BILL ARP'S LETTER.

Bill Talks on the Sins of the Present Day

are thousands of men who would not steal from me, but would steal the ago, when Swift wrote:

"Great fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em,
And attle fleas have lesser fleas, and so on ad infinitum."

There is one comfort about all this public plunder. The money does not go dead. It has to be invested and gives employment to labor. A millionaire can't eat nor wear out much more than I can, nor will he lock up his money and let it rest. Not long ago I asked a clever Northern man why it was that the rich people who pay the most of the taxes let the pension steal go on so long and get bigger every year? He smiled and said: "Why that pension money goes mostly to the poor and we get it all back sooner or later. It is our cheapest way of supporting them, especially when we have your help." Poor Garfield. In his last message he lamented that the pension rolls had got to the alarming sum of \$30,000,000, but said there was comfort in knowing that it was obliged to decrease from natural causes, for death was the common lot and the pensioners were rapidly decreasing in number. He was mistaken. They have been multiplying ever since he was killed, and now it

takes \$150,000,000 to pay the roll. Public plunder would not be so bad if it was done in the open. What aggravates us is that it is done on the sly through corruption, through bribes, franchises, charters, licenses, salaries and schemes. It always vexes me to see the cook hiding something or her child carrying off a bundle on the sly and hiding it under her apron as she is going home. But they are all so kind and so willing and so good be truthful men. Don't go behind say nothing. They remind me of that is telling a lie to your father. what a blind phrenologist said of a You can tell a lie by winking your public official in Rome while feeling the bumps on his head. He did not know him at all, but said, "This map is kind-hearted and good-natured and would do you a favor if you were in distress, but he will steal. If he found a man asleep alone in a room at night he would slip his purse from out |-for there were as many good demohis pocket, out would kiss him before he left him." He diagnosed the man office soon after for embezzling the public money, and everybody was sorry for him because he was so generous with his plunder. Stealing from the public crib seems to be a higher grade of orime than lying, though it takes lying and hypocrisy and deceit to accomplish it. I have often wondered why lying was not forbidden in the Ten Commandments. "Thou shalt not steal" is there, but "thou shalt not lie" is not there, and yet it is accursed all through the scriptures and is the last sin recorded in the last chapter of Revelations and in nearly the last verse. "For without are dogs and sorcerers, and whore mongers and murderers and whomsoever loveth and make a lie." According to David, that sin did not leave very many to enter heaven, for liar effect—different from any other he says, "I said in mine haste all men blood medicine—it drains the impuri-are liars." The old Scotch preacher ties, poisons and humors that cause took it for a text and his first remark was, "Ab, David, me mon, if ye had was, Ah, David, me mon, if ye had ing every sore, restoring to the Skin waited until now ye might have said the Blood of perfect health, and makit at your leisure." Lying is no doubt the most universal sin among mankind, but it is graded and not always a sin. Stealing is always a sin, but lying must be malignant or harmful. Paul sent Titus to Orete and wrote to him that he would have a hard time in estallishing a church there, for the estallishing a church there, for the Cretans were all liars. Crete is Candia now, an island in the Mediterraneau, inhabited by Mohammedans chicfly, and travelers say that they are no better now than they were in St. Paul's day, for they are not only liars, but thieves. England used to they keep us amused at their Mun-

chausen exploits in hunting and fish-

in the World. Atlanta Constitution.

We are not distressed at the over- | get into the pulpit and make up pathrow of Tammany in New York. thetic stories and thrilling incidents Seventy years is long enough for a o emphasize their sermons and create party or a political power to rule a | a sensation. And there are thousands great metropolis. Corruption breeds of little white lies, society lies that more maggots as the city grows, for, have to be told for civility's sakeas Thomas Jefferson said: "The lies that flatter and please the visitor, growth of great cities is pestilential the customer or the patient. All to good morals." The public treasury | these are spoken lies, but there are as is a thing to be plundered, whether it many soted lies in trading, such as be municipal, state or national. There | concealing the truth and putting the | of Paganism and Popery, or the half best on top. In fact, everybody lies truths of their own denomination, as more or less except children and fools. money I pay into the treasury, for though most of us mean no harm by there it becomes so mixed up that it. My old partner used to say that nobody knows whose money it is. It some mighty clever men would be is just as it was two hundred years shut out of heaven for swearing a lie to their tax returns, for David says, "Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle; who shall dwell in Thy holy hill-he that speaketh the truth in his heart and sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not."

