

A notice that appeared in the Selma Alabama Sentinel, in  
October, 1862:

"The ladies of Selma are respectfully requested to save the  
chamber lye that may collect about their premises - for the purpose of  
making nitre - wagons with barrels will be sent about to collect the same  
by the undersigned."

(Signed) John Harralson  
Agent, Mining & Nitre Bureau  
Confederate States Army.

A Confederate "wag" to whose notice this advertisement came -  
wrote the following verses:

John Harralson, John Harralson  
You are a funny creature!  
You've given to this Civil War  
A new and curious feature.  
For while we know that every man  
Must go and be a fighter,  
The women, bless the pretty dears!  
Must save their piss for nitre.

John Harralson, John Harralson -  
When did you get the notion  
Of sending wagons 'round the town  
To gather up the lotion.  
He thought the girls had work enough  
With scraping lint and kissing,  
But now you put the pretty dears  
To patriotic pissing.

John Harralson, John Harralson  
Do, pray, invent a neater and somewhat less immodest mode  
For making your Salt-Petre.  
It sounds so very queer, you know  
Gunpowder-like and cranky  
That when a woman lifts her shift  
She shoots a bloody Yankee.

These verses falling into the hands of a "wit" in the Union Army -  
he wrote the following:

John Harralson, John Harralson,  
He read in song and story  
How women's tears through all the years  
Have sprinkled fields of Glory,  
But never was it told before  
How, mid the scenes of slaughter

Your pretty women dried their eyes and went to making water.

No wonder, John, Your boys are brave,  
Who would not be a fighter  
If every time he shot his gun  
He used his sweetheart's nitre.  
And, Vice Versa, what could make  
A Yankee soldier sadder -  
Than dodging bullets fired by  
A pretty woman's bladder.

They say there was a subtle smell  
That lingered 'round the powder -  
And as the smoke grew thicker  
And the din of battle louder -  
When then was found, to this compound one terrible objection  
The Johnnies could not sniff it -  
Without getting an ejection.

a firm wrote to a correspondent in  
Georgia asking information about a young  
man who had applied for a position  
with them and received back a letter  
to the effect; that the young man was  
a grandson of Gen. Sydney Johnson, a  
cousin of Congressman Doolittle and  
related in some way to Judge Smith,  
and was well raised,

A few days brought a reply: It said,  
We thank you very much for your kind  
letter of information regarding young  
Smith, ~~but~~ but you must have ~~been~~  
misread our letter, we did not want  
the young man for breeding purposes  
but to do clerical work.

Copying the Administrations items too far;  
Paper carries item that widow with six  
children married a widower with eight,  
that's not a marriage, that's a  
merger.

Our negro help has a boy  
she calls Diploma. She says  
that all she gat out of her  
College life

Which recalls some of the  
expressive names of our Seminole  
County Little River negroes, such as:  
Blavery Pompey, Humane Carolina,  
Friday and Monday Davis and Pinchy  
Cudjo. I asked an old Auntie  
what a certain boy's name was.  
She said "I dont know his name, <sup>man,</sup>  
I just know him by his hair"

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## A School Board Election

Long years ago in Seminole County, Oklahoma, there was a law called the Grandpa Law, which required that a person must be able to read the Constitution of the United States to be allowed to vote.

There was an old colored man named Jones who had been on the negro school board of a country school for a number of years and he had a strong opponent this particular election. Jones was also an official and had charge of one of the voting precincts. A lot of his opponent's friends came in to vote and Jones refused to allow them their vote. Three of his friends came in and cast their ballots without any trouble.

There was a near riot over Jones' tactics, and his opponent came into town and asked the County Attorney to take Jones away from the pole or he and his friends would throw him out. He stated Jones allowed only 3 persons to vote and turned away 65. After a time the County Attorney had Jones brought into town and questioned as to the procedure he was employing in deciding who could vote in his precinct. <sup>Jones</sup> He explained ~~to~~ ~~them~~ that all voters must be able to read the Constitution and that he had a copy and asked each voter to read it to him before they were allowed to vote. The County Attorney asked how that worked and Jones replied, "Ignorance was in the majority."

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Wewoka, Oklahoma

## Notice

Get it one bear hog, my place—  
owner dont come get it Friday night  
Cut its nuts off plumb up to my ass

God Damn My Soul

White man Merry Choctaw woman  
Indian preacher: "White man, you dont it  
Merry Choctaw woman? You love it? You  
buy it washing machine? You buy it  
Sewing machine? You build it lumber house?  
all rest you married—

As a housewife was baking some pie  
She was dreaming of hubby's surprise  
When he came home at night -  
and took a large bite " "

He fell down and was  
unable to arise

or

He immediately broke the  
home ties

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