

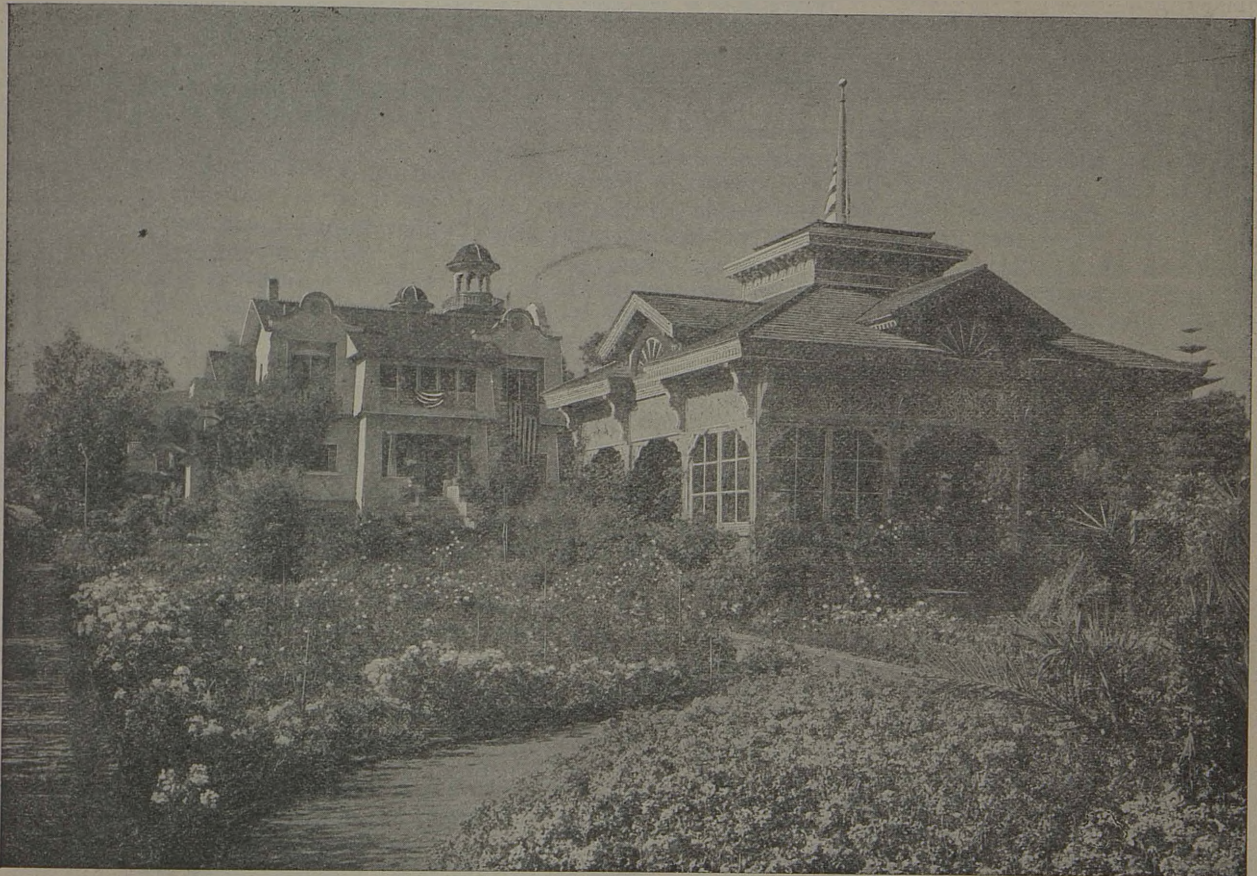
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Why Not Put Your Ad Here?

Dr. Brougher

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You Cannot Sow Seeds of Secret
Sin and Not Reap Publicly Har-
vest of Your Misdeed.

Last Sunday night at Temple Baptist Church, Dr. J. Whitecomb Brougher preached to a large congregation a special sermon to men, although it was also applicable to the women who were present. His subject was: "When Reuben Comes to Town", and his text, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Among other things he said:

"The truth of his text is so evident that we need not stop to argue it; it is true, and admitted to be true by Jew and Gentile, Christian and infidel. Any fool recognizes the truth of it when applied to farming. I have never known a farmer who was fool enough to sow wild oats and expect to reap wheat; but there has been many a country bumpkin, as well as city dude, who has been fool enough to think that he could sow wild oats and other weeds in the city and not have to reap the harvest. But the law applies to life in the city as well as in the country.

