SHEAR NONSENSE

Elderly coquette (sentimentally)—Yes, my dear Mr. Assessor, love is eternal. Assessor (frightened)—So I perceive.—Fliegende Blatter.

Friend—You are so dreadfully cross-eyed, I don't see how you can shoot straight. Cross-eyed sportsman—I fire both barrels at once.—Boston Traveler.

"In London," said the returned tourist, boastfully, "I appeared at court." "How much was the fine?" queried his cynical friend.—Philadelphia North American.

Latest from the intelligence office: "Oh, Bridget! I told you to notice when the apples boiled over." "Sure I did, mum. It was a quarter past eleven."—Brooklyn Life.

"Why has Splasher named his picture 'British Deer?'" "He was afraid some one would say that American deer don't have legs like those of his deer."—Chicago Record.

Inquisitive tourist (in Oklahoma)—Pardon me, sir, but are you a married man? Baldy Scrodd (the stage driver)—Nope; I had my hair scoured off in a sandstorm.—Puck.

"Next time I'm going out to Beverly's I'm going to take a camp stool with me." "What for?" "Last time I went I sat down on a little thing that turned out to be a tea-table."—Puck.

"What did you think of the great horse show, Miss Gotham?" "I think that the presence of the horses detracted very materially from the chief attractions of the entertainment."

"It seems strange that he could plunder a great corporation like that for years without being found out." "Well, you see, the corporation was pretty busy itself."—Chicago Journal.

John Doe—I wonder what caused Gobang to collapse? I am told he is suffering from nervous prostration. Richard Roe—Yes. He sat down in a game of poker with a man who stuttered.—Puck.

"Golf," remarked the young man who is wearisomely blase, "is one of the very few games that do not fatigue me." "What is the reason for that?" "I never learned to play it."—Washington Star.

Bostonian—Is this friend that you wish to bring to dinner much of a raconteur? Chicago man—Blamed if I know; but say, you'll die laughin' if we can get him to tellin' stories.—Cleveland Leader.

"I am afraid that actors sometimes deceive us about the salaries they get," remarked the mild-mannered citizen. "No," replied the keen observer; "they may think they do, but they don't."—Washington Star.

"Won't you play something, Mullins?" asked Kilduff, motioning toward the piano. "I hardly like to while Col. Gore is here." "Is he severe in his criticisms?" "Yes; and he carries a pistol."—Harlem Life.

Brother Sontext—Well, Brother Stiremup, will they raise your salary another year? Brother Stiremup—Well, I don't know about another year; they haven't finished raising it for this year yet.—Richmond Times.

"Has your Shakspeare society started in yet, Miss Jones?" "Yes. We met at Mrs. Wiggles' yesterday. Miss Matilda Robinson read a most delightful paper on the the 'Influence of Rosalind on Dress Reform.'"—Bazar.

A PHILANTHROPIC CONSPIRACY.

Troy Messenger, March 15.

In several of it's recent issues the Birmingham Age-Herald has contained editorial articles charging that a deep laid "conspiracy" has been concocted by certain prominent school men of Alabama (naming Dr. Eldridge, president of the State Normal College,) "to defraud the people."

The matter is this:

There are yet about 600,000 acres of public land in Alabama. It belongs to the United States government, but instead of being a matter of profit, it is a source of loss, owing to the constant prosecution of trespassers and depredators.

Some time ago a bill was introduced in congress to grant a part of this public domain to the Girls' Industrial School at Montevallo and the Negro Normal School at Tuskegee. Friends of other schools, having in equity as just claims as these mentioned, asked for similar favors and Dr. Eldridge, in keeping with his character as an earnest and liberal friend of education, proposed that the bill should be so amended as to donate the entire area of public land in Alabama to the cause of education, nearly one-half going to the common schools and the rest to the higher institutions. In this way these institutions, whose efficiency is hampered and whose very existence made precarious by the meagre support accorded them by the state, would acquire a much more secure foundation; and the common schools be helped materially toward that plane of independence, upon which the increasing enlightment and public spirit of our people demand they shall be placed.

This is the whole story of the "conspiracy" and "the deep-laid scheme to defraud the people."

And how?

Are the people of Alabama defrauded when the government of the United States donates them means for educating their children? And do the public lands of Alabama belong to the people of Alabama any more than they do to the people of California? They are the property of the general government, and if the people of Alabama can get them as a donation at all, whether to the common or the higher schools, it is a great piece of good fortune at which every friend of education and progress ought to rejoice.

If the Age-Herald wishes to make war upon the Normal school, it should come out boldly and do it. All its talk about the "few against the many" and "the classes against the masses," is the outworn war-cry of the demagogue. It is talk that appeals only to ignorance and prejudice. Every intelligent person knows that professional schools for teachers are an indispensable adjunct to the public school system. If there are more of these institutions than the necessities of the situation demand let the number be decreased, but let us support and applaud the efforts of those who are using every means to increase the efficiency of our public school system, who are striving to redeem Alabama from the dark stigma of illiteracy which unfortunately rests upon her.

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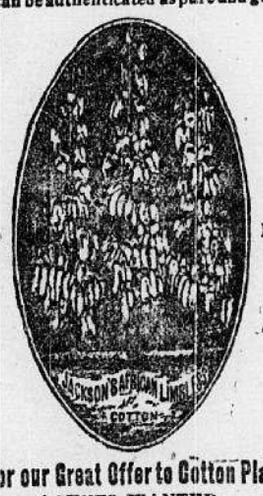
Trade  Mark.

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