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Up Fool Hill.

BY PRESIDENT J. B. GAMBRELL.

Fool hill lies just where the undulating lowlands of boyhood rise sharply up to the highlands of manhood. It is climbed only by big boys, and the big boy is an institution in this world. He is, indeed, a series of personalities in one extraordinary combination. The only certain thing about him is his uncertainty. Like a spit-devil he is loaded and will go off with a spark, but just which way he will go is an unknown and an unknowable thing. But the chances are that he will go zigzag, and which ever way he goes, you can trace him by the sparks.

When you notice the boy feeling of his upper lip, and a suspicion of something slightly darker than the skin appears, you may begin then to look sharp. The boy has come to the foot of fool hill, and he will begin very soon to climb. The great problem is to get him over the hill in good repair. That done, you have blessed the world with a man. Big boys are nearly certain to have the big head. This is no bad sign. It is an unawakened sense of power, without the wisdom of discipline. The boy entering the fool age is a problem. His voice is now fine and clear, now coarse and grating. He utters a sentence coarse and inept, or fine and ends coarse. He ranks and sets digging to the world. All his judgments are unwise and final. There is no second chance. He cannot decide instantly. He is instantly and by intuition the greatest lawyer in the country, if he is a reading boy. He is an authority on all subjects, cards or anything else that is nothing about. And when he pronounces on anything, he has spoken. The governor is "Dick" somebody, and the supreme judge is "Tom." And, by the way, he often differs with these and other dignitaries. He sings in unearthy strains, with tendencies to the pathetic and savage all in the same breath.

With the big boy there is nothing medium. He uses adjectives freely and always in the superlative. He sees things in strong colors, for he is in the flood of passion. Fight! Yes, fight anything and on the shortest notice. He ought to fight to prove himself, so he feels. About this time his mind undergoes some radical changes. He wonders at the dullness and contrariness of his parents. It is a constant worry to him that he can't manage his father without a word of trouble, and he wonders what is the matter with the "old man" anyhow. Churches and Sunday schools are too dull for him, and the preacher is just nowhere. He can give him any number of pointers on theology and preaching.

Rushing on into everything like mad, he stops short and bewails the coldness of this unfriendly world. Now he has more "dear friends" than he can shake a stick at; now he feels that he has not a friend in the world. He wants sympathy while he tries the patience of everybody who has any thing to do with him. Such is the boy in the fool age. The great question is what to do with him. He is climbing "fool hill" and the road is bad. Father, mother and friends are all anxious and often vexed. Homes are deprived of all their peace by this great double-action mar-plot. But the question will not down. What shall we do with him? If he is turned loose now he will be like a wild engine on the track, smashing things. If he is not handled wisely there will be a catastrophe. The ever recurring question is, what shall be done with the big boy climbing fool hill? The impulse often is to let the fool go. But that will not do. He is now like a green apple—sour, puckerish and unwholesome. But like the apple, if we can save him, he will ripen into something good. We must save him. Saints and angels, help us to save this human ship in the storm, freighted with father's, mother's, sister's, and brother's love and with the infinite wealth of immortal nature! We must save him for himself, his loved ones and his country.

The chances for saving him will depend mainly on what has been done with him before he struck fool hill. If, from infancy, he has been taught to revere sacred things; if he has been taught subjection to authority; if his mind has been stored with Scripture texts, with noble poems and recollections of the pure, the sweet and the good, you have in him the saving elements. We must never forget that in the final analysis every person saves or loses himself, no matter what influences help or hinder. A well-taught boy may climb this dubious hill without a bobble, but if the new life gains the temporary lead the chances are that the enduring good elements will re-assert themselves and become paramount. Hence the transcendent importance of ballasting this ship betimes, before the storm sets in. Noble ambitions early planted and carefully nurtured are of great importance.

During this period of trial great wisdom and tact are needed. There must be a gradual lengthening of the ropes. If you tie this mustang up too tight he will break the rope and maybe break his neck. It often happens that more can be done by indirection than otherwise. Some good woman, other than the boy's mother, may be a savior to him.

He feels his great importance and you must recognize him. It is just here that the churches have failed and the saloons have succeeded. Show this embryonic governor that you recognize his parts and call on him for service. The harder the service the better he will like it. Get in with him. Make him feel that you count on him and do not be too shy to never initiate him only see things large and and sees them double and mixed, being now partly boy and partly man, and seeing with two sets of eyes.