"There are three things that I wish to say concerning this text:

"First, when a farmer sows his seed, he expects to reap. He does not go out sowing just to kill time; he expects some return for his labor. When a man puts his life into the world, he expects something from it. A young man goes to school with the expectation of getting an education—otherwise he would not go. When a young man enters a carpenter shop as an apprentice, he expects to reap a harvest as a contractor and builder. When a student enters a law office, he plants himself there with the expectation of some day blossoming out as a judge or statesman.

"Second, if a man plants potatoes, he does not look for water-melons; if he plants watermelon seed, he does not expect goose-berries. This law is so certain that a man expects to reap wheat

when he sows wheat, and barley when he sows barley. All farmers know this fact; but there are thousands of men and women who act on the contrary principle. They sow seed of nightshade and expect to gather morning glories. From wild oats of dissipation, they expect a harvest of golden character.

"Third, where does the annual crop of bums and drunkards and dissolute men and women come from, if it is not the result of intemperance? As Christian people, we must bear our part of the responsibility. Better license men to go throughout the country and sow our fields with Scotch thistle, mustard seed, and brown-eyed Susan, than to license men to sell intoxicating drinks and sow the seeds of intemperance that will destroy our homes.

"The young man who plays cards at home will easily be enticed into gambling, when he lives in a city boarding-house, far away from his home and friends.

"Sow social card-playing for prizes and you will continue to reap gamblers. Sow gambling and you reap the embezzler. Sow embezzling and reap the penitentiary.

"Sow the round dance and reap the german. Sow the german and reap the public ball. Sow the public ball and reap degradation, shame and disgrace. I would not rob young people of any pleasure that is helpful, but hundreds of ruined girls have testified that their first step downward was taken at a public dance. Sow the german and reap spider-legged dudes and ruined girls.

"Sow the seeds of passion and immorality and reap a harvest of licentiousness. Sow the seeds of cigarette-smoking and reap the fiend who passes on to the asylum. You cannot sow the seeds of secret sin and not reap publicly the harvest of your misdeed."

Mr. D. A. Atkins of 1315 E-1-2 East 12th street wants everybody to know that he does all kinds of shoe repairing. Work done while you wait. Give him a call.

The President's First Trousers,

When President Taft was seven years old his mother bought him a pair of short duck trousers. The first time they were washed they shrank badly. The boy was fat, but his mother wedged him into the trousers against his protest. He went out to play, but in a few minutes returned.

"Mamma," he said, "I can't wear these pants; they are too tight. 'Why mamma, they are tighter than my skin."

"Oh, no, they're not, Billy," replied his mother. "Nothing could be tighter than your skin."

"Well, all the same, these pants are. I can sit down in my skin, but I can't in these pants."

Would Look Out After Them

When Woodrow Wilson, the former President of Princeton College, was campaigning for the Governorship last autumn he came to a small rural hotel for dinner. The waiter handed him the menu card. But the ex-President, tired from the day's campaigning, pushed it away and said: "Now, George, I don't want to bother with that. Take it away and go out and get me a nice dinner. Bring me a dinner. That's all. The best you've got."

The waiter brought in a dinner and Doctor Wilson ate it.

As the ex-President was leaving the waiter said: "Mistuh Wilson, ef any of yo' friends up there at Princeton what cain't read neither comes down this way you jist send 'em to George and I'll take care of 'em all right."

What Twice Half Might Do

Fred Douglas, the colored orator, at one time made a speech in Ohio. Just after this speech he overheard two Irishmen talking.

Said one Irishman: "That's a moighty phoine speech for to be made by a nayger."

"Ah, yes, it was quite phoine; but he is only half a nayger."

"Well, if half a nayger can make such a speech phat the divil kind of a magnificent speech would a whole nayger make?"

Where Are Our Girls to Get Husbands

On hearing a speech made by one of the prominent colored doctors of this city, my mind has been haunted by those facts he uttered, ever since. He spoke on the scarcity of Negro husbands for Negro girls, and brought out some interesting and acute facts that should be given due just consideration by every Negro boy and girl. The doctor exemplified the refined wife with the unpolished husband, the lack of interest taken by young men in social affairs, where the intermingling of the two sexes were required. Also, he spoke of the girl who is classed high, that associates with the young man who has been ostracised from society circles for some immoral act, then being an associate of our best girls. The doctor made some timely remarks.

