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## THE TEST OF CHARITY.

By KENNET HARRIS.

around as if he found the taste of life was bitter, and in his eye a mean malicious glitter, while you'll see him smile; with mirth he'll fairly double, and about with glee if can see another chap in trouble. Notice how he bends his brow, and grows about the folly of those who jest, and do their best at all times to be jolly. He is at love; he's far above its foolish whims and fancies; and fears evoke his jeers; he scoffs at all romances. He is blind, and trust he shows disgust; who have them prove they're blind, should be sent, it's evident, to homes for feeble minded. Interest he thinks the best and sole mainspring of action; and of might oppressing right he views with satisfaction. He is about, instilling doubt, and sowing sour dissension—ill, all joy to kill, a blight past comprehension. In his dark heart there's a spark of good, so don't upbraid him; must be so, because we know that, like us all, God made him.

### The Greatest Quail Country in the World.

Natchitoches Enterprise.

The game commission of this State in a recent bulletin reports that 216,000 quails were killed in Natchitoches Parish during the four months of the last open season—from Nov. 1st to March 1st.

If this is true it means that Natchitoches parish probably contained more partridges than any other locality of its size in the world; but of course it is not true. On the contrary, the amount is so exaggerated as to make the statement absurd.

Let us figure on this proposition a little.

Estimating the quail hunters of this parish at one hundred, which is perhaps 25 per cent too high—this would give every such hunter 2,160 quail for the four months above named or just eighteen birds to every hunter for every one of the hundred and twenty days.

The average covey of quail throughout the game season, we will say is fifteen birds to the covey—this is too large an estimate but we desire to be generous to the commission rather than accurate—then we have it that 14,440 coveys were killed during the four months. It is not too much to say that there have never been that many birds in this parish at one time.

The inevitable result of these grotesquely absurd estimates of game will be to fill the parish next season with market hunters, who will very shortly exterminate the game.

From present conditions it appears highly probable that the next legislature will exterminate the State game commission, with its high salaries—except the poor wardens, who do all the work—and its exalted idea of its own power to make laws for the people of Louisiana.

No wonder that Governor Sanders at the recent convention of game wardens at Baton Rouge considered it necessary to deny, in his speech to the convention, that the law creating the game and fish commission was an administration measure or that he was responsible for it.

### Stains.

The three ghosts on the lonesome road  
Spoke each to one another,  
"Whence came that stain about your mouth  
No lifted hand may cover?"  
"From eating of forbidden fruit,  
Brother, my brother."

The three ghosts on the sunless road  
Spoke each to one another,  
"Whence came that red burn on your foot  
No dust or ash may cover?"  
"I stamped a neighbor's hearth flame out,  
Brother, my brother."

The three ghosts on the windless road  
Spoke each to one another,  
"Whence came that blood upon your hand  
No other hand may cover?"  
"From breaking of a woman's heart,  
Brother, my brother."

"Yet on the earth clean men we walked,  
Glutton and Thief and Lover;  
"White flesh and fair it hid our stains  
That no man might discover."  
"Naked the soul goes up to God,  
Brother, my brother."  
—Theodosia Garrison.

"Margery Dare" (Mrs. Alice K. St. Martin) whose work on the late N. O. World, and the N. O. Item has been noteworthy will begin on July 3d the publication of a weekly paper, "The Southern Scribe" devoted to society news and items of interest in all Louisiana and Mississippi. She promises a clean newspaper, free from scandal, but bright and full of surprises. Those who know Mrs. St. Martin are prepared to expect good things of her publication. We wish her abundant success.

### Newspaper Publicity.

Memphis News-Scimitar.

One of the many mistaken fears of life is the fear of newspaper publicity. It seems to rest in part on the conviction or hope that a fact kept out of the newspaper will die and never be known. Facts were carried from one to another from one neighborhood to another, and from one country to another, before they had newspapers. All facts get publicity finally. The newspaper is the most rapid avenue and of necessity the most accurate. The other avenue—gossip, the solace of the vacant mind—is secret and irresponsible and builds constantly on facts. The fact when published by a newspaper is at best only a nine days' wonder. It fixes the limit of the story, while gossip perpetuates its attractiveness by constant additions to the facts. Newspaper publicity is like holding a burnt hand over the fire to take out the trouble. It smarts a little more for a short time, but relieves of the trouble for a longer time. What two people know the world will finally know, or what one person knows, as it is said that "murder will out," even when one of the two parties to the affair is dead.

It is probably the province of a class paper, as applied to business or religion, to publish only certain facts, but the cosmopolitan and metropolitan newspaper is supposed to cover unpleasant, as well as pleasant facts, to show the seams as well as the smooth surface of life. As life grows more select it will grow more select, may be a little in advance, but in the last analysis it is the expression of its people, their mirror; of their success and failures; gettings up and fallings down; their tears and their smiles; in its news columns. Its editorial page, if faithful to its duty, may contribute to lessen the tears and increase the smiles.

### Commission Revoked.

A general order was issued Sunday revoking the commission of Major W. W. Crane, of New Orleans, as assistant inspector general of the First Brigade, Louisiana National Guard. The revocation of Major Crane's commission was generally expected, following the letter which he addressed to the adjutant general of the State, and which he gave to some of the newspapers. The order revoking the commission was decided upon after a conference between Governor Sanders and Adjutant General Stafford.