You are fighting the devil for a soul and you can't afford to be impatient, or give way to anger when your fool boy takes an extra flounce. When he gets on a bad bent give him the fisherman does when there is a hundred pound tarpon on the other end of the line. In the quiet times pull on the line, but not too hard. And remember all the while that time and heaven are on your side. With age comes discretion. Once up fool hill and the road stretches away ever smoother and better toward the pearly gates.

Our big boy is among us. His folly breaks out in duds. He is an unturned cake but likely there is good substance in him. He is worth cooking. If you see him on the streets take him by the hand and say a good word to him. His mother will be glad of it. Look him up and ask him to your house. Reach after his heart for he has one. Two worlds are interested in that young fool, and underneath his folly there lies sleeping, maybe, a great preacher, teacher, or other dignitary of the commonwealth.

This article is affectionately dedicated to big head boys by one who loves them.

Mercer University, Macon, Ga.
—From the Texas Baptist Standard.

A Warm Subject.

It is popularly supposed that it is very hot in the sun, but very few people know how hot it really is. Sir Robert Ball, professor of astronomy and geometry at Cambridge, has an article in McClure's Magazine for December on "The Sun's Heat" that tells in a forcible way of the qualities of the orb which is the central factor of the universe.

How many even of well-informed people appreciate the size of the sun? This gives a strong conception of it. "The sun is so vast if it were a hollow ball, and if the earth were placed at the center of that ball, the moon could revolve in the orb which it now follows, and still be entirely enclosed within the sun's interior."

What a striking statement is this of the heat of the sun: "The heat and light daily lavished by that orb of incomparable splendor would suffice to warm and illuminate, quite as sufficiently as the earth is warmed and lighted, more than two thousand million globes each as large as the earth. Out of every \$20,000,000 worth of heat, issuing from the glorious orb of day we on this earth barely secure the value of a single cent." The suggestion by Sir Robert Ball that if all this expenditure is made solely for the benefit of the earth and its inhabitants, Nature is most wasteful in its operations. Every known fact, however, proves that, far from this being true, Nature conserves most jealously all its forces. The conclusion is that only an infinitesimal part of the sun's benefits are intended for the earth; that myriads of living creatures inhabiting myriads of worlds derive life, health and happiness from conditions made possible by the warm and genial rays of the sun.

It has been generally agreed by scientists, since Helmholtz's announced his theory that the sun is a gaseous body. To this is ascribed the permanency of its heat under such prodigious expenditures. A novel fact which has not been given large publicity is that the sun is shrinking at the rate of ten inches in width every day. It is this process of shrinkage that exhales the heat which plays so important a part in the affairs of our own and other planetary systems. This diminution can go on for incalculable ages without apparent reduction of the capacity of the sun to perform its present work. There must come a time, however, when even this small decrease will tell upon the forces of the sun. The Lord of the sun and of all planetary systems will provide against that day.—Gazette.

Snow as a Fertilizer.

Farmers have long understood and appreciated the fact that snow is a fertilizer, but just why this is so they have probably been unable to say. Science has demonstrated that snow in falling serves a double purpose. The soft damp flakes cleanse the atmosphere of a very large amount of impurities, carrying them to the earth. The amount of solid matter carried down in an ordinary snow storm and the cleanliness of the atmosphere afterwards are best appreciated by chemical analysis of the snow melted into water and examined. Small particles of soot, free ammonia and solid matter are all taken from the atmosphere and precipitated upon the earth. The air in cities after a snowstorm shows in striking contrast with that under ordinary circumstances. After a wet snow in a manufacturing city the air was almost as pure as in the country, the soft particles having literally scraped out of the air the soot that was therein in suspension. Some of these days when we have grown more scientific than at present, we may be able to make artificial snow storms to cleanse the atmosphere. This certainly would be a great triumph, and one which the dwellers in smoke-laden cities would value very highly.—New York Ledger.

A thoughtful writer says: We have only to compare the desirability of any home planted with a profusion of shade, ornamental and fruit trees, shrubs, vines, and plants with the same or similar grounds (as for instance a new home) devoid of these to realize and appreciate their value and beauty. The one attracts with an irresistible charm the other a costly house never can make up for a lack of trees. One that is inexpensive but neat, with handsome garden surroundings, shows to far better advantage than a home costing double the money, but without the presence of trees and flowers.

Were parents to provide trees, shrubs and flowers freely about the house, and encourage the children to love, study and care for them they would be bestowing the source of contentment and of the highest-purest and most constant enjoyment.

