

# The News in Herald.

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## THE VERDICT

—OF—

### THE PEOPLE.

## BUY THE BEST!

Mr. J. O. Boag—Dear Sir: I bought the first Davis Machine sold by you over five years ago for my wife, who has given it a long and fair trial. I am well pleased with it. It never gives any trouble, and is as good as when first bought.

Winnsboro, S. C., April, 1883.

J. W. BOAG.

Mr. Boag: You wish to know what I have to say in regard to the Davis Machine bought of you three years ago. I feel I can't say too much in its favor. I made about \$80.00 within five months, at times running it so fast that the needle would get perfectly hot from friction. I feel confident I could not have done the same work with as much ease and so well with any other machine. No time lost in adjusting attachments. The lightest running machine I have ever used. My mother-in-law and my wife's families are as much pleased with their Davis Machines bought of you. I want no better machine. As I said before, I don't think too much can be said for the Davis Machine.

Respectfully,  
Fairfield County, April, 1883.

ELLEN STENSON.

Mr. Boag: My machine gives me perfect satisfaction. I find no fault with it. The attachments are as simple. I wish for no better than the Davis Vertical Feed.

Respectfully,  
Fairfield County, April, 1883.

MRS. R. MILLING.

Mr. Boag: I bought a Davis Vertical Feed Sewing Machine from you four years ago. I am delighted with it. It never has given me any trouble. I have never been the least out of order. It is as good as when I first bought it. I can cheerfully recommend it.

Respectfully,  
Monticello, April 30, 1883.

MRS. M. J. KIRKLAND.

This is to certify that I have been using a Davis Vertical Feed Sewing Machine for over five years, purchased of Mr. J. O. Boag. I have never found it to be in any fault—all the attachments are as simple. I never have been the least out of order. It is as good as when I first bought it. I can cheerfully recommend it.

Respectfully,  
Oakland, Fairfield County, S. C.

MINNIE M. WILLINGHAM.

Mr. Boag: I am well pleased in every particular with the Davis Machine bought of you. I think it is a first-class machine in every respect. You know you sold several machines of the same make to different members of our family, all of whom, as far as I know, are well pleased with them.

Respectfully,  
Fairfield County, April, 1883.

MRS. M. H. MOWLEY.

This is to certify that we have had in constant use the Davis Machine bought of you about three years ago. As we take it work, and have made the price of it several times over, we don't want any other machine. It is as good as when I first bought it. I can cheerfully recommend it.

Respectfully,  
April 25, 1883.

CATHERINE WYLLIE AND SISTER.

I have no fault to find with my machine, and don't want any better. I have paid the price of it several times by taking it sewing. It is always ready to do the work as fast as I can. I can cheerfully recommend it.

Respectfully,  
Fairfield County, April, 1883.

MRS. THOMAS SMITH.

Mr. J. O. Boag—Dear Sir: It gives me much pleasure to testify to the merits of the Davis Vertical Feed Sewing Machine. The machine I got of you about five years ago has been almost a constant use ever since that time. I cannot see that it is worn any, and has not cost me one cent for repairs since we had it. As I said before, I am well pleased and don't wish for any better.

Respectfully,  
Granite Quarry, near Winnsboro, S. C.

MRS. THOMAS OWINGS.

We have had one of the Davis Machines about four years and have always found it ready to do all kinds of work as fast as we want. It is as good as when we first bought it. I can cheerfully recommend it.

Respectfully,  
Fairfield County, S. C., Jan. 31, 1883.

MRS. W. K. TUNNICLIFFE AND DAUGHTERS.

Having bought a Davis Vertical Feed Sewing Machine from Mr. J. O. Boag some three years ago, and it having given me the greatest satisfaction in every respect as a family machine, both for me and my wife, and never needed the least repair in any way, I can say with confidence that it is as good as a first-class machine in every particular. I can cheerfully recommend it.

Respectfully,  
Winnsboro, Fairfield County, S. C.

MRS. THOMAS OWINGS.

We have had one of the Davis Machines about four years and have always found it ready to do all kinds of work as fast as we want. It is as good as when we first bought it. I can cheerfully recommend it.

Respectfully,  
Jackson's Creek, Fairfield County, S. C.

