

AUNT POLLY.

than Polly herself. No wonder she grew so fat.

Sometimes we, the young folks, would pounce upon her when the little table contained still queerer contents.

A great bowl of strong black coffee, no matter how solemly or unseemly the hour. And—don't be shocked—it was Polly—a box of tobacco, a box of matches and a smoking tray, while this same Polly of the blue blood and aristocratic name sat beside it, the picture of contentment, puffing away at an old pipe.

Years ago she had been afflicted with asthma, and the doctors had recommended smoking as a cure, or rather relief, for the distressing malady, and so the habit was contracted. Whether she required it still was a question. Her enemies said she liked it. And, bless her, I always she did. Why not? At any rate, we young ones thought it a charming picture, as her portly form and jolly old face were visible through the wreath of curling smoke. Visions of Santa Claus would rise before our eyes, and we would not have had Polly deprived of her pipe for the world.

Well, here she is, with her "peculiarities," her "oddities" and lovable traits, as I saw and knew them. The sour old folks say there was another side to the picture. That she had a tongue which could cut upon occasion, etc., but sour old folks always do find something to cavil at.

As the Scribes and Pharisees, centuries ago, found cause for censure in the Perfect Man, why should better treatment be meted out to Polly than to Polly's Master?

Be this as it may. There is a grave in the churchyard now, over which the grass is growing green, for it is watered by many tears. And the young folks go seldom to the old home now, and when they do, they catch themselves looking wistfully around for the little table and the jolly old face beside it, and wondering why the place seems so empty. They don't understand that the shell is there, but the spirit has gone.

Yes, Polly is dead. "Fauty," if you please, peculiar, fascinating, loving, lovable Polly. She is dead, but the memory of her will live forever.

Kind words can never die, Cherished and blest, God knows how deep they lie, Stored in the breast."

MAY ELLIOTT HUTSON.

Humane Bullets.

The speed with which the Lee-Metford bullet travels is, as every one knows, tremendously high. Five thousand feet are covered in less than three seconds. The result of this enormous velocity is that the bullets, like meteorites, become heated by their contact with the air, and by the time they reach their destination are very nearly at a dull red heat. Consequently they sometimes scorch the wounds they inflict, and thereby may be said to be their own remedy. It is a fact that soldiers hit by Lee-Metford bullets at long range very seldom bleed badly, unless some large artery has been cut. A British surgeon with the mountain field force in the last Indian hill campaign declares that undoubtedly the lives of several hillmen who came under his care were saved by the searing of the wounds caused by the heat of the bullets that had inflicted them.

We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time, and whenever any of my family or myself become to catch a cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send away for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill, for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure. It is certainly a medicine of great merit and worth.—D. S. Mearle, General Merchant and Farmer, Mattie, Bedford county, Pa. For sale by Hill Orr Drug Co.

Customs collections at Havana during January footed up \$1,152,513, a sum in excess of any month since American occupation.

Lewis Ackerman, Goshen, Ind., says "Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers always bring certain relief, cure my headache and never gripe." They generally cleanse and invigorate the bowels and liver. Evans Pharmacy.

The highest mountain in the world is Mount Everest, in the Himalayas—29,000 feet, or five or three fourths miles.

Sour stomach, fullness after eating, flatulence are all caused by imperfect digestion. Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the disorder at once, drives out badly digested food and tones the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by Evans Pharmacy.

Remember that horses suffer from heat as much as humans; therefore, neither overfeed, nor needlessly expose them.

Rheumatism is a throughout, permanent, constitutional cure for rheumatism. The acids in the blood which cause the disease are thoroughly eradicated. It is also the best blood purifier, laxative and tonic. Evans Pharmacy.

The New York chamber of commerce adopted resolutions favoring free trade with Puerto Rico.

Charles Henry Gibbs, the keeper of a lighthouse on Nantucket Island, enjoys a salary of \$1 a year.

South Carolina Members.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Hon. Jasper Talbert is a pronounced type of American citizenship that is on top, not only in the State of South Carolina, but in every one of the cotton States. He is not of the class of Hayne, of Calhoun, of McDuffie—men who illustrated the highest order of American citizenship and American statesmanship. Maybe after all the ideal government among men was "Old South," certainly it was honest to the core and fragrant. The tax-gatherer was almost a stranger, and the bootler was unknown. But the old patriarchal system has gone never to return, and the South is a cook who can lick her fingers with the best of them. Calhoun, Toombs, Yancey and Lamar would be statesmen out of jobs, if living to-day, and their jobs depended on public sentiment in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

Mr. Talbert is the farmer in Congress; he is also a politician, and no slouch in that line, either. I doubt if even Lon Livingston can see a horny-handed yote farther, or has a more virtuous suspicion of your kid-glove vote. The Hon. Jasper helped formulate the Ocala demands, so it will be observed that when all the clans have rendered illustrious all of the Runnymede the Hon. Talbert will be in their midst.