Withholding what is due to the state is as bad as stealing from it. And withholding what a man ought to give to the church he belongs to is almost as great a sin as that of Ananias. It is stealing from God. Nothing that a member of the church can do so readily fixes his character as a Christian as his willingness to give all that he can according to his means. Tithes and offerings have come down to us from Cain and Abel in an unbroken line. Cain was a bad man, but he paid his tithes. He was the first liar on record—the devil excepted.

Then there are the lies published every day in the great daily paperspolitical lies, commercial lies and medical lies to catch the ignorant and unsuspecting; some reporters lie to show their diligence in business.

High coloring, veneering, varnish-

ing are essential qualities in a reporter, whether his journal be white or yellow. He must lie a little, even though it has to be taken back or modified the next day. And so the world wags on and the people have become so accustomed to lies that they make allowance for everything they hear or read. When the historian wanted to cap the climax of General Washington's noble character he wove in that little story of the cherry tree and made the boy to say: "Father, I cannot tell a lie." And so I hope that all our little boys will grow up to to the children that we saw wood and the barn and smoke a cigarette, for eyes or pointing your finger or concealing what you do from your parents or your teacher. If you do wrong own it like a gentleman and you will have their respect as well as your own.

But the downfall of Tammany was no defeat of the New York democracy crats as republicans on that fusion ticket and they will help Low to clean correctly, for he was turned out of out the Augean stables. So let the procession proceed.

BILL ARP.

Cures Blood and Skin Troubles.

Is your blood pure? Is it thin? Is your blood pure? Is it thin?
Nose bleeding and headache? Pricking pains in the skin? Skin pale?
Skin fecl hot and swollen? All run down? Is your blood bad? Have you Pimples? Eruptions? Scrofula?
Eating sores? Itching, burning Eczema? Boils? Ulcers? Cancer?
Scaly Eruptions? Skin or Scalp Itch?
Blood, Hair and Skin humors? Tired out with aches and pains in bones and joints? Have you hereditary or con-tracted Blood Poison? Ulcers in throat or mouth? Swollen glands? Rheumatism? As tired in morning as when you went to bed? Have they resisted medical treatment? If you have any of the above troubles B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) should be all the above troubles out of the blood, bones and entire system, healmacy.

-The man who talks without thinking and the man who thinks without talking are apt to make each

- All the leading meteorologists in | is called "the anointed cherub"-not the United States, in the Weather an ordinary angel, but one exalted have laws to punish common scolds, Bureau and out of it, in book, article, common drunkards and common vaga- lecture and government publications bonds, but none to punish common for years have set out clearly and disliars, for they are generally harmless. tinetly the non-existence of any such | murderer; but his mastal power is Every community has one or two and thing as an equinoctial storm. More- immense and his personal appearance over, they have also explained how, owing to the fact that September is ing and their parrow escapes. Then the month of maximum development. there are some uncommon liars-liars of the West Indian hurricanes, the Bible. They came originally, from Pa-

ABOUT THE OLD BOY.

Prevalent Notions are Generally at Serious Fault.

The following Bible study by Rev. J. B. Mack, of Fort Mill, and published in the Charlotte Observer recently, is quite interesting:

What is the greatest hindrance to the triumph of Christianity?

It is not the barrooms; nor the dance hall; nor the gambling saloon; nor any of those lesser evils which some saintly souls delight to denounce.

