

Old Georgia Superstitions.

FORERUNNERS OF DEATH AND SICKNESS IN EVERY SHAPE.

Here is a contribution in the shape of folk-lore gossip as heard among the Georgia crackers. It is a survival of the old English superstitions.

When it is ebb-tide the slits in a cat's eyes are horizontal; when it is flood-tide they are vertical. Kill a frog and it will rain hard for three days. If a cock walks in at the door, turns around and crows, he announces a death in the family. Potatoes will not thrive unless they are planted in the dark of the moon, and a child born at the full of the moon will be a boy.

If you open an umbrella in the house the only person present will die, and the same thing will happen if you hang a coat or hat on a door knob or a door bell. It is not wise to set a hen during a certain part of August, because the life of the world is at its lowest then. If two persons going hand in hand meet an obstacle which divides them the one on the left will go to hell and the one on the right to heaven.

If you drop a pair of scissors and one point sticks in the floor a visitor will come from the direction toward which the other leg is extended. A child that has never seen its father can cure whooping cough by blowing down the patient's throat. To get rid of freckles count them and put an equal number of pebbles into a paper. Whoever steps on the paper will get the freckles. —Atlanta Constitution.

A Liberal Proposition.

Who has not heard of that paragon of family papers, the enterprising and popular Weekly Detroit Free Press? For a generation its name has been a household word, and it has become a synonym for all that is excellent, pure and elevating in journalism. It is delightfully entertaining without resort to cheap sensationalism, instructive without being prosy or pedantic. Combining the literary qualities of the expensive magazine with the bright, breezy characteristics of the newspaper, it leaves nothing to be desired by the average reader. It is looked upon as a welcome visitor by every family who reads it, while thousands regard it as indispensable and would on no account go without it. An enormous circulation of 125,000 copies per week attests its wonderful popularity. Recognizing the fact that there are those who are unfamiliar with its surpassing merits as a home paper, the publishers offer to send The Free Press to them for the balance of this year (over five months) for only thirty cents—a club of four for \$1.00 or a club of ten for \$2.00. All our readers should subscribe at once. Send for free sample copy.

POULTRY NOTES.

No. 25.

Why do not more farmers raise geese? They are easier raised, and more profitable than chickens. Get the heavy weights such as the Toulouse or Emboden, and if they have the run of a pasture field they need but little food.

The idea that geese or ducks cannot be raised without an abundance of water has been exploded. I know from experience that all the water they need is just enough to drink.

The staggers is their worst disease, and that can readily be prevented by feeding salt in their feed. They are never troubled with lice, and after two or three weeks will generally take care of themselves.

The Toulouse get to weigh about twenty pounds at one year which at ten cts. per pound bring them at two dollars a piece, and you can pick them once or twice in that time and there should be no trouble in finding a market for them.

W. B. GERMAN.

G. A. R. Encampment at Detroit.

REDUCED RATES VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

The selection of the G. A. R. Encampment for 1891 fell to the fortunate lot of Detroit. The encampment proper will commence August 3d and terminate August 8th. For those desiring to visit, what must each year grow more and more interesting, a gathering of the war veterans, the Pennsylvania Railroad will sell excursion tickets at a rate of one first class limited fare for the round trip going and returning by the same route. Excursion tickets will also be sold at one and a half cents per mile, short line distance, going by one route and returning by another. These tickets will be sold from July 31st to August 3d, inclusive, and valid for return passage to 18th, inclusive. The return limit on the tickets may be extended by depositing them with Joint Agent of Terminal Lines at Detroit, but will not, however, be good for any portion of return passage later than September 30th.

Good And Reliable.

A good and reliable family medicine is Sulphur Bitters. Ever spring for six years I have been troubled with boils. Since I began using Sulphur Bitters, I have not had a single one. You can rely on Sulphur Bitters every time. —Editor Weekly News.

Things that Make the Life of a Woman a Burden.

To reach under the sofa for her slipper and find it always on the other side.

