

The Times-Dispatch

Published Daily and Weekly at No. 4 North Tenth Street, Richmond, Va. Entered January 27, 1903, at Richmond, Va., as Second-Class Matter, under Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

The DAILY TIMES-DISPATCH is sold 2 cents a copy. The SUNDAY TIMES-DISPATCH is sold at 5 cents a copy. DAILY TIMES-DISPATCH by mail—50 cents a month, \$5.00 a year, \$2.50 for six months, \$1.50 for three months. SUNDAY TIMES-DISPATCH by mail, \$3.00 a year.

The DAILY TIMES-DISPATCH, including Sunday, by Carrier, 15 cents per week. The SUNDAY TIMES-DISPATCH, by Carrier, 5 cents per week. The WEEKLY TIMES-DISPATCH, \$1.00.

All Unassigned Communications will be rejected. Rejected Communications will not be returned unless accompanied by stamps. Uptown Office at T. A. MILLER'S, No. 619 East Broad Street.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1903.

A SOUTHERN CONFERENCE-

In spite of the many explanations that have been made numbers of Southern men and women seem to have the idea that the Southern Conference for Education is a Northern affair. We invite all such to read the programme, which was outlined in Sunday's issue of The Times-Dispatch.

On Thursday morning brief reports of the work of the Southern Education Board will be made by Hon. Joseph H. Graham, of Alabama; Dr. Charles D. McIver, of North Carolina; Dr. H. B. Prissell, of Virginia; Dr. Charles W. Dabney, of Tennessee, and Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, of Louisiana.

These brief addresses will be followed by an address from Dr. Daniel C. Gilman, of Baltimore, and this in turn will be followed by an address on "The North and the South," from Dr. St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle.

In the afternoon the subject under discussion will be "The Consolidation of Schools and the Transportation of Pupils," and the principal speakers will be Mr. G. H. Hulvey, of Virginia, and Mr. G. P. Glenn, of Florida. The closing address of the day will be by Prof. F. P. Claxton, of Tennessee.

In the evening, the speakers will be Hon. H. L. Whitfield, of Mississippi; Dr. L. H. Bailey, of Cornell University; and Dr. Francis G. Peabody, of Harvard University.

On Friday morning the speakers will be Mr. Lyman Hall, of Georgia; Dr. D. F. Houston, of Texas; Dr. Ira Remsen, of Baltimore; Ex-Governor T. J. Jarvis, of North Carolina, and Dr. J. H. Kirkland, of Tennessee.

On Friday afternoon, the speakers will be Dr. Frank P. Venable, of the University of North Carolina; Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond College; Dr. W. R. Glenn, of Georgia, and Hon. Isaac W. Hill, of Alabama.

On Friday evening the speakers will be Mr. R. Fulton Cutting, of New York; Dr. W. B. Hill, chancellor of the University of Georgia, and Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook, New York city.

On Sunday evening there will be a memorial service in honor of the late Dr. J. L. M. Curry. At the request of Mr. J. L. M. Curry, Mr. Gorman will preside, but the addresses will be made by Dr. F. W. Boatwright, president of Richmond College, and Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of Tulane University, New Orleans.

It is only necessary to mention the names to show that the great preponderance of speakers are Southern men—Southern educators, who have given the subject of education in the South the study of a lifetime and who will impress upon their Southern brethren and their Northern brethren the needs of the South in this direction. There will be distinguished Northern educators here, and there will be friendly discussions, and possibly differences of opinion here and there, but the Conference is in all essentials a Southern affair, distinctively Southern, and it is the desire of the Northern men associated with the movement to bring out all the facts as far as possible, that they themselves may understand and that the brethren at the North may understand what are the conditions in this section and what are the needs.

Away with the idea that this is a "Yankee crusade." It is as far from it as the North is from the South. It is a Southern affair, pure and simple, no matter who originated it, and the design of it all is the uplift of the South and the promotion of the cause of popular education in this section of the country. The Northern men are taking back seats, they are not trying to push themselves nor their own ideas to the front, but are asking the poor privilege of joining hands with us in the work that we are doing and of putting their money with ours to be used in our way and under the direction of our own kind and kin. The Southern people have always been noted for their courtesy and their hospitality, and we do not hesitate to say that it would be a breach of both for us to turn our backs upon these men, who have come to us in such a friendly, not to say affectionate, spirit.

