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PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

-Joaquin Miller rises to remark that the daily newspaper is "the six-shooter of Eastern civilization." Every man must have one or fall to the rear of the procession.

-Henry D. McDaniel, who was clected Governor of Georgia recently, is worth about \$50,000, and has a practice as a lawyer worth from \$3,000 to \$4.-000 per year.

-Leo XIII. seeks relaxation in the composition of Latin poems, all of which are printed under his careful supervision. After a few copies have been taken the type is distributed.

-The venerable senior and Presiding Bishop of the American Episcopal Church, Dr. Smith, may be said to have been a citizen under every President of the United States. He was five years old when General Washington died.

-Representative Holman's home, in Dearborn County, is about seven miles from the county seat, where he practices law. He goes down on the rail-road in the morning, comes back to dinner at noon, goes down to court again before two o'clock, and returns home in the evening. He has done this for years.—Indianapolis Journal.

-Keppler, who has gone far to the front as the leading American cartoon-ist, sailed for Europe a few days ago. Five years ago he was employed by a leading publishing house at a paltry salary of thirty-five dollars a week, and he is now said to be worth over half a million. His health, is, however, com-pletely shattered, and his European tour is solely for the purpose of recovering his shattered system. -N. Y. Times

-Postmaster-General Gresham is the sixth member of the Cabinet from Indiana since the organization of the Gov-ernment. These were the following: Caleb B. Smith, Secretary of the In-terior, 1861 to 1863; John P. Usher, Secretary of the Interior, 1863 to 1865; Hugh McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury, 1865 to 1879; J. N. Tyner, Postmaster-General, 1876 to 1877; R. W. Thompson, Secretary of the Navy, 1877 to 1880.

-There have now been sixty years of American novels—for it is about that time since Cooper dashed into promi-nence with his "Spy" and his sea stories, and his character of Leatherstocking. He was our forlorn hope for some years-since Irving could not properly be called a novelist; but our authors like misfortunes "come not single spies, but in battal-ions," and there is a ruck of novels, good, bad, and worse.

#### The Origin of Postage Stamps.

The idea of an adhesive stamp affixed The idea of an addesive stamp anixed to a letter, as indicative of the payment of postage, is much older than has been generally supposed. It is known that the first suggestion of such an arrange-ment in modern times came from Row-ling Hill, the father of the cheap postal system in England, about the year 1831 or 1840. It was several years, however, before his suggestion was carried into effect. History, however, tells us that the ancient German cities of Thurn and Taxis had such a system, which, for inexplicable reason, fell into disuse or failed to become general among nations. The modern postage stamp then was first used in England about the year 1842 or 1843. In 1845 E. A. Mitchell, then postmaster of New Haven, taking advantage of the English idea, made use of a postage stamp of his own, which he continued to use until 1847, when the Government of the United States issued the first American postage stamps. They were in two denominations. The five-cent was of a light brown color, bearing the head of Frank-lin, and the ten-cent of a gray color with the effigy of Washington. At that time the rate of letter postage was five and ten cents, according to distance. In 1851 a series of six denominations was issued. The one-cent stamp was blue, bearing an elliptical band upon which were the words: "U. S. P. O. Despatch. Pre-paid, one cent." Within the band was an eagle with wings outspread. The two-cent stamp was also blue, bearing the head of Franklin; the three-cent vermillion, with head of Washington; the five-cent chocolate, with head of Jefferson; the ten-cent green, with head of Washington, and thirteen stars in a semi-circle above; the twelve-cent was black, also with head of Washington. The twenty-four, thirty and ninety-cent stamps were sub-sequently added to the series. The first of these bore the face of Washington; the second was orange, with the head of Franklin, and the last was dark blue. also with the head of Washington. There was in this series also a square carriers' stamp, blue in color, and bear-ing the head of Franklin.-New Haven Palladium.

