

THE GRASS FENCE.

Thrilling Incident of the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The battle of Bunker Hill gave the occasion for many deeds of valor, and since that day we hold a list of names illuminated in our memory. One of these names belongs to the Knight of Derryfield. Do you remember who he was, and can you recall the song of his bravery? Read it once more and have impressed again on your heart the implicit obedience and perfect courage of the New Hampshire farmers and their captain, John Moor.

When the forty-five men of the little town of Derryfield, N. H., left their homes to fight for the great cause each knew that no men were ever led by a braver man than their beloved Captain Moor. His courage had inspired many of them in the French and Indian war. So, eagerly, when the alarm came in 1755 they marched with him and his drummer boy son to Cambridge, where he was entered a captain in Stark's regiment.

And now comes the battle of Bunker Hill. Behind a fence, piled thick with grass, Captain Moor's company lay as still as a stone. An order had come from Colonel Stark that not a shot was to be fired until the British passed a stake that was driven a short distance away. With perfect confidence in themselves and their captain, the farmers waited—waited motionless while that beautiful, death dealing pageant of British warriors swept grandly toward them.

With the coolness and wonderful precision of a dressmaker the old world came to meet the new; the grenadiers and light infantry marching in single file twelve feet apart, the artillery advancing more slowly and thundering out an insolent defiance to the concealed little rebels, while on each side five battalions formed an oblique line.

The grass fence made the old world flower of the English army, full blossomed in learned maneuvers, respectful in shining arms and waving banners, advanced to meet a little group of men untrained in tactics of warfare, only half armed, clad in homespun, hiding behind a breastwork of grass.

The dead line was crossed. Bang! Bang! Bang! The little rebels were awake at last. Now, not the stake, but a line of fallen bodies marked the dead line. Thunder and lightning belched forth from that breastwork. A fire, intense, steady, killing, and the brave march of the Britishers was checked. A slight recoil, and the officers, dashed up, again urged the line forward. Not for one moment did the grass fence cease its voice of fire and shot. One by one the brave grenadiers and their dashing, gallant officers fell to the earth. The ranks broke and the proud host fled before the meager handful of New Hampshire men. Ah, if we could only have had grass breast-works and Captain John Moor all along the American line!—C. F. Harrison in Atlanta Constitution.

A Philanthropist.

An earnest east side worker says that not long ago she was approached by an old gentleman who has the reputation of being something of a philanthropist with the request that he be permitted to accompany her on one of her rounds of visits. Much pleased, the worker consented. The destitute condition in which many families were found elicited expressions of deep sympathy from the old gentleman, but to his companion's surprise and regret nothing more material. Presently they came upon a small girl weeping bitterly.

"What is it, my dear?" the old gentleman inquired.

The child raised a tear stained face and pointed into a dark alleyway. "Me mudder sent me to buy some bread, an' I lost my dime in there, an' I'll git licked awful!" she sobbed.

"Poor dear!" he remarked in a tender voice, at the same time putting his hand into his vest pocket. "Don't cry. Here is a match. Perhaps you will be able to find it!"—Harper's.

Misled by Stationery.

"I wrote a note to my washerwoman about a week or two ago asking her please to bring my clothes home," said the woman. "I needed them. I happened to be in a religious concern at the time and used his paper to write the note on. Bertha came yesterday.

"I've a great notion to discharge you, Bertha," I told her. "Why didn't you bring me my clothes? Must I get enough things to wear a year without having them washed on your account?"

"To tell you the truth," Bertha apologized meekly, you wrote on that thean religious paper, and I didn't pay no 'tention to it. I jes' thought it was some o' them peepul writin' to ask me to come to prayah meetin'. I didn't know it was youah lettah, miss, till yesterday mawnin', when I got tiah'd of seein' it around and opened it, so that was why I didn't git heah no soonah with youah clo'es."—New York Press.

Moody on the Cards.

One evening in San Francisco Evangelist Moody sat in his room at the hotel playing a game of cards with Mrs. Moody and two friends when a messenger came in with a dispatch. As the boy stood waiting for a reply Mr. Moody suddenly asked, "Won't you sit down, my lad, and have a game of authors with us?"

The boy declined and soon left the room. Hardly had the door closed when Mrs. Moody said, "Why, Dwight, what made you think of inviting that boy to sit down and play with us?"

"My dear," replied Moody, "don't you see, if I had not called the boy's attention to the fact that we were playing authors all the morning papers would certainly have announced under big headlines that D. L. Moody had been discovered in a San Francisco hotel engaged in a game of cards?"

Animal History.

There are many points of likeness between a world view of animal history and of human history. During the long ages preceding our own the continents for certain periods were like vast islands entirely isolated from neighboring continents by the seas. This was the condition of Africa in the period unearthed by recent explorations. These longer or shorter isolations explain the marvellous diversity of mammalian life, because each grand land mass became a separate breeding place under different conditions, and whenever the land rose from the sea long enough to form connecting bridges, such as those across the Mediterranean or along the Arctic seas or across the Isthmus of Panama, the animals gradually extended their ranges from continent to continent exactly after the manner of the prehistoric and historic races of men. Thus were initiated vast interchanges, struggles and competitions which have worked quite as profound influence upon the past and present history of animal life as the interchanges of human races have worked upon the history of man.—Henry Fairfield Osborn in Century.

Benjamin Shoemaker James.

BY W. D. S.

