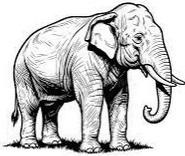




*TEMPER OF THE TIMES.* The first and last pages of the newsletter are from articles appearing in Savannah newspapers in September 1855.

**Man killed by an Elephant.** – An elephant belonging to the Circus Com-



pany travelling last week in South Carolina, becoming unruly, his keeper undertook to correct him

when he killed him with a single blow of his trunk. The proprietors determined to kill the elephant, and summoned a Rifle Company of Camden to assist them. By evening it is supposed some hundred and fifty balls had been put into him, but with scarcely an effect beyond blinding him. The following morning the firing was renewed, and after putting over three hundred balls into various parts of his body, they finally succeeded in dispatching him. His value was estimated at about \$10,000.

*Savannah Morning News.* September 1, 1855.

We observe that **gas** has been introduced under the bluff with lights at all the steamboat landings. The lamps were lighted for the first time on Saturday night last. -- This improvement is one of great importance to our merchants and masters of vessels, as well as the watchmen whose beats are along the river. The various improvements along the bluff, as well as those in the river, are sources of pride to all the citizens of Savannah.

*Savannah Morning News.* September 1, 1855.

**Recipe for Floating.** – Any human being who will have the presence of mind to clasp the hands behind the back, and turn the face towards the

zenith, may float in tolerable still water – aye, and sleep there, no matter how long. If not knowing how to swim, you would escape drowning when you find yourself in deep water, you have only to consider yourself an empty pitcher – let your mouth and nose, not the top of your heavy head be the highest part of you, and you are safe. But thrust up one of your bony hands and down you go; turning up the handle tips over the pitcher. Having had the happiness to prevent one or two from drowning by this simple instruction, we publish it for the benefit of all who love aquatic sports or dread them.

*Savannah Georgian.* September 1, 1855.

**Gas.** – In our paragraph of yesterday in relation to the recent introduction of gas under the Bluff, the omission of one word caused a material alteration in the sense. The illumination is not confined to the steamboat landings, but extends to the whole length of the bluff, from the canal down to the extreme end of the city, with **additional** lights at all the steamboat wharves.

*Savannah Morning News.* September 8, 1855.

**Lemons, Oranges, Raisins, and Shelled Almonds.**

For sale by GILBERT & MERTZ  
*Savannah Morning News.* September 8, 1855.

**Melancholy Occurrence.**

We regret to record a serious accident of the family of Mr. J.V. Barbee, of this city. Mr. B. has recently opened a store in the basement of his residence, at the corner of Abercorn and Jones street. Yesterday afternoon about 4 ½ o'clock, while Mr. James J. Daniels, of the firm of Headman & Co., was engaged in examining the gas pipe, an

explosion took place, seriously injuring all the persons in the store. Mr. Daniels was blown through the window, near where he was at work, breaking his right leg in two places. Mrs. Barbee sustained a comminuted fracture of the right ankle, and other severe injuries. The ankle was blown almost entirely to pieces, and parts of the bone driven out. It is thought amputation of the foot will be necessary. A child three years of age had its right leg and thigh badly fractured, one eye entirely destroyed, and the side of its face and head badly lacerated, besides several contusions on other parts of the body.

Mrs. Barbee, senior, had her ankle fractured, and sustained other injuries. A servant girl was somewhat cut and bruised, but had no bones broken.

The interior of the store was a complete wreck. All the goods were scattered in various directions, and the shelves against the wall thrown down and broken.

The floor of the room above was lifted from its place. The noise of the explosion was distinctly heard



at the Exchange, a distance of fully half a mile.

Drs. Schely, Bulloch, West, Byrd, Fish and Colding attended the sufferers.

The child died about 11 o'clock last night. At that time Mr. Daniels and the elder Mrs. Barbee were doing well.

The remainder of *Slice of Life* quotes for August 2025 at the end of this newsletter.

## GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE CALENDAR

September 2025

Monday, September 1 – Labor Day!

Monday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m.

– Reception, 6 p.m. - Lecture:

**MARK TWAIN AND WINSTON CHURCHILL: TWINS OF THE ZODIAC.** Speaker: Rob Bayless.

VSA: Savannah Chapter meeting.