We predict that the Southern Conference for Education in Richmond will be the grandest and most important that has been held, because the movement has enormously grown from year to year, and we predict also that it will be a love feast.

CHESTERFIELD ROADS.

Referring to a recent article in this paper on road improvement in Chesterfield, the Petersburg Index-Appal says that "probably no people on earth need good roads more than those of Chesterfield county—at least, at this end of the county—unless we may except the good people of Dinwiddie and Prince George counties."

Yet Chesterfield county has spent on her roads during the past ten years more than a hundred thousand dollars—

hundred thousand dollars in a decade—and not a mile of good road to show for it! There is something wrong somewhere, and it is high time indeed for the taxpayers of that county to get down to business. There is no charge of dishonesty, but the money has been poorly expended, and what is true of Chesterfield is true of many other counties in the State. Virginians have been urged to tax themselves for road improvement, but the need at present is for intelligent expenditure of the money which the people are already making for this purpose. That is why the Times-Dispatch favors the Rice bill, which provides for a Highway Commission and an intelligent engineer, whose business it shall be to map out and direct the work of road improvement in the several counties.

We are glad to see that our afternoon contemporary, the News Leader, is also in favor of that bill. We hope that it will pass.

MENHADEN FISHERIES.

The Baltimore Sun of yesterday contained in its local columns an interesting article on the menhaden fisheries of Chesapeake Bay. Chesapeake Bay in season, is fairly alive with these little fishes, which are not good for food for man, nature seeming to have made them to supply food for other varieties of fish. But they exist in such large numbers in Chesapeake Bay that the supply is practically inexhaustible, and it has been found that they make a first rate fish oil, and furnish the basis for a first rate article of fertilizer. They also form the basis for a large industry in Virginia and Maryland, and many men are employed in catching menhaden and converting them into oil and fish scrap for fertilizing purposes.

The season is about open, and the Sun says that there is much activity at the fisheries. The steamers which catch the menhaden go out into the bay, and the observer from the crow's nest, by means of a power field glass, locates the swarms, which are discovered by the color of the water. The vessel then goes to the point indicated, and by means of dip nets, the fishes are taken in and dumped. The loaded vessel then goes to the nearest factory and unloads the catch. The Chesapeake fleet now numbers thirty-three steamers, and sixteen factories are necessary to take care of the catch. The whole industry gives employment to two thousand men in the fishing season, which begins about the middle of May and closes in the Chesapeake about the middle of November. One million dollars is represented in the menhaden gunno and oil business of Chesapeake Bay, and the industry is one of the most important along the shores of these waters.

Another Decision. Judge W. H. Sanborn, of the United States Circuit Court, sitting yesterday at St. Paul, Minnesota, granted the petition of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroad Companies to be permitted to pay their May dividends as usual to the Northern Securities Company, which holds a majority of the shares of both roads.

In vain did counsel for the government plead that the Northern Securities Company had but lately been adjudged an unlawful corporation, and therefore was without standing in court. In vain did he plead that since the corporation was violating the law there was nothing for the court to do but see to the enforcement of the law. The court decided that the stockholders were entitled to their dividends, and so to all intents and purposes decided that the Northern Securities Company might continue to do business, pending the appeal.

This is unique. Here is a corporation which is declared to be unlawful and dangerous to the interests of the roads which it controls and dangerous to the interests of the country at large, yet the court permits it to go on and do business, and for the simple reason that nobody is in fact alarmed and that nobody's interest is in fact threatened.

NOT FOR EXTREMISTS.

Our readers will recall that President D. M. Parry, of the National Manufacturers' Association, made a savage attack on organized labor at the meeting of the association recently in New Orleans. It is now announced that Senator Hanna will reply to Mr. Parry in an address to be delivered in the city of Columbus. He says that there will be no personalities in his address, but that he will take up Mr. Parry's report, go through it and show how small is his comprehension of the subject with which he tries to deal.

Mr. Parry is an extremist, and in dealing with the subject which he discusses, he hurt his case by largely overstating the truth. There are also extreme men in the labor organizations, and they sometimes go to extreme lengths to carry their point, but that is no excuse for extreme men on the other side like Mr. Parry, who make the case out worse than it is.

