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LEAVES STOLEN FROM SOMEBODY'S JOURNAL. FRIDAY MORNING, May, 1857.—The spring, with its myriad of flower-les, bird-voices, and sun-beam-arches, is with us again. So come to the "Feast of the Roses," all ye spirits of air, wind, water, sky, and of human kind, and let us drink a deep health-cup to genial spring; for lovely is her presence unto us, and "beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who come with glad tidings." Ay, the fresh air and the green earth; the beautiful sky, and the music of the woods, have already done wonders with the "big ugly" within. Away with moping over the fire, and grave sates in the corner; away with all of Jack Frost's rough tricks; we shall have nothing but sunlight and the flowers, and things that are good for the soul.

Good humour reigns supreme this morning. In the outer world all seems glad, and in the bright sky over the spiritual land, I see not a cloud. O, this May-morning sunshine of the spirit, is glorious! I feel like stretching forth my hands, in friendly greeting, to every soul in the land. Especially do I send my love out upon the winds to my sweet friends, FANNIE, MARY and EDWIN; LISA and CARL. If they were by my side now I would tell them the Germans do; that "my heart, and the sea, and the heavens, are melting away with love." Out of all that is beautiful and comforting, within and without; and now, whilst the heart is overflowing with gladness, and is willing to open itself to others,—whilst the soul-fires burn so brightly upon the heart-stone of the Inner House, we might, perchance, be able to add another exquisitely tinted stone, to the soul's temple, which we are so eager to build for ourselves. Ay, they had better come now; for this happy feeling may be gone, long ere I see them, and then our grasp will be cold and feeble. When am I to see them? Answer me, O, Fate! "How long must I wait? O, evermore, and forever more, must I stand at the beautiful gate?" of Hope!

Speaking of the dear ones, LISA and CARL, and thinking of their beautiful love for each other, causes me to have a half formed wish (?) that I too had a CARL. I wonder what I should do with him! I guess I should love him as LISA does, with all my heart and soul. Do you recall Emerson's Essay upon Friendship? There is a little extract from it that I remember to have read in Miss Bremer's "Homes in America," some two years since. It runs thus: "A friend is a person with whom I may be sincere. Before him I may think aloud; I am equal to him in the presence of a man so real, so ardent, that I drop even those undermost garments of dissimulation, courtesy, and second thought which men never put off; and may deal with him with the simplicity and wholeness with which one chemical atom meets another."

Thus I was journalizing at ten this morning, and no doubt I should soon have been deep in to the mysteries of our social being, as ever Waldo Emerson was; perhaps I should have "compassed sea and land," with Miss Bremer and Margaret Fuller, not to mention some half dozen other gifted spirits whose works lay on the table beside me. Indeed there is no telling what I might have done, had not just then two little roguish eyes met my own and a pair of tiny hands, as soft and white as a snowy dove's wing, thrust themselves wide open upon the page before me.

"Tome, touse, Bertie," said Janie Hilton, the owner of these impudent hands and eyes—a little cousin who sojourned with us—Uncle says you must learn nice lesson;" and thereupon he began, his voice pitched in the key of five sharps—"d-o-d-e-b-a-s-e-base, debase; i-n-i-n-a-c-a-c-e-case, incase." &c. &c. Then came the little meta-strophe, with her reading lesson: "I—can—a—cat—I—can—e-t-h—" "No, no, no," said I—"well," and she began again; "c-a-t-c-h—a—rat—and—I—can—get—you—Sir—Fly—if—you—do—not—go—too—far—up—into—the—air."

I could not help laughing at their sing-song emphasis, but my thoughts stopped not here. I had not heard children read since I was a child. It carried me back to years of bare feet, big aprons, and old school books; when a week would find me, I went to Mount Prospect School. Then associations came a thousand fold. In a twinkling, I was transformed from a quiet, sedate young lady of twenty summers, into a wild, merry child of six or seven.

