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SPLENDID RECORD IN SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

LIMSTRONG DIES OF ASSAULT WOUNDS

STUDENTS MAKE FINE PROGRESS

Prof. Hobart introduces Own Methods of Instruction in Bookkeeping and Shorthand—Many New Students.

During the last three months the Shorthand and Bookkeeping classes of Eastern College, School of Commerce, have made the most remarkable progress under the direction of Prof. H. C. Hobart, who has introduced his own methods of instruction in both bookkeeping and shorthand. In the examinations just closed the bookkeeping made the high general average of 98 per cent on an examination that covered the principles of bookkeeping, drawing notes, drafts, invoices, bills, checks, and actual work in day book, journalizing, ledger and double entry bookkeeping.

During the past fifty school days this class has worked out three sets of single entry, three sets of double entry, closing up the ledger in each case and making trial balances and statements showing resources and liabilities and gain or loss of the firms as the case may be.

Ten sets of journalizing have been worked out and the principles of bookkeeping mastered by the students.

FINE RECORDS

The following members of the class made exceptionally fine records: Samuel Spencer, W. W. Garrison, Lewis Ferguson, Charles Moffett, Joseph Kington, H. B. Bousfield, A. W. Ellis, R. M. Schwab, H. L. Marshall, C. E. Bell, Richard A. Kelly, M. D. Carroll, Miss Vida Brooker, following the holiday vacation this class will take up double entry, wholesale and banking accounts.

A new class will be started to accommodate the new students who are coming January first.

This class has had fifty days instruction and drill and have mastered the principles of shorthand and acquired a speed of fifty words per minute new matter and have mastered the touch system of typewriting and can do as fine work as any old experienced typists. The following are members of the class who have made the highest records: Marianne Walker, Carrie O. Williams, Marshall Ellis, Paul Howard, Inman Ripley, Miss E. M. Merchant, F. Dorsey, Miss Mary W. Farmer.

This class following the holidays will be given steady dictation drill until a speed of 120 words per minute is attained and the graduates placed in good positions. A new class in shorthand and typewriting will be formed January first for the new comers and work will be pushed with renewed vigor.

"The Immortal Six Hundred," the history of the Confederate prisoners of war, "placed under fire on Morris Island, S. C., by Federal authorities, was the best prepared history of the war that we have ever read. THE DEMOCRAT is now printing a defense of the South and President Davis for the author of the "Immortal Six Hundred," and we do not hesitate to say that it will give the children of the South reasons for the action of their fathers and grandfathers."

Mr. Davis' life as it was, pure and gentle. Major Murray, the author, is one of the old school newspaper men of Virginia and a true Confederate soldier.

J. R. H. of Eastern College, left Saturday for Hampton December 30 and 31.

VICTIM OF RIOT IN STREET CAR

Passes Away in Washington Hospital Without Regaining Consciousness—Funeral Here Monday.

Without regaining consciousness from the moment he was felled and terribly wounded by an iron bar in the hands of a negro, Wednesday afternoon last week, who with others created a riot on a street car in Washington, Gray Limstrong, 29 years old, a native of Prince William county, conductor on the car, died in Emergency Hospital shortly after 10 o'clock Friday night. His skull had been fractured, and no hope was held out for his recovery. The funeral was held from Trinity Episcopal Church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Calender, of Washington, conducting the services. Interment was in Manassas cemetery.

Mr. Limstrong had resided in Washington for about nine years and had been in the employ of the Capitol Traction Company since early last summer. He is survived by a wife and infant son, and also leaves five sisters: Miss Beatrice Limstrong, Mrs. F. E. Dickens, Mrs. Florence Callahan, and Miss Louise Limstrong, all of Limstrong, and Mrs. Eldred Bundy, of New York.

Another conductor, Charles Gans, was severely beaten and bruised about the head. A remark was made by a negro on the car, it appears, was resented by the conductors, and a riot resulted. Mr. Limstrong was picked up unconscious in the street with his skull fractured by a blow from an iron bar.

