetic aid to helpless women. Let men revile her as they may, yet they are wholly dependent upon woman for all of their present and future happiness.

"GEORGIA."

Caving in of the Memphis Levee.

The permanency of the whole upper portion of the city landing is very precarious at present. From the foot of Adams street north, the current is rapidly cutting its way inland, and at present there seems little prospect of its being arrested. In fact we are unable to suggest any plan by which the rapid caving of the banks can be prevented without a tremendous outlay of means. The mighty volume of water which rolls down the channel of the Mississippi is not easily controlled. The current which is thrown off from the Arkansas shore by the projecting point of land above the site of the old town of Hopefield, is thrown squarely across to the Tennessee side, striking the bank just below the mouth of Wolf river. When the river is high the levee is rapidly cut away, and, at any stage of water, so deep has become the "wash" that there is a continual undermining of the banks the inroads of "Old Father Mississippi" is not to be prevented from going whither he will, and no power of man can prevent him from doing so. During the last two years the bank has retreated inland near one hundred yards. More than fifty yards of the levee has disappeared during the last year. There is every appearance that the whole level portion of the wharf above Adams street will be swept into the current of the Mississippi within the next two years. All the buildings on that portion of the river will have to be removed or will go into the river. The cost of stopping this destruction of the landing would be so much that it would be more than the value of the whole levee north of Adams street. The landing will, doubtless, soon be cleared of buildings, not by a process of law, but by the mighty tide of nature's own creation. The bank has already retreated to within a few yards of the government store sheds, and if it continues to advance the rolling tide of "Old Mississippi" will flow over the place where now the rush and bustle of business is daily flowing to and fro. We have only to stand and see acres of the landing of our fair city "washed" into the river that flows by it. The extent of the wash can now be seen since the water has receded.—*Memphis Argus*, June 16.

In Australia, Chinaman are beginning to figure largely in criminal and civil cases, the consequence being many amusing and characteristic scenes. In one case, in which several Chinese were concerned, on being asked by the solicitor for the prosecution how they would be sworn, each of the Celestials replied: "Brekee platee." This caused a hitch in the proceedings, there being no crockery at hand available for destruction. The wisdom of the bench was

then invoked as to where the necessary crockery was to come from, and at whose expense it was to be provided. A discussion ensued, which resulted in Her Majesty's order made the provider of the plate. A constable was then dispatched to make the necessary purchase, and the court in solemn silence awaited the arrival of the chinaware, doomed to destruction. At the expiration of about 10 minutes the officer arrived, having invested 2s. 6d. of the public money in the purchase of two respectable looking cheese plates. The following form of oath was then administered. "You shall tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; this saucer is cracked, and your soul will be cracked too like the saucer if you tell a lie." The plates were here smashed to pieces on the back of a chair. Young ladies are like arrows—they are all in a quiver when the beau comes, and can't go off without them.

List of Letters,

REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE AT CAMDEN, S. C., July 10, 1865.

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| A. | Kesher, John |
| Arledge, W D | L. |
| Anderson, W B | Lesesne, Mrs M L |
| Addison, W A R | Latta, Mrs Eliza |
| Anerum, Miss L B | Lesesne, Miss Julia |
| B. | M. |
| Brown, B M | Marshall, Mrs Elizabeth |
| Bower, Frederick | Muller, Werner |
| Brown, Wm | McAwer, W |
| Bronon, Mrs. Elizabeth | May, Miss Matilda |
| Boykin, Hon A H | Melchur, T |
| Boykin, Mrs Hamilton | McManus, Miss Jane |
| C. | Myers, Mrs E |
| Colcock, Miss Mary E | McCaskill, Mrs J W |
| Christmas, Mrs P | McCready, S L |
| Campbell, Miss Mary | Melroe, Mrs M V |
| Cunningham, Mrs E A | N. |
| D. | Nettles, Mrs E |
| Dowel, Mrs C A | Nettles, Jesse S |
| Darby, Mrs Artemas T | Neufelle, Henry S. |
| E. | P. |
| Ellis, Miss Sallie | Picket, Miss Nora D |
| Edwards, Miss Kate | Player, R R |
| Elliott, Mrs William | Pinckney, Maj R J (2) |
| F. | Palk, Mrs B |
| Ferguson, James | R. |
| G. | Reynolds, Miss Emma C |
| Gordon, Dr F E | Reynolds, S C |
| Guernard, Mrs W B (2) | Reynolds, Miss Elizabeth |
| H. | Rabon, A |
| Habersham, Miss Maria | Roberts, Henry C |
| Huckabee, Mrs W G | S. |
| Hall, Mrs B J | Smith, Lafayette |
| Hamilton, Jno A (2) | Smith, Miss Henrietta |
| Heath, Mrs | Spradley, J B |
| Hall, Mrs Caty | Shaw, Miss Mary |
| Honsby, James | Saunders, Miss Georgia |
| Holland, Mrs Isaac | Stokes, Miss E |
| Holland, Jas R | W. |
| Haydon, Miss Alice M | Weinges, — |
| J. | Wilson, R R |
| Jones, J | Wilson, Miss J |
| Jennings, Dr Wm (2) | Wilkins David |
| K. | Wilson, Mrs J |
| Kennedy, (Little) Miss | Wallace, Mrs Wm |
| Annie | Y. |
| July 14 | Yates, Jeremiah S |
| | J. M. GAYE, |
| | Postmaster. |

