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MULL'S GRAPE TONIC CURES CONSTIPATION

Constipation is the rotting and decaying of undigested food in the alimentary canal. Disease germs arise from this festering mass, which find their way into the blood. The blood becomes impure and the entire system gets away to the unhealthy condition.

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STAUNTON PLANT OF CHEMICAL CO.

It Will Have a Capacity of Twenty Thousand Tons a Year.

S. H. ELLERSON IN CHARGE

Delightful Piano Recital at the Mary Baldwin Seminary—A Suit Over a Spring Carried to Supreme Court.

STAUNTON, VA., December 12.—Mr. Charles E. Borden, general manager of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, of Richmond, and Mr. S. H. Ellerson, state manager, of Staunton, division manager, and Mr. Charles G. Hooper, construction engineer, were in the city this week making contracts with various parties for enlarging the Borden Wagon Works factory, which was purchased by the chemical company recently. A number of additions are to be made to the large building, and a large force of workmen will be put on to press the work to completion. What machinery that has not already been ordered will be ordered at once, and the additions, which are to be constructed, will be completed and the machinery all in ready for work not later than March 15th. The chemical company will employ over one hundred men in the manufacturing department, and their capacity will be about twenty thousand tons per year.

Mr. Borden and Mr. Ellerson have returned to Richmond, and Mr. Hooper remains here to superintend the construction of the new buildings and the putting in of the machinery. Mr. Ellerson will be the general superintendent of the Staunton plant.

The annual piano recital by the pupils of the Mary Baldwin Seminary took place Thursday night in the chapel of the Seminary. As usual at these exercises a large number were present. The following is the programme:

- Quartet—Dances Galliciennes, No. 2. Zarembski, Solos—Fruhlingsrausch, Sinding. Miss Mary Stratton.
- Duo—Valse, Op. No. 2. Simon. Misses Mary Weatherly and Elizabeth Spear.
- Reading—The Hymn on Nativity. Milton. Miss Lucie Lewry.
- Quartet—Ballet music from Jessoada. Spohr. Misses Walton, Thompson, Woods and Ruhl.
- Solo—Le Secret. Gaultier. Miss Helen Lankford.
- Reading—The Folks We Use to Know. Anon.
- Duo—Airs Bohemians. Pirant. Misses Katharine Swan and Nellie Smith.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

Few People Know How Useful It is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose. Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the more benefit it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the impurities always present in the stomach and intestines, and carries them out of the system. Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables. Charcoal effectively clears and improves the complexion. It whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic. It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it directs the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money, is the famous Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered willow charcoal and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form, or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey. The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit. A Buffalo physician, in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in the stomach, and purifies the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty cents a box, and are sold in all drug stores, and although in some sense a better preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

Duo—"Religion" and wedding procession from wedding music.

Misses Louise Powell and Margaret Feister.

SUIT OVER SPRING.

In the case in the Circuit Court of Black Rock Springs Improvement Company against Robert T. Mill, in which an injunction had been granted against the defendant from diverting the stream that feeds the spring of the plaintiff company, the parties settled the controversy out of court, and the injunction was dissolved. It seems that Mr. Mill's land joins that of the Black Rock Springs Company, and in digging a ditch on his place he cranes the stream that feeds the spring, therefore bringing the spring dry. An agreement was finally reached between the parties, and it is very probable that the spring will receive its water back again.

Mr. William A. Barr, of Washington, special agent of the rural free delivery service, in the county lay out a number of free delivery routes.

Mr. J. H. Bowman has purchased of Charles T. Palmer his fine brick dwelling house on Frederick Street, in his city. Consideration, \$7,000.

