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## EXTRAORDINARY DEVOTION

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Good Teachers for Our Children of  
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Silver or Goldbugs--Et-  
ta Jane News.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

ETTA JANE, S. C., Oct. 19.—On the night before the battle of Summerville, near Charleston, S. C., (June 16, 1862.) Lieutenant Bellingher, of Lamar's artillery, had given his sword and pistol to his servant, Daniel, who had taken them to his quarters, about one hundred yards from the battery, to clean them up for inspection. After he had finished his work he fell asleep and knew nothing more until he was aroused by the roar of the enemy's guns next morning as they charged the breastworks.

Remembering suddenly that his master was unarmed, the faithful slave sprung from his rude couch and gathered the sword and pistol, and rushed toward the battery where the battle was raging in great fury. As he pressed toward the guns where his master and the canoniers were fighting like tigers, he fell pierced by three minnie balls from the enemy's guns. But faithful unto death, he entreated the men near him to carry the sword and pistol to his master. One of them told him that his master was already dead. "My God," said he, "they killed him because he was unarmed." He reprimanded himself for his carelessness, which he thought had caused his master's death. As soon as the battle was over the Lieutenant, hearing of Daniel's condition, hastened to him. The faithful slave, hearing his master's voice, raised his languid eyes and exclaimed: "Ah! my master, I was told that you was dead, but thank God its me instead of you," and taking the pistol from his bosom handed it to his master saying: "I tried to take your sword to you, but when they shot me it fell and I fear it is lost." The Lieutenant assured him that he need not trouble himself about that now, but that he would take him to the surgeon and have his wounds dressed. Daniel, however, felt the cold clammy hand of death stealing over him, yet he lamented that he could never see his master's children again. "Tell them at home," said he, "that I promised to take care of you, and that I was killed in the attempt to do so. Little Duncan and Nannie (that was the names of his master's children) will cry when they hear that poor Daniel is dead," and then his voice hushed as his spirit took its flight to the God who gave it.

Our ignorance of happiness constitutes its charms. For that reason, no doubt, God has made Paradise a mystery to us.

We should associate ourselves with good company if we value our reputation. It is better to be alone any time than in bad company.

Some people want to stick every little family row they hear of in the papers for the gratification of professional gossips. I am glad that Editors (as a rule) are too well raised to allow such stuff in their columns. It would make respectable readers hold their noses while the report is being read.

If that fellow in THE LEDGER office who makes me spell so badly don't quit it, I'll get Flaw Picker on him. The idea of my using two "r's" in spelling parole or buried is ridiculous.

Of the 4,892 people who went to Yorkville last Friday, not more than 38 went purposely to see the show. The rest went to see a fellow or attend to business of some kind. "Some excuse is better than none."

I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of Mr. H. W. Thomson and Miss Anna E. Howell last Tuesday. Rev. W. R. Owings was the officiating minister. A large crowd witnessed the happy affair. Both the bride and groom were elegantly dressed.

Those people who misbehave in church are generally idiotic and can't help it. They are objects of pity, rather than contempt, and ministers should be very careful how they rebuke them. St. Paul says: "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." We occupy high ground when we stand on scripture teaching.

Our farmers generally average their cotton crop at one-half. Corn is a fair average except where it has been destroyed by high water or cut off by drought.

Mr. W. T. Osment has got him a new possum dog. Look out 'possums.

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Physicians recommend Graham bread for indigestion. Star Bakery.

## FLAW-PICKER VS. BANJO LU.

FLAW PICKER AND BANJO LU.  
AT THE SHOW.

Flaw Interprets a Remarkable Dream  
for Banjo Lu. and Imparts to  
Him Some Valuable  
Information.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

DRAYTONVILLE, Oct. 19.—Gentle folks and feller citizens: This is a time that ole Flaw will haf to break over his general rule of writin' an personate a little. Hit's somewhat painful, I'll admit, but what's the use to be a flaw-picker unless you pick flaws, or, what's the use to pretend to be anything else unless you be it in deed and in truth? Ef my bosom friend has a flaw, aint it my duty to find it in him as well as anybody else? Since I have taken upon myself the disagreeable task of flaw-picking I'm a goin' to treat all alike, both friend and foe, an do my duty, even of the general class of people gits to hatin' me as bad as—as they do a Tillman spy.

