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Early June Peas, 7c. can.
Canned Tomatoes, 5c.
Large Canned Tomatoes, 6c.
Canned Salmon, 9c.
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Lemon Cakes, 5c. pound.
Large Bars Jefferson Soap, 2c. bar.
Evaporated Apples, 8c. pound.
Cocoa, 8c. and 10c. can.
Sweet Chocolate, 5c. cake.
10-lb.-buckets Home-Made Preserves, 65c.
Carolina Rice, 5c. pound.
Small Navy Beans, 8c. quart.
Fresh Candy, 5c.
1-lb.-package Lunch Crackers, 7c.

Honey Drip and Cuban Syrup, 9c. can.

White Wash Brushes, 10c., 15c., 20c., and 25c.
Early June Peas, 8c. can.
Apple Butter, 8c. can.
New Scotch Herrings, 20c. box.

Standard American Granulated Sugar, 5¼c. pound.

Carolina Rice, 4c.

Puddine, 8c. package.
Scrubbing- and Blacking-Brushes, 5c.
Shoe Polish, 5c. bottle.

10 pounds Virginia Buckwheat for 25c.

Fine Catawba Wine, 10c. quart.

Small California Hams, 8 1-2c. pound.
Salt Pork, 5 1-2c.; Pure Lard, 6 1-2c.
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Try our Fine Ground Coffee at 10c. pound.

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Home-Made Tomato Catsup, 10c. quart.
Four cans Sugar Corn for 25c.

Large New Irish Potatoes, 18c. peck.

Baking Chocolate, 2 cakes for 25c.
3 cakes White Castile Soap for 5c.
Worcester Sauce, 5c. bottle.
Large Irish Potatoes, 18c. peck.
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The inevitable has befallen us and we must make the most of it. In sooth, we have reached that era when Fashion requires us to read certain books, even as heretofore we were required to wear narrow-toed shoes, Piccadilly collars, and tight pants. To be at all cultured we must swallow these literary works and be prepared at all times to disgorge our knowledge gathered therefrom—yea, even at tea parties, sociables, and street-corner interviews. If we have not kept the pace our penalty is complete oblivion and that worst-of-all punishments, the necessity of keeping our mouths shut. And so there's nothing left to do but to read the "books of the day," and the sooner we meet this requirement the better it will be.

In this connection let me say that, after all, Fashion is not wholly unreasonable in the matter of books. At any rate she's a thousand times worse in the matter of dress. When it comes to clothing she regards nothing as stylish which is not uncomfortable. Witness the high collars which ladies wear, the Prince Albert coats of men, and the stiff, scratchy linens which harass both sexes.

It is not so with modish literature. The exacting old dame, who, by the way, does not care to bother herself with too much deep thought, generally adopts as her intellectual proteges the books which are most enjoyable and easy to scan—books which hit straight from the shoulder and beat their ideas into your head without the slightest mental or physical exertion on your part. In other words, a fashionable must be a good story, and, although many may not know it, a good story must be the quintessence of literary skill. To be a petted favorite of fashion a book must furnish wisdom and ideas and yet create the impression that the author isn't one whit cleverer than the reader, and that the latter could knock off something equally as interesting—if, if, if only he or she had the time to do it.

So you see the fashionable books aren't so horrible after all. Indeed, if they didn't appear so often and didn't cost so much and didn't steal all our leisure from some of the old-time authors, we would be very well satisfied with them. Perhaps, barring the difficulties mentioned, we would be perfectly willing to let Fashion make all our selections for us. The secret of all our trouble lies in the fact that we can't keep up with the procession—that we haven't the money or the time. Wherefore, the philanthropist who writes this article has decided to occasionally digest the plots of some of the latter-day novels and give to the public his second-hand thoughts thereon. At best he can do but an echo, and a most inaccurate one at that, but if his efforts serve as a short cut for one poor soul struggling to keep abreast of fashion the said philanthropist shall have done a noble work.