Wednesday, September 10 from 4 to 10 p.m. – GMH Rental

Friday, September 12 at 6 p.m. –

Parlor Presentation/Lecture –

**CASTLES AND FLAMES/ GUARDIANS AND GARDENS: THE HISTORIC HOUSE OF IRELAND** with Jamie Credle

Wednesday, September 17 at 5 p.m.

– Keepers of Historic Green-Meldrim House meeting

Friday, September 19 at 10:30 –

SAAW meeting (off site)

- at 4 p.m. – Private Tour

Wednesday, September 24 at 12:30

p.m.—Tour of 20p

Thursday, September 25 at 9:15

a.m. – Tour of 20p

- 12:30 p.m. – Tour of 20p

- 3:30 p.m. – Tour of 20p

Monday, September 29 at 10 a.m. –

Volunteer/Docent Gathering/Fall Prep

Tuesday, September 30 at 5:30 p.m.

– GMH/Savannah Arts Academy Youth Guide Program orientation

### PRESCHEDULED TOURS IN SEPTEMBER:

Tuesday, September 9 from 4 to 6

p.m. Church/House/Combo - Savannah Newcomers Group - 40p\*

Wednesday, September 17 at 10:30

– Tour of 25p

Thursday, September 18 at 3:30

p.m. – Tour of 10 to 20p (Military History)

Friday, September 19 at 4 p.m. –

Private Tour/10p

Wednesday, September 24 at 12:30

p.m. – SCAD group/architectural history – 20p

Thursday, September 25 at 9:15

a.m. – Tour of 20p

- 12:30 p.m. - SCAD group/architectural history – Tour of 20p

- 3:30 p.m. - SCAD group/architectural history – Tour of 20p

**We need docents for all of these groups!**

[\*9/9 - Newcomers' Tour Scheduled  
Workers: Kathy Ogden, Sue Portner, Alaina Berk, Jan Vach, Greg Vach, John Leonti, Wilma Wheten, Rolanda Powell, Karen Menatti, Raleigh Marcell.]

### **PROGRAMS:**

#### **IN SEPTEMBER:**

-- **Mark Twain and Winston**

**Churchill: TWINS OF THE ZODIAC.**

**A Victorian Society Lecture:**

GMH's partnership with the Victorian Society in America's Savannah Chapter begins a new year with a talk by **Rob Bayless** about the relationship between Mark Twain and Winston Churchill on **Monday evening, September 8. The reception is at 5:30 and the program begins at 6 p.m.**

Chapter news will begin the program conducted by President **Danielle Oke**. Come hear Mr. Bayless and join in the fellowship of 19<sup>th</sup>-century and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century curious. Bayless is an officer with the Savannah Chapter of the English-Speaking Union. RSVPs are required.

Email [victoriansocietyinsavannah@gmail.com](mailto:victoriansocietyinsavannah@gmail.com). Call 912-233-3845 or email [info@greenmeldrimhouse.org](mailto:info@greenmeldrimhouse.org) if you have questions.

--**Castles and Flames/Gardens and Guardians: The Historic House of Ireland**

**On Friday, September 12 at 6 p.m.**



Castles and Flames/Guardians and Gardens.

From castles to manor houses with their surrounding parklands and estates, Jamie Credle, Director, Green-Meldrim House will discuss the complicated story and the remarkable survivals of historic houses in Ireland. With the lush landscape of the Irish countryside as a backdrop, hear about the efforts of tenacious and determined men and women who protect these old places. Treats and socializing will occur.

Call (912-233-3845) or email ([jcredle@greenmeldrimhouse.org](mailto:jcredle@greenmeldrimhouse.org)) to reserve a place.

This program is free and open to the public.

Love to see you!!

#### **IN OCTOBER:**

#### ***A LITERARY CRAWL THROUGH THE GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE***

The GMH will produce a new theatrical piece – one hour to seventy-five minutes in length - intended to capture the imagination of visitors and locals with literary passages and glimpses of a Gothic house on an October evening.

We hope this program will find an audience.

Please help us spread the word.

**Description:** Hear the words of renowned writers, both native and foreign, on Savannah and their times, as you move through the Gothic-Revival style townhouse on an October evening. Words of general interest and/or an evocative nature were chosen.

