

GLIMPSES OF "UNCLE REMUS"

Fun and Chatter. Harris Had a Falsely Eye. INSTANCES OF HIS KINDNESS.

How He Bought Out a Soap Vendor and Helped a Prisoner-Appealing Story of His Kindness to a Poor Negro Slave.

Uncle Remus, the author, who recently died at his home in West End, a suburb of Atlanta, was known throughout the English reading world for his creation of the character of "Uncle Remus".

"One day Mr. Harris' little daughter looks her doll, and her father picked up one of the pieces. The fragment happened to be the doll's eye, and Mr. Harris found that the slight compression of the muscles of the face would enable him to easily hold the eye over his own eye. The mirror showed him that the thing had an uncanny and ghastly look. It had the staring, glassy appearance of a dead person's eye.

"I am glad to meet you," said Mr. Visscher as he straightened himself up. "I have been waiting for you. I can see what on earth you are laughing at."

"This 'Uncle Remus' burst into another laugh and said, as he rather affectionately looked at Visscher's shoulder: 'Well, to tell you the truth, Mr. Visscher, I am laughing at you. I like your looks. You see, I have always had the reputation of being the ugliest man in the United States, but you beat me. I want to take you out and introduce you to my wife.'"

"I don't know about that real negro fellow. And I don't think any one else does. But every southern negro knows that every old negro man is full of just such stories as I write. As the negroes do not get them from the whites, I presume they are of African origin, and carried to America by the negroes who were brought to this country as slaves. These stories are really a composite of ideal type and far from being the result of philological research. His dialect or peculiarities of speech are nothing but one of the many fanciful parts of his character."

"The members of the Harris family spent most of their time at home, but occasionally they took a long summer outing, leaving 'Uncle Remus' to hold the fort during their absence. Harris was a man of many parts. He was a good worker, a good writer, a good father, a good husband, a good neighbor, a good citizen, a good friend, a good man. He was a man of many parts. He was a good worker, a good writer, a good father, a good husband, a good neighbor, a good citizen, a good friend, a good man.

"But I am on the verge of starvation," said the man. "Why, man, you are wearing a better coat than I have." "You would not talk so," he replied in a tremulous voice. "If you had seen how hard my poor wife rubbed and brushed my coat this morning so that I would present a respectable appearance."

"Harris then saw that the coat was old, smudged, and badly worn, and he had for years written at his home in order to keep away from the book hunters and autograph seekers who attacked him at the Constitution office at Atlanta. He spent only about an hour a day at the Atlanta Constitution office. He was there one morning when a tall, young woman from Boston made her way up the elevator and found his room. The door was open. The Boston girl looked in, and there sat a little, rotund, red-headed man reading a newspaper.

"This Mr. Harris?" asked the Boston girl. "Yes," replied the red-headed man without raising his eyes. "I have called to see you, Mr. Harris," said the Boston girl. "My name is Boston Blank, and you ought to know me, for I am a writer."

PEACE FOR THE BIRDS.

Why A. H. Howell Urges That They Be Saved. MANY KILL BOLL WEEVILS.

Biological Survey Expert Tells of the South's Need of Them—Protection to Certain Industry the Keynote of the Warning From Washington.

Protection for the birds of the United States is being urged by the Biological Survey of the department of agriculture. The second biennial report of such protection to the nation industry is presented in a recent circular prepared by Arthur H. Howell, assistant in the biological survey, who has in recent months made a minute study of the extent to which the boll weevil is destroyed by birds.

Something over a year ago the biological survey took this matter up and sent out literature urging bird protection. It was pointed out that the real gains in the northern states could be a great service to the south by sending to it the birds that nest in the northern latitudes in spring and summer and go to the south in winter were shielded from destruction. The interest awakened in this matter was great, and there was eager response from farmers, school children and others.

Now, says the Washington correspondent of the New York Globe, in the light of more recent investigations showing that the boll weevil is destroyed by birds to a greater extent than was at first realized, another plea for the protection of the birds is being put forth. The reason now insisted by the cotton boll weevil is the greater part of the growing area of the Texas and Louisiana and parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Mississippi. Texas and Louisiana produced in 1906 more than 100,000,000 bolls of cotton, valued at upward of \$270,000,000. The loss caused by the boll weevil is variously estimated at from 10 to 50 per cent of the crop, or even more in badly infested areas. Even the best estimate reasonable estimate the loss to the cotton planters of Texas and Louisiana from the ravages of the pest last year aggregates many millions of dollars. The weevil extends its range eastward into the lower Mississippi valley, the damage it does will be proportionately greater than in the drier regions to the westward.