Our South Carolina statesman is serving his fourth term in Congress, and is a rather active member. His habits are all that could be desired. He is not only without vices, but he appears to be, and no doubt is, a sincerely pious man. Since his first term Mr. Talbert has paid a great deal of attention to pension legislation. He was a confederate soldier, and a gallant one. If there is anything he hates worse than a Plutocrat it is a deserter, and all deserters have pretty rough sailing "pension nights" in the American Congress, when the Hon. Jasper is standing around. For that matter, I doubt if any other member of the House has missed fewer sittings than he. He sets about the work of legislation as though it was a job of unloading rails. Just now he is very much in evidence—that is, in demanding quorums at Friday night sessions. He is certain that he is embarrassing the wicked. He is very much mistaken. He is a Confederate blocking pension legislation. What better club would a Republican of the North with a large soldier constituency want than that? The Hon. Norton, of Ohio, is a Democrat, but he is for free and unlimited pensions. The unpatriotic conduct of his fellow Democrat from Edgefield County has caused his Ohio brother to shed bitter, salt tears of vexation. Edgefield County, S. C., remember.

The immediate predecessor of Talbert in the House was a Southerner of the old school—George D. Tillman, brother to Ben. When a boy he was sent to Harvard. The story goes that as he passed through New York he bought liberally of silk underwear. That winter he narrowly escaped pneumonia, and he never afterward wore underwear of any kind. Indeed, it was said he would not even wear socks. He was literally the sockless statesman, the first of that ilk. Like old Hannibal Hamlin, the winter was never cold enough for him to wear an overcoat.

The first time I ever saw old George was the last day of the session—or the day before the last—1880, just after Garfield had been nominated for President. He desired to make a speech, and asked unanimous consent for the purpose. Unfortunately, he announced his theme, and that was Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Butler. He also let it be known that he proposed to use some rather harsh language, as no other would properly characterize the person about whom he was going to talk. Gov. Robinson, the greatest man Massachusetts has had in the House of Representatives since Father Hoar went to the Senate, objected. He understood some "member" from his State was to be attacked. Tillman retorted: "The gentleman is mistaken; I did not allude to one of the present delegation from Massachusetts; I spoke of a statesman from that Commonwealth." There was a hearty laugh, in which Robinson joined; but that speech was never made.

One day old George and a Congressman from Kentucky got into a heated argument about matters and things. Sometimes it becomes proper to indicate some of the old fellow's language thus: — He said something like this: — Kentucky. If it hadn't been for her there wouldn't have been any war. With her — Resolutions of '98 got us to believe in secession, and then when we seceded she sent 100,000 soldiers to whip us back into the Union. — Kentucky, I say."

He opposed his brother Ben, and that is what beat him for re-election to Congress in 1892. Later, he ran for Governor, and Ben helped to beat him for that, too. You can bet old George does not believe in that liquor law his brother Ben cooked up for South Carolina.—Correspondence Courier-Journal.

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

—London bridge is crossed by 2,000,000 people daily.

—Good railroad tires are expected to last eight years.

—A new export to Hawaii is rice, which is raised in Louisiana.

—Ex-President Cleveland is down at Miami, Fla., on a fishing expedition.

—Boise City can talk over the telephone with San Francisco, 1,000 miles away.

—Capital invested in farming in this country is estimated at \$15,000,000,000.

—The peanut crop of 1899 is nearly 1,000,000 bushels heavier than the crop of 1898.

—More than 150 flags are a necessary part of the outfit of every American warship.

—Seven counties in western New York received nearly \$5,000,000 for their apple crop last year.

—The Georgia Democrats will hold a primary on May 15 to nominate a successor to Senator Bacon.

—Speaking of the widow's mite, a single lady says it is just like a widow to attract all the attention to herself.

—Secretary Wilson will attend the Southern Industrial convention, to be held at Chattanooga, Tenn., May 8 to 11.

—A young shorthorn heifer belonging to Anderson Mitchell, near Shelby, Ind., dropped three strong and well-developed calves.

—In response to a proclamation from Lord Roberts, hundreds of citizens of the Orange Free State have surrendered their arms to the British.

—In the various public institutions of the District of Columbia, 2,600 colored people are employed, who draw annual compensation of about \$1,000,000.

—The president drank no wine at the Ohio society banquet. He turned his glasses down at the beginning of the feast and used only a, olivarius water.

Bloating after eating, indigestion, flatulence or water brash, may be quickly corrected through the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It strengthens digestion, cleanses and regulates the bowels. Sold by Evans Pharmacy.

The Marietta Paper Mills, located at Marietta, Ga., were placed in the hands of a receiver last Friday. These are the largest paper mills in the South.

In addition to the coffee and tobacco plantations, there are nearly 32,000 small farms in Puerto Rico devoted to small fruits and miscellaneous cultivation.

