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TATTTLING.

This is the meanest vice that steals into good society, alienating friendships, poisoning the peace of families, and filling communities with groundless stories, rumors, prejudices, and suspicions; so that the sting of the serpent is not more beneficial than the breath of the tattler. Nor his approach more to be avoided and shunned. And prudent families are as wary of the one as of the other.

Happy, nature is not to be taxed with the production of this monster. We have never known a born tattler. The vice is cultivated, or rather, grows up unwarily in the character; and we could not render our fair readers a better service than to teach them how to discern so noxious a weed, before it has taken root too deeply.

Tattling rarely springs from malvolence of motive, but rather from the general and social impulse to talk, when the mind is too sterile and empty to supply legitimate food for conversation, and the judgment too weak to restrain it within proper limits.

I am happy to accept the correctness of my memory, or rather of my hearing of your testimony. You heard, instead of your read, of an "instance of poisoning with whiskey which strychnine was found by analysis."

Before she speaks of one who is absent, let the prattler bethink her for a moment whether she has a right to do so; and whether what she is about to say may not be misconstrued or misrepresented by some of her hearers.

Young Misses of the South! Ye whose youthful minds are not yet tainted with this loathsome vice, avoid it as you would a deadly pollution!

Strychnine in Whiskey.

To DR. S. BARUCH. My dear sir: cordially reciprocating the sentiments of kind regard and esteem which you so flatteringly profess in your second communication to the Gazette, I leave the tripod to offer you my right hand on these sentiments; and, as we are both "stiff in opinion," whether "ever in the wrong" or not, to assure you that on my part at least, our controversy shall never clear the non-chemical and personal good will with which I would play a game of chess with a friend, provided the same spirit is manifested by you, as I doubt not it will be.

As you do not answer my direct question as to whether you did, or not, state that your mind was not fully made up as to the poisoning until you found strychnine present in the stomach of the deceased, as according to my recollection you did say, I presume that that point is conceded and eliminated from discussion, leaving only the whiskey-strychnine question for further controversy.

I am a little surprised to read this from you. The U. S. London, Edinburgh and Dublin formula for the official preparation of strychnine all prescribe powdered and repeatedly boiled, evaporated and final distillation-off of the alcohol which has been added in the process, just as the alcohol of ferrous sulfate is distilled off from the mash or beer, so that strychnine has been added in the manufacture of whiskey; and, as if to make the analogy complete, the editors of the U. S. Dispensatory, (Wood & Baché) subjoin with apparent approval a recommendation of M. J. F. Moyné that the strychnine be fermented to release it from the saccharine and gummy matter contained in the nux vomica.

And cry check to your inductive philosopher! who by the cursory examination of five specimens can demonstrate beyond "all doubt" a negative, and therefore a universal proposition concerning a whole class of substances (for whiskey is such) containing millions of specimens? No! my dear Doctor, I will not offer you "check," but I will recommend that you refer your reading, in the "novum organum," and—in the U. S. Dispensatory, article, strychnine.

I have thus disposed—whether satisfactorily or not, must rest with your judgment and that of our readers—of all the objections urged by you to the "well known fact" that the whiskey of commerce does "sometimes" or "often" contain traces of strychnine. And now, writing for fresh objections, or for that shorter cut to truth which I have suggested, I remain with highest personal regard and esteem.

Yours Truly, L. W. R. BLAIR.

GENERAL NEWS.

South Carolina. The Union-Herald has been elected the city printer of Columbia.

Mrs. Felder, Mr. Robert J. Andis and Mrs. Hines have died recently in Sumter county.

On the 21st inst., the district conference of the Methodist Church will be held at Kingstree.

The United States troops at Columbia have been paid off, and money circulated freely.

The Lancaster ladies were devoted on Memorial day, and are mildly excoerated by the editor of the Ledger.

The Sumter Union Baptist Church meets at Piedmont Church, near Bishopville, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July.

A rattlesnake was killed about four miles from Spartanburg, on the upper Greenville road. He had five rattles and a button.

Miss Nannie Means, daughter of A. G. Means, of Spartanburg, was severely burned on last Thursday evening by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

Burglars attempted to raid on the Beaufort Bank on Monday night last, but were frightened off by Mrs. Lockwood, who was awakened by their noise.

The United States Marshal will sell by order of court, the building and lots in Sumter, set off by the sheriff of Sumter County, to F. J. Moses Jr., as a homestead.

On Friday last, some five cart loads of corn averaging three hundred bushels each, or aggregating fifteen hundred bushels, arrived in Abbeville, and was sold out, partly for cash and partly on time, by the following Monday.

An eight-day clock was found in the wood near Lancaster court house, and no owner has appeared for it. It is well known that there is an interesting locality in Williamsburg county, known as "Clock Town," in Lancaster county, where a clock is found.