Ole Flaw has one great flaw in his self, an that is, associatin' with a certain individual—Banjer Lu., also known as Luther Sherrill, but it is necessary for Flaw to be in the world and with the world to be successful in findin' flaws of the world, an as I have bin associatin' with this Banjer Lu. for the last twenty-four years I have got him down to a fine pint, an he's just excellent material to work on, too, to bring out some important points in human nature an show up the inner man an outer man that inhabits each body, as Paul has heretofore tried to explain in his feeble way.

This Banjer Lu. heard about John Robinson's show a goin' to show over to Blaxburg last Thursday an he said to me:

"Flaw, I'm goin' over to the show Thursday, how about you?"

"Ef I was you I wouldn't go narry step, for you know your fallin', Lu., you'll jist about go over there an git drunk an the cops will haf to find a suitable place for you to take out an turn in; an another thing, you know I believe in toin' what's right, an that's no fitten place for me to be at, nohow," I said.

"I thought about gittin' drunk but ef you'll go with me I'll not tetch a drop. You know we've bin raised an reared up together all our lives an we can't handy separate now, so you git ready by mornin' an I'll guarantee you that I'll not git drunk an that everything will be lovely," he said.

Me thinkin' as he, that we had bin together so long, etc., consented to go with him.

Bright and early Thursday mornin' we was gathered together with the crowd at the depot preparatory to goin' to the show at Blaxburg. Me an Banjer Lu., with his banjer, boarded the train at the same time, set in the same seat an road on half fare—the same ticket answerin' for both. We got separated after a while—ole Flaw, as the inner man, to distributing papers an speakin' kind words an doin' business in ginneral, while Banjer Lu., the outer man, went to pickin' his banjer an knockin' 'round 'mongst bad company. I got in some good work till 'way after 12 o'clock, when my work seemed to lag an was soon no more. There was something about it all that I couldn't understand, till after a while I learned that Banjer Lu. had got to drinkin' an was purty topsy. Then I understood the whole situation an giv up the job as a bad one. I tried to git him home, but no sir, he wouldn't budge a peg, an finally at last I jist let 'im go his route, you understand.

Next mornin' 'bout 4 o'clock I met 'im in the "coop" an said:

"Hello! Ole feller, how come you in here?"

"Flaw, I jist don't know, to tell the down right truth about this business. I was—er I—"

"You was drunk, was the long and short of the whole fix. You broke your promise an wouldn't listen to me. I have told you about these things a thousand times," said I.

"Yes, but it seems the more you talk to me the less I listen to it. I can't git my mind made up to mind you some how or other, although I know you always give me good council. It must be a disease of weakness in me," said Lu.

"We can never git along in harmony, an you will always be in trouble of some nature until we come closer together an git better organized an you listen to me better than you do now," I said.

"Yisterdy I slipped a drink on you an that jist literally set me on fire. Later on I was a playin' of the banjer for some people to dance, later I was a stickin' up on the side of an apple wagon a pickin' of the banjer while the appleman filled my pockets with apples; later still, after the performances had come to a close an the show was on wheels an the women folks all in their respective places in the coach a showman come to me an took me up to the coach an introduced me to