Major Crane has been for some weeks insistent in demanding an investigation into what he termed the padding of the muster rolls of the Louisiana Field Artillery, and in addition to writing adjutant general a letter that was considered a breach of military discipline he has given out a number of interviews regarding the Louisiana Field Artillery muster roll. This padding was investigated some months ago by Major Crane as inspector general, on the order of the adjutant general and the facts reported back to the adjutant general's office. The report showed that two persons not members of the company had been present at the muster. The armorer who was responsible for the parties, not members of the company, getting the uniforms of the two persons who were members and answering to their names, was discharged.

Major Crane has addressed a letter to the governor protesting

against the treatment he has received without due trial of the charges.

He says "as a lawyer you are probably familiar with the fundamental principle that the presumption of innocence continues until guilt is proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

"While your prerogatives may extend to even the revocation of a commission there is no legal or moral right by which you can establish yourself as judge, jury and executioner—writing a man out of the service without the formality of charges being brought, or of having even a hearing. Were the matter subject to appeal to higher authority how long would your action stand? Or would you have dared to have taken such action? Is it not then illegal to stigmatize an officer in your service by prejudged expressions of a contumely with which he has not even been charged and upon which no trial has been had?"

### The Festival of the Press.

New York American.

Journalism, which once sat like a beggar at the king's gate, has become the Lord Chamberlain of the Palace.

It is one of the remarkable events of these strange new times that the British government is feasting and coveting the favor of fifty newspaper men, brought to London from the ends of the empire to review the land and naval forces and assess the values of imperial achievement.

Thus the empire does obeisance to the press. And imperialism, in putting on its good clothes to submit itself to the scrutiny of journalists, confesses that the power of public print is greater than all the armaments.

The press has been called "the fourth estate." But the saying is foolish. The press stands for no estate at all—no class, no special interest.

Its power is the power of self-effacement—of humility.

It does not speak for itself, but for its sovereign.

It is the Lord Chamberlain of the palace, but the palace is the people's.

The newspaper is the most subtle and spiritual of all mechanisms.

In its daily pulsations it creates a sacramental union among a myriad separate spirits—a communion of the intellect that puts the passion of majorities behind the projects of the most intelligible wills.

The press is the university of the people—the public school of grown men—where all are teachers and learners.

The newspapers in the vast reticulation of their influence, are weaving the organic filaments of a new social order—a society that shall be governed not by superstition, but by science; not by fear, but by faith.

The English government—bewildered with the complexity of its problems and beset by words, and the shadows of swords—instinctively turns for reassurance to the power that excels all social forces in persistence and constancy—and that stands nearest the thought of the people.

The Louisiana National Guard is ordered into a camp of instruction at Alexandria June 12.

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### State Board and the Brumbaugh Readers.

Through the press, the public is doubtless familiar with the fact that the Brumbaugh Readers, selected for the public schools the next four years, by the State Board of Education were found objectionable in several points, viz: the frequent mention of the term, "Rebellion," "War of the Rebellion," and kindred expressions, and the paucity of selections from Southern authors. The first objection was immediately made by the Joanna Waddill Chapter, U. D. C. of Baton Rouge, and Supt. T. H. Harris arranged with the publishers to have the expression changed to "War between the States" in all editions, both North and South. Later, objection was made concerning the non-representation of Southern authors and was embodied in a resolution passed unanimously by the recent convention of the Louisiana Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy. As chairman of the committee on textbooks of the La. Division, Mrs. Elrie Robinson called the attention of the State Board of Education at its recent meeting to the resolution and the reason therefor. The following courteous answer has been received by Mrs. Robinson, and is all that can be expected in the circumstances, since the contract for the purchase of the Readers in question has already been signed. The State Board, in this, has shown a very fair spirit, and, we believe, that the selection of the Readers in the first place was due to oversight, and not to lack of Southern sentiment.

The letter reads:

Baton Rouge, La., June 21, '09.  
Mrs. May E. Robinson,  
Chairman Committee on Text-Books, La. Division U. D. C.  
Dear Mrs. Robinson:—Your communication of the 18th, addressed to the State Board of Education, was considered by that body at its meeting held on the 19th inst.

A resolution was passed to the effect that inasmuch as the contract covering the use of the Brumbaugh Readers in the public schools of Louisiana for the ensuing four years has been signed by the Governor and the Christopher Sower Co., it will be impossible for the State Board of Education to adopt another set of readers to take the place of the Brumbaugh set. I was instructed to send a copy of your communication to the author and publishers of the Brumbaugh Readers and to request that your wishes relative to Southern literature be complied with if possible.

I feel sure that the author, Dr. Brumbaugh, will be very glad to do this unless the expense of breaking up the plates is greater than he can induce the company to incur. I know that Dr. Brumbaugh has the kindest of feelings towards the South and Louisiana and is anxious to put his book in such form that no possible criticism can be offered by the Southern people.

Thanking you in the name of the State Board for your interest in this matter of emphasizing the literature of the South in our public schools, I am,

Yours very truly,  
T. H. HARRIS.

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