

The Whipping Post in Other Days.

The Laurens correspondent of the Charleston Sunday News furnishes this interesting story of the past:

In the early fifties a young lawyer just admitted to practice was employed to defend a white man charged with stealing a bushel of oats from a rich planter.

Plants That Made History.

Rather more than sixty years ago, says Stray Stories, a tiny fungus—itself a plant—appeared in Ireland and fastened itself on the potato.

Its relief occupied the whole attention of the British ministry and when the famine was over a quarter of the whole population lay slain by the fungus.

And the potato disease acted in two distinct ways on history. It had an immediate effect in helping the repeal of the corn laws and throwing the country open to free trade.

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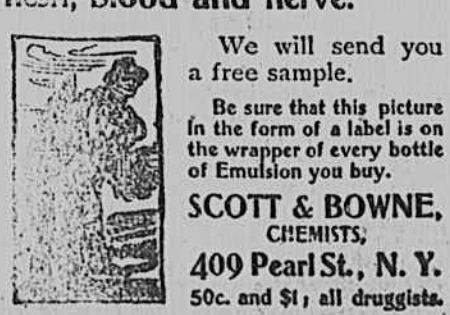
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for his home in the western part of Laurens. He was a strong, athletic, handsome young man, and he walked away with a firm step to his humble country home, where he tarried only long enough to bid good-bye to his relatives and went immediately across the Savannah, taking up his abode in Hart County, Ga., where he prospered and was much respected by his neighbors.

Some years afterwards we heard his name called at Anderson, where we were then living, and a prominent merchant gave us an introduction to his well-to-do customer from across the river, but he did not perceive that each of us recognized the name of the other, and both were thinking of the sorrowful incident at Laurens, though never a word passed between us in reference to it.

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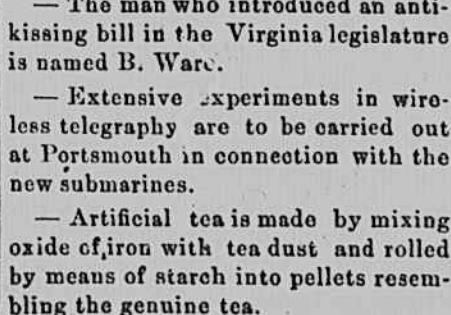
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Wanted, Information.

M. Bloulet tells this story illustrating the evils of strong drink: A young New Yorker of good family and good social position had a great fondness for drink.

Information for Pensioners.

The following named parties in the various townships have been elected as the representatives of the old soldiers, viz: J. Gilmer, Anderson.

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Which brings me again to the river's vagaries. To begin, its crookedness is something appalling. Approaching Cairo from the north by boat, the stranger, seeing the city's elevators and church-spires within a stone's throw, is pretty certain to rush into the cabin to assemble the belongings when he has still before him a tortuous ride of two hours.

It is something besides to have pecan trees grow at the rate of five feet a year instead of a few inches. The grafts, we believe, should bear in three or four years, while seedling pecans do not. Moreover, as Mr. Lege has stated, pecan stock is subject to the destructive attacks of "borers."

What do you regard as the most important element of a young man's education? "Arithmetic," answered Senator Sorghum. "You can employ somebody to do your reading or your writing; but when it comes to figuring out expenses or profits, you want to give the subject your personal attention."

More Mexican children than ever before are being sent to the United States for education.

Judicious application of the birch is supposed to have wrought wonders in the characters of many boys, but it remains for a British journal to record a single whipping that made its victim a millionaire.

Twenty years ago, a man named Mago was an English collector of insects in Guatemala, and the British Vice-Consul at San Jose. One day Commandante Gonzalez ordered him to appear before that official. Mago sent him word that he would come in a short time. This incensed the commandante, and he sent a file of soldiers after the insect-collector, and when he appeared, ordered seventy-five lashes to be laid upon his bare back.

When Mago recovered, he made a formal complaint to the British Government. The result was that Guatemala was ordered to punish Gonzalez, and to pay Mago five hundred dollars for every lash he had received.

Guatemala punished Gonzalez, but tried hard to avoid paying fifty thousand dollars to Mago. The British Government, however, was inexorable, and the poor collector was made a rich man in one day.

Mago became one of the largest coffee planters in Guatemala, and also secured the contract for building docks in the ports. He owns valuable mines and tracts of timber. His fortune is now estimated at five million dollars, all due to one hundred lashes on his back.

How Dogs Find Their Way.

In the old days of the James River Canal a fine setter was taken by his master on a packet boat, which was so crowded that the dog was put in the captain's cabin to be out of the way.