There is a labor problem, and some day it will be solved, but the solution will not be found by extremists on either side. There is a happy middle ground, and by and by the sensible, conservative men on both sides will get together and find it. Organization is the order of the day, and there will continue to be organization in the business world and in the labor world. We cannot prevent such organization, and it is kicking against the pricks to try to. It is a necessity of this age, and it is the right of men, whether they be capitalists, so called, or those who work for their living. But arrogance on the part of organizations of whatever kind will not be tolerated in this free country. Sensible organization is not designed to make strike, but to promote peace and to subserve the interests and protect the rights of all.

Mr. Charles Francis Adams made an important historical "find" in the discovery that when Robert E. Lee was a cadet at West Point the text book on constitutional law used there taught that the States had the right to secede. What he has had to say on this

subject is receiving much newspaper attention North and South.

The book in question, was "Rawle's View of the Constitution." Mr. Rawle was a leading member of the Philadelphia bar, and he taught that "the States may wholly withdraw from the Union, but while they continue, they must retain the character of representative republics."

"The Confederate Veteran," published at Nashville, states that Mistress Myrta Lockett Avery, the author of "A Virginia Girl in the Civil War," a book which has met with much success, was born in Mecklenburg county, Va. For ten years she has resided in New York, where she has filled responsible editorial positions. Two of her brothers followed Lee, and on her father's side she is descended from Thomas Marshall, father of Chief Justice Marshall. But as we understand the case, it is not her experience that she has related, but that of a Norfolk lady, who before her marriage was a Miss Bowen, and whose husband was Major J. Van Holt Nash.

Commonwealth's Attorney Richardson means to see to it, as far as he can that no liquor license is granted which the police report unfavorably.

That means that the objectionable and disorderly bar-rooms are going to be weeded out. And that is exactly what the public wish to see done, and what, when done, will in no wise injure the law-abiding, quiet-preserving and reputable barkeepers and saloon proprietors.

The result of the increased rate for liquor licenses in New York city is that comparatively few dealers have gone out of business. Nor has the price of beer been raised, as was threatened. A glass is sold at five cents and a pint "growler" at ten.

In Brooklyn, where the liquor business is not so lucrative as it is in New York, it is said that several hundred dealers will quit business in consequence of the increased liquor license.

Chentung Liang Cheng is not near so easy to call as Wu Ting Fang until you get used to it, and it takes a good while to get used to a new Chinese ambassador.

The world is surely growing better and more peaceful. Irish meetings are being held here and there to endorse recent acts of the British government.

The beautiful snow that Germany was enjoying yesterday was the same kind that we sing of at this season in America, but fortunately don't run into.

Of course, that Chicago paper, to be owned, managed and run entirely by women is to be an afternoon paper. They could not be expected to hustle around at night for a morning daily.

The cry "play ball" is now heard in the land—that is to say, in the Northern and Western portions thereof.

April thunder storms send no warnings ahead—at least, that one of yesterday did not.

New York's barrel-murder mystery has been solved, and the "yellows are looking for another one to take its place.

And Grover Cleveland is not trying to get any colored delegates in any forthcoming national convention, either.

There are several ex-postmasters in Virginia who would like to be the Southern running mate for Mr. Roosevelt.

Pity Newport News could not take a city census last Saturday.

Half Hour With Virginia Editors.

Speaking of the leasing of the Virginia legislators to Mr. Gorman on a tariff reform platform, the Petersburg Index-Appal says:

"But Mr. Gorman probably will not be nominated on this platform or on any other. He can hardly secure Mr. Bryan's support, and he is not a tariff reformer in harmony with the ideas of revision as understood by the members of the Legislature. Mr. Gorman would make a good lawyer, however, if he could get the nomination."

The Newport News Press says: "Hugh Gordon Miller, Colonel Campbell Stimp and a few other prominent Republicans have intimated to Mr. Roosevelt that they will be glad to help nominate and elect a Republican President next year. The President, it is reasonable to assume, respects a cheerful consent to the nomination of a Republican party in Virginia is always too feeble to deliver any goods on election day."

The Buchanan Banner says: "Those who had hoped that under the new Constitution, with the changes made by it in the electorate and the offices to be filled by their votes, politics would not be quite so fervid as in the past, will probably be disappointed at the prospects already developing. The election this fall will fall to all the various county offices will not be lacking in interest, as is already evident, and in State politics the rumors of bitter warfare are to come are filling the columns of the papers."

