

FOR THE LADS AND THE LASSIES

A Letter to the Children from Clifton Springs, New York.

NO FIRECRACKERS IN THE NORTH

At Christmas Time—They Save That for July Fourth, You Know—The Children to Edit Their Page This Month.

The Mercury's Plight.

I don't know why I'm slandered so, if I go high—I go low—There's always some one who will say, "Just see that Mercury!"

All the Way from New York.

The following letter comes to you from Clifton Springs and is one of your best friends—F. C. P.

Dear Children,—I have given you thought in plenty since I came up here and wanted to send you a letter very often, but my dear, good doctor would not let me. I wish you could see him.

The Nickel Skates.

By A. F. Caldwell.

Bennie sat in his seat, repeating over and over, "If 1,500 pounds of hay can be bought for \$5, what is the cost of hay per ton?"

To Our Children.

First we have something to say to Miss Helen Girard, Elmont, Va.: The English editor of chatterbox was so hard to find that we decided to send her Mrs. Burnett's beautiful little story, "Glorious!"

Some Amusing Efforts Over "Month" and "Orange."

"You can't," says Tom toeping Bill, "find any rhyme for month." "A great mistake," says Bill's reply. "It's a rhyme at month."

DIFFICULT RHYMES.

"How sweet it is to tell from month to month, Working equations from one-plus oneeth. Father Prout has left on record a full and frank confession of his inability to find a rhyme for this difficult word."

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Wm. S. Porter.

Beneath the sweetly beaming moon And (wunth, hynth, hynth, sunth—I can't find a rhyme to month).

Notwithstanding all these failures to find a perfect rhyme, however, there is one example that may be said to hit the mark. It is ascribed to W. S. Gilbert, and includes not only a rhyme to "month," but also to "orange." It runs:

From the Indus to Biorange Came the rajah in a month, Sucking now and then his orange, Counting all the while his Grunth.

This is the only perfect instance, and even this is not perfect, for though the Irish river Biorange is an absolute rhyme for "orange," yet it is a kind of rhymer's blunder to pronounce the name of the Hindu's holy book as if it rhymed with "month." Its real pronunciation is "grunth," but let the poor word under discussion be allowed to forever rhymed, as it will admit that the final "th" is a mere just cause or impediment, and that there is no time to talk of proper pronunciation.

There are many amusing attempts with various "orange." The following is a good sample; it also includes the lemon:

I gave my darling child a lemon That lately grew its sugar stem on, And next to give her pleasure more I offered her a juicy orange.

BURGLARS AT WORK.

Here's Planning Mill Broken Into and Papers Carried Off.

Some time during Friday night the office of Henry A. Hare's planning mill and box factory, at No. 2318 east Main street, was broken into and a large quantity of papers and books were stolen.

The discovery was made when the office was opened yesterday morning. Entrance had been effected through a back window, which had been pried open with a chisel, and the safe had been opened by working the combination.

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SOUL OF THE NEW BOOKS REVIEWED.

The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography.

A VERY INTERESTING NUMBER.

All its Departments Exceptionally High Standard—"Poems of Love and War"—Other Recent Publications.

THE VIRGINIA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY. Published quarterly by the Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Va. Publication Committee: Archer Anderson, Lynn G. Tyler, Charles V. Meredith, E. V. Valentine, William H. Palmer. Editor: William G. Stanard.

This very valuable and interesting quarterly enters the year with a new editor, Mr. William G. Stanard, who was elected to the position on the resignation of Mr. Philip A. Bruce, in September last. Mr. Stanard is to be congratulated upon successfully maintaining the high standard established by his predecessor.

The first paper in this, the January number, is the petition of Captain Bargrave to the Privy Council in 1622, and treats of one of the feuds which divided the Virginia Colony. The second article is a felicitous attempt, made in 1813, to abolish from Somersetshire a number of "madness," who were to be sent as servants to Virginia. The affair caused "such terror to the poor madmen as they fled out of one parish into such obscure and remote places as their parents and masters can yet have no news what is become of them."

"A Note of the Shipping, Men, etc., Sent to Virginia, 1612," gives some interesting statistics as to the population at that time.

"Four Children to Be Sent to Virginia," describes an attempt to provide for the little paupers of the London streets.

The article on "Epitaphs at Brandon" not only includes six inscriptions from tombs at that historic spot, but a genealogy of the individuals mentioned, and a copy of the epitaph of Mary Digges, wife of Colonel Nathaniel Harrison, of Brandon, which is at Denbigh parish, Warwick county, Virginia, 1622. It contains four letters written in that year by Governor and Council, Governor Wyatt, George Sandys, and Christopher Davidson. These letters give a clear impression of conditions in the colony in the year following the great massacre and describe the return of the prisoners captured at that time, and the great scarcity of provisions.