For the **GMH Literary Crawl**, lovers of words and houses will hear from

FLANNERY O'CONNOR, CONRAD AIKEN, JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS, JULIAN GREEN, WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS and W. T. SHERMAN!

*And in keeping with the autumnal season, the authors will share two Gothic tales.*

**When:** Friday, October 3; Saturday, October 4; Friday, October 10; Friday, October 17; Friday, October 24; and, Saturday, October 25

**Time:** 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (two performances each evening)

**Admission:** \$18 per person in advance.

[www.GreenMeldrimHouse.org](http://www.GreenMeldrimHouse.org)

Literary Crawl | Green-Meldrim House

*Patrons should be able to maneuver through the house in low light levels. Patrons should be able to walk up and down a flight of thirty-one steps.*

The performers are **Mollie Hall, Margaret Highland, Jill Wert, Lisa Holbert, Jan Vach, Greg Vach, John Leonti, Jennifer McCarthy, Cora Varnedoe, Alaina Berk, Rob Sheridan, and Raleigh Marcell.**

The program creator and director is **Raleigh Marcell.**

### SHOP NEWS:

- See *New Inventory* from a children's art supply vendor out of Raleigh, NC: **Colored pencil set** (\$5.25), **Sketchbook Art Kit** – Doodle Set with paper and pencil (\$15.25), **Watercolor set** – Eco-Friendly Bamboo Box – 18 Color (\$25), **Flower Press** (\$24)



- See the fabulous change purses

(\$25) for sale.



- **Hunter Schrader** is now a shop volunteer.

### DOCENT NEWS:

- Welcome **Pam Patterson** to our docent group. She is now a full-fledged tour guide having given her first tours to the public in August.

- **Fall Preview:** Volunteers will gather on Monday, September 29 at 10 a.m. for a preview of the fall program – **A LITERARY CRAWL THROUGH THE GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE** – as well as a discussion of other activities which will take place through the end of the year.

- **October Training:** GMH has not yet determined if there will be Docent Training class in October. Please continue to provide information about interested participants to Jamie and Jennifer..

### YOUTH GUIDE NEWS:

- **Welcome!:** **Maren Haenel** and **Maggie Smith** completed the summer Youth Guide Program on August 2<sup>nd</sup> when they gave their first tours to the public. They will now be part of our Saturday – Youth Guide/Tour Guide - group staffing the GMH.

- **GMH/Savannah Arts Academy Youth Guide Program:** **Mr. Benjamin Parker**, who teaches Advanced Placement/United States History at Savannah Arts Academy, will recruit students from his classes to participate in our fall Youth Guide Program. All interested in the program will attend orientation on September

30. Youth Guides will meet on Monday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m., October through November 24. During that time, they will delve into the GMH's interpretation and learn the communication skills necessary for giving terrific tours.

### GREETERS:

- **Maggie Rousseau**, who used to give tours downstairs, is scheduled to work "the door" in September.

Welcome back, Maggie.

- **Sharon Cross**, who was unable to attend all the Docent Training classes in the summer, jumped into front door/greeter volunteering in August.



### SUMMER INTERNS:

We had a spectacular internship review and lunch on August 15.

A points of note:

-**Aislinn Dougherty** researched Charles Green's enslaved household and his involvement in slavery. While she was unable to find names and biographical information about his enslaved domestic workers, she found information about his business relationship with neighbor Francis Sorrel and their documented involvement in trafficking enslaved people. Green was related by marriage to Sorel (Lucy Hunton and Lucy Sorrel were related). Also of gravity is the story of Aminta Moxley, Lucy and Aminta Green's grandmother, being poisoned

on New Year's Eve at their Virginia home with the identified suspect being the family cook named (you guessed it) Lucy. This episode is much chronicled by slavery scholars, and we did not know the Green connection until Aislinn's research.

- **April Moore** researched the social lives "Meldrim girls" and found they revolved around the typical pursuits of young women of their social status in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Carrie Lou, Fanny, Sophie, and Jane attended parties, balls, barbeques, card parties, performed in community theater, etc. with the goal of becoming wives of prominent husbands and social leaders. Of note are the fashion illustrations created by April from newspaper description of gowns and other apparel worn by "the Meldrim girls."

