OLD SOUTH AND NEW.

SHARP CONTRASTS OBSERVED BY A NORTHERNER IN ALABAMA.

The Poor White Cuts a Sorry Figure Alongside the Alert and Progressive Citizens Who Are Making Birmingham the Manchester of America.

There is a paradox in the social makesp of northern Alabama which is at ence puzzling and amusing. There are many paradoxes indeed, but this one is remarkable. In the midst of wormout old cotton fields, red hills and forests has suddenly sprung up a line of lively modern cities, and in and around them is a unique civilization of a very hah order, as different from the old north as from the old south. Yet all this new-ness, all this stir of industrial life and pleasant refinement have not produced the slightest effect upon the old residents of the hills, and from a city with 60,000 inhabitants, electric lights and railways, magnificent hotels and palatial residences, streets like Broadway and churches and school buildings equal to those of Boston, one may pass in an hour's walk to a district unchanged since 1860 except by natural decay, where lean and lanky men, and leaner yellow and shriveled women, sit in 'shacks'' unfit for blooded cattle, in the midst of dirt, dogs and towheaded children, chew natural leaf tobacco and spit through the cracks. Instead of being improved, old citizens declare that these people have retrograded because the few among them who had any talent and ambition have been drawn away to the new cities.

Just in front of the hotel where I am writing is a type of this class. He has a little bull of scrub stock, clad in a harness composed of rope, leather and old clothes, in shafts made of saplings attached to a cart that would be a show in any northern city, and in that cart is his family, all listless, dull eyed and seemingly half asleep. Up our way we smile at the country bumpkin who gazes in open mouthed wonder at the sights of the town and is curious about things long familiar to us, but these people do not stare or wonder or inquire. On this magnificent street and in front of a pre- for the largest mine is \$1.85 per day.

home. They are as totally destitute of

that intelligent curiosity which is the

germ and motor of progress as so many

Gosha Utes. Their first sight of the rail-

in their faces. Men who work in the

great rolling mills tell me that when

one of these fellows delivers any back-

place. They haven't even ambition

enough to get frunk, and if, as rurely

happens, one gets too much whisky, he

does not shout or fight, but drops on the

How did this class originate? There

first convenient spot and goes to sleep.

is a tradition in the south that they are

descendants of those tramps and low

grade criminals who were transported

from England in early colonial times,

but I apprehend that the stock must

have been recruited considerably by the

drift from other classes. They rarely

commit crime of any kind and are radi-

cally distinct from the "moonshine"

distillers and fighters of whom we have

read so much. Clay eaters are still found

among them, and I have had a few

pointed out to me, but the tendency of

that class is to die out. The clay most

affected is a peculiar waxy kind without

a particle of grit, and some physicians

maintain that the habit results from a

sort of low grade scrofula which affects

the stomach lining. This cheesy clay re-

lieves the irritation, and hence the crav-

ing for it. The negroes, among whom

the habit is very rare, say it is nothing

but shiftlessness. "Day doan' do noth-in, sah, an so day wants to be pickin at

at, an so day picks at de clay." Such is the learned diagnosis of our hotel porter, who adds that "day mighty seldom mar-

ries 'ceptin 'mong 'emselves, always cousins an sich.' "A regulah clay eatah,

a durn low down clay catah," is the country negro's term of extreme con-

It is a pleasure to turn from such peo-

ple to Birmingham and its very lively

people. In 1881 I visited the city, but I

cannot recognize a spot I then saw. The

frame hotel I patronized is gone, and

the site covered by a block of stone and

brick. The city then had 3,100 inhabit-

ants; the census of 1890 credited it

000, but soon after all the residence

school census indicates a city population

there are 15 suburban towns outside the perfect darkness.

limits. So the custom is to count all industries as Birmingham's which are in the district-masking in the limits of the peculiar oval valley, which was made by the splitting of an anticlinal

In this district are 25 iron furnaces, five rolling mills, many foundries and minor shops, two cotton gin manufactories and a great variety of minor establishments. "And all this is but a beginning," say all with whom I talk, "for the great problem is solved. Carnegies have shown that our low silicon ore is readily convertible into steel by the Basic process, and as fast as possible all the furnaces will be changed so as to produce the kind needed. Carnegies have just bought 25,000 tons, and the Illinois Steel company 10,000 tons of it. but only two furnaces at present can turn out this low silicon ore. When all do so and many more are built-well. the most riotons imagination can scarcely picture the future of Birmingham. There's 500,000,000,000 tons of red hematite ore in that one mountain and plenty more all around, and we can turn it into iron at less cost than anywhere else in the world." And much more of the same sort.

