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An Interesting Budget From the Southland.

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Just now would be a most opportune time to visit our Bay country, my dear TRANSCRIPT, for you would find us all very sweet, indeed. Some times we feel as you have often heard an Easter bon not described, "Too sweet for anything." 'Tis cane-bolling time, and every one is happy. The crop is good, consequently the grower is pleased. The syrup is fine, the consumer eats it on waffles and hot bread, expressing his satisfaction by beaming across the breakfast table to his "alter ego." And as for the little "pickaninies" they chew cane, roll over in the dirt and get fat-ragged and "sassy." So what would you have more? Did you know the darkies were so proud of cane? If anything, they prefer it to fresh pork, often spending their last penny for it, utterly regardless of the empty larder in the cabin. When it ripens you can trace them almost anywhere, as the piney woods trails are bordered with "Bagasse," the Creole French name for the cane after the husk has been crushed from it. After crushing the cane the juice is thrown into a caldron for boiling, some one watching it constantly, lifting it with a large skimmer, at the end of a long handle, and letting it fall back into the pot again, taking off the foam thus formed, putting it in a barrel for beer; and hearsay is, that "tis very nice, indeed, after proper fermentation. My initial visit to a cane-bolling came very near ending in a tragedy. The old "cracker" woman who was attending the boiling syrup heard me use of the word stir, and thinking I referred to her, she at once pounced upon me with, "No, madam, I am not stirring, never did stir, and never expect to stir boiling cane syrup." As the old lady seemed to wax more wroth with each succeeding word, and deeming "discretion the better part of valor," your correspondent moved away, fearing she might toss me into the hot syrup in her anger. You may safely wager "mum" was the watchword after that. To accuse her of stirring it was more than she could endure. They are a very peculiar people, these Crackers, not caring much for anything in the shape of civilization, moving away as it comes closer to them. Refined southern people seem to prefer colored people many times over. Charles Egbert Craddock's books picture them true to nature. A one-room cabin for a family of a dozen, two or three yellow curs, bacon, a patch of greens growing, a gun for each man and boy, snuff box and brush for the women and girls, with two or three long-nosed shadows (called razor-back hogs) running around tearing up everything they can reach, seem to be every earthly thing they care for. If some of the money for making Christians of the Chinese would be sent down here, it would do more good and not cost so much either. Their religion is nothing but a superstition. Do you know, one of them told me that she did not know what to do with her corn cobs. Upon a suggestion to burn them she threw up her hands in horror. "Burn corn cobs? Why, if I done that thing I wouldn't raise nary grain next year."

Incredible, is it not, in this enlightened day and land? Quite the worst thing you can do to them, though, is to offer one a pin or any sharp-pointed thing, otherwise than point to them, as that denotes sharp luck. To turn it round and keep the point to you is keeping all the luck for your own self.

A MONTE CARLO LEGEND.

All gamblers are superstitious, and some of their pet superstitions are now so old as to have acquired the respectability of venerable traditions. The croupiers of Monte Carlo have an interesting set of traditional superstitions of their own, most of which are entirely unknown to the many thousands of visitors who toy with the "tiger" in that gilded court of chance.

The most striking of these is the story of the Wandering Jew, which the croupiers believe as fervently as they do that the bank will down any "system" that was ever invented. There is one day, and one day only, in the year on which the rooms of the casino at Monte Carlo are closed—that is on Good Friday. When the rooms are opened on the following day, they say, the first person to enter the "Grand Nouvelle Salle de Jeu" is an old man of venerable appearance. He wastes no time; but, walking straight to one of the tables, he places with the trembling fingers of extreme old age a piece of money upon a certain number. The wheel is turned, the croupier's nasal cry falls upon the ear, announcing that the number selected by the old man had won. With a bitterly savage exclamation the old man seizes his winnings, throws them about him, and hurries from the room to disappear, no one knows where.

