

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18, 1895.

What One Woman Did.

A New England farmer in reduced circumstances contrived to eke out a living by selling vegetables from door to door in the nearest coast town.

A young daughter was his house-keeper, fellow-laborer in the fields and companion on the road. She was a bright girl, with a hunger for knowledge which her meager schooling had only served to set on edge.

When her father jumped from the wagon to go indoors and sell his wares, she remained behind to watch the horse, and employed her leisure moments in studying a Greek grammar. In the small, resolute head on her shoulders there was room not only for her father's accounts with his customers, but also for inflections, conjugations and paradigms as dry as his sandy garden in a midsummer drought.

The father died, leaving to this silent, motherless girl a house and truck farm, but no money. She was forced to support herself; and, not knowing how to do anything else, she went on with the farm work and vegetable peddling.

She wore high top boots, dressed like a man, worked in the garden with hoe and rake as her father had done, took care of the horse and sold vegetables in town.

Toilsome as was her life, she had an antidote for loneliness—the study of Latin and Greek. She did not know how it was to be done, but she did not despair of fitting herself to be a teacher. Her well thumbed grammar was always on the wagon-seat when she drove to town. Her voice could be heard on the road rattling off the conjugations of the verbs. When her supper was cooked and eaten, she had an hour by candle light over the classical authors.

An eminent lawyer, enjoying an outing in the coast town, caught sight of her in one of his drives. She had been hoeing corn, and, while resting under a tree, was studying her favorite grammar.

The devotion of this hard-working girl to Greek excited his admiration. He made her acquaintance, and offered her the position of private secretary in his office, with leisure for completing her education.

She leased her house and farm and entered the lawyer's employ. She had time for study, and received superior instruction. Her eccentricities of dress and her rough, manish ways disappeared. She became a lady of refinement and culture.

When her patron died, she could command a fine position as teacher of Latin and Greek. She now occupies an important chair in a New England school. Her vacations she spends in her old home, where she conducts a summer school for coaching boys for college.

Such a life shows what a woman can do when her will is a strong motor. The opportunity for abandoning her farm labor would never have come to her if she had not persisted in digging for Greek roots as well as Irish potatoes.

The Grateful Rattler.

Edgar A. Haymond, one of San Francisco's bartenders has been a close student of natural history, and has succeeded in gathering some very interesting information regarding the birds of the air, the beasts of the land, the fishes of the sea, says the San Francisco Call. Incidentally, he has been able to collect a few snake statistics.

"I once knew a case," said Mr. Haymond to some ready listeners in the Occidental hotel last night, "wherein a snake displayed not only an unusual amount of affection, but a great deal of courage. It appears that some years ago a professor of natural history from an eastern university was sent to the southern part of Yucatan to investigate the snakes of that section. I might state that he was a very humane man and frequently displayed it. One afternoon while walking over the desert, thinking of little but the time he would arrive at camp, he heard a peculiar rattling sound that seemed to come from under a pile of rocks. He at once made an investigation and was rewarded by the discovery of a mastodon rattlesnake, which he was on the point of dispatching so as to put it out of its misery, as the rocks had so fallen that a portion of the snake's body was badly mangled and torn. In the matter of taking the reptile's life he hesitated, owing to the pathetic and pleading expression in the wounded creature's eyes. It quite unnerved him to commit murder, so he rolled the rocks off and waited results, which came in the shape of very pronounced gratitude. The delighted and thankful creature wriggled over to him and rubbed his leg with a grateful air that was bound to last. The professor was moved by this exhibition, and, having some cotton in his valise, he bound up the wounded part and left the snake as comfortable as possible. The next day he left Yucatan for Guatemala and was gone over five years. On his return to Yucatan he again had occasion to pass over the desert, and, greatly to his surprise, encountered the same reptile a few miles from where the previous incident had

occurred. The recognition was mutual and the joyful rattler coiled about his leg, licked his hand with a friendly tongue and showed marked and industrious appreciation. When the professor took up his march again the snake followed him and even insisted upon getting in the wagon and becoming a regular occupant."