A week of prayer, beginning Monday evening, January 2, will be held in the M. E. Church, in accordance with suggestions by the Evangelical Alliance of the World. The assignment of speakers announced by Dr. H. U. Roop, acting secretary, follows: Monday, January 2, the Rev. W. T. Gover; Tuesday, January 3, the Rev. H. B. Ritter; Wednesday, January 4, the Rev. T. D. Clarke; Thursday, January 5, the Rev. J. K. Third; Friday, January 6, Dr. H. U. Roop. Services will begin at 7:30 o'clock each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

FAMILY DINES UNDER BURNING HOME ROOF

ESCAPE AS FIRE BURSTS THROUGH FLAMES DESTROY HOME OF GEORGE BEAVERS, NEW PEGG'S SCHOOL HOUSE, MANASSAS, JANUARY 2.

With the roof of their home burning over their heads, George Beavers and his family, who live five miles below Buckhall, sat down to their Sunday dinner. They were partaking of the mid-day meal with much enjoyment when one of them observed flames peeping through the ceiling. No sooner was the dinner interrupted than the room filled with a mass of fire and smoke driving the family out-of-doors. They succeeded in saving part of the household effects, but the house burned. The loss is estimated at \$300, with \$400 insurance. The fire originated in a defective flue. The house was a six-room frame structure.

Dr. Ennion G. Williams, of Richmond, state commissioner of health, will speak at the Colored Teachers' Institute of Northern Virginia to be held at the Manassas Industrial School, December 30 and 31.

"GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE OF US," CHRISTMAS CAROL OF TINY TIM

MANASSAS OBSERVES JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

Christmas Carols and Christmas Trees Signalize Advent of Festival—Youngsters Eagerly Await Coming of Santa Claus—Happy Shoppers Abroad on Mysterious Errands—Monday Is Legal Holiday.

CHRISTMAS SEASON CALENDAR

Only two more days for Christmas shopping.

Vacation in Eastern College, Agricultural High School, and Manassas Grade Schools until Wednesday, January 4.

Tonight, Thursday, December 22: Debate and play by High School students in the Ruffner Building.

Tomorrow, Friday, December 23: Christmas trees and exercises in the Primary Grades.

Sunday, December 25: Christmas services in the churches.

Monday, December 26: Legal holiday. Banks and County Offices closed. All departments of Postoffice, except money order, open from 9 a.m. until noon, and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Rural carriers will make deliveries.

Christmas tree in the Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 27: Christmas tree in the M. E. Church, South, at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 28: Christmas tree in Lutheran Church, at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 28: Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy will receive contributions in the Chapter Room in the M. I. C. Building, for Christmas box to be sent to Confederate Veterans in the Soldiers' Home at Richmond.

MISS MINNIE BUCKLEY DIES IN HOSPITAL

SUCUMBS TO TUMOR OPERATION

End Came Friday in Georgetown University Hospital Funeral and Interment Sunday at Sudley.

Miss Minnie Buckley, 45 years old member of one of the most prominent families of Prince William county, died in Georgetown University Hospital last Friday morning, as the result of an operation for tumor the preceding Sunday. The funeral

was held from Sudley Church Sunday at noon, the Rev. Homer Welch conducting the services. Interment was in Sudley churchyard.

Miss Buckley had been in ill health for about five years.

Miss Buckley leaves a brother, Powhatan Buckley; of Catharpin, and three sisters, Mrs. R. A. Hibbs, of Catharpin, Mrs. Poca Powell and Mrs. Marchie Cockrell, of Herndon. Miss Buckley

was a member of Fairview Methodist Church, and a true Christian woman.

RUFFNER-CARNEGIE LIBRARY

(Contributed)

The Ruffner-Carnegie Library will be open to the public for the issue of books every Friday afternoon from three to five o'clock. The card catalogue now being made in accordance with the system used in most cities will soon be completed. This will make the contents of the library much more available than before.