The girl, on a whole, is being educated and trained for the various essentials of life, while the boy with the same chances, is neglecting his. In many colleges and public schools of the United States for Negroes, the girl outnumbered the boy almost 3 to 1.

The boy of today varies greatly from those of yesterday. He is no longer the chaste and undefiled being of the past, but his senses have turned (jest a few good ones) to rowdiness, bad associates, unclean habits, that are shortening his life, ruining him morally, mentally and physically. What sort of a husband would one of these inert, insignificant beings make for a husband for one of our best girls? This grave question stares everyone in the face.

Today we see boys who should be in school, lounging around saloons, pool halls, roving the slums and attaching themselves to the very worst habit. What sort of husbands will they be?

There should be as much interest taken in the boy as there is in the girl, for in their union the outcome may be regretted. We should use every effort in persuading the young man to toe the mark, socially with the girl, for social intermingling will be one of the primary factors in aiding the man to realize the

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We witnessed a few of the Doctor's demonstrations and regard them as something wonderful.

Editor

required qualities to enter upon married life. It does not take the seer to see the outcome of this murky social condition that is now existing. We must spring a remedy or the worst will remain at hand.—Palestine (Tex.) Plain-dealer.

Items of Local Interest

The Elk's Picnic at Seal Garden Park was a grand success.

The gate receipts being \$200. The crowd was as orderly as could be, everybody enjoying themselves.

This, the opening entertainemnt of the season, presages success for the undertaking. By leasing the Seal Garden Park the Elks have rendered the race a valuable service.

The ordinance for widening Eighth street has passed the council and finally settled the matter.

Mr. B. W. Brown, proprietor of the Central Avenue Variety Mart, has opened a first class soda fountain where soft drinks of all kinds and ice cream can be had. 1209 Central Avenue. When in need of refreshments call.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mrs. E. E. Peterson, the Temperance orator, national Superintendent of the Colored W. C. T. U., will address the citizens on the subject of Temperance at the following times and places:

Mount Zion Baptist Church, 3rd and Stephenson avenue, Sunday evening, 8 o'clock, June 4th.

Second Baptist Church Maple Avenue, Tuesday evening, June 6.

Phillips C. M. E. Church, Newton street near Tenn., Wednesday evening, June 7th, 8 o'clock.

Mason's Chapel, Wilson and 14th streets, Thursday evening, June 8th.

New Hope Baptist Church, Paloma near 16th, Sunday, 11 o'clock, a. m., June the 11th.

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Hemlock near 12th, June the 11th, 7:30 o'clock.

Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, 8th and San Julian streets, June 11th, 3:30 o'clock p. m.

Everybody invited. Mrs. Peterson is an orator of national reputation and a most entertaining speaker. Don't fail to hear her. Remember the dates.

J. W. Coleman for President.

Hon. J. W. Coleman, vice-president of the Forum is strongly urged for president at the election to be held the last of this month. As vice-president for the past six months he has made good. He possesses good presidential timber and with him in the chair the Forum will take on new life.

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Decoration Day

Decoration Day has become of late badly missused. It was made a national holiday that the people of this mighty nation might gather around and cover the graves of its departed heroes with flowers, that their deeds that perpetuated a nation's life might be told in song and story as a means of kindling the fires of patriotism in the bosoms of the young. The practice of going on excursions, giving base ball games and prize fights is simply desecrating the day made holy by the heroes over whose graves our flowers are strewn.

No; rather than all of this prodigal waste of time, money and energy let the nation with uncovered head stand in the presence of its dead and ponder upon the sins that made necessary the sacrifice of

the dark days from '61 till '65, to the end that no future sins shall require a similar destruction of life and property. It is good some times for a nation, as well as an individual, to indulge in a few retrospective moments in order that it may profit by a memory of the mistakes of the past.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

The President of the Forum Writing Letters.

In a letter written to Mr. Morgan T. White, the president of the Forum seems to think that Mr. White handled him roughly and unjustly in his letter to *The Liberator* last week. In this the president is alone as Mr. White's letter had been everywhere warmly commended for its advice and timeliness.

