

TAR HEEL VS. DIXIE.

Read and Judge:

In view of the recent advertising on the subject of Tar Heel and Dixie blankets, we deem it but just to ourselves that we should publish the following letter from the manufacturers, which ought to settle the matter, and does, so far as we are concerned, as it confirms practically every statement made by us.

CHATHAM MANUFACTURING CO.

Manufacturers of
BLANKETS, CASSIMERES, YARNS, ETC.,
Elkin, North Carolina.

December 12, 1902.

Messrs. O'Donnell & Co., Sumter, S. C.

Gentlemen: Replying to your kind favor of recent date, we beg to state that our No. 200 blanket, which we have been selling you ticketed Tar Heel, is a better blanket and costs us considerably more per pound than the No. 300 blanket ticketed Dixie, which we sold Messrs. Schwartz Bros. We manufacture blankets varying in price from 45 to 80 cents per pound, and No. 200 is next to the best grade we make. Blankets are graded by quality of stock and not by weight, for all the grades we make weigh the same in 10-4, 11-4 and 12-4. You are one of our oldest customers, and we have always given you the same prices that we get from the largest Eastern jobbing houses. If you desire some of the cheaper grades we shall be pleased to ship you.

Thanking you for past favors and soliciting your further valued orders, we are

Yours truly,

CHATHAM MFG. CO.

P. S.—Your valued favor of some days since would have received earlier attention but for the absence of the writer. We trust that the above will be satisfactory and that our delay has not seriously inconvenienced you.

With kind regards, I am

Yours truly,

H. G. CHATHAM.

O'DONNELL & CO.,

Sumter, S. C.

GARLAND STOVES & RANGES

Are the Best Manufactured.

WHY, LET'S TAKE REASON INTO CONSIDERATION:

- BECAUSE:** They are made, not of scrap iron, but of pure pig iron and aluminum.
- BECAUSE:** They are the only ones that have the ventilated Ovens, thus rendering them perfect bakers.
- BECAUSE:** They are the heaviest and have more lasting qualities.
- BECAUSE:** They have always taken first prize over all others.
- BECAUSE:** They are high priced Stoves and the dealer cannot get but little profit out of them.
- BECAUSE:** They have a reputation that none other has nor can wish to get.
- BECAUSE:** They are handled by a man who is catering for the hardware trade, one who has and always will knock the spots out of any prices that can be offered you in the town of Manning.
- My prices will speak for themselves and sell the Stoves.

Housebuilders,

I know you have an eye to business. Watch my stock and save money. GUNS, SHELLS AND AMMUNITION cheaper than the cheapest.

Yours for business,

J. F. DICKSON,

Next Door to Levi's.

TO OUR Customers and Trade in General.

Most of you are aware that we handle the same goods as are handled by other first class stores, only our prices are lower, although we make Millinery in our store a specialty which we now sell at half price.

We want to let you know that we have not forgotten our gentlemen friends. We have just received a beautiful line of Clothing, real fine Suits to suit any up-to-date wearer for the Xmas trade, which will save you from 15 to 35 per cent. It will pay you to come and inspect them.

If you have waited for your Overcoat till now why not see mine? They are Overcoats that sell elsewhere for \$10 and \$12; we sell them for \$5 and \$8. Those that others sell for \$15 we sell for \$7.50. Just think, the price OUT IN HALF.

We also bought a complete line of Children's Raglan Cloaks and Reefers. While they last you will get one for your little daughter at your own price.

Our Dress Goods are still looking fresh and new things are still coming in with the latest of Trimmings.

Our line of Remnant Ribbons is full for the Xmas shopper—some lovely colors. They are at the usual LOW PRICES.

Don't fail to see our line of

Christmas Goods.

They are just the right things you are looking for and prices positively lower than anywhere else, as we ask no fancy profits. This is a fact and facts are all that we care to advertise.

Our line of Boys' Clothing is full and other things too numerous to mention.