New Zealand Severely Shaken.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 15.—The steamship Miowara, from Sydney, arrived yesterday. She brings news of a severe earthquake in New Zealand. At Taupo, nearly every chimney was overthrown and houses swayed violently. The inhabitants were greatly alarmed and camped out all night. The road from Taupo to Kaunab has been completely blocked by landslides. It was the most severe shock since the Tarawera eruption nine years ago.

An actress appearing in Johnstown, Pa., recently was referred to by the local press as a favor in that city. The paper remarked: "She appeared here just before the flood." The actress has erased Johnstown from her map.—Dramatic Mirror.

"You have to hurry up on this building," said the boss of a gang of laborers. "We're ahead of time now, ain't we?" suggested one of the men. "Yes. But the contractor wants to hurry and get it all up before it falls down."—Washington Star.

"Papa, I know what I'm going to buy for your next birthday."

"Well, what?"

"A nice painted shaving mug."

"But I've got a fine one now."

"Oh, I've just broken that."—Fliegende Blätter.

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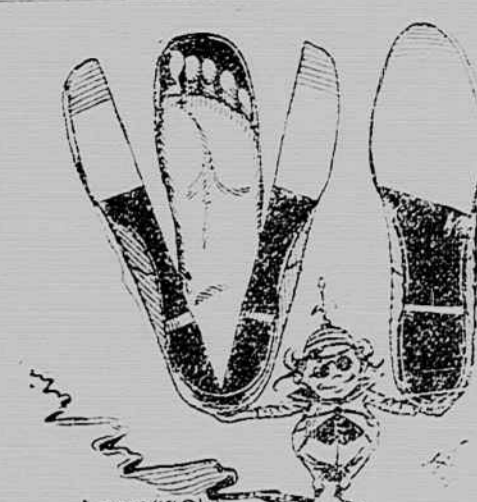
State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

SUMMONS FOR RELIEF.

Annie L. Atkins, Plaintiff, against Temple C. Broadus, Administrator of Leveugus Broadus, Mary A. Ball, David R. Broadus, Sallie J. Houston, Defendants.

To the Defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy has been filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office in Sumter, in said County and State within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time so said, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the said Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

J. D. BLANDING, Plaintiff's Attorney. Dated, Sumter, S. C., August 19, 1895. To the non-resident Defendants, Temple C. Broadus, Administrator, Mary A. Ball, David R. Broadus and Sallie J. Houston: You will take notice that the original summons and complaint in the case above stated has this day been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, State of South Carolina. J. D. BLANDING, Plaintiff's Attorney. Sumter, S. C., Aug. 19, 1895.



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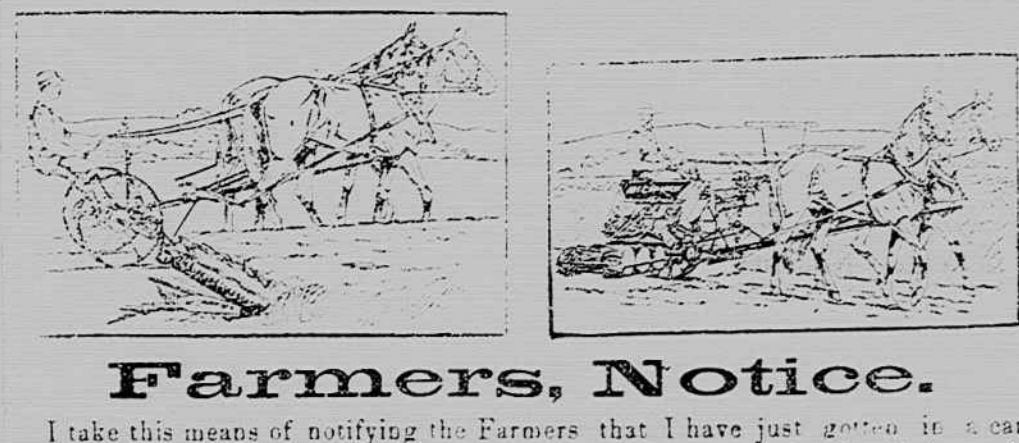
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