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AD LEO.

Chained to the dungeon wall she slept, Rome, moon-light, revealed her head.

She heard not, she had prayed and wept; Haggard with anguish, wild with dread.

Life was too fair, too young to die, She was too sweet and home too dear;

God touched her with His sleep, a sigh, And she had ceased to weep or cry.

She slept, yet sleeping, seemed awake; A fair child held her virgin hand;

They wandered by a silent lake, They walked in a celestial land.

One thing she saw and one she heard; There were a thousand roses there.

Each rose-leaf sang like a bird, "O what trees, dear child," she asked, "are these?"

"These," said the child, "are called Love's bowers;

They fade not, constantly they sing; Each flower appears more fire than flower—

Now, see the roots from which they spring!"

She looked, she saw, far down the night, The earth, the city whence she came,

And Nero's gardens, red with light— The light of martyrs wrapped in flame.

She wept with heaven still in her eyes, Rome, moon-light, revealed her head;

She heard no more the lion's cries, Flames were but flowers and death was dead.

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 25th, 1899.

Fitzhugh Lee's Arrow Wound While Fighting Indians in Texas Years Ago.

When Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was a lieutenant in the Regular Army of the United States, some years before the outbreak of the Civil War, his company was engaged in a sharp fight with the Kiowa and Comanche Indians in the Cimarron country in Texas.

The Indians had taken refuge in a narrow canyon, which could be entered only from one end, and there had thrown up a fortification of logs, from behind which they poured a hot fire into the troops.

The character of the canyon was such that the horses of the cavalry were useless, and they were left outside, the men advancing on foot.

Only a few of the Indians had firearms, the rest using bows and arrows. Had the Indians been as well armed as they have been in later wars the loss of the whites would have been very large; as it was, only four or five soldiers were killed, though the Indians lost a number to the whites.

A charge was made upon the log fort, and Lee, who was a dashing officer and a wonderful favorite with his men, was the first to scale the breastworks.

The arrows were whizzing all about him and one struck him in the breast, inflicting a very ugly wound. As he fell the confusion was so great about him that the arrow was pulled out of his flesh and thrown to the ground among other arrows, whole and broken, so that no one could tell afterward whether the head had remained in the wound or had been drawn out with the stick.

It was impossible, therefore, to say how seriously he had been hurt, and he was carried at once to the rear, where a litter, improvised of splinters and boughs, he was laid upon this, which was swung between two horses, and thus he was carried back to the wagon train, a distance of more than 150 miles through a rough country.

Probing showed that the head of the arrow had, fortunately, been drawn out, and in due time good nursing put the lieutenant on his feet again.

This is an incident in Lee's career which is apparently known to very few. It is of interest, also, that the old Second Cavalry had for its colonel Albert Sidney Johnston and for its lieutenant-colonel Robert E. Lee, and that Hardee, of "tactical" fame, and George H. Thomas were two of its majors. The captain of the company in which Fitzhugh Lee was first lieutenant was Kirby Smith.

—Springfield Republican.

\$100 Reward, \$100. The reader of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one drugged disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh of the Bladder.

It is the only positive cure known for the most distressing, catarrh before a complete cure is effected, requires a constitutional treatment. Has Catarrh? Cure it now! Buy the best medicine in the world. Guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by M. M. Lewis, druggist.

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CAROLINE.

Christmas Entertainments—Notes and Personalities.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Bowling Green, Va., Dec. 27, 1899.

Miss Maude Broadbent, who is attending the Woman's College of Lynchburg, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Boyd left on Tuesday night for their home in Richmond, after spending several days with the family of Mr. T. D. Cobhill.

Miss Ida Keizer, of Rappahannock county, is the guest of her friend, Miss Annie Broadbent.

Mrs. George E. Bart, of Waverly, is spending several days with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Broadbent.

The Nass entertainment of the Christiana church took place on Monday evening and strict exercises were given by the children.

The hearts of the children were made happy by a visit from Santa Claus with a bag for all.

Mrs. I. J. Monure and children, of Blackstone, are at "Auburn," the home of Judge E. C. Monure.

Mr. R. W. Patross left on Wednesday for Norfolk after spending several days at his home here.

Miss May M. Broadbent, who is teaching at Linnacook, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Mrs. F. E. Moore and children, of Norfolk, are spending Xmas with her parents here.

Prof. C. C. Eavis, who is teaching near Charlottesville, is at his home here.

Mr. Byron Vincent, of Norfolk, is spending several days at his home here.

Our streets seem quite deserted with the bright faces of the Seminary girls on them, but the sad faces of the boys will soon brighten up for they will be back Sunday.