It is the neglect of the Bible, the failure to regard the Word of God as the only sword of the Holy Spirit, the adulteration of Scripture truth with the notions of men. Both the church and the clergy are prone to teach the traditions of the elders or the relics eternal verities, and as the voice of

As an example of such erroneous and injurious teachings, see the common idea of pulpit and pew in regard to Satan.

If you ask, "Where is Satan's home, and what is his personal appearance?" at least nine out of ten will reply, "His home is in hell, and he is dark and repulsive in his personal appearance." Yet the Bible teaches us that both of these answers are untrue:

1. Hell is not the home of Satan. Yea more; it never has been; and the Bible asserts that more than one thousand years must pass by before Satan's feet can cross the threshold of hell. To deny this is to deny the testimony of the Holy Ghost as repeatedly given in God's Word.

Six times since Adam's day, in the Old Testament is Satan seen. Where is he found, and in whose company?

In the third chapter of Genesis he is seen in Eden, the garden of God; and in company with Eve, a pure and holy woman.

In the xxii chapter of I Kings he is seen in heaven, in company with angels, and is permitted by the Lord to descend to earth on a message of de-

In the xxi chapter of I Chronicles he is seen in the holy city of Jerusalem, and in company with David, the kingly representative of God on earth.

In the first and second chapters of Job he is twice seen in heaven, and both times with the holy angels, and also conversing with God. In the third chapter of Zachariah

he is again seen in the presence of Jehovah, and there to resist that One who is the priestly representative of God for man.

Not one iots of the Old Testament has the slightest intimation that Satan has yet ever been even in the either in heaven or on earth.

Does the New Testament give the slightest hint that Satan has as yet ever been one moment in hell?

In the third chapter of Matthew he is seen with Jesus Christ in three places; in the wilderness, on a mountain and on the temple in Jerusalem. Next he is seen near Christ and with Peter, the leader of the apostles. Next he is near, or in the room where Christ and his disciples are celebrating the Passover, and he is dealing with Judas, the treasurer and only official of the chosen twelve. Next he is seen in the great revival, where Ananias was prominent. Then time and again was he with Paul, so that in I Thessalonians ii, 18, it is written, "Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I, Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us."

Neither in the Old Testament, nor in the New Testament is there one jot or tittle of evidence to prove that Satan has as yet or ever seen a single gleam of the lurid fires of hell, or even smelt one particle of smoke thereof. To say that hell has been, or is now. his home, is to discount and deny the testimony of the Holy Ghost.

2. How does Satan appear? Is it with a human face and a dark face. wreathed with sardonic grins. Is it with scale-like flesh, with bat-like wings, with sharp horns and cloven feet and forked tail? Such is his appearance as constantly told in prose and poetry and picture. Our children are shown such pictures in the nursery, and our youth read them in the thrilling words of Dante, Milton and John Bunyan. Being thus trained up in the way they should not go, when they are old they do not depart from it.

But how differently does God's Word speak. The Holy Ghost, through Paul, testifies that he appears as "an angel of light;" and by Ezekiel that he is a perfect beauty." He above his fellows, being anointed like kings and priests. His moral character is hideous for he is a liar and attractive and magnetic.

Thus the ideas current among us concerning Satan came not from the Cush, and the grandson of Ham. As

to reach Babylon, he may have car- by the number of poor farmhouses ried this idea of a "black devil" (this | and the number of fine orchards in "zernebogus" as he was called), with | that neighborhood. him from Africa. At any rate the dark hue of the Cushite is on it, and best,' is another saying frequently the fetid odor of the negro is init.

Bible on this subject, and realize who Satan is; whence he came; what is his mission; where he dwells; and whither he will at last go. Then will we begin clearly to behold the glory of his great conquerer and counterpart, Jesus Christ. For as the shadows in a picture bring out more clearly and fully the lights theroof, and thus render that picture more perfect, so the real character, history and doom of Satan will reveal more clearly and fully the divine radiance of our King and prove the infinite and eternal greatness of his salvation.

