

CALEB HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Why Mr. Beaman Suddenly Decided Not to Subscribe for New Monthly Magazine.

When Mr. Caleb Beaman returned from the postoffice one evening he was in an unusually cheerful frame of mind; he even seemed inclined to be gay, to whistle and to hum. "Out with it," said his wife, good humoredly. "Let's know what 'tis has made you feel so good. Has the price o' sugar gone down?"

"Not that I know of," said Mr. Beaman, "but I've been hearing about a new magazine that's been started by responsible parties, and it's going to have a page every month called 'Every Woman Her Own Dressmaker.' I understand there are to be patterns and all come with it, and directions so clear you can't mistake 'em."

"As Jed Harmon said to me, 'If by paying \$1 a year we can save the price of Lyddy Simonds for a week spring and fall, why, 'twould be a good investment for all us men—good for everybody but Lyddy.'"

"Don't you worry a mite about her," said Mrs. Beaman, smoothly. "What she loses in customers she'll make up by her brother William. And for every customer she loses, the plumber over to Greenby, and the tailor down to the Corners, and Pole Saunders, cobbler, right in town, will lose one, too."

"I guess you didn't look far enough in that prospectus. If you'd turned over a page or two you'd have seen that there's to be a helpful article for men every month, too. There's going to be 'Every Man His Own Tailor,' telling how an industrious man can make a pair o' trousers in two evenings and a coat in three. There'll be 'Helps for the Home Plumber,' and a number of others."

"Lyddy spoke to me about it day before yesterday. She said if she subscribed she should put William right down to those articles, and expect him to save her a sight of money on repairs of all sorts. And as for you, why, I can see you now—"

"See here, Jennie," said Mr. Beaman, "we have got more'n enough literature knocking round the house already. You can say that do out to good advantage in mince-pie fixings, I know. Here 'tis.—Youth's Companion."

Spotless Pictures.

One must not think to renovate is a work; take it rather as a pleasure, a task to be sure, but a pleasant task. It is really fun after all to restore to good condition some old and shabby article that lay since we have discarded as being useless. There are many tempting opportunities through the house, and if we renovate one, it will but give a fresh incentive to try a hand at something more.

How many have a pet engraving or other picture which associations have made dear but in which dust has found its way? It's a simple matter after all to clean and put the picture in order, but many of us do not think to do it or do not know the way to go about it.

It's the easiest thing in the world to rip off the paper in the back, take out the tacks, dust the picture, wash the glass and put it all back again, with a fresh paper pasted over the back. It is wonderful what an improvement it will make to a room, when the clean curtains are hung and perhaps new wall paper on the walls, to have the pictures spotless as well. A little ammonia in the water will polish the glass brilliantly.

Bees Out Bats From Stasis.

Two years ago bees and bats waged a contest for the occupancy of the hollow form of the Goddess of Liberty that surmounts the dome of the Texas capitol 315 feet above the ground.

Viewed from below it appears the bees have driven out all the bats and won their right to exclusively occupy the elevated cavern.

The bees made a hive out of the hollow head of the figure, as discovered by a steeplejack who undertook the work of giving the young lady a fresh coat of paint.

When he climbed upon the elevated right arm of the statue myriads of angry bees swarmed out of the eyes of Liberty and forced him to quickly abandon the job.

Since then the bees encroached upon the cavity of the body, where the bats had held forth. It could be seen from below that the bees drove the bats from their positions.

All the bats have disappeared from the figure and the bees are in complete possession.

Briefly Stated.

When Samuel G. Blythe, the writer, was editing a newspaper in New York state, a green reporter one night turned in a long and thrilling story regarding the rough treatment handed out to John Smith, a visitor to the town. The story related that Mr. Smith, wearing a high silk hat, had ventured down to the docks after night-fall, and, a silk hat being unusual and provocative of antagonism in that section, Mr. Smith had emerged from among the dock hands without the hat. Nevertheless, he carried out of the melee so many wounds, cuts, and bruises that he had to be sent to the hospital. The article in its original form was too long, and not in keeping with the style of the paper. Accordingly Blythe started to rewrite it. This is the form in which it appeared in the paper the next morning: "John Smith, wearing a high silk hat, went down to the docks last night.—Emergency Hospital."

Send us your job work.

Conference of High School Teachers.

