

A PRESIDENT'S LOVE.

ANDREW JOHNSON'S COURTSHIP OF MISS SARAH WORD

She Rejected the Future Chief Magistrate for a Saddler.—He was not illiterate when Young, but the Contrary was Exceptionally Intelligent.

Three-quarters of a century ago, in the little village of Laurens, in the State of South Carolina, there lived and labored at the tailor's trade a young man who was destined to play an important part in the affairs of this Nation.

Andrew Johnson left his home in North Carolina by reason of some trouble with his employer, and went to the then ultra-exclusive and aristocratic village of Laurens. He had no influential family connections, and was as poor as the traditional church mouse, his worldly possessions consisting only of the clothes he wore.

Johnson's stay at Laurens marked a very important epoch in his life. It was there that he met his first love, Miss Sarah Word, a charming young woman of education and refinement, who saw in the modest and retiring young journeyman tailor, a man of character and strength and promise.

The irresistible tendency that young men in love have to carve their sweethearts' names on everything movable and immovable in their immediate vicinity was not wanting in Johnson. On the bottom of an old split-bottomed chair he engraved the inscription "S. W.—1820."

Having satisfactorily adjusted the trouble with his former employer in North Carolina, Johnson decided to return and resume his place. Before leaving Laurens, as a token of his affectionate regard, he gave to Miss Word his dearest possession, the goose with which he had worked at his trade.

Johnson's biographers have all maintained that in early life he was uncouth, illiterate and ignorant, with no refinement nor grace of manner. It has been stated that he could neither read nor write, and that his wife taught him both after marriage.

Dr. Carl Landstriner, president of the Vienna Society for the Protection of Animals, says that in the large cities of Italy "huge piles of nightingales, larks, finches, and, of late, even swallows," are seen on the market stalls.

First Preacher—Doing much in the wedding trade now?

Second Preacher—Yes; business is good. People get married this year who never got married before.—Truth.

Miss Mobile—Well, Martha, how is your husband now?

Martha—Po'ly, miss, po'ly. He's got the exclamatory rheumatism.

Martha (with solemn conviction)—"That's it, mum; that's it! He don't do nothing but holler!"—Northern Christian Advocate.

THE KING OF GREECE.

ASCENDED THE THRONE WHEN A BOY OF SEVENTEEN YEARS.

The Greeks Have Desired Him to Abdicate and Allow Prince Constantinos to Reign Instead.—The Second Son, Sallio George, a Strong Character.

Three and thirty years ago a picturesque scene was enacted in the Danish capital. A deputation of Greeks—we ought to call them Helenes, but we do not—a deputation of Greeks demanded an audience of Frederick VII, the old King of Denmark, and asked leave to offer their country's crown to his great-nephew, George of Schleswig-Holstein.

Having watched him carefully through the first four years of his reign, Russia, by a clever stroke of policy, which caused some stir at the time, secured the young monarch's hand for one of her Grandduchesses, Olga Constantinovna, her family considering that the imperial bride's value was greatly increased by the fact that she was only fifteen years of age at the time of her marriage.

Should the King abdicate his successor would of course be the Duke of Sparta, more commonly known in Athens as Prince Constantinos. Many people, not perhaps excluding the Crown Prince himself, would prefer the Athleticos Prinkyes, George. However, even Greece, who passes her days in doing strange things, would hardly venture on such an innovation as that.

King George, a true constitutional sovereign, wants to follow rather than to lead his people, but he will not follow to their destruction. As has happened before, he will pull his team up on the edge of the precipice—if they will let him.

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Oliver Wendell Holmes kept on hand a little pile of autograph extracts from his writings, and when a visitor had reached the extreme limit of a call, yet seemed unaware of the fact, the doctor would kindly hand him one of these extracts, courteously asking him to keep it as a keepsake.

Two Irishmen digging in a ditch. One was tall, the other short. The little fellow was digging away industriously, while the big one looked on. The foreman unbraided him for his idleness.

Weired Plains of La Mancha.