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Everybody knows—or at least should pretend to know—that the darling of the hour among literary folk is Miss Mary Johnston's "To Have and To Hold." It is not only the book of the day but the book of the hour. We of Virginia should one and all give it recognition. It is written by a Virginia girl, and, what is better, it is about Virginia people. As to its merits I shall discuss them later. For the present let me substantiate my enthusiastic views by the statements of the Literary Review, which proclaim Miss Johnston "a glowing genius." Note the following from the same source and by the same editor: "I trust that the author of 'Janice Meredith' may read 'To Have and To Hold'; likewise the publishers of his foolish book. Mr. Ford may, perchance, strut less, and Messrs. Dodd, Mead & Co. (Ford's publishers) may learn indeed what sort of tale the great American novel is. For Mary Johnston has written it!"

The story begins with eventide on the James, "when the sun has sunk away, and it is black beneath the trees and the stars brighten slowly and softly, one by one. The birds that sing all day have hushed, and the horned owls, the monster frogs, and that strange and ominous fowl (if fowl it be, and not, as some assert, a spirit damned), which we English call the whippoorwill, are yet silent." The year is 1621; the season midsummer; the locality near Jamestown. Captain Ralph Percy, gentleman, soldier of fortune, and hero, gives us an autobrography, and we love him from the start. John Rolfe, the fine fellow who married Pocahontas, but who now, alas, is a widower, comes into our view, and, greeting Ralph Percy, tells him that there is excitement in Jamestown; that "Tom, Dick, and Harry, dressed in their Sunday bravery," are making full tilt for the city. And why? Because an event of great interest has occurred. The goodly ship Videlicet (a nice name with which to catch lawyers by the way), has just arrived, and on her are "some fourscore waiting damsels and milkmaids, warranted honest by my Lord Warwick."

Persons who are familiar with history will remember that these are the women sent over as wives for the colonists. As Rolfe says, they are "fair and chaste, but meanly born." They can be procured for 120 pounds of tobacco—one pound of woman for every pound of tobacco, so to speak—that is, supposing they are all moderately plump! Of course, no man can have more than one wife, but still he can get that one if he pays up. Rolfe urges the lonely Percy to invest; indeed, he tells him it is a sort of bargain-counter day, when calico is going cheap. Our hero at first doesn't care to waste his tobacco that way (if there is anything a man does love better than a woman it is tobacco!) but upon thinking it over he rather likes the proposition. Things were pretty dull and lonely in that new-found land in 1621, and representatives of the fair sex were so rare that they attracted attention. They still do that, however—if they are pretty. Be that as it may, Ralph Percy goes to Jamestown and takes a squint at the maids. As a whole, they are most unprepossessing and not altogether well behaved, though they are rapidly taken off in job lots by the colonists. Just as our hero is about to give up in disgust he comes upon a rude rascal seeking to kiss a handsome lass, who fights him viciously. Ralph knocks the man down, and, seeing at a glance that the girl is comely (what capital beauty is for a woman!) says: "Madam, will you marry me?" She scornfully agrees, and shortly thereafter, through the instrumentality of one Master Jeremy Sparrow, parson, the girl is Percy's, "to have and to hold." And here we meet our heroine—this same maid bartered for tobacco. Her name is Jocelyn Leigh and her temper—well, there's no use bothering about the temper of another man's wife.