The following is a revised list of the names of those who expect to attend the conference of High School teachers and of the homes where the teachers will be entertained:

Prof. W. H. Hand with S. H. Edmunds.
Supt. E. S. Dreher with hotel.
Mrs. E. S. Watkins with Miss McLaurin.
Mr. L. C. Crum with Mr. L. C. Moise.

Mr. Walter Bailey with Mrs. Altamont Moses.
Miss Clara Berg with Dr. McKay.
Miss Bookman with Dr. McKay.
Miss Brennan with Mrs. Altamont Moses.

Miss Hoyt with Miss Brunson.
Miss Squier with Miss Brunson.
Camden:
Supt. R. M. Kennedy with L. C. Moise.
J. A. Marion with Rev. J. P. Marlon.

Miss Corbett with Dr. McKay.
Miss Zemp with Dr. Spann.
Mr. Strohecker with Dr. Spann.
Summerton:
Mr. Teasley with Mr. Burns.
Miss Romanstein with Mrs. Lucius.
Miss Lida Scarborough with Mrs. Tolar.

Lynchburg:
Mr. W. T. McGowan with Mr. W. B. Burns.
Miss Olive James with Miss Welbourn and Miss Wright.

Manning:
Mr. J. C. Daniel with Mrs. J. S. Richardson.
Mr. Green with Mrs. J. S. Richardson.
Miss Brown with Mrs. J. S. Richardson.

Bishopville:
Supt. G. B. Dukos, Mr. Bethea.
Mr. J. F. Muldrow, Mr. Bethea.
Miss Gregory with Miss McLeod.

Eastover:
Dr. W. J. Rivers with Dr. China.
Mr. T. H. Auld with Dr. China.
Miss Isadore Williams, with Miss Randle.
Miss Marinda Williams, with Miss Randle.

Mr. Chas. B. Hanna with Mr. Van Deventer.
Cameron:
Mr. Moody with Mr. Bartow Walsh.
Miss Farr with Mrs. Bethea.

Roster of City School Graduates From 1891.

The City Schools of Sumter opened their doors on the 2nd day of September, 1889. During that time there have been two Superintendents: Mr. J. B. Duffie, who served from 1889 to July, 1895, and the incumbent, Mr. S. H. Edmunds, who has served since July, 1895.

Below is given a list of those who have graduated. There was no graduating class in 1890 and 1893. The first class graduated in 1891.

1891:
Margaret Brunson,
Hugh C. Haynsworth,
Harry J. Mikell,
Katherine Moses,
Soi J. Ryttenberg,
Emmie Saunders,
Eva Smith,
Mamie Warren.

1892:
Jella Cuttino,
J. G. DeLorme,
Mamie Dinkins,
G. E. Haynsworth,
F. K. Holman,
L. D. Jennings,
Hugh McLaurin,
Harriet Kershaw,
Marian Mood,
H. A. Moses.

1894:
Pauline Gallard,
L. H. Jennings,
Bessie Lee,
Emma Mood,
Dinkins Spann.

1895:
Willie Barrett,
Gussie Dinkins,
Annie Freeland,
Laura Mood,
Hattie Ryttenberg,
Rebecca Schwerin,
Sophie Warren.

1896:
Benouf Brand,
Ethel Cooper,
Mamie Dinkins,
Mitt DuRant,
Lillie Gregg,
Horace Harby,
Daisy Hatfield,
Herbert Haynsworth,
Mary Hill,
Claude Hurst,
Beulah Lynam,
Edward McCallum,
Lydia Morris,
Emile Moses,
Bertha Pringle,
Claude Rhame,
Margaret Richardson,
Ida Stansill,
Eugene Wilder.

1897:
Mary Brunson,
Anna David,
Belle Dinkins,
Gertie Epperson,
Clemmie Fuller,
Hessie Richardson.

Fannie Ryttenberg,
Alice Stubbs,
Maggie Smith,
Emmie Whitmore,
Crosswell Ragin,
Charles Ryttenberg.
1898.

Maggie Bradford,
Jessie Folsom,
Anita Harby,
Theresa James,
Maude Jones,
Isabelle McLaurin,
Flora Moses,
Louise Moses,
Rosa Mood,
Moneta Osteen,
Stella Phillips,
Irma Smith,
Lizzie Stuckey,
Daisy Scott,
Maude Wallace,
Daisy Yeadon,
Sam B. Mitchell,
Jno. S. Richardson, Jr.,
L. C. Moise.
1899.