Do rats migrate? If they did not we should never have seen any of our common species. It is a characteristic of the family. When they become crowd-ed, find their homes inconvenient or their supply of food cut off, they move. Our most common rat is the brown of Norway rat, mus decumanus. The old Norway rat, mus decumdants. The old gray fellows, with scars of battle usual-ly looming up prominently on them, are of this species. We are indebted to Persia and India for them. Driven from their native land by famine or some other local cause, they migrated to Europe in the eighteenth century, particularly in 1737, when large troops of them crossed the Volga and made of them crossed the Volga and made Russia their own. From Russia they spread all over Europe, and just before the beginning of the Revolutionary war they made their appearance in Ameri-ca, having been brought here in ships. Everywhere they drove out the black, or English, rat, mus ratius, before them. This is also supposed to be of Asiatie origin, but its nativity is not known certainly. It was the house rat of Europe in very early times, and was first noticed in America in 1544. It is an inch or two shorter than the Norway rat, and is not very common, as its rat, and is not very common, as its fierce Scandinavian cousin makes things very unpleasant for it. Our common house mouse, mus musculsu, is also a foreigner, and probably from Asia as well as the other two. America boasts one other of the family from the old country. This is the roof rat, or white bellied rat, mus tectorum. It is com-mon in Mexico and the Southern States as far north as North Carolina. It is a native of Egypt, and derives its name

from infesting the thatched roofs of that

About Rats.

Are there any rats native to this country? Certainly. The woods are full of them. They are not often seen about houses and never in cities. There are some sixty or more species of them, rats and mice tegether, of which about ten species are entitled to be called rats, from their size. Most of them belong country. from their size. Most of them belong to the Southern States. One well-known species is the cotton rat, sigmodon hispidus. It gets its name from its habit of lining its nest with cotton. It is not destructive, and does but little damage. In Colorado the most common native rat is found in the wooded sections of the mountains. It is about the size of the Norway rat and resembles it consid-erably. Its ears are large, however, and its tail is covered with a dense fur. Its English name is the Rocky Mountain rat, and scientifically it is neotoma cinerca. It is strong, active and pugna-cious, and with its appetite there are few prospectors who are not acquainted. Like most of the other members of the family, it is omnivorous. The indis-criminating burro itself could scarcely get away with a larger quantity or great-er variety of food than do these animals. Among other edibles the writer remembers with pain of contributing two pairs of buckskin and one of dogskin gloves to their carnivals. Candleare California fruit for them, and they have often been known to get away with giant powder when other provisions were scarce. There is another animal, often spoker mon in this State, and which is not a rat at all. It is found in America only in the Rocky Mountains, from Colorado northward. Its habitat is given in the books as being between the forty-second and sixtieth degrees of north latitude, but the writer has seen hundreds of them in this State, and as far south as the thirty-eighth parallel. It is from seven to nine inches in length; is gray-ish above, penciled with black and yel-lowish white, yellowish brown on the sides, and a dirty yellowish white underneath. It has rounded ears, short hind legs, and no visible tail. It lives only in elevated places, forming its home in loose heaps and slides of rock. During the day, and especially toward sunset, it has a habit of perching itself on some prominent piece of rock and ut-tering a bleating note. When annoyed it repeats its note quickly and with a querulous accent. It is wholly herbivorous and belongs in the rabbit family. It is properly known as the Rocky Mountain pika or Little Chief hase, lagomys princeps. The miners some-times call them conies and sometimes mountain rats. It has five molars, above and below, on each side. None of the rats proper have more than three. There is only one other rat native of this State that is worthy of notice, and it is the kangaroo-rat, *dipodomys Ordii*. It is small, only five inches in length, and is not very common. So much for Colorado rats. In general there is much that is interesting about them. There are anecdotes innumerable about their ingenuity, their fierceness, and other qualities, but they can not be noticed here. Besides it is almost impossible to tell which of them are true and which Asiatic peoples, particularly the lower caste Hindoos, eat them, as do also many of the African tribes. Their skins are used in the manufactures of delicate articles, especially for the thumbs of Parisian kid gloves. The largest known rat is a native of India. It attains a length of thirteen inches, with a tail of equal length, and weighs as much as three pounds. It is very destructive in gardens, and kills chickens and ducks. It has been known to undermine houses with its burrows. The teeth of rats are remarkably strong. Cases have been known where they have gnawed ivory. Although living usually in filthy places, they are cleanly in their persons, and clean themselves by licking, as a cat does. When known and considered fairly, they are not nearly as bad as is commonly supposed.— Denver Tribune. -Plantation Philosophy: We never feel so mad arter we shed tears. De cloud ain't nigh so dark arter the rain falls. Many a 'oman what won't wash her chillun at home delights in washin' dishes at a church fair. De worst sort of boastfulness is showed by de man what thinks dat he can entertain you what timines dut he can entertain you wid a long story. Dar is many a rule what won't work both ways. No man should be looked on as a fool on ac-count ob what he doan' belebe, but on account ob what he does belebe. A too easiness ob conviction ter strange ideas is caused a mighty heap ob trouble in dis world .- Arkansas Traveller.

