

Humorous Department.

ROSE TO THE OCCASION. A man who is back from a visit to Paris and Germany is telling a story which ought to make the great American eagle flap his wings with pride.

"Don't worry, madam," she called out cheerily. "There's no danger of that—with them feet!"—Washington Post.

DIDN'T LOOK LIKE CHICKEN.—"Now, then, I've caught you in the act!" exclaimed the policeman as he came upon a colored man who was just coming out of a valley at midnight with something in a bag.

"Yes, sah, you've got me," was the reply. "I've been laying for you for a dozen nights past and here you are at last.

"Only one, you got in the bag?" "Only one, sah."

"Got a tooth for chicken, eh?" "Yes, sah; dreftful odd of chicken, sah. But de price is awful high dis winter."

"Well see about de price. Anyone with you?" "No, sah."

"Got scared before you filled de bag, eh? Well come along with me."

"I'm going to ring up de wagon and have you taken in. De judge will put you where you won't taste chicken again for three months. Where did you get it?"

"De chicken, sah?" "Yes."

"Hain't got none, boss. I dun told yo' de price was so high dis winter dat I couldn't afford chicken."

"So you don't call this chicken?" exclaimed the officer, as he reached for the bag and shook the contents out on the walk.

"No, sah," replied the man, as a big black and white cat was dumped out with a yeowl and ran up the officer's boot to his head and sprang into the limbs of a shade tree.

"No, sah," he went on, as he reached for the bag and fished it up. "No, sah; dat ain't no chicken; but an ole cat dat I was carryin' off to get losted. Can't dun make out, sah, how you calls dat a chicken, but if you sez so I hain't gwine to dispute it. As I told you befo'—"

But the officer raised him one and ordered him to move on.—Chicago Daily News.

THE COURT NEEDED POSTING.—A trial was progressing at the city hall police court when the judge espied, in a group of young girls mingling in the large audience, a delinquent witness whom it was urgent he interview.

"Mr. Marshall," his honor exclaimed, "have that young lady step here."

"Which young lady, your honor?" "I don't know her name—the one with the light straw hat and dark skirt," the court added. The clew was insufficient.

"What kind of waist?" inquired the marshal.

"Ruffle on sleeves and trimmed with er—the usual sort of what d'you call em," said the court.

"I understand. You mean leg of mutton sleeves, with—er—what's his name attachments," replied the marshal in the faint hope of striking the technical term.

"No; not exactly," said the judge. "Would you recognize an empire gown if you saw one, Mr. Marshall?"

"Upon oath, no; I wouldn't swear to it."

"Well, I know it wasn't an empire gown or a Mother Hubbard. I don't think you understand much about female apparel."

But here the young lady generously stepped forward, while a little boy laughed, and the marshal threatened to send him to the penitentiary for life.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

There is a professor in a certain educational institution in town who has a reputation, in his own mind, and with many other minds as well, of always being right.

Not long ago a student in writing an essay spelled a word as the professor said. Incorrectly. The professor called the student to the desk and said, "How did you spell this word?"

"As it is spelled on the paper," said the young man.

"It is not right."

"I think it is," said the student. "You are mistaken," said the professor. "Consult Webster."

The young man hunted up the word in the dictionary.

"What do you find?" asked the professor.

"I find," said the young man, "that Webster has made the same mistake I did."—Topeka State Journal.

SHE WAS SATISFIED.—A woman entered the elevator at the district government building yesterday and said to the boy in charge:

"I want to see a gentleman in this building. I do not remember his name and I do not know where he works. Perhaps you can help me find him."

"There is no use looking for him," replied the boy, "he has just gone out."

"Oh, thank you," said the woman absently. "I am sorry; but tell him I will come again."—Chicago Record.

HARD LUCK.—Jimmy—What did yer get on yer birthday? Jakey—Nothin'; Never got anything since the first one, and then I only got borned!

Wayside Gatherings.

By the census of 1900 Galveston had a population of 37,789.

Some men never learn the difference between education and conceit.

We feed upon what we read; but digest only what we meditate upon.

As with a bolt, the best place for a practical joke is on somebody else.

Men who attribute all their failures to fate never think their successes may be due to the same cause.

A grafted tree at Monticello, Fla., annually bears a mixed crop of peaches, apples, pears, quinces and crabs.

Those who notice the rapid growth of their finger nails should be happy for it is considered to indicate good health.

Contentment is more satisfying than exaltation. A discontented spirit makes the way of life seem long and hard.

The only reason why some people are considered religious is because they make a great deal of noise in the church.

The Sierra Nevada range of mountains in California is nearly 500 miles long, 70 wide and from 7,000 to 15,000 feet high.

In California peach trees are successfully grafted with rosebuds, thus producing groves of red, white and pink roses.

It takes a lifetime of experience to teach us that we are our best friend; that we are our own worst enemy we never learn.

A mean man will do almost anything to beat a neighbor, but you never heard of a man mean enough to beat a neighbor's carpet.

