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COMMUNICATIONS—News letters or on subjects of general interest will be gladly welcomed. Those of a personal nature will not be published unless paid for.

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Factories Shut Down.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 11.—The Howard and Bullough company, manufacturers of cotton machinery, have adopted a schedule of forty hours a week.

WESTBORO, MASS., Dec. 11.—The H. E. Bringham shoe factory here has closed down indefinitely. Five hundred operators are idle.

Negro Killed at Edgefield.

EDGEFIELD, Dec. 12.—Louis Gilchrist, a negro employee of the Edgefield Cotton Mill, was instantly killed today at 2 o'clock P. M., while assisting in packing cotton.

The Baptist state convention, representing one hundred and fifteen thousand members, declared at Orangeburg last week in favor of prohibition—right in the stronghold of the dispensary system.

Democrats Against Third Term.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The Democrats of the house have determined to make a vigorous fight for the adoption of the anti-third-term resolution, introduced by Representative Clayton, of Alabama.

Mr. Clayton, accompanied by John Sharp Williams, the minority leader, will call on the speaker and ask to be recognized on the floor.

The Republican members are inclined to laugh away Mr. Clayton's resolution.

"I attach no importance to it," said Representative Dalzell, "and see no chance of it being called up."

Appoints Magistrate.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 12.—Governor Ansel today appointed Edward M. Dale as magistrate for Frogmore Township, Beaufort county, for the unexpired term of W. T. Wiggins, who has left the State.

Eyes Knocked Out.

UNION, Dec. 11.—Sam Goude-lock, a colored man, had both eyes knocked out and is now at the point of death, according to rumors here on the street today.

Col. J. L. Michie, of Darlington, was elected Grand Master of the Ancient Free Masons at the grand convention which closed in Charleston last week.

This is the season of decay and weakened vitality; good health is hard to retain. If you'd retain yours, fortify your system with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, the surest way.

The Party of the Winds.

Big, blustering, boisterous Northeast invited all the little winds that live up in the sky to come and play.

He whisked the leaves and twisted the trees and broke off twigs with greatest ease. He was awkward, too, and made a big hullabaloo for the little work he had to do.

East was a high spirited maiden, who could never keep still a minute, and she brought a gift of puffy, fluffy snow.

The three winds played awhile. They made little twirls and whirls in the snow. Then they made little tossings and crossings of the twigs in the tree-tops.

But when they heard West Wind coming the three went away and hid in the deep, dark wood.

West was such a mild, gentle little lady she was quite contented all by herself and smiled sweetly and played little lonely but lively games of puff and whiff.

She tried to find the hidden ones; but, although she blew into every crack and crevice and raised a terrible dust, she could not find North, Northeast or East.

Then South came and, finding no one to receive him, ate all the ice and snow, like the greedy fellow he was, and went back to his orange blossoms.

An Unobserving Thief.

Yosouf owned a beautiful horse which was very valuable.

While Yosouf was transacting business a thief stole the horse.

The owner shortly afterward saw the rogue leading his horse and took him before the caid, or judge.

"The horse is mine," sturdily insisted the thief.

In vain the other argued, and the caid was about to give his decision in favor of the villain when Yosouf advanced suddenly, threw his cloak over the horse's head and demanded of his enemy:

"Since you own the horse, tell the caid in which eye the animal is blind."

"In the left," said the thief, making a wild guess.

Yosouf looked toward the caid triumphantly. "He's blind in neither eye," said he.

So the noble horse came into its rightful owner's possession again, and the wicked Arab was punished.

Immovable Card.

Strange as it may seem, if a card is bent at both ends and placed upon a table in the position shown in the

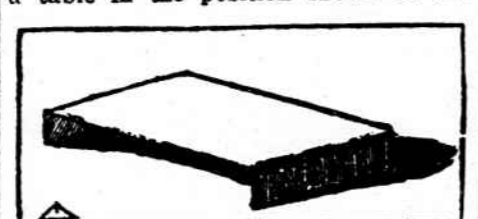


illustration you will find that it is only with the greatest difficulty it may be moved, no matter how hard you blow.

By drawing off to a distance, however, and blowing sharply you may cause it to flutter across the table.

The Century Plant.

The "century plant" is a myth. The agave, of the order of amarillidaceae, takes from ten to seventy years to come to maturity, then blooms once and dies. There is no plant that "flowers once every hundred years."

The Pyramids of Egypt.

The Egyptian pyramids stand near the city of Memphis, Egypt, and are four sided structures, the sides facing the cardinal points of the compass.

The largest and most famous of the three is the pyramid of Cheops, that being the name given by Herodotus, the historian, to the king that built it.

Modern Egyptologists—that is, students of Egyptian history and legends—say that the pyramids were built 4,000 years ago, perhaps even longer than that.

The pyramid of Cheops is 450 feet in height. Originally it was 479 feet. The sides are 746 feet in length, originally 764 feet.

The chambers where the kings were buried are in the middle of the structures, to which long passages lead from the outside.

Making Believe.

Julia was sorry that she did not live when fairies and witches were not afraid to show themselves.

But she knew all this couldn't be, so she decided to "make believe." However, no one would help her.

"How much nicer it would be," she was telling father, "if every one would make believe!"

"Oh, I don't know," replied father, drawing a box of candy from his pocket. "It's nice to have real things, too, sometimes."

A Number Guessing Puzzle.