All along the old school path from our own big gate at the end of the lane, to the same old log school-house, I went with my tin bucket on one arm, and with my other hand I swung my bag of books aloft into the air. And what a race I had then! Mr. Pollard's cows; I am sure I loved them in the bottom of the old sea. "But I did not forget to steal by the old pump thicket and filling my pocket with the yellow and scarlet fruit, jumped over Mr. Pollard's orchard fence which was "hard by," shook the trees which were so heavy with red-ripe June apples; and after cramming my pockets, sleeves (!) and apron with them, got quickly into the path again, and started once more on my way to school. I looked up at the sun and judging from it, and my own inclination to play, that it was scarcely eight o'clock, and seeing our playground near, I thought I would run over just a little while and see if all was right at our play house. Away I scampered, over stumps, ditches, and stones; through briar-patches and broom-sedge, to the everlasting ruin of pants and skirt hems; and in a moment stood beside it. But tribulation! and "oh! angels of mercy defend us!" There it was, the whole of it in ruins.

The logs had uprooted all of the green grass from the floor, over turned all the pretty rock spalls, and even upset our superb stump-bureau, and sideboard, which only yesterday gladdened beneath the weight of glass and silver plates, that we had for months been gathering from among the broken wares at home. Not only this, but the cows, cruel mon-

sters, had pulled down and eaten up all of the persimmon bushes, which we had hung on poles to stamper fashion around our rooms, to serve as walls. Matilda of Flanders could not have felt better satisfied and more self-complacent, when gazing on her splendid Bayeux tapestry, than we did when we had finished a new play-house, thus decorated. I was just going to drive up the stakes and re-arrange the whole, when I espied on the hill just opposite, that wild, mischievous Bill Nichols, and heard him calling out in his stentorian voice, Books! Books! Well, thought I, I will wait now until play-time, and then I shall get Carrie Glenn, Belle Graham and Annanda Nichols to come and help me fix it up again. "You had better come along Bertha Chatham," said Bill Nichols to me, "Mr. Duchanun will give you a very unwell-coming greeting." Meekly I stepped in at the doorway, went behind the door to sit down my bucket and hang up my bonnet, and was about to take my seat with the other girls, when up came Mr. Duchanun, with a face looking very much like that of a storm-king, and just as he was preparing to chastise my hand with a certain, long hard-board—

I awoke from this short second childhood, to find that the little urchin, Fannie and Meta had fled and left me to my visions. I cannot say that I wished them back; so I began to dream again.

And what, I ask in all sincerity, has become of those who went with us to the old log school-house? Where dwell those sweet faces? Who now hears the glad laughter which then rivaled the mocking bird in sweetness and melody. Where now with all the little feet that used to have with us in all the brooklets for two miles around the old play ground? Into what streams do their black eyes, and Where are all those little blue and black eyes, which we have seen sparkle so often? With what are those tiny hands busied now, that we used to grasp every morning of the year? O, tell me of them all!

Then it was, I heard a voice, as it were, from the clouds say, "and wouldst thou know of all these things again?" I looked up and there stood before me a young girl from the land of spirits. While I stood entranced with her garments of white, and her robe of dazzling light. I looked into the soft blue eyes, saw her radiant smile, and then I knew, that it was the spirit form of sweet Carrie Glenn, that had come to visit me in this hour of remembrance. It had been six years since she went to her long home—no "unlucky" covered country, from whose bourne no traveller returns.

In a voice sweet and low, she said to me, "mourn not, mourn not for the past? We played together in earth's childhood—listened to the same birds' voices—gathered fruits and flowers from the same gardens—played on the same grass-plots; now, that you call to mind the early days, you miss me from the old play ground. I cannot come to you now, except in spirit; but be good, sweet child, and we shall meet again, face to face, in the beautiful land where the blessed dwell. Together we shall wander hand in hand, upon the shores of Paradise; and if you wish for flowers, we will gather Daisies and wild Roses in heavenly groves. So saying, she shook the morning dew from her plumes and winged her flight back to the land of spirits.