The Liberator, believing in fair play, would gladly publish the president's letter so that its readers could hear his side, but we have too high regard for him to publish his letter without giving him a chance to review it. We have some times lost patience with hot headed letter writers and put an everlasting quietus upon them by publishing their letter *verbatim et literatim*.

According to a sentence in the president's letter, he thinks that the members of The Forum should speak without thought and discuss important questions without preparation. With the president entertaining such views it takes no Solomon to understand why scandal mungering, personalities and silly points of order have of late become the Forum's principal crop. With the presiding officer entertaining such views, the fact that the Forum has survived his administration and at the same time rendered some service to the community is proof that it can do things in spite of him. The president and other agrieved parties will be greatly benefited by carefully studying Mr. White's letter. If its advice is followed the Forum will regain much of its lost prestige and the educated, trained men of the race in this city will return to

it without endangering their business.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. held a great mass meeting at Wesley Chapel last Sunday evening and the campaign for \$100,000 was launched by \$12,000 in pledges. All that is now needed to make the campaign a success is to back the enthusiasm by solid work until the campaign closes. The citizens understand the importance of the campaign and the opportunities that are theirs for the taking. We trust that our men and women whom God has trusted with large holdings will prove their worthiness to properly use them by generous gifts to this great cause.

Let everybody who can, give. If this is done, success is assured.

Mrs. E. E. Peterson, the well known and popular temperance orator will deliver an address at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Sunday evening, 8 o'clock, June 6. Everybody invited.

Rev. E. W. Kinchen, the new pastor of Wesley Chapel, filled the pulpit last Sunday to the satisfaction of the large audience that turned out to hear him. Old Wesley is taking on new life. Rev. Kinchen and the Board of Trustees have a new financial plan in preparation that will lift the indebtedness of the church and leave it free to do the great work it is destined to perform.

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A Mistaken Idea That the Negro Clamors for White Society.

The average white man in the United States has the idea that the average negro spends most of his time bemoaning the fact that he is not a white man, or in trying to devise some way by which he will be permitted to mingle, in a purely social way, with white people. This is far from the truth.

With all classes of the negro north and south, it is a rare occurrence when the matter of getting away from the race, or of social intermingling with the white people, is so much as mentioned. It is especially true that intelligent negroes find a satisfaction in social intercourse among themselves that is rarely known or understood by any one outside the negro race, in their family life, in the secret society, churches and other organizations, topics invariably relate to some enterprise for the betterment of the race.—The Colorado Times.

The above mistaken idea has become so prevalent that the editor has frequently been on the verge of questioning the sanity of white men and women who seem sane on all other questions.

It is a known fact that negroes never appreciate the idea even of having to meet white men and women in a social way.

In Negro homes it is a very common thing for white neighbors to run in for a social chat—and the negro is always civil enough to treat them courteously. On the other hand who ever heard of a negro calling at a white man's home in a purely social way.

These race discriminating laws making barriers for the separation of the races are used solely for the purpose of permitting white men to force their attention upon unprotected negro women and then furnishing them immunity for their misdeeds.

The white people of the United States by their constant hue and cry of fears of social equality have made themselves cowards in the eyes of the rest of the civilized world.

The truth of the matter is this—white men with political ambitions have found it a subject upon which they could easily ride into political favor.

White men have thrown white audiences into hysterics on the eve of an election by drawing imaginary pictures of negroes waiting at their doors to break in socially.

There are now many white men who figure conspicuously in American politics who would never have been heard of out side of his own door if he had not used that bug-a-boo, known as, "Negro social equality."

Colored Apprentices

In this city we have a score or more of builders and contractors who employ large numbers of white and colored skilled mechanics. And strange as it may seem only one of these, Mr. L. M. Blodgett has in his employ, colored apprentices. In spite of the fact that there are hundreds and hundreds of colored boys in this city, our colored contractors are putting forth no efforts to teach them the trade. And if the colored immigration to this city should cease for forty years there would not be a skilled negro laborer within its limits, in spite of the fact that it would then be a city of more than a million population. There are a half dozen shoe cobblers in the city without a single colored apprentice although the cobblers earn independently good wages. Blacksmithing is another paying trade with two negro shops and no negro apprentices. On the contrary, visit the white carpenters and builders, cement workers, stone cutters, painters, paper hangers, blacksmith shops and cobblers, and fully a third of the employees will be white boys learning the trade. There are a number of young colored men learning the tailors trade several of whom are in white shops.