To blow out the lamp, then stub her toes for half an hour trying to do in the dark what she forgot to do in the light.

To get peaches for dinner when she wants pickles.

To receive a compliment gracefully when she feels like the dickens.

To learn that friendship needs mending every day just the same as her dress.

To have the pins give out and be obliged to sew on buttons.

To discover that she has two ears and only one tongue.

To be a woman when she could get along much better if she were a man. —Ez.

"There is a young fellow up at Yale University now who will," predicts a Wall street man in the New York Telegram, "if he lives, become a billionaire. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., in twenty-five years, if his father dies, will have, in all probability, \$300,000,000. Although there is a large family of children, Cornelius, Jr., will get the bulk of millions. In twenty-five years more he ought to be able, with this tremendous capital, to make a billion. In fifty years the William K. Vanderbilt fortune ought to mass up a billion if kept intact. Then if the country keeps on increasing the number of millionaires will be pretty nearly 500,000. Just think of it. What tremendous aggregation of wealth we shall have if the mighty millions keep up the present pace for half a century more. As fortunes go nowadays, in fifty years the man who is worth \$100,000,000 will not be considered particularly great alongside of men who are worth a thousand times that amount. I think the future Cressus of the world will either be an Astor or a Vanderbilt."

"Forest and Stream's" Revolver Match.

The Forest and Stream of New York announces a revolver shooting contest for the amateur championship of America. The prize is a handsome trophy of silver by Walter Winans, the subject being a typical Western cowboy mounted on a typical plains horse. The match is open to any resident of the United States, and the conditions allow any revolver. Distance 20 yards. Position standing, off-hand. Preliminary to the final shoots for the championship, which will be held several months from date, and in order to develop shooting, Forest and Stream will open a season of trial shooting. The targets for this test may be had free of cost on application to the office of Forest and Stream, 318 Broadway, New York. All expenses will be borne by the Forest and Stream. For fuller details address that paper.

Post Offices in the U. S.

AN INCREASE OF 2000 DURING THE YEAR, MAKING A TOTAL OF 64,391.

A statement prepared at the Post Office Department, shows that the number of post offices in the country on June 30, 1891, was 64,391, as follows: First-class, 116; second-class, 559; third-class, 2276; fourth-class, 61,449.

This is an increase of 2000 offices during the year. It is not so large an increase as that made during the previous fiscal year, but during the past year many useless offices have been discontinued, though the same practice of the Department of establishing new post offices wherever needed, has been continued.

Everybody likes to get the most for the money. The desire is quickest accommodated by an investment of 20c. in a bottle of Wolf's Acme Blacking. Ask some of your neighbors if they have not found more profit, comfort and pleasure in a bottle of Wolf's Acme Blacking than in any other article they could obtain for a like amount. It is profitable because it preserves leather; it is comfort and pleasure-giving because it is easily applied and requires but one application a month on ladies' shoes and one a week on men's shoes.

"You have come down to the shore for peace and quiet. But if you stay here you certainly expect to pay for it, don't you?"

No Matter How Hard

any druggist tries to sell you his own cough medicine, remember he does it because he makes more money on it. Insist on having Kemp's Balsam for the throat or lungs, for there is no cough remedy so pure and none so quick to break up a cold. For influenza, soreness of the throat and tickling irritation with constant cough, Kemp's Balsam is an immediate cure. Large bottles 50c and \$1. At all druggists.

Captain Bolton (in his North woods shanty)—Well, my boy, how do you like this Shakespearian life "under the greenwood tree?"

His Guest—"There's too much bacon about your Shakespearian existence to suit me." —Munsey's Weekly.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent, Washington, D. C., July 27, 1891.