- For his report **Brady Rupard** offered three points of presentation on August 15: 1. Clarifying Susie King Taylor's life in a timeline, 2. Discovering (Charles Green and Lucy's first son/the fifth child of Charles Green) Gilbert Green's business shortcomings which had ramifications for the financial well-being of the family, and 3. Reporting on Edward Moon Green's career with the Southern Cotton Oil Company. He evolved as a successful salesman for the company based in France. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century cotton seed oil was becoming popular as a shortening as "hogless lard." We know it as **Crisco** (crystallized cotton seed oil!). There was a version of this product based in Savannah called "Snowdrift", which was sold to Wesson Oil.

- **Anne O'Neill** reported on her extensive Green family genealogy work. Of special interest to her research were the children of Charles Green. She compiled profiles of each descendant. This work will evolve with

new research executed by others. Once it has been reviewed for clarity, the "family tree" will live on the Green-Meldrim House website.

Thank you to everyone who attended the program/luncheon. The food was delicious and everyone was positive about the students' work.

Credit for the success of GMH's summer internship program goes to **Jennifer McCarthy**, who mentored each student.

We wish Aislinn, April, Brady and Anne all the best!

#### WORTH MENTIONING:



- **Frances Ford/Analysis:** Frances Ford, owner of Ford Restored in Charleton, SC, is assisting the GMH with historic paint information. Along with being a lecturer in the School of Architecture at Clemson, she is one of the most respected authorities on historic paint and ornamental plaster in the Southeast. She has already done paint analysis on the GMH's porch and second floor southeast room (what we now call The Sherman Room). She was at the GMH on August 21 examining the dome and taking samples, which she took back to her lab.

It was exciting [She was excited, and we were excited] to see her work.

With a few gentle flicks of the wrist, using a metal tool, old paint fell away from the plaster ornaments revealing details not seen since its installation one hundred and seventy years ago. She was curious about the original desired effect of the plaster and paint. Was there a crescendo of color drawing your eyes upward or did the gas illumination and oculus provide the apogee effect? Though this is something we will never really know, we await her analysis!

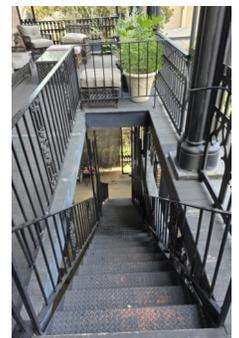
- **Scaffolding:** The scaffolding for dome repairs went up on August 18. Paint analysis survey took place on August 20 and 21.

- **Students:** In late August and September, a team of **Connie Pinkerton's** Historic Preservation students from Savannah Tech, under the direction of **Sinisa Domazet**, will remove the loose paint. The plaster will be examined. Following this, decisions will be made about the paint and painting. Lights are on order!

**Of Special Note:** Savannah Tech students will work on the dome on Tuesday and Thursdays in September. Please be aware their exuberance may get the better of them with regard to their volume of communication. You are welcome to "shush" if they get too loud while tour groups are in the house.

- **Safety:** Please be extra careful traversing the back stairs while the dome undergoes work.

The only way for docents and staff to access the second floor is by taking the outside metal steps. Hold on tight. Tell your guests to hold on tight.



**- August Office organization:**

Hopefully you can perceived that the Museum Office is a bit more organized (and cleaner) than previously. Staff had time in August to move things around as well as get rid of items not needed. The nametag board is more readily accessible on entrance.



**- August Music:** Our GMH Friends/**Savannah Voice Festival** event on August 3 was sublime! About 100 people attended the drop-in, thank you donors' event. The music, the food and the vibe were all perfect for a hot, Sunday afternoon. The talent came through the SVF from the opera program at the Gretsck School of Music, Georgia Southern University. The new Director of Opera Dr. **Megan Barrera** performed along with her students. Our colleagues at the SVF **Maria Zouves, Chad Sonka, Evelina Erickson, Maestro Andrew Bisantz**, etc. made the event extra-special. Thank you to everyone to helped (**Gena and Tim Fausel**,



**Kathy Ogden, Susan Legg, Brady Rupard, Pam Tucker, Jan and Greg Vach).**

The GMH provided the space and volunteers for the SVF Salon Event on August 13. The music and assemblage were equally fabulous. Thank you to GMH volunteers **Alaina Berk, Kathy Odgen, Sue Porter, Susan Legg, and Brady Rupard**. Hopefully we didn't forget anyone.

