BILL ARP'S LETTER.
Answering the Query of a Correspondent Asking About Bacon

| A friend writes me from Florida |
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| that bacon will not keep well in that |\(| \begin{aligned} \& Earth and charcoal are both good \\

\& disinfectants and preservers of flesh,\end{aligned}\) that bacon will not keep well in that disinfectants and preservers of flesh,
climate, and that the old settlers say
and if I was in Florida I would pack climate, and that the old settiers say
it always gets raneid. He wants to
know meat in charcoal, not dust, but
mnow there is any remedy for this.
small crushed coal. Before putting know if there is any remedy for this.
Yes, I think so, unless hogs fattened crushed coal. Before putting
the meat down I would powder it from on pinders are different from thos fattened on corn.
This reminds me of a mar story.
In $186 \pm \mathrm{my}$ wife and half a do little children found refuge from the
foul invader at her f fther's plantation
on the upper Chattahoochee river.
There was no white man there or near
there save her old father, Judge
Hutchins. There
dred negroes, mere

## too oid or too young

every day and orders came that every
farmer should be tithed -that is to
farmer should be tithed - that is to
say, he should give up to the government agcots a portion of his corn and
meat and beef cattle. A mounted de-
tail from the home guard was sent out with the wagons to enforce the
order and gatherin the supplies There order and gather in the supplies. There
was nobody to resist them, for every. body was in the army save the old
men and invalids and women and chilof thirty men came to Judge Hutchins house and rudely informed him that
thes came for bacon and beef catle theas came for bacon and beef cattle.
The judge very calmly told theut he bad none to spare. For a while they
parleyed with him but finally denandparleyed with him but finally demand-
ed the fuy to his smokehouse. My grandecildren listened in fear and was a fearless man, but there were so many well armed men against him
the odds were fearful, and when he refused to give up the key, they said
they would arrest him and break down Then he tain: "Here is my daughter and her little helpless children aud here are
two others whose wother is dead and their father is in the arms. I have
but four sons and they are in the
army. My two sons-in-law are there Here on this place are fifty or sisty
negroes who are too young or too old to live. I am alone and getting old Hare done my share for the confed
eracy and cannot do more. Now Kill me and take away the little mea
I have saved for these heipless ones,
B but let me tell you, actain, the firs:
man who goes to that door to break i dogn will be a dead man before he if lit up by sparks of fire and his voice no longer trembled. He was despe-
rate. Lightly he ascended the stairs where he had two double-barreled guns well loaded, and plantiog him-
eelf by the window that overlooked
the smokehonse, he said "Now breal the smokehouse, he said, "Now break
that door if you dare to," and the The captain looked at the door an
then then at the judge. There was an
awfol silence for a few moments. My
wife and children had heard it all trembled. Some of the negroes had
gathered at the cabin doors, and old voice, "Better not-better not-
massa kill you-kill sou shore."
The captain suddenly reconsidered.
"Come, boys," said he "it's getting late; and there ain't no use in fighting
about a little meat. We
the report the case to headquarters and if we are reckon" Withou
That nigit about midnight the julg
called up old JJack and Virgil, whou he knew he could trust, a
joints of the meat and sides carried quie
blacksmith sher
 cinders and earth in the old hearth
were soon excent were soon excavated and a chambe
fashioned that would hold and hide
thousand there and the beatth was covered jus like it had been.
charcoal filled in the spaces aud som was left on top and the black old
basket placed where it long had been Surplus earth was taken down the all was quiet on the Chattahoochee The burial of Sir John Moore was no
more silent. In January, 1865, joined oy fanily at the plantatio
and uat long after the judge furnishe us a good mule team and wagou an
we returned to our home in Rome The day before we left his hospitable found the meat all sweet and sound
and we brought a good portion of with us and it was as precious as gold and kept it from tasting old or raneid. Now then I have answered my friend's question. He must get u
enother civil war and hide his meat i the hearth of an old blacksmith shop.

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make?", inquired the young man.
"First, that you will not drink in
toxicating liquors of any kind."
"I ayrree to that."
"Second, that you will not use pro
"I agree to that."
"Thill not become a
"Third, that you will
politican."
"I agree to that."



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