

ARP AND THE BOOKS.

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GOOD BOOKS A BLESSING

But Arp Does Not Think "Uncle Tom's Cabin" a Blessing—Other Authors Discussed.

Some notable person—I believe it was Lady Montague—said "There is no entertainment so cheap as reading and pleasure as lasting." Especially is this true nowadays when there is so much to read that is cheap, instructive and interesting. In fact, reading is now the best part of a liberal education. A well read person is wiser, happier and better fitted for the duties and trials of life than the scholar who has graduated at the top in the arts and sciences. Of course, I mean good reading—such as history, ancient and modern; biography, where we get both example and precept; good story books and standard novels that teach good morals; good magazine literature and good newspapers, whose editors are conscientious and read their responsibility. "As a man sows, so shall he reap," and we might naturally say what a child reads as will his or her moral and emotional character be. The schools educate the intellect only, but reading affects the heart, the emotions and passions and establishes the character of the young for good or for evil. Man has been defined to be a bundle of prejudices, and these prejudices most generally come from the books, magazines or newspapers that we read. Little stories like "Androsodes and the Lion" or "Damon and Pythias" have molded the character of thousands of children, and just so has "Robinson Crusoe," the "Young Marooners" and the "Swiss Family Robinson" established the characters of children of a larger growth. Whether a man despises or admires Napoleon depends on whether he has read Scott or Abbott. Whether a man was a Whig or a Democrat in the old times depended on the newspaper he took. As great a man as Dr. Miller, who was an old-line Whig, had a contempt for Thomas Jefferson because he was the founder of the Democratic party. Jefferson must have been a very great man, said I "for he wrote the Declaration of Independence." "What is that?" said the doctor, "but a series of magnified platitudes that any schoolboy might have written. The first sentence is ridiculous, for it says a decent respect to the opinions of mankind. A decent respect? Who ever heard of an indecent respect? Why didn't he say 'respect for' and leave out the decent, and he scuttled the whole document from a whig standpoint."

Well, I was ruminating about the while reading Percy Gregg's high-toned but merciless criticism of Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Gregg had repudiated in the South during slavery times and knew the book was a lie when it was written, and that it was written to inflame the Northern mind and precipitate a collision. That Beecher family was smart, unprincipled and malignant. It was Henry Ward Beecher who invited old John Brown to his reckless deeds and daring and who declared from his pulpit that Sharpe's rifles were better missives than Bibles, and that to shoot at a slave holder and miss him was a sin against heaven. It was that same Beecher who, while a preacher, seduced the wife of one of his members and broke up the family, and after weeks of a mock trial got a whitewashing verdict from a packed committee.

But it was ruminating about the far-reaching influence and effect of that book and how it fired the northern heart and the English heart against us, and how it was a lie and wholly mis-represented our people, and how the Lord cursed Shemah, one of the prophets, because he made the people believe a lie, and how St. John said no one should enter heaven who loveth or maketh a lie, and so I was wondering where the Beechers now.

But the trouble is they won't stop. Almost every mail brings me newspapers with marked articles denouncing me and threatening me for this lynching business, and they all pity the fate of Sam Hose and sweep over that inexcusable scoundrel whom they call that used, inoffensive old preacher Lige Strickland. May the Levee have mercy upon us and keep us calm and serene, is my prayer. My last comes from The Humanitarian, of New York, and says: "Unless those bad demons turned us into an impious prisoners, they cut off his ears and fingers and plucked out his eyes before plunging him into the lake. His liver and heart were cut into small pieces and sold to the highest bidder. Not long before I've made take some negro prisoners from the gaol, and shot them all to death since then. That one was Sam Hose, who was a sarp. Crawford was one of the mob and Sam Hose was only awaiting the death of his friends when he killed Crawford. After burning Sam Hose the mob found an old hooded negro preacher named Strickland and killed him. Then came the word, amnestia, and the article winds up with the assertion that a race conflict is inevitable.

And now comes the Atlanta Age and Wesley Flegel, the muleto editor, says, in answer to J. Pope Brown, "the negro is ready to go. There is not one negro in ten thousand that will not gladly welcome an opportunity to go. The negro longs to get away from Pope Brown and his kin. He wants the Anglo-Saxon race to buy a piece of ground from China or somewhere that will enable him to leave. Pope Brown and others who have raised him for years. We are anxious to go—we are ready. This crowd brought our mothers here and debruched them and outraged them till we find 6,000,000 of mulattoes, kinsmen of this man Brown and his friends. Let us go as we the children of Israel from Egypt, and harden not your heart when we get ready to leave."

