

**IN A QUANDARY.**

Several years ago the pastures of Queensland were so thickly infested with weeds that the sheep began to perish from starvation; These weeds were of a variety which is held in high estimation by the ordinary English rabbit, and a cargo of rabbits was introduced. The rabbits ate the weeds but unfortunately, they did not stop here, but kept on multiplying and devouring every living thing, and swarmed into the streets and houses to that extent that life became almost unendurable to the unhappy Australian. It was plainly evident that unless something was speedily done to suppress the rabbits, Queensland would become a wilderness howling with those hungry beasts. The rabbits have exterminated the weeds but a new kind of animal was needed to exterminate the rabbits. A ship-load of weasels was accordingly imported, at present they are reveling in rabbits. The rabbits fairly melt away before them, and the weasels, with delight beaming from their happy faces, pursue them to their hiding-places and massacre thousands. The only question that bothers the Queenslanders is what they will do with the weasels when they have devoured the rabbits, and the only solution to the problem is that the next crop must be wild cats, as they are the only animal that can take care of the weasels.

**THE SONGLESS BIRD.**

The sparrow comes from a good family, having a host of representatives in Europe, and a full list in North America; but, strange to say, it is the only scion of this large division of the bird tribe, from which the gift of song seems to have been entirely withheld. Everybody who has strolled in the country during May and June has listened to the sweet carols of our chirping and song-sparrows, but no one ever heard the sparrow in question utter a single sound that possessed the faintest melody—nothing but that incessant complaining chirp and distressful chatter from one end of the year to the other—no intermission, no rest. If it could sing like the cat bird, or even the clumsy robin, for instance, the opposition to it which exists would, it is as safe to say, never have been aroused, because in all fairness, waving the question of song, the sparrow cannot be any better or worse than the rest of its kind, which are all plump, sober, dull-plumaged birds.

When Hermann, the magician, visited Constantinople, he induced the Grand Vizier to throw his watch overboard in the Bosphorus, and then he took a rod and line, caught a fine fish and took the watch from his maw. But when a Brooklyn man, desiring to perform the same trick, asked an acquaintance to buy his watch into the dock, the man replied: "D'ye take me for a durn fool?" and walked off.

"Oh, doctor," said an anxious mother to the family quarantine, "what can you do for my boy? He sits around the house, and wants broiled chicken all the time." "There is nothing very serious the matter, madam. The boy has a fowl stomach, that is all. Give him a few eggs for a change."—[N. O. Picayune.

A colored citizen of Georgia fears he will have to exode to Kansas. He remarks—"Nebber seed sich times since I been born. Work all day and steal all night, and blessed if I can hardly make a livin'."

**AN EDITOR'S VALEDICTORY.**

The editor of a New York State Journal, on retiring from the profession not long since, embraced the occasion to give utterance to some sentiments which are applicable the world over among newspaper readers.

"Having for nearly seven years been a weekly visitor at your homes, kindly sharing the hospitality, and, we hope, contributing somewhat to the comfort of the same, it only remains to shake hands all around, take an affectionate and heart-breaking farewell, and come no more, probably, forever.

"Good-bye! It has been spoken over the dead lying in their coffins. It has been spoken when an ocean was to roll in between parting hearts; but it never is spoken with such pathos and unctious as when a country editor, with the memory of his hard grubbing and his scant comforts pressing upon him, hands his valedictory over to the compositor, puts the stub end of his worn-out pencil into his breeches pocket, and shuffles his rheumatic legs down stairs to go no more back forever.

"We part upon the square." We proclaim general amnesty all around. We retire forgiving our enemies, and shall haunt those who obstinately refuse to forgive us. We are bound to be forgiven.

"Farmers, good-bye! You are the dorsal column of the country editor's subscription list. It could not stand erect without your help. May the time soon come when no mortgage, like a great morass in the centre of a pleasant meadow, shall obstruct your prosperity: Have you ever given us wood of serimp pattern and highly perforated cordage? The act is forgiven. Have you ever given us butter of most unhallowed flavor? We hope, after a little, to forgive even this.

"There is a particular class of patrons whom every departing country editor remembers with special gratitude. It is the substantial, thoroughly steadfast, patrons—the men who are never blown out of favor with him by the light gusts of ill wind. They are the men who cash their bills with thorough professional honor and promptness. We remember all such men in Groton with downright and uncompromising gratitude. We count their names with thankfulness. They are like the brick walls which holds this office above the street below.

"Support the new management. A country newspaper needs friends, and cannot afford to have enemies. Don't get mad if something fails to suit, and stop your patronage. Don't prattle all over the villiage about the shortcomings of the editor—cooperate with and encourage him. Help him to get news, and see that he has his share of your money to do business with. Don't loaf around his office and steal his time. Don't give him too much good advice. He knows more about his business, probably, than you do. Help, but don't hinder. Again, good-bye."

