

**STAYED RIGHT WITH HIS JOB**

One Thing, at Least, Hopeful Mother Might Say With Truth of Her Scapegrace Son.

Aunt Julia, Mrs. B—'s colored washerwoman, is a thrifty, respectable and self-respecting representative of her race, but is unfortunate in having an utterly worthless scapegrace son, who lately served a richly deserved sentence in the penitentiary at Pittsburg. Notwithstanding his disgrace, Aunt Julia is exceedingly proud of him and misses no occasion of chanting his praises. Some time ago, on her weekly mission at the B—'s, she observed:

"Ah s'pose yo'all didn't know ah'm gwine to hab my boy home for Christmas?"

"Indeed?"

"Yes, ma'am; he done wrote yesterday he comin' home Tuesday."

"You must be very glad, Aunt Julia. How long has he been away?"

"Eighteen months. Ah tell you, honey, he jest stuck right to it."—Harper's Magazine.

**PIMPLES ON FACE 3 YEARS**

"I was troubled with acne for three long years. My face was the only part affected, but it caused great disfigurement, also suffering and loss of sleep. At first there appeared red, hard pimples which later contained white matter. I suffered a great deal caused by the itching. I was in a state of perplexity when walking the streets or anywhere before the public.

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Invading the Enemy's Country. "In pursuance of a plan I have had in mind for some time," announced Pastor Goodsole at the close of his sermon, "I have rented a small room in an apartment house in a fashionable neighborhood and expect to open a mission Sunday school there on the first Sunday in May. I don't know, brethren, where the children who attend it are to come from if, indeed, any children attend it at all, but it will be there all summer, and may be regarded either as an opportunity or as a reproach. We will now sing our closing hymn."

Fooling the Lord. "Mother," teased a little boy of five, "does God know everything that I'm going to do before I do it?" "Yes, dear, everything," she said. "Well, does he know that I'm going upstairs in a minute and put on my pajamas and say my prayers and get into bed?" "Yes, dear, he knows everything." "Well, tonight he's going to get fooled, for I'm not going to say my prayers."—St. Louis Republic.

Hospital Experiments With Warts. Physician at Habnemann hospital, in Philadelphia are experimenting for the removal of warts and advertised for one hundred men and women burdened with the blemishes. There has been such a rush of the wart-laden hospital bids fair to become an immense beauty parlor.

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Chance for Him. Gerald—People can get used to anything. Geraldine—Then why not cheer up? It doesn't seem right than a woman

**Our Most Useful Holiday**



**PALM TREES IN THE SOUTH**



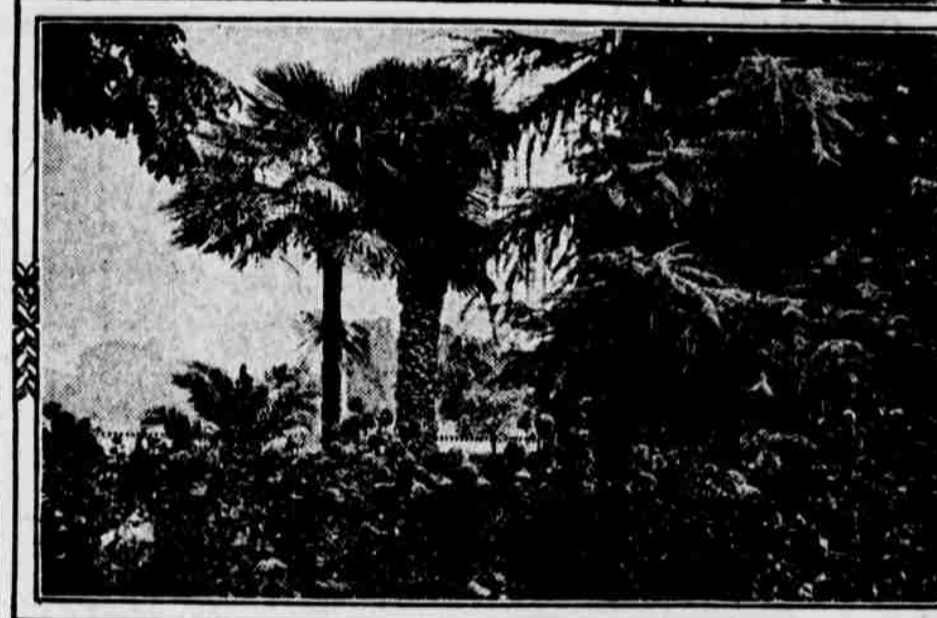
**A SHADED ROAD IN THE WEST**

It is but natural that the people of the United States should take an especial interest in Arbor Day, because Arbor Day has been from the outset a distinctly American holiday. Year by year it has come to have a more and more general observance. All over this country and in parts of Canada this interesting annual occasion receives, each successive year, an increasing amount of attention from the public. It has also become the custom in later years for the president of the United States to issue a proclamation to the school children urging them to devote the day not only to special exercises but also to actual tree planting.