Ethel Carson,
Annie Cunningham,
Jennie Gibson,
Alice Harby,
Mamie Sanders,
Kate Sumter,
Annie Warren,
Charles Gaillard,
Harry Green,
George D. Levy.
1900.

Augusta Folsom,
Bessie Gillespie,
Rosa Gillespie,
Armida Moses,
Sophie Richardson,
Robert Graham,
David McCallum,
Ceeli Wilson.
1901.

Mamie Boyle,
Mary Carson,
Mabel DuRant,
Margaret Gibson,
Leona Jennings,
Ruth McLaurin,
Alice Moses,
Lillie Pringle,
Ladson Boyle.
1902.

Elma Epps,
Charles Hurst,
Hattie Lowry,
Annie Lynam,
William Manning,
Cornelia McLaurin,
Edna Mortimer,
Leona Smith,
Isidore Telcher,
Evelyn Wallace,
Bertha Winburn.
1903.

Elizabeth Boykin,
Emma Boyle,
Edna Broughton,
Evelyn Cunningham,
Mary Gallard,
Bentley Gibson,
Leon Green,
Celeste Hughson,
Guignard Jones,
Dozier Lee,
Edward McCutchen,
Elizabeth Satterwhite.
1904.

Winifred Atkinson,
Hennie May Bradford,
Louis Bryan,
Mary Burgess,
Lizzie Dinkins,
James Graham,
Murr Hall,
Hallie Jones,
Vivian Manning,
Lucile Randle,
Arrie Stuckey,
Leonora Williford.
1905.

Henry Boshamer,
Edwin Brunson,
Abbie Bryan,
Nellie Chandler,
Robert Cooper,
Bertha Lawrence,
John Lee,
Mary Lowry,
Bernard Manning,
Chas. McGrath,
Louise Murray,
Gertrude Plowden,
Charles Richardson,
Junius Smith,
Bartow Walsh, Jr.
1906.

Vara Barden,
Irvine Belsor,
Zelime Bowman,
Bertha Bultman,
Willena Cook,
Nellie Mellette,
Lillian Owens,
Birdie Owens,
Lydia Richardson,
Edna Stack,
Vernon Stansill,
Matilda Terry.
1907.

Wyllie Brunson,
Margaret Louise Bryan,
Daisy Burgess,
Louise Carson,
Jennie Chandler,
Eta Cuttino,
Marie DeLorme,
Esther Gentry,
Hubert Green,
Hattie Lou Jones,
Clarence Kinard,
Hamer Lawrence,
Wyndham Manning,
Harold McCoy,
Esther Murray,
Fred Nash.

Eunice Osteen,
Dorothy Owen,
Veva Randle,
Henry Reaves,
Janie Spann,
Lucile Stack,
Jennie Walsh,
Louise Yeadon.
1908.

Emma Baker,
Helen Broughton,
Irene Bryan,
James Chandler,
William Crowson,
Bessie Ives,
Lee Jones,
Franke Lesesne,
Wendell Levi,
Eva McGee,
Sarah Mellette,
Sarah Moore,
LaRee Pate,
Ulrica Pate,
Mary A. Pitts,
Virginia Reynolds,
Annie Richardson,
Henry L. Siddall,
Octavia Schwerin,
John K. Scott,
Ada F. Seymour,
Vileta A. Tisdale,
Quay Donovan Williford.
1909.

Lucile Baker,
Alice Beck Balaguer,
Lois Warren Ballough,
Mabel Clair Bowman,
Martie Boyle,
Jessie Juanita Bradford,
William Nettles Bradford,
Carrie Bee Breeden,
Henrietta Winifred Brunson,
Clara Childs,
Clara Annie Childs,
Ira Chandler,
Benjamin Fraser Dick,
Alfred China DeLorme,
John Brawner Duffie,
Marie DuPre,
Lawrence Woodward Folsom, Jr.
Alva I. Green,
Mildred Lee Hall,
Agnes Stewart Haynsworth,
Alex. T. Haynsworth,
James Arthur Haynsworth,
Donald Graham Hinson,
Margaret Augusta Hood,
Eleanor Beverly Hughson,
Eilleen McDonald Hurst,
Walter Herbert Jones,
Ray Jones,
Camilla Holmes Kilgore,
Edgar Loyns,
Katherine Loretta McKeiver,
John Alfred Owen,
Ernest Harrison Rhame, Jr.
Sarah Richardson,
Leola Kate Rose,
Elizabeth Ryan,
Lucile Rose Ryttenberg,
Julian Schwartz,
William Judson Shaw,
Mary Gallard,
Julius Sinclair Smith,
Sudie Stukes,
Sophie Tisdale,
Harry Danner Walsh,
Duane Latimer Wannamaker,
Francys White,
Wade H. Williford,
Lucile Rodgers Williamson,
Sallie Wright.
1910.