Besides much good material in history, biography and science, the library has now about three hundred and seventy-five volumes of standard fiction, as well as an excellent little collection of one hundred and fifty volumes of books for children. Through the efforts of the High School Improvement League quite a list of magazines has also been secured.

Among these are The World's Work, Review of Reviews, Country Life in America, Cooking Club Magazine, Ladies' Home Journal, Youth's Companion, etc. The library is now also open daily from twelve to one o'clock to the students of the High School and promises to prove a most valuable resource during the winter months when out-of-door sports are unavailable.

I desire to suggest that our people install a three gallon fire extinguisher in each business house and dwelling within the corporation, with the understanding that each owner of an extinguisher will see that his extinguisher goes to a fire company upon receipt of an alarm.

Using the records of the Washington Fire Department as a basis of opinion, I feel confident that very few fires in Manassas would get beyond the control of these wonderful little fire-fighters; since by the above mentioned arrangement there would always be several extinguishers at or near a fire, and more quickly coming in.

The extinguishers may be recharged at a merely nominal cost; and the plan offers a practicable and easy means of adding greatly to the strength of your present Fire Department at a slight cost.

I would also mention the possibility of the insurance companies being willing to reduce their rates under the improved conditions.

Even after you should secure an abundant water supply for the purpose of fighting fire, you would find the extinguishers would still be of equal value, the water supply would be used only when the fire had gotten too great headway for the extinguishers, also because the extinguishers cause less water damage.

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Finish Christmas shopping.

METZ SUGGESTS PLAN FOR FIRE PROTECTION

INSTALL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Supplement Efficient Work of Fire Department—Recommendations from Washington Fireman.

Citizens who witnessed the destruction of the Prince William Hotel in the dread fire visitation last Thursday morning, reviving memories of the winter night disaster in 1905 when flames consumed the business district, view with alarm the inadequate protection facilities. The lack of a water system adds to the gravity of the situation. Not only property, but life, is threatened.

The efficiency of the Manassas fire department is beyond question, having been tested and proved by valiant service. The danger lies in the equipment and water supply sufficient to fight an ordinary blaze but insufficient to check, much less extinguish, conflagrations of the magnitude that appear to visit Manassas as a field of destruction.

Greater fire protection is a topic. Many suggestions have been offered, but under present conditions, none appear more effective and feasible than those made by M. G. Metz, of Manassas, a member of the Washington fire department. In a communication to THE DEMOCRAT Mr. Metz says:

BETTER PROTECTION

"Editors THE DEMOCRAT: The subject of fire protection for our town, Manassas, Virginia, has been under our consideration for some time, and I think that now is an opportune occasion to ask your assistance in the matter.

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Mr. Milstead came to Manassas about a week ago with the intention of making his home here. He had been in excellent health up to the time he was stricken.

Dr. Ennion G. Williams, while Ben Johnson and Miss Minnie Swartz will take the negative. A comedy production for the evening is entitled "Mrs. Sniggles and Her Daughters."

Christmas carols will be sung in the churches on Sunday morning and the sermons will be typical of Christmas.

Finish Christmas shopping.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Mrs. F. S. Brand has returned from a visit to Luray.

R. L. Fox and family have moved from Gainesville to Conklin.

Paul B. Baker, of Bristow, has returned from a visit to Leesburg.

An enjoyable dance was given in Conner's Hall last Friday night.

The Shoemaker has gone to Singer's Glen to spend Christmas with his mother.

Miss Maggie Green, of Alexandria, was a guest last Sunday of Mrs. W. E. Lynch.

J. M. Crane has recovered from an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Crane is quite ill.

John R. Tillet has bought a house and is adjoining his property in Buckhall from Eddie Schlesinger.

Clarence Wagener and Paul Wren are home from the State University, Charlottesville, for Christmas.

Henry Fairfax bought at public sale Saturday the Fishing Shores, at Freestone from the Fairfax estate for \$250.