But I wanted to know what the laboring men were getting out of all this, as they told some very hard stories while the great strike and labor war was on. First be it noted that there are 2,000 convict miners in this county, and the gentleman in charge allowed me to range the vast prison where those temporarily idle are confined. Of the 400 or so there at least three-fourths are colored, and so I am told it is in the stockade. A good deal of liberty is allowed, and in the courtyard white and black, male and female, enjoy a social equality which would have delighted Theodore Tilton. Incidentally I may add that I interviewed Mrs. Howe, a white woman, whose case is interesting all Alabama, as she is awaiting final trial on the charge of murdering her stepson. She complacently called my attention to the fact that she did not "look like a murderess," but I have not seen specimens enough to be an expert.

There are 6,000 free miners in the county and about 2,000 more in the district, and the average of the pay roll

lowest grade work at 80 cents a day,

and many others at \$1. So the estimat

\$2.40 per day, and a few of the most

skilled make \$3. The highest wages in

in a rolling mill—namely, \$15 per day —out of which he has to pay two help-

ers. Similarly the boss puddlers get

rarely above \$1 a day, and many hun-

dreds of negroes are working at 80 cents.

The negro quarters of the city are by

odds the poorest I have ever seen, north or south. I really do not see how life

can be maintained on the south half of

Second avenue and adjacent streets, and

my guess is that if the city authorities do not bestir themselves before spring

they will have a little pestilence to deal

with. A pathetic proof of the narrow

lines on which these poor creatures live appeared in the fact that several with

whom I talked told me, with a voice of

gladness, that lately the price of flour

had been put down to 55 cents a sack

I need not give the enthusiastic talk

or the figures on cost of material by

which the boomers prove that iron can

be made here much cheaper than any-

where else in the world, and that Bir-

mingham is destined to be the Sheffield,

the Sligo, the Bradford and the Man-

chester, all in one, of the new world.

Investors will investigate, and for oth-

ers such figures would be wearisome.

Whether this city is really to have 125,-

000 people in 1900 and 250,000 in 1910,

as the most moderate assert, is more

Prunes For the World.

There are in all over 6,000 acres of prane orchards of bearing age in Ore-

gon. There are also several thousand acres of I-year-old prune orchards not

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terially to the total output of fruit. A

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Eirmingham.

(25 pounds) and meal to 25 cents.

ed daily average of miners proper is

SCENE ON SECOND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM.

tentious opera house they wear exactly the same stolid air of indifference as at lowest grade work at 80 cents a day,

way trains does not rouse even a quiver the district are paid to the head roller

woods product there he never manifests the slightest interest in the ponderous range in the furnaces is all the way machinery or cares to look through the from \$1.75 to \$4. Common labor is

somefin, an day ain't got vittels to pick than I know, and one man's guess is as at, an so day picks at de clay." Such is good as another's.

J. B. Parke.

with 27,000 and the county with 88,- known to the chemist is made of a prep-

suburbs were annexed and now the with nitric and hydrochloric acids. The

of 62,000. The city stretches from Red gular property of fading when exposed

Mountain to North Birmingham and to the light and recovering its color

from West End to East Lake, and still when taken into the shade or placed in



SHE HAD TROUBLE.

And Her Husband Explained Why She

Was Without a Cook. She was evidently bent upon producing an impression not only upon the old acquaintance she had just met, but upon all the other people in the car as

"Yes, I heard you had come back to Chicago to live," she said, after greetings had been exchanged, "but really I've not had time to come to see you. I have no cook—servants are the plague of a housekeeper's life in Chicago."

"Ah, I suppose you keep a good many?" "Well, you know, we can't get them well trained, and it is one person's work to keep them going."