Messrs. John Winston, Monaca Gravatt, Webb Rains and John White, students at the University of Virginia, are at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Woolford, of Baltimore, are the guests of Rev. W. F. Hayes and wife.

Miss Kate Stutz is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sugg, at their home here.

Dr. J. R. Moore, of King William, was in town on Thursday having come up for his daughter, who is a student at the Southern Seminary.

Mr. E. R. Cobhill and family have moved into the house on Midford street recently purchased by him.

Messrs. Chandler, Collins and Valentine spent Friday in Richmond.

Rev. J. H. Amis, P. E. of this district, held his first quarterly conference of this charge in the Methodist church, of this place, last Friday.

Rev. E. H. Rowe and wife spent last Friday in your city.

Miss Miriam Coghill, Alice and Ellen Broadbent spent several days of last week with friends in Richmond.

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Women Less Guilty.

In an article on "Women and the Emotions," by Professor Mattegazzi, in the November Humanitarian, there are some interesting statistics showing that those modern sociologists who hold that women are men's equals in the field of criminality are wrong. Here are some of them:

Man's best false witness 100 times a woman's 17.

Man for forgery and counterfeit coinage was convicted 100 times to a woman's 11.

In France women are summoned before the tribunal four times less than men.

In Italy, in the same year, they were only 9 per cent.

In Algeria we have 96 male delinquents and only 4 women.

In England and Wales, between 1834 and 1842, there were 24 women to 100 men, all for the more serious offenses.

In 1871 Dr. Nicholson found in the prisons in England 8,218 men and 1,217 women.

In the prisons of Turin, from 1871 to 1884, the women in respect to men are represented by a figure of 13.57 per cent.

Taking the whole of Europe, women are, the professor says, five times less guilty than men.

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WESTMORELAND.

The Late James K. M. Newton—Entertainments—Etc., Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Hague, Va., Dec. 25th, 1899.

The large circle of relatives and friends of the late, learned and brilliant James K. M. Newton, Commonwealth's attorney of Newport News, here, where he was born and grew to manhood, were shocked and grieved to learn of his death in the prime of life.

Mr. Newton was a grandson of Hon. Willoughby Newton, of "Linden," a prominent lawyer and member of Congress, and the eldest son of the late Willoughby Newton, of "Mt. Pleasant," who lost a leg at Chancellorsville in the civil war, and who married Miss Bessie Marshall, of Fauquier.

In 1857 Mr. Newton sold his fertile farm here ("Mt. Pleasant") to Mr. John E. R. Crabbe, of Baltimore, and with Mrs. Newton and six children, moved to Alexandria. Only two members of his family—Messrs. Marshall and Ambler Newton—are living now.

Hon. Thomas B. Murphy, after long and patient waiting, has recently moved into his handsome new home, which is a model of comfort and convenience, and an ornament to this section.

Judge Basle's bright little boys, Robin and Charlie, will entertain their young friends on the evening of the 29th inst. from 5 to 9 o'clock, and the little girls and boys have pleasant anticipations of the evening.

Messrs. Brown and Anthony's splendid pack of hounds will nearly certainly make "Sly R. nard" "git up and git" to their sweet music for the pleasure of those who love the sport.

Many of our native girls and boys and many visitors will come here to spend their Xmas holidays, and in the happy family reunions, social gatherings, church entertainments, fox hunts and oyster roasts the writer hopes that all of our people may be happy and spend a very pleasant Xmas.

Soldom.

There is no prospect of a bill being passed to lease the Virginia oyster beds to foreign people. The old members of the legislature, as a rule, and most of the new ones, who have become acquainted with the subject are well pleased with the report made by the State Board of Fisheries. The act passed, creating this commission, will be amended in some of the minor particulars, but no material changes will be made. It is probable that provision will be made for a State Surveyor of Oyster Grounds. Chairman Matthews, of the House Committee on Chesapeake and its Tributaries, is heartily in favor of the creation of this office. He thinks it is very essential for the grounds to be surveyed and plats made. Mr. Matthews thinks that the revenue from the next fiscal year will be double that of the last, provided the commission is permitted to carry on the work already mapped out. — Richmond Leader.

New York has a school in connection with the fire department, where firemen are taught to scale buildings, catch dummies and handle furnaces.

Our State Finances as Shown by Treasurer's Report.

Mr. A. W. Harman, Jr., treasurer of the State, has made public the annual report of his office. It covers the fiscal year ended September 30, 1899.

For the year just ended, there is a total balance to the credit of the State of \$605,542.45, as compared with a balance of \$236,881.73, for the previous year, showing an increase of \$368,660.72.