We carry a full line of the Kato Corsets. No doubt you ladies have heard of it. It gives perfect fit and grace to the wearer.

D. HIRSCHMANN,

Next Door to Postoffice.

FRENCH THRIFT.

Examples Found in the Parks and Open Squares of Paris.

There is no better place to study French frugality than in the parks and open squares of Paris. Go to one of the secondhand fairs held on the outer boulevards. What in other countries would be cast aside as useless is here exposed for sale, having been carefully sorted over by ragpickers, whose sole support is the rubbish which you see—broken china, bits of glass, pieces of stone, old nails, old pots and pans, old shoes, old combs and brushes. Does a woman need a cup? Has she broken a saucer? For 2 cents she can replace them. Is her lock broken, her key lost? Behold a thousand from which to choose. The poor students may find their books, mothers their children's shoes, says Donohoe's Magazine.

Each house in Paris is provided by the city with a large box. Into this the servants throw all that is not needed by the family, whether of food or raw material. Every morning the chiffonniers or ragpickers are privileged to search through these boxes before the contents are carted by the city to distant fields, where the refuse is employed in fertilizing the soil. From the homes of the wealthy the poor receive many articles of real value. Fifty thousand ragpickers, say the statistics, realize \$10,000 daily from their pickings.

English of Long Ago.

The King's English has changed as kings have come and gone, says the St. James Gazette. Here is a passage from the record of a crowning of long ago: "The Cardinal, as Archbishop of Canterbury, showing the king to the people at the high altar of the said pulpit, shall say in this wise, 'Sirs, I here present Henry (true) and rightful, and undoubted inheritor by the laws of God and man to the coronure and roiall dignite of England, with all things thereunto annexed and apperteyning, elect, chosen and required by all three estates of the same land to all three hies the said coronure and roiall dignite, whereupon ye shall understand that this land is prefigured and appointed by all the piers of this land for the consecration, coronation and coronation of the said most excellent Prince Henry; will ye, sirs, at this time give your willes and assentes to the same consecration, coronation and coronation? Whereupon the people shall sit, with a grete voice, 'Ye, Ye. So be hit. King Henry! King Henry!'"

Chinese Duplicit.

A south sea islander said of his race, "As soon as we open our mouths a lie is born." The Chinese acknowledge without shame the same of themselves. It may be true among western nations that "the affairs of life hinge upon confidence," but in the east, and especially in China, they hinge upon suspicion. There are few Chinese who attach any importance to keeping an engagement. Most of them are like the man who, being accused of having broken his promise, replied that it was of no consequence, as he could make another just as good. The Chinese say that one should never refuse a request in an abrupt manner; on the contrary, he should grant it in form, although with no intention to do so in substance. "Put him off till tomorrow and then until another tomorrow. Thus you comfort his heart," they say.

Soon Tired of His Books.

The 7,000 volumes of chronicles and travels from which Gibbon distilled the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" were purchased by Beckford after the writer's death. "I bought it," said the author of "Vathek," "to have something to read when I passed through Lausanne." There were few rarities in the collection, but most of the authors were in the best obtainable editions and in perfect condition—the fastidious Gibbon was incapable of behaving disrespectfully to a book. For six weeks Beckford revelled in his purchase and read himself nearly blind. He soon tired of his books, however, and presented the whole collection to a German physician named Schell. The recipient showed his appreciation of the treasure by promptly selling it.

Right and Left Cigars.

It is not always because a cigar is badly made that the wrapper curls up and works off, says the Tobacco Worker. It is often because a right handed man is smoking a left handed cigar. A "left handed cigar" is one rolled by the maker's left hand, for all cigar makers must be ambidextrous. A piece of tobacco for the wrapper is cut on the bias and is rolled from left to right on the filler. The other piece for reasons rolled the opposite way by the operator's other hand. Hence a smoker who holds a cigar in his right hand, sometimes twisting it about, rubs the wrapper the wrong way and loosens it.