WILLIAMSBURG GERMAN

William and Mary Students Give an Enjoyable Christmas Dance

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Dec. 12.—One of the most enjoyable Germans ever given by the students of William and Mary College was the Christmas German of Friday night. Among those present were Miss Louise Henley with Mr. R. B. Dade, Miss Ida Henley with Mr. F. T. West, Miss Bessie Lamb with Mr. S. C. Blackstone, Miss Mary Walter Mercer with Mr. H. U. Stephenson, Miss Nancy Wright with Mr. J. E. Christian, Miss Agnes Morecock with Mr. B. C. Henson, Miss Mary B. Spener with Mr. Clyde Barnes, Miss Mary Foster with Mr. M. P. Henkins, Miss Eula Brooks with Mr. Hunter Moore, Miss Nancy Wright with Mr. J. E. Booth, Miss Rosa Stephenson with Mr. Junius Lamb, Miss Emily Christian with Mr. A. H. Smith, Miss Daisy Love with Mr. Loyd Roberts, Miss Edith with Mr. Arthur Gray, Miss Scott with Mr. Ferguson, Miss Bronson with Mr. Ernest Jones, Miss Kattie Morecock with Mr. O. Lane, Miss Pattie Morecock with Mr. W. C. Weymouth, Miss Martha Spencer with Mr. C. D. Sydney Hughes, Miss Edna Barnes with Mr. Randolph Cressy, Miss Mary Barnes with Mr. J. B. T. Davie, Miss Julia Whitley with Mr. Percy Spencer, Miss Janie Whitley with Mr. O. L. Shumaker, Miss Gertrude Garrow with Mr. J. W. Gossman, Miss Ruth Braithwait with Mr. L. Baird, Miss Florenza Sweeney with Mr. Joe Lunford, Miss Garret Sweeney with Mr. R. H. Ruffner, Miss J. D. Moore with Mr. M. J. Warlick. The following ladies were chaperones: Mrs. T. H. Gaddy, Mrs. Hugh S. Bird, Mrs. L. S. Foster, Mrs. Andrew Barnes, Mrs. N. L. Henley, Mrs. J. B. C. Spencer, Mrs. Gregory Spencer, Mrs. Durrey and Mrs. Layton G. Tyler. The music was furnished by Person's orchestra and was excellent. At 12 o'clock the dancing was suspended for a short while during the time set apart for refreshments. After which dancing was continued until a late hour. William and Mary College will give holiday from December the 29th to December 31st. Nearly all of the students will spend the holidays with their parents in different parts of the State.

FARMVILLE ELKS BANQUET

The Affair was the Most Elaborate Occasion of the Character in the City.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FARMVILLE, VA., December 12.—The most elaborate banquet perhaps ever given in Farmville took place in the Randolph Hotel last Thursday night under the auspices of the Farmville Lodge of Elks. The guests, who were some of the most prominent citizens of the town and other places, commenced to assemble in the spacious parlors of the hotel about 7 o'clock. They amused themselves telling jokes until 9 o'clock, when they were ushered into the dining room, where a sumptuous repast was served. The menu consisted of everything in season that could be had, and was offered and responded to by Messrs. Z. P. Smith, passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway at Richmond; Dr. W. J. G. Ellis, Dr. W. E. Anderson, and Mr. H. Norwood Ewing. The speakers were presented by Mr. E. Scott Martin. The orator of the occasion was Colonel R. B. Berkely, who after the supper made one of the finest fraternal addresses ever heard in Farmville. Among the many present were: W. P. Burger, Otley Hunt, Dr. W. E. Anderson, Dr. W. A. Kearney, H. Norwood Ewing, Dr. J. L. White, E. C. Whit, Mayor W. T. Blanton, W. B. Agnew, Walker Scott, O. Bryne Brothers, H. W. Walker, W. E. Noel, B. P. Holt, J. E. Johnson, E. L. Erabert, W. A. Stone, Herbert Stokes, Dr. John Hamlett, L. Y. Vesser, F. M. Buser, B. M. Cox, Dr. J. R. Spencer, Sandy Garland, A. G. Chapman, S. H. Davis, D. T. Davis, P. H. C. Rice, Clyde Duvall, J. R. Martin, Garland Wilkerson, J. J. Walker, D. Watkins, Colonel R. B. Berkely. There were also a large number of visiting Elks present.

FROM BUCKINGHAM

The Hunting Season Has Opened Up

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEW CANTON, VA., Dec. 12.—The hunting season has opened up in earnest. Broadly visiting sportsmen are arriving daily from Lexington, New York, and Richmond and various towns in Virginia. Many have come and gone, but still game remains for those who are here. The country offers a fine prospect to be found in Virginia—deer, wild turkey, quail, to say nothing of the magnificent grouse, rabbit, squirrel and various other game, which the sportsman do not deem to notice just in this particular season; and, too, there is fun for the lover of a good fox hunt. Several packs are stationed in this county, and they keep shy Reynard always on the go. Mr. Booth, of this place, while out hunting yesterday shot and killed a fine blue-winged teal, and after pointing out the tobacco warehouse at this place opened on the 15th. Messrs. W. L. Boatwright and Atkinson say the season's outlook is most satisfactory, and the sales will doubtless surpass those of last year, which were excellent. The farmers throughout the country have good crops and the quality of the weed is said to be unusually fine this season.

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A Famous Mountain Pass Bears His Name.