Please know the 2025-26 GMH/SVF partnership programs (10/30, 12/9, 4/16) are on sale on the SVF website—[SavannahVoiceFestival.org](http://SavannahVoiceFestival.org)

**- RENTALS:** Please note we are approaching a busy time. There are rentals in the GMH's future which means there may be a bit of disruption compared with the solitary summer! The first rental of the season is on Wednesday, September 10 from 4 to 10 p.m. (with some set-up taking place before the house closes for tours).

**- SAVANNAH ANTIQUES AND ARCHITECTURE WEEKEND (SAAW):** GMH folks are at the table for all the fantastic plans surrounding the 2026 event which benefits the house (and Andrew Low House). Mark your calendar for March 5-7, 2026 which will be its 10<sup>th</sup> year of support. Look for announcements about it.



**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

Janet Willingham

**What is your hometown?**

**JW:** I was born in New Mexico and grew up in western US & Canada. We have lived in Savannah for 30 years.

**How long at GMH?**

**JW:** 3 years.

**In what capacity?**

**JW:** Tour guide.

**What do you like best about GM?**

**JW:** I like interacting with the guests and sharing the wonderful stories about the house.

**Do you have any interesting stories?**

**JW:** After a tour a young woman told me she had gotten chills in Sherman's office when I told the history of the **40 acres and a mule**. I had talked about Lincoln being assassinated and President Johnson rescinding the field order. It turns out one of her ancestors was John Wilkes Booth!

**What do you do outside GMH for fun?**

**JW:** Pickleball, cooking, restaurants, reading, gardening.

**What are your hopes and dreams for GMH?**

**JW:** Continued success of the house for all it offers the community of Savannah and the guests that come to enjoy it.

**A LOOK AT THE GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE GUEST REGISTER**

**During the month of August, 2025,** the Green-Meldrim House saw visitors from all over the United States and the world.

**Our international friends were from** Paris, France; Germany; Ravarino, Italy; Isle Islay, Scotland; Russia; Cape Town, South Africa; Andalucia, Spain; London, UK, etc.

**Interesting hometown names include** Centre, AL; Denver, CO; Hockessin, DE; Pine Mountain, GA; Hobart, IN; Bloomington, IL; LaGrange, KY; Louisville, KY; Boston, MA;



Hope, ME; Taylorsville, NC; Salem, OH; Dickson City, PA; New Waverly, TX; Salt Lake City, UT; Holmen, WI; Brussels, WI.

**How did they hear about us?** Guide Museum, walking, online research, attend St. John's, American History Tours, previous tour of Savannah, Juliana with Genteel & Bard Tour, friends, Ms. Rolanda, Civil War history, Visitor Center, Google, Google Maps, Tour, Chat GPT, *The receptionist at the Andrew Low House told us about the place*, wife, daughter, Davenport tour guide, internet, my son, trolley tour, American history baby,

**Comments:** *Thank you for preserving and allowing us access. Very knowledgeable tour guide and beautiful house! Loved it! Wonderful knowledge, thank you for sharing. Best Tour! Thank you, Kathy! Lovley! The tour guides was very nice, informative guide. Thank you, Sandy! Great tour – Raphael – unbelievable! Extremely significant. Love it!*

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## From Charles to Francis! Letter from . . .

Our friend, Kelly Westfield, researches GMH interpretation on occasion and she recently found online the letter below. It is insightful to read Green's casual conversation to a friend/relative/business associate.

Harrogate | 28<sup>th</sup> August 1857  
Yorkshire

My Dear Mr. Sorrel,

For the first time since my leaving, I find myself at leisure and quiet enough to have a chat with you.

We had a delightful passage over as far as the weather and company were concerned. The solid and brilliant (sic) of Mr. Lawton and Mr. Owens being set off by the brusque escapades of our

self-contained young friend, Henry Taylor. Were it not for a substratum of good sense and good nature, which frequently came up to the aid of our young townsman, when he is at his worse, I should augur trouble for his kin and mentor now, and himself in future.