Miss Lelia Williams and Miss Othello Williams left Tuesday to spend the holidays in points in North Carolina.

Clarence Utterback and Carroll Utterback of Hickory Grove, have opened a general merchandise store at Woolsey.

Mrs. Gardner and daughter, Miss Virginia, left Tuesday for Markham to spend Christmas. Mrs. Gardner will remain there during the winter.

Mrs. Baer, of Adam, has raised almost \$500 worth of turkeys this year. She sold 117 at \$3.30 each to W. H. Cather, for the Eastern Provision Company.

George Allenworth, of Charlottesville, and Carl Allenworth, of Staunton, will spend Christmas here with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allenworth.

Dartmouth College, of Hanover, N. H., is scheduled for a game here with Eastern College on April 10. Manager J. R. Hayes is negotiating for a game with Yale.

A meeting of the Alumni of the Manassas Institute and the Manassas Agricultural High School will be held next Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Fannie Metz.

Carl C. Traeger has leased the Victor Hotel property for one year and will reopen the hotel on Sunday, January 1, under the name of the Hotel Traeger. Mr. Traeger has successfully conducted the Main Hotel since September 1.

Beneath a tree near Burke, R. Murphy, a Southern track-walker, was found dead Monday morning. It is not known whether he had fallen through the structure or been struck by a train. Murphy was a resident of Springfield.

The Haymarket school, closed for a month on account of illness, will resume at the beginning of the winter term, Monday, January 2, in the new school building at a cost of \$2,900. The building is frame and contains four rooms.

"A Glimpse of the Sound of Montauk," in the study of a beautiful calendar, reproduced by color photography from an oil painting by Thomas Moran, famed as the foremost of living American scenic artists. The calendar is a Christmas and New Year remembrance from W. C. Wagener to his patrons.

William L. Buck and Miss Sue Saunders were married in Reidsville, N. C., at high noon on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Buck left for Washington after the ceremony. Their itinerary includes a visit to the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Buck. Mr. Buck represents the American Tobacco Company, at Atlanta, Ga.

E. A. Brand has been confined to his home for a week with illness.

François Brook of Riverton is visiting his aunt, Mrs. T. F. Colman.

Joplin Adamson, who is attending college at Richmond, is home from a visit to Grayson county.

Mrs. J. H. Noonan and son, of Johnstown, Pa., are visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Lynch.

Mrs. C. E. Nash's aunt, Mrs. Laura Free, has returned to Nokesville after a very pleasant visit.

Mrs. Mollie Harnberger returned Friday from a visit to her cousin, Dr. Harnberger, at Catlett.

Mrs. W. R. Free, Jr., and daughter, who have been visiting Mrs. C. E. Nash, have returned home to Nokesville.

John W. Walker, of The Plains, last week received a large shipment of some of the finest horses and mules on the market.

L. H. Carter has been confined to his bed for a week with a severe attack of bronchitis. Improvement was noted in his condition yesterday.

Christmas entertainments will be held in the Bristow and Grove schools this afternoon and in the Cannon Branch school tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. D. C. Cline has returned home to Dumfries for the holidays. He is in charge of the dispensary in the Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Knoxville, Tenn.

Miss Mamie Gulick, of the Potomac school, Miss Effie Gulick, principal of the Clinton High School, are home to make application to undersigned for certificate of eligibility. Any information will be gladly given.

MRS. ALBERT SPEDDIE, President Manassas Chapter, U. D. C.

You Want the Best

Sunday paper. Therefore you must buy

The Washington Sunday Star. All newsstands handle it. The Evening Star is now sold for one cent.

John Akers, of Charlottesville, is visiting his mother, Mrs. G. W. Akers.

F. L. Osborne of Haymarket, has returned from a visit to Grayson county.

Mrs. and Mrs. Wm. Ward, of Wellington, were in town on Friday, shopping.

Miss Sally Carrico and brother, Thomas, of Wellington, were in town today shopping.