Fort Mill, S. C.

Superstition on the Farms.

"Superstition is more prevalent among the American people than is generally supposed," said a book agent, "and even thes hard-headed, intelligent farmers are, to a certain extent, afflicted with it.

"I remember asking a farmer 60 years old, a man of more than ordinary intelligence, the owner of 1,000 acres of fine land, well stocked, and who had several thousand dollars in bonds and other securities, why he did not build himself a better house. The one he lived in was old, small and dilapidated, a relie of the days when he was poor.

"'Afraid to,' was the reply. "'Afraid of what?' I asked.

"Well, you see, I have always heard that when an old man builds a new house he never lives long to use

"I laughed, but he was perfectly serious, and I found that in that neighborhood the superstition was generally believed in.

"Another saying was common in the locality. "The man who plants a tree generally lives to enjoy its fruit.'

he seems to have journeyed eastward | The belief in these sayings was shown

"Seed corn shelled at night grows used in the corn belt. A farmer's Let us accept the testimony of the son suggested that it was invented by the old man as an excuse for making the boys work at night.

"'Things planted during the dark of the moon produce the best roots' is so generally accepted as true that vegetables like potatoes, turnips, beets, carrots, and onions are planted during the light of the moon by few people. Many scientific farmers believe in this superstition.

" 'The farmer who refuses water to a traveler's horse will see his own live stock suffer from thirst before the end of the year,' is a belief so common in some localities as to insure courteous treatment to all travelers.

"Some farmers will wring the neck of a hen if she crows. They say a crowing hen brings bad luck to the farmer, and as I heard one old farmer remark, 'sets the wimmen folks a bad example."

"Borrowed eggs always hatch,' is a saying probably invented by some stingy man as an excuse for borrowing, but it is so generally believed in some neighborhoods that a regular system of borrowing and lending is carried on.

"These and hundreds of other superstitions are so generally believed in that they govern the customs of communities to a surprising extent.'

- The importation of diamonds has doubled during the past year.



READ THIS CAREFULLY.

WHAT a delightful sense of pride there is in the ownership of a-

WHEELOCK IVERS & POND PIANO

Well, that's but natural, and shows a well developed discrimination and superior artistic conception. Come see a few samples at our place. Study them carefully, compare their tones, one with the other. Plenty here to select from, no difference what your taste may dictate. Prices regulated entirely by quality. We have mcre-

Sewing Machines Than we have room for. Several kinds to select from. If you've the room neighborhood of hell. Precisely the and need we will be glad to arrange the preliminaries.

THE C. A. REED MUSIC HOUSE.

FRED. G. BROWN, Pres. and Treas

FRANK A. BURBIDGE, OFFICE OF

ANDERSON FERTILIZER COMPANY, MANUFACTURERS OF ___ All Grades Fertilizers, Acid Phosphates,

- AND IMPORTERS OF -German Kainit, Muriate of Potash and Nitrate of Sods. We use Tennessee Rock, which runs higher in Bone Phosphate than any other Rock in the Country.

WHEAT GROWERS, TAKE NOTICE! And Enter your name for the following Prizes :

First best yield on Six Acres of Wheat— One Farmer's Favorite Grain Drill, worth \$70.00.

First Prize Offer.

Second best yield on Six Acres of Wheat— One Ton Standard Guano, 8-2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)—1. Third best yield on Six Acres of Wheat-

Half Ton Standard Blood Guano, 8-2 1-1. Second Prize Offer.

First best yield on Three Acres of Wheat-One Ton High Grade Super-Phos., 16 per cent Ava. Second best yield on Three Acres of Wheat—Half Ton High Grade Super-Phos., 16 per cent Ava. Third best yield on Three Acres of Wheat— Half Ton High Grade Super-Phos., 16 per cent Ava.