Mr. Lawton and Mr. Owens are now in Germany. On their way through London, I stumbled upon them accidentally and in an evil moment invited them to a morning call with my friend W.P. Wright and found an artist where poor Owens sat down before a sketchy little watercolor and didn't get up until I had drawn a cheque for sixty pounds to pay for the picture for him! Although of unquestionable merit- dashed off in the morning by one of the rosy faced good humored great artists I had rowed up the Thames with to the Dutchess of Devonshire's grounds<sup>1</sup> on the day before. I do assure you that ten years ago it would not have commanded as many shillings as it does now - pounds sterling. But arts are trumps now.<sup>2</sup>

Never has ole' England seen such a summer as this, surely. For the first time in my life in Liverpool I have been glad to walk down the shady side of the streets in my walks. There has been no rain beyond a night shower to cool the grass, and the result is that a stalwart of unexampled bounty is secured. Thank God for the same! It is curious, however, to see how the Bull family has sweltered and puffed and complained under the temperature we should think delightful in Virginia. My "lobster lunch" aboard the steamer having left me rather yellow around the gills, and my sister Mary needing a change, I called for Charlie<sup>3</sup> at the parsonage in Burneside and came out here to drink the famed waters of this place. – prior to which however, time hon-

ored custom inexorably demands that you consult the Galen<sup>4</sup> of the town and receive his directions to govern yourself by during your stay.

I found him a character, and it will amuse you if I detail the interview. Seated with my sister and Charlie in his study, I awaited his presence and when he appeared, knowing his time to be incalculable, introduced myself as follows- "Doctor, I am from the States and while rather redundant, came to see you before taking the waters."

"Came to see me, did you? So, I should think by you setting yourself in the window and looking into my face. Supposed we change places you let me look at you – there-tongue—humph-see how it is- as usual—been living sixteen to the dozen."

"I beg your pardon doctor" (with dignity) "my habits are good, and I don't drink."

"Didn't say you did-Habits bad for all that -know you people like a book--work, work, work, race, race, race--drawing bill and constitutions and when time comes nothing to pay with: - done up."

"I hope doctor (with a smile) I am not quite done up yet."

"No, but you will be. Look here (giving me a dig just below the waistcoat) where did you get this from? What do you drink, and how much? "

"Very freely doctor of ice water. Iced milk and tea with a glass or two of light, Swiss wine at dinner."

"Pshaw-stop it all-eat good solid roast beef and mutton and wash it down with a glass of brandy and water, if you don't, you'll get gout."

"I think not doctor, that has never been gout in our family."

"Adams said the same thing, but there

was lots of gout notwithstanding.”

“But doctor, the Greens are not a gouty people, there never was any proclivity that way.”

“Proclivity, proclivity- where did you pick up that word? I suppose you are an editor or something of that sort- but no matter. You have been living all wrong, I tell you. You want less here (digging at my waistcoat again) And more here (grasping at my arm) all wrong – all wrong” then suddenly turning to poor Charlie who sat by with a rueful countenance to see Papa so bullied, he resumed, shaking his finger at him, “Don’t you say a word. All’s right for you. Your father is making money – making money- and going at a rattling pace to—to—you see-to leave you his money to spend. There (to me) “now go and drink the strong Sulphur one morning and Kissingen the next but take care of the Gastric juice and don’t swill- guinea please- good morning.”

The upshot is that I am (barring the Brandy and Water) religiously following his prescription and regimen and feel already lighter and better than for some time- Who knows but that guinea may be well invested.

England’s political station is in deep shadow again. She is at war with two immense Barbarians<sup>5</sup> and the shocking atrocities committed upon the helpless wives and children of our officers thrill the west end of London with horror and clothe the best families in the Kingdom in mourning. Fancy your gallant son in law tied to a tree in California but I dare not finish the sketch – nothing you have ever heard of or read of or thought of can supply the detail I might follow with. No one for a moment doubts the subjugation of the rebels sooner or later, but what a campaign of butchery our

Soldiers have to wade through first. With the thermometer 100 degrees in the shade too.