The Newport News Times-Herald says: "Jefferson would probably be greatly shocked if he could hear some of the views of our educational institutions. A thoughtful man, but he is well aware that a practice of eating a dinner in his honor every year."

Personal and General.

The former home of General Philip H. Sheridan, in Washington, which was presented to him by admirers throughout the country, has been sold by his widow, the price being \$35,000.

Dr. Wm. T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education, will deliver an address next Saturday, at the School of Pedagogy, New York University, the meeting being arranged as a memorial to Dean Edward B. Shaw.

Prof. Josephus Hopwood, of Milligan College, Tenn., has purchased property at Lynchburg, where he will establish a vocational institution to be known as the Virginia Christian College.

Gerónimo, the famous old leader of the Apache Indians, who has cost the government so much money, and so many lives, is to be allowed to attend the Indian Congress in New York, in the presence.

Social and Personal

The last musicals of the season at the Woman's Club last afternoon, under the direction of Mrs. George W. Stevens, was a very charming affair, with a fine audience, in spite of the rain. Miss Edith Logwood Hatcher and Mr. Reinhardt were accompanists, and the following musicians and vocalists took part in a most pleasing programme:

- 1. (a) Berceuse.....Chopin (b) If I Were a Bird.....Henselt Miss E. L. Hatcher. 2.—I Love You.....Sobestadt Miss Martha Mosby Sneed. 3.—Expectancy.....Buck Miss Mabel Ward McClain. 4.—2d Hungarian Rhapsodie.....Liszt Miss Edith Logwood Hatcher. 5.—(a) This Would I Do.....Chapman (b) The Violet.....Mildeburg Miss Martha Mosby Sneed. 6.—(a) Song of a Heart.....Tantson (b) Remembrance.....Lawrence Miss Mabel Ward McClain. Chairman's guests were: Miss Bettie Clarke, Mrs. J. R. Van Dine, Miss Louise Selden, of "Snowdon," Goshalton county; Miss Emma Bovee and Miss Lucy Morton.

Tea was poured by Mrs. Chiles Ferrall and coffee by Mrs. Thomas Cary Johnson. Club visitors included Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, of Wytheville; Mrs. Sillas McDonald, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, of New York; Mrs. Joseph Van Meter, Mrs. J. D. McElroy, of Kentucky; Miss Louise, of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Ivan Lermer, of Stockholm, Sweden.

Visiting Old Virginia. Mrs. Caroline Foot Marsh, executive officer of the Old Dominion Pilgrimage Committee, is at the Jefferson with a party of New Yorkers to spend a few days in old Virginia. The party consists of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McDonald, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company; the Misses Stallo, their granddaughters, Mrs. C. P. Marsh and two maids. The party will take a trip down the river on Wednesday, the 23d, and remain several days at Old Point and vicinity. This is Mrs. Marsh's first visit to Virginia, and she will be accompanied by Miss Virginia, who is on her way to the States, and the party promises now to be of good size, and much enthusiasm is evinced all through New England and the South and West.

The engagement of Miss Muttie Agnes Moyer, of Petersburg, Va., to Mr. W. Raymond Carpenter, of 208 North Charles Street, Baltimore, has just been announced. The wedding will take place in June. The young couple will, after their marriage, divide their time between Baltimore and Texas.

The Sunday Washington Post says: "Mrs. William Thaw and her daughter, Miss Alice, have been spending the week very quietly in Virginia, and will return to Pittsburgh to receive the relatives of the Earl of Yarmouth, who sailed last week on the Oceanic. The list of bridesmaids and other attendants at the Yarmouth-Thaw wedding will be a great one, and will be the first announcement.

The most recent addition to the list of maids is Miss Isabel May, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Henry May, of this city, who thus far is the only Washingtonian who has accepted Miss Thaw's invitation to accompany her to the wedding. There will be a matron and a maid of honor at this wedding. The former will be Mrs. George L. Carnegie, sister of the bride, and the latter Lady Jane Seymour, youngest sister of the Earl of Yarmouth. Young Edward Seymour, who is two years younger than the bride, will make a prolonged trip to American friends after the wedding."

It may be taken as an assured fact that "Alabama" will draw a crowd of 25,000 to the State fair, and many who have hitherto had their opportunity will be present on that occasion.

Blunt—Brown.

The marriage of Miss Minnie Ruth Brown, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Brown, to John S. Blunt, will take place at 7:30 P. M. in the home of the bride, No. 521 Mosley Street.