Now, as we turn over the leaves of the heart, we see a sweet prayerful face, in whose dark, dreaming eyes, there is something thoughtful and serious. It looks like some ethereal presence, and seems baptized in the pure waters of Peace and Love. Such was Bettie Graham amongst us, one in childhood. In a little brown cottage, on the slope of the rolling hillsides of old Edgefield District, amid a lovely oak grove, dwells this mate. A happy home is hers, with Father and Mother, brothers and sisters. Pleasant be her stay amongst us; and soothing be her evening songs.

In happy contrast to this sober child of thought, stands out upon the heart's canvas, the round face, rosy cheeked Annanda Nichols. Well do we remember in days "lang syne," how we used to stand in the yard at old Mount Prospect school-house, and gaze down the sunny hillsides that we might catch the first glimpse of her as she came trudging along, bearing her basket piled to the top with juicy apples whose cheeks were as rosy as any Dutch girl's, crimson cherries and golden plums. Then how we clung to her and begged for a distribution of the fruits. "O, for those glorious days of the past!"

She brings Hesperian fruits to us no longer, but dwells not far from us in a humble cottage, with a loving husband and three pretty little Immortals to bless her home.

Besides these, there is a great merry-making band, whose names are somewhat forgotten, but whose faces look like burnished gold in our "hat of hearts."

But what has gone with all of that wild, roguish lot of boys? O, how they used to tease and worry us with their "hide and seek, fishing tackle, and ball!" We know of a few homes made happy by them; of others, we have not heard in a long while. It would be pleasant to meet them after years of separation; but we shall all be gathered together never again, except in Eternal Lands.

CORNELLE.

ELECTION TO CONGRESS.—The electric telegraph announces the election of Gen. Millegde L. Bonham, (now State Solicitor) to Congress, from Edgefield, Abbeville, Newberry, and Laurens Districts, to supply the vacancy caused by the death of the lamented Brooks. His majority over Charles P. Sullivan, his competitor, is sixteen hundred votes. Gen. Bonham, is a gentleman of high character and great intelligence, and a lawyer of eminence. He graduated in the South Carolina College, in the year 1834, carrying off the second honor of his class, the first honor being awarded to Mr. Sullivan, his competitor in the Congressional election.

The election of Gen. Bonham will create a vacancy in the State Solicitorship of the Middle Circuit. Among the candidates, for the post, already in the field, are William A. Owens and Winchester Graham, Esqs., of Barnwell District, and Josiah B. Perry, Esq., of Waterborough. Their number, if not their names, will soon be legion, we suppose. The election here, was won by the State Legislature.—Charleston Courier, May 9.

THE CROPS.—An intelligent planter in the neighborhood of Union Springs, Macon county, Ala.—one of the best cotton-growing regions in that State—in a letter to his commission house in this city, dated April 27th, says: "Most of the planters in this neighborhood have plowed their cotton and planted it over, and the second planting is just coming up. The crop is three weeks later than usual. Nearly everybody has plowed up their corn and planted it over. Wheat is somewhat injured, but not seriously."—Columbus Sun, May 6.

RAIN, HAIL AND CROPS.—Since our last issue we have had some very heavy rains. During the three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, it was raining nearly the whole time; cleared up pretty good Monday morning, but no frost; considerable damage done to farmers in washing their land and carrying away fencing. On yesterday morning we were visited with a storm of rain and hail—hail as large as the end of your finger. Wheat looks well, and if nothing should come hereafter to injure it, will be one of the largest crops ever made in Georgia. Planting is almost through with—corn just up—looking only tolerably well; no cotton, as yet, out of the ground. Tribulation! and "oh! angels of mercy defend us!" There it was, the whole of it in ruins. The logs had uprooted all of the green grass from the floor, over turned all the pretty rock spalls, and even upset our superb stump-bureau, and sideboard, which only yesterday gladdened beneath the weight of glass and silver plates, that we had for months been gathering from among the broken wares at home. Not only this, but the cows, cruel mon-

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1857.