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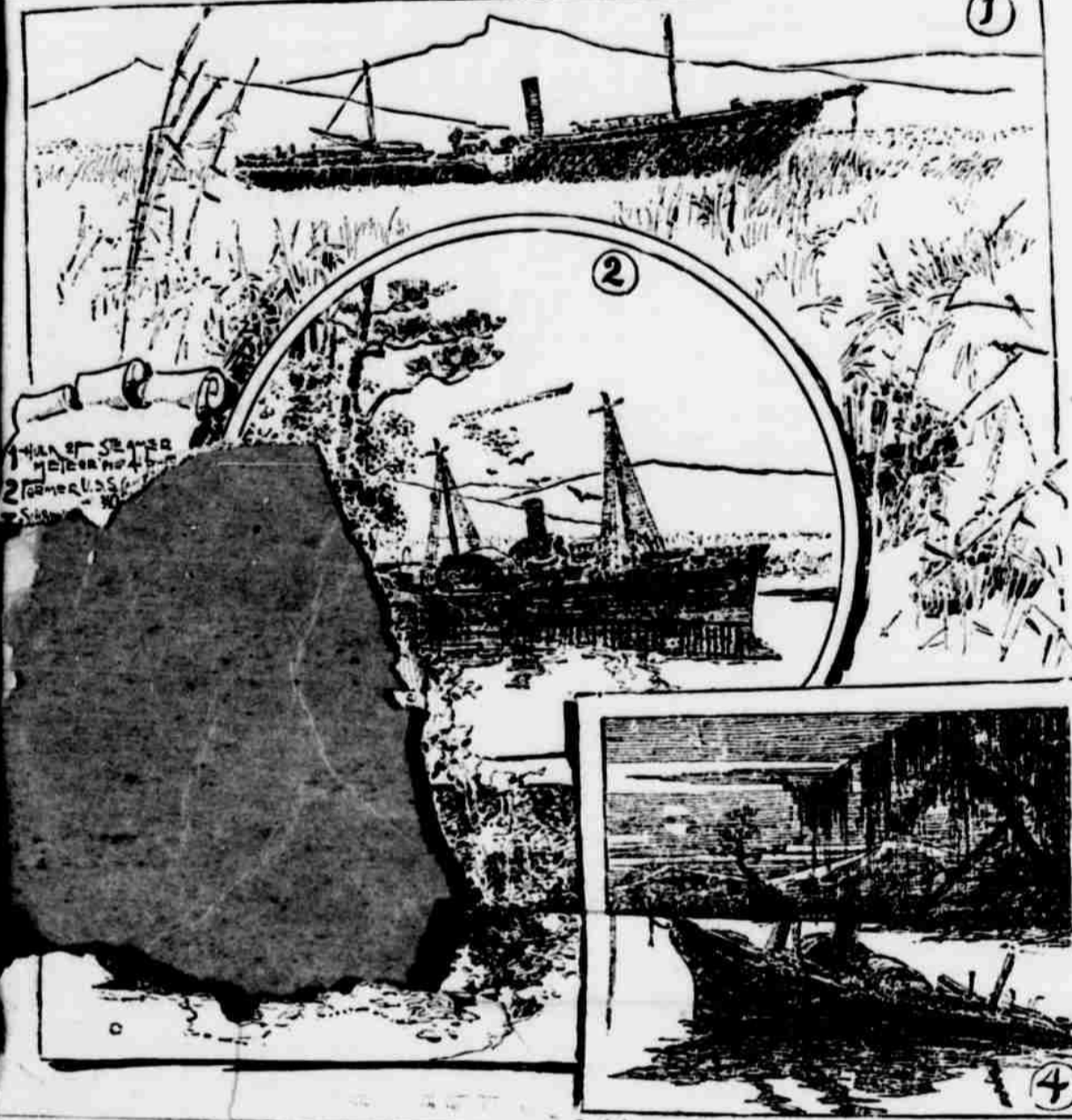
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CRUIZERS. OF THE CONFED. GUNBOATS.

Indies Marked with the Old Built Privateers—Some Old Wood Bonners—A Group Picture of Weeks.

Wandering about certain of the land-locked bays and harbors of the West Indies, the wonder of the traveler is often excited at the appearance of an occasional stranded hulk, lying with its bows among the shrubbery of the swamps, unclaimed and overgrown.



Occasionally, though, there is a trace of history to be gleaned from some old negro who remembers the time, thirty years back, when the steamer was run up close under the lee of the mangoes and another ship lay off for weeks as if awaiting her prey.

