

NO DEFENSE

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"THE SEATS OF THE MIGHTY"
"THE RIGHT OF WAY"



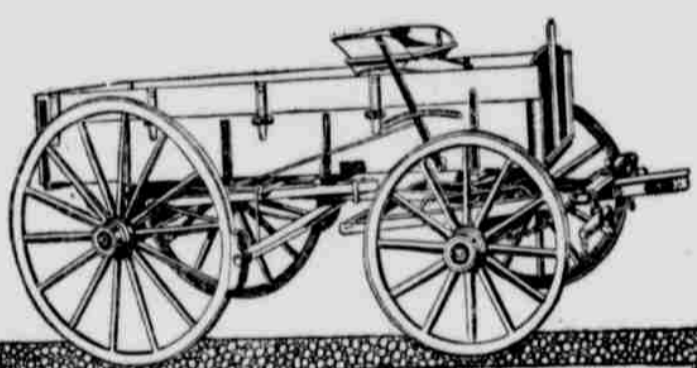
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ANYONE who has read the fascinating romances by Parker knows what it is to find him at his strongest, as in this tale.

The setting is Ireland, England, the Atlantic Ocean and the West Indies, with some connections which carry it to the shores of America, during the stirring days of the French Revolution.

The story has a dramatic sweep of action that is irresistible. The author with penetrating insight and great artistry, has contrasted the Irish and English temperaments; as a result, many deft and tragic-humorous touches enliven the tale.

In all respects a very unusual romance, we have selected it for serial reproduction in these columns. Regular readers are requested to watch for it and others should subscribe now in order not to miss the first installment.



WHAT FARMERS FOUND OUT ABOUT WAGONS

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They withstand in this section more use, abuse and strain in a year than most wagons do in a lifetime.

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Says Reports of Immorality Nar Churches Almost Reflects Discredit on Slums of Cities

By J. Z. Green, in the Marshville Home.

Editor Coffin, of the Raleigh Times, makes some pungent comment over what he regards an epidemic of "mashers" who infest the streets of Raleigh. After remarking that the "accosting of young girls on the streets of this city by thugs passing for men and equipped with automobile is becoming a community disgrace," Editor Coffin makes some practical suggestions as to a few methods which he thinks would be wholesome, declaring that "once the court establishes the offense of 'mashing' there should be no talk of fines—somebody else would have to pay the fines of the things, anyhow—and a little light exercise, like a nine or ten hour day with pick and shovel or hammer on the streets would be, if not good for them, fine business generally. Of course, the one best thing would be for some two-fisted man accustomed to the society of modest woman who select their own male company, to whale hell out of the masher." And in this suggestion the Stanly News-Herald finds itself in "most hearty" agreement, and Editor Huneyent says: "We can not imagine anything more abominable than the story of a tender young girl being lured into a car for a ride with a thing of this kind, many times a man whom she has never seen. We agree with Br.ther Coffin that the scoundrel who accosts a woman with whom he is not acquainted and insists upon her taking an automobile ride with him should beat rocks on the streets, or as the Raleigh Times says have hell whaled out of him by some two-fisted man. At the same time we should have more mothers who use a little old-fashioned common sense in controlling the coming in and going out of their daughters."

In Raleigh an association of ministers and church members is making an effort to effect an organization to assist officers in detecting and punishing lawlessness. A law and order league promoted by the churches may open the movement to criticism under the contention that it is assuming the prerogative of government, but if practical results can not be procured without mixing a little stern law-and-order discipline along with the exhortations and theological sermons the ends would justify the means. There is one possible difficulty that may come up to hinder after the law and order church league begins to function. It is highly probable that among the first that will be caught in the law-and-order league net will be some of the degenerate sons of the active members of the league. Then if the members of the league should refuse to yield to the temptation to discriminate by concealing and smuzzling the violation of the offending son of a member of the league and the case is carried to the courts the discriminating news reporter will give it out that the offender is a "prominent" young man or that he belongs to a "prominent family," and from that time hence it will be difficult to keep an indulgent daddy and his friends from using every method known to court rooms to keep the offending "prominent" young fellow from getting justice, and it will require only a few instances of this kind to bring the law-and-order church league into discredit—and that marks the end of the league. Ministers and church members, either individually or collectively, will never be able to become a creditable factor in suppressing crime and vice until

they, themselves, become willing for their own sons to suffer the penalties of their violations. A moral degenerate and criminal whether he belongs to a "prominent" family or not, is incapable of understanding a fine-spun theological sermon or fervent exhortation but he can readily understand the language of a chain gang sentence. A fine paid by his daddy only amounts to license to go ahead and repeat the offense.

"Whatsoever ye sow that shall ye also reap." In recent years, under high-pressure campaigns for enlarged membership, we have succeeded in swelling our church rolls until there is but little material left to work on. Different denominations have entered into vigorous competition with each other to see which could secure the most members, and we have made almost a clean sweep in Marshville community and the same is largely true of other communities. And we keep on "opening the doors of the church" for the few stray ones that may have escaped. In former years "doors of the church" were opened two ways, first to receive members and then occasionally they were also opened to turn out those who had come in without being converted. The most dangerous thing in the world to the progress of a christian civilization is to take men and women into the church before they are converted. It's an exceedingly rare thing that a sinner is ever converted after his name is written on the church rolls.

Within hearing distance of three churches, under organized conspiracy, by young men belonging to churches, criminally immoral violations have been pulled off within the last twelve months that would have almost reflected discredit to the slums of a large city, if there is any truth in current rumors. If they are not true they ought to be corrected and discredited. Seriously and candidly, if we don't teach our children that penalties for gross violations must inevitably come in this life and then see that they do come, we will not be able to impress them by telling them of the far-off penalties that are to come after death, even though we do it within the walls of expensive church edifices, provided with the finest pews. It's better to have one member of the family suffer a just penalty for a violation than to condone the crime and therefore promote and encourage a condition of vice and lawlessness that must inevitably destroy not only the churches, but which must ultimately destroy our civilization.