The colored people of Yorkville have made unnumbered endeavors to secure an education for their children. They have obtained \$200 from the Peabody Fund, and the first session was closed last week after a public examination.

An entertainment consisting of tableaux and choruses, is to be given at Kingstree, on the court house, on the 18th inst., by a portion of the young ladies and gentlemen of Kingstree, the proceeds of which are to be contributed to the Baptist Sunday school library fund, and to the painting of the fence around said church.

Two little children of Mr. Condy of Wilmington who were badly scalded, are both dead.

Memorial day was celebrated with eclat at Wilmington and many other points in this State.

George Dahmer, aged seventy-five, committed suicide at Wilmington. Cause, insanity.

A house near the Charlotte depot Wilmington, was broken open and robbed of a watch and some other articles on Monday night last.

During a severe thunder storm, on Tuesday, the Carolina Central depot of Wilmington was struck by lightning, and several men stunned.

Major Englander, for many years the leading editor of the Wilmington Journal, and well known in this city, has severed his connection therewith.

Elias Wilson, insane, committed suicide in Wilmington on Saturday, by strangling his clothing with Kerosene, and then setting himself on fire.

A Monroe county cow has produced twin calves.

The Diocesan Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church met in Macon this week. Bishop Beckwith presided.

The annual convention of the Georgia Railroad was held in August on Wednesday last. Hon. John P. King, President, in the chair.

The great event in volunteer military circles in Augusta—the drill for the plume presented by the merchants of the city—took place at the Augusta opera house on Wednesday. After a spirited contest, the prize was awarded to Sergeant Austin of the Clinch Rifles, Co. "A." A large audience was present. Four men from each company in the battalion contended for the prize.

Jasper County, Texas is producing an excellent quality of tea; the plants are usually large and it requires but a small plot of ground to furnish any family with this expensive and yet almost necessary article.

Remaining in the Camden post-office unclaimed for May 13 1876 Mrs Betty Anderson, John Flowers, Mrs Grans, Andrew, Graham, Nancy Harrison, Jake McAllister, John S. Rogers, Mrs. S. Rogers, John Thompson, V. T. Truitt, Bridge Whitaker, D. G. Wurn, Samuel Whitley.

MARRIED. CARPENTER-BAXLEY. On the 11th of May, at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. H. F. Christy, Mr. E. H. Carpenter of Charleston, S. C., to Miss Virginia S. Baxley of Camden S. C. No Cards.

Tribute of Respect. At a meeting of Phoenix Hook & Ladder Company, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That in the death of a worthy brother, this Company has lost a worthy member, and the community an estimable member.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family of the deceased, and tender them our sincere sorrow in their deep affliction.

Resolved, That a page in our record book be inscribed with the name, date of initiation and the date of death of our deceased brother.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Kershaw Gazette, the City Journal, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

E. O. McKEIGHT, Com. on Res'n. W. S. OAKS.

New Advertisements.

Sheriff's Sale.

John D. Kennedy, Thurston & Holmes and R. M. Kennedy, Executors vs. A. M. Kennedy.

By virtue of the above execution, I will proceed to sell, in front of the court house in Camden, on the first Monday in June next, during the hours of sale, the following valuable property:

The premises now occupied by William C. Gerald, on Broad street, Camden, S. C., bounded on the North by premises occupied by Mrs. Mary E. Kelly, on the East by Frank P. Beard and others, South by premises of D. C. Kirkley, west by Broad street.

Valuable Property for Sale. WILL be sold at private sale, by consent of Geo. W. Williams & Co., mortgagees, of Brick Range, consisting of four stores and one Banking office, situated on Main Street, in the best business position of the town.

Frank P. Beard, Notary Public. [Office of KERSHAW GAZETTE.] Business entrusted to his care will be promptly and faithfully executed.

Cigars Tobacco and Pipes. EVERY BODY KNOWS THEY CAN always find the best articles in this line for the least money.

NOTE, RAISINS, AND CANDIES, OF all kinds at D. C. KIRKLEY'S, Agent.

A FEW MORE POUNDS OF THAT NICE mince meat, also a few buckets of Peach, apple and Quince Butter at D. C. KIRKLEY'S, Agent.

CHOICE FAMILY FLOUR; NEW ORLEANS molasses; muscovado's molasses, S. H. Syrup, for sale by D. C. KIRKLEY, Agent.

CHOICE PIG BAMS, SUGAR—All grades, Genuine Gilt-edge Butter, Goshen Butter. Pure cream cheese for sale by D. C. KIRKLEY, Agent.