The Rev. Mr. REED (if not Provisionally present), will perform divine service in the Episcopal Church, on Sunday the 17th inst.

Several original articles omitted this week, will be attended to in our next issue.

REVISION. A strong reply to our anti-revisionists may be found upon this page.

DEATH OF THOS. G. KEY, ESQ. It is with melancholy regret that we record the demise of Thos. G. Key, a member of the Edgefield bar, who departed this life on Saturday evening last in this Village. The deceased was a clever fellow in every sense of that phrase. He was witty and social, possessing a large fund of entertaining information, and gifted with the ability of drawing upon it with aptness and taste. He was also skillful with the pen, and years ago edited the Hamburg Journal and fled, that the little urchin, Fannie and Meta had fled and left me to my visions. I cannot say that I wished them back; so I began to dream again.

OUR SPACE Is largely given up this week to correspondents. We wish to catch up with them and give every one a proper showing at the proper time. On the Revision question, we must ask our friends to condense their general interest, and articles upon it can only attract the attention of the general reader by the qualities of brevity and pith.

AN ACCESSION. The Laurensville Herald has an additional editor in Mr. W. H. HUNDESS, who has just been engaged by Mr. STOKES. Mr. HUNDESS is a native of Laurens, a young man of fine intellect and education, with a pure moral character. The Herald further says of him: "Although inexperienced in the trials and duties of a weekly paper, he has contributed much valuable matter to the columns of the latter, and his journal of the State; and we feel assured he will be found fully equal to the task he has assumed, so soon as the editorial harness is settled familiarly on him."

TEMPERANCE BANNER DISTRICT. York is certainly this district in South Carolina. Instead of having four Divisions of the Sons as we said a week or two ago, it is ten; and that's a Legion.

ACCIDENTAL OMISSION. In re-publishing an article from the Evening News in our issue of the 10th ult., the name of Chancellor F. H. WADSWAY was omitted from the list of distinguished Carolinians who formed the Committee of Twenty-One. It occurred in this way: The News had the Chancellor put down as a Secessionist. We directed this word to be taken out and co-operation substituted. We were misunderstood, and the name, as well as the appellation, was taken out, and both left out. It is not our custom to read the proof of the outside of our paper, that being attended to by our intelligent co-publisher, D. R. D.; and so the mistake remained uncorrected. We regret it; as it may have the appearance of carelessness on our part in respect to the name and fame of our esteemed and admired fellow-citizen, the Chancellor. We are very far from entertaining for a moment any feeling of the kind.

PORTER'S SPIRIT. This delightful paper comes to us with charming regularity. The suspension of its visits a while back was some mistake. No one, once a subscriber to Porter, can ever wish to be otherwise. He is not only rich in his own fund of thought, humor and bonhomie, but rich too in a set of glorious correspondents who make each page of the Spirit to sparkle with the scintillations of their wit and intellectuality. Every man, who wishes to enjoy one day out of the seven heartily and harmlessly, should subscribe and send on the cash (\$3) for "Porter's Spirit." Dated out dejeuner of a Saturday afternoon, especially when the dejeuner is of that tray, fresh, exhilarating and yet unimpaired character which distinguishes his Spirit's influences.

HYMNICAL. Married, in Yorkville, on Tuesday morning last, by the Rev. W. W. Carothers, SAMUEL W. MILLER, Esq., (Editor of the Yorkville Enterprise), and MISS MARY HESTER GOSSET, both of Yorkville.

The above important fact will be duly chronicled by our brethren of the press, who will be pleased to congratulate our friend of the Empire.

The happy couple arrived in this city yesterday afternoon, on their way to the West, where they propose spending a season. We wish them a pleasant time, long life and great happiness.—Charleston Times 6th inst.

It is an occurrence we have expected to see chronicled for some time past, but which in Columbia has not been reported as yet. It was very apparent to us there was a Mystery here connected with the Enquirer.—Laurensville Herald.

With many wishes for all kinds of dishes of pleasure, with the gold times according. We earnestly would say to the couple on their way: "You're welcome to the married life of Jordan."

