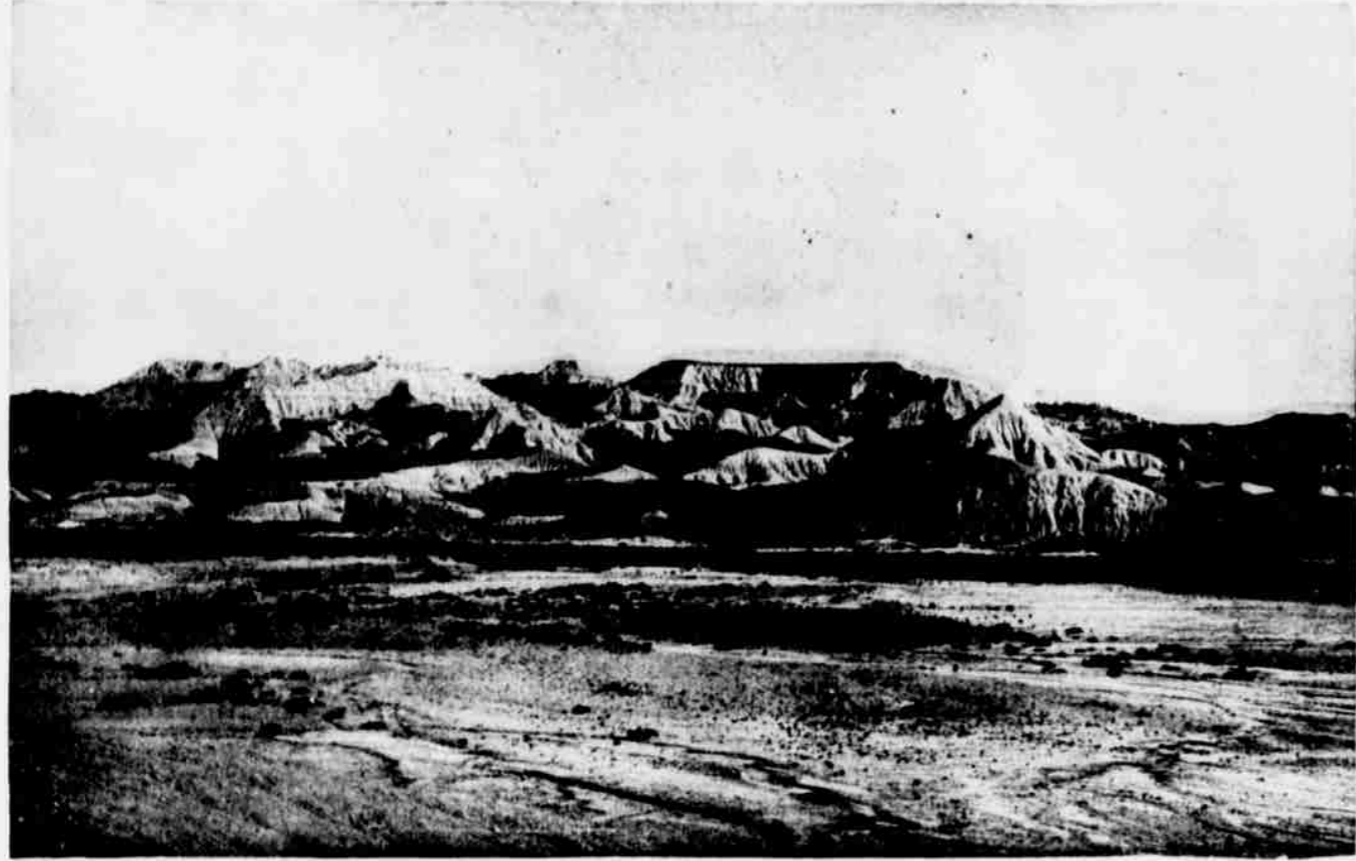


Preacher's Dog Story

State Senator John Thompson is about one of the best storytellers in these parts, says the Nashville Banner, and his repertoire includes a lot of good ones, fish and otherwise. On the truthfulness of some he will stake his reputation for veracity, but he tells one which he always prefixes with the statement that it was told him by a minister of the gospel, Dr. Bartwell, who will be remembered here by the older inhabitants as the assistant of Dr. Edgar of revered memory, who was pastor of the First Presbyterian church during the latter years of General Andrew Jackson's life, and attended the old hero in his last illness. Senator Thompson said: "Dr. Bartwell used to visit my father's house when I was a boy and the story I am about to tell you was related to me on the occasion of one of those visits. We were out on the veranda, smoking one evening after supper. The doctor was fond of dogs

side, but he kept up such a racket that no one could sleep on the place and when the man opened the door to drive the dog off he rushed into his bedroom and at once became very quiet, lying down near the foot of the bed, where he slept all night. "Early in the morning, the man said, he got up and opened the window, and the instant he did so the dog seized his pantaloons in his mouth and, jumping out of the window, fled. "The man followed as soon as he could get his mule. "Hearing this story, my friend got the pantaloons and on searching the pockets found the half-dollar he had hid under the rock the afternoon before." **Talking of "Honey"** Atlanta Constitution: A correspondent asks if the word "honey," as a term of endearment, is peculiar to any section. Well, it's long been in use in the rural

was doing very well, when the people objected to the milk and butter on account of the sewage used in enriching the land, although it is said there was no evidence of ill effects therefrom. I am told that cattle double in value after being on the farm six months. I have spoken of Queensland as being one of the frontier colonies of Australia. Nevertheless it is one of the best markets for our agricultural machinery and it has as up-to-date farm implements as you will find anywhere. It has reapers and binders, steam threshers and also six-furrow plows drawn by twelve horses to break up its land. Its larger sugar plantations have steam railroads and no moneys is spared when improved machinery is needed. The Queenslanders are now improving their stock. They have many Shorthorns and other good cattle, and this notwithstanding the ranches are often far in the interior. The cattle are sometimes driven hundreds and even thousands of miles to