Aerial Navigation. It is hardly necessary to say that the introduction of a locomotive machine which would transport a large number of people through the air in any direction people through the air in any direction required, at the rate of thirty miles an hour, would be a startling novelty in our traveling arrangements. Let us glance at the advantage it would offer. Comparing it first with aquatic locomo-tion, it would be far quicker than any best bickets made methy loss expense boat hitherto made, vastly less expensive in first outlay and cost of working, would require no harbors, would pro-duce no sea-sickness, and would escape the greatest dangers inherent in water

navigation. Viewing it, secondly, as a means of transport, it would be quicker than road traveling, and would compare favorably with the ordinary speed on railways, while it would entirely dispense with the enormous and costly provisions requisite for both of these modes of getting over the ground, and by free from the multitude of liabilities to accident attending them. But it may naturally be objected that such a mode of locomotion would have peculiar dangers of its own. No doubt balloons have hitherto been

very subject to accidents, and the bare idea of anything going wrong at a height of thousands of feet above the earth has in it something very appalling. But much of this impression will vanish before common sense reasoning. It must always be borne in mind that for the purpose of locomotion there would be no reason for ascending high into the air; it would only be necessary to keep at a sufficient altitude to clear terrestrial impediments, and this would not only lo away with much of the terror of the idea, but would greatly increase the probability of a safe escape

from accidents of whatever kind. Let us see in what direction danger might, in extreme cases, lie. The loss might, in extreme cases, he. The loss of gas, by rupture of the envelope or otherwise, is a remote possibility, but the experience of many actual cases has proved that the resistance of the air to the surface exposed has sufficed to pre-vent any rapid fall; special measures might be easily provided, and at low elevations over land no serious catas-trophe need be feared on this ground. trophe need be feared on this ground. In crossing over water precautions would still be possible, and the cause would not be so hopeless as in marine casualties. The danger of fire, if prop-erly guarded against, need not be great-er than in a ship at sea. Indeed, if we believe M. Giffard, who has tried the experiment, the idea of such a danger is quite an illusion.

The accidents that arise to ordinary balloons almost always occur in the de-scent, which, if the wind is high, requires great care and skillful management. In this case the propelling pow-er would be most especially useful; the acronaut could choose his place of land-ing with precision, and, by turning his head to the wind, he could avoid the dragging which is so dangerous, and which has so often brought a fatal ter-mination to balloon voyagers. The worst conjecture conceivable would be a break-down of the propelling machinery at a time when it was wanted to aid the descent in a gale. But the risk of such a break-down could be made very slight

In the Great Gaming Rooms. Let us pass into the great gaming rooms. These are three in number. In the first apartment you find two roulette tables; in the second three more tables of the same kind, while in the farthest room of the suite are two rough et noir tables, at which the highest play takes place. Nothing could be more hand-some in style and decoration than these some in style and decoration than these spacious apartments, with their Moor-ish ceilings, their fine paintings and beautiful proportions. But it is towards the seven gaming tables that the eye of the visitor instinctively turns. Each is beat larger than the English hill somewhat larger than the English bil-liard table, and around each an eager group of players and 'watchers is gathered. There are chairs for those who have come to play steadily and who con-sequently form the front row of the players; but behind these you may always see a double range of spectators who often in their turn become players. The first thing that strikes you is the extreme quiet that prevails here. The rattle of the ball on the roulette wheel, the monotonous tones of the wheel, the monotohous tones of the croupiers as they announce the results and the ceaseless rattle of gold and sil-ver as the proceeds of each turn of the wheel are being piled into the "banks," are the only sounds heard. For everybody speaks in whis-pers. You note, too, that extreme decorum, as well as silence, prevails decorum, as well as silence, prevails among the whole assembly. Occasion-ally, indeed, at one of the roulette tables there is a slight altercation as to the ownership of a particular coin. Nobody at Monte Carlo makes any par-ticular pretensions to honesty, and if you put your money down heedlessly, and do not take great care of it while it lies on the table, it is quite certain to be annexed by one or the other of the pro-fessional players. Usually the victim of this fraud says nothing, but goes away feeling secretly that he had been rightly served. But occasionally there will be a sharp altercation. It is hushed up, however, as quickly as possible. In-deed, the croupiers often pay both claimants of a particular stake rather than allow the solemn silence of theses saloons to be disturbed. There is an other significant proof of the estimation other significant proof of the estimation in which all men and women are held at Monte Carlo. If any one among the at Monte Carlo. If any one among the group round a particular table drops **a** coin upon the floor—as frequently hap-pens—he or she is not allowed to stoop to pick it up. Nor is any obliging neighbor permitted to do so. The chiet croupier rings a bell, a liveried servant appears with a candle, and by him alone can the coin be recovered. It is no odd can the coin be recovered. It is an odd sensation for the ordinary American to find himself one of a company every member of which seems to be regarded as being prima facie a rogue. There is one other striking feature of the rooms that you notice on your first entrance. That the blinds are all drawn.