A Youthful Estimate.

"Now," said the Sunday school teacher in her most winning tones, "which little boy can tell me about the still small voice that is within us?" "Please me," said the freckled boy at the end of the seat, "my uncle has one."

Definite Direction.

A waiter who had been an old man watched as long as he could bear; it while his master tried to draw the stuffing through the side of a bird. "Farther aft, sir," he ventured in an embarrassing whisper; "farther aft!"

Success in the practical affairs of life depends upon temperance more than upon talent, for decision, courage, industry and perseverance are temperamental.

THAT KIND OF

Frames

To be used is very much a matter of taste. It is important, though, that the frames set properly on the nose and at the right distance from the eyes that the lenses be perfectly centered, and how are you to know when one is guessing?

WE... NEVER GUESS.

"Glasses Right, Good Sight."

E. A. Bultman,

JEWELER AND OPTICIAN.

Dr. Z. F. Highsmith, Optician.

in charge of Optical Department.

17 S. Main St., Sumter, S. C.

PHONE 194.

HISTORIC STAGECOACH.

Preserved in the Postal Museum at the National Capital.

One of the most interesting relics of obsolete postal service to be seen at the museum in Washington, says the Washington Post, is an old time Rocky Mount combination passenger and mail coach, built in 1878. This was among the first of its kind to carry the mails in Montana, the route of this particular coach being from Helena to Bozeman, the trip consuming a week. The residents along the same section now receive four mails daily. The coach was donated to the museum by S. S. Huntley, general manager of the Yellowstone Park Transportation company. It was captured by Indians in 1877 and recaptured after a hot pursuit by General Howard. Many distinguished persons have traveled in it, among them being General Garfield, before he was president; President Arthur, on a visit to Montana in 1883, and General Sherman, on a tour of inspection in 1877. The latter was a passenger when the coach made the distance from Fort Ellis to Helena, 103 miles, in eight hours, six horses being the team, with frequent relays.

This antiquated affair on wheels is the simon pure, typical stagecoach of the Redoubt diene novel. The James brothers and the Fords may have enriched themselves by looting this identical relic of the west. There are a front and rear boot, the former, under the driver's seat, being the repository of Uncle Sam's mail bags, the rear boot serving to carry baggage. Heavy leather springs and iron tires to the wheels half an inch thick enabled the vehicle to withstand the rough usage to which it was subjected. With a capacity inside for nine people, others riding on top and beside the driver, with slots in the sides of the coach through which rifles could be aimed, it seemed evident that a knight of the road had to be of reckless mold to tackle one of these once a week "expresses."

POULTRY POINTERS.

Never give poultry water in the morning before feeding.

All the stimulants breeding fowls need is wholesome food and drink in proper quantities.

To fatten the cockerels rapidly, confine them in close quarters and feed cornmeal soaked in milk.

Short legged fowls fatten quickly. Long legs are hard to fatten. Those first hatched fatten quickest in a brood.

Fowls seldom tire of milk. They may eat too much grain or meat, but milk in any form is palatable and healthy.

The roosting poles should be on a level with each other. This will prevent the fowls all trying to roost on the top perch.

A fowl or animal in which an excellence is constitutional is apt to transmit all this excellence in all the developed power and beauty to its progeny.

In selecting for breeding the pullet should be at least a year younger than the cock. This will conduce to her strength and good health of the offspring.

A PERSIAN PARABLE.

The Side of the World the Pessimist Had Not Seen.

There was a certain man who thought the world was growing worse. He was always hanging back to the "good old times" and was sure that the human race was degenerating. Men, he said, were all trying to cheat one another, and the strong were crushing the weak. One day when he was airing his pessimistic views the calif said to him: "I charge you hereafter to look carefully about you, and whenever you see any man do a worthy deed go to him and give him praise or write to him about it. Whenever you meet a man whom you regard as worthy to have lived in the 'good old days' tell him of your esteem and of the pleasure you have had in finding one so exalted, and I desire that you write out an account of these good deeds for me that I may share your joy in knowing of it."