The large increase in the balance, considered in itself, would be cause for congratulation, but to arrive at a just estimate of the financial condition of the State, the following statement of facts made in the Auditor's office, must be borne in mind.

First. Nearly \$100,000, the approximate cost of a session of the Legislature, was an offset against the smaller balance for 1898.

Second. Nearly \$250,000 of the balance resulted from operation of the delinquent tax laws, the fund from this source covering redemptions for several years past.

Third. The revenue from the collateral inheritance tax, which amounted in the fiscal year ending in 1898 to \$14,268.22, against \$67,156.42 for this year, was swelled abnormally by receipts from the Ginter estate, and from the estate of one other wealthy Virginian.

The indications of substantial improvement in conditions in the State, it was pointed out in the Auditor's office, were the figures showing increased receipts, from taxes on banks, insurance companies, railroads and charter fees, the increase indicating greater activity in the commercial pursuits.

A writer, apparently familiar with the subject, says not more than ten actors in America, aside from the stars, receive as much as \$250 a week, and not more than five actresses are paid this amount. In fact, \$150 a week is exceptional. The general run of salary for fairly good people from members of the chorus up to soprano, juvenile or old man varies from \$12 up to \$75.

James Wood, of Portsmouth, N. H., celebrated his one hundred and third birthday on Saturday, December 9. He was born in England, and is believed to be the oldest resident of New England.

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Free Seeds for the Asking. (Kansas City Journal.)

By Christmas time the department of agriculture will have in readiness 15,000,000 packages of seeds for free distribution to whomsoever may ask for them. The supply is especially large this year, and includes a good many new varieties. You may get seeds for any kind of field or garden crop, for herbs, flowers or ornamental vines. In fact, it is the aim of the department to furnish seeds of everything that is useful or ornamental in the domain of agriculture, fruit or horticulture. The object of the free distribution is, of course, to place within the reach of every one the means of useful experiments and to disseminate the benefits of experiments made by the agricultural department.

It is noted that the demand for flower seeds has increased very rapidly within the past few years. Last year 1,508,000 packages of flower seeds were sent out, the largest number in the history of the department. This increase is not due alone to the growing taste for flowers on the part of those who have the facilities and inclination to cultivate them for their own pleasure, but also the increasing market for cut flowers and growing plants this market has grown enormously with the general increase in wealth and the cultivation of taste. Its strength is not, however, due alone to the patronage of those who have an abundance upon which to draw for their indulgence in the luxury of flowers. Many who must deny themselves something more substantial still find a way to buy flowers to gratify their tastes or to please their friends.

A Decision About Negro Schools.

A case of considerable importance was decided the other day by the Supreme Court of the United States, Justice Harlan handing down the decision. The facts are briefly these: The school authorities of Richmond county, Georgia, closed the colored high school for want of funds, without at the same time closing the white high school. Some of the colored citizens of the county brought suit in the Federal Court to enjoin the State authorities from enforcing the collection of taxes for the support of schools. The court refused the injunction and disclaim jurisdiction in the matter.

Justice Harlan said that the education of the young has been remitted to the several States and should be generally left to their control. The Court had not been able to discover that the Supreme Court of Georgia had erred in refusing to grant an injunction. The School Board was confronted, he said, with the necessity of closing the colored high school and turning the high school building over to the negro children of the primary grades, or leaving the latter without educational facilities. The court failed to see that this was a violation of the fourteenth amendment of the constitution. It was also remarked by Justice Harlan, in the course of his opinion, that to close the public schools attended by the white children and thus deprive them of educational facilities would not aid the colored children in the least. The evidence, he said, indicated that the County Board had acted in perfect good faith.

Thomas Jefferson once owned the Natural Bridge in Rockbridge county, obtaining a patent for it on the 5th day of July, 1774, which patent which was "signed Danmore, the Lieutenant Governor of the Colony or Dominion of Virginia." After Mr. Jefferson's death it was sold by Thomas Jefferson Randolph, who was his executor, in order to help pay his (Jefferson's) debts. This sale took place Nov. 23d, 1835, and it was bought by Jack Lackland. It then passed successively by sale to Walter B. Cole; then to John Luther; then to Lewis Harman; then to M. G. Harman; then to A. W. Harman, who is the present Treasurer of Virginia, and then to the late Henry Clay Parsons.

No More Land Grabbing for Forty Days.

The Legislature has passed a bill to suspend the operation of what is known as the "land grab" law for a period of forty days so as to give the body time to enact a new law. The suspension of the law will stop further applications until the objectionable features of the present law can be eliminated. There is no disposition in either house to impair the effectiveness of the law in the matter of collecting taxes, it is stated.

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