He is the Wandering Jew, and until he can lose a bet at Monte Carlo he must continue his wanderings. Get on the "blind side" of any of the old croupiers of Monte Carlo, and they will tell you this legend. Have they seen him? Of course they have and are fully persuaded that the aged and mysterious stranger is none other than the man condemned to perpetual earthly wanderings nearly two thousand years ago.

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QUEER MEDICAL ERROR.

A singular case occurred in New York the other day. A man was picked up on the street by a policeman and carried to the station house, where his case was diagnosed as alcoholism. He was subsequently removed to Bellevue Hospital, where the physician decided that he had hysteria.

The symptoms of inebriety are sometimes similar to those of hysteria, though liquor is quite often given to hysterical people, and it has very little effect on them.

The most startling feature of the case occurred on Sunday when the patient died. A post-mortem examination revealed the fact that his neck was broken. He had lived two days with a broken neck and his case had been variously described by the authorities as alcoholism and hysteria. He was a person of standing in the community where he lived, and after recovery from the first shock of the disaster was able to converse freely. It is, therefore, all the more marvelous that his trouble should not have been suspected by the physicians, for there was not the slightest inkling of it until the postmortem was made.

It is conceivable that a broken neck might be mistaken for something else, especially when the patient was able to converse and move his body slightly and live two days. Doctors, even in hospitals, do not have much experience with broken necks, and are compelled to rely largely on the literature of the subject. There are physicians who have experience in the matter—but those whose services were utilized in the penal establishments of the country—but they are confined to one form of the malady—a dislocation—while the Bellevue patient had a distinct fracture between the fourth and fifth cervical vertebrae. While there might have been a misapprehension concerning the nature of the trouble, it is difficult to understand how a broken neck was converted into drunkenness or hysteria.—*Balto. American.*

MARYLAND LEADS THEM ALL.

The twenty-third annual report of the tomato pack of the United States and Canada estimates the total output as the largest on record and more than double the short pack of 1901. The figures for the pack of 1902 were gathered by the *American Grocer*, which publication based its estimates on signed returns received from the great majority of packers in the United States.

Never before in the history was such an extensive acreage put out as this year, which was said to be due to the strong statistical position of canned tomatoes. In the three years from 1899-1901, the total pack was short of requirements, with the result that for the first time in a quarter of a century stocks were completely exhausted. This resulted in every factory being worked to its fullest capacity last year, the output being consumed as fast as it was available until late in August.

The pack by States was led by Maryland, which turned out 5,514,382 cases of two dozen cans each, followed by Indiana, with an output of 993,686 cases. New Jersey's output—which was third in the list—was 739,845 cases, while New York, which stood ninth, packed 107,423 cases. Wisconsin was at the bottom of the list with an output of 6,000 cases. The total output for the country was 9,282,812 cases, as against 4,268,231 cases in 1901. The total Canadian output was 212,000 cases.

Criticism That Hurts and Frets.

To bring about sane friendship between people who love each other, respect for each other's individuality is of course necessary. We can vow that unless duty seriously and lovingly demands it there shall be no unasked criticism between people who love each other. Think how it would make for peace if domestic criticism were forbidden at every breakfast table. Think of our own happiness if our brothers and sisters will stop telling us unpleasant truths!—think of their happiness if we could refrain from enlightening them as to their dress or manners or beliefs.—Margaret Deland, in *Harper's Bazar*.

Reflect a Little.

An exchange says: "Before you listen to the complaints of your children about feindishness of the school teacher, and get all worked up and excited over it, it is better to reflect a little. Remember your one or half dozen little cherubs drive you crazy about half the time, so bear with the teacher who is making for you intelligent men and women of as unpromising material as you were 20 or 30 years ago. Remember, that together with your own boy, who, of course, is an angel, the teacher has to contend with that awful bad boy of your neighbor, and you know full well what a terror he is."

Entirely Different.

A distinguished-looking individual applied at the pearly gate for admission. "Are you one of the just made perfect?" asked St. Peter. "No," replied the distinguished-looking individual. "I am one of the plain-clothes men just made patrolman." Turning to an assistant St. Peter said: "Give the gentleman from New York a transfer. He's been misdirected."

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