Dolly Varden Tableaux.

Mrs. James A. Welch, the chairman of entertainment for the Mississippi table at the Confederate Bazaar, will give a beautiful entertainment at the Temple on the evening of April 24th. Tableaux by Dolly Varden girls will first occupy the attention of the audience, after which a May-pole dance will follow, with the following little girls, drilled by Miss Coleman, taking part: Misses Grace Sutherland, Dorothy Anne Christian, Genevieve Lathrop, Emily Triplett Moutagne, Virginia Roddy Whiteley, Georgia Eleanor Wingfield, Brien Wipperrman, Linda Holmes Beveridge, Archie Joyner, Peachy Lyne, Lizzie Clayton, Minnie Bolton, Mary Chalmers, Gertrude Crenshaw, Nannie Patton, Catherine Gunn and Gwendolin Irwin, second.

The Richmond College Dramatic Club will give their very fine rendition of "Thomas' Alabama" at a matinee performance in the Bijou Theatre, scheduled for Wednesday, April 22d, and presented for the benefit of the Texas state.

The play was an entire success at its recent presentation in the college auditorium. A very large and enthusiastic audience was present and the occasion was a great triumph for all the members of the caste, whose names in full are: Colonel Preston, an old player.

Colonel Moberly, a relic of the Confederacy.....Powhatan James "Squire" Tucker, a Talladega county Justice.....Abner Pope Captain Davenport, a Northern railroad man.....Henry S. Smith Mr. Armes, a Southern boy.....Percy Alley Lathrop Page, a Southern boy.....Julian Winfree Raymond Page, a party of business,.....Carey E. Morgan, Jr. Decatur, an ante-bellum servant.....Walter Tyler Mrs. Page, who cherishes an old love.....Lenore Duke Chandler Mrs. Stockton, a gay widow, Mary Harris Cary Preston, an Alabama blossom.....Leslie Jeffries. Atlanta Moberly.....Madge Bowie Logan—Hageman.

A letter received by a Richmond friend from Mr. J. W. Logan, of New York, brings the interesting announcement of his approaching marriage, on April 25th,

to Miss Elizabeth Hageman, the daughter of Mr. Thomas R. Hageman, of Fort Hope, Canada, who has been residing in New York and vicinity for several years, cultivating a very fine mezzo soprano voice.

The wedding will take place very quietly at No. 10 West Twentieth Street, New York, no invitations being issued. The wedding trip will be a visit to "Algonia," the beautiful country home of General and Mrs. T. M. Logan, the parents of the groom. Mr. Logan has a number of very near relatives as well as friends in Richmond, among them Mrs. W. P. de Sasso, Miss Lily Logan, Mrs. William C. Dentley and others.

Personal Mention.

Quite a party has arrived from Staunton and are in Richmond to attend the Episcopal conference to take place Wednesday, in Grace Episcopal Church. Among the groomsmen who are here are Captain Rudolph Bumgardner, Messrs. J. Martin Perry, R. M. August, J. Baldwin Ransom and James R. Taylor, Jr.

Mr. Isaac Newton Jones and his daughter, Miss Edith Elliot Jones, returned Saturday from a very pleasant stay of several weeks at the Mecklenburg Hotel, Chase City, which is fast becoming a favorite resort for Richmond society.

Miss Stanley Atkins was among the dancers at the Easter german, given by the Senior Club of Norfolk, in the Masonic Temple of that city last Friday evening.

Miss Courtney Bridges has also been attending the Norfolk germans during this past week.

Miss Lucile B. Clark, who has been visiting Miss Mary Lou Gray, in Norfolk, returned to Richmond yesterday, having spent a delightful Easter week. Miss Clark attended the germans and was a guest at a supper given Thursday night in the Norfolk County Club, by Mr. Robert Wainwright, whose other guests were Miss Gray and Mr. Whitehorn.

A pleasant party, who went to the launching in Newport News Saturday, included Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rowe, Miss Margaret Shields, Miss Elise Stokes, Miss Lina Shields, Mr. Benjamin Tallaferra, and Mrs. Newton Vaughan.

Miss Stanley Atkins, of this city, accompanied a launching party from Norfolk to the launching in Newport News Saturday. Mr. William H. Zachary was the host of the party.

Miss Beale Lambert, of Asheville, N. C., will be the guest of friends in Richmond this week.