MRS. W. K. CHAWFORD.

My wife is highly pleased with the Davis Machine bought of you. She would not give it up for any other. The machine has been in constant use, and she has had it, and she can do any kind of work on it.

Respectfully,  
Monticello, Fairfield County, S. C.

F. FRER.

The Davis Sewing Machine is simply a treasure. I have never regretted buying it. As I said before, I am well pleased and don't wish for any better.

Respectfully,  
Hidgeway, N. C., Jan. 10, 1883.

A. GOODWIN.

J. O. Boag, Esq., Agent—Dear Sir: My wife has been using a Davis Sewing Machine bought of you for the past four years, and it has never needed any repairs. She says it will do as well as any other machine she has ever used. I can cheerfully recommend it.

Respectfully,  
Winnsboro, S. C., Jan. 3, 1883.

J. A. C. DAVIS.

Mr. Boag: I have always found my Davis Machine ready to do all kinds of work I have had occasion to do. I cannot see that the machine is worn a particle and it works as well as when new.

Respectfully,  
Winnsboro, S. C., April, 1883.

MRS. R. C. GOODSON.

Mr. Boag: My wife has been constantly using the Davis Machine bought of you about five years ago. I have never regretted buying it. As I said before, I am well pleased and don't wish for any better.

Respectfully,  
Fairfield, S. C., March, 1883.

A. W. LADD.

## SCATTER SEEDS OF KINDNESS.

There was never a golden sunbeam That fell on a desolate place, But left some trace of its presence That time could never efface. Not a song of ineffable sweetness That ravished the listening ear, Then stumbled in silence forgotten For many and many a year—

But a word or a tone might awaken Its magical power anew, Long after the sweet-voiced singer Had faded from earthly view. Not a heart that was ever so weary, Or tainted with sin and despair, But a word of tender compassion Might find an abiding-place there.

Yet countless thousands are yearning For sympathy, kindness and love, And souls are groping in darkness Without one gleam from above. There was never a sunbeam wasted, Nor a song that was sung in vain, And souls that seem lost in the shadows A Saviour's love may reclaim.

Then scatter the sunbeams of kindness, Though your deeds may never be known, The harvest will ripen in glory. If the seed be faithfully sown, And life will close with a blessing, And fade into endless day, But the golden seed of the sunbeam That sows in the twilight gray.

## MIS YOUNG WIFE.

"Well, Aunt Antonia, what do you think of her?"

Mr. Wayland had just come home from business, and met his aunt in the snug little drawing-room, where the red plush curtains hung in such vivid folds, and the fire glowed in the twilight of the evening.

Somehow in the room there was a palpable tinge in full blossom. You could smell its subtle sweetness, even though you could not detect its whereabouts by means of the eye; and a bright-plumed bird whistled softly in the half-light, as if it were soliloquizing to itself.

Rufus Wayland had not seen the old aunt who had brought him up for a year—a year which, to him, had been full of eventful interest, for within its brief cycle of months he had wooed and won the wife who was to him the sweetest creature in the world.

And now, that Aunt Antonia had returned from the South, he had looked forward to her visit with a sense of happy expectation.

"She will take a mother's place to my motherless son," he thought; "and she cannot help admiring the dear little thing."

And so he had hurried home from his business upon this particular evening, to feast his ears on Aunt Antonia's tribute of delight and homage to Zoe's charms.

Aunt Antonia was a tall, rather stiff, elderly lady in black silk with compact little bunches of gray curls on either side of her face, good spectacles, and a mouth which seemed to screw itself together, instead of closing like other people's lips.

She addressed herself to be kissed affectionately by her nephew, and then straightened out her cap-ribbons with a sigh.

"Think, Rufus," said she, sepulchrally, "that you have married a child!"

"Well, she is young," admitted the husband, laughing. "But she is such a darling!"

"She can't be twenty," said Aunt Antonia.

"Just eighteen," said Rufus.

"And so uninformed!" added the old lady, who had a way of heaving up deep sighs from the lower regions of her lungs, at the end of every sentence, which was, to say the least of it, depressing.

"You mean—"

"No system!" said Aunt Antonia.

"No definite aim in life! No logic!"