Be the day bright or dull the curtains hang closely in front of every window. You may step across the room, and silently drawing aside one of the curtains, feast your eye upon its matchless beauty. But it is carefully shut out from those who sit at the tables. There seem to be in all minds a secret con-sciousness that the work going on there does not harmonize with the blessed light of day. We stand for a while watching the play at one of the rouge et noir tables, or rather the players. have no wish to weary my readers with a description of the technicalities of this game of the red and black. Let them imagine, if they know nothing of these technicalities, how those who bet on the ed win on one occasion and those who bet on the black on another. One or other always loses, and one or other always wins, but which is to be the lucky color at any particular cut of the cards, is what no man can tell. Seated beside the grave, evil-looking croupiers this afternoon are two American boys. They are said to be rich. They are undoubtedly pro-vided with an abundant supply of thousand franc notes. But what weak, miserable faces they have. If you had watched them as I have done for several days in succession you would know that there is a marked change for the worse in their appearance since they came here a week ago. They have not been lucky hitherto. How much they have lost they probably do not quite know themselves. One of them is still losing. How he gnaws his finger nails whilst the fate of each stake hangs in the bal-ance, and how he bites his lip to hide his emotion when his ill-fortune is again announced with impassive voice by the croupier. The other is winning, and a greedy smile lights up his fatuous countenance as he rakes in his winnings. It is of this sort of stuff that the "suicides" are made, for whose benefit the Administration has provided a graveyard on one of the loveliest spot in Monaco.— Monaco Cor. Philadelphia Press. WIT AND WISDOM. -Government pastry-a mint spy.-N. Y. Advertiser. -Learn your business thoroughly. Keep at one thing-in no wise change. -Any raw recruit can write about face by preparing an essay on Cheek.--N. Y. News.

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-Housemaid-"It does my heart "But they all say that he looks like his father, Mary." Housemaid—"Bless your soul, mum, he's not half good-looking enough for that,"—*Life*,

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ordinary mechanical precautions. On the whole, there can be no good reason to believe that the dangers would be more formidable with this than with other kinds of locomotion, and when we remember the frightful casualties that so frequently now occur in land, river and sea traffic, and consider how many of their causes would be absent in the free paths of the air, we may probably even venture to assert that balloons would be the safest as well as the pleasantest mode of traveling.

As a set-off against all this, however, there is one great objection to aerial lo-comotion, namely, the uncertainty it must always be liable to in consequence of the effect of the wind. We must not ignore this; on the contrary, we will en-deavor to estimate its exact value. We will assume that we can steam through the air in any direction at the rate of thirty miles an hour; but this will only count for useful locomotion in a dead If there is any wind, by carrying the balloon along with it, it will clearly influence both the effective direction and the effective speed .- Dr. William Pole, in Fortnightly Review.