STUFF THAT MADE AMERICA

An Indian Fighter, an Intrepid Scout and All Around Brave Man—His Hair-Breadth Escape: Treasured History in the Valley.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BERRYVILLE, VA., Dec. 12.—There is perhaps no point in that section of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the Valley of Virginia so well known as Ashby's Gap. In the course of a year, thousands of people ascend and descend the mountain at this particular point, yet there are very few who know how it got its name. It is the common belief that it was associated with some of the daring deeds of that knightly soldier, Gen. Turner Ashby, but such is not the case. Here is the story, with a few incidents of how it came about:

Jack Ashby, who was raised in Stafford, or that part of Prince William now known as Fauquier county, drove a team of horses engaged in hauling produce from the Valley many years ago. The "bent" of the Blue Ridge at Paris was very precipitous, and wagons could not descend safely without being "locked" and then "blasted" by placing a log in the hind part of the vehicle. Ashby, young and ardent, would stand no such logging and delay. When he got to the top of the Ridge, he heard that "it was a sorry team that couldn't out-run the wagon," and dashed down the gorge with two huge horseheads of tobacco.

The wagon was propelled with such force that the tobacco burst through the front gate, killed one or two horses, and wrecked the entire outfit. Ashby, bruised and battered, after a while emerged from the wreck, looking as if he had had an encounter with a Shawnee Indian. The feat distinguished him, and gave a name to the "bent" by which it is known today on all the maps of Virginia as Ashby's Gap.

INDIAN TROUBLES.

After the Gap was named, the Indians began to give trouble to the whites about the Shawnee Springs and Fort Loudoun. At Winchester, Ashby then became a "ranger." His business was to curb the "niggers" and he was personally known to many of them. After hostilities began he was sent around the fort, and a small party of red-skins came upon his party, and were very near killing or capturing him. He retreated with great speed, and they followed, throwing missiles and firing at him. He outran all but one. The other Indians quit, "chase and we'll kill," said Ashby. "Run, Ashby!" They wanted him to escape, because they had failed to get him. The Indian then threw his tomahawk at Ashby, who, without doing him harm, "blasted" back to the savage: "Blast your eyes; at such a time do you think I would run booty?" After that he walked into the fort in triumph. General Dismick, in 1784, was defeated by the Indians and French. It created a consternation and alarm in the Valley, and the commander at Fort Loudoun and the commander at Fort Mifflin, sent Mr. Ashby to Winchester to inform him of the disaster. Ashby was the courier, and he made the trip on horseback, and back to Winchester to Williamsburg and back to Winchester. He was gone three days. The command in less than three days. The command was upon seeing Ashby at the fort after he had given him the dispatch, which he had not started for Winchester. He answered that he had seen there and to prove it presented the Governor's reply. The distance traveled was about four hundred miles.

A CENTAUR.

This centaur messenger demanded sustenance and fresh horses on his route in the name of George II, and arrived at the Governor's mansion shortly before the dawn of day. He was found seated on the sill and nodding when a house servant opened the door in the morning. He was too considerably inebriated to stir, and perhaps felt the necessity of a little refreshing sleep himself.

At the close of the war Jack Ashby had become a planter near the far-famed Elk Run.

He sent a horsehead of tobacco by a trusted slave to Dumfries for sale. The trader reduced the grade of the article below what he had been used to, and he tried to keep it out of the hands of "deers" and sharks abounding there in Dumfries. He rolled it into Quantico Creek, and then returned home. "What did you do with the tobacco?" "I rolled it into Quantico Creek," he answered. "The rebels are coming, and the rebels are coming," said Dumfries, who wanted to reduce your tobacco to nothing, and "what do you think of that?" "I don't know," he answered. "You did right, sir, you did as your master would have done had he been here." The dealer's eyes lit up with joy. He was gratified, and his master is said to have given him a big drink of "sweet" whiskey.

Captain John Ashby died about 1802 and left a reputation long treasured in this country. General Turner Ashby, the victor of "Confederate" cavalry leader, was a relative of this strenuous man.

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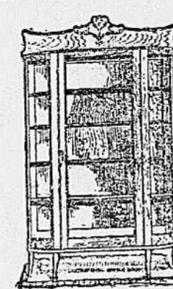
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\$32.50 for a handsome Five-Piece Suite, worth \$45

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\$21.95 for a beautiful, highly polished Quartered Oak Case; large desk space, roomy book case; a most useful as well as ornamental furniture; would be cheap for \$28.

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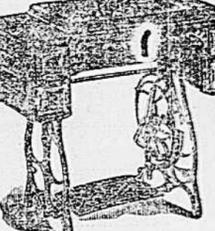
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