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A TAR HEEL SENSATION.

A NORTH CAROLINA PLANTER'S PRETTY WIFE ELOPES.

**A Doting Old Man Swindled Out of His
Wife by the Woman's Brother-in-
Law--Flight and Pursuit--
A Foolish Old Man.**

LINCOLNTON, N. C., February 6.—This vicinity is greatly excited over a strange case of infatuation by a pretty young wife for her brother-in-law, who is noted for being the ugliest man in North Carolina. A few days ago Mrs. Alice Barnett, the wife of Jones Barnett, a well-to-do planter near Newton, eloped with Mose Finger, her brother-in-law. She had been married a little over a year, her husband being her senior by many years. She is only 18 years of age, a blonde beauty of voluptuous type. For some months the neighbors have suspected undue intimacy between her and her brother-in-law, and those suspicions were communicated to her husband, who doated on her. He indignantly refused to credit them, and they did not even render him suspicious. When he was absent from his home for three or four days at a time his brother Mose invariably took advantage of his absence and spent the time with the faithless wife. Finally, in order to more effectively carry on their liason, the guilty pair a few days since robbed the trusting husband's safe of a considerable sum of money, hitched up his buggy and drove off, intending, it is understood, to go West. The husband returned the day after and called on the constable to pursue them. The roads in this section are in a terrible condition, swampy, and owing to the recent falls of snow almost impassable. The law officer knew that the fugitives could not have made much headway. After a day's hard riding they were overtaken and surrendered. They were brought to this place and put in jail. They made a full confession, acknowledging the robbery and their intimacy. Mrs. Barnett's beauty, as she stood up before the magistrate, was commented on by the crowd present. She earnestly declared:

"I love Mose, and I hate my old husband. I will not be separated from Mose."

Her paramour appeared crestfallen. They were sent on to the grand jury, and not having bail went to jail. The forgiving husband then offered bond, but she refused to take it, saying she wanted to stay in jail as long as her paramour did. The old gentleman then bought a lot of nice furniture, which he sent to her room in the jail.

THE COURTS.

United States Courts.

In the United States Circuit Court this morning, Hon. H. K. McCay, U. S. District Judge presiding, the jury in the case of David Horton vs. the E. T., V. & G. Railroad Company, returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$500.

The case of Mrs. O. J. Smith vs. the Georgia Pacific Railroad Company was taken up. This is a suit for damages for the killing of C. A. Smith, the husband of plaintiff, while an engineer in the employment of the defendant company. Mr. Hoke Smith, for plaintiff; Col. J. T. Glenn, for defendant.

Fulton Superior Court.