#### The Fiji Islands.

In Fiji the experience of this country is essentially different from that which it has passed through in many other crown countries. Generally speaking, colonies of this class have been for many years a burden to the exchequer; whereas Fiji, even in its infancy, has proved self-supporting. Governor Des Vœux's estimates for the ensuing year show a total revenue of £158,738, and an expenditure of £155,047. This is an expenditure of £105,047. This is very satisfactory, seeing that the reve-nue is not exceptionally large, but promises to increase steadily. There has been a great development of the sugar industry. Sir John Gorrie lately stated that the largest sugar mill in the world has been erected in Fiji, and an order had been given for another of the order had been given for another of the same size. The export of sugar for last year amounted to 1,800 tens, but it was expected that the quantity would be doubled in 1883, and quadrupled in 1884. Before the annexation tool place it was believed that the staple production of the islands would be cotton, but it now seems probable that Fiji will become a richer Mauritius, and produce sugar on a larger scale. One remarkable fact is that there is not a single English soldier, except the Governor's Aide-de-camp, in the colony. There are a few inspectors and ser-geants of police, but the Government relies for the maintenance of order upon a native constabulary force, at an annual cost of a little more than £2,000. It is also satisfactory to learn that five times as much public money is spent in maintaining hospitals and an efficient, medical staff as in keeping up jails. Although Mr. Des Vœux shows a determination to check a too sanguine view of the prospects of the colony, he yet anticipates that the annual value of exports, which up to 1880 never got be-yond £177,000, will in 1883 exceed £300,000, and in the following year, by another bound, reach nearly £500,000. -London News.

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-A man in the central office of the Telephone Company says that the noise there is different from a young lady at a party, for one is a ball-room belle and the other is a bell-room bawl.— Pittsburgh Telegraph.

-Troops have just been or level to arrest and disband the belligerent Creeks in the Indian Territory. If they succeed in arresting the Creeks, they should be called upon to put down the destructive rivers in the Ohio Valley the 

-The gifts for higher education during the last ten years have been un-precedented in the history of our country, and we doubt whether they can be

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# OLD COMMONWEALTH

HARRISONBURG, VA THURSDAY MORNING,.... JULY 12, 1883

Democratic Meeting

HEADQUARTERS DEM. EX. COM. ) OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTX, June 13, 1883.

A mass meeting of the Democrats of Rockingham county will be held at the Court House, in Harrisonburg, July 16th, (Court Day) 1883, at 1 o'clock for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Democratic convention, to be held in Lynchburg, July 25th 1883. A full attendance is de-W. H. RITENOUR, sired. Chairman Dem. Com. Rock. Co.

## THE TRADE DOLLAR SWINDLE.

One of the largest swindling games that than one paper is necessary. has ever been attempted upon the industrious poor, developed itself within the past ten days. All classes of the people of Rockingham county have been affected by the refusal of the banks and capitalists to receive the trade dollars. We have been interviewed and frequently buttonholed on the street for an explanation, the burden of the query being, "what does it mean ?" and, " are the trade dollars worthless ?"

As a general answer to all, we refer those who have the trade dollars in their possession, and those who refuse them, to Section 3513 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, passed February 12th, 1873, which expressly says:

"The silver coins of the United States shall be a trade dollar, a half dollar, or a its Virginia jewel when the Richmond fifty cent piece, a quarter dollar, or twentyfive-cent piece, a dime, or ten-cent piece," and then gives the weight of each.

This act, instead of saying that the trade dollar was coined for bullion purposes only, explicitly says that the trade dollar shall be one of the coins of the United States. The trade dollar contains 420 grains of standard silver, whilst the standard silver dollar contains but 4121 grains, an excess in favor of the trade dollar of 71 grains of silver.

Treasurer Wyman thinks it very probable that the next Congress will pass a law authorizing the redemption and re-coinage of the trade dollar, predicating his belief upon the fact that it would pay the government to so do, "as the cost of re coinage would be considerably less than the amount of silver gained in the change."

We do not propose in this article to prove, which we can easily do, that this trade dollar raid is a swindle on the part of the Republican party and the money aristocracy of the country, but simply to give as our opinion that it would be wise To call it shameful, is putting it mildly. for the very many poor people who may But it is a fact, and is a matter to be de be our readers, possessing these trade dol- plored by all. lars, to keep them, if they possibly can, and not let the Shylocks shave them from time to read!" How about your widetwenty to forty per cent. We believe that awake, progressive, thrifty Yankee neighthe trade dollar will be made exchangeable | bor ? Does he lose time or money by his at par by the next Democratie Congress, | reading ? Go to a Northern homestead. and the poor man will, by the action of and there you will find the farmer's family, that Congress, again have a practical illus- or the mechanic's family, gathered around tration of whether the Democratic or Re- the table and lamp, some one of the group publican parties are its true friends. Since penning the above, we find the periodical such items of information as

following in that sound Democratic paper, are valuable or interesting and instructive.