Next morning the captain took the dog on deck with him, but was much afraid he would jump off to the tow-path, and try to return that way, and would have been in danger of being stolen.

Carlo, however, lay perfectly quiet, but with an air of listening that attracted notice. Toward noon he heard the sound of the horn of a packet-boat from the opposite way, and as the boats passed each other he made a leap, and was next heard from as having got off at the place where his master had stopped, and as having gone at once to the house where he was a guest.

Could human intelligence have surpassed that? This same dog lay on his master's grave and refused food until he died from starvation. But I do not give this as a case in point.

A gentleman who lived 100 miles from a city moved there with all his possessions, including a bulldog, which had been raised at his father's home, where he had hitherto resided. He was locked up in the car with the furniture, and in the bustle of unloading he disappeared, and two days afterward he reached his former home, coming by an inland route, as was known by parties who recognized him, so that he evidently marked out his own path without reference to the railroad on which he had been carried away.—Christian Endeavor World.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 31.—One of the most impressive services ever held here in Springfield was that in Trinity church tonight when Dr. E. E. Mills, secretary of Twentieth Century Thank Offering committee, made the formal announcement that the Methodists of the country has raised more than \$20,000,000 in response to the movement inaugurated in Trinity church by the board of bishops four years ago.

An amusing street incident happened recently. A young lady left her husband's side to look in a window. On leaving it she took, as she thought, her husband's arm, and continued her conversation.

"You see," she said, "you don't even look at anything I want you to see. You never care how I am dressed; you no longer love me. Why, you have not even kissed me for a week, and—"

"Madame, I am sorry, but that is my misfortune, not my fault," said the man, turning round.

The lady looked at him and gasped. She had taken the arm of the wrong man.

Insurance against automobile accidents can now be had.

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Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

Anderson, S. C., Dec. 26th, 1902. At a meeting of the Directors of Orr Cotton Mills, held to-day, the following resolutions were adopted:

The State of South Carolina, County of Anderson, IN COURT OF PROBATE. Robert Perry Richardson, Jane Speed, J. H. Ledford, L. H. Ledford and Carrie G. Ledford, Plaintiffs, against Malinda Caroline Richardson, Lawrence Richardson, Catherine Youngblood, Amanda Richardson, Alexander Richardson, Augustus McPhail, Nancy Richardson, James Richardson, J. B. Ledford, M. P. Ledford, Mary E. Hamby and Lydia Ledford, Defendants.

Notice that the complaint in this action, together with the Summons of which the foregoing is a copy, was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Anderson, in the County of Anderson, in the State of South Carolina, on the 5th day of Jan., 1903.

The undersigned, having succeeded to the business of Frank Johnson & Co., will continue it at the old stand, and solicits the patronage of the public. Repairing and Repainting promptly executed. We make a specialty of "Goodyear" Rubber and Steel Horse Shoeing. General Blacksmith and Woodwork.

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Chronic Sores Eating Ulcers, A Constant Drain Upon the System

And a source of worry, anxiety and endless trouble to those who are afflicted with them, particularly so when located upon the lower extremities where the circulation is weak and sluggish. A gangrenous eating ulcer upon the leg is a frightful sight, and as the poison burrows deeper and deeper into the tissue beneath and the sore continues to spread, one can almost see the flesh melting away and feel the strength going out with the sickening discharges.

Valdosta, Ga., September, 1900. Dear Sirs—Something like a rising came on my insup, very small at first, not at all painful, but as it grew larger and began to pain, we consulted a doctor, but in spite of all he could do the sore got worse and began to discharge; then other sore came until the whole top of my foot was one large mass of sores and I could not walk. When my husband, who had been cured of Scrofula by the use of S. S. S., said he believed it would cure me, I began taking it and eight bottles cured me; my foot healed up nicely. I believe I would have been a cripple for life but for S. S. S.

S. S. S. reaches these old chronic sores through the blood. It goes to the very root of the trouble and counteracts and removes from the blood all the impurities and poisons, and gradually builds up the entire system and strengthens the sluggish circulation, and when the blood has been purified and the system purged of all morbid, unhealthy matter the healing process begins, and the eating ulcer or chronic sore is soon entirely gone.

S. S. S. contains no mineral or poisonous drugs of any description, but is guaranteed a purely vegetable remedy, a blood purifier and tonic combined and a safe and permanent cure for chronic sores and ulcers.

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Advertisement for Dr. Woolley's PAINLESS OPIUM AND Whiskey Cure. I hereby notify all parties who owe the firm of Blockley & Fretwell, by note or otherwise, and all parties who are owing me for Mules, Buggies, &c., that all amount due must be paid up promptly by November 1st next, as I must have the money.