Tell your friend to think of a number; multiply by 6, divide by 3, add 40, divide by 2; then let him name the result, and you can tell him the number he thought of.

The method is: Multiplying by 6 and dividing by 3 gives twice the number. Add 40, and you have twice the number plus 40. Divide by 2, and you have once the number plus 20; hence if you subtract 20 from the result he gives you you will have the number he first thought of.

A Baby Soldier.

The baby prince of Spain's name has been entered upon the roll of a regiment, and he wears the number of it in gold pinned on his bib.

JUST A DREAM.



Oh, such a frightful dream I had 'Bout little Bruvver Jack.

Der' sitting on a rock, he was, Wiv wings out of his back—

Wiv wings doe' like a butterfly, Steeking up in the air.

And ne rock was like dem new pumpkins We saw down to ne fair.

And Jack he had his nighties on, And he held nat rock so tight.

Doe' like he feared ne wings o' his Would fly him out o' sight.

A fairy first I finked Jack was, But nen I said: "Oh, no!"

Fairies ney don't have nighties on, And neys never f'ightened so!"

For Jack was a-w-w-fal f'ightened, And I was f'ightened, too.

'Cause I finked nat he would fly away, And nen what would I do?

And, oh, how glad I was to wake And find it nes a dream!

Nen I woked Jack and telled him how— How horrid it did seem.

Nen Jack, nat awful boy, nes said: "Ah, h-a-a-a! It serves you right!

You wouldn't gi' bruvver none o' your oako, But ate it all, last night!"

SELL TO SPINNERS.

Financial Agent of Farmers' Union Returns from European Markets.

GREENVILLE, Dec. 11.—Mr. W. C. Moore, financial agent for the Farmers' union, returned to Greenville today from a trip to Europe.

He predicts sensational prices later in the season, when the consumer finally realizes the size of the crop and the fact that the farmer is not willing to take less than 15 cents.

Poinier to Succeed Himself.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Capt John G. Capers, who is the adviser of the administration in matters of federal offices in South Carolina, states today that he has received a large number of communications respecting the Spartanburg postmastership in view of the expiration within the next few weeks of the term of Col. Samuel T. Poinier.

Capt. Capers will recommend the reappointment of Col. Poinier, and he says that he will do all in his power to bring about his reappointment. In view of the relations existing between Capt. Capers and the first assistant postmaster general, it is practically certain that this recommendation will go through without delay.

Congressman Patterson.

Congressman Patterson is working for the passage by Congress at this session of these seven bills introduced by him:

A bill to fix fees of United States commissioners.

A bill to erect a public building at Aiken at a cost of \$125,000, the site of which has already been purchased.

A bill to hold federal court at Aiken.

A bill to establish a fish hatchery in South Carolina.

A bill for a public building at Beaufort, to cost \$100,000.

A bill to develop the Edisto river.

A bill to secure passage of war claims without the word "loyal."—Barnwell People.

North Carolina for Prohibition.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 11.—The universal opinion here is that the legislature of 1909 will declare for state prohibition. The liquor dealers themselves now say that nothing they might do can stem the tide.

Race Conflict in Mississippi.

COLUMBUS, MISS., Dec. 12.—Seven negroes were killed and from twenty to thirty wounded in the race conflict in Pickens county, Alabama, near the Mississippi line, last night according to telegraph dispatches, received here.

According to these dispatches, the whites raided a negro lodge meeting last night, and in the fighting which followed seven negroes were killed and twenty or thirty wounded.

The building was then burned by the white posse, as was also other negro houses in the neighborhood.

Deputy Marshal Lowe, who was wounded by negroes Saturday night at the time that he arrested a negro charged with stealing cotton, is in a serious condition.

The dispatches add that further trouble is expected.

Hoarding of Fortune.

A specimen of the type of individual who helps to bring on financial disturbances was seen the other day in a popular downtown restaurant. In plain view of perhaps two score people a handsomely dressed young man took out a roll of bills from an inner waistcoat pocket, and proceeded to count them before an older friend sitting vis-a-vis.

An Ohio man who conducted his own suit for damages against a railroad has been awarded 1 cent. He has the consolation, however, of knowing that he will not have to divide it with any associate counsel.

Dr. Kivy Pearlstone, who has been here for several weeks, left Monday for Charleston where he will locate and practice medicine. Dr. Pearlstone is a young physician and we predict for him a prosperous future in the city by the sea.

SOME CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS. We want you to see our large line of Christmas Goods, a variety to select from in the following articles: Rocking Chairs, Parlor Tables, Dining Tables, Ladies' Desks, Pictures, Iron Beds, Serving Tables, Wardrobes, Esels, Iron Cribs, Sideboards, Chiffoniers, Jardiniere Stands, Rugs, Art Squares, Baby Carriages, Hassocks, Lounges, Fancy Lamps, Window Shades, Mattings, Linoleums, Crockery, Screens, Carving Sets, Silver Knives and Forks, Water Sets, Toilet Sets, Dining Chairs, Guns, Rifles, Enameled Ware, Cooking Stoves, Ranges, Heaters. Prettiest Line Immitation Cut Glass you ever saw. A full stock of beautiful Bed-Room Suites and a great many other articles too numerous to mention. Call and get prices before purchasing elsewhere. "Prices to Suit the Pocket". Bamberg Furniture & Hardware Co. BAMBERG, SOUTH CAROLINA

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