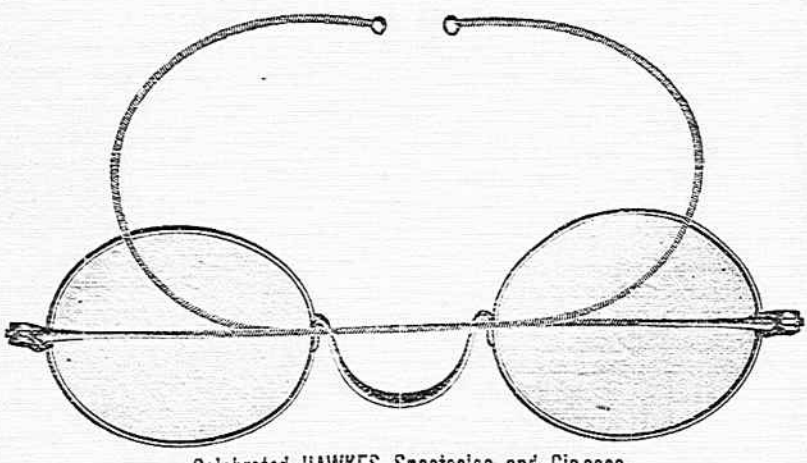


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The following Report of Claims approved for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 1902, showing number, in whose favor, for what purpose, and amount, is published in accordance with the requirements of the law:

No.	NAME AND PURPOSE.	AM'T.
305	J F Richbourg, constable's salary.	\$ 8 25
306	D W Alderman & Sons Co, codifier for pauper.	7 15
307	A J Richbourg, magistrate's salary.	14 58
308	Lawson McLeod, freight.	1 20
309	J G Jones, attention to pauper.	3 59
310	L L Wells, Superintendent Education's salary.	37 50
311	H W Patton and others, salaries chaingang officers.	74 65
312	Davis Lamm Co, wagon for chaingang.	45 00
313	A A Albrook, bridge work.	25 48
314	S M Beardon, fixing ballot boxes.	25 98
315	A J Morris, bridge work.	16 80
316	O W McRoy, building portable house for chaingang.	60 00
317	W J Haddad, bridge work.	12 18
318	R L Wells, Superintendent of Education's salary.	37 50
319	L L Wells, clerk's salary.	12 50
320	W P Montgomery, bridge lumber.	5 50
321	McLeod-Wilkins-King Co, supplies to poor.	14 00
322	McLeod-Wilkins-King Co, supplies to chaingang.	24 83
323	W M Mitchell, bridge work.	7 75
324	B A Johnson, supplies to poor.	6 10
325	B A Johnson, shoes, etc, for convicts.	21 10
326	L K Howle, conveying prisoner.	1 20
327	L K Howle, conveying prisoner.	1 20
328	L K Howle, conveying prisoner.	1 20
329	W A Brewer, coroner's salary.	50 00
330	Manning Hardware Co, supplies for roads, etc.	29 43
331	T C Owens, commissions on seed cotton licenses.	6 50
332	S M Youmans, magistrate's salary.	14 58
333	H B Bateman, Co, wagon for chaingang.	7 00
334	J F Richbourg, constable's salary.	8 25
335	A J Richbourg, magistrate's salary.	14 58
336	D F Mahoney, grand jury committee.	3 00
337	I Y Eadon, grand jury committee.	3 00
338	J P Carrigan, grand jury committee.	3 00
339	P T Taylor, grand jury committee.	3 00
340	J M Tobias, grand jury committee.	1 70
341	S E Ingram, grand jury committee.	6 00
342	J A Weinberg, expert to grand jury.	20 00
343	Legg, Hutchinson & Co, corn, oats, etc, for chaingang.	23 83
344	Jane Harrington, witness ticket.	4 70
345	H L Lesene, clerk's salary.	12 50
346	H Beck, pants and shirts for convicts.	79 65
347	Rhame & Lesene, attorneys charges.	50 00
348	Good Roads Machinery Co, machinery for road plow.	29 25
349	L L Wells, Superintendent Education's salary.	37 50
350	J H Windham and others, chaingang guard salaries.	80 00
351	S C Turbeville, supplies to poor.	23 50
352	J Elbert Davis, conveying prisoner.	5 00
353	Mrs J M Bagual, feeding jurors.	3 50
354	S C Turbeville, coffin, etc, for pauper.	4 15
355	D E Turbeville, lumber and bridge work.	51 00
356	D E Turbeville, bridge lumber.	47 13
357	S C Turbeville, supplies to poor.	52 00
358	Manning Hardware Co, supplies to chaingang mules.	44 77
359	R J Coskrey, lumber.	1 97
360	T L Bagnal, hay for chaingang mules.	8 50
361	L T Fischer, per diem and mileage.	40 20
362	E D Hodge, conveying lunatic.	16 44
363	J C Baker, per diem and mileage.	15 44
364	Broadway and Touchberry, election booths.	5 00
365	L P Gibson, bridge lumber.	3 00
366	J D Barrow, bridge lumber.	36 40
367	E H Kennedy, hauling and bridge work.	6 00
368	James Caldwell, conveying prisoners.	47 60
369	McLeod-Wilkins-King Co, supplies to poor.	44 71
370	McLeod-Wilkins-King Co, supplies to chaingang.	14 58
371	A J Richbourg, constable's salary.	8 25
372	J F Richbourg, magistrate's salary.	14 58
373	B A Johnson, supplies to chaingang.	3 10
374	L W Nettles, supplies to chaingang.	3 00
375	J Smith, grand jury services.	1 50
376	T M Wells, grand jury services.	209 70
377	Manning Grocery Co, ear load hay.	39 50
378	W T P Sprott, support to chaingang.	8 50
379	H B Bateman, magistrate's salary.	14 58
380	D Levi, supplies to poor.	12 00
381	J E Eadon, supplies to poor.	4 70
382	J H Boswe, supplies to chaingang.	14 58
383	J F Dickson, hardware supplies.	14 55
384	Manning Hardware Co, tools and hardware.	31 03
385	Coffey & Rigby, one pair of mules.	400 00
386	W R McLeod, supplies to poor.	14 00
387	C E C Land, chaingang supplies and hauler.	42 37
388	J H Windham, salary chaingang guard.	53 88
389	W C Davis, attorney's charges.	12 00
390	J M Brown, bridge work.	5 50
391	F J Hodge, rent for election booths.	2 00
392	T C Owens, commissions on licenses.	5 00
393	L L Wells, postage and expense account.	41 50

Attest: **T. C. OWENS,**
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C. J. LESSENE, Clerk Board.

THE LONDON TAPSTER.
Hard Luck Stories That Take the Place of Open Begging.
The plain and open tapster who accosts you in the street purely to beg may generally be known by an amazing overpoliteness in opening the conversation. He is the only person I know who begs pardon for taking the liberty of speaking to you, and by this sign you shall know him. They all begin by begging pardon for taking this not so very rare liberty, but only the duffers go on straightway to tap. The prudent tapsters approach the tap sideways, so to speak. Something like this, with a quick touch of the hat brim:

"Beg pardon, sir, I'm sure I 'umbly beg your pardon for takin' the great liberty of speakin' to you in a public thoroughfare like this, which I am quite aware it is a great liberty, sir, though trustin' you will kindly pardon the great liberty of a pore, 'ardworkin' man, sir, in askin' the great liberty of askin' if this street is the 'Aymarket, sir?' (Or the way to the Strand or the day of the month, or something.)