Investigations conducted by the biological survey on the food habits of birds in Louisiana in January and February, 1908, showed that more birds were feeding upon the weevils and that many more weevils were destroyed by them than in any other season. In Louisiana, birds have been collected at a corresponding season. The destruction of weevils in winter is much more important than in summer, since the death of weevils at that season prevents the production of a highly numerous progeny in the early summer and postpones the date when the increases will become a great pest to the cotton squares as fast as they appear.

"The birds rendered by the vast army of birds which occupies the cotton fields of the south during the winter months," says Mr. Howell, "is only beginning to be appreciated. During the first season in which birds were studied in their relation to the weevil, only twenty species were discovered to feed upon the insect, and it was supposed the influence of birds in keeping down the pest was slight. Now, after two seasons of careful investigation, however, it is known that more than fifty species of birds feed upon the pest, many of them carrying the weevils during the winter months, the most critical period of the insect's life—the winter and early spring.

Various kinds of blackbirds, meadow larks, sparrows, quails, or titmice, wrens and titmice are mentioned as useful in the destruction of the boll weevil, and many other well known birds, such as the crow, the robin, the woodpecker, are in the list of those that feed upon the pest of the cotton regions.

Greenland's Ice Cap. The largest mass of ice in the world fills up nearly the whole of the interior of Greenland. It is about 1,000 miles thick. The ice has accumulated since before the dawn of history. It is believed to be a remnant of the ice which once covered the whole of the northern hemisphere. The ice is so thick that it is not possible to see the land beneath it. The ice is so thick that it is not possible to see the land beneath it. The ice is so thick that it is not possible to see the land beneath it.

Beats of Concrete. A writer in Harper's Weekly makes the interesting statement that the use of concrete in boat building will largely take the place of iron and steel. Large boats of reinforced concrete have been built already in Italy, and five of them, of 120 tons and more, are in commission in the Italian navy. Experiments and trials on a much larger and more important scale will shortly be conducted.

SOAP FROM TREES.

Possesses Properties That Make It Valuable For Domestic Use. Comes From a Certain Country. Contains the Following Report from Frankfurt, Germany.

Mr. B. Lang of this city, collector of commerce and delegate to the government of Africa states that he has just returned from a commercial tour of study in Algeria, where he was called by that government. During his trip he met one of the largest planters, Mr. S. Bertrand, chairman of the Algerian Agricultural society, at L'Arba, near Algiers, whose domain comprises nearly 10,000 hectares (24,711 acres), which are planted with vines, oranges, olive and soap trees. He has succeeded after an immense expenditure in introducing a new plant, the soap tree, from which he gathers several thousand tons of berries annually.

The soap tree resembles an apple tree of medium growth. The fresh fruit is green, the interior of which, besides the kernel, contains a yellowish substance, which is the soap. The fruit is gathered in the autumn, and is then pressed to extract the soap. The soap is then refined and used for domestic purposes. It is of great service to the cloth and linen manufacturers and, above all, for domestic purposes, as it can be used to clean linen and silken fabrics and colored embroideries. The use of the soap makes the colors run together.

SAND WASHING BINS. Novel Feature of the Washington Filtration Plant. An important and absolutely new feature of the immediate filtration plant at Washington, which is built in a concrete city covering more than twenty acres, is the massive concrete sand bins, twenty-nine in number, which form a part of the sand washing system.

These bins are used for the storage of sand after it has been washed and before it is returned to the filter beds. From the washer the sand is carried, suspended in water, through pipes and into the bins. The proportion usually flowing in is four parts water and one part sand. The water is then filtered, and the water accumulates until the bin is half full. At this level the water overflows through a pipe and carries the sand to the filter beds. The sand is then filtered and the process is repeated by the use of a second outlet near the top of the bin. Each bin holds 200 cubic yards of sand.

The bins are of massive construction and tower thirty-two feet into the air. The diameter, outside measurement, is twenty feet. The bins are supported by concrete foundations carried below the water level. The bins are supported by concrete foundations carried below the water level. The bins are supported by concrete foundations carried below the water level.

CONCRETE WASHING BINS. front line. Their great weight, to which is added the weight of the water, is carried partially on the outside wall and partially upon three circular arches. These arches intersect at the center of the structure and leave a space large enough for a two horse cart to enter. At the intersection of the arches there is a heavily constructed gate, through which the sand is allowed to pass into the filter beds. The water is then carried through a pipe and into the filter beds. The sand is then filtered and the process is repeated by the use of a second outlet near the top of the bin.

Automatic Lemon Squeezer. An ingenious lemon squeezer of the automatic type is designed for use with the lemon juice to be bottled in large numbers. It comprises a hand-cranked squeezer and strainer and is worked by a hand lever. The fruit, being inserted into the squeezer, is cut and thoroughly strained of its juice at one movement of the lever, and the lemon is delivered from a spout after it has been properly strained, while the seeds and pulp are thrown out at another place. There is no handling of the fruit after dropping in the hopper, and the pressure levers are adjustable to handle lemons of differing sizes.