Miss Maude Willis, who is teaching school at White Post, is teaching school at White Post, until next week.

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CROSSES OF HONOR

The Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will bestow Crosses of Honor on January 19, 1911. Any Confederate Veteran, widow or eldest son of a Confederate Veteran,

Friends of H. Griffith were shocked Monday morning by reports in circulation to the effect that he died during the night.

They were even more amazed when he appeared in the streets the following morning, smiling and in excellent health. It appears that the rumor became current through confusion of names. Mr. Griffith declares

that he has no intention of passing away in the immediate future, that is, if he can prevent it.

An artistic and financial success was the Christmas music recital given by the music department of Hebron Seminary, assisted by the Senior Chorus Class, in Nokesville, last Saturday evening.

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Farms of All Sizes and Prices

SEE The Mutual Real Estate Com-

pany, over the People's Na-

tional Bank in Manassas, Va., or write

for best bargains in Stock

Timber Lands, Poultry Ranches,

Properties, Flour Mills, etc.

You will

best of these properties in securing

the office of this company before calling at

you want in the way of a home or real

place over the People's Bank.

It is a great deal harder to hide the presents until Christmas than to find them in the first place.

It is easier to crawl through a stovepipe into some homes than it is to walk through an open door into others.

Judging from the nocturnal

displays of underwear it is ap-

parent that it is not the cost

that makes the man.

If you are in love the best

Christmas present you can get is

the girl. Cheer up, there is

plenty of mistletoe left.

It's lucky for some of the old

folks that they do not hang up

their stockings. One has to have

faith to get things in this world.

Sleighting is first class up in

our section of the country. For-

tunately my tour abroad falls

during the winter. However I am an advocate of good roads.

CONKLIN NOTES

The many friends of the Rev.

Sevier of Alexandria will be

sorry to learn that he has ac-

cepted a call to Augusta, Ga.,

and will leave Alexandria soon.

Archie Hagenbuch spent Sun-

day with Miss Mae Schneider.

Norman Brady and family

have moved into Dan Ritenour's

newing point residence March 11, 1911, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of

electing directors and for the trans-

action of other business as may prop-

erty come before the meeting.

W. G. ROYAL COOKE, President

Annual Stockholders' Meeting

To the Stockholders of the People's

National Bank:

Please take notice that the annual

meeting of the stockholders of The

People's National Bank of Manassas, Va., will be held on the 23rd day of February, 1911, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of

electing directors and for the trans-

action of other business as may prop-

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W. G. ROYAL COOKE, President

PRICES ARE RIGHT

A. H. HARRELL

Christmas Goods

In great variety, most appropriate for gifts, useful and attractive, can be found at

WAGNER'S

Here are a few reminders for your shopping list:

Children's Goods

Knives and Forks

Couches

Bamboo Desks

Morris Chairs

Book Racks

Rockers

" Stands

Blackboards

" Jard. Stands

Velocipedes

" SWING WAIST Boxes

Imported China

Oak and Reed

Carving Sets

Rockers

WHAT'S THE USE

Of spending your money for a lot of Jimcracks to make Xmas Presents of when for the same money you can get something that is both beautiful and useful? Here are a few suggestions

For Mother, Aunt or Grandmother

For Wife, Sister or Sweetheart

For Husband, Brother or Beau

A nice Hot Water Bottle for Cold Weather.

A Piece of Cut Glass.

A Book or a Bible.

Or a box of Real Nice Soap.

Or a Piece of Haviland China.

One Year's Subscription to a good Magazine.

Or a Good Serviceable Comb and Brush.

Or a Box of Our Fine Perfumery.

Or a Box of Elegant Candy.

Or a Fountain Pen.

Or a Sealing Wax Set.

Or a Pipe.

Or a Good Shaving Brush.

We have a Large Line of Books for Children, also Big Assortment of Dolls

Ben Hicks' Mirth
By F. A. MITCHEL
Copyright, 1910, by American Press Association.