MAIL ARRANGEMENT.

CAMDEN, S. C., July 11, 1865. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THIS OFFICE WILL be open for the delivering from 9 to 11 o'clock, A. M. (Sundays excepted.) Mails will be made up and forwarded to all parts of the United States by first opportunity (as there is no regular mail facilities from this place for the present.) J. M. GAYLE, Postmaster.

Plantation for Sale.

A PLANTATION AT GRANNIE'S QUARTER CREEK, about 11 miles from Kirkwood, containing 500 acres more or less, will be sold with the growing crop on it, or deliverable in October when the crop is taken off. There are 100 acres of prime bottom land, the balance in open and wooded high land. With the plantation may be had, if desired, a choice stock of Cattle and Hogs. Apply at this office. June 28 I wif.

WILL STAND.

THE THOROUGHbred CANADIAN HORSE BUCKHILLIARD, at the residence of Benjamin Cook, 10 miles north of Camden. Fees \$25 in current funds. Groom, \$1.00. May 8 1m

Special Notices.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

HEAD'QRS U. S. TROOPS, CAMDEN, S. C., July 5, 1865. JOSEPH M. GAYLE, IS HEREBY APPOINTED acting Post Master of the United States of America at this Post, until further notice, and will be respected accordingly. By Order of C. W. FERGUSON, Capt. Com'dg Military Post at Camden, S. C. July 7.

CIRCULAR.

HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES, CAMDEN, S. C. June 19, 1865. I. THAT IT IS OPTIONAL WITH WOMEN whether they take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States Government or not, but if they expect to hold property, they must do so. II. Paroled Officers and Soldiers below the rank of Brigadier General have again the right to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States Government and all who do not do so will be considered as a registered Enemy of the United States, and have no right to claim any protection from the United States. By order of Capt. C. W. FERGUSON, 25th Regiment-O. V. V. Inf't. Commanding Post. June 21

DR. S. BARUCH,

OFFERS HIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO the people of Camden and vicinity. Office formerly occupied by Dr. T. J. Workman. June 23 1m

DR. D. L. DESAUSSURE HAS RESUMED THE practice of medicine in connection with Dr. L. M. DESAUSSURE. June 5 1m

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE SUBSCRIBER KEEPS CONSTANTLY hand a fresh supply of Meal and Hominy in exchange or Corn. Apply at Mr. McCreight's shop on Main street. J. F. SUTHERLAND. May 12

NOTICE.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED PHYSICIANS OF THE Town of Camden, in consideration of the changed relationship existing between employer and laborer, have agreed to be governed by the following rules in our future practice: Whenever we are sent for by the employer the charge will be made to him—when sent for by the laborer we will use the same discretion that we have formerly done in practicing among free negroes. The employer will please always send a written order.

- L. H. DEAS, M. D.
- L. M. DESAUSSURE, M. D.
- T. W. SALMOND, M. D.
- R. H. MATHESON, M. D.
- D. L. DESAUSSURE, M. D.
- A. A. MOORE, M. D.

June 23 tf.

MEDICINES.

QUININE, CALOMEL AND BLUE MASS, FOR sale by H. BAUM. July 7. tf.

Dray Notice.

PARTIES HAVING HAULING TO DO CAN BE accommodated by calling on the subscriber on DeKalb Street. A. NILES. July 7. tf.

NOTICE.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING between J. W. McCurry & S. Hammerslough, under the Firm of McCurry & Hammerslough is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The Books, Notes and Accounts of the concern are in the hands of J. W. McCurry, who will attend to the settlement of the concern. J. W. MCCURRY, S. HAMMERSLOUGH. July 7. tf.

Rail Road Mill

A STEAM MILL FOR GRINDING MEAL AND grist, is now in successful operation at the old Depot. Grinding done at all hours of the day. A share of patronage is solicited. J. JONES, Agent. May 5