

AN AGED DARY.

A Georgia Negro Claims to Be 140 Years Old.

Samuel Andrew Gibbons is an old negro, who, if his claims are true, is the oldest living native of Othman county.

A Morning News reporter met Gibbons on Bay street the other day and had quite a little chat with him.

"I was born on Fairlawn plantation, over that way (west of the city)," he said, "and I belonged to William Gibbons.

"I don't know the names of the streets now," he said, "but I lived here for 140 years."

"Yes, sir, I was here when the first revolution in the United States of America took place."

"You saw Gen. Washington, of course?"

"Yes, sir, I saw him. All the people turn out to see him and they fire guns."

"Did you see Lafayette?"

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BREVITIES OF FUN.

Every woman says of a pretty girl that she didn't know it so well.

Infatuation, like paralysis, may be all on one side, but when it takes effect on both sides it's a dead-gone case.

Little Clarence—"Pa, what is a 'sad wag'?"

Mean Thing—"Miss Chatter—"I knew you would be here to-day to see sister."

"Mine is a pitiable case," said the man who had reached the melancholy stage, as he leaned against the bar.

"But our agreement was," said the slender young man from the east, as he paused for a moment in his digging.

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MEAT DIET.

One of the Expresses of the American People—Ita That Follow.

Writing in the North American Review for June, Dr. Charles W. Purdy traces a large portion of the disease and early deaths of the American middle-classes to the eating of fleshmeat.

He says "it may be emphatically stated that the greatest dietary sin of the average American is his meat-eating propensity."

The well-to-do American has butcher's meat served with every meal and the amount of such food "that a man of ample appetite, will consume when properly spread before him on practically all occasions represents to his excretory organs a tax in its disposal that is physiologically prodigious."

Speaking of the ill directly traceable to the excessive use of fleshmeat Dr. Purdy mentions "premature hardening of the arteries, entailing all those dangers from arterial hemorrhage, of which apoplexy is the type, and in addition early impairing nutrition, so that the meat-eating grows old before his time."

Indeed, it is well known that excessive meat-eating ages man more quickly than any other excess except alcoholism.

The ill effects of the excessive use of animal food upon the circulatory system are by no means confined to the arteries.

A large proportion of intemperate flesh eaters "are subject to progressive enlargement of the heart, and since this inevitably leads to degeneration of the cardiac muscle, such people are exceedingly prone to sudden death from so-called 'heart failure' or collapse of that organ."

Dr. Purdy also condemns the excessive use of sweets and starchy foods.

Dr. Purdy is not a vegetarian nor does he recommend vegetarianism, but his evidence as to the dangers of excessive flesh-eating is worth noting.

For the person of sedentary habits and good constitution he advises the use of butcher's meat not oftener than once a day, a moderate reform which would reduce by one-half the use of flesh in middle class families.

Two Sportsmen, an Earthquake and a Rhinoceros.

A correspondent, whose veracity writes from Ha-Flong, in Assam, relating a story of the recent earthquake there, which is best given without further comment than the above testimonial.

It is as follows: Two residents of Ha-Flong were out shooting rhinoceros 48 miles away from the station.

They had been following up the spoor of one of these pachyderms, and finally came upon it, quietly browsing in a valley.

The first sportsman, waiting his opportunity, took careful aim, and was on the point of firing, when the quick-witted animal spotted him and charged.

Just as the shikhar pulled the trigger, the earth began to tremble violently, and the bullet missed its mark.

The marksman was thrown to the ground by the rocking of the earthquake, and the rhinoceros, wobbling about through the same cause, charged on its helpless victim.

But Providence opened a yawning chasm between them, into which the pachyderm fell and was engulfed.

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