"Oh, well, I haven't had much trouble, but then I only keep two. How many"-

"Of course, my house is large and I am particular." "Where are you living now? I want

to come to see you." "On the north side. I only wish I could ask you over to dinner, but it is impossible so long as I am without a cook, and as I am particular about references I may not be suited for a long

time." "How lucky that I met you today. An old cook of mine is hunting a place; she will just suit you, for she is an excellent servant, fond of children, seldom

goes out, and"-"How nice! Have you seen Ellen

since you came back?" "I was going to see her today. I am so anxious to get Christine a place and I thought she might take her, but now that I've met you I shall not need to go. I can give her the best of recommendations, so you"-

"Yes. I haven't seen Ellen for a long time. She lives plainly, I might say poorly, and, of course, we don't go out together at all."

'Indeed. Now, about the cook; shall I send her to you, or"-"Oh, don't trouble yourself; I"-

"It is no trouble at all. What is your number?

"Dear me, I don't believe I have a card with me. I intended to stop at the engraver's today, but the fall things in the shops were so lovely I forgot all about it."

"Too bad. However, I can write down your address; you will find her a treasure, I assure you."

"Yes, yes; no doubt. But really, I

am getting along very well, and I hate to train." "But you won't need to train Christine. I did that myself, and I'd take her

now only I have a treasure already." "Yes. Do tell me if you ever see the Upwells now?"

Yes, indeed. They have just gone to boarding. Christine had been living with them for a year, and Laura was perfectly delighted with her. You had better engage her at once. Why, isn't that your husband coming in:
to see you, Mr. Van Tompkins. I am
to see you, Mr. Van Tompkins. I am
'I think it would have looked more
"I think it would have looked more so well. Why, she hasn't changed a bit like a genuine case of hypnotism if he

"Indeed she hasn't. I think it is wonderful too. Six years married, and the way that woman has worked! Why, she never bad a hired girl in the house except once, when the twins had scarlet fever. Why, Dora, I haven't seen you blush so at a compliment since you were a girl!"-Chicago Tribune.

Her Error.

"I see that you have been buying a bicycle," he casually remarked, as they sat side by side on the sofa. 'Yes. '

"Cash or installment?" "Two dollars a week," she admitted.

And thus it was she unknowingly caused him to postpone his proposal for nearly a year. - Indianapolis Journal.

Pleased Her.

"If there is anything I like," said he to his wife, "it is a woman who knows enough to be a good listener. Whereat the servant girl at the keyhole could not repress a smile of satisfaction. -Albany Argus.

Highly Contagious.

Cholly (reading paper)—Gwacius! The Pwince of Wales has a cold. Chappie-My goodness! Send out for some cough medicine, deah boy, for both of us. -Truth.

A Saving Thought. Kate (spitefully)-The men are all

Laura (demurely)-But some have more money than others. -Boston Transcript.

Universal.



She-I really don't think I shall take part again in theatricals. I always feel as though I were making a fool of my-

He-Oh, everybody thinks that!your little sister to get it for you .-Pick Me Up.

Among the witnesses who eppeared before the civil court the other day in an action of tort was a melancholy young man with a noticeable arrange-ment of features. When he took his place on the witness stand the examining counsel began with the stereotyped.

The witness shifted about uneasylike from foot to foot and then unswered sadly, "I don't know."

"Are you a married man or a single

man?

It was the lawyer's turn now to look uneasy. He glanced at the witness, then at the court and finally, running an eye the length of the young man, as if about to give a guess on his weight, asked in a kind of an amused way:

"You're the first young man of your age that I ever met who couldn't respond either affirmatively or negatively

on that all important question."
"I can't," said the witness, turning
his head as if the subject was to him a disagreeable one. The lawyer asked him why, and, finding that he must answer, he replied:
"Well, I was married a couple of

months ago to a woman who had had a previous marriage annulled on the ground that she was insane at the time the ceremony was performed. I have now reason to believe that she was insane when she married me. If she wasn't." and his features relaxed into a melancholy smile, "I think I must have been insone to have married ber. I am going to let the court decide it later on."—Boston Globe.

"Making Good the Ante."



No Proof of His Powers.

"Ethel!" "Yes, papa."