Third Prize Offer. First best yield One Acre of Wheat—One Ton High Grade 10-2 Acid Phos. Second best yield One Acre of Wheat—Half Ton High Grade 10-2 Acid Phos. Third best yield One Acre of Wheat—Half Ton High Grade 10-2 Acid Phos. The following terms must be complied with by those entering contest:

1st. You must fill out the blank hereto attached, sign your name, and cut out this advertisement in full and return to us. 2nd. You are to choose one disinterested neighbor, we are too choose one, and the two are to choose a third. You will enter the name of your representative in the blank space found below.

3d. The three men named will act in the capacity of judges, measure the land designated by you, which must be in one body, see that nothing but the Brands of the Anderson Fertilizer Company are applied for fertilizing, and finally to measure the wheat when threshed, place the result in a sealed envelope and mail to us.

4th. None other than the products of the Anderson Fertilizer Company shall be used by those entering this contest on land designated. 5th. All contestants must fill out and sign this advertisement, and return

to this office before the first day of December, 1901.

6th. Each winner of a prize is required to write out in detail how the result was obtained by telling us how the land was prepared, with what implements, how much fertilizers and grade were applied to the acre, what crop grown on the land previous to sowing the wheat, when planted, and anything interest that will show the best method to produce wheat in this State. of interest that will show the best method to produce wheat in this State.

Anderson Fertilizer Co., Anderson, S. C.

Gentlemen: I will enter the contest for one of the three prizes offered by you for the best yield in bushels threshed from acres of wheat as per terms set forth in your advertisement hereto attached. I name as my representative.

(Sign here)

8th. The three judges of each contestant should be his neighbors. State in blank space left for same, whether you are contesting for the Six Acre or Three Acre or One Acre Priss. After all results have been received by us we of the West Indian hurricanes, the of the Green magnitude as Shakespears belief originated and is from time to calla them, such as Baron Munchausen, Joe Mulhattan and some Chicago time seemingly confirmed by the acceptance of the west Indian hurricanes, the Bible. They came originally, from Pagnism which prevailed in Babylon, the city built by Nimrod, the son of confirmed by the acceptance of such contestants as may be here, and award the prizes.

Yours truly,

After all results have been received by us we ganism which prevailed in Babylon, the city built by Nimrod, the son of confirmed by the acceptance of such contestants as may be here, and award the prizes.

Yours truly,

ANDERSON FERTILIZER CO.

Yours truly,

ANDEASON FERTILIZER CO.

ASTHMACURE FREE.

Asthmalene Brings Instant Relief and Permanent Cure in All Cases !

《 M A R R E D

for ten

Sent absolutely Free on receipt of Postal-Write your name and Address Plainly There is nothing like Asthmalene. It brings instant relief, even in the worst cases. It cures when all else fails. YEARS

The Rev. C. F. Wells, of Villa Ridge, Ill., says: "Your trial bottle of Asthmalene received in good condition. I cannot tell you how thankful I feel for the good derived from it. I was a slave, chained with putrid sore throat and Asthma for ten years. I despaired of ever being cured. I saw your advertisement for the cure of this dreadful and tormenting disease, Asthma, and thought you had over spoken yoursolves, but resolved to give it a trial. To my astonishment the trial acted like a charm. Send me a full-size bottle."

Rev. Dr. Morris Wechsler.

Rabbi of the Cong. Bnai Israel, NEW YORK, Jan. 3, 1901. Drs. TAFT Bros'. MEDICINE Co.

Gentlemen : Your Asihmalene is an excellent remedy for Asthma and Hay Fever, and its composition alleviates all troubles which combine with Asthma. Its success is astonishing and wonderful. After hav ing it carefully analyzed we can state that Asthmalene contains no opium,

morphine, chloroform or ether.

Very truly yours,
REV. ER. MORRIS WECHSLER.

Avon Springs, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1901.