Nor is it difficult to discover the main cause of this growing attention to the observance of Arbor Day. It lies in a deepening realization of



**A SOUTHERN GRAPE VINE—SEVEN FEET IN CIRCUMFERENCE**



**SCENE OF LUTHER BURBANK'S EXPERIMENTS**

the importance of trees to us as a nation. The American people have suddenly awakened to the fact that not only is the lumber supply of the country being exhausted at a dangerously rapid rate, with no prospect of replenishing, but, worse yet, the wanton waste of our forests has a sequel in climatic changes that may mean hardship for many citizens of the republic. Indeed, some experts go so far as to attribute to this cause the terrific heat of last summer and the approximately exceptional cold of the past winter.

"Tree Day" would be quite as appropriate a name as Arbor Day for the spring holiday and a notable feature of its observance in the average community consists in the planting of trees and shrubs along roadsides and in other suitable places. In some instances the work devolves, by decree of time-honored custom, upon magistrates, local officials or public-spirited citizens, but for the most part it is in the hands of the teachers and pupils of public and private schools. It is not too much to say that Arbor Day, like several other of the spring festivals, is primarily a young people's holiday.

For all that most communities observe Arbor Day in April, the fact remains that it is a movable festival, and there are some sections of the country where, owing to the climate, it is desirable to have the tree planting exercises at some other time of year. In a majority of our states the date for Arbor Day is either selected by the state legislature or by the governor of the state acting under legislative authority. Usually, superintendents of schools supplement the gubernatorial proclamations on the subject of Arbor Day by the issuance of open letters bearing upon the aim and object of the holiday and with due reference to the lessons it teaches.

The state of Nebraska gets credit for originating Arbor Day, for it was the pioneer in what has become a national movement. The individual who was the original author of the scheme was none other than Mr. J. Sterling Morton, who afterward became Secretary of Agriculture in the Cabinet of President Cleveland during the lat-

ter's second term in the White House. It was in 1872 that Mr. Morton conceived the idea of this unique holiday and he forthwith introduced before the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture, of which he was a member, a resolution setting apart April 10 of that year as "tree planting day."

The legislature finally adopted the resolution as proposed by Mr. Morton, although some of his colleagues thought that "Sylvan Day" would be a better title for the newly-created festival, and there is a portion of the public that inclines to this belief today. The new scheme proved an emphatic success and more than one million trees were planted throughout Nebraska on that first Arbor Day. Not only were the children of the public schools interested from the outset, but individuals and local societies of various kinds participated. This was due in part, no doubt, to the fact that the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture, which created the holiday, offered a prize of one hundred dollars to the agricultural society of that county which planted properly the largest number of trees, and provided a farm library and a purse of twenty-five dollars for the person who planted the largest number of trees.

The next year Arbor Day was observed throughout Nebraska with increasing enthusiasm and in 1874 the governor, by official proclamation, designated the second Wednesday of April as Arbor Day for Nebraska. In 1885, when the legislature of the state formally designated Arbor Day as a holiday the date was changed to April 22. If Nebraska can be taken as an example, the influence of Arbor Day is certainly most beneficial and only pity is that other states could not have placed the holiday on their official calendar as early as did Nebraska. Statistics show a period of sixteen years following the which Farmer Morton secured the adoption of the Arbor Day project a total of three and fifty million trees and vines were planted in Nebraska as the direct outcome of the movement.

The first states to follow the example of Nebraska in adopting Arbor Day were

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**PREPARING FOR THE WEDDING**

But the Old Shoe, Fixed Up for the Occasion, Was Not Intended for the Bridal Pair.

There was to be a wedding in the vicinity. Many of the mountaineers would be there.

Early in the morning of the nuptial day Bud Hightower was noticed filling an old No. 12 shoe with slugs and nails and plaster of paris.

"Wot you doin', Bud?" drawled Sim Beesley.

"Kain't you see wot I'm doin'? I'm makin' moonshine sperrits out'a choese scrapin's."

Sim chuckled.

"Gettin' good an' ready f'r th' weddin', I reckon."

"I reckon."

"Goin' to throw it at, th' bridegroom, maybe?"

"Goin' to throw it at him, maybe, but it ain't going to hit him. It's goin' to break th' face of Snipe Tolliver, an' do it accidental, too. I been layin' f'r that theer Snipe f'r a right smart spell."

And he drove an extra railway spike in the hardening mass.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**A Believer.**

Gifford Pinchot, at his brother's house, in Park avenue, New York, listened quizzically to a political story that was being submitted to him for verification by a political reporter.

When the reporter finished his narrative Mr. Pinchot laughed and said: "I'll reply to that as the old Italian peasant replied to the statement that his fellow-countryman loved birds too well ever to eat them: 'Well, I don't mind believing that myself,' the old man said, 'but there's a good many who wouldn't.'"

**How Aggravating.**

Brown—I saw a man drop twenty stories the other day, and it was a caution the way he swore. Greene—Swore after dropping twenty stories?

**Hurt Her Womanly Dignity**

Fair American Would Not "Stand for" Time-Honored Custom of House of Lords. ing his heels for another ten minutes while the seal-bedecked party

"Wonder to the lo matter?" "Mat those p