"But," pleaded Rufus Wayland, "what does she want of system, and logic, and all that sort of thing?"

"Sitting on the rug reading fairy-tales," said Aunt Antonia, "like a baby!"

And then confessing out and out, to me, without so much as a blush of shame, that she has never read Milton's Paradise Lost, and is quite ignorant of Shakespeare! Any ten-year-old child ought to be ashamed to own such flagrant ignorance! And when I asked her about the aid societies and charitable club in the neighborhood, she couldn't give me a single item of information, but kissed me, and wanted me to eat chocolate-creams out of a pink-satin box!

Mr. Wayland laughed.

"That is just like Zoe," he said.

And the next instant, Zoe herself came into the room—a beautiful young creature, with golden hair, bound carelessly with blue ribbons, (in a way which Aunt Antonia secretly pronounced "crazy fashion"), and a pink silk dress and the prettiest of high-heeled French slippers.

"Tea is ready, Rufus," she said; and we made a real Maryland syllabub.

Could there be anything prettier or more lovable—the young husband asked himself—than this gold-tressed fairy who flitted about the room, seeming to create a sweet home atmosphere wherever she went—this dimpled little plaything who knelt on the rug, playing with the cat, and never attempted to follow the Aunt Antonia's conversation, while Aunt Antonia and her nephew discussed the Concord School of Philosophy and criticised the last volume of essays and the latest poem?

"Because, you know, I'm not literary," confessed Zoe, as she drew a rose-colored shawl over her shoulders, and the antics of pussy, and laughed a peal of sweet, girlish laughter, when the rose-bud was captured at last.

But Mr. Wayland was a little graver than usual that evening, after Aunt Antonia and her candle had disappeared, with a majesty not unworthy of Lady Macbeth, into her own compartment, which Zoe had filled with flowers, old china, Turkey rugs, and all manner of prettiness. Was Zoe really frivolous? or was it that Aunt Antonia's higher plane of life dwarfed her narrow circle of existence?

Zoe," said he, "you must have a great deal of that?"

"Oh, plenty!" said the bride, innocently.

"Don't you think you could go through

a course of reading, which my aunt will mark out for you? Every lady reads nowadays."

"But I read, too," said Zoe, with wide open blue eyes.

"Solid literature, I mean," corrected her husband. "The English classics—all that sort of thing."

Zoe dropped her head.

"I suppose so," said she, slowly.

"Of course, I know that you are a dear little housekeeper," went on Rufus; "but my aunt reminds me that we ought not to confine our sympathies within the narrow range of our own daily existence."

"I don't understand," said Zoe, faintly.

"Aunt Antonia will explain," said Rufus. "There are always clubs to join, mutual improvement societies to organize, charitable associations to form. And when you have once tasted the information of these improving occupations—"

"Oh, yes, I know!" said Zoe. "And I will try my best to do as you wish, Rufus."

But there was the shadow of a grimace on that infantine face, a pensive information of the voice, which Rufus Wayland had never heard before.

Aunt Antonia went to the book store, and ordered home huge editions of the classics. She began a daily course of reading with her nephew's wife; she initiated her into the mysteries of the clubs, societies, symposiums, until the day became all too short for her engagements.

"Your wife is improving," she said, to Rufus. "I really think she is awakening to a sense of the responsibility of a woman in the nineteenth century at last."

And Rufus kissed the peach-like, dimpled cheek, and congratulated Zoe on her mental advance.

But somehow the home was not so sweet and cozy. An impalpable something was missing—the influence which had followed Zoe's light footsteps all through the rooms, the glass of flowers, the sheets of music on the piano, the sheet music on the piano, the delicate dish prepared by Zoe's own fingers, the whipped cream, the luscious jelly, the carefully cut-up fruits—all the pretty, quiet devices which had descended to this young housekeeper through a long line of Mayland ancestors.

They had been very pleasant. Rufus Wayland had enjoyed them as we enjoy the sweet air and sunshine, without pausing to think whence they came; and he missed them now.

"That is all of a sudden, the delicate little flower dropped, as it were, like drooping after a sharp September frost."

"I am not sick," said Zoe; "oh, no! But I feel as if there wasn't any more strength left in me. I think I won't get up to-day; I'll lie in bed and rest."