In the matter of tailoring, Mr. Eugene Walker, our merchant tailor has put forward every effort possible to induce young colored men to take places in his establish-

ment and master the trade. There are many openings for blacksmiths, cobblers and other self supporting employment.

Many Colored Women Wanted. Can Find Ready Employment.

The demand for colored female help for private families, was never so great as now. Hundreds of colored women and girls can find immediate employment as cooks, chambermaids and nurse girls in this city and suburban towns at wages from twenty to thirty five dollars per month with room and board. If the maid does the family washing, it usually means an additional five dollars per month. Women clear more money per month than men because men have to board and house themselves. We have scores of girls in the city who rather work by the day and live in the city and pay room rent than take position by the month. This day work enables them to go on excursions, picnics and spend a whole night at social entertainments and sleep a part of the next day, many of them seem to have no conception of what life is for. To them to earn money enough to dress in the latest styles is the only object to be attained in life. To earn and save money while fitting themselves to be the queen of a home, never occurs to them. Of course there are many worthy exceptions, but there are far too many of the other kind.

There is absolutely nothing in that old cry about discrimination. The main trouble is the unwillingness to take regular employment and settle down to the practical things of life. Too many young women want to live and dress fine without working.

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**Back to the Farms.
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Mr. Riley Calbert of Lamoore, Kings County, California, writes *The Liberator* as follows:

"The Back to the Ranch Sentiment has become nation wide that I am sure the readers of *The Liberator* will be interested in a few ranch notes from the San Joaquin Valley. A rancher here sold to Mr. Lewis Brunson two acres of early potatoes at \$100 per acre and one acre of onions at \$200. Allowing twelve dollars for the rent of the potato land, \$16 for seed, \$24 for labor making an actual cost of fifty-two dollars, leaving a profit of seventy-four dollars per acre. The cost of producing an acre of onions, thirty dollars. Profit \$170. Unimproved lands, the same quality as produced onions and potatoes, can be purchased at \$110 per acre. Improved lands \$140 to \$200 per acre. Four years ago Mr. Brunson came here with enough money to make the first payment on ten acres of land. He is now out of debt and farming successfully forty acres of land, some of which is rented."

It was at our suggestion after paying a visit to the San Joaquin Valley, that Mr. Brunson, with a few other young colored men, went to Lamoore and purchased land. Mr. Calbert, the writer of the above letter, acting upon our suggestion did the same thing. Mr. Calbert purchased ten acres of improved land for \$1,400 and is so well pleased with his prospects that he says he would not leave his place and take a job for seventy five dollars per month. Mr. Calbert spent many years in the pullman car service, which services he left last January to take his mother and sister to the farm. Mrs. Calbert and her daughter Mrs. Trent are enjoying themselves immensely with their fresh vegetables from their garden each day and the old fashioned fish fries and picnics.

**The Climax of Uncle Tom's Cabin
Written First.**

The first part of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" ever committed to writing was the chapter describing the death of Uncle Tom. That came about in this way. She was seated in her pew in the college church at Brunswick during a communion service. Suddenly, like the unrolling of a great picture scroll, scene after scene of the death of Uncle Tom passed before her mind. The words of Christ were sounding in her ears: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me!" It seemed to her that Christ Himself was speaking to her through the poor black man who hung there bleeding under the blows of the slave-whip. She could scarcely restrain herself from weeping aloud—so affected was she. That Sunday afternoon she went to her room after dinner, and, locking the door, wrote out the chapter describing the death of Uncle Tom substantially as it appears in the public editions. Lacking sufficient writing-paper she

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A crowd that filled the Tabernacle Baptist church to overflow, turned out Monday night to hear Rev. Gordon's report about Liberia. Rev. Gordon's statement that only intelligent men and women possessed of good health and money, need go to Liberia, threw a damper on the vast crowd, many of whom had turned out expecting Dr. Gordon to tell of a land in Africa where men could go to sleep and dream themselves into philosophers and millionaires. The statement that it would require the same effort to succeed in Liberia that it requires to succeed in California was a sore disappointment to the dreamers. The howl of disappointment that went up was babel on a small scale. Much of the heat produced by disappointment was cooled off by dishes of ice cream that were passed round to the vast audience at the close of the meeting. This was indeed a thoughtful piece of strategy.