"I believe you told me once that young Litewait claimed to be a hypno-

"Oh, he is one, papa. I know he is." "He's proved it to your satisfaction, has he?" "Yes, indeed."

"Was he trying to demonstrate it when I saw him kissing you in the conservatory?"

The beautiful girl blushed. "Yes, papa," she said.
"You considered that satisfactory

proof, did you?" "Yes, papa."

"And you're sure it was hypnotism?" "Perfectly certain, papa."
"You wouldn't try to deceive your poor old father in a matter of that sort.

would you?" "No, indeed, papa."

had kissed your mother or me, 'he said. | calf, sheep and goat skins. One-third ''However, we'll not discuss that. I of the hides used came from South have made up my mind, though, that America. They cost 5 1/4 cents a pound. all hypnotists must keep away from The other raw materials were princi-

"Why, papa?"
"My observation convinces me that you are too good a subject to make it possible for any of them to demonstrate any real hypnotic power to my satisfaction. As for young Litewait, you may say to him that I feel certain that I can hypnotize him so perfectly that he would never know what hit him."-

She Felt Discouraged. "You seem downcast," said Mrs. Hunnimune's husband. "I do feel terribly discouraged. The

Chicago Post.

servant is going to leave."
"That's too bad. That makes the fifth
in three months."

'Yes. I feel like giving up. No sooner do I learn to cook to suit one than another comes, and I have to start all over again."—Washington Star.

An Eye to Businesss. He-What did the doctor say was the

matter with you?

She-Said I was run down. "What did he recommend?" "Bicycle riding."

"I see; that will make business for him, because you'll run other people down."-Yonkers Statesman.

An Exception. "So you have taken to cycling at last,

have you?" "How did you find that out?" "I saw you on your wheel yesterday."
"By Jove! I'm glad to hear that.

All the rest of my friends happened to see me when I was off."—Richmond Dispatch. A Modern Delilah. As he leaned lovingly against her she

playfully snipped off a few locks of his

"Heavens!" he exclaimed, when he realized what she had done, "you have

ruined the best half back in the busi-ness."—Brooklyn Life.

Long Process. "And must we say farewell?" she

faltered. "Yes," be answered.

She hated to sit up another two hours but he was firm in his purpose. - Detroit Tribune.

Defined. Aunt Jessie-Now, Percy, can you tell me what "lazy" means? Percy-Lazy means when you want

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Beginning of the Leather Trade.

Leather Reporter.

Vitality of Seeds Tested.

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taining the purity and vitality of seeds, notes the remarkable power of reger-mination which is exhibited by various species. Different samples of wheat

germinated no less than ten times after

intervals of a week or more, during

which time the seeds were kept perfect-

ly dry. Corn will germinate nearly as

often. Clover and the grass seeds ger-

minate but once, as a rule. This helps

to explain why a good stand of grass or clover is difficult to obtain in unfavor-

able seasons, while failure with wheat

or grain from alternate wet and dry con-

ditions seldom occurs, provided the seed

is good. It may also be one reason why

certain garden seeds will endure much

An Oddity In Toes and Digital

the animal creation with which you

will never become acquainted if you de-

pend on your textbooks for information.

It is this: No living representative of

the animal kingdom has more than five

toes, digits or claws to each foot, hand

and the hippopotamus of four toed ani-

mal life. The elephant and hundreds of

other animals belonging to different or-

ders belong to the great five toed tribe.

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and Massachusetts 299. Their yearly production included 2,608,240 pounds of sole leather and 44,058 dozens of GIVES THE CHOICE OF TWO TRANSCONTINENTAL pally sheep and deer skins. Nearly all the country folk wore breeches or aprone ROUTES of buckskins, fulled or tanned in oil.

VIA The largest tannery at that time was in GREAT UNION Northampton, Mass. It was capable of tanning 5,000 hides a year. -Shoe and

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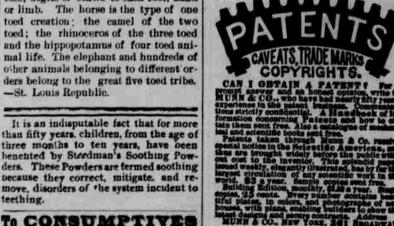
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