

SUNSHINE IN CAMDEN

Written March 21).
 a warm Sunday in Camden a little difficult to enjoy as it has burst upon suddenly, after an unusually clear for this section that is wondering at the weather.
 re-lined streets have suddenly on a spring-like aspect. The delicate tracery of the twigs of the white oak have been in shadow by the soft brown of the buds, which seem to serve as a seasonal salad for flocks of occasional songsters after gorging themselves on holly and ligustrum berries.
 is asserting itself with a splash of color in the various shades of a cautious beginning, the owner endeavoring to himself by attempting to some particularly appealing horticultural alchemy,

which eventually evolves into his own picture of his own little domain.
 Pages would be required to do justice to the more pretentious landscape ventures on the large estates, but the same spirit of harmony in color prevails, as the many hundreds of visitors to the Carolinas will vouch for.
 This is the real "sand country" and one would wonder how such vigorous plants and trees spring from such light soil. But the oaks and pines which you see on every hand attest the evident virtues of the soil. No where can you find better color and growth in shrubs and flowers.
 I have been reading with intense interest the part that Camden played in the winning of the American revolution. It was the real "Bastogne" of that sanguinary period, when it held the armies of Corn-

walls and Tarleton at bay, which gained the needed time for General Washington to prepare for the encirclement of Cornwallis at Yorktown with the belated but valuable assistance of the French fleet.
 Words of praise here would not be remiss for that ragged little band of guerillas under Francis Marion. They contributed heavily to the failure of the British army to accomplish their objectives by persistently harassing their supply convoys in forays from the surrounding swamps and woods.
 From the American revolution to 1861 was a time of prosperity, brought about by the successful production of cotton which went to feed the looms of England where it was manufactured into fabrics for which there was a world demand.
 Many such phases of Southern life pass before your eyes including the dark pages of history when the way back had to be painfully and laboriously undertaken.
 But now we would say that the transition has occurred. A smiling South is emerging and the smile is the better for having been retarded during a period of travail.
 From the magnificently colorful Charleston gardens to the Great Smokies; from the tropical beauty of Florida to the one and only New Orleans—the Mississippi or west to the Pacific there is a quickening and stirring of the hope of better things at hand.
 A land that has inspired the tradition of gallantry, courtesy and hospitality such as the South of yesterday and today can point with

pride, has within itself the fundamental values to reach the heights.
 Both North and South have their troubles in readjustment of localized eruptions in the body politic, which are magnified by keeping them on the front page. This, I believe, is the place for them, until the purifying effects of the air of public opinion relegates them to the back page and so on to the oblivion they deserve.
 Should you wish to see sunshine at its best, walk down Broad street in Camden on a bright Saturday afternoon. Laughter and good feeling seem to radiate from old and young who have come to town for the weekly purchases and a glad handshake.
 A bustling friendly street without disorder, which many an American town would do well to emulate.
 And so on this hot Sunday afternoon, in searching for a word to describe these pictures of Camden that keep recurring for the past

three winter seasons, it suddenly occurred to me that the answer was Peace, Peace of mind, Harmony with your environment and love of your God and your neighbor, a peace that flows about you and touches all strata of life. The whole atmosphere of the town is Peace. "It is full of the source of Peace" as the Rev. Nicholas Blodman writes in the "Far East." "Add to this a quiet beauty of the countryside, the mildness of the air, the friendliness of all and you have a heaven of peace and rest."
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day, March 23. She was the widow of the late J. A. Horton.
 She is survived by six sons, D. R. and C. E. of Charlotte, N. C.; O. W. and V. J. of Angelus; L. M. of Rock Hill, W. S. of Bethune, and three daughters, Mrs. C. B. Pate of Bethune, Mrs. Henry Deese of Angelus and Mrs. Percy Mangum of Jefferson. Two brothers and a sister also survive, Daniel and Joe Heaton and Mrs. Alice Carraway, all of Louisiana.
 Funeral services were conducted from the Macedonia Baptist church where she was a member on Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock, by the Revs. B. Pinson, Douglas Smith and C. L. Whitmore. Interment followed in the churchyard cemetery.
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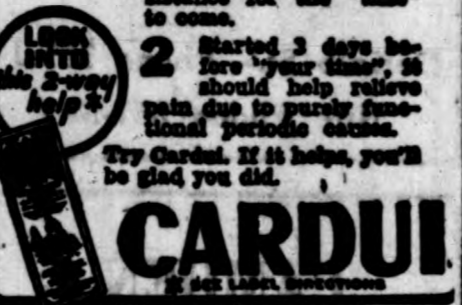
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