Dr. Gordon will deliver a series of lectures on Liberia and her resources and write a series of articles on the same subject. In the mean while we trust that our people will make themselves solid by purchasing farm lands in the San Joaquin and other great fertile vallies in this state where schools, churches, libraries, railroads, public roads, electric roads and telephones puts every farmer in speaking distance with his city merchant. Between these lands and Los Angeles rolls no mighty ocean. The traveler can reach these lands by train or foot. They are as fertile as any in Africa, the climate unsurpassed. The cost of the passage from here to Africa will make the first two payments on ten acres which will amply provide for a family of five.

A Day With the Tabernacle Church

Rev. R. H. Wade, acting pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, delivered an eloquent sermon last Sunday to a large and appreciative congregation. Rev. Wade has been filling the pulpit since January

last in the absence of Dr. Gordon who went to Liberia on a special mission. Rev. Wade took for his text the third verse of the 5th chapter of second Kings: "Naaman Cleansed of Leprosy." He handled the subject in a masterly way, likening the sins which afflict both body and soul to the leprosy which afflicts only the body.

His applications were every where fitting and forceful.

His tribute of the little captive Israelitish maid, whose advice led to Naaman's cleansing, was so eloquent that the congregation was swept by a wave of enthusiasm.

The speaker, seeming to fear that his tribute would be regarded as an endorsement of Woman's Suffrage suddenly changed his attitude and read a lecture against women voting. This had the effect of dropping a lump of ice into a pot of boiling water—the water ceased to roll. He dealt the hobble and harem skirts a blow that ripped them wide open. He then went back to the Garden of Eden and gave a chapter on the mistakes of mother Eve. The stillness of the audience became so intense that the speaker inquired why there were no Amens. Having set the audience right as to his attitude toward Woman's Suffrage, he returned to his subject and pronounced an eulogy on the great women whose deeds have written immortal pages in history, that was soul stirring. For more than an hour, he made the words of his text apply fittingly to all the sins and short comings that afflict the human family of to-day.

Dr. Gordon, who had just returned from Liberia, Africa looking a picture of health and contentment, occupied a place on the platform.

Dr. Wade's discourse was in every way creditable and instructive.

Mr. Lawrence Greene is agent for *The Liberator* at the city of Furlong. Friends there will do us a favor by paying all money for subscriptions to him. He is a fine little citizen and deserves encouragement.

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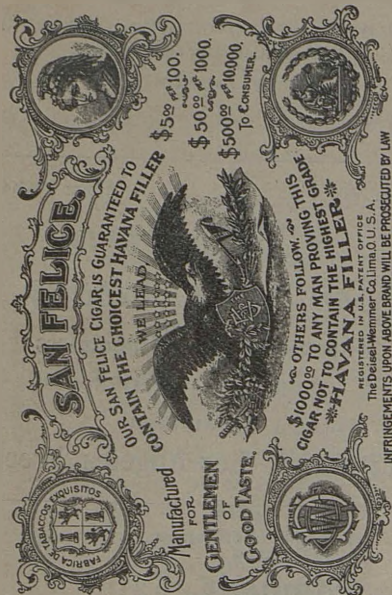
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wrote most of the chapter with a lead pencil on coarse brown paper in which groceries had been wrapped. It seemed to her that what she wrote poured itself through her mind like a flood and ran down her arm and off the end of her pencil.

Her husband was not at home, but, gathering her children about her that evening, she read to them what she had written. One of her little boys sobbed out: "Oh, Mamma, slavery is the most cruel thing in the world!" He lived to be one of the first to shoulder a musket at Lincoln's call, and was seriously wounded at Gettysburg.

It does not appear that Mrs. Stowe immediately realized what she had done. In the pressure of domestic cares the rough sheets on which she had written the first words of her famous story were laid aside and forgotten. She did not even show them to her husband on his return. He discovered them by chance, and one day she found him in tears over the brown wrapping-paper. He had seated himself at her writing-table and was reading about Uncle Tom with wonder and admiration. It was largely by his advice that she concluded to make what she had written the climax of a serial story.—by Charles Edward Stowe.

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