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### IN OLD VIRGINIA.

BLUE LAWS OF CAVALIERS MUCH MORE STRICT THAN THOSE OF PURITANS.

The blue laws of the Puritans were not in it with the blue laws of old Virginia, though it has always been supposed that the cavaliers of the Southland cared more for high living and frivolity than for good behavior and order. In 1662 the following laws were enacted in this State:

Every person who refuses to have his child baptized by a lawful minister (Church of England) shall be assessed 2,000 pounds of tobacco, half to the parish, half to the informer.

To steal or unlawfully kill any hog that is not his own the offender shall pay to the owner 1,000 pounds of tobacco and as much to the informer, and in case of inability to pay shall serve as a slave two years, one to the owner, one to the informer.

No marriages shall be reputed valid in law but such as is made by a minister according to the laws of England. The minister who doth marry contrary to this act shall be fined 10,000 pounds of tobacco.

If a married woman shall slander a person the woman shall be punished by ducking and if the damages shall be adjudged more than 500 pounds of tobacco her husband shall pay, or the woman receive a ducking for every 500 pounds so adjudged against her husband if he refuse to pay the tobacco.

Enacted that the Lords Day be kept holy and no journeys or work done thereon, and all persons inhabiting in this country shall resort every Sunday to church and abide there quietly and orderly during the common prayers and preaching, upon the penalty of being fined 50 pounds of tobacco.

Any person inhabiting this country and entertaining a Quaker in or near his house shall, for every time of such entertainment, be fined 5,000 pounds of tobacco, half to the county, half to the informer.

Every master of a vessel that shall bring any Quakers to reside here after July 1 of this year shall be fined 5,000 pounds of tobacco, to be levied by distress and sale of his goods, and he then shall be made to carry him, her or them out of the country again.

The court in every county shall set up near the Court House, in a public and convenient place, a pillory, a pair of stocks, a whipping post and a ducking stool. Otherwise the court shall be fined 5,000 pounds of tobacco.

### The Demon Of The Air

is the germ of La Grippe, that, breathed in, brings suffering to thousands. Its after effects are weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the splendid tonic, blood purifer and regulator of stomach, liver and kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system and restore health and good spirits after an attack of grip. If suffering, try them. Only 50c. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed by B. F. Hughes.

### Fate Was Against Him.

From the Argonaut.

When Mr. Jenkins went to his bedroom at half-past one, it was with the determination of going to sleep, and with another determination that he would not be interviewed by Mrs. Jenkins. So, as soon as he had entered the door, and deposited his lamp upon the dressing-table, he commenced his speech: "I locked the front door. I put the chain on. I pulled the key out a little bit. The dog is inside. I put the kitten out. I emptied the drippan of the refrigerator. The cook took the silver to bed with her. I put a cane under the knob of the back hall door. I put the fastenings over the bathroom windows. The parlor fire has coal on. I put the cakebox back in the closet. I did not drink all the milk. It is not going to rain. Nobody gave me any message for you. I mailed your letter as soon as I got down-town. Your mother did not call at the office. Nobody died that we are interested in. Did not hear of a marriage or engagement. I was very busy at the office making out bills. I have hung my clothes over chair-backs. I want a new egg for breakfast. I think that is all, and I will now put out the light." Mr. Jenkins felt that he had hedged against all inquiry, and a triumphant smile was upon his face as he took hold of the gas-check, and sighted a line for the bed, when he was earthquaked by the query from Mrs. Jenkins: "Why didn't you take off your hat?"

### Saved From The Grave.

"I had about given up hope, after nearly four years of suffering from a severe lung trouble," writes Mrs. M. L. Dix, of Clarksville, Tenn. "Often the pain in my chest would be almost unbearable and I could do no work, but Dr. King's New Discovery has made me feel like a new person. Its the best medicine made for the throat and lungs." Obstinate coughs, stubborn colds, hay fever, la grippe, asthma, croup, bronchitis and hemorrhages, hoarseness and whooping cough, yield quickly to this wonderful medicine. Try it. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free. Guaranteed by B. F. Hughes.

$60,000,000 worth of American merchandise was carried by rail across the isthmuses of Panama and Tehauntepec in the fiscal year 1909, and in the calendar year the total will probably reach $75,000,000 in value.



### HALLEY'S COMET WON'T CUT SO MUCH ICE

FAME OF UNIVERSE WANDERER FADES AS ITS BRILLIANCY INCREASES.

By the time Halley's comet arrives it will have lost the last shred of its reputation.

Astronomers have already declared that it will not consume the earth. Sir David Gill, late astronomer royal at the Cape, went so far in a lecture at the Horticultural hall recently as to deny that it can exercise any political influence or even affect the weather.