APPLE WOOD IS VALUABLE.
One Firm Alone Uses one Million Feet Of Lumber a year.
(Scientific American.)
It will seem incredible to the layman that apple wood has considerable value as lumber, that it is actually cut for such, and that one firm alone uses upward of 1,000,000 feet a year. The native wild apple in particular is a tree with sterling qualities of wood. The wood is tough, hard, strong, the tree itself grows to great age. The craftsman in wood finds apple wood one of the very best for special uses, one of which is tool handles. The tool handle market is the one farmer shipping apples cater to.

Apple lumber is sold by the cord. The usual specifications stipulate sound logs at least 12 inches through. Right here, the limited production of apple lumber is hinted at. Old apple trees very often have un-

Seboard Air Line Railway Announces EXCURSION To Wilmington, N. C.

DATE OF SALE SATURDAY, AUGUST 20. Tickets Good on Regular Trains 16 and 34 from Rutherfordton—14, 20 and 34 from Charlotte.

TICKETS GOOD RETURNING leaving Wilmington on all regular trains up to and including No. 13 leaving Wilmington at 3:50 p. m. Wednesday August 24.

TICKETS GOOD in either Pullman Sleeping or Parlor Cars, or Day Coaches.

From	Fare	Tax	Total
Rutherfordton, N. C.	\$8.00	64c	\$8.64
Forest City, N. C.	\$8.00	64c	\$8.64
Bostie, N. C.	\$8.00	64c	\$8.64
Ellenboro, N. C.	\$8.00	64c	\$8.64
Moorsboro, N. C.	\$8.00	64c	\$8.64
LaRimore, N. C.	\$8.00	64c	\$8.64
Shelby, N. C.	\$7.50	60c	\$8.10
Waco, N. C.	\$7.50	60c	\$8.10
Cherryville, N. C.	\$7.50	60c	\$8.10
Crouse, N. C.	\$7.50	59c	\$7.99
Lincolnton, N. C.	\$7.00	56c	\$7.56
Iron, N. C.	\$7.00	56c	\$7.56
Stanley Creek, N. C.	\$7.00	56c	\$7.56
Mt. Holly, N. C.	\$6.82	55c	\$7.37
Charlotte, N. C.	\$6.00	48c	\$6.48
Matthews, N. C.	\$6.00	48c	\$6.48
Monroe, N. C.	\$5.00	40c	\$5.40

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Division Passenger Agent,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sound trunks. Under the most favorable and exceptional conditions only a few logs can be obtained from a single tree.

The farmer consequently sells apple lumber in an incidental, occasional way. Market prices vary. One farmer has marketed apple lumber within the last year for forty dollars a cord, delivered to the mill.

The makers of tool handles, however, are not the only buyers of apple wood. In some ways, the other open market interests most farmers. The apple tree trunk fitted up into large trunk makes magnificent fireplace wood.

There is "life and last" in it, as the farm family puts it. There is a New Hampshire farm which for three years has shipped apple fireplace fuel for two Boston hotels. Sold for fuel, apple lumber brings less than for tool handles, but the qualifications are not nearly so hard to meet. Many an old trunk useless for the mill, is tiptop for the fireplace.

Contentment gives a crown where fortune has denied it.

As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every minute of time.

A Tide
There is a tide in the affairs of men, Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;

Omitted, all the voyages of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat; And we must take the current when it serves, Or lose our ventures.—Shakespeare.

Monroe Market.

Cotton — long staple	13 to 16
Cotton — good middling	12 1/2
Cotton — middling	11
Eggs — guinea	35
Eggs — hen	38 to 40
Spring chickens	40-60
Hens	50-75
Corn — market dull at	90
Butter	25 to 35
Hams	25-30

FIVE CENTS—Shoe shine, 5 cents. Pre-war price. — Joe Edwards' Shoe Shop in Union Drug Co. old stand.

HORSE-SHOEING—Bring your horses and mules to the Tyndal place. We shoe all fours for \$1.—P. P. Ross & Son.



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Seaboard Air Line R'y Announces Week-End Excursion Fares to Wilmington and Return, as follows

FROM	Fare	Tax	Total
RUTHERFORDTON, N. C.	\$8.00	.64	\$8.70
BOSTIC, N. C.	\$7.87	.63	\$8.50
SHELBY, N. C.	\$7.27	.58	\$7.85
LINCOLNTON, N. C.	\$6.92	.53	\$7.15
CHARLOTTE, N. C.	\$6.02	.48	\$6.50
MONROE, N. C.	\$5.00	.40	\$5.40

CHILDREN five years of age and under twelve will be charged one-half of the fares shown above, sufficient to be added when necessary to make fares end in "0" or "5."

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD EACH SATURDAY JUNE 11TH TO SEPTEMBER 3RD, INCLUSIVE.

TICKETS will be limited to reach original starting point prior to midnight of Monday following date of sale.

E. W. LONG,
Division Passenger Agent,
Charlotte, N. C.

W. L. McMORRIS,
General Passenger Agent,
Norfolk, Va.



CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH

August 14, 1921.
Sunday School, 10 a. m. W. F. Starnes, Supt.
Men's Bible Class, taught by W. B. Love.
Wesley Philathea Class, taught by Mrs. J. T. Shute.
Preaching by the Pastor at 11:00 a. m.
Morning Subject: "What is the Matter With the Church."
Preaching by the Pastor at 8:00 p. m.
Evening Service: "Counting the Cost."
The evening service has been changed from 8:15 to 8:00 o'clock.
Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.