Miss Grace Cunningham, a talented young musician and composer, will play a number of her original compositions, including her latest, "The Novelty Party March," at the Bazaar entertainment, given Tuesday afternoon, under the auspices of the chairman and committee of the Arkansas table.

Mrs. W. G. Neal and her sister, Miss Nelson, of Culpeper, are spending a few weeks at the Mecklenburg Hotel, Chase City.

Miss Fannie Taylor, of Wilmington, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. Charles E. Borden, her sister, at the home of the latter, on West Franklin Street.

Mr. John V. Sears, of Philadelphia, editor of the Evening Telegram of that city, who will arrive in Richmond this evening with the Ogden party, will be the guest while here of Miss Belle Perkins, No. 44 West Franklin Street.

A FEW FOREIGN FACTS.

Lieutenant-Colonel Temple West, of the English Grenadier Guards, who recently died in Nice, left more than \$1,000,000 for public purposes, largely for the purchase of works of art to be placed in the National Gallery.

The Swedish government has appropriated \$20,000 for the publication of the scientific results of Dr. Sven Hedin's journey through Central Asia.

Countess Gray will unveil a statue to the late Queen Victoria at Newcastle, England, on the 27th inst. The memorial is the gift of the Mayor, Sir W. H. Stephenson.

Madame Madarasz, who was Kossuth's Minister of Police in 1840, and who for the past fifty-four years has lived in Town, is about to start for his old home in Hungary to pass the remainder of his life. The people of his country are arranging an elaborate reception for him.

When Victor Emanuel II. died the sum of \$100,000 was in a short time subscribed for a monument. The government also contributed. The estimate now is that the total cost will reach about \$6,000,000. The monument is to be the most beautiful and costly in modern Italy.

According to the latest reports the aliens in Scotland constitute only 1,038 per cent of the total population of 4,472,103. Of English there are 131,295, or 2.937 per cent; of Irish, 205,691, or 4.585 per cent, and of Welsh only 2,673.

North Carolina Sentiment.

The Charlotte News gets down to mathematics in this wise: "According to a leading authority, the cost of living has decreased appreciably since the first of March. When the wage-earner with a wife and seventeen small children has to pay fifty cents for a lanky cow, he cannot blame him for thinking that while figures never lie, bars sometimes figure."

The Durham Herald says: "So far we have seen mention of one lone North Carolina farmer who was benefited by the rise in cotton. Of course there are others, yet they are so few that it practically amounts to nothing."

"Do negroes have appendicitis?" asks the Greensboro Record. Now the Record is old enough to know that "good grammar can afford the luxury of a disease with any such 'bifalutin' name as that. But it is a well established fact that they do sometimes have stomach ache."

The Winston Sentinel exclaims: "Four avowed candidates for the Democratic nomination for the majority of Winston. Peace still reigns, and the safety of the city is not imperilled."

Advertisement for ALA SPIRIT CORSETS FOR THE WOMAN OF FASHION. ALL STRAIGHT FRONT MODELS. The Danvers Jewels. BY MARY CHOLMONDELEYS. (By Special Arrangement with Harper & Bro.)

CHAPTER VI.

I really think adventures, like misfortunes, never come singly. Would you believe that your house has broken into that very night. Nothing serious came of it, wonderful to relate, owing to Jane's extraordinary presence of mind. She had been unable to sleep after my thrilling account of the cab accident, and had consoled herself by reading Baxter's "Saints Rest" by her nightlight, for the canary became restless and liable to sudden bursts of song if a candle were lighted. While so engaged she became aware of a subdued grating sound, which had continued for some time before she began to speculate upon it. While she was speculating it ceased, and after a short interval she distinctly heard a stealthy step upon the stair, and the handle of the passage door, before mentioned, was gently, very gently turned.

Jane had some of that quickness of perception which has been of such use to myself through life. In a moment she had grasped the situation. Some one was in the house. In another moment she was kneeling out of her bedroom window, springing the policeman's rattle which she had by her for years with a view to an emergency of this kind, and at the same time—for she was a capable woman—blowing a piercing strain on a cabman's whist.

To make a long story short, her extraordinary presence of mind was the saving of us. With her own eyes she saw two dark figures come up our area steps and disappear round the corner, and when a policeman appeared she confirmed the fact that the house had been broken into, by showing us how an entrance had been effected through the kitchen window.

