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For many years past our people have been regretting the almost extinction of the diamond-back terrapin. They have made laws for the past twenty years to protect them and increase the supply. The laws we have are dead laws because not enforced, and if they were enforced there is no law on the statue books that protects them from their greatest enemy, the farmers and landowners on the shores of our rivers and creeks.

They are the grestest destroyer of the diamond-back, innocently and without their knowledge. Years ago we had plenty of terrapins here, and now scarcely any are to be had. In the days when we had plenty of them our farmers burnt their marshes off in May, then the terrapin had taken to the water; now they burn them off in February and March and kill the terrapins in the marshes and seaore.

We were talking of this matter to a man who spent 40 years of his life in the water crabbing and fishing, and asked what kind of a law would protect our terrapin? We were utterly surprised when he said: "Make a law with a heavy penalty attached to it, 'for any person to set fire to a marsh before May.'" We were incredulous and so expressed ourselves. He said the old terrapins go up into the marshes in winter and bury in the mud very shallow. The young which are only about an inch or so long secrete themselves in the rotten seaore and other material that lays in rolls on the shore. The fire destroys all the young over which it spreads, and what few of the large ones escape in the marsh are always crippled on the back.

To prove that he was right we visited a marsh that had recently been burned over, and there we found the shells of several that had burned to death, some of the shells were found standing on end among myrtle brushes and tussicks, showing their efforts to get out of the fire. He also showed us several terrapins among a lot he had that had been in the fire, and the marks of the burns were as plain on them as we ever saw them on a person.

It would be well for our farmers and others living on the water to bear this in mind and put off the burning of their marshes until the weather is warm and the terrapins out of the marshes.

There seems to be great dissatisfaction between the Lily Whites and the Chocolate Drop republicans in Dorchester county. Gov. Lowndes has taken care of about one hundred Lily Whites since his election and not even one single Chocolate Drop has been able to shake his hand. Dorchester has about 2,127 negro voters and only about 800 white ones. It looks to an outsider as though something must be done to make the Chocolate Drops fall into line this fall. Perhaps the Lily Whites will pay them for their day's work which will suffice to say the least.

Unofficial notice has been served upon this Government that the foreign countries which consider themselves discriminated against by the new McKinley tariff bill intend to retaliate. Human nature is very nearly the same everywhere. It is all very nice to talk about turning the other cheek, but the average man hits back instead.

The Republicans have shown their love for the working people by placing the heaviest taxation in the new tariff bill on such necessities as Sugar and Clothing.

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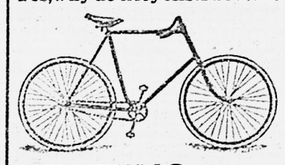

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