"I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure in my family with wonderful results. It gives immediate relief, is pleasant to take and is truly the dyspeptic's best friend," says E. Hartgerink, Overisel, Mich. Digest what you eat. Cannot fail to cure. Evans Pharmacy.

A St. Louis judge has ruled that if a husband be locked out by his wife he may chop down the door, if necessary, to gain entrance—but he has to pay for the door.

Henry E. White, a letter carrier in the Cleveland, O. postoffice, is a son of General Sir George White, who commanded at Ladysmith. He came to America 19 years ago.

Mrs. Harriet Evans, Hinsdale, Ill., writes, "I never fail to relieve my children from croup at once by using One Minute Cough Cure. I would not feel safe without it." Quickly cures coughs, colds, gripe and all throat and lung diseases. Evans Pharmacy.

Governor Wm. J. Stone, of Missouri, believes that there is on foot a scheme to elect Tom L. Johnson, of Ohio, chairman of the national Democratic executive committee, and through him secure the elimination of the free silver plank from the Democratic platform.

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Some people are so industrious at doing their best that they would do their best friends.

We suppose that nothing really creates as much excitement among the women as when a newly-married woman makes her first reference to men as brutes.

Dr. John P. Wood, of Coffeyville, Kan., insists that he is the oldest practicing physician in the world. He is 99 years old, and still makes daily visits to his patients.

Kansas has 807 newspapers. Of these 51 are dailies, 619 weeklies, 3 semi-weeklies, 103 monthlies, 12 semi-monthlies, 1 bimonthly, 10 quarterlies and 8 "occasionals."

Miss Estelle Reel, superintendent of Indian schools, is preparing a bill to present to congress, which will have for its object the compulsory education of Indian children.

In 1840 Harriet Martineau visited the United States and reported 7 occupations only open to women—teaching, needlework, keeping board, working in the factories, typesetting, bookkeeping and household service. Now there are about 400 occupations in which women are employed.

Representative Levy, of New York, introduced a resolution in the house directing that the collector of customs for the island of Cuba be instructed to deduct from the monthly receipts of the islands 20 per cent. of the total amount collected, until the total sum expended by the United States on behalf of Cuba during the war with Spain and since shall have been paid.

The postoffice department is about to attempt the establishment of a shorter mail route for Alaska. Dog sledges will go overland from Katwai, about 600 miles from Sitka, to Cape Nome, by way of Nashagak, through practically unexplored territory. The distance will be shortened by this course 1,200 or 1,300 miles if the plan is successful.

Some Arts of the Advertiser.

"Cheaper than dirt" is the way an up-town druggist labels a window full of soap.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Market street clothier makes this ambiguous announcement: "Serge suits, \$3.98. They won't last long at this price."—Philadelphia Press.

A Harrisburg, Pa., advertiser announces "Oxford ties that prettify stylish girl's feet." He thinks "prettify" is pretty fine.—Baltimore Sun.

A hypnotist buried a woman at Sherman Park, West Quincy, last Sunday, digging her up again in three hours. She was apparently none the worse for the ordeal. She has clerked for several years in a store that never advertised.—Farmer City Journal.

The story that a painted advertisement of a liver remedy on the side of an Iowa barn, caused a span of mules to run away, resulting in the death of one mule and the driver, causes Gomar Davis to remark that nobody but a fool mule would stop to read advertisements painted on a building or a fence, anyhow.

FOR SALE.

ONE "Empire" Wheat Drill and Good and Distributor. New and in good condition. Also, one "Kemp's" Manure Spreader. For particulars address: H. W. SHELOR, Seneca, S. C.

Have seen this machine in operation—does nice work. G. W. GIGNILLIAT, T. M. LOWERY, 303 N. B. ST., S. C.

Notice to Creditors.

ALL persons having demands against the Estate of W. L. PINOY, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, properly proven, to the undersigned, within the time prescribed by law, and those indebted to make payment.

G. P. E. FINCKE, J. M. RICHARDSON, Executors.

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Advertisement for "Housework is hard work without Gold Dust" featuring washing powder and blankets. Includes an illustration of a woman washing clothes.

Advertisement for "BOYS' STEAM LAUNDRY" located at the rear of Parke's Book Store. Lists various laundry services and prices.

Advertisement for "CHARLESTON AND WESTERN CAROLINA RAILWAY" listing routes and schedules.

Advertisement for "SOUTHERN RAILWAY" with a detailed schedule table for various routes including New York, Washington, and Atlanta.

Advertisement for "ATLANTIC COAST LINE" featuring "TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT" and "CONDENSED SCHEDULE" for routes between Washington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia.

Advertisement for "PATENTS" and "Scientific American" featuring a portrait of a woman and text about patent services and scientific publications.

Large advertisement for "CANCER IS DEADLY!" with a portrait of a woman and text describing a cure for cancer, including testimonials and contact information for G. W. Gignilliat and T. M. Lowery.