10 LAGYRA AND JAVA COFFEE, TEA, all grades. Canned goods in variety for sale by D. C. KIRKLEY, Agent.

South Carolina Medical Association. The annual meeting of the South Carolina Medical Association will take place in Columbia on Tuesday, April 11th, 1876.

Important Notice. OFFICE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KERSHAW Co. Camden S. C. April 26th, 1876.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons holding claims against Kershaw county, which accrued between November first, 1873, and November first, 1874, that they are required by joint resolution of the General Assembly, to register the same within ninety days, with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for Kershaw County; who will in his office every day during this period, prepared to register the same.

By Order of the Board. W. H. R. WORKMAN, Clerk.

Insure With THE TEXAS BANKING AND INSURANCE COMPANY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS. STATEMENT JANUARY 1st 1876. Cash Capital, \$300,000.00 Surplus, 79,166.23 \$379,166.23

Insure With THE Union Marine and Fire Insurance Company, OF GALVESTON, TEXAS. STATEMENT JANUARY 1st 1875. Cash Capital, \$200,000.00 Surplus, 40,962.66 \$240,962.66

Assets. Loans on Bonds and Mortgages, \$13,600.00 State, City and other Stocks, 119,507.20 Bonds (market value), 19,507.20 Call Loans, secured by Bonds and other Collateral, 65,442.66 Suspended Debt (secured), 9,000.00 Premiums in course of Collection, 5,854.94 Cash in Bank and Office, 36,077.86 \$249,962.66

Liabilities. Reserve for Re-insurance, \$31,133.35 Reserve for all other liabilities, 2,210.00 \$33,343.35

Receipts and Disbursements for 1875. Premiums, Interest and Exchange, \$104,987.31 Disbursement, 78,926.48 Net Earnings, \$26,061.83

An Ordinance. To Alter and Amend "An Ordinance to License and Regulate Travelling Agents, Itinerant Salesmen, Transient Persons and Non-Residents of the Town of Camden."

Mattresses. Made or old ones repaired at short notice, at moderate prices, and in a substantial and neat manner.

Ten Pin Alley. The attention of the public is called to the ten pin alley just opened in rear of present stand, on Broad street.

Repairs. In all its branches executed in a workman-like manner. Bring along your dilapidated vehicles and have them made new.

Soda Water! Having put in operation one of Morse's Improved Soda Water apparatus, I have the pleasure of announcing that a pure, unadulterated and delightful beverage will be dispensed during the season.

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H. Baruch. HAS RESUMED SPECIE PAYMENT; TAKES Greenbacks and Town Money and gives Silver in change.

DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, Door and Window Frames, Plain & Matched Lumber, Flooring, Ceiling, Fence

Rails, Pickets, Moulding, &c., &c., &c. COLUMBIA, S. C.

THE BARGAIN COUNTERS GRAND CLEARING OUT SALES IN Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Carpets, Matting, &c. BY McCreey, Love & Co., Columbia, S. C., Commencing Monday, May 15, 1876.

ARREST OF BOSS TWEED AND Niles G. Parker would doubtless be good news to the public, but the news that J. W. McCreey is selling his entire stock at such unprecedentedly low prices will not only attract the attention of citizens of this section but also of the inhabitants living IN CUBA.

An Important Notice. All parties who are indebted to me for Stock, and whose notes are past due, will please bear in mind that I MUST HAVE MONEY; and that, unless they come forward at an early day and pay up, or make satisfactory arrangements about settling, I shall be compelled to resort to law to enforce the same.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS. ALL persons are hereby warned against trespassing upon my lands, known as the "Bush Place," under penalty of being dealt with according to law.

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN. ALL parties are strictly forbidden from shooting, spearing or gigging fish in my pond. Gentlemen, will regard this notice. Others, who disregard it, will be promptly prosecuted, in accordance with the laws of the State.

The Columbia Register. THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PAPER AT THE CAPITAL. C. P. PELHAM, Editor. H. N. EMLYN, Local Editor and Manager.

LETTERS DISMISSORY. Notice is hereby given that, one month from date, I will apply to James F. Southern, Esq., Judge of the Court of Probate for Kershaw county for Letters Dismissory, as administrator of the estate of David Moore, deceased.

BLACKSMITH & WHEELWRIGHT SHOP. NEXT TO METT'S BLACKSMITH SHOP. BIRCHMORE & BROWN RESPECTFULLY announce to the public that they are fully prepared to execute all kinds of work in the above line of business at short notice and on reasonable terms.

Horse Shoeing. To this branch of the business we intend to pay special attention, having the best shoer in Camden in our employ.

General Merchandise. Also a very nice selection of new and seasonable SPRING GOODS which I can assure the public will be sold at much lower prices than ever before offered.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN will find it to their interest by giving me an early call and examine my ENTIRE NEW SPRING STOCK.

Charles Elias.

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