Helen Beaumont,
Hammond Bowman,
Mamie Bradford,
William Brogdon,
Reida Brown,
Robert Brown,
Edwin Boyle,
Herbert Bultman,
Laurel Carr,
Anna Cuttino,
Frank Chandler,
Teresa Chandler,
Julius Cooper,
Eugene Cuttino,
Harry Davis,
Marion Davis,
Noble Dick,
Belle Harper,
Richard Hood,
Edward Hook,
Mamie Ives,
Sadie Jones,
William Kinard,
William Lawrence,
William Marshall,
Francis Moore,
Marie McGee,
Fred Nigels,
Mary Owens,
Marie Phillips,
Carita Randle,
William Reynolds,
Bean Scott,
Maggie May Seale,
Raymond Stansill,
Guy Wilson,
William Winn.
1911.

Anna Jane Barnes,
Ella Pauline Blanding,
Adele Kennedy Bowman,
John Kemper Bradford, Jr.,
Harrington Cooper Broarley,
Anna Louise Brown,
Agnes Bryan,
Deuward G. E. Bultman,
Charlton Levi Burkett,
Margaret Dundas Cheyne,
Rosa Isabelle Cheyne,
Virgil Payne Corbett,
Innis McKewen Cuttino,
Gather Pierson Dick,
Susie Dunlop Dick,
Sue Duffie,
John Benjamin Folsom,
Evelyn Fraser.

Francis Ewing Gibson,
Robert Haynsworth, Jr.,
John Craig Hurst,
Edward Eugene Jones,
John Dargan Jones,
Gertrude Elizabeth Kohn,
Motte Julius Lawrence,
Archie LeGrand,
Leon LeGrand,
Harold McFaddin,
Nancy Witherspoon McKay,
Francis James Mellette,
Mary Louise Mellette,
Walter W. Moore, Jr.,
Shepard K. Nash,
Marion Pate,
Adele Pitts,
P. Mellette Pitts, Jr.,
Vermelle Plowden,
Susie May Raffield,
Mary Louise Ramsey,
Allen Raymond Richardson,
Irvine Manning Richardson,
Earle Rowland,
Eugene Anna Sanders,
Alfred Scarborough,
Raymon Schwartz,
Ervin David Shaw,
Wilfred McLaurin Shaw,
George Decatur Shore, Jr.,
Thomas Henry Siddall, Jr.,
Mary Anna Strother,
William Brooks Stuckey,
Braxton C. Wallace, Jr.,
Elizabeth White.

FARMERS' UNION NEWS
Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers.
(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President S. C. Farmers Union.)

Some Random Thoughts.

Every few days there is a statement in the papers by some New York cotton man that there will be no reduction in acreage, or fertilizer; or that the soil is being so filled with reserve stores of moisture by the unprecedented winter rains, that there will be another bumper cotton crop. In all of these statements "the wish is father to the thought." Without any Rock Hill plan there would have been a material reduction in acreage even under normal winter weather, because thousands of farmers could not finance such operations as last year, and because they would not be such fools as to plant for a crop that they could not hope to harvest. But on top of this experience comes such a wet winter that there is practically no plowing. Here is February two-thirds gone and the soil so wet that what little plowing has been done is worse than thrown away for the soil was too wet when it was done, and the rains have so packed it that it will be harder when it dries off than it is in ordinary weather before it is broken.

Besides there is some cotton that has never been picked because before the pickers reached it the land became boggy and will remain so until not only too late to pick the heavy crop that was grown on it under last season's drought, but until too late to plant in cotton in 1912, thanks to the inadequate drainage of so much of our farming lands.

These are facts that any man can verify by just driving through the county districts in any direction at any time.