So the man was dismissed. But before many days he returned and prostrated himself before the calif. When ordered to explain his presence, he said: "Have pity on this servant, and release him from the necessity of complimenting men upon their worthy deeds, oh my master. And, oh, son of Mohammed, I pray thee absolve thy servant from the duty of reporting to thee all the good that is going on in the world."

"And why, oh, slave, dost thou come to me with this prayer?" the calif asked.

"Since I have been looking for what is good," the man replied, "I have had no time to do aught but compliment men for their splendid works. So much that I am now hope to be able to tell thee half of it. My tasks lie neglected because I have no time."

"Go back to thy work," said the calif. "I perceive that thou hast learned."

The Ruin of Restaurants.

A young man who dines quite frequently in a French restaurant, whose reputation is based on the unvarying excellence of the dishes served, sent for the chef the other night to compliment him on a poulet en sauto. "I like you," said the chef, "because you never bring any women in this place. They ruin a cook and a restaurant. A gentleman who comes in alone for his dinner regards the dishes and pays his whole attention to the food he is eating. But when he is with a woman! Bah! He laughs, he talks, he regards only his companion, his attention is distracted, the cook and his work are forgotten. I do not try for them. The boys who are learning prepare their dinners. It is not popularity that ruins a restaurant. It is the women and music."—New York Post.

He Wasn't One of the Two.

Uncle George—You are always complaining about your wife's bad temper, but you know it takes two to make a quarrel.

Harry—In this case the two are my wife and my wife's mother.—Boston Transcript.

Merely a Question of Judgment.

"What is it that leads a woman who has married unhappily and got a divorce to marry again?"

"Curiosity!"

"Curiosity?"

"Certainly. She's curious to learn if her judgment of men has improved."—Chicago Post.

The Worried Housewife.

Husband—What have you been looking so blue about all day, my dear?

Wife—I'm afraid our hired girl won't approve of our new washerwoman.—Boston Post.

The Printer's Devil.

The familiar term "printer's devil," as applied to the boy of all work about a printing office, is said by the Fourth Estate to have originated with Aldus Manutius. He employed a small negro boy, who became known as the "Little Black Devil." Printing was then a mystery, and a superstition spread that Aldus was invoking the black art and that the negro boy was the embodiment of Satan. To correct this opinion Aldus publicly exhibited the black boy and declared: "Be it known to Venice that I, Aldus Manutius, printer to the holy church and to the doge, have this day made public exposure of the printer's devil. All that we think he is flesh and blood may come and pinch him."

Willing to Compromise.

A story of the Colombian idea of taxation is told by a traveler who recently visited that South American country.

"Some American friends of mine," said the traveler, "were visited by the city officials of Colon.

"Senior," said the leader of the delegation, "we have come to collect \$12 in gold from you, your share of the cost of collecting the garbage from this year."

"But, my dear sir," said the American in surprise, "you have not collected the garbage once during the whole year."

"That's true," said the collector, scratching his head. "Well, let's make it \$8, then."

Matthew Arnold's Rudeness.

"Do you take sugar and cream?" a hostess asked Matthew Arnold from behind the breakfast urn.

"Neither," he replied. "I only take cream when the coffee is nasty."

"The feelings of the hostess may be imagined after this statement to have her guest taste the beverage and direct the waitress to bring him sugar and cream."

Quite Consistent.

Miss Malinchaitz—I suppose you've heard of my engagement to Mr. Jenks? Miss Ascott—Yes, and I confess I was surprised. You told me once that you wouldn't marry him for a million dollars.

Miss Malinchaitz—I know, dear, but I discovered later that he had two millions.—Philadelphia Press.

A String to It.