"Howdy, Jim?"
"What's been?"

"Down to the corner fer to buy some goods for the store." "Been away sometime, haven't you?" "A matter o' four days." "I did leave in charge o' yer store?" "Wilkins boy."

"Ay, and it kind o' longgone eatin' around here without any o' yer family, don't it?"

"You bet; I been tryin' to make enough to bring my wife & boy out, but had debts beat me."

"I ain't goin' to start out on a new principle. I'm not goin' to trust any one."

The other cast a melancholy look at Jim Murphy, but didn't say anything. Ben Hicks was a short, thickset man or rather boy. No man was quite sure whether he was man or boy. He wore a vest under his coat, which was too large for him and no coat. No one had ever seen him smile.

"You see late, Jim," he said at last.

"What'd ye mean?" asked Jim eagerly.

"The stores been encroched."

"Entered!"

"Yer' the day after you left there were two 'em come down on Wilkins boy, turned him out 'n run him away."

"My head's been a-achin' to a country where there was neither law nor order; he lamented having separated from his wife and child, for fate seemed to decree that he should remain separated from them. Now, since robbers had come down on his stock of goods, he could not get back to them to bring them to him.

"They carried the stuff away?"

"Pshaw, reckon it."

"Suppose they lit gristed it, carryin' off what they wanted and ruined the rest. That's the way these jayhawkers do."

Ben Hicks made no reply to this.

He looked as if he was going to cry.

Indeed, he seemed so melancholy that Jim thought he had suffered some kind of a nervous breakdown at the top of his stock, it seemed to have so big an effect on his sympathetic friend.

"Oh, well," said Jim, "such things can't be helped. What we have to do in this world when we get knocked down is to get up ag'in and go ahead 's if nuthin' had happened. Cheep up, Ben. You know all about right in time."

"Anythin' you want to do with 'em?"

"With the robbers?"

"Yes."

"You don't mean they're there yet?"

"Yes, I do. They're makin' their selves at home."

"In my house with my things?"

"Yes."

"And not a neighbor has raised a fin' about it?"

"Nary fin'."

"Do you suppose you and I together could tackle 'em?"

"Beckon I could fix the smaller of the two."

"And the other?"

You kin manage either, I reckon."

"What was they 'dota' when you left?"

"Beckon they was fightin'."

"Well, I'd git a gunna from 'em when I heared a yell. I looked back and the little man who's a kithkin' and a hollister's a brother was a hittin' of him."

"What then?"

"I come away then."

Jim Speers carried on this dialogue with a good deal of interest, homeward, the other walking beside him. When they came in sight of the houses Jim's eyes tightened a trifle.

"At any rate," he remarked, "they've not burned it. Whar' you gone?"

"Beckon you kin tackle 'em alone."

But Ben made no reply to this impudent on his course. Jim went on.

"Three years they may stay on the premises, we'll all that appeared. A woman came out of the house and was about to take the boy in when she espied Jim. Stauding her eyer with her hand, she gazed at him for a moment, then turned her back and said:

"Whar' Mall? how did you get here?"

"Made the money myself."

"And the kid?"

She pointed to the boy before the house. Jim sprang away from her and running to the boy, took him up in his arms and covered him with his coat. Jim then turned to his mother and turned to her, took both her and the boy in one embrace and said:

"By thunder, I never had such a change from trouble to happiness in my life. It was all that Ben Hicks' done. He took the store he'd been sold, the boy I left in charge died and let me believe relatives had done it."

Later when the Speers family were celebrating their reunion with a good supper a neighbor came along.

"I have a horse with ten blocks," Jim said. "I seen him goin' in along chuckin' about stump. No one else has ever done that. He's as strong as a bull and he's a good horse. He was chuckin' about when I went me I could find out from you."

Jim explained the source of Ben's wealth.

FIRST DOSE ENDS INDIGESTION,
HEARTBURN, GAS OR STOMACH.