the showladies an entreated me to take a drink of wine first an then to lemonade on my banjer, that the gals wanted to dance a little. Flaw, I tell you what's a fack, my fingers got loose an through the excitement strains of music rolled up which set the gals—big, little, old and young—to spinning away as only artists at dancing could do. After ten minutes of fun, two drinks of wine an a nice bow I repaired up town, an Flaw, right up thar's where the devil sot in. The balance is a dream, Flaw. I dreamed that I was in a fine city at a ball an lyin' on a lounge made of white pine an wire nails in the southwestern corner of the ball room, an it came to pass that a hungry man, dressed in purple (blue) an fine linen, whose breast-plate was studs of polished brass and his crown was made of shinin' silver entered the ball room havin' a stick of go-fer-(im) wood in one hand and endowed with great power, and behold, he said with a voice as one with great authority, "Thou art Banjer Lu., by Joner, an I will make you a mighty tester of hard woods by the layin' of it on your head, and you shall dwell within the walls of the great and powerful where the rest of your nation have dwelled," an I tested the wood an it was marvelously hard, an he guided me within the walls of the great an powerful an I dwelled within them where the rest of my nation have dwelled, an it came to pass that he feasted on my substance two an one times an was filled. Now Fla, I pray, interpret my dream an I'll have the show down in full," Banjer Lu. said in an entreatin' tone.

"Banjer Lu.," said I, "I can see into it all. You jist naturally got to monkeyin' with them thar show people an their wine—mixin' wine an 80 proof together—until you got drunk an sleepy, consequently you got into a frolic somewhere an piled up on a goodsbox an went to sleep an the cops pulled you an you resisted an he tapped you on the head with his "billie" an then locked you up here in the calaboose where he had those other fellers from your town last night an it will be three dollars that you will haf to pay to git out of here that he will feast on."

"Flaw, they didn't treat me right I don't think," Lu. said to me.

"Yes they did. You look at it from a selfish standpoint as many others would. You had no business drinkin' anything but what God gave you to drink. You know I always stick to you an when you git in trouble I always haf to share it alike with you, an I never caused you a bit of trouble in my life, but happiness instead. Oh, Lu! but for you we could be so happy. Flaw never gives you bad council."

I think I have sorter got Banjer Lu. under controle for a while at least, but cant trust him as far as you can throw a cow by the tail, he is so weak an uncertain. For about five years of our lives I succeeded in keeping him under my controle an we were happy but he finally got holt of some unknown power an choked me down, but I'll ever stick up for right as long as I am. FLAW PICKER.

Algood Items.  
(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

ALGOOD, Oct. 20.—Many of our farmers are done picking cotton and have turned their attention to sowing their small grain crop.

Corn shuckings are becomin' quite fashionable these nights.

Township Commissioner J. L. Clary is kept quite busy looking after petitions for the opening of new roads.

J. L. Clary, accompanied by his son George, went to Spartanburg last Tuesday on business.

J. and E. Gardner were in Gaffney last Friday on business.

Calvin and Bev Turner visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

James Byars has been on the sick list for a few days, but is able to be out again now.

We hear it reported that some villains broke into Joe Medley's house last Friday night and, he being absent, they frightened off his wife and helped themselves to what they wanted. I think the women as well as the men up here ought to use double-barrel shotguns with deadly effect, as there seems to be an organized band of thieves up here who make it their especial business to plunder houses after night.

By the way, we learn that Ole Flaw went over to Blaxburg last Thursday evening and got drunk and was "cabossed" for the night, and came back minus \$3.00 hard cash besides losing a tremendous big pile of reputation. Wonder did he lose Rat and his banjo? I imagine I can hear him humming to himself:

Lord, if you will forgive me this time, I'll drink no more of that dog-gone stuff they call 80 proof while I live. CORNCRACKER.

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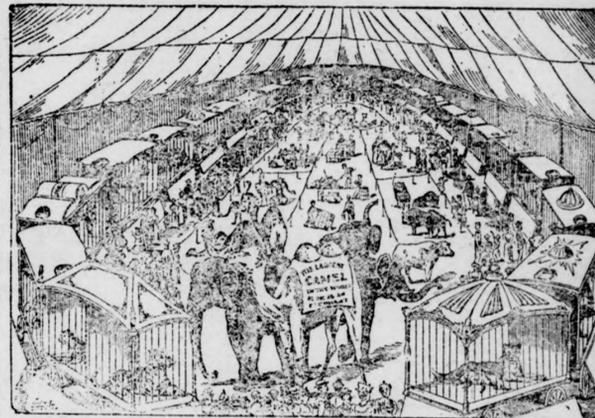
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