He was a Pennsylvania Dutchman that drifted down South and married Elizabeth Loven, and they spent most of their married life around Princeton. Both were shoemakers by trade, and could put up as fine an article of boots as were ever manufactured in those parts. No young blood thought his dress was complete unless he had on a pair of Ben James' ten-dollar boots. They were made of fine French calfskin, and made to fit almost without a wrinkle. The heels were trimmed down to the size of a silver dollar, and the tops were ornamented with red morocco leather. He and wife ran a regular shoe shop for new work and repairs. Aunt Betsy and niece, Miss Sallie, carried on the work for years after her husband's death. The old man's greatest foe was corn juice, and Aunt Betsy was a slave to it. Many times she would hand me a dollar to pay for opium when I went to Charleston to purchase goods. When out of the drug she would make for the nearest store for laudanum. She would come in all in a tremor and say: "Hand me down a vial of laudanum, quick!"

She would seize it and turn it up to her mouth and drink down one-half of the vial before removing it from her lips. Soon she would be as lively as a hawk. She lived to be an old lady before the drug finally conquered her. It's said that opium and morphine eaters are short-lived people. Not so in Mrs. James' case.

During the campmeeting days of Mt. Bethel Mr. James lived in the old log church which stood in a line with the other tents. In buying her church clothes she purchased a pair of hoop skirts, with big brass bands. When on and inflated it was as big around as a hoghead. She was ashamed to go out with the skirt on in daytime, but waited until night service to try it. She managed it pretty well until she started to return to her house. In coming out from the preaching stand she stepped into a ditch, which threw her down, and her foot got tangled up in the brass bands and she could not get up until she unbuckled the skirt. She rolled it up and put it under her arm and marched home. Right then and there she made a vow that she would never put on the nasty thing as long as she lived.

Negro Race Conference.

To the Colored People of South Carolina:

I take the liberty to communicate to you through this journal—supposing that you are a subscriber to it, as every citizen ought to take his county paper. The Negro Race Conference was a great success last year. The speeches by both white and colored were inspiring and uplifting. The delegation was very large. The conference will meet again Tuesday, January 14, and continue in session until Friday, January 17, 1908. The speakers for this conference are even stronger than last year. We will have prominent women and men, among them Mrs. Booker T. Washington. One day, Thursday, will be set apart as woman's day. We want the best thinking members of the race to come especially the farmers, teachers, preacher, mechanics, etc.

We propose to organize at this meeting a Negro State Fair Association. The board of directors of the Fair Association have promised to give us the fair grounds free to encourage us. This is very apt to be the last race conference to be held in the State and you cannot afford to miss it. Let delegates come from Sunday schools, societies, churches or any business organization. Come whether you are appointed or not.

Those who expect to come please write Mr. I. N. Nesbitt, 1013 Washington Street, Columbia, S. C. He will arrange board for you at reasonable rates. Among the prominent speakers are Dr. C. T. Walker, of Georgia, Dr. A. W. Lamar, white, Tennessee, Dr. D. Webster Davis, Virginia.

Respectfully,
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FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Take notice that on the 21st day of January, 1908, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as administrator of the estate of E. Adkins, deceased, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens county at 11 o'clock a. m. and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as administrator.

All persons indebted to said estate are notified and required to make payment on that date, and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.

J. W. Carden,
Ancillary Adm. strator.
Dec. 18, 1907.

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Got Even With the Lawyer.

Many years ago there lived in Camden, Me., two neighbors, Dr. Huse and Judge Theyer. The doctor had occasion to sue a man and of course employed his neighbor, the judge, as his counsel. After a session of court he met the judge and asked about his case. The judge said it was continued. Meeting him again after another session and asking again about his case, the same answer was given.

As it cost \$2 or \$3 each time it was continued, the doctor thought by the time it was settled, after paying the judge, he would get nothing.

Some time afterward the judge was afflicted with a felon and of course employed his neighbor, the doctor. After suffering awhile he met the doctor and said: "Doctor, this thing is getting along very slowly. I have walked the floor nights for a week. What are you doing to it?"

The doctor, who stammered, loudly replied, "Co-co-continuing it, by George!"

Loating His Home.

"You live outside of the city limits. How far outside?"

"Goodness knows. I don't. It's about fifteen minutes the other side of where the map stops."—Chicago Tribune.

A Fortunate Texan.

Mr. E. W. Goodloe, of 107 St. Louis St., Dallas, Tex., says: "In the past year I have become acquainted with Dr. King's New Life Pills, and no laxative I ever before tried so effectually disposes of malaria and biliousness. They don't grind or gripe." 25c. at Laurens Drug Co.'s and Palmetto Drug Co.'s drug store.

Too Late to Die.

Gerald—I would die for you. Geraldine—But pa says you are a dead one already.—New York Press.

Go astray and everybody knows it; reform, and nobody will believe it.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

You will find it easy to select your Christmas presents from our line of Cut Glass, fancy China, Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Chairs, Tables, Rugs and many other useful articles that we have not space to mention.

Comfort.

Little Mary's mamma gave Uncle Ben, the coachman, directions to draw a lot of kittens, but not to let Mary know of it. She heard of the order in some way and said to Ben, with tears in her eyes: "Uncle Ben, please warm the water. It will be more comfortable."—St. Louis Republic.

He Fired the Stick.

"I have fired the walking-stick I've carried over 40 years, on account of a sore that resisted every kind of treatment, until I tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve; that has healed the sore and made me a happy man," writes John G. West of North Mills, N. C. Guaranteed for Piles, Burns, etc., by Laurens Drug Co. and Palmetto Drug Co., druggists. 25c.

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