There is no longer room for doubt that Mr. Blaine's friends propose making war upon Mr. Harrison's candidacy. They have come to the conclusion that there is no other way of silencing the masked batteries of the Harrison forces which have been persistently shelling Blaine at every opportunity. A republican whose relations to the republican machine are intimate and influential said to a republican friend here: "Blaine doesn't want the nomination, and he is perfectly willing that Harrison shall have it; but his friends are not. They have received but little recognition from Harrison, and that little under protest, during his first administration, and they know that they may expect less should he be again elected; therefore they propose taking the matter in their own hands by seeing that Blaine is nominated, even if it is against his wishes."

This movement is the direct outcome of the belief that has been a systematic effort on the part of Mr. Harrison's immediate family and close friends, first to belittle the work which Mr. Blaine has done as Secretary of State, and later to drive him out of public life by misrepresenting the state of his health, and it is difficult to find an intelligent man in Washington, no matter what his political opinion may be, who does not believe that such an effort has been made, and not a few of them believe that Mr. Harrison was fully cognizant of what was being done, notwithstanding his profession of the most cordial friendship for Mr. Blaine.

Treasury department officials seem to have no difficulty in interpreting the law just as the leaders of the republican party wish it interpreted. A case in point is the decision of the Commissioner of Immigration that skilled tin-plate workers may be brought to the country under contract without violating the law. Such a decision was necessary to bolster up the manufacture of tin-plate, which has grown so rapidly, on paper, since the McKinley bill became a law, and it was promptly given on the ground, to quote the official language of the Commissioner, that "the law plainly intended that skilled labor may be imported into the United States to do the work of any industry not yet established, provided skilled workmen in that industry cannot be found among our own people." It is to be the proper construction of the alien contract law it is now in order for the Chicago merchant to inquire why he was compelled to send the two Japanese jinricksha men back to Japan.

The continued absence of Commissioner Raum from his post of duty is exciting much unfavorable comment. Up to July 1, he had been away from his office 240 days, and on the 3d of the month he went away and has not yet returned. All this time he is supposed to be devoting to his private business while he draws a salary of \$6,000 a year to devote his time to the business of the Pension bureau; but it may be set down as certain that his superior officers believe that he is also doing some work for Mr. Harrison among the old soldiers or he would not be allowed to spend so much time away from his office.

A number of republicans of prominence have been trying to persuade Indian Commissioner Morgan to reverse his recently announced anti-Catholic policy in running the Indian schools; they told him that his action would cost the republican party thousands of Catholic votes, and that it was justified by the facts, which show that much good has been done in the Indian country by Catholic priests and schools, but he continues obstinate, and has intimated that his course is fully approved of by the administration.

According to a story told here a committee of prominent republicans of Philadelphia went to Cape May Point a few days ago for the purpose of suggesting to Mr. Harrison the advisability of his getting rid of Mr. Wanamaker, not because they believed that gentleman to be dishonest but because of his misfortune in having been on such very friendly terms with so many dishonest men. They were told by Mr. Harrison that when he needed their advice about his cabinet he would send for them.

The awarding of the contract for Cruiser number 13 to the Cramps of Philadelphia, by Secretary Tracy may raise a big row, as the price which is to be paid—\$2,690,000 was not the bid of the Cramps but of the Bath Iron Works, of Maine. The excuse for giving the work to the Cramps is that they have better facilities than the Maine concern.

A delegation from Mobile, Alabama, headed by Representative Clark, are trying to get Mr. Wanamaker to amend his advertisement by including that city in the ports from which the subsidized lines of steamers shall run but there is little prospect of success. There are not enough republican votes in Alabama.

DEAF MUTES AND HEAR DEFECTIVE PEOPLE'S INVISIBLE TUBULAR EAR BATTERIES. Whispers heard, Conversation carried on. Sold by F. B. HIGGINS, 101 N. 2d St., Philadelphia, Pa.

THE RELIABLE CLOTHING AND HAT HOUSE. Comes to the Front with the LARGEST ASSORTMENT AND MAKING AND FITTING OF THE. Best, the Newest and Most Stylish, Lowest in Price; and to prove Satisfaction is our Endeavor. The best value for Money is to buy your CLOTHING, HATS, SHIRTS, NECKWEAR, TRUNKS AND VALISES OF I. MAIER, Corner of Main and Centre Streets, BLOOMSBURG, PA. UNEXCELLED CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER. Largest Clothing and Hat House in Montour and Columbia counties.