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It takes but a few hours for Ralph to discover that his investment does not promise to be a good one. This recently-purchased wife is as cold as ice and altogether unsatisfactory, not to say dangerous, and that, too, despite the most cautious overtures on the part of our hero. She is conducted through the wilderness to Percy's cabin, presented to his servants, and duly installed as mistress. And all the while she is scornful and petulant. Finally, in response to repeated interrogatories from Ralph, she admits that she is not what she seems; that she was not in that motley cargo of maids from choice. And then she begs for pity and appeals to her husband as "a woman, weak, friendless, helpless." She tells her story and explains why she came hither from across the seas. "I was in the toils of a hunter," says she, "and there was a thing of which I stood in danger that would have been bitterer to me, a thousand times, than death. I had but one thought, to escape; how, I did not care—only to escape. 'I had a waiting woman named Patience Worth. One night she came to me, weeping. She had wearied of service, and had signed to go to Virginia as one of Sir Edwyn Sandys's maids, and at the last moment her heart had failed her. There had been pressure brought to bear upon me that day—I had been angered to the very soul. I sent her away with a heavy bribe, and in her dress and under her name I fled from—I went aboard that ship. No one guessed that I was not the Patience Worth to whose name I answered. No one knows now—none but you, none but you."

And now let me anticipate by saying that the "hunter" from whom our fair Mistress Percy has escaped is the villain of this story, "My Lord Carnal," and that the sweet lady herself has been prominent at court and is a favorite of England's King. A mere hint to a man like Ralph is enough to stir his gentlemanly instincts, and how well he has endeavored to please and honor this wife, bartered to him for tobacco, can only be fully appreciated by reading the story. It lies beyond my power to condense the ins and outs of courtship into a mere syllabus, when, as a matter of fact, it ofttimes takes some men five years to get to the point of proposing. You'll have to form your own conclusions about this part of the book.

Some weeks after this remarkable marriage a stately ship comes up the James—a ship bristling with cannon and well calculated to terrify the colonists, who mistake it for a Spanish man-of-war. Hurried preparations are made to do or die, but at the last moment, when the pioneers have been almost scared out of their top boots, the English flag is seen flaunting from the vessel. There comes ashore, amidst a flourish of trumpets, as it were, "My Lord Carnal," handsome, dark, and elegant. Their evil genius sees them. Ralph hates the visitor at first sight; his wife is calm and cool, but knows that trouble awaits her. The villain—and he is a most perfect, consistent, devilish villain—thus explains his mission to the Governor: "It is now some weeks, sir," he said, "since there disappeared from court a diamond of most inestimable worth. It in some sort belonged to the King, and his Majesty, in the goodness of his heart, had promised it to a certain one—nay, had sworn by his kingdom that it should be his. Well, sir, that man put forth his hand to claim his own—when, lo! the jewel vanished. Where it went no man could tell. There was, as you may believe, a mighty running up and down and looking into dark corners, all for naught—it was clean gone. But the man to whom that bright gem had been promised was not one easily hoodwinked or baffled. He swore to trace it, follow it, find it, and wear it."

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If a man talks like that—especially when he's in love—you may look out for trouble. And it wasn't many days before Ralph and Jocelyn found it. Our hero, who is every ready to draw his blade, was by no means willing to surrender the lady whom he had bought. The mere fact that she is scornful and perverse makes no difference. She is his to have and to hold, and he intends to fight for his rights. Nor does Jocelyn wish to be surrendered; that's obvious.

The first clash of arms comes when Lord Carnal and his valiant foe cross swords in a duel. This affair results in a draw, for it was interrupted by the Virginia officials before the matter could be settled. But after that the villain sets in motion the machinery whereby he is to recapture his jewel. He is the favorite of a King whose word is law in the Colony, and Percy knows that if he disobeys the mandates of his Majesty naught but ultimate imprisonment and possible death can await him.

From this point onward the book is a stirring history of adventure, with each chapter giving Ralph a firmer hold on the heart of his wife, and Lord Carnal pressing him harder and harder. The very air breathes treachery towards our hero and death is ever at his elbow.