This being true wherein is the benefit of the Rock Hill plan? It gives advanced information of the size of the next crop before it is planted with which to refute the claims of those who either want cheap cotton or profit by big crop scares; and we are not dependent on mere guesses as to the acreage. Judging from weather conditions there will be a greater reduction than even the most earnest advocates of reduction hoped for—greater than the subscribers put down. And nothing short of 15 cent cotton between now and June 1st, can prevent it.

The practical farmer knows how impossible it is to properly prepare large areas of land in the high winds of March, after abnormal winter winter rains that have continued through February. With all the improved implements and fine stock that Mr. Secretary Wilson is credited with saying in a recent interview as being responsible for last year's bumper crop, not more than one-third of the area that was well prepared last year can be prepared this year, even under the most favorable conditions in March, April and May, because we have lost all of November, December, January and February. A year ago the oldest inhabitant had never seen the farm land of the South so nearly up to garden and trucking tight—and it was this preparation that made the great cotton crop possible when we honestly thought it was badly cut off by late stands and a burning drought; and as some

writer well said last week, kept the corn crop from being a total failure.

If the trade will take the trouble to verify the statements made above, it will prevent many of its members from going wrong on the market, to the temporary hurt of the South, and to the complete undoing of the reckless bears.

THE CAMPAIGN OPENS.

Capt. E. S. Carson Announced for Sheriff.

The campaign for county offices is now under way, the first candidate to be formally announced being Capt. E. Scott Carson, who is in the race for sheriff. It is, of course, generally known that there are other aspirants for the office, informal announcement having been made of their candidacy several months ago. Capt. Carson served as sheriff of Sumter county from 1888 to 1892 and is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office.

COTTON ON A LARGE SCALE.

The Mississippi Delta Planting Co., which was financed to the extent of \$3,000,000 by English cotton spinners some months ago for the purpose of purchasing 30,000 acres of Delta land with a view to growing a fine grade of cotton, is carrying out its farming operations on a large scale. This company is operating what is said to be the largest cotton plantation in the world, and is handling the whole proposition with a view to raising sufficient grain and cattle to make the property self-supporting in that respect. The most modern methods of agriculture under the direction of trained experts are being carried out. The plantation and stores are at Scott, Miss., while the executive office of the company is at Memphis.

Mr. L. K. Salsbury, the president of the company, writing from Memphis to the Manufacturers Record, says:

"We have built an oil mill at an expense of \$50,000. We have built for our managers in Scott nine houses, costing from \$1500 to \$4000 each. We have installed a deep-well water system and sewer system, giving each house deep-well water and sewerage, with bathroom and toilets complete. We have built water reservoir containing about 40,000 barrels of water for fire and drinking purposes. We are installing an up-to-date mill to grind our own corn and meal. We have built large brick stores and a brick office; also up-ward of 100 houses and repaired upward of 500 houses. We are expending about \$40,000 in small drainage. We are operating a gasoline plow, threshing machine and tools in large quantities. We have recently engaged Prof. J. W. Fox, for many years Government expert in farming, as well as professor at Agricultural and Mechanical College in Mississippi, to take charge of our agricultural experiments. The improvements have been undertaken and completed during the past eight months. We expect to continue to break up, deep and thoroughly all the land that is open to put in a thorough drainage system. Our resident engineer at Scott, who has charge of the drainage work, is B. J. Young, and he is laying out an extensive system of drainage, which we hope to adopt, opening all the large bayous and creeks, etc., with steam shovels. We expect this year to plant sufficient oats, corn, soya beans, lespezeza, alfalfa, etc., to completely supply our property. We also expect to buy and maintain at least 1000 head of cattle."

The attention of property owners might again be called to the fact that the emptying of water on the sidewalks through the drain pipes running down from the roofs of buildings is a nuisance that can be easily abated. The resolution of council at its last session was to the effect that these property owners be given ten days in which to remedy present disagreeable conditions, but as yet no action has been taken by the property owners towards obeying this mandate of the City Fathers.

Candidates' Cards.

Announcements of candidates will be printed in this column until the close of the campaign for \$5. No cards accepted on credit.

For Sheriff.

Capt. E. S. Carson is hereby announced as a candidate for Sheriff at the ensuing election, having before discharged the duties of that office with promptness and efficiency, we take pleasure in recommending him for said office, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

MANY VOTERS