

The Watchman and Southern.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15.

Modern Society.

Concerning "Ole Virginny."

[Boston Transcript.]

If one had a wishing cap and were calling together all the most impossible things that one could desire in the dreary days of February, no doubt some of the following would be in the category: Spring breezes scented with arbutus, soft airs that make it possible to ride and drive without overcoats, a blue sky, a kind of not a blazing sun, flowers just bursting into beauty, roses unfastening leaf from leaf, as though a thousand beauties were parting their lips; and then what things to eat! Fresh shad, strawberries, the big sweet, succulent sweet potatoes—for there are sweet potatoes and sweet potatoes—robins, robins sweet on toast, and when one knows people of that name with what additional zest does one eat them—fresh lettuce and new Irish potatoes and dainty little tomatoes, and such oysters, oysters such as made Thackeray exclaim in a fright that he had swallowed a baby; and all these you may have from the arbutus-scented breezes to the infantile oysters just by one night's dreaming in a sleeping car. At 8 o'clock you leave New York in a snoring car, at 8 o'clock the next morning you are at Norfolk, Va., and unless you are one of those systematically unhappy people who make their friends morbid by keeping a personal account, it does not cost very much. The chief characteristics of Norfolk are negroes and idleness. Abundant leisure is written upon the manners of the inhabitants and upon the lack of manners of the negroes. Now, that the negroes are rude or uncivil, that they have no more manners than dogs and cats. But they are a delightful race so long as they are in subjection, and so far as one can see, they are to-day practically as much slaves of the whites as ever they were. Irresponsible, shiftless, not immoral but unmoral, happy and affectionate they are as much a feature of the South as is the scenery. It would be quite impossible to live without them for they supply the place of the Irish, German, Swedish and Scandinavian elements in our own Northern population. It does not seem either that they greatly improve in the sense in which we speak of improvement as applied to other races. They are as ignorant and as irresponsible to-day as fifty years ago, and were the white population to remove in a body from the South, leaving the negroes behind, in two generations they would sink back into the uncivilized condition of the African. They live on cabbage and pork, they refuse absolutely to live in the houses of their employers, but return every night to their own cabins. "If you want me to sleep on a dole, I see don't want to place," is the way they phrase it, meaning that if you want them to sleep in the house, that they will not take the situation. One sees, therefore, the strange sight of a city of forty thousand inhabitants, like Norfolk, Va., for example, where all the servants go to their own homes at night, returning in the morning to their work. They are the children of this country. The Indian has something stoical and strong about him that makes him many; but the negro is the big epicurean baby. He smiles if you wink at him, laughs at your sordid jokes, whimpers over the tiniest pains, lies and steals with sunny good nature and a pangless conscience, and lolls about in the sun with possum-like indifference to anything but the craving of hunger. He is vain, and struts and spreads his tail like the veriest peacock of the vainest woman. He loves to ornament himself, and appears when on parade with the gaudiest bandanna, the shiniest boots, the most awakening cheeks, the largest rings. He pinches his feet and his hands in shoes and gloves too small, and lingers fondly in front of those shops the window-glasses of which offer him the opportunity to see himself. I suppose no unprejudiced Northerner ever goes South without becoming convinced that in so far as they claimed the absolute inability of the negroes to govern themselves or others, the Southerners were right. It is not surprising, but perfectly natural and right, that the whites should govern, whether in a majority or not; and even though the Constitution must be changed to bring it about, it must be made possible in some way for the whites legally to do the governing. Strip a man of his Yankee politics and his Yankee prejudices, and send him South to live for a year, and he returns as thoroughly Southern, politically, as though he had never heard the name of the Hon. George Frisbie Hoar, and never heard the story of how Dawes was elected Senator at the time when Adam was first a rag-baby.

Electric Light and the Eyes.

