The Late General Bethune and the Wonderful Pickaninny.

The death of General James N. Sethune, which occurred in this city esterday, removes a man who was a eading figure in Southern affairs for nany years. A sketch of his remarkable career appeared in the " Post" of January 20, and mention was incidentally made that he had been the owner

of " Blind Tom." Public interest will now naturally recur to this phenomenon, and the question will arise as to his whereabouts. For years he was one of the most familiar figures before the public, and the source of continual amazement to the thousands who went to see and hear him. About two years or more ago the telegraphic dispatches announced that he had been killed in a railroad accident near Pittsburg. There was an apparently authoritative denial of this intelligence, and nothing more was heard of the matter. But at any rate about that time Blind Tom disappeared to all purposes as if the earth had swallowed him up and has never been seen since. He was perhaps the most remarkable human contradiction that ever existed. He was the child of Charity and Tom, slaves belonging to Ga., and his brothers and sisters numbered no less than nineteen. As soon as he began to be able to take notice it became evident that he was an when she discovered that her child was mentally useless her grief was old when Charity made known her trouble to her master.

moaned, "but he don't say nuffin and another person appointed in his cept whut yow say fust. Den he say it arter you.

"Bring him to me," said the Gena dead bird, I can teach a nigger to do as much.

house from the quarters. "Tom, sit down," ordered the Gen-

eral. child, still standing erect.

words, a habit he kept until he passed translator of her heavenly language. Tom was taught to make his wants musicians- Washington Post. known and to follow instructions given

But hidden in the seemingly shapeshe had joined her divine gift of music. the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. He was still a baby when he roamed away from his parents' cabin one day, and straved up to the forbidden precincts of the big house yard.

One of General Bethune's daughters was playing upon a piano, which her father had just given her. The child scarcely out of infancy, listened, fas-cinated and thrilled. The sleeping chords within him were touched. frembling and writhing he crawled up the steps and into the parlor and crept to the side of the player. It was not exactly proper, according to high Southern ideas, for a half naked pickaninny to come uninvited into the mansion, and the event naturally caused talk. General Bethune was equal to the occasion when he learned of the occurrence.

"The child is music crazy, poor one day and make its life bearable."

such an object as a slave baby in the house, but General Bethune prevailed upon them to let Tom touch the piano keys. Charity dressed him up His little fingers could hardly bear down the keys, yet his touch brought torth harmony-a faint echo of the air that was being played when he first heard the piano. General Bethune was a man of strong impulse and determination. He made up his mind at once to cultivate the germs he had seen and to ascertain what they would bring forth. He was practicing law at the time and editing a paper in Columbus, Ga., and went into town from his plantation every morning.

He had ample means to carry out any fancy that might seize him, so, as it was entirely out of the question for Tom's talents to be nurtured upon the instrument for the boy, and had it placed in one of his office rooms in Columbus. Every morning Charity would dress Tom up and bundle him ner puls, assist digestion, cure headin his mester's carryall, and every day ache. the little fellow would play the piano. Of course, he really did not know one key from another, and sheet music to him was like Sanskrit to a Choctaw, but the child was able to play any tune that was played in his hearing. General Bethune would hire wander- Pitcher's Castoria.

ing musicians to come and play for Tom, and the prodigy would almost go into spasms of delight. Then he would be placed on the piano stool and would repeat everything that he heard. When Alexander H. Stepl.ens, Robert Toombs, the Lamars and the other great legal giants of Georgia would come to Columbus court it was common to hear one of them say :

"Come on, let's go down to Jim Bethune's office and hear his nigger

boy play the piano." Out at home it was with great difficulty that Tom was kept under observation. Sound owned him absol utely. He would follow the birds' songs out into the woods, and frequently, when he was lost in this way, he was brought back by the sounds of the flute, produced by one of Gen eral Bethune's sons, who performed child's life, indeed, was based upon harmony. When it rained he would lie down with his ear to the water spout and listen to the music made by the patter of the falling drops.

By the time the war broke out Tom was 10 years old, and his fame had spread all over Georgia. His mental cloud still remained, and he knew no sentiment. There was no gratitude about him, and he was moved only by music. As stated, he repeated every thing that was said to him, and he General Bethune, in Muscogee county, began to display the most inordinate vanity. But he hated women, and could not bear them in his presence.