The way in which we do our work may not be of much consequence to the world, but it is of the gravest consequence to ourselves.

Put a good man in any community and his life will make his neighbors feel that they ought to live a better life than they do.

A suburban woman was so inconsolable for the loss of her husband that when she played the piano, she touched only the black keys.

Energy will do anything that can be done in this world, and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunities will make a man without it.

If a well could be dug to the depth of 46 miles, the density of the air at that depth would be almost as great as that of quicksilver.

Wet boots may be readily dried by filling them to the top with oats. The oats quickly absorb the moisture, and can be repeatedly used.

No man has as much religion as God wants him to have until he can get down on his knees and earnestly pray for people he don't like.

If you want to be miserable think about yourself, about what you like, about respect people ought to pay you and what people think of you.

The man who can get an office is willing to commit himself to harmony in the party. The man who cannot will wait awhile and see about it.

So delicate is the adjustment of the most powerful cannon that allowance has to be made for the curvature of the earth before the discharge.

A Western editor thus alludes to a contemporary: "He is young yet, but he can sit at his desk and brush cobwebs from the ceiling with his ears."

If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counselor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius.

The interest with which a young man watches his coming out on his face is only equalled by the interest with which an older man watches it coming out of his head.

It is estimated that the number of colored votes eliminated from the Southern polls by additional laws passed during the past four years will amount to about 300,000.

The man who will not accept the Bible, because he cannot see through everything it contains, might just as well stay in bed on a cloudy day, because he cannot see the sunshine.

An Indian may not vote as long he remains a member of a tribe; but if he gives up his tribal relationship and becomes a citizen, he may vote under the same condition as any other citizen.

Admiral Crowninshield, in his annual report to the secretary of the navy, declares that there are not men enough in the navy to fit out the vessels now afloat, and that officers are breaking down from overwork.

Queen Victoria has a family of over 100 members, representing, with herself, four generations of the royal blood. Thirty-nine of these are grandchildren, the latest being a daughter born a few weeks ago to the Duchess of Teck.

New York city has a growing number of tropical plantations well within the limits of the city. In both Central Park and Riverside Park there have been cultivated during the summer a large number of cotton, tobacco and coffee plants.

Isaiah T. Montgomery, who was in his youth a slave of Jefferson Davis, and his elder brother, Joseph Davis, founded a colony of Negroes in the Yazoo river valley, in Mississippi, after the war, and he is now "mayor" of the village of Mount Bayou, the center of the colony. The Negroes own 12,000 acres there.

A sugar plantation in Cuba, near the town of Fergus, is 13,000 acres in extent. It employs 1,500 persons, and on it are two forts, 30 miles of railroad, belonging to the place, the steam railroad locomotives, many homes for the white people and natives, a big sugar factory and a river, which floats lighters loaded with sugar from the plantation docks to the ships on the coast.

There is a tree in Western Australia called the jarrah tree, the wood of which is said to be almost everlasting. The natives make nearly everything of this timber—pianos, work boxes, wharves, buildings and ships. It has never been known to decay, and is poisonous to all insects. It does not burn freely, but only chars, which makes it especially valuable for building purposes.

Henry Ward Beecher, in his famous speech at Manchester, England, in which he talked to a howling mob of rebel sympathizers before he gained their attention, was interrupted by a man in the audience who shouted, "Why didn't you whip the offenders in 60 days as you said you would?" "Because," replied Beecher, "we found we had Americans to fight instead of Englishmen."

Miscellaneous Reading.

FROM NEIGHBORING EXCHANGES.

News and Comment that is of More or Less Local Interest.

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this pretty place, the tourists (I will call ourselves "tourists" for this trip), go out into a lowland and also woodland (pine predominates) which is continuous until within a half or quarter of a mile of Mr. Thomasson's residence.

Between "Six Mile Creek" and our destination, a distance of about 8 miles, we came in sight of one residence, and it was about a quarter of a mile off the road. From the buggy we could see the Florida "razee" back hogs all brands, moving about over the woodland and rooting among the palmetto bushes. The palmetto, from which South Carolina gets its nickname, grows all over Florida in great abundance.

We could also see from the buggy that there are much turpentine interests in the section through which we passed. There were thousands of trees that had been boxed and peeled, so that the sap and rosin would be ready for the stills when it was wanted by the operators. The boxes or troughs are cut with an axe made especially for the purpose, and are about 3 or 4 inches long, and about two inches wide at the bottom. We also saw large piles of wood, where they were preparing to make charcoal for the local blacksmiths. I heard the sound of an axe on this beautiful Sunday morning, and asked what it meant. I received the reply, promptly from Mr. Thomasson. He said: "Oh! that is a Seventh Day Adventist; he kept Sunday yesterday."

In passing to the next item I might say that Sunday is the hunting day for the sports of this section, including Tampa, and when one goes outside the city limits, he can hear guns popping away almost like a sham battle. People in this county who have to work all week, "don't see no harm in shootin' on Sunday."