The question as to how long you are going to continue a sufferer from Indigestion, dyspepsia or out-of-order stomach is merely a matter of how soon you begin taking Bloodine.

If your stomach is lacking in digestive power, why not help the stomach to do its work, not with drastic drugs, but as re-enforcements of digestive agents, such as are naturally at work in the stomach.

People with weak stomachs should take a little Bloodine occasionally and there will be no more indigestion, no feeling like a lump in the stomach, no heartburn, sour risings, gas on stomach, or belching of undigested stomach and dyspepsia are generally relieved five minutes after taking a tiny dose.

Feet that ache are ill treated. No foot ever complained that was not pinched or rubbed or bound by stiff leather. If your feet are tender or sensitive, if you are on your feet continually, don't force them into stiff, unyielding shoes.

THE SOUTHERN GIRL
\$2.00—SHOE—\$2.50

is made in many patterns on many lines.

Go to our dealer in your town and let him fit you. Ask to see this shoe shown here. We call it Old Ladies' Comfort, but many young women wear it for a house shoe because it is so easy under foot. Whatever your taste in style, we make it of better leather, with more wear, than you ever bought before for \$2.00.

Go to your druggist and get a 50-cent bottle of Bloodine now and you will always go to the table with a hearty appetite, and what you eat will taste good, because your stomach and intestines will be clear and fresh, and you will know there are not going to be any more bad nights and miserable days for you. Bloodine is freedom and makes you feel like life worth living.

Bloodine costs but 50 cents a bottle. Mail orders filled. The Bloodine Corporation, Boston, Mass.

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Indeed, he seemed so melancholy that Jim thought he had suffered some kind of a nervous breakdown at the top of his stock, it seemed to have so big an effect on his sympathetic friend.

"Oh, well," said Jim, "such things can't be helped. What we have to do in this world when we get knocked down is to get up ag'in and go ahead 's if nuthin' had happened. Cheep up, Ben. You know all about right in time."

"Anythin' you want to do with 'em?"

"With the robbers?"

"Yes."

"You don't mean they're there yet?"

"Yes, I do. They're makin' their selves at home."

"In my house with my things?"

"Yes."

"And not a neighbor has raised a fin' about it?"

"Nary fin'."

"Do you suppose you and I together could tackle 'em?"

"Beckon I could fix the smaller of the two."

"And the other?"

You kin manage either, I reckon."

"What was they 'dota' when you left?"

"Beckon they was fightin'."

"Well, I'd git a gunna from 'em when I heared a yell. I looked back and the little man who's a kithkin' and a hollister's a brother was a hittin' of him."

"What then?"

"I come away then."

Jim Speers carried on this dialogue with a good deal of interest, homeward, the other walking beside him. When they came in sight of the houses Jim's eyes tightened a trifle.

"At any rate," he remarked, "they've not burned it. Whar' you gone?"

"Beckon you kin tackle 'em alone."

But Ben made no reply to this impudent on his course. Jim went on.

"Three years they may stay on the premises, we'll all that appeared. A woman came out of the house and was about to take the boy in when she espied Jim. Stauding her eyer with her hand, she gazed at him for a moment, then turned her back and said:

"Whar' Mall? how did you get here?"

"Made the money myself."

"And the kid?"

She pointed to the boy before the house. Jim sprang away from her and running to the boy, took him up in his arms and covered him with his coat. Jim then turned to his mother and turned to her, took both her and the boy in one embrace and said:

"By thunder, I never had such a change from trouble to happiness in my life. It was all that Ben Hicks' done. He took the store he'd been sold, the boy I left in charge died and let me believe relatives had done it."

Later when the Speers family were celebrating their reunion with a good supper a neighbor came along.

"I have a horse with ten blocks," Jim said. "I seen him goin' in along chuckin' about stump. No one else has ever done that. He's as strong as a bull and he's a good horse. He was chuckin' about when I went me I could find out from you."

Jim explained the source of Ben's wealth.

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