"People always seem to have thought that something was sure to happen every time a comet became visible," he said, "as if something did not happen every day. How can a comet a hundred millions of miles away cause a flood in Paris, say, and dry weather in Egypt, on the same day?

"Halley's comet appeared in 1835, and it is to appear again in May. According to the superstitious, it must be a political comet, because the representation of the two main parties in the house of commons is practically the same now as it was in 1835.

"1835 there was a dissolution, and this year also there is to be a dissolution," he declared, amid laughter. "There were 385 liberals an 1835, and there 393 in 1910, while the number of the opposition is exactly the same now as then, 273.

"When the comet appeared in 1066," he continued, the pope of that day, it is alleged, denounced the comet, the Turks and the devil in one bull. But it has been shown that the excommunication applied to the Turks and the devil only, and not to the comet.

"Comet's tails turn always away from the sun. The worst of it is that nobody knows exactly what they are.

"Some people think they consist of very minute matter thrown off by the action of the sun, and others think the tails are electrical affairs, because they cannot believe the tails could travel so far."

He added that the comet would give its most gorgeous display on May 21.

### The Call of the Blood

for purification, finds voice in pimples, boils, sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin—all signs of liver trouble. But Dr. King's New Life Pills make rich red blood; give clear skin, rosy cheeks, fine complexion, health. Try them. 25c at B. F. Hughes.

### Epitaphs.

Here lies a man who seemed to think
His trouble he could drown to drink.
He succeeded.

Sleeping here quite free from strife
Is the man who contradicted his wife.
She's married again.

Dear friends, here lie the bones of one
Who always carried a loaded gun
The other fellow pulled his first.

A hypnotist below doth lie;
He looked a tiger in the eye.
No inquest.

Beneath this willow lies Paddy Shea;
He yelled "Hurrah for the A. P. A."
No flowers.

This slab in memory of maid Irene,
A stove and a can of gasoline.
That's all. —Ex.

### Otto the Orator.

Friends, fellow citizens and toilers, lend me your ears while we puncture this latest fallacy called "Fletcherism," Fletcher says, "chew each bite 32 times." I am now talking to working men who earn their wage by the sweat of their brow. Men, let us say you eat the equivalent of four slices of bread at each meal. Each slice of bread should contain 10 bites. Four times 10 bites is 40 bites. Each bite chewed 32 times equals 1,280 bites. Allowing a half minute for each 32 bites, it will require 648 minutes of more than 10 hours to consume one meal, and more than 30 hours for three meals. Gentlemen, I ask you in all sincerity, where are you going to get the time to earn the money for that bread? What!



### Laces and Embroideries.

The New York 5 and 10 cent store has just received a new shipment o aces and embroideries, ladies' collars pillow tops, towels and table linens.

DAVIS & HOLT,
15 N. Augusta Street.

### RAILROAD TALK.

MR. STEVENS PRESIDENT OF HOCKING VALLEY.

As stated a few day ago, and, in a sense, carrying out the agreement reached some time ago, Mr. George W. Stevens, president of the C. & O. Ry., has been elected president of the Hocking Valley system, recently acquired by the C. & O. Frank Trumbull of New York, a director of the C. & O., was elected chairman of the Hocking Valley board. He is a close business friend and ally of Edwin Hawley. The d rectors of the Hocking Valley were named as follows: Edwin Hawley, Frank Trumbull, Geo. W. Stevens, A. C. Rearick and James Mackie. Stockholders of the C. & O. are called to meet at the principal offices of the company in Richmond on April 28 to pass on the proposed increase in capital stock from $66,000,000 to $100,000,000, and for a corresponding issue of 4 per cent. bonds, out of which the purchase of the new Western connections is to be financed.

CHESAPEAKE-WESTERN RUMOR.

The Chesapeake-Western Railway Co. is having a survey made from the eastern terminus of the road at Elkton through Madison, Greene and Orange counties. It is said that the line will be run to Tidewater Virginia. Should this be done it would connect two of the richest sections in this State, as the western terminus is now on the border of the great coal belt of Virginia and West Va. Elkton will be near the centre of the system. It is also reported that the road has been bought by the Pennsylvania Ry. Co.

### Worse than Bullets.

Bullets have often caused less suffering to soldiers than the eczema. L. W. Harriman, Burlington, Me., got it in the army, and suffered with it forty years. "But Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me when all else failed," he writes. Greatest healer of sores, ulcers, boils, burns, cuts, wounds, bruises and piles. 25c at B. F. Hughes' drug store.