ALEXANDER BROTHERS & CO. DEALERS IN Cigars, Tobacco, Candies, Fruits and Nuts. SOLE AGENTS FOR Henry Maillard's Fine Candies. Fresh Every Week. PENNY GOODS A SPECIALTY. SOLE AGENTS FOR F. F. Adams & Co's Fine Cut Chewing Tobacco. Sole agents for the following brands of Cigars: Henry Clay, Londres, Normal, Indian Princess, Samson, Silver Ash. Bloomsburg, Pa.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF CARPET, MATTING, or OIL CLOTH, YOU WILL FIND A NICE LINE AT W. H. BROWER'S 2nd Door above Court House. A large lot of Window Curtains in stock.

HIRES ROOT BEER THE GREAT HEALTH DRINK. Package makes 6 gallons. Delicious, sparkling, and appetizing. Sold by all dealers. A beautiful Picture Book and cards sent FREE for any one sending address to the U. S. HIRES CO., Philadelphia, Pa. Wall Papers. Spring Stock now ready—Fine side hangings and ceiling decorations. Window Shades, Spring Stop Fixtures; with or without fringe, or made to order to fit your windows. Work-men sent anywhere. W. E. BROOKE & CO.

BIG BREAK DURING DULL SEASON, AT Kemp's Photo Gallery, Main Street, Over Schuyler's Hardware store, Bloomsburg, Pa. Cabinets 99c Per Doz. and Upwards. One Doz. Cabinets and Life Size Crayon, all For \$4.00. Taking pictures of houses and cattle a specialty. EGGS! EGGS! From BARRD "PLYMOUTH ROCKS." The Farmer Favorite, From RED CAPS, The Great Layers. AT \$1.50 PER 13, OR \$2.50 PER 26 EGGS. W. B. GERMAN, Millville, Pa.

THOMAS GORREY. CONTRACTOR and BUILDER. Plans and Estimates on all kinds of buildings. Repairing and carpenter work promptly attended to. Dealer in Builder's Supplies. Inside Hardwood finishes a specialty. Persons of limited means who desire to build can pay part and secure balance by mortgages.

\$3000 A YEAR! I undertake to teach any fairly intelligent person of either sex, who can read and write, and who, after instruction, will work industriously, how to earn Three Thousand Dollars a Year in their own localities, wherever they live. I will also furnish the situation or employment at which you can earn that amount. No money for me unless successful as above. Easily and quickly learned. I desire to help you, wherever you are. I have already taught and provided with employment a large number, who are making over \$2000 a year each. It is NEW and HOLY! Full particulars FREE. Address at once, E. C. ALLEN, Box 480, Augusta, Maine.

MONEY can be earned at our NEW line of work rapidly and honorably, by those of either sex, young or old, and in their own localities, wherever they live. Any one can do the work. Easy to learn. We furnish everything. We start you. No risk. You can devote your spare moments, or all your time to the work. This is an entirely new line of work, and one that is sure to pay. Full particulars FREE. Address at once, Information FREE. TRUMBULL & CO., ALBANY, N.Y.

MUNN & CO. SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN AGENCY FOR PATENTS. A pamphlet of information and abstract of the laws, showing how to obtain Patents, Caveats, Trade Marks, Copyrights, sent free. Address MUNN & CO., 361 Broadway, New York.

UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENTS. Have delayed the big sewer, which obstructs the street and interferes with building operations. We don't know just when the remodeling of our store will commence. Until it does we will continue to offer Unprecedented bargains in Furniture. Every variety, for house and office, from plain to luxurious. —Nothing Shoddy.— VOORHIS & MURRAY, 19 & 15 West Market St. Wilkes-Barre.