With all this trouble abroad and money at 6 to 7 % at home, the industry of the people goes on full blast, the returns of the Board of Trade for the month of July showing the exports of Great Britain to be 12.000.000 sterling, say sixty million dollars against 10.000.000 sterling say fifty million dollars for the corresponding month of the past year. I have only given the round numbers, but the exact increase is 22%. Just think of it! I do not like the spirit of “I told you so” but if you should by any chance have preserved a letter circular of 25 October 1856, you will there see how they pressed upon Spinners economy of stocks and consumption to enable them to meet the cotton famine which the short crop threatened. To this famine- to this short time- to this dangerous price and to failures-Manchester is drifting as helplessly as a ship in a lee shore in a storm. The larger Spinners, strong of purse, are stocking themselves until January, leaving their lesser brethren to flounder and scramble in ebbing stock – and you who so well knows the pass to which our factors and speculators at home are sometimes driven when the exhaustion of the crop in the summer fails to furnish materials to knit with, will understand how many unsound accounts the coming crisis will uncover in Lancashire. I wish I could go to sleep for a year or two.

My failing space admonishes I have well tired you no doubt. Give my kind love to Aunt Sorrel, Lucy, the little girls, and Cluckie. Remember me too to Frank and Moxley when you write to them and believe me to remain my dear sir, with the greatest

regards, yours,

Charles Green  
Francis Sorrel, Esquire

NOTES:

<sup>1</sup> Chatsworth House. In the 1850s Chatsworth was a popular tourist destination with excursion trains bringing in thousands of tourists a day.

<sup>2</sup> It is possible Charles Green was in England in part to visit The Art Treasures exhibition in Manchester held from May to Oct. 1857. It remains one of largest displays of art ever held in the United Kingdom with over 16,000 artworks on view.

<sup>3</sup> Charlie is Charles Green Jr. the second son of Charles and Katharine.

<sup>4</sup> A Galen was a third century, **Greek physician, writer, and philosopher** who exercised a dominant influence on medical theory and practice in Europe from the Middle Ages until the 17<sup>th</sup> C.

<sup>5</sup> England is involved in the Second Opium War with China and the Sepoy Rebellion in India.

*Transcribed by Jennifer McCarthy.*

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*Continued—Temper of the Times.*  
Quotes from 9/1855.

The younger Mrs. B. was somewhat more comfortable, although still suffering great pain. We are gratified to learn that the attending physicians entertain hopes of saving the limb.

The cause of this said disaster is involved in mystery, and many opinions in regard to it have been expressed. From the information we have been able to obtain, we are induced to believe that it was caused by the escape of gas under the floor, which became ignited by the light used by Mr. Daniels, while searching for a leak in the pipe. Whatever may have been the cause of the explosion, the occurrence is one that calls for a thorough investigation. We understand that the pipes used in the building had been submitted to the usual inspection, and pronounced correct, but that for two days past, an escape of gas had been

perceived by the tenants, who had in consequence of it sent for Mr. Daniels to discover the leak and remedy the defect.

*Savannah Morning News.* September 8, 1855.

Since March 1853, no less than 196 persons have been killed, and 292 wounded by railroad accidents in the United States.

*Savannah Morning News.* September 8, 1855.

The Friends and Acquaintances of JOHN V. BARBEE and Family, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their infant daughter, **OPHELIA HENRIETTA**, This Afternoon, at 1 ½ clock, from their residence, corner of Jones and Abercorn-sts.

*Savannah Morning News.* September 8, 1855.

#### Shooting Affray.

An affray occurred yesterday afternoon in Market Square, between Mr. Tripp, one of the Mounted Police, and Mr. Thomas Wilson. There has been a difficulty existing between the parties for some time, and yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, they met near the corner of Congress and Jefferson streets, and had some words, ending in a fist fight, in which Mr. Tripp was rather severely handled. It is said that he then threatened to renew the fight, and went off and armed himself. They met again between 5 and 6, in Bryan street; Tripp armed with a revolver, and Wilson with a heavy single-barreled pistol. The witnesses differ in their statements of what then took place, but most of them agree in saying that Tripp fired the first shot, and after Wilson had fired once, he discharged three more barrels. Wilson was shot in the thigh, but not dangerously. Tripp received several large shots in his right side, two of them penetrating his lungs. He bled much from the mouth, and is severely, and perhaps dangerously wounded. It is proper to state that although Tripp is a member of the Police force, this

difficulty had no reference to his position as a policeman, but was merely a personal difficulty between the parties.

*Savannah Morning News.* September 11, 1855.