### The Modern Visiting Card,

While it would be difficult to say just when visiting cards were first used, we are quite certain of the fact that they are not of very ancient date. Apparently they were adopted in English society before they were generally used on the continent. It was probably about 1700 that they came into fashion in Great Britain, and it was as late as 1770 when they were introduced in Paris. It appears that the first visiting cards were regular playing cards, the backs of which were used for the address.—Chicago Examiner.

### Make a Shabby Floor Look New.

Get a can of the L. &M. Floor Paint. Paint the floor in the morning. It dries hard over night. With a bright varnish finish. Saves wear—looks bright and cheerful. Get it from Culton & Peale, Waynesboro; C. H. Cohron & Son, Stuart's Draft.

The South has 62,000 square miles of coal land. Great Britain, Germany, France and Austria combined have 17,000 square miles.





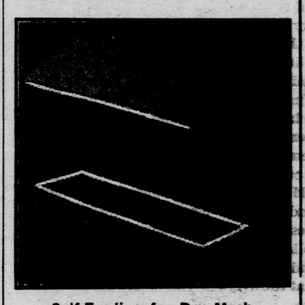


### MASH FEED FOR CHICKENS

**The Number Feeding Wet Mash Appears to Be Increasing, as Results Given Are Better.**

Most poultrymen feed mash—some wet, some dry. The number feeding the latter appears to be increasing. Its advocates claim equal or greater results, healthier and more vigorous stock, and better results at hatching time, and there certainly is a saving of labor. There is no questioning the fact that maxing and carrying wet mash for any considerable number of hens is hard work and takes time.

What do the hens say about dry mash? We have tried it in a small way, and I have been surprised to see how readily hens that had been accustomed to wet mash took to it, says a writer in Good Literature. We have fitted out five pens with home-made dry-feed hoppers, and are trying it on the hens this winter. A cut of one of these hoppers is shown herewith. It is made from a soap box 20 inches long, 8 inches deep and 15 inches wide, inside measure. The throat at the bottom is two inches, and the tray part is two inches deep. The cover is made sloping to discourage any ease-loving hen from taking an after-mash siesta thereon. Leather hinges are used on some of ours. This hopper might be made with the box on end, making a shorter tray and less exposed surface, if preferred.



Self-Feeding for Dry Mash.

These dry-feed hoppers made of wood or galvanized iron may be purchased from poultry supply houses. They may be a little more artistic, but no better for practical purposes.

Another style of hopper for feeding wet mash consists of two triangular end pieces 20 inches high, to which are fastened one by two inch strips, and to these are nailed the upright strips, about two inches wide, sharp at the upper ends. On one side these are nailed fast, but on the other the lower longitudinal strip is rounded at the ends, these ends being fitted into an auger hole in the triangular piece, thus making a sort of gate which is opened to put the feed into the trough. A wire hook at the middle fastens this to the other side when closed. The trough is about five inches high, V-shaped, and rests in V-shaped cleats at each end, so that it may be removed readily for cleaning. We have two of these feed troughs which have been in use several years. The trough in one of them is made of wood, in the other of galvanized iron. The latter is now rusted through in several places, while the wooden one is good for several years more of use. These feed racks or troughs may be made of any desired length.

We have, also, a couple of the same style racks, about 18 inches square, designed for water. They were very satisfactory while they lasted, but the galvanized iron pans rusted out in a couple of years. One of these was built with a space under the pan so that some hot bricks might be put under in cold weather to keep the water from freezing. These devices may be purchased from some poultry supply houses, though I think the sides are made of round rods instead of slats.

### No Fear from the Chickens.

It does not require a very large plot for early vegetables and small garden truck and no fear of the chickens should be felt. The large fields of corn and potatoes can in most cases be planted at some distance from the poultry house, and in any event the fowls will harm them little after they get a good start. But by no means would we be without a place in which we could confine the hens when desired at seed and harvest time and of course breeding hens must be fenced. In this manner the parks do not require to be so large as when confined constantly, and fowls can be given their freedom a greater part of the season. On this plan a larger egg yield will be secured hence the greater profit.

### Fence Out the Chickens.

A great many farmers and others do not keep fowls because they claim they destroy so much garden truck and grain. That it is far better for hens to run at large most of the time is generally conceded, and of course no one can have a garden with hens in it. The matter can be easily arranged by having the garden fenced in and the hens fenced out, contrary to the usual method, a fence four feet high will answer and the fence can be removable and of a temporary character.

### "Reverse English!"

Dinah, crying bitterly, was coming down the street with her feet handaged.

"Why, what on earth's the matter?" she was asked. "How did you hurt your feet, Dinah?"

"Dat good fo' nothin' nigger (sniffle) done hit me on de haid wif a club while I was standin' on de hard stone pavement."—Everybody's Magazine.