The next paper is the concluding installment of "The Wright family wills," contributed by Mr. R. S. Thomas. These wills are of value alike to the genealogist and to the student of the economic and social conditions of the colony in the first half of the seventeenth century.

A recent English genealogical magazine in reviewing the October number of the Virginia magazine, refers to these wills as giving greater evidence of education than many English wills.

"A New Clue to the Lee Ancestry" throws suggestive light on the probable English ancestry of this famous family, and will be read with interest. It is contained in a letter from Luncheon Lee, of Colton, Shropshire, May 21, 1755, to Hon. Thomas Lee, of Stratford, in Virginia.

The inventory of Robert (King) Carter is continued and shows the great variety of property which a wealthy planter of that day was compelled to keep on hand. We are especially struck by the articles of domestic manufactures in Virginia, Ireland, Virginia garden bell glasses and Virginia yarn hose. Where in Virginia was this glass made?

"Washington's Captivation at Fort Necessity in 1754," an English translation of the article in the Virginia Magazine, which was probably the one made before the House of Burgesses, soon after. An editorial suggestion is made as to whether "Captain John Brown mistreated the French or not," and the latter question is carried there in their publication.

All Virginians are interested in the history of William and Mary College and the domestic manufactures of Virginia. The magazine will be widely read. They are introduced with an account of the various fires by which the famous old college has suffered.

"Virginia Militia in the Revolution" is the beginning of the publication of a small manuscript volume in the Virginia State Library, which is the only record among the State archives of the militia of the Revolution. It gives the names of many militia officers in service during the first years of the Revolution, and frequently the names of counties from which they were recruited. It also introduces a new source of information of the regular and militia troops of Virginia in the Revolution. It is high time that the scattered and inaccessible data in regard to our Revolutionary militia be gathered together and the State, in this way, given its true and rightful position as to the number of troops furnished during the great war for independence.

The department of "Notes and Queries," "Publications Reviewed," and "Book Reviews" are given, as usual. The next number in the magazine comes a letter written in 173 by Governor Jefferson, of Virginia, to Governor Calvey, of Louisiana, in regard to an attempt made by Virginia to borrow money from Spain, and also a list of names of prominent men in our Revolutionary army, of Oliver Pollock, of New Orleans, in furnishing supplies to the forces under George Rogers Clark. The relative importance of these names is placed by this letter in striking contrast to what they were little more than a century ago.

Professor Hennessee's valuable biographical list of trustees of Hampton College is contained, and gives names of many men who have done good service to their country. The intimate way in which these various trustees were related to each other will seem very interesting and unacquainted with Virginia kinships.

A number of the magazine contains the usual installment of Mr. Stanard's "Abstracts of Virginia Laws and Provisions," being that that on the role of slaves, family, who were imported in the colony in the seventeenth century. In one of the records reference is made to a deed which was recorded in Charles City county, in 1687, and which reads as follows:

(1) The Parker family of Essex, the Northern Neck, etc., to which, belonged so many men of distinction in the army and navy, on the bench, and in the Legislature.

(2) The descendants of Colonel William Fostaine; contributed by Mrs. Thomas L. Brown.

(3) The Baylor family, which includes sketches of Colonel George Baylor of the Revolution, and Judge R. E. B. Baylor, of Texas.

(4) The Withers family, of Stafford, Virginia, whose descendants are now so widely spread throughout the United States.

(5) The Paynes of Goochland; who has spread as far west as the Rocky Mountains. The department of "Notes and Queries," "Publications Reviewed," and "Book Reviews" are given, as usual.

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"When Cupid Calls" is the pretty title of a new book of verse by Tom Hall, whose "When Love Laughs" was such a success last year. Mr. Hall's society verse is smooth, agreeable and decidedly pleasing, and the book is put together in a very pretty style; published by E. B. Herrick & Co. It is printed in unique type, on deckle edge paper, and each page has a border design, two colors alternate throughout the book. There are also numerous illustrations and a decorative title page. The book is bound in green silk, with faintly cover design stamped in white, red and gold with gilt top, and there is also a white edition, stamped in green and gold. "When Cupid Calls" is one of the daintiest and prettiest holiday books of the year. Price \$1.50. For sale by Hunter & Co.