There was, of course, no more sleep for us that night, and the remainder of it was passed by Jane in examining the house from top to bottom every half hour or so, owing to a rooted conviction on her part that a burglar might still be lurking on the premises, concealed in the cellars, or in the room above, or behind the drawing-room curtains.

By that morning's post I heard, as I expected I should do, from Sir George Danvers, but the contents of the letter surprised me. He wrote most cordially, thanking me for my kindness in undertaking such a heavy responsibility (I am sure I never felt it to be so) for an entire stranger, and ended by sending me a pressing invitation to come down to Stoke Moreton that very day, that he and his son, whose future he was also anxious to make the acquaintance of one to whom they were so much indebted. He added that his eldest son Charles was also going down from London by a certain train that day, and that he was also anxious to make the acquaintance of one to whom they were so much indebted. He added that his eldest son Charles was also going down from London by a certain train that day, and that he was also anxious to make the acquaintance of one to whom they were so much indebted.

Jane, who had never ceased for one instant to comment on the event of the night, positively shrieked when she saw me shaking the bag free from tea leaves. "Good gracious! the burglars! she exclaimed. "Why, they might have taken them if they had only known."

Of course they had not known, as I had been particularly secret about them; but I wished all the same that I had not left them there all night, as Jane would insist, and continue insisting, that they had been exposed to great danger. I argued the matter with her at first; but women, I find, are impervious, as a rule, to masculine argument and it is a mistake to reason with them. In fact, by putting the matter in my mind on an equilateral to which the weaker one is unaccustomed and consequently unsuited.

A few hours later I was rolling swiftly toward Stoke Moreton in a comfortable smoking-carriage, only occupied by myself and Mr. Charles, who was also steady young men prosper in the world. When last I heard from him he had prevailed upon the one perfect woman in the universe to consent to marry him, and his aunt (by the way, you will meet her there too—Lady Mary Cunningham) had murmured something vague, but gratifying, about testamentary intentions. A week later Providence fills his brimming cup with a legacy of jewels, estimated at—? Charles opened his light, sleepy eyes when he awoke, and said, "What are they estimated at?" he asked, as I did not answer.

I really had no idea, but I shrugged my shoulders and looked wise. "Estimated at a fabulous sum," he said, closing his eyes again. "I had they been mine, with what joyful alacrity should I have ascertained their exact money value. And mine they ought to have been, if the sacred law of primogeniture (that special Providence which watches over the interests of eldest sons) had been duly observed. Sir John had not the pleasure of my acquaintance, but I fear he must have heard some reports—no doubt entirely without foundation—respecting my career, which induced him to pass me over in this manner. What a moral! My father and Aunt Mary are always delicately pointing out the difference between Ralph and myself. I wish I were a good young man, like Ralph. It seems to pay best in the long run; but I may as well inform you, Colonel Mableton, of the painful fact that I am the black sheep of the family."

Short Talks to the Legislature. Norfolk county Times: "Richmond is a charming city, of great interest and great attractions; especially is this true when the Legislature is in session. You can understand how, caught in the whirl of its current and submerged by the active pushing life around him, the average member of the Legislature may sometimes have only hazy recollections of the sylvan retreat of his constituency."

Cliff Forge Review: "If the Legislature wants to see this section of the State blossom as the rose, it will do well to kill that tonnage tax measure. If the iron industry is crippled by any such class legislation, and it surely will be, Virginia will lose a great deal more by it than she can hope to gain by its enactment. Kill it!"

Norfolk Ledger: "Virginia will do herself a great credit, and her people lasting good, by enacting into law the Watkins bill, introduced in the Legislature yesterday, requiring mine and factory commissaries to sell as cheap as neighboring stores, and also requiring mine owners and manufacturers to pay their employees in full once in two weeks. Certainly the justice of both these requirements is not open to any question whatever."

Richmond Herald: "The Legislature wants to see this section of the State blossom as the rose, it will do well to kill that tonnage tax measure. If the iron industry is crippled by any such class legislation, and it surely will be, Virginia will lose a great deal more by it than she can hope to gain by its enactment. Kill it!"

Advertisement for DR. PRICE'S TRYABITA FOOD. THE ONLY WHEAT FLAKE CELERY FOOD. "I consider Tryabita Food the greatest achievement of my life." GROCERS SELL IT. Dr. W. C. Price