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While it is well to always treat strangers politely not with the idea, exactly, that we may be "entertaining an angel unawares," we do not know that it is actually necessary to hug them to our bosoms too effusively. Evidently somebody in Franklin has been overdoing the thing as the Watchman is enquiring "we wonder when some of our people will quit "dancing with the bear." Some transients who drop along, if they may have on a plug hat, a celluloid shirt-front, and pair of tan shoes and nigger gal stockings, some people are as industrious as a darkey with the itch to embrace a shadow and catch a ghost. We believe in treating strangers who come our way with great courtesy and consideration but we are not going to lash our faith so tight that extrication is impossible, especially when we are not quite sure who holds the other end of that destiny. This thing of running after a bran-new Jesus Christ every two or three weeks might cause some regrets along the line of former experiences.

The Old Midway Church, in Liberty county, Ga., still standing, had for its pastor between 1785 and 1791 Dr. Abiel Holmes, the father of Oliver Wendell Holmes, and when President Washington paid his celebrated visit to Georgia, in 1790, Dr. Holmes was made chairman of the committee appointed by the congregation of Old Midway Church to greet him. "Dr. Joseph Le Conte, professor of Chemistry in the University of California," says a correspondent of the Boston Transcript, "is one of the products of Old Midway Church. So also is United States Senator A. O. Bacon, and many people will be surprised to know that Governor Theodore Roosevelt of New York, the nominee of the Republican party for Vice-President of the United States, is also of this same stock, deriving its connection with Old Midway Church through his mother, who was born in Liberty county and whose progenitors were prominent and influential members of this church."

The old fable of the jackass who kicked the dead lion finds a striking parallel in the insane action of the peeler Trenchard who fired a volley of buckshot into the dead body of the negro desperado Charles and yelled "Who dat says I bees a coward."—Two days before when the dead nigger was alive, keeping watch over the dead bodies of the brave Day and Lamb whom he had ruthlessly slain this gallant gay, gay peeler was hidden in an adjoining room in mortal terror and lay there for two hours until Charles had walked away.

Webb McNall of Kansas, who attended the recent Grand Lodge meeting of the Ancient Order United Workmen at Lafayette is a candidate for State Insurance Commissioner on the Fusionist ticket in Kansas. He informed a friend of ours that the Fusion ticket would carry Kansas easily and that if Bryan and Stevenson were not elected it wouldn't be the fault of Kansas. Mr. McNall is the same man who fought the Insurance Trust to a finish in Kansas.—Alexandria Town Talk.

The Louisiana Appeal says: Samson Hiller son of Jonas Hillier, has accepted a position as clerk in a mercantile establishment a Rosedale, Abbeville parish. Samson is a promising young man and we predict for him a bright future.

**Dried Oysters.**

"A few days ago," said a New Orleans bohemian, "I dropped in to see my friend Lee Yip, who keeps what he calls a 'glocely stol,' which is as near as he can come to grocery store. He gave me an excellent cigar and presently he said: 'You likee dly ostel?' 'What in the name of Confucius is "dly ostel" I asked before I realized that he was talking about dry oysters. 'Come! I show,' he replied: and opening the lid of a big box he took out a handful of what looked exactly like oysters carved in mahogany. They were not shriveled and warped, like other dried foods, but were as plump and symmetrical as any well-conditioned bivalve fresh from the deep shell. The only difference was that they were dark brown in color and as hard as bricks. When Lee Yip tossed them back into the box, they rattled like a handful of marbles. Of course I was greatly surprised and before I left I took pains to find out all about them. The oysters are caught and prepared at the native shrimperies on the other side of the lake. The process is a trade secret, but as nearly as I could gather from Lee, they are spread on the tops of large sheds and exposed to the sun for several weeks. What prevents decomposition I don't know; but they come out of the operation as sweet and brown as nuts. Last night I tried some by special invitation in the back room of a laundry run by another Mongolian friend of mine. They were brought in, in a bowl and formed a sort of stew or suate, which was really delicious. The oysters themselves were firm but exceedingly tender, and had a peculiar peppery flavor, different from anything else I have ever tasted. The Chinaman who did the cooking told me he had simply boiled the dried oysters in water and added a small strip of pork "seasoning." When I tried to probe into the seasoning feature he suddenly lost command of English, so there, I suspect, the secret resides. I am told that the local colony consumes many barrels of these oysters every month and that large quantities of them are sold in San Francisco and New York."

There seems to be some doubt as to just what this country gets from Germany in return for admitting certain of its products free. It is stated that we get the benefits of her 'minimum' tariff column, but then we have been getting them all along. This is admitted, but it is alleged that if we didn't make the concessions, Germany would put us in her 'maximum' column. Can it be that the Kaiser has bluffed us?

Telegraphy by the use of type-writers in place of ordinary clicking keys and receivers has been made possible by two Chicago men—Z. G. Sholes and Alfred C. Gilmore. They have devised a mechanism by which a message with ordinary spelling on a machine that has a keyboard exactly like the keyboard of an ordinary type-writer, will be printed if transmitted over a telegraph wire to another type-writer in the office to which it is sent hundreds or thousands of miles away.

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