Then he copies Joseph Henderson's reply to Governor Northern, which contains more lies to the square inch than anything I have yet seen. Henderson belongs to the Thomas Foster-Ida Wells gang, who are making big money out of Yankees hate and

credulity. He made his speech in Boston and said he was a Georgian and his mother obeyed the slave-master's whip and felt the bloodhound's bite. What a bar, but he has made those Yankees believe it. In all my experience I never knew a negro woman to run away, nor did I ever hear of a bloodhound biting man or woman. Sometimes bad negro men ran away and were properly punished when they came back, or were taken up and brought back. I never heard of half a dozen runaways in our county. As a rule all negroes were humanely treated. Every master knew that it impaired their value to treat them otherwise. Percy Gregg declares, in his history, that the Southern Slaves were the best treated servants the world over saw. The young and the old were cared for kindly and affectionately by master and mistress, and their condition was infinitely better than the poor of England or Germany or of the Northern United States.

Pledger gives Henderson's speech in large headlines and calls it "Plain Words." The article is malignant, mendacious and incendiary, and thus Pledger could not run his paper in Wilmington nor in any country town in Georgia. It is a weekly menace to the peace between the races. He advises the negroes to patronize no green-tinted associations. What a fool. Suppose the merchants of Cartersville should conclude to patronize white draymen and white carpenters and blacksmiths only, what would be the case of the negroes who now so faithfully serve us? What would become of Juie Brown and Trible, our expert carmine maker whose department assigns commands our respect and confidence? I tell you, my brethren, there are many good industrial negroes in the land, and we would have no trouble if it were not fomented by such politicians as Pledger. I know lots of negroes that I can get along with, and so does every white man. But such as Pledger are not going away unless he sees big money in a contract. He wants to be hired to drum recruits. Six millions of mulattoes! Good gracious! And he is one of them, and no doubt is proud of it. I never saw a mulatto who wasent. They wouldn't have been black negroes if they could, and they wouldn't swap colors now. They are the 400—the elite, the upper ten.

But enough of this. Tip has been to me, the faithful Tip—and he was happy. Tip bought some land near Rome from a Michiganer. The price was \$1,000, which Tip paid, and after the Michigander had left parts unknown, Tip found a mortgagor on it for \$500 more, and will have it to pay. Noddy had a dirty Yankee dog, would have swindled Tip that way. Tip brought his "misch" as he still calls my wife, a bottle of wine made from his own grapes, but I reckon you had better not mention that or it might be construed as against the new liquor law, and subject us to a fine of \$50, and me to brush rocks for thirty days. That would be bad, and would, I reckon, take me over the hill again, but the dog is gone, and they insisted on the money for the dog, if it is owing with you."

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Narrowly escaped at this Buckland plunged his hand into another pocket and produced a tortoise and, laying it on the sill of the ticket window said, "Perhaps you'll call that a dog."

The clerk inspected the tortoise. "No longer," said he, "we make no charge for that, they're free."

A LITTLE STORY.

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CAREFUL PACKING NECESSARY.

Important Warning to Manufacturers Engaged in Foreign Trade.

From the Boston Herald: John Fowler, our consul at Chefoo, has written to the state department complaining bitterly of the damage done to American foreign trade by the carelessness and ignorance of many of our mercantile houses in the packing of goods intended for the export trade. He gives illustration after illustration of orders of merchandise that have come to China from the United States which have been broken, soiled or otherwise damaged, simply because the goods were not packed in a way to sustain transhipment and handling, often rough handling, without injury.

Of course goods which were packed in this condition in this country by one merchant from another or by a customer from a merchant, would be immediately sent back as unmerchantable, but there is no means of sending goods back that have been sent east or 8,000 miles beyond our frontiers, and the loss consequent upon purchase of this kind commonly falls upon the purchaser who makes an inward voyage that he will not again run the risks of purchasing American wares, no matter how tempting may be the price. This may seem a small matter, but it is of vital importance if our export trade is to receive a healthy development, because an experience of this kind is like throwing a stone into a pond of water. The foreign customer talks to his neighbors, and the circle of influence, extending all through a foreign community, affects the goods not only of one house but carelessly shipped them but American goods of all kinds. The German, French and English understand this business far better than we do, and pack the wares that they send abroad in such a manner that they are not likely to be injured no matter how rough the handling may be to which they are liable to.

WHICH IS MONKEY OR DOG?

A good story of an amusing alteration which once took place between Mr. Frank Buckland and a booking clerk, is relayed by the Windsor Magazine. The naturalist had been in France and was returning via Southampton with an overcoat stuffed with specimens of all sorts dead and alive. Among them was a monkey, which was domed in a large breast pocket. At Buckland was taking the ticket when Buckland was taking the ticket, stuck his thumb up his hand and awoke the attention of the booking clerk, who immediately and very properly said, "You must have a ticket for that dog, if it is owing with you."

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