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Business in the Lime Kiln Club.

"I would respectfully announce," said Brother Gardner, as the triangle sounded its closing note, "dat de Rt. Hon. Buckboard Scruggs am in de aunty-room an' desiahs to deliber his celebrated lectur' on de subjick of co'ns, chilblains, an' sich. Shall he be addmitted an' purmitted?"

Judge Cadaver moved that the lecturer be invited to speak his piece, and the motion unanimously prevailed. The committee was requested to escort him in, and as he passed up the hall, bowing to the right and left, he seemed to be a man about forty-five years old, bald-headed, a mouth large enough to take in a school-reader, with a prominent nose and a limp to his left leg. After being introduced he reached over and drank the pint of cold tea which Way-down Bebee had brought down for his individual use, and began:

FELLER NATIVES:—My objick in ar-rovin heah at dis pertickler time am to discuss a matter dat clusly consarns de hull cull'd race of this kentry. De co'n seems to be carnivorous, omniverous, an' mighty familiar on short notice. It lies down wid de rich, gits up wid de poo', an' stands right by you widout strikin' fur higher wages. What causes co'ns? In olden times de co'n was supposed to be a speshul mark of good luck. De feller who could show six or seven of 'em on one heel was made gub'nor ober a province an' allowed to keep half a dozen dogs. De little bunch was said to contain a pearl, seventeen carrots, fine, an' people went round cryin' an' lamentin' bekase dey had no co'ns.

"In dese modern days we know dat co'ns am caused by a temporary suspenshun of de circulashun of de blood, mixed wid mo' or less reackshun an' abrashun. So fur as we know de pearls found on de inside can't be used fur fish bait, an' am darfo' a dead loss to de kentry.

"When you heah any one gwine around cryin' you kin bet a spotted calf agin a peck of dirt dey ain't weepin fur co'ns.

"De chilblain differs slightly from de co'n" continued the orator, dropping a troche into his mouth. "It doan' bunch up an' come to a head in one pertickler spot. While de co'n am satisfied to catch on to a toe an' hang dar fur a month or two, de chilblain comes a purrin' round de heel, good-natured as an ole cat. It kinder tickles ye fur a day or two, an' you step higher an' feel like tak-

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in' your fadder out of the poo' house. But while you am wishin' you could buy 400 barrels of flour fur 400 wid-ders an' orphans dat chilblain begins to hunt around fur mo' ground. Arter he tivers de heel he creeps for'd to de instep, skulks to de toes, an' fust you know you am' huntin' fur a butejack and a currycomb. He has come to stay all winter an' late into spring. You can't coax, hire nor scare him away. In olden days de chilblain was supposed to arise from too much brains in de head. De man who had 'em was considered a sort of double-ender statesman, an' people looked up to his heels as well as his head. In dege times we know dat de chilblain am caused by a sort of spontaneous emblematical corruscashun of de epidermis at a critical period. All dat brains has to do in de case am to invent a cure fur de complaint.

"I had intended to disgress a few translashuns on de subject of bunions, bow-legs, sittin' down on a dog an' pickin' up a hot cent in front of a saloon, but I see dat de time allowed by your rules am almost dispired. Let me add, in conclushun, dat I am purvided wid a box of knives, gimlets, draw-shaves, pick-axes, acids, pincers an' razors, togeder wid a full supply of salves, plasters, wax, an' so fo' th, an' arter de close of de meetin' I shall be pleased to experiment on all members free of expense. I will now remark: *Cum solis curanter pluribus Cicero tremens similibus General Jackson*, and thank you for heedless attentions to my unfeeling remarks."

Sir Isaac Walpole then passed the bean box, and the following candidates were elected: Ginsen White, Uncle Byron Smith, Insurance Johnson, Colonel Slaughter, Pisco Black and Pulmonary Taylor.

Gum Tree Springer, an honorary member of the club residing at Union Springs, Ala., forwarded the following resolution to be introduced:

Resolved, Dat any pussion interferin' wid a cull'd man on lectshun day orter be 'rested, convicted an' sent to prison fur ten y'ars.

"That resolutshun will be laid on de table fur funder reflexun," replied the president. "I emagine dat de cull'd man who walks inter town, hands his ballot inter de winder, an' walks back home an' resumes his work will not be interfered wid. I may be mistaken in dis, but we'll wait jist de same. The cull'd man hain't exactly perfect yit. He kin drink jist as much bad whisky, an' pick a row jist as quick as de aiverage white man, an' if dar's a lection row it am quite likely dat he's had his stick in de puddin'."—*Detroit Free Press.*