DR. TAFT BROS. MEDICINE Co.— Gentlemen: I write this testimonial from a sense of duty, having tested the wonderful effect of your Asthmalene for the a sense of duty, having tested the wonderful effect of your Asthmalene for the cure of Asthma. My wife has been afflicted with spasmodic asthma for the past 12 years. Having exhausted my own skill as well as many others, I chanced to see your sign upon your windows on 130th street, N. Y., I at once obtained a bottle of Asthmalene. My wife commenced taking it about the first of November. I very soon noticed a radical improvement. After using one bottle her Asthma has disappeared and she is entirely free from all symptoms. toms. I feel that I can consistently recommend the medicine to all who are afflicted with this distressing disease.

Yours respectfully.

O. D. PHELPS, M. D.

DR. TAFT BROS. MEDICINE Co.—Gentlemen: I was troubled with Asthma for 22 years. I have tried numerous remedies but they have all failed. I ran across your advertisement and started with a trial bottle. I found relief at once. I have since purchased your full-size bottle, and I am ever grateful. I have family of four children, and for six years was unable to work. I am now in the best of health and am doing business every day. This testimony you can make such use of as you see fit. Home address 235 Rivington street. S. RAPHAEL, 67 East 129th st., New York City.

Trial bottle sent absolutely free on receipt of postal. Do not delay. Write at once, addressing DR. TAFT BROS. MEDICINE CO., 79 East 130th St., N. Y. City. Sep. Sold by all Druggists. Sept. 4-6m

Bargain Hunters

Should See Us before Making their Purchases!

AS we can show you GREAT BARGAINS in all kinds NEW STAPLE DRY GOODS, such as Prints, Ginghams, Bleschings, Outings, Worsteds, Flannels, Jeans, Checks, Sheeling and Drills.

We are showing great values in Pants and Hats.

We are showing great values in Pants and Hats.

We have a great line of Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes. Our entire line of Shoes are splen did values, but we have some exceptional bargains in Shoes just now. We have for a long while enjoy ed the distinction of giving better values in Shoes than any other Firm in this section, but we can tow eclipse all for are records, and feel sure our prices on Shoes this Fall entitie us to the biggest Shoe trade in our history.

We propose enlarging mightly in our Grocery Department, and lead the procession further than ever on good Goods and Low Prices, so if you always want your money's worth of Flour, Bacon, Lard, Sugar, Coffee, Mohasses, Tobacco, Rice, Flour, or anything else in the Grocery line, see us and you will get it.

While we don't claim to be Wholsale people wet we can give out-of-town Merchants as low prices on most things they handle as any one, and you might find some things a shade cheaper than at some houses that make great pretensions. Give us a trial and see.

TO THOSE WHO OWE US, either Note or Account, we insist on a prompt and early settlement, we appreciate your trade, and give you close prices, and now is the time for you to pay us. We can't afford to do business with people who are slow to pay, for our profits don't justify it.

VANDIVER BROS.

Between Masonic Temple and the Peoples Bank.

Send us your orders for . . .

GOOD, FRESH TURNIP SEED Now!

EVANS PHARMACY.



A Well Furnished Home

Is not necessarily an expensively furnished one, as at TOLLY'S handsome, even sumptuous, FURNITURE is procurable without great outlay Not that we deal in knocked-together made-to-sell sort, but because we are content with a reasonable profit on really good articles of Furniture Our best witness is the Goods themselves. Yours truly

G. F. TOLLY & SON.

The Old Reliable Furniture Dealers, Depot St., Anderson, S. C.

M. HUBBARD, JEWELER, TEL BLOCK.

M. L. CARLISLE.

L. H. CARLISLE. DROP IN AND SEE US

WE are not the largest dealers but you will find that we will give you the best values in Anderson. Remember that we have the exclusive sale of the-

Walter A. Wood Mowing Machine. Which is given up to be the best Mower on the market and costs less for repairs. We can cite you to one farmer in Anderson County who has cut on an average of 100 acres per year for 10 years in succession with only 35c. cost for repairs and machine still in good condition.

CARLISLE BROS., Anderson, S. C.