Starting from the Argamasilla before daylight our little mule had trudged during eight hours the denuded inhospitable plain of La Mancha where the unchecked cold blasts from the Sierras hold wild riot in the winter, and which was now lying prostrate under the furious caresses of the sun, says a writer in Scribner's; her parched soil bursting now and anon with dull sounds like the moans of a creature in pain.

What We Inherit

We are not to blame for. We cannot be held responsible for the dispositions and tendencies which we derive from our ancestors, nor are we responsible for the germs of disease which may manifest themselves in our blood as a heritage from former generations.

How Nature Builds Rookeries.

The fact is, the rookery, to be a success, must be an evolution instead of a creation. Attempt to construct one after any set plan and you are sure to fail with it. The most satisfactory one I ever saw was one that made itself, so to speak.

Bakeshops.

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HEAD RELIEF IN 10 MINUTES.—Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder gives almost instant relief and permanently cures Catarrh, Hay Fever, Colds, Headache, Sore Throat, Tonsillitis, and Catarrhal Deafness.

A Novel Barometer.

It has taken a clever Frenchman to discover a kind of barometer which may be safely called unique. An English journal says that it is nothing more nor less than the figure of a general made of ginger bread. He buys one every year and takes it home and hangs it by a string on a nail.

Perhaps he may reply: "The general feels soft. He would advise you taking an umbrella." On the other hand, if the gingerbread is hard and unyielding to the touch, it is safe to go forth in one's best attire, umbrellaless and confident.

The Frenchman declares that the general has never yet proved unworthy of the confidence placed in him, and would advise all whose purse will not allow them to purchase a barometer or aneroid, to see what the local baker can do for them in the gingerbread line.—Harper's Round Table.

The Earth's Fires.

Edison says that before the world's supply of coal is exhausted we shall surely not be dependent upon it for fuel; in fact, fuel of any kind will be superfluous. It is said that he believes that the fires of the interior of the earth will be utilized in the future for the carrying on of every industry requiring steam power.

Furthermore, the farmer could have rows of pipes beneath the ground and cause it to produce rare exotic plants and finer fruits than the hothouse system. Machines would be worked without coal and the atmosphere, consequently, be purified from its gas and smoke.

The People are Convinced

When they read the testimonials of cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla. They are written by honest men and women, and are plain, straightforward statements of fact. The people have confidence in Hood's Sarsaparilla because they know it actually and permanently cures, even when other medicines fail.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Easy and yet efficient.

Sowing Spring Wheat.

American Cultivator is authority for the following: The advance in price of wheat last fall did not come quick enough to enable farmers who are used to growing winter wheat to largely increase their acreage.

PILL-PRICE.—The days of 25 cents a box for pills are numbered. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills at ten cents a vial are surer, safer and pleasanter to take.

The Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette For July, 1896, says: "WALTER BAKER & COMPANY, of Dorchester, Mass., have given years of study to the skillful preparation of cocoa and chocolate, and have devised machinery and systems peculiar to their methods of treatment, whereby the purity, palatability, and highest nutrient characteristics are retained."

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.

Prices Low and Good Work. For the finest and best stoves, tinware, roofing, spouting and general job work, go to W. W. Watts, on Iron street. Buildings heated by steam, hot air or hot water in a satisfactory manner. Sanitary Plumbing a specialty.

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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.

THE NOOSE OF FATE. IT WAS THAT WHICH LED SCOTT JACKSON TO THE SCAFFOLD. Less than four years ago Scott Jackson, who was hanged in Kentucky recently for the murder of Pearl Bryan, was under arrest in Jersey City, charged with embezzling \$25,000 from a railway freight office in which he was employed.

Snake Into Your Shoes. Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age.

Co-operative Applause. One night Sarah Bernhart was playing "Fedora" to a crowded house. The poison scene, as usual, elicited a tempest of applause from the audience, but ere the clapping of hands and the stamping of feet had completely died away, loud peals of laughter burst forth from the upper part of the theater.

PILES—ITCHING, BLIND AND BLEEDING.—CURED in three to six nights. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is peerless in curing. One application gives instant relief. It cures all itching and irritating skin diseases, Chafing, Eczema, etc. 35 cents. Sold by C. A. Kleim.