E. R. Herrick & Co. issues this week a collection of humorous sketches and short stories by Tom Hall, entitled "The Little Lady." Some Other People and Meaself." Most of the matter contained in the books has been published in Truth and much appreciated by the admirers of this popular humorist. The collection of some of his best work makes a pretty and entertaining little volume, and the book is attractively gotten up, with frontispiece, ornamental rubricated title page, numerous illustrations, deckle edges, yellow top to match the yellow cloth in which the book is bound. The cover design is unique and is stamped both sides in black and red. Price \$1.50. For sale by Hunter & Co.

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In a Bear's Death Grip. FIERCE WILD WEST TALE OF TO-DAY.

By Albert Johnson, Editor of the Tacoma News.

TACOMA, WASH., Jan. 8.—The great Northwest is still the sportsman's paradise, just as it was in the days when the elder Astor and the Hudson Bay Company were rivals for the fur output. Game in abundance is to be found in all the forests, and the streams and lakes have the tracks of a great variety of game. The gamy trout is to be found everywhere. Hunting is the diversion of town and deer and bears are common, but the experience of Ambrose Larsen, recently with a captured brown bear is thrilling enough to be recorded. Larsen has a badly crushed arm as a result of his experience, and carries in his pocket the tusk of a great bear which he fought in the narrow confines of a dead-fall pit. Larsen is a farmer, and this winter bears commenced stealing his pigs. Finally he built a dead-fall, or bear pit, placing it directly in the trap, and the man was used to reach his pig pen.

"One night recently," he says, "on reaching the trap I found an immense brown bear in it, the largest I have ever seen. The animal was alive, however, and fell of fight. I put two bullets from my Winchester into its head and the bear tumbled over it dead. I then dumped down into the pit to see the best means of getting to work at skinning the animal. In doing this it was necessary for me to pass my right arm under the bear's head."

"No sooner had my hand touched his head than, with a snap there was no avoiding it, he raised and caught me by the right arm, just above the elbow, sinking his tusks deep to the bone. At the same time he sent his claws into the side of my right foot. Fortunately I had brought my Winchester into the pit with me and had braced it against the side, as it happened with reach of my left hand. The bear had me securely pinioned, and I could feel his tusks crunching on the side of my arm. What the agony was you can only imagine. I cannot describe it."

"Getting the rifle stock between my knees, I managed to work the loading lever with my left hand, and placing the muzzle of the gun fairly into the bear's mouth, I raised me from the pit, and with my left hand raised the muzzle of the rifle as far as my strength would permit. I fired."

"The bear was undoubtedly already dead, but only a slight relaxation of its jaw followed the second shot. I could not free my arm. The hold of the claw on my back, however, relaxed. With this advantage gained I dropped to my knees and, using the rifle barrel as a pry, forced the animal's jaw open. I immediately raised the awful agony I endured during that prying operation, but at last I managed to free my arm, and, what is probably all that remains of the bear's assistance. The next I knew my wife and a neighboring rancher were beside me in the pit, endeavoring to stanch the bleeding from my arm. My wife had become alarmed at my long absence, and, knowing my errand when I left in performing dead, had made her way to the bear dead-fall. Unable, on account of her feeble strength, to raise me from the pit, she had walked three miles to the next cabin adjoining ours to procure the neighbor's assistance."

"I was taken to Fairhaven and thence to Victoria. Everything has been done that the surgeons of the Northwest are capable of, and that is probably all that medical science can attain, for I have had good doctors. The crushed bone of my arm will not knit or form again. I cannot, however, work out in small pieces several difficult operations in cutting away and piecing out the diseased bone. I fear, as I am going to him as a last hope, if he cannot help me, the arm must come off, for I cannot stand this awful, constant pain much longer."

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A NARROW ESCAPE. Mr. Louis Washer, of Fulton, has a close call—brief notes. Mr. Louis Washer, a prominent business man of Fulton, had a narrow escape from injury this week, while he was seated in a Main-street electric car. He was struck by a large ladder which was leaning against a wagon, which crashed through the car window, striking him back of the head. He was slightly bruised, but his limbs were otherwise unharmed. Miss Pearl Jordan is quite sick at her home on Nicholson street. Mr. Chas. L. McCaul, of Varina, is somewhat better. Mrs. Willie Johnson, of Varina, continues quite ill. Thomas H. Wetmer is still suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. Mrs. Mary T. Kauftel is very ill with the grip, at her residence on Denny street. Miss Della Gaudling has the grip, and is quite ill.

Sunday school will give a unique entertainment to-morrow evening, the 23d of January, at No. 286 east Marshall street, entitled, "A Floral Hunting Party." The one finding the greatest number of flowers wins the first prize and the next greatest number the second prize and the least the trophy. Della Fox is ill and her company is idle. Joseph V. Vernon: A Story of King Charles I. By Archibald Campbell.