Bridget and Norah Murphy, fresh from Ellis Island, had set out to make their "return calls" on their cousins, the McGooligans, at service in an aristocratic part of the city. Upon arriving at the house, instead of being confronted by the usual bell knob, nothing but a stony, mean apology of a knob in the shape of a little black button met them. Bridget got hold of the button and gave it a pull, but her fingers slipped before there was any audible ring from within. Again and again she tried with the same result, until she turned the job over to "Norah." Then the latter yanked and twisted without success, until both stood on the landing gazing helplessly at each other. Then light came unto Bridget.

"I'll tell you what it is," she said. "They're playin' th' joke on us fur greenhorns an' th' devils are within holdin' th' shirring!"—New York Tribune.

Anger.

It is said that anger is one of the most harmful emotions, in fact that very few are aware how frightfully dangerous it is to the average person. There is on record this saying of a great doctor: "He is a man very rich indeed in physical power who can afford to be angry."

A Judicial Gem.

"A husband is not guilty of desertion when his wife rents his room to a boarder and crowds him out of the house." This is no joke, but a piece of solemn judicial wisdom. It is found in 153 Penn. St. 450.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of

Dr. J. C. Williams

AMERICAN SOCIETY.

Its Basis, Whether We Deplore or Not.

"Learn to be a man," says Ainslee's "has been definitely established upon a monetary basis. We may deplore the fact, or we may ignore it, but it is a fact, and it is very much the wisest thing to admit it with dispassionate frankness. For if we assume our social standards and conditions to be different from what they really are, how are we going to study them and understand them and get at their philosophy? From the point of view of a scientific observer, the classification of everybody and everything according to a financial principle of division, is a good thing, for it greatly simplifies the whole subject.

"Formerly there was no classification of any kind. American life was a chaos, socially, full of all sorts of anomalies and incongruities. Every section of the country had its own standard of distinction, and this standard was recognized and respected nowhere else. Thus in New England literary, scholarly or theological emulations were held to confer a certain cachet upon those who had obtained it. In the microcosm of which Philadelphia counted most of all. This was also true to some extent of the south, yet there, as in the west, political prominence carried with it social leadership. New York—always more or less impossible to formulate—was a place where there existed social wheels within wheels and social planes that never touched; though, on the whole, perhaps the combination of ancestry and money meant in those days what money alone means at the present time."

Sound Advice.

Young men, you are the architects of your own fortune. Rely on your own strength of body and soul. Take for your guiding star self reliance. Subscribe on your banner, "Luck is a fool; Pluck is a hero." Don't take too much advice; keep at your helm and steer your own ship, and remember that the great art of commanding is to take a fair share of the work. Think well of yourself, strike out, assume your own position. Pull potatoes in a cart over a rough road, and the small ones go to the bottom. Rise above the envious and jealous, rise above the mark you intend to hit. Energy, invincible determination, with a right motive, are the levers that move the world. Don't drink; don't smoke; don't swear; don't deceive; don't marry until you can support a wife; be in earnest; be self reliant; be generous; be civil; read the papers; advertise your business; make money and do good with it; love your God and fellow men; love truth and virtue; love your country and obey its laws.—Exchange.

The Artist's Achievement.

Towne—I guess we'll have to take back all the sneering things we said about D'Auber.

Brown—Why?

Towne—He told me yesterday he had just completed a five thousand dollar painting for Mr. Riel S. Tate.

Brown—Yes, it was a large sign, "This Corner Lot, 90 by 150, For Sale, \$5,000."—Philadelphia Press.

The Widow's Wall.

"Well," said the lady who was endeavoring to give the widow consolation on the way home from the cemetery, "the worst is over now."

"I'm afraid not," answered the afflicted one. "The lawyer says there's a bad flaw in one of the insurance policies."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Soup.

Daintleigh (at the boarding house)—Beg pardon, Mrs. Skinner, but isn't this the same soup we had yesterday, warmed over?