THE MEMPHIS MEETING. It has passed off with great credit and much fine feeling. The waters of the Atlantic and the Mississippi have both literally and figuratively mingled. The occasion was one of good speeches, good dinners, good fellowship, and of good things promiseously. The cars went through from Charleston to Memphis in something less than 60 hours, a distance of between 700 and 800 miles. A large representation from several southern States was in attendance. Twenty thousand people were present. (We believe there were 20,000.) It was a grand success. No accident occurred in reference to any one either going, while there, or returning.

Thus are the ties increasing that bind the South together. Is there not food for the hopeful in every such demonstration?

THE YORKVILLE ENQUIRER. Our contemporary is hypercritical. We could not for the life of us have seen anything complimentary to ourselves, in that passing paragraph about the Enquirer, if that paper had not pointed it out to us; and, we feel it would be long to do much for the Advertiser, to send us one of its best printed copies, if the Advertiser assuredly does not feel so towards the Enquirer. It is a small bit of a compliment only, and one which we think every paper ought to strive to pay its exchanges. We had not an idea that the Enquirer singled us out with "one of its best printed copies" on any person's expense. Our notion is, that the Enquirer usually has some thousand or so of "its best printed copies," and that all its exchanges are supplied from this pile. Surely, the Enquirer's exception to our Bill of Compliments is far-fetched, and ought not to be sustained.

A CHANCE FOR SOME OF YOU. The Boston Bee says that Hon. Rufus Choate will be sent to China—no, however, by the Government as Minister Plenipotentiary, but that he has been engaged at a large salary to go out to Canton, where he will be employed in lettering tea chests! It is said that his peculiar style of handwriting will be a great help to the Chinese importer can do it.

We think if the company, who intend engaging the services of the Hon. Mr. CHOATE, will address us before making a permanent arrangement with that gentleman, we could put them in the way of saving a "speck." Two or three of our correspondents (one in particular) would suit admirably and would execute their work in a perfect manner.

THE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION.

The following is the result of the Congressional Election just held in the '96 District:

M. J. Busham, C. P. Sullivan	950	316
Abbeville	562	398
Newberry	351	147
Laurens	1,253	295
Edgefield	2,992	2,093
Majority	1,459	

Owing to bad weather, &c., the vote was an unusually small one.

COL. BAKER AND KANSAS. Let it be borne in mind that Saturday next is the day upon which COL. ALBERT BAKER, of Kansas, is to address the people here in relation to affairs in that Territory. Shall he not be encouraged by a full attendance on the occasion? He is said to be an educated gentleman and a very interesting speaker. He will tell us precisely how things stand in the olden-time land. He will enlighten us as to the chances of the Union of Slavery, the necessities of Southern emigrants, and the South's duty under the circumstances. It is probable that COL. BAKER will take the ground that it is the duty of Southerners to help the cause with an inconsiderable part of their moneyed means. We hope his audience will not be less numerous on that account.

By the way, we observe in the Sumter Watchman a letter addressed by COL. BAKER to the Editor of that paper; we transfer it to our columns as capitalizing the purpose of a further and more formal introduction of this distinguished gentleman to our readers:

WINDSOR, S. C., April 11, 1857. Dear Sir:—I have been much gratified by the perusal of your late editorial upon Kansas. You are right, Sir. It is "perseverance" only that we need. What has been done has been well done. We saved the Territory last year from the invasion of the Free-soiler, and frustrated his tremendous scheme. He sent his thousands and spent his millions in vain. The Southern flag still waves triumphantly from the United States. We will aid them now in the very crisis of the struggle, they will inevitably conquer, and with our aid to their private estates. They have spent their millions in vain. The cavalry were all in uniform, and their facial appearance, on seeing the display at Mt. Sterling, there were some hundred men in the militia, who took place once a year. The militia law in this State is very rigidly enforced, and the consequence is, that South Carolina, by far, no doubt, the best disciplined and most serious militia of any of the other States. 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