

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

Bill Makes One or Two Corrections.

Atlanta Constitution.

A good lady, a neighbor and friend, bought one of my books and expressed her pleasure at its perusal, but found one fault that did not harmonize with her Hebrew feelings, for she is a Jewess.

would have given to aid some great Jewish school or charity. I would like to write more about these Hebrews, for, as St. Paul said to the Romans, "with them was committed the oracles of God."

BILL ARP.

Large Connection.

An amusing story is told of Robert Simson, who was professor of mathematics at the university of Glasgow and as eccentric in some ways as he was brilliant in others.

One day he was accosted by a man who knew him by sight but had never been told of the professor's habit of counting steps. "I beg your pardon, professor," he said, at which the mathematician halted, murmuring "Five hundred and seventy-three."

Verifying Suspicions.

A broker was telling the other day of how a young thing, recently married to a colleague of his on the exchange, discovered that her hubby had been indulging a little too freely in the cup that cheers.

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Can Cub. Produce Commercial Cotton?

Washington, April 20.—Because of the prevalence of the weevil in Cuba the outlook for raising cotton on a large scale in the island is exceedingly gloomy, according to E. A. Schwartz, custodian of the Coleoptera in the national museum, who has just returned to Washington from an extensive tour of the island, where he went to inspect the ravages of the boll weevil in the cotton there.

There are two kinds of cotton raised in Cuba, "kidney" cotton, the seeds of which are so closely attached to the cotton that it cannot be ginned and is, therefore, of no use for commercial purposes.

It is on kidney cotton that the weevil thrives, the other kind being less capable of injury from the insect. Mr. Schwartz claims that he found the weevil all through the country in great abundance on all kinds of cotton, though especially the kidney variety.

Eduardo Ferrer, of Cayamas, a progressive and wealthy Cuban planter, has undertaken experiments looking to the eradication of the weevil, but with little success so far.

Speaking of the matter to-day Mr. Schwartz said: "Cotton from various sections of the United States and other countries will be planted, including sea island cotton, and careful note will be taken of the ability of each of the different varieties to withstand the ravages of the weevil, and of the comparative amount of damage done when the kidney cotton is present and when it is rooted out.

"There is much difference of opinion over the proper season to plant cotton, whether at the beginning or the end of the rainy season, and this question must be answered by careful experimenting before cotton can become an important crop in Cuba. The time of planting will bear a relation not only to the productiveness but may be a factor in enabling the cotton to resist the weevil.

"Cuba has an abundance of land which is admirably suited to the growing of cotton and in all parts of the island they are discussing the possibility of the introduction, but the natives have neither the money nor the inclination to experiment. American land speculators are finding many dupes in the United States who believe that it will be an easy thing to start a cotton plantation in the favorable climate and soil of Cuba.

"The insect fauna of Cuba is very rich and plants there are as subject to insect enemies as they are in the United States. Oranges grow luxuriantly in Cuba, but the insects which have brought such destruction among the orange groves of California and Florida are equally abundant in Cuba, and ruin thousands of trees. One of the most serious insect pests of the island is the cutting ant. These ants live in large colonies and raise hills several feet above the ground. When they select a tree for attack it is practically doomed."

Mr. Schwartz was sent down by the department of agriculture in the hope that he might find some effective means for stopping the onset of the boll weevil. It is estimated that this weevil is coming into the Southern States through Texas at the rate of 75 miles a year and that within 18 or 20 years it will have infested the cotton fields of the South unless something is done in the meantime to eradicate it.

—When a woman tries to figure out what she has done with the monthly allowance which her husband makes her she seldom gets any farther than the dollar she lent him.

How Young Men Evade Bachelor Tax.

A new and lucrative field for women's work has been opened in the Argentine Republic, by which the fair daughters of that favored land are enabled to earn good incomes. It is a business requiring no capital, and all the work can be done at home, but one which is confined, in the nature of things, to widows and maidens.

The women who engage in this easy and lucrative calling are known as "professional lady rejectors," and their business is giving much concern to the Argentine authorities.

It all came about by the passage of the law taxing bachelors in the Argentine. As the law was thought to bear too hard upon young men who really tried to get married and could not do so from the fact that nobody would have them, a clause was inserted by which a man was exempt from the tax if he could prove that he had proposed and been rejected. They are not so slow in those Latin-American countries as we people up north imagine. The "professional lady rejector" at once made her appearance on the scene.