You answer the question, but you don't stop the stream of apologies. "Thank you, kindly, sir," pursues the tapster, pouring out the words, "thank you kindly, sir, if you'll so far pardon the liberty of a pore, 'ardworkin' man, sir, in askin' the question, which unfortunately I was forced to take the great liberty, sir, though born out of work eighteen months ago, 'ardworkin' man, sir, since last Tuesday fortnight, sir, upon my word of honor, which nothin' but the cries for bread of fourteen young children in arms would prevail on me, sir—so istreme kind as you've bin to me, sir, which I shall never forget—to take the very great liberty, sir, in a public thoroughfare, of askin' which is the nearest work'ouse?"

If once more you give him information instead of coppers, you only provoke another speech of the same sort, for he can go on like that for a deal longer than you want to listen. It is only in the extreme that he will directly ask for money, though I fancy that it is merely caution that marks his guarded way, as they say in the lyric, for if accused of begging by some watchful policeman he can always plead that he was only asking a harmless question. And the questions are endless in variety. I give my solemn word that I was once buttonholed by one of these seedy tapsters with the apologetic request that I would tell him the number of stars on the national flag of the United States! This is a simple fact—Leonard Larkin in the Strand.

Good Enough as It Is.
"Doctor, if a pale young man named Jinks calls on you for a prescription don't let him have it."
"Why not?"
"He wants something to improve his appetite, and he boards at my house."

It Would Seem So.
Fair Niece—Why do you object to duets so strenuously, Uncle Tom?
Uncle Tom—Because when two people attack one inoffensive piece of music simultaneously it's taking an unfair advantage.—Chicago News.

ALLIGATORS AS BOATMATES

Experiencing With One That Had Been Apparently Killed

Alligators move rapidly under water, are hard to see, harder to hit, and the harpoon will penetrate only the least accessible portions of the body. Nor does the title to the hide necessarily pass with making fast the weapon.

One afternoon in the Cheesebowitz-kee river I harpooned a large alligator which towed me up and down the stream for an hour or two and then sunk in its deepest part. I pulled on the line until the boat was directly over him and stirred him up with the harpoon pole. He rolled himself up on the line in the manner peculiar to sharks and alligators and banged the boat suggestively. We rowed to the bank and, making fast to some bushes, hauled on the line until we succeeded in worrying him nearly to the boat, when he rose to the surface and attacked us with open mouth. We repelled the attack with harpoon pole and rifle. The former was promptly bitten in three places, but the latter apparently finished him. It was so nearly dark that we decided to carry him the skiff a mile down the river to where our skiff was anchored. We broke the seats out of the boat and together managed to lift the head of the alligator aboard and tie it. We then tied the other end, when the reptile came to life and landed a blow with his tail which lifted me out of the skiff into the saw grass, with the brand knocked out of my body and my head and face badly cut by the grass.

Boat and boatmen were capsized. As my rifle had fortunately been left upon the bank, I was quick to balance the boat under him and then bailing it out. The alligator completely filled the boat, so that my companion and I sat upon his back as we paddled down the river with gunwales unpleasantly near the water.

It was growing dark, and the water around us was becoming alive with alligators. While we were reflecting upon our overloaded condition our alligator came to life again and shifted ballast until water poured over the gunwales. I was quickly balanced the only to see it again disturbed and ship more water. A scramble for the shore followed, which we reached without capsizing and where we left our victim for the night after again killing him. In the morning our buzzard friend from the Homosassa river, surrounded by his family, was sitting above him in the tree waiting for us to attend to our carrying duties.—Country Life in America.

UNPLANTED CORN.
It Has a Habit of Getting Uneasy in the Spring.
"It beats all," said a Bergen county farmer, "what curious things we find in nature that we can't explain. You kin never get a lot 'em, and there's yet one that you can't tell me why it is. That's corn heatin' up in the spring."

"You take a lot of corn. I don't care if it's whole corn or cracked corn or cornmeal. You keep it in any kind of storehouse—the common granary, like we have on the farms, or the stone or brick buildin', like many of the grocers and feed dealers have it in. When it comes corn plantin' time, that corn of yours 'll git uneasy. Soon's the blades start out of the ground, then you'll have to hustle to save your grain."