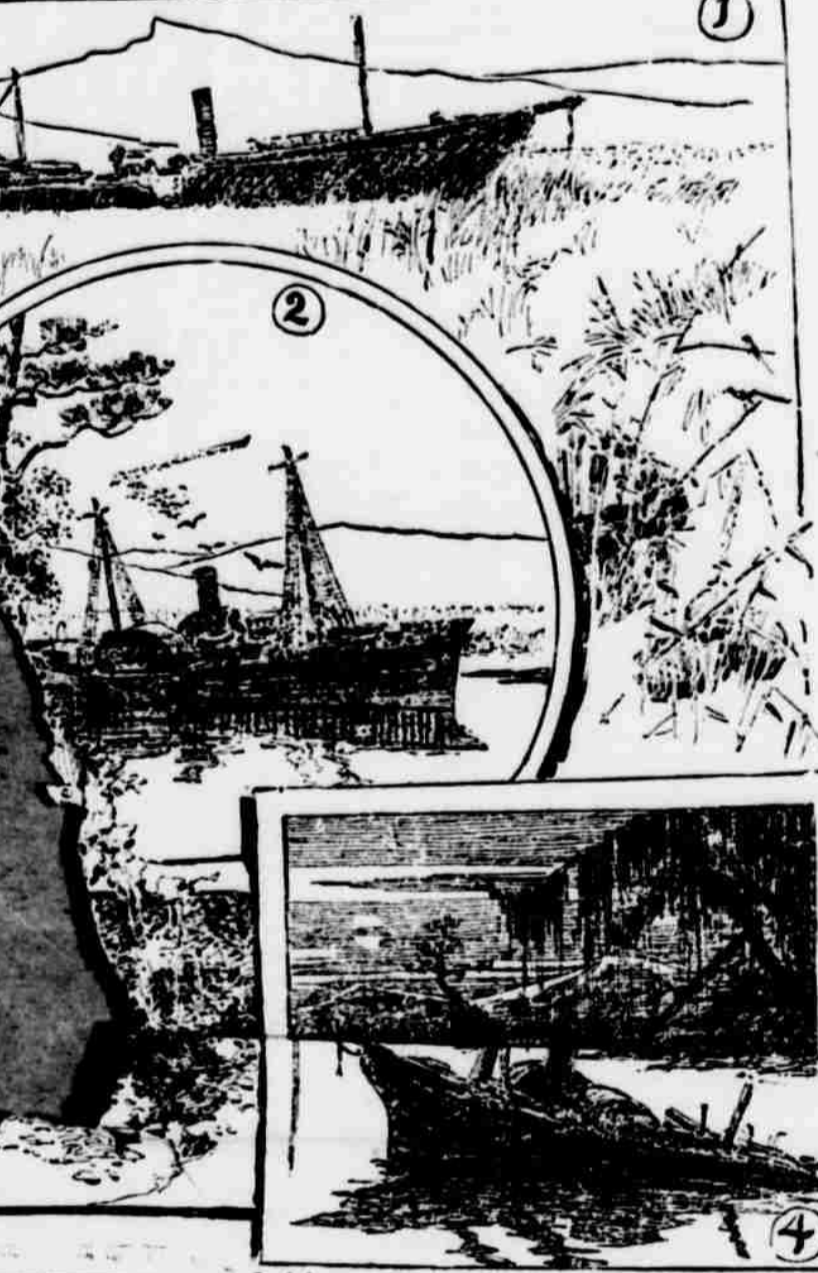
In this they were aided by the devastations of several privateers, also of English construction and manned by English-drilled crews, although commanded by Southern officers.

The Complaint of a Mean Man. To the large number of stories of the "meanest man" which are frequently related one should be added of a certain Frenchman, famous for his habit of grumbling at everything and on every occasion.

ARTISTIC HINTS. Good Taste Rather than Striking Effects Now in Vogue.

The tables loaded with bric-a-brac, which had the effect of making a drawing-room look very much like a china shop, are not to be the rage any more.

Such, if it were repeated, would be the common history of a large number of the long, low-built hulls which are to be found on the Cuban coast or in Porto Rico, or even scattered among the low reefs of the Bahama Banks.



Of discovery and the anxiety of the long chase and the escape; the vibrations of the engines as every pound of steam was utilized to quicken precious speed.

The negroes of Georgia have more than doubled their property holdings since 1880. In that year the aggregate was \$5,744,293, while the aggregate now is \$12,941,230.