The fair daughter of the South who chooses the "rejector" business in preference to typewriting or becoming a saleslady does not hang out a sign nor send around cards engraved with "Carmencita Suarez, Professional Lady Rejector. Office Hours: 2 to 10," but she causes it to be known that she is in the business and will warrant a rejection every time. For a certain stated sum she will consent to be wooed by any eligible bachelor taxpayer for a reasonable length of time.

She can take her to the theater, buy her ices, and pay for her bouquets and bonbons until the expiration of the time limit, when he asks her to be his, and according to the contract, she promises to be a sister to him. But her work is not yet over, for when the tax on bachelors is due and Jose goes to the alcaide to swear off his taxes, Carmencita has to go with him to make oath that he has proposed to her and been rejected.

This seems an easy and pleasant way of making one's living; but the girls engaged in the business say that it really is one requiring the greatest self-control, and frequently causes the greatest agony of spirit to the practitioner, especially if she has a large and wealthy clientele. For a spinster whose chances for matrimony are on the wane, or a buxom widow who longs to be consoled, to resist the temptation to violate her contract and say "yes" when some nice young man with a nice fortune proposes, requires phenomenal business integrity and is a severe wrench to the feelings.

It readily will be seen that it is not every woman who can succeed in the calling of lady rejector. She must have the faculty of convincing men that her rejection is certain, or they will not trust her and she cannot get business. The young girl just entering the profession has a hard time of it; it is only the old reliable lady rejectors who are able to accumulate fortunes.

—Some people are so bright that they have to shade their eyes every time they look at themselves in the mirror. —When we get more of a thing than we want it's generally the thing we didn't want at all.

The Retired Burglar.

"You'd think now, wouldn't you," said the retired burglar, "that a man in my business, if anybody, would test his tools before bringing them into use, and so take no chances with them? You would, sure; but the best men neglect this, sometimes, and I did once, and came to grief.

"The lip of my old jimmy had got chipped, and rather than have it drawn out and retamped I had had a new one made. I had been doing pretty well along about then and I felt that I could afford it, to say nothing of the common sense of having only the best tool to work with.

"That new jimmy was a beauty to look at, and well-balanced and good under the hand, fine and perfect in every way, apparently, and I never tested it. I tried it on a safe I knew of that seemed to be just waiting for somebody to just come along and crack it.

"This safe stood at the top landing of a pair of stairs that led up to the second story of a two-story detached building that was used for a factory of some sort, and that stood on the same lot with the house of the owner in a small country town. I suppose they put it out there so they could tumble it down stairs handy in case of fire.

"It didn't seem much of a safe. It was a loose-jointed, sort of ramshackle looking old safe compared with what they build now-a-days, but it didn't turn out as easy as I thought it was going to.

"It stood with its door toward the office room on that second floor, and with the hinged edge of the door back from, and the opening edge toward the top of the stairs; so I had to stand with my heels right on the edge of the top step of the stairs to get at it. I wedged the door out a little, to get it started away from the door frame, and then I got my new jimmy in and began prying.

"But the old safe, as I was saying, turned out to be tougher than I had expected, and the first thing I knew there was a crack and a break, not in the safe door but in the handle of my new jimmy—a flaw in the steel—and standing as I was on that very top step and leaning out over the stairs at the moment, away I went.

"It was plumb daylight when I came to, and then I was in on a work bench on the first floor of this little factory, with a doctor bending over me on one side, and the owner of the factory on the other. The owner had found me senseless at the bottom of the stairs, and there I had lain till he picked me up.

"He did his first duty, to me, by sending for the doctor, and later he did his duty to the community. It was easy to do that with the handle of my broken jimmy beside me at the foot of the stairs, the part that matched it sticking in the safe, and my old bull-eye standing on the top of the strong box.

"It was some years after that before I got a chance to use another jimmy, at all; but I never repeated the mistake I made with that one."—New York Sun.

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It won't do to let Rheumatism run on. It is a dangerous disease, and you can never tell where it is going to strike. Home remedies, plasters, liniments and such things as produce counter-irritation, are soothing and may relieve the pain temporarily, but the polluted, acid blood cannot be reached by external applications. Rheumatism must be treated through the blood, and no remedy brings such prompt and lasting relief as S. S. S. It attacks the disease in the blood, neutralizes the acids, and removes all irritating poisons and effete matter from the system.

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