Pretty soon the news of the miraculous character of his performances atimbecile. Charity, his mother, was a tracted attention in the North, and it type of the oid time Southern negress, was not long before Charity, poor, tenderhearted and sympathetic, and trusting creature that she was, was approached by wily agents of farseeing managers. Visions of great touching. Tom was nearly two years fortune were held out before her entranced eyes, and the upshot of it was that she applied to have General "He kin tawk, Mass' Tom," she Bethune removed as Tom's guardian place. Judge Bond granted her request, and Blind Tom began that wonde-ful journey through the United States which is so well remembered curative in pulmonary, malarial and eral, "It I can teach my pointer dog to bring my gloves and whip and fetch by the theatre goers of a generation ago. Hundreds of readers will remember that big, black, powerfully Charity brought Tom up to the big muscular figure coming awkwardly on the stage with a silly smile ilumina ting his heavy features, and his kinky "Tom, sit down," repeated the high dome that crowned the back of tages have opened their doors to the "His master repeated the words, at shuffling to the piano, trembling like ing from a dollar a day up to figures shoulders and seating him. The next and eyes blinking as fast, and then dizzy. time he said, "Tom, sit down," the see him transformed into a medium

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Pleasure-Seekers and Health-Hunters at Atlantic City. Remarkable Railroading on the Royal Route.

> (From a Special Correspondent.) ATLANTIC CITY, March 20, 1895.

The gloomful and depressive pessi mist who persistently croaks of "hard the nation's prosperity has gone to the demnition everlasting bow-wows, is shamed out of his dismal bewailings as soon he finds himself in the briny and brilliant atmosphere of this great seaside cosmopolis. The very air seems with caressing fingers to "knit up the ravelled sleeve of care"; the swishing surf sings wooingly a restful song to the tired senses; the genial warmth of the earth nearing sun stirs excellently on the instrument. The the sluggish blood to quicker pulsings: and the inspiriting activities that pervade the place beget fresh impulses and enkindle new ambitions in the most mind weary of mortals. A stroll on the thronged boardwalk

just now is an inspiration and a delight This magnificent esplanade, skirting the white beaded edge of the horizon reaching sea for four unbroken miles, is the daily rendezvous of beauty and fashion, as well as the daily resort of the invalid and valetudinarian. Here meet and mingle the cosmopolite and the countryman, Beau Brummel and Farmer Hayseed, the belle from vociferous Broadway and the bright eyed maiden from the recurring year the wholesome custom grows of resorting here for a winter residence or an early spring time vacation, and the propitious opening of the Lenten season now beginning augurs favorably.

The magnificent climatic advantages of Atlantic City render it easily the foremost American health resorts. The balmy and invigorating air, laden with the balsamic odors of the ennervous disorders being especially effective in the amelioration of la grippe. The diversity of recreations and amusements attract to it every shade of temperament and taste, from the gravest to the gayest. More than a hundred hotels and boarding cothis head. They will remember him entertainment of visitors at rates rang-

The facilities for getting to and Land are superb in their completeout of contemporary sight. This ob ject lesson of General Bethune's was in the amusement world, and the not the "Royal Route to the Sea," ing Railroad System, the fame of him solely by the direction of his in STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Ses. Seas? Everybody who travels—and to the placid waters of the Sun-Down FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that everybody travels nowadays - is fami-

"The people reaching here Saturday last on the 2 o'clock P. M. Reading train have it to say that they traveled the entire distance at a rate of a mile in less than a minute. By reason of the ice blockade in the Delaware the train left twenty two minutes late, and yet, including stops Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken inter- at Hammonton, Egg Harbor and here only one and one-half minutes behind time. In other words, twenty and one half minutes had been made up in the fifty-five and one-half miles, which distance, inclusive of the three stops, was covered in fifty-seven and one half minutes. Certainly five minutes at least were consumed in the slowing up, stopping and getting off again at three stations, so that the actual running time was more than a mile a minute. This is a remarkable record for the distance, and is probably the fastest rate of traveling ever accomplished across Jersey."

But the Star man is in error in setting this down as a "record breaker," the same fifty five and onehalf miles having been covered at least once in fifty-two minutes. On the Reading's straight smooth track a speed of a mile a minute is not deemed notably rapid, and a mile in less than fifty seconds is no uncommon achievement. The elegant train equipment of the "Royal Reading Route," not less than the phenomenally quick time, attracts to it a very large preponderance of the travel, and I am informed that through tickets to Atlantic City are now sold almost everywhere along the lines of the Reading, and also on those of its connections, such as the B. & O., Lehigh Valley, New Jersey Central, Beech Creek, Fall Brook and other roads. J. H. M.

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Office State Board of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Penna.