**TOO LATE.** - A poor widow has sent us a communication, in which she appeals to the City Fathers to revoke their order for the excluding the cows from the streets and squares after this day. She argues that if there was a necessity for keeping down the grass a month ago, to prevent sickness, there is a still greater necessity for doing the same thing at this season, when the grass and the dampness are more likely to generate malaria. She thinks, too, that it would be more generous to the poor owners of cows, and more economical to the city, to permit the cows to graze upon the grass than to pay men to cut it up with the hoe. She makes a strong appeal for the cows, but we fear she is too late. The order has gone forth, and the expounding of cows will commence before the authorities could have time to consider her arguments. The writer, and all others who have cows at large, would therefore do well to look after them in time, if they would save themselves from expense and trouble.

*Savannah Morning News.* September 18, 1855.

**ENGLISH CONSUMPTION OF COTTON.** - Notwithstanding the war, the consumption of cotton in Great Britain, this year, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January to the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, is 1,449,980 bales against 1,289,200 for the same period in the 1854, showing the large increase of 160,780 bales. The stock of Liverpool on the 31<sup>st</sup> ult, was 567,090 which is 269,320 less than

on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1854. The imports in Liverpool for the eight months then ending are 1,583, 236 bales, being 71,131 bales less than last year. The prospect of the considerable reduction in the price of cereals leads to the general conviction in England that there will be shortly a revival in the home trade. The manufacturing towns of Stockton, Preston, and Duanley, which are expected to follow the example of Blackburn, in working the mills on the short time: have failed to do so.

*Savannah Morning News.* September 19, 1855

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*Savannah Morning News.* September 20, 1855.

#### DIED

At her husband's residence in this city last night, at half past twelve o'clock, of lockjaw, Mrs. BARBEE, wife of John V. Barbee.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend her funeral, This Afternoon, at 4 o'clock, from the corner of Jones and Abercorn sts.  
*Savannah Morning News.* September 29, 1855.



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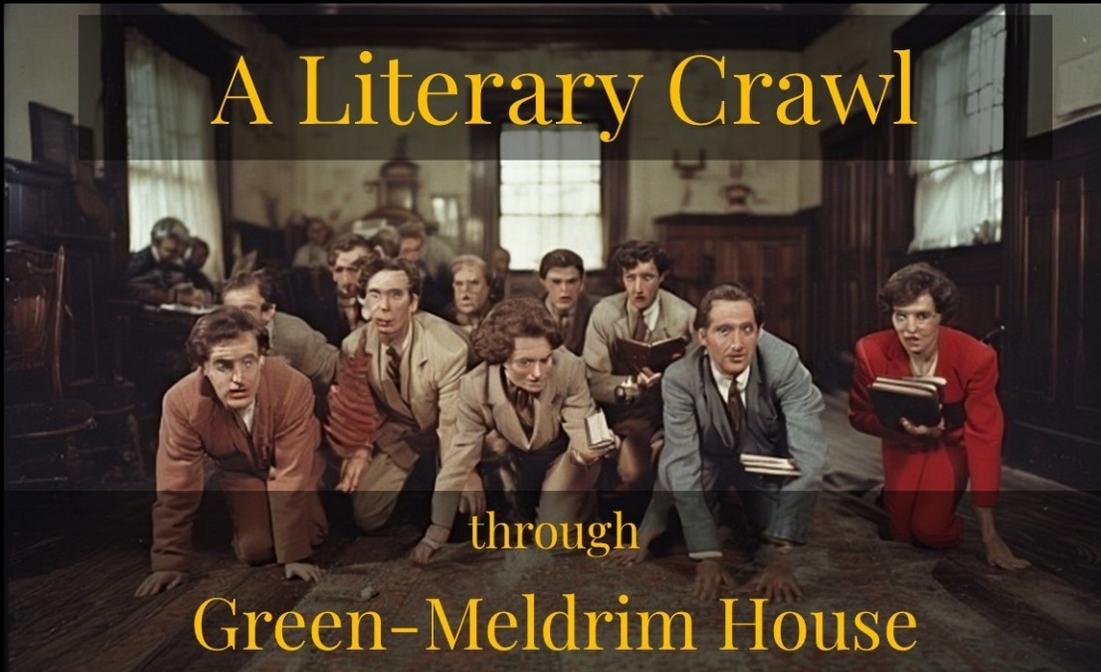
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