"Constant dropping will wear the hardest rock." A chap who had forgotten this was considerably astonished the other day while walking up street to feel a pound weight strike him on the heel. He had loaded his coat tail pocket with it to keep the blustering fall winds from showing a patch concealed beneath, and it had finally worn through. He will carry sand hereafter.—[Wheeling Leader.

**SUCCESSION SALE.**

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish Court, Parish of Morehouse. Succession of Geo. M. Sandidge, Deceased.

By virtue of an order of sale issued from the Hon. Parish Court of Morehouse, and to me directed as administrator of the succession of Geo. M. Sandidge, deceased, I will on SATURDAY, the 24th day of January 1880, at the last place of residence of the deceased, on Bayou Bartholomew, in said parish, between the hours prescribed by law, offer for sale the personal property belonging to said succession, consisting of household and kitchen furniture as shown by the inventory. Also all the lands belonging to said succession, consisting of a tract of land acquired by entry from the State of Louisiana, as shown by patent No. 1989, issued December 24th, 1874, containing 175 20-100 acres, more or less, a particular description of which will be seen by reference to the inventory. Also an undivided half interest in all the lands owned by Geo. M. and James G. Sandidge jointly in said parish, consisting of a tract of land purchased by G. M. Sandidge from Miss C. L. Griffing on the 23d December, 1869, of which lands said G. M. Sandidge transferred to J. G. Sandidge an undivided half interest February 25th, 1871, composing a portion of the upper end and a portion of the lower part of the Collier place. Also the "Holly place," purchased by Geo. M. Sandidge at Sheriff's sale on the 2d of January, 1869, an undivided half interest of which was by him transferred to James G. Sandidge on the 25th of February, 1871, said place containing 265 acres of land, more or less. Also the Eugene Polk place, which was purchased by George M. Sandidge of Wm. S. Parham on the 9th day of December, 1868, of which he transferred to James G. Sandidge an undivided half interest on the 28th day of February, 1871. Also the "Randall place," purchased by G. M. and J. G. Sandidge from Wyatt Brandon on the 1st day of March, 1874, containing 300 30-100 acres, more or less. Also the "Horace Polk" place, containing 1065 acres. Also all that part of the Tom Polk place that was set aside to J. M. and J. G. Sandidge in a partition of said place between G. M. and James G. Sandidge, and the widow and heirs of Thos J. Polk on the 7th day of April, 1875, containing 490 acres, more or less. Also the Isaac Ross place, containing 436 06-100 acres, all of said land lying on Bayou Bartholomew, in said parish, a particular description of all of said lands being given in the inventory of said succession, which will be seen by reference thereto.

Also at the same time and place I will offer for sale the undivided half interest in said lands belonging to me individually. JAS. G. SANDIDGE, Adm'r. Per Newton & Hall, Attorneys.

**SUCCESSION SALE.**

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish Court, Parish of Morehouse. Succession of Frank Jefferson.

By virtue of an order issued by the Hon. Parish Court in and for the parish of Morehouse directing the sale of the land belonging to the succession of Frank Jefferson, deceased, I will offer for sale at the door of the court house, in the town of Bastrop, Morehouse parish, within the hours prescribed by law, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on

SATURDAY, the 24th day of January, 1880, the following described lands belonging to said succession of Frank Jefferson, Deceased, as shown by the inventory, to wit: Lot No. 4, and east half of northeast quarter of section 8, township 20, north of range 7 east, containing 12 1/2 acres with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the parish of Morehouse. Terms of sale—Cash at not less than the inventoried appraisement. WM. P. DOUGLASS, Sheriff. dec19-6t

**NOTICE.**

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish Court Parish of Morehouse. Succession of W. L. Richmond, dec'd.

By virtue of an order issued from the Hon. Parish Court of Morehouse and to me directed as administratrix of the succession of W. L. Richmond, dec'd, I will offer for lease for the year 1880, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the door of the Court House, said parish, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of January, 1880, between the hours prescribed by law, the plantation belonging to said succession, situated on the Bonre Rece, containing about 130 acres of tillable land. The lessee to give his note with approved security, payable on Dec. 1st, 1880, and drawing 8 per cent. interest from maturity; also to build two cabins and repair fencing. FANNIE J. RICHMOND, Administratrix.

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**'STRAYED OR STOLEN.**

From the subscriber on the night of the 13th December last, from Oak Ridge, one light bay mare mule about 15 hands high, branded on shoulder with letter D. Had on a Texas saddle and bridle. I will give a liberal reward for same. S. BOOZMAN.

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