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and was a pretty good sportman, and naturally the conversation turned on this subject. "Speaking of dogs," said Dr. Bartwell, "reminds me of a dog which belonged to a friend of mine in Mississippi. I had been invited to hold services at a church near this friend's house and wrote him to meet me at the station, some six miles from his house, on the Saturday afternoon before Sunday, the day of the appointment. "He was on time with horses and we started to his home. I noticed that a very handsome bird dog followed us, and having heard that someone in that neighborhood owned an especially well-trained trick dog, I asked my friend about it. "That's the dog," at the same time pointing to his dog which had ran ahead of us and was waiting at the forks of the road. "I asked him to make him perform a trick. He got down from his horse, called the dog, and, taking out his pocketbook held it to the dog's nose. He then took out a silver half-dollar and walking some distance into the woods raised up a large rock and put the money under it. We then resumed our journey and when probably half a mile away my friend called his dog and told him to go back and get the money. "The dog without the least hesitation, started back on a run and my friend explained as the rock was heavy the dog would be unable to turn it over, so would have to scratch under it to reach the piece of money and he would not probably get home before we reached there, it then being about three miles further on to his house. "However, when we reached home the dog was not there. We ate supper and still the dog did not come, nor had he put in an appearance when we retired at about 10 o'clock. "The next morning we got up about daylight, and hearing a noise outside, my friend opened the door and the dog rushed in dragging with him a pair of pantaloons which he dropped on the floor. "Of course, we were both mystified, but had not long to wait an explanation, for shortly afterward a man who lived several miles from my friend's house rode up on a mule, and inquired if a dog with a pair of pantaloons in his mouth had come into the house. The dog at this moment came out on the porch, and the man said, 'Why, there's the dog now.' "My friend told his caller that the dog had really brought a pair of pantaloons home with him, but he did not understand it himself. "The man said that late in the afternoon the day before he found the dog scratching under a large rock near the road and thinking he was after a rabbit stopped and lifted the rock up, and to his surprise found a half-dollar under the side. "He put the money in his pocket and the dog followed him home. The dog appeared to be friendly and the man petted him and gave him his supper. At night when the family retired the dog was put on the out-

districts of the south, but it is nearly as old as the hills. Shakespeare used it in "Othello," where the Moor says to Desdemona: Honey, you shall be well-desired in Cyprus. Also the poet Coogler—an' we are not mistaken—hath a rhyme to this purpose: In the days when life was sunny Susan smiled, and called me "Honey." We once heard a Billville matron calling to her husband, who was digging bait in the garden, "Honey, if you don't drop that hoe an' fetch me in a cord o' wood I'll break this washpot over yer head, Honey!"

Carpenter's Letter

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port which was to last for five years. For the first year we were to receive from the government 4 cents per pound for all we shipped, the second year 3 cents, the third year 2 cents and the fourth year 1 cent. The result was that the people at once began to study and experiment. Men who would not own a milk cow under the old laws bought dairy farms as soon as the bounty was promised, and now our butter is selling at high prices in both Asia and Europe. In 1894 we sold about \$3,000,000 worth and in 1895 more than \$5,000,000 worth and we now have a market for as much as we can make. We have introduced your American machinery for making butter. We like your American inventions. You seem to know just what is fitted for a country like this. I learn that the dairy industry in South Australia is growing. The government has established dairy classes in its technical schools and is giving a bonus on butter exports. Experiments are being made on other lines, such as canned fruits and jams for export. South Australia is trying to foster silk culture. Mulberry plantations have been set out and silk worms introduced. So far the product is small, but the samples of silk sent to Marseilles have been pronounced excellent. In every colony there are agricultural experts who travel about giving lectures on new things in farming, and every colony has its agricultural colleges and experimental farms. **Adelaide Sewage Farm.** One of the most interesting farms of this kind is operated by the city of Adelaide. It lies about four miles from the town and contains altogether 546 acres. It is so situated that the sewage of the city can be conducted by gravitation on the land, the farm lying below the city. All the sewage is strained before it is distributed over the land. The farm is worked on the irrigation principle and the strained sewage is carried over it by means of cement concrete carriers and wooden troughs. The fields vary in area from eight to twenty-five acres. Many of them are used for pasture, the rich fertilization producing the finest of grass. At present the cattle raised on the farms are sold entirely for their meat. A dairy was established and

the markets. There are laws which keep the cattle roads open and which provide that they have the right to feed half a mile on each side while passing through the country. The law also requires that the cattle move at least six miles a day. On the cattle ranches the stock are rounded up and reclassified every year. Every five years they have what is called a "bang-tail muster" to count the cattle. At this time they clip the hair off the end of the tail of each animal for about two inches, baring it, as it were. Such cutting will show for about two years. Books are kept of the number of bangs and in the round-ups every hoof, horn and hide must be accounted for. **FRANK G. CARPENTER.**

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