Edw. Eggleston Growing Younger. Every year that passes seems to add juvenility to Dr. Edward Eggleston, who looks younger now than he did in 1855.

A Man of Polish. Few literary men have the polish of manner or the courteous dignity that gives charm to the personality of Richard Malcolm Johnston.

TWO BRAVE WOMEN. CONSTITUTE THE CREW OF THE GOOD SHIP HERALD.

Brought from New York for Atlanta by the Inside Route—Expect to Reach that City Christmas Week—Dog for Companion.

A DISPATCH FROM Philadelphia announces the sailing from that port recently of the catboat Herald, bound for Atlanta.



MISS MINNIE MATTHEWS. The little vessel is provided with a large cabin, and the two plucky women declare themselves quite satisfied with their accommodations.

WOMEN OF NOTE. Mrs. Mary Jackson, of Louisville, has just completed her 103rd year. Lady Ann Blunt, a granddaughter of Lord Byron, is deeply imbued with socialistic ideas.

THE CLERGY. Out of 50,000 Sioux Indians over 4,000 are now members of Congregational, Episcopal or Presbyterian churches.

Population of Japan. A report received at the department of state from Consul General McIvor, at Managua, Japan, gives the population of that country in 1894 at 35,000,000.

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FIGHT WITH TWO LIONS. Hairbreadth Escape from the Clutches of a Hunger Beast.

He saw, above the ledge and a little beyond, the ears and head of a lion as it sat watching the deer, says Oating. Jake rose in his saddle to place a bullet, as he said, midway between those ears, when a powerful lion leaped from behind a tree on the ledge of rock above and striking him in the chest, carried him off his horse, heading down the mountain, and his horse ran wildly away.

At Houston recently the little daughter of Fannie Brown, deceased, was laid to rest in the cemetery. The woman is employed as a cook. The child was playing around a furnace when its clothing caught fire.



"BUCK" MCCARTHY. Set, narrow brow, that gross neck reveal his whole character. Suffice it to say that he is not a Tammany lieutenant, but a citizen of Chicago; the hero of a hundred fist fights, once a county commissioner, a central committeeman, now a city alderman, and not always a party man.

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TEXAS PENCILINGS. Carefully Culled Events and Happenings in the State.

A stranger who registered at a hotel at Galveston as "Jos. Bruno, Montreal," was found dead one afternoon recently in the water on the beach. He was drowned, but how he got in the water is not known.

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A Motorman's Life. FULL OF HARDSHIPS, EXPOSURE AND CONSTANT DANGER.

The Great Strain on a Man's Nerves Strained in Itself to Wreck Him in a Short Time. The Experience of a Well-Known Motorman.

From the Cincinnati, Ohio, Enquirer. A motorman is subjected to many hardships, especially in the winter, when he is exposed to the cold and snow. Even in the summer he must bear the intense heat which beats down upon him.

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Report of December Examinations.

At the examination of the students of the Haskell Normal School, the following were the results:

cloth, combined with tartan plaid velvet. The skirt is abnormally full, setting out in perky folds, and beautifully lined with tartan plaid silk, which betrays itself at every step.

was cut in decollete style, across the shoulders by full bows of velvet ribbon. A neck ruche of black marabout, and a huge knot on the back of the fair head, set off the daintiness of the costume.

No Use for Him.

The dusky islander sat in a ring listening with eager expectation to the Lord Chancellor as he read to their monarch the latest communication from the Foreign Mission Society.

Made Her So Happy.

Young Husband (who meets his wife in the street)—Jennie, my dear, I know you have been silently grieving and pined a long time on account of my absence from home at the club every evening. I am going to turn over a new leaf, and I'm going to begin to-night.

His Inference.

Mr. Hogan—Put's that sound I hear yer darter Cornelia makin' in the house beyond? Mrs. Gilligan (glauciously)—Sure it's a primy deny she's to be, an' that's the trille she do be running for her vocal culture.

Truthful Tom.

Tom Anjerry, of the University of Texas, has trouble in meeting his bills. To a pressing creditor he said: "I can't pay anything this month."

A Hasty Remark.

Merchant—What do you mean by using such language? Are you the boss here, or am I the boss? Clerk—I know I'm not the boss.

In the Twentieth Century.

Ella—Isn't that book you are reading a wicked one? Stella—No, it's not exactly bad, but I shouldn't care to have my father or brother read it.—New York World.

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