It would be delicious to this writer to recall in detail how the web was woven around the brave Virginian and how he invariably burst through it by sheer force of character and physical courage. And it would be pleasant, too, to study the gradual metamorphosis of that proud feminine heart which, it first through dire necessity, and then through admiration, was forced to surrender itself to the brave man who did so much to win it. But it would be injustice to the reading world to go too deeply into detail—to dull the keen edge of the enjoyment that must follow when the book is actually procured and can be devoured at leisure. Suffice it to say that Fate played at battle-door and shuttlecock with this strangely-mated pair, and buffeted them whithersoever its wayward fancy prompted, but always with a hand that bound them closer together. To-day they are in the silent, fragrant, almost mystical, woods of Virginia; to-morrow at Jamestown, the infant city which, though doomed in time to disappear, was destined to be the precursor of metropolises; next week on a lonely, wave-washed island, and a month later in southern waters and on a pirate ship; then back to the Old Dominion; then threatened by hostile Indians, and last, and best of all, in the loving embrace of husband and wife, and probably living happily even to this day. Before the story ends we see "My Lord Carnal" balked at every turn, dethroned from power at the English court, and openly confessing himself outdone. And ere we have left this goodly host of friends and formidable contingent of enemies, we bid good-by to Ralph's faithful servant, Diccon, the "fidus Achates," who loses his life in the service of his master. And so, too, we surrender again to Nature's virgin forest the stately Indian, Nantaquas, the brother of Pocahontas, and the whilom friend of the whites, who, at the last moment, found himself compelled to turn his tomahawk against the pale-faces. As for Jeremy Sparrow—the Reverend Jeremy, if you please—we adore him and rejoice that he was not called upon to die as long as we knew him. Though one of the "cloth" he was a man of muscle and nerve, and stood our couple in good stead, not hesitating to break the heads which projected themselves in the way of his friends.

Oh, what a delicious, buoyant, thrilling story it is, with its network of adventure and thrilling episodes; its purity of thought, sweet almost as the breath of pine groves; its wealth of information and historical acumen; its splendid, simple English, and its glow of genius.

By scratching their heads an hour in critical thought and working themselves into a frenzy of conceit, the prunes-and-prisms litterateurs have discovered that the work is sensational and shows the slap-dash improbability of a dime novel. They admit it is readable, but say "nothing of the sort ever could have happened." But who cares if it didn't happen? If such things as the adventures of Ralph Percy were every-day matters what would be the use of writing a book about them? Why not read a cookery book or a journal containing comments on the weather, or the last reports of the Census Bureau, if you wish facts and mathematical precision? It is almost trite to proclaim now that Miss Johnston's work is a masterpiece, but be it remembered that "To Have and To Hold" has still another charm. It is altogether so simple, so lucid, so pure, and so attractive that persons of any age or class might read and enjoy it. Your son of 12 or 14 can lay aside his Fenimore Cooper to delight in its pages; your daughter will discard her "Lucile" and do likewise, while mother, father, and the old folks each await their turn with eager anticipation.

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George W. Waitt, of South Gardiner, Me., says: "I have had the worst cough, cold, chills, and grip, and have taken lots of trash of no account, but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one bottle of it, and the chills, cold, and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine." For sale by all druggists. mh 11-Sun,W&F

Old papers for sale at the Dispatch Office.

INSURANCE STATEMENTS.

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PHOENIX MUTUAL LIFE-INSURANCE COMPANY.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1899, OF THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF THE PHOENIX MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

Name of the Company in Full—PHOENIX MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Location of Home or Principal Office of Said Company—HARTFORD, CONN.
Character of the Business Transacted by the Company—LIFE INSURANCE.
President—JONATHAN B. BUNCE.
Secretary—CHARLES H. LAWRENCE.
Organized and Incorporated—MAY, 1851.
Commenced Business—MAY, 1851.
Name of the General Agent in Virginia—WILLIAM H. HEFNER; residence, Richmond, Va.

	No.	Amount.
The number of policies and the amount of insurance effected thereby in force at end of previous year	31,592	$51,170,782 00
The number of policies issued during the year and the amount of insurance effected thereby	9,819	17,234,123 00
Total	41,411	$68,404,905 00
The number of policies and the amount of insurance which have ceased to be in force during the year	5,899	10,416,743 00
The whole number of policies in force, and the amount of liabilities or risks thereon at end of year	35,512	$57,988,162 00

RECEIPTS.