Mrs. Skinner—No, sir. It is what was left over from yesterday.—Boston Transcript.

People who sell newspapers in the streets of Moscow are compelled to appear in uniform.

Those who have disagreeable news to tell you always find you in—Athenaeum Globe.

\$20,000.00 CASH CONTEST

OF THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION
UPON TOTAL PORT RECEIPTS OF COTTON
1st SEPT., 1902, TO 10th JAN., 1903.

CONTEST CLOSES DECEMBER 31st, 1902.

MAGNIFICENT TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR OFFER.

To the one Making the exact, or the nearest to the exact, estimate of the receipts of cotton AT ALL UNITED STATES PORTS from Sept. 1, 1902, to January 10, 1903..... \$5,000

To the next nearest estimate..... 2,000

To the second next nearest..... 1,000

To the five next nearest..... \$300 each..... 1,500

To the ten next nearest..... 200 each..... 2,000

To the fifteen next nearest..... 100 each..... 1,500

To the twenty next nearest..... 50 each..... 1,000

To the fifty next nearest..... 10 each..... 500

To the one hundred nearest..... 5 each..... 500

\$15,000

For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above 203 prizes) coming within 1,000 bales either way of the exact figures..... \$2,500

Should the exact figures have been given during the contest prior to Sept. 1st there was offered to the successful estimate, if made before then..... 2,500

Grand total..... \$20,000

Conditions of Sending Estimates in This Mammoth \$20,000 Contest.

- Send \$1.25 for WEEKLY CONSTITUTION and SUNNY SOUTH, both one year, and send two estimates in this contest—that is one estimate for the SUNNY SOUTH and another estimate for THE CONSTITUTION.
- Send \$1.00 for WEEKLY CONSTITUTION one year and with it one estimate in the contest.
- Send 50c for SUNNY SOUTH one year and with it one estimate in the contest if you don't want a subscription, or if you wish to make a number of estimates on this basis you may send THREE estimates for every ONE DOLLAR forwarded at the same time estimates are sent. If as many as TEN estimates are sent at the same time, without subscription, the sender may forward them with only THREE dollars—this special estimate so received. Where subscriptions are sent the amount of the paper itself is an acknowledgment of the estimate so received. Where subscriptions are sent the amount of the paper itself is an acknowledgment of the estimate so received.
- The money and the subscription and the estimate must come in the same envelope every time. The estimate, the money and the subscription must be postpaid.
- No estimate must be mailed later than December 31st, 1902.
- In case of a tie upon any prize estimate, the money will be equally divided.

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PUBLISHERS CONSTITUTION, Atlanta, Ga.

Enter THREE estimates for me, for \$1.00 enclosed, in your current contest as follows:

Upon Total Port Receipts
September 1, 1902,
to January 10, 1903.

Name.....
Postoffice.....
State.....

NOTE—If you wish only ONE estimate in the contest, send THREE DOLLARS and write your own figures plainly. If you wish to subscribe to THE WEEKLY CONSTITUTION or SUNNY SOUTH, or both, as above offered, make remittance indicated and send estimates FREE—one estimate for each early subscription, or two for the combination, changing this coupon accordingly and enclose with remittance.

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For \$2.25 Per Year.

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The Constitution and The Sunny South with THE MANNING TIMES for \$2.50 a Year.

This is a fine opportunity to get reading matter cheap.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Charleston, S. C., April 13, 1902

On and after this date the following passenger schedule will be in effect:

NORTHEASTERN RAILROAD.

South-Bound.

Lv Florence, 3:00 A. 7:55 P. 53.
Lv Kingstree, 3:56 9:07
Lv Laes, 4:11 9:27 7:32 P.
Ar Charleston, 5:40 11:15 9:10

North-Bound.

Lv Charleston, 6:45 A. 4:45 P. 7:00 A.
Lv Kingstree, 8:16 6:10 8:35
Lv Florence, 9:30 7:20

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

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