Now, I will come to the part that may prove interesting to THE ENQUIRER'S readers in York. As we drove up, we saw Mr. John Thomasson sitting on the front piazza of his residence eating oranges. I, for my part, was a little surprised at this, for, being a greenhorn, I didn't think one who raised oranges would care to eat them very extensively. "How many do you eat a day?" I asked, and he said, "Oh, two and sometimes three dozen a day. No matter how many one eats, they do not injure him; but they are good for an appetizer. Help yourself!" I accepted the invitation and ate a few which were on top of a basket in the front porch.

After we had put the horse in the stable and had sat down awhile, we accepted an invitation from Mr. Thomasson to go out and see one of his orange groves. At this season the fruit is large and beautiful. The oranges on the trees looked like gold shining in the sun. There were about 80 trees in this grove, and about 75 of them were full of fruit. Mr. Thomasson says that there are about 300 or 350 boxes of oranges in this grove. When we were fairly into the grove, we received another invitation to "help yourselves." We did so with much delicacy (?)

After we had taken in this grove, we stroked back to the house, and found Mr. M. L. Thomasson, who had just come from a ride over the place. When he saw me he said: "Did you bring me an ENQUIRER? How are you?" I told him that THE ENQUIRER hadn't arrived when I left Tampa, and I didn't get it. He said: "Well, why didn't you bring the last one you received. I haven't seen it!"

Mr. Thomasson, Sr., Mrs. Thomasson and their little daughter, arrived from Yorkville last week, and expect to spend a two months' visit with Mr. John T. Thomasson and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamel. Mr. Hamel is the owner of a fine orange grove and lives about half a mile from Mr. Thomasson.

At the suggestion of Mr. John Thomasson, we went over to one of his other groves and here we found one of the prettiest sights in Florida. The trees were heavily loaded with fruit, so much so that some of them had to have props under them to support the large limbs. I under almost that some of the trees had many as fifteen boxes of fruit on them, so one can see from this that they were loaded down.

Orange trees have to be cultivated just as much as does cotton. In the spring the grove is plowed and fertilized, and this is repeated in June when it gets its last plowing.

I asked Mr. Thomasson how he managed to keep the cold out in winter. "There is no occasion for an orange grove to freeze if the proprietor is careful," said he; "most last winter I 'fired' this grove three times. 'Firing' a grove simply means that I put fires among the trees so as to give them an artificial warmth. I saved all my trees."

It having reached the hour of 12 m., we decided to go back to the house, a mile distant, where, on arriving, we found an excellent dinner awaiting us. Mrs. Thomasson had prepared it in such a manner as is only known to the South Carolina housekeeper, where the best of everything comes from.

We are both under many obligations to Mrs. Thomasson and to Messrs. M. L. and John T. Thomasson, for the delightful and instructive visit we spent with them. Such a trip as this is not easily forgotten. Leaving our kind friends about 4 o'clock we drove back to Tampa, meeting no one on the way until within six miles of the city. Having taken up more space than I had intended, I will close for this time. Hoping this may interest the many readers, I am very truly, REG M. GRIST.

SOUTHERN WEALTH IN COTTON.—The South's cotton crop this year will be worth from \$450,000,000 to \$500,000,000, against an average of \$300,000,000 of late years, an increase of from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000. Including the seed the value of the cotton crop will exceed \$500,000,000.

Southern mills will consume probably 1,750,000 bales, against 1,500,000 bales last year. This cotton, which will cost Southern mills about \$75,000,000 or \$80,000,000, will, in its manufacture, shape, be worth more than \$225,000,000, adding \$150,000,000 in the process of manufacture. To this add an estimate of \$100,000,000 as the value of cottonseed oil, hulls, etc., and it is found that the cotton crop this year will yield to the South the following:

Cotton and seed \$500,000,000
Added value of cotton manufactured in South 150,000,000
Value of seed oil and hulls, etc., etc., for feeding 100,000,000
Total \$750,000,000

This is one of the many stories—this one being worth \$750,000,000—forming the foundations for the South's business structure.—Manufacturers' Record.

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As has been the custom of the publishers in the past, they again beg leave to call upon those friends and well-wishers who may find opportunity and congeniality in the work of re-collecting the names and subscriptions of all present subscribers and adding to the mailing list of THE ENQUIRER as many new subscribers as it may be practicable to gather. For this work, or course, the publishers expect to pay as liberally as they possibly can. The competitive club system will be followed as heretofore. Any article mentioned in previous years for the largest club will be awarded a FINE TOP BUGGY, the very best that can be made by the Yorkville Buggy Company for \$60; and the clubmaker who returns and pays for the second largest club, will receive THE BEST OPEN BUGGY made by the same company and worth \$50. Smaller clubs will be paid with premiums apportioned to their number and value. Here are the specific offers in detail.

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A "Yankee" Watch; any Magazine published in the United States for \$1.

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A Stylographic Fountain Pen; a Single Bladed Knife; a Pocket Kodak; or a Black Cat or the People's Home Journal.

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