"Some times when the time comes along for corn to be planted the corn in the bags, no matter what shape it is, begins to heat up, and when the planted corn begins to grow what you've got stored will git so hot it'll fairly smoke. You've got to take it out of the bags and spread it out so it'll cool off or you'll lose it all. In a few days it'll cool down again, and you won't have no more trouble with it durin' the summer, no matter how hot the weather gets. It's jest when the planted corn starts; that's all."

"Curious. Of course it's curious or I wouldn't speak of it. I might understand how whole corn would act that way, but when it comes to cracked corn and cornmeal then it's too much for me. And I'll bet you can't tell why it is, 'cept it's jest nature tryin' to assert herself."—New York Mail and Express.

Writing on Wood.
Some persons are of the opinion that the first writing was upon thin pieces of wood. From their convenience this seems probable. Such boards were used at an early period by the Greeks and Romans, and were frequently covered with wax, which was of course more easily written upon than the bare wood. Where wax was used errors were easily erased by rubbing with the blunt end of the piece of metal which served for a pen. To make the writing more visible it appears that some black substance was smeared over the surface of the white wax and remained in the scratched marks.

BIRMINGHAM PICTURES.
They Were Mere Paper, but They Substituted the Art of Turner.
Turner, the great landscape painter, was a curious mixture of parsimony and generosity, determined money grubbing and unreckoning devotion to his art. He would drive a hard bargain one day and the next refuse to sell at any price. Intending purchasers were sometimes excluded from his gallery, and the refusal of admission was communicated in anything but a polite manner.

Mr. Gillott, the wealthy pen manufacturer of Birmingham, once proved himself equal to the task of storming the castle in the teeth of the gruff artist. He was a miser and a miserly man, and his doorkeeper and achieving a bargain. A book on Turner gives the story.

Mr. Gillott was met at the door of Turner's house by an old woman, who opened the door and asked the gentleman's business.

"Can't let 'em in," she snapped out, when he told her, and tried to slam the door.

But Mr. Gillott had put his foot inside the door and without waiting for permission pushed past the enraged janitress and hurried upstairs to the gallery. Turner met him like a spider whose web has been invaded. The intruder introduced himself and said that he had come to buy.

"Don't want to sell!" was the answer.

"Have you seen our Birmingham pictures, Mr. Turner?" inquired the visitor, as calmly as if he had been received as a gentleman should be.

"Never heard of 'em," said Turner.

Mr. Gillott took from his pocket some Birmingham bank notes.

"Mere paper," remarked Turner, who evidently enjoyed the joke.

"To be bartered for mere canvas," said the visitor, waving his hand to indicate the paintings on the wall. His tone—perhaps also the sight of the "mere paper"—conquered Turner, and when the visitor departed he had bargained for several valuable pictures.

Rheumatism



The liniment bottle and flannel strip are familiar objects in nearly every household. They are the weapons that have been used for generations to fight old Rheumatism, and are about as effective in the battle with this giant disease as the blunderbuss of our forefathers would be in modern warfare.

Rheumatism is caused by an acid, sour condition of the blood. It is filled with acid, irritating matter that settles in the joints, muscles and nerves, and liniments and oils no nothing else applied externally can dislodge these gritty, corroding particles. They were deposited there by the blood and can be reached only through the blood.

Rubbing with liniments sometimes relieve temporarily the aches and pains, but these are only symptoms which are liable to return with every change of the weather; the real disease lies deeper, the blood and system are infected. Rheumatism cannot be radically and permanently cured until the blood has been purified, and no remedy does this so thoroughly and promptly as S. S. S. It neutralizes the acids and sends a stream of rich, strong blood to the affected parts, which dissolves and washes out all foreign matters, and the sufferer obtains happy relief from the torturing pains.

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