The amount of premiums received during the year	$2,153,154 99
The amount of annuities received during the year	27,565 00
The amount of interest received from all sources	623,833 77
The amount of all other receipts—viz., profit on sale of real estate and securities	8,528 93
Guarantee of mortgage loans	547 59
Total	$2,813,635 28

DISBURSEMENTS.

The amount of losses paid	$871,032 96
The amount of matured endowments paid	113,104 50
The amount paid annuitants	4,048 20
The amount paid for surrender values	267,272 47
The amount of dividends paid to policy-holders	229,496 93
Premium notes voided by lapse	1,579 00
The amount paid for expenses (including taxes, $92,539.44), $1,177.50; sundry expenses, $15,841.71	759,304 34
The amount of all other disbursements—viz., exchange, Mortgage loans charged off, $500; agents' ledger balances, $4,162.44; foreclosure expenses, $2,667.87	17,019 21
	7,330 31
Total	$2,261,187 98

ASSETS

Bonds, market value	$3,241,204 38
Stocks, market value	362,869 00
Real estate, unencumbered, cost value	1,093,229 36
Loans secured by first mortgage on real estate	6,015,586 57
Cash in banks, trust companies, and company's office	422,753 12
Loans on company's policies, assigned as collateral	430,236 00
Premium notes, etc.	334,909 95
Loans secured by pledge of stocks and bonds	1,000 00
Interest due and accrued	136,480 83
Uncollected and deferred premiums	215,254 27
Carried out at market value—Total	$12,253,633 98

LIABILITIES.

The amount of losses unpaid, unadjusted	$37,197 00
The amount due for instalments	22,082 00
The amount of liability on policies, etc., in force 31st December last, on basis of 4 per cent. actuaries' mortality table	11,509,570 00
The amount of other liabilities—viz., special policy reserve	138,069 00
Premiums paid in advance	8,791 00
Total	$11,715,709 00

BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING 1899.

	No.	Amount.
Number and amount of policies in force December 31st of previous year	173	$316,153 00
Number and amount of policies issued during the year	50	118,619 00
Total	223	$434,772 00
Deduct number and amount which have ceased to be in force during the year	33	60,396 00
Total number and amount of policies in force at end of year	190	$374,376 00

	No.	Amount.
Amount of losses and claims on policies unpaid December 31st of previous year		None.
Amount of losses and claims on policies incurred during the year	4	$11,396 00
Total	4	$11,396 00
Amount of losses and claims on policies paid during the year	4	$11,396 00

Amount of assessments, premiums, dues, and fees collected or secured in Virginia during the year, in cash and notes or credits, without any deduction for losses, dividends, commissions, or other expenses, $12,007.68.

(Signed) JONATHAN B. BUNCE, President.
(Signed) CHARLES H. LAWRENCE, Secretary.

State of Connecticut, city of Hartford—ss.:
[Seal of Notary.] Sworn to February 9, 1900, before
FRED. I. SMALL, Notary Public.

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Origin of "Tommy Atkins."

(Washington Star.)

The regular soldier of the British army owes his nickname of "Tommy Atkins" to a pure accident. Years ago Sir Garnet Wolsley, now commander-in-chief of the armies of Great Britian published a little volume called The Soldier's Pocket Book of Field Service. In illustrating the manner of properly filling out field reports, he happens to use the name "Thomas Atkins." The pocket book is the English soldier's military bible, and the name of Thomas Atkins" was at one adopted as his proper nickname. Later, Thomas was abbreviated to "Tommy," and the accidental name passed down into history.

Foolish.

(Chicago Tribune.)

Rivers: I froze my foot going home on the street-cars the other night.

Brooks: That was an idiotic thing to do. My feet froze, too, but I didn't freeze them.