The following is a recent report of the State pomologist:

To the Pennsylvania State Board

in the United States in California, about the year 1870, it having been brought to the Pacific coast on trees received from Chili. Fruit shippers first noticed it in 1873 at San Jose, and from this it derived the name by which it is now known. It is reported to have caused great pecuniary loss on the Pacific coast, having, in the course of twelve years spread through all the fruit growing regions of Cali-fornia, Oregon and Washington, resulting in the destruction of thousands of trees. It was introduced into Pennsylvania during the past season through nursery stock brought from another State.

carried the San Jose Scale, and it has thus obtained a foothold in the Atlantic Coast States, and bids fair in a quiet Pennsylvania hills. With each short time to spread over the entire

Twigs infected with this scale, obtained from a Central Pennsylvania fruit grower, are exhibited at this meeting, and are thus described by the grower from whom they were re-ceived: "A serious pest which multiplies beyond anything that I have ever before seen in insect life. It wil cause much trouble unless checked. with briny ozone and impregnated It makes pears unsaleable; it is worse on the Bartlett pear than on circling pine forests, is distinctively others, and this is our most common variety.

Specimen twigs from the orehard of the same fruit-grower were submitted to Prof. Howard, Acting Entomologist of the National Department of Agriculture, and he paid a visit to the premises where it was first discovered in this State, and he has pronounced it the San Jose Scale beyond a doubt.

the same time taking him by the a leaf, with his lips moving rapidly that would make a frugal millionaire of scale insects as the common and well-known oyster-shell bark louse cf the apple family. It differs from this boy did so, repeating, however, the which music chose to be a wondrous from this enchanting bit of Lotus insect, and in fact from all other eastern species from deciduous fruit trees, in that the scale is perfectly round or at most very slightly elongated or irregular. It is flat, pressed close to the bark, resembles the bark which extends from the eastern coast of the twig in color, and when fully grown is about one eighth of an inch may sometimes appear yellowish.

where trees have been badly infested, the safest and, in the long rnn, the most economical course to pursue is to cut and burn trunks and branches. Where infestation is less marked, in secticide washes and sprays may be used. He favors the kerosene emula preparation of resin and caustic

for the latter preparation is as follows: (70 per cent. strength), 5 pounds; fish oil, 3 pints; with sufficient water added to make roo gallons. This is to be applied to the trees by means of

experiments with spraying mixtures Would you care to be so situated that you for the destruction of the San Jose Scale, writes to me as follows: " I have found that while kerosene emulsion treatment during the summer time is good enough, so far as it goes. the habits of the insect prevent it from being very effective, since they are continually hatching throughout the entire summer, and two days after hatching have formed enough of a scale to be nearly impervious to the emulsion. By these sprayings with the summer, the insect can be kept from increasing, but its numbers canspray is a strong whale oil solution the autumn, and again just before the buds burst in the spring.

The matter of appearance of the San Jose Scale was made known to the State Horticultural Association at its annual meeting at Reading, January 15th and 16th last. Prof. Brinton, late of the New Jersey Experiment Station, who was present, made an examination of the insect under the microscope and pronounced it the

both the orchard and nursery, he stated that its period of incubation is in June, and again in the latter part of J. B. NELLIS & CO., NUMBER THE J. B. N. NELIS & CO., NUMBER THE J. B. NELLIS & CO., NUMBER THE J. B. N. NELI the summer. After the insects are hatched, a speedy application of the kerosene emulsion will destroy them, but after the hard shell has been formed, caustic potash alone will answer. Owing to the danger connected with CYRUS T. FOX,

of Agriculture : GENTLEMEN: As Pomologist of your honorable body, I would report times" and dolefully asseverates that the appearance in Pennsylvania of that very pernicious insect known as the San Jose Scale, which is generally acknowledged to be one of the most destructive pests that the fruit grower of the United States has to contend

The San Jose Scale first appeared

Pears and prunes shipped from states on the Pacific slope have

Prof. Howard states that the San Jose Scale belongs to the same group in diameter. At or near the middle of each scale is a small, round, slightly elongated, blackpoint, or this point

Prof. Howard recommended that sion for destroying the young lice, and soda for the older scale The formula

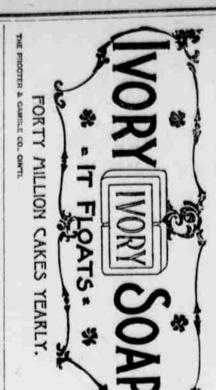
Resin, 20 pounds; Caustic Soda a sprayer.

Prof. Howard, in continuing his the emulsion at intervals throughout not be greatly decreased. The proper immediately after the leaves fall in

genuine San Jose Scale.

Having had experience with it in the use of this article, the hands had better be protected with rubber gloves.

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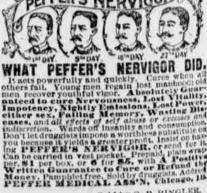
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