Currents. Currents, as most people are aware, come from Corinth. They are a variety of the grape family. The currents grown in America are from north Europe, Canada and England.

Train and Track. The New York Connecting railway which will require the great ledge which is to be built over Hell Gate, calls for an expenditure of about \$150,000,000. The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad is fast tracking and certifying its road from the Harlem river out to the limits of the suburban section. The cost is \$50,000,000. The Pittsburg street railroad company is endeavoring to sue against a conductor who was running a cigarette the other day when not on his job and was promptly discharged by the management.

Farm and Garden

THE WOOD LOT. Devotes For Making the Cutting of Timber Less Laborious.

The increase of interest in timber raising, makes the consideration of any device of aid to the woodcutter of interest. The accompanying sketch shows a support or guide for a saw, which may readily be attached to a log or timber with ordinary tools to facilitate the sawing of the log. The details of this attachment are shown. Unless prepared in advance, the attachment consists of a clamp adapted to be secured to the handle (A) of an ordinary ax. The clamp comprises two jaws (B) through which the log is passed. The upper end of this bolt terminates in a support. The support consists of two parallel arms, between which a roller (C) is mounted to rotate. The roller (C) is secured to the jaws of the clamp by a wing nut, and by turning this nut the jaws of the clamp are fitted with a wing nut, and by turning this nut the jaws of the clamp are fitted with a wing nut, and by turning this nut the jaws of the clamp are fitted with a wing nut.

Humdrums. The longest tasks of life are made of humdrums. The sewing of the buttons or repairing a sock and screw. The drying of dry clothes and the old clothes turned to new. But with these humdrums just spoil some. I love them all. Don't you? —Woman's Home Companion.

Against the Custom. In the Federalist—Take off them glasses, you scoundrel, and I'll punch your face for you. "But, my dear sir, that is quite against the custom. Who ever heard of ordering the glasses after the punch is served?"—New York Life.

She Knows. The maiden primping at her glass is also very wise. By putting on a gown that shows her ornaments she shows her wisdom. Makes plain the fact that she, too, knows. It pays to advertise. —Chicago Record-Herald.

Heading Him Off. Reply Snip—Ah, my dear, I think I shall sing that beautiful song "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep." Should I not? Miss Trenchard—Yes, you should not.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Private Exhibits. "That dog ought never to have a pedigree. Ever had him in a dog show?" "No; don't have to. He makes a show of every dog he sees."—Fack.

A Similitude. Summer shower comes pearly by; Rainbow under in do sky. Best of strikes dose eyes of mine. Like a don't of mine! When don't drops come so softly down From his heaven all around. Satisfaction seems complete. But! That motion juice am sweet. —Washington Star.

Clever Pets. "Biffers had a dog that will sit up and catch a ball." "Ponsey has a cat that will throw." "What does it throw?" "Fits."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Information Wanted. "Bobby, go immediately and wash your face." "Why's comin', ma? Or are you going to take me somewhere?"—Harper's Weekly.

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Church and Clergy.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada has elected as moderator Rev. F. H. Dorell of Knox church, Windsor, Ontario, and as secretary, Rev. J. A. Macdonald of Toronto, Ont. and Wilmington, Del.

Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Parley visited to assist at the eucharist congress in London next September, going afterward to Rome to visit the pope. It is expected that they will be present at the eucharist which will be held at the close of the papal jubilee.

Rev. Dr. A. M. Campbell, for seven years pastor of the Wagoner Place United Presbyterian church of St. Louis, has resigned to accept the presidency of the Franklin College of the University at New Athens, O. Dr. Campbell has been a minister for twenty-five years and has held pastorates in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Missouri.

The Rev. Dr. William R. Jewey, who recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration to St. Paul's Episcopal church, Hoboken, N. J., writes himself on the fact that in the whole course of his ministry he has missed only one church service which he was scheduled to hold. A severe attack of grip, which confined him to his bed, was responsible for his absence.

The New York Americans have sold Outboard Boat, alias Bell, to the Memphis Southern league club. The Boston Nationals have transferred Pitcher Ostrowski to Providence and Fletcher Malre to Lawrence. Unless prepared in advance, the manager Jewett's intention to work Summers and Mullin in every series for the rest of the season.

For the first time since he has been with the Cubs, Artie Hanson holds a regular position. Manager Chance announces that he will play Artie in right field permanently. The club's promoter introduced by Billy Sullivan of the Chicago American is being generally adopted by major league catchers. It is an upholstery affair that folds back over the shoulders and is fastened after the fashion of shoulder braces. It comes away with the inconvenience of infestation, which was one of the drawbacks of old-fashioned types. The new gear folds four ways and takes up no more space than the pneumatic kind.

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