"No, no! I'll send for a doctor! I don't need medicine. I only need rest."

Aunt Antonia stared. Herself strong as an iron machine, it had never occurred to her that all natures were not cast in the same enduring mould. But the old family doctor looked grave, and shook his gray head.

"The results may be serious," he said; "her books don't do much as speak to her about classics or societies."

And Aunt Antonia had never, in the course of her whole life, felt such a pang as when the doctor whispered his impression that little Zoe must, probably, drift away from them to a dark, unknown world, as the autumn creep on.

"But there is nothing the matter with her!" pleaded she, with a mist gathering over the oval of her glasses.

"That is precisely the sort of case that we physicians find most difficult to deal with," said Doctor Dean.

And one day Zoe put her soft, transparent little hand out upon that of her husband.

"I am not asleep," said she. "Don't keep me so quiet. But sometimes my speech and mind seem to float away from me, and so I had perhaps better tell you now how sorry I am that I have been such a disappointment to you."

"A disappointment! Zoe, my treasure!" cried out Rufus.

"Yes, yes, you could have been a nice lady, like Aunt Antonia," whispered Zoe; "it wasn't in me. They were killing me—those dreadful clubs, and the long long pages of blank verse, and the tiresome plays of Shakespeare, which I never understood. Tell her it was very kind of her to try and remodel me for your sake, dear; but I never could have been done. But I loved you, darling—oh, so well! If I had been Sir Isaac Newton himself, I couldn't have loved you any better. Always remember that, won't you; dear? And now I'll try to sleep a little."

Aunt Antonia looked blankly at her nephew, as the soft lips drooped over the big, blue eyes.

"We have made a mistake! she whispered.

"Yes," said Rufus Wayland, hoarsely, "we have made a mistake; and if it has lost me my little Zoe, I shall never forgive myself!"

And Aunt Antonia felt like a criminal.

But Zoe did not die. With tender nursing and constant care, she recovered; and when she was well enough to travel, Rufus Wayland took her to the bright Azores.

"Hail, Milton and Shakespeare!" said he. "Confusion seize all these Mental Improvement Associations and Intellectual Saturnalias! Put 'em all together, I don't value them half as much as one golden hair of Zoe's dear little head. You can't make a stately bird out of a humming-bird, and I love my dear little wife just as she is, for what she is!"

"You're quite sure you wouldn't have me any different?" said Zoe, artlessly.

"My dear," said the young husband, "if you were like Aunt Antonia—who, thank fortune, has gone up to the Socializing Society somewhere up to the North Pole—I should commit suicide."

And Zoe laughed the old, sweet laugh, and was happy once again.

Grief hallows hearts, even while it ages heads.

## The Source of Mathematics.

Algebra is an Arabic word, denoting the science of combining the separated. The Moslems in Cairo zealously cultivated it, and after they came to know of the Greeks they became great mathematicians on the basis of the writings of Claudius Ptolemy, and also great astronomers and geographers. In this province, too, they owe to the ancient Egyptians more than has hitherto been acknowledged. It is by no means accidental that the greatest mathematicians of Hellenic antiquity were styled pupils of the Egyptians, or that it was said of them that they had lived on the Nile. Thales (600 B. C.) is reported to have measured the height of the pyramids by their shadow. Pythagoras lived long in Egypt, and studied, particularly at Heliopolis. He is said to have been master of the Egyptian language, and Onuphis and Sonchis are mentioned as his principal teachers. In the same city of scholars was trained, under Nektanebos I., Endemos of Kudos, (357), who discovered among other things, that a triangle whose sides were equal, is isosceles, and that the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides. He was already able to give with tolerable accuracy the distance in a straight line from Alexandria to Tyana. In all this there is nothing that is new to mathematicians, but few of them have any acquaintance with the source of the knowledge to which the Egyptians, who were already able to give with tolerable accuracy the distance in a straight line from Alexandria to Tyana. In all this there is nothing that is new to mathematicians, but few of them have any acquaintance with the source of the knowledge to which the Egyptians, who were already able to give with tolerable accuracy the distance in a straight line from Alexandria to Tyana. 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