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ges from the Philippines are
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YOU LIKE IT

—As I remember, it was upon this fashion.

(ACT I, SCENE I.

IE CELEBRITIES.

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er is my non-de-plume.

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HATTER.

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THE RACONTEUR.

AMERICAN FOLK LORE

SCIENTISTS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY SOON TO MEET AND SET FORTH THE RESULT OF THEIR STUDIES

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To search out and put on record the beliefs, superstitions and myths of the fast dying or already dead old races of America, to gather up and preserve the legends, traditions and some accurate knowledge of their curious customs and ideas is the work of an organization that is little heard of, but yet is strong among scientists, and has its members in every corner of this country—the American Folk Lore society.

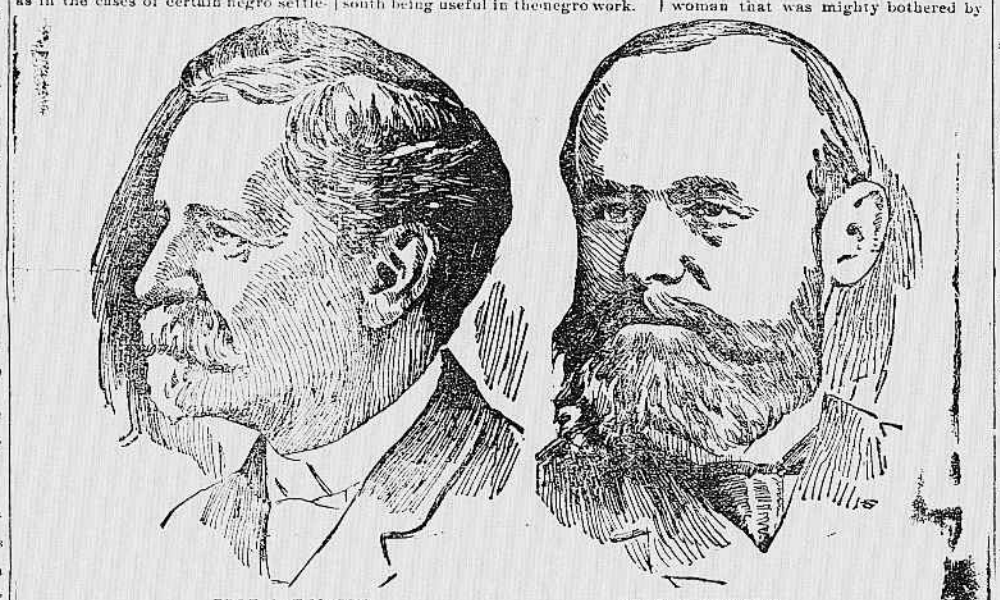
Attention is now being directed to these workers in a strange and interesting field, for the tenth annual meeting or convention of the society is close at hand, the dates set being December 28 and 29, and the place chosen Fayerweather hall (the Physics building), Columbia university, New York city. Very nearly 200 folk lorists are expected at this conference, to listen to papers on the negro and the Indian, the French and Spanish settlers, the races of Central and South America; a multitude of odd facts dug in some cases from old documents; in others taken as in the cases of certain negro settlements and Indian tribes, direct from the lips of patriarchs and others whose memories are long, and who are still aloof from civilization.

"AFTER AWHILE THE BOY WHO LAY IN THE BOTTOM OF THE BASKET SCRATCHED A HOLE, THROUGH WHICH HE ESCAPED."—Traditions of the Tillamook Indians.

Thus the conference will hear, on these days, and among other papers already arranged, Prof. Charles L. Edwards, of the Cincinnati university, on negro folk lore; Dr. L. Ferrand, of Columbia, on the folk lore of British Columbia, and A. L. Kroeber, of Columbia, on "Animal Tales of the Esquimaux." The other papers that are to be read will extend the breadth of the study of the meeting to all corners of the continent.

For, in whatever pertains to folk lore, the society is eclectic and liberal. Its greatest work since its founding in 1888 has been, it is true, upon the negro and the Indian, but that has been only because here lay the greatest wealth of superstitions, record of customs and mythology. There were living representatives of these races at hand, ready to be questioned. The work, however, only begins here. Step by step the folk lore society is digging into a far distant past. Its 11 volumes of its journal (quarterly) and the six books it has published in addition to these, show that a new literature is already well started.

Serious scientific men and women make up the backbone of this society—professors of universities, curators and assistant curators of museums—and joined with these are some hundreds of observant, thoughtful people, who are no scientific experts, but have a love for these researches, and can sometimes add a word or a thought, contribute an idea or a finishing touch to the papers read and the discussions waged. The lists are open to all, and if anything, there are more women than men members, many of those from the south being useful in the negro work.



PROF. O. T MASON. DR. D. G. BRINTON.

From almost nothing has the society grown in its course of ten years until now it numbers a famous delegation of American scientists, particularly of anthropologists. This is so marked that the meeting of the Anthropological society, to be held in Columbia university the same week, will have very many of the same prominent members, and the two conventions will not be unlike.

"The field being one which no other agency now fully covers, there is thrown upon the society an important task which cannot be postponed. The collection of American oral traditions should be regarded as a national duty. To gather materials for history which are indispensable to anthropological record, and which, unless recorded, will in a few years have irretrievably perished, appears even more important than the collation of historical records already safely lodged in libraries."