The London Globe of Dec. 5 has the following:

Sir—As the electric light seems to be coming into general use, much to the benefit of our lungs and to the preservation of our works of art and decorations, will you permit me to sound a note of warning in your columns against its being used without proper covers? One of my clubs has had it for two years, and the incandescent light is only covered with plain glass. As I found my eyes much affected, and heard many other members complaining of the same thing, I consulted one of our most eminent oculists as to the cause. He informed me that his consulting rooms were crammed with people suffering from irritation of the retina, inflammation of the optic nerve and electro-ophthalmia, in consequence of having used the unprotected electric light. He said that to be harmless to the eye it must be guarded in one of three ways—either with frosted white glass, opal tinted covers, or surmounted with colored fringes, so that the eye can never see it; he added that cut or fibrous glass covers are most objectionable and dangerous. This is of such vast importance to thousands of people who are in innocent ignorance, destroying their eyesight, that I make no apology for trespassing so far upon your valuable space. I may say, that I might show it all this on paper, that I might show it to the committee of my club.

I am, sir your most obedient servant, A. SUFFERER.

BRIGHTON, ENG., Dec. 4.

The Queen's Household.

It is not generally known, says a correspondent, that at the end of every year the queen's household expenses are audited and checked, and that copies of them are printed with a view to future reference. One of these having fallen into my hands, I herewith append a few facts and items which may interest more humble people. The royal tea, which is always bought at a quaint, old-fashioned shop in Pall Mall, was being during her five predecessors' reigns, costs 5s 4d per pound, and was for a long time known as Earl Gray's mixture, he having recommended the present blend to Her Majesty. When she gives a dinner, fish to the extent of £50 is ordered, but for an ordinary dinner three kinds of fish are put on the table, white being almost invariably one of them. A sirloin of beef is cooked every night, and is put on the sideboard after the next day's lunch—the queen seems, in this instance, much like ourselves—and the cheese, of which there are always six or seven kinds, is invariably obtained from the particular farm. The queen takes, after her dinner, one water biscuit and one piece of cheddar; the Prince of Wales eats a piece of gorgonzola with a crust of household bread. The tea, as well as the cheese and the royal bed, are invariably taken with the queen wherever she goes. Her Majesty's wine, which is well known to be incomparable, is always kept in the cellars of St. James Palace, and is sent in basketsful of three dozen to wherever she may be, though this is done for the guests and the household than herself, as Her Majesty, when alone, drinks very weak whiskey and water with her meals by the doctor's orders. As lunquets, however, she takes two glasses of burgundy. The clerk of the kitchen, who always carries, receives \$3500 per annum, the chief the same, and the two confectioners, who attend to all the pastry, jellies, fruits, etc., get \$1500 and \$1250 respectively.

There is no probability that women will be admitted into the annual and general conferences of the Northern Methodist Church very soon. The vote of the laymen was in favor of the proposition, but the clergy opposed it. The discussion, however, continues and the question is not settled.

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Information About Yourself.

The Boston Journal of Commerce prints the following "About Yourself":

The average number of teeth is 32.

The weight of the circulating blood is 25 pounds.

The average weight of an adult is 150 pounds and 6 ounces.

The brain of a man exceeds twice that of any other animal.

A man breathes about 18 pints of air in a minute or upward of 7 hogsheads a day.

The average weight of the brain of a man is 3 1/2 pounds; of a woman 2 pounds 11 ounces.

Five hundred and forty pounds, or one hoghead and 1 1/2 pints of blood pass through the heart in one hour.

The average height of an Englishman, is 5 feet 9 inches; of a Frenchman, is 5 feet 4 inches; of a Belgian, 5 feet 6 1/2 inches.

The heart sends nearly ten pounds of blood through the veins and arteries each beat, and makes four beats while we breathe once.

One hundred and seventy-five million cells are in the lungs, which would cover a surface of thirty times greater than the human body.

The average of the pulse in infancy is 120 per minute; in manhood, 80; at 60 years, 60. The pulse of females is more frequent than that of males.

The postoffice department has made an important decision with reference to the bond to be accepted from letter carriers throughout the country.

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