The society's head and fore-front is William Wells Newell, of Cambridge, Mass., an author whose immediate work of recent years has been medieval literature, he having recently issued a volume on "Arthurian Romance, King Arthur and the Table Round." The projector of it, the editor of its journal, and long its secretary, Mr. Newell has kept on pushing the society through all these years, reaching out constantly for new members and ever striving to make folk lore better cared for and understood among people of education and refinement.

Scientists to whom this peculiar field has appealed have cooperated with him, and the result is shown in the quaint papers in the journal. A recent number of this contained the following features, the mentioning of which will be of much interest: Ninth Annual Meeting of the American Folk Lore Society, The Collection of Maryland Folk Lore, Work and Methods of the Hampton Folk Lore Society, Negro Hymn from Georgia, Traditions of the Tillamook Indians, The Legend of the Holy Grail, Borrowing Trouble, Negro Song from North Carolina, Record of American Folk Lore, The Sixth Volume of the Memoirs of the American Folk Lore Society, Folk Lore Scrapbook, Notes and Queries, Local Meetings and other notices, Bibliographical Notes.

As an instance of the material the society is collecting, here is a Baltimore, Md., folk lore story (in part):

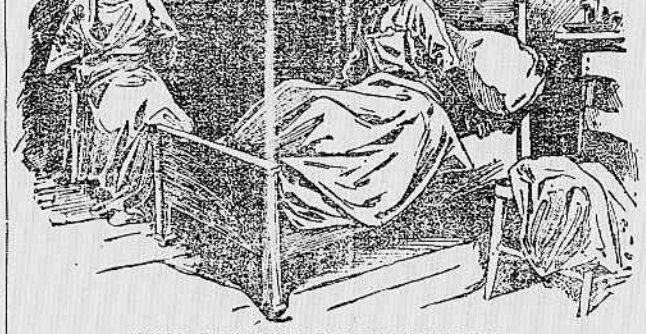
"Georgia, did a witch ever get after you?"

"Nor'm, but my mother, she knew a woman that was mighty bothered by a witch. Ev'y night, soon as de women went to bed and turn over on her back, dat witch would come and jump on her and ride her hard, so she couldn't move. So one night she fix for dat witch. She put pins in de seat of a chair, and when de witch come, she sat right down on de pins. Witches have to sot down befo' dey can get out de skin; dey can't ride you long as dey is in dey skin. Well, de witch sot down on the pins, and she stuck fas'. She couldn't git up out er de chair, and she beg de woman to let her go, and she promise, ef she did, she wouldn' come back no mo'. Den de woman let her go!"

Six volumes mark the progress of the society outside of the Journal. These are "Folk-Tales of Angola" (Africa), by Heli Chatelain; "Louisiana Folk-Tales," by Alice Fortier; "Bahama Songs and Stories," by Charles L. Edwards; "Current Superstitions, Collected from the Oral Tradition of English-Speaking Folk," by Fanny D. Bergen, with an introduction by William Wells Newell; "Nanako Legends," by Washington Matthews; "Traditions of the Thompson River Indians of British Columbia," by James Teit, with introduction by Franz Boas.

And here, there and everywhere does the research go. The society has several local branches, notably one in Boston, one in Baltimore, one in Cincinnati. That in Baltimore is diligently sending negro folk-lore. There is to be a special range of folk-lore studies in the direction of music, Henry E. Krehbiel, of New York, having collected much in this way.

Dr. Henry Wood, of Johns Hopkins university, is the society's president. Charles L. Edwards is the first vice president, Miss Alice C. Fletcher the second vice president, William Wells Newell permanent secretary and John H. Hinton, of New York, treasurer.



"WELL, DE WITCH SOT DOWN ON THE PINS."

The man and the woman who are severely practical may wonder, perhaps, at all this work, and question the advisability of this great use of printers' ink. To those not interested in ethnology it may seem a good deal like child play to gather up these quaint stories and the scattered hints of customs. To this argument the folk lore scientists bring forward this answer:

said Mrs. Foundnother to her son who is unduly partial to the softer sex:

"Don't you put any reliance on what the girls tell you. They are awful liars and will fool you every time."

"Yes, but how nice they do it," replied the enamored youth, with a beautific smile.—N. Y. World.

Stupid Brute.

She—That horrid cook of the Browns has got a hat just like mine.

He—I see no occasion for that to worry you. There is no danger of you being mistaken for one another. Your hair is not the same shade.—Indianapolis Journal.

Sympathy.

"What's the matter with Freddie?" asked the boy's father.

"He's worried over his studies. He has an example that says if he has $10 and pays 50 cents for some potatoes and 15 cents for a steak and various sums for other things, how much will he have left?"

"Well, tell him not to bother. I'm not going to have the careless innocence of childhood disturbed by any such useless trouble. It'll be time enough for him to face the awful problems of life when he grows up and has grocery bills of his own."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

When thou seest thine house in flames approach and warm thyself.

He who takes the wrong road must make his journey twice over.

Do not rejoice at my grief, for when mine is old yours will be new.

That which the fool does in the end the wise man does at the beginning.

Abstract from a Spaniard all his good qualities and there remains a Portuguese.

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