PEOPLE. There is one drawback with Virginia appointed by the County Chairman for and the Southern people, that, to secure a livelier progress, must be corrected. The the assembling of the Democratic mass people generally do not read enough. We do not refer to those who reside in the

meeting to appoint delegates to the Lynchburg Convention, which assembles July cities, towns and villages, but the people 25th who live upon the farm, work in the shops,

We hope to see a representative meeting and follow callings of various kinds out of the Democracy of Rockingham at the Court House in this place, on Monday in the country. Generally the head of a next. We want the best men of the party family living in the country who takes one newspaper thinks he has all that he can in this county sent to the Lynchburg Conmanage; that he has no time to read more vention, for the Democracy now has need than this. What a mistake! Besides, if of the services of its best talent. Another he gets a county newspaper, he selects the thing is to appoint those as delegates who will go to the Convention. The work beone of his own partisan bias. He never sees both sides, even in politics. But no fore the party requires prompt and decisive action, and laggards must go to the rear. one county newspaper ever did or ever will print all of the county news. It would Activity must mark every man who is put in the front. Then we want to see the have to be as large as a barn door to do it. Hence, for the county news alone, more young Democracy brought prominently forward. Let the old "wheelhorses" retire Then there is the agricultural paper or for awhile and rest. There is more pro-

MONDAY.

magazine, the mechanical periodical, and gress in young blood, and the instillation the religious paper. At least two of these of young blood is what the Democratic should be found in every intelligent houseparty needs. From all parts of the State we read the names of the delegates chosen hold, and must be to make the household with pleasure, because the selections indicate that the Lynchburg Convention will In Virginia we have as fine practical literature as can be had anywhere. Among be composed of men of broad views, of these for the farmer we mention the Southhigh order of intelligence, and of unflinching fidelity to the interests of Virginia ern Planter, at Richmond; for the proand welfare of the people, and of un-

a sacrifice for you to be present, yet for the

good of the cause you should willingly

make it. Looking forward to the high

HEIGH-HO !

"Judge Rives, of Virginia has written a

and we hope to see a convention represent

ing the progressive Democracy. Madison

county has appointed as delegates: Dr. J.

A. Hill, W. E. Wayland, Dr. A. W. Graves

F. M. McMullen, T A. Chapman and Ed-

win Henshaw, with the following alter-

nates : W. A. Collins, J. A. Reedy, Jas. E.

Thrift, G. E. Garth, T. F. Berrey, W. E.

Bohannon, Dr. J. A. Reid, and Capt. James

Hay were appointed delegates at large for

Now that the ukase of the Judge has

suppressed the publication of chancery or-

ders in this paper, will "his grace" allow

us to print a notice of sale, or a patent

WE see it mentioned in the COMMON-

WEALTH of this place that none but Re-

publicans were invited from this county

COMMONWEATH has been misinformed.

\* \* We presume those at the head of

Just so. No doubt they "knew whom

they wanted." And somehow they selected

a large sprinkling of coalition Republi-

cans, to the exclusion of "Readjusters"

from the Democratic wing. "Cold coffee

for Democrats" is coalition policy just

Read the article in another column,

taken from the Richmend State, headed

"Organize." It has the true ring, and

concisely shows every Democrat his duty

Capt. A. M. Pierce, of Winchester, has

been appointed Superintendent of Schools

for Frederick county. We are tempted to

believe that, after, all, Cameron, Farr and

Blair are Democrats in disguise. They

could not have done our party a greater

service. Dolph Pierce for Superintendent

The attempted defense of Judge New-

man, as made in the last issue of the Spirit,

to his party and his country.

medicine advertisement?

the county.

of the Valley.

ball.

liberty of the people preserved.

Be present on Monday.

Read this:

gressive man, who wants to know what is going on-how our State and section are doubted devotion to the Democracy of the State and Nation advancing in this age of active movement and development, there is the Industrial Turn out, therefore, Democrats of Rock-South, also of Richmond. For mining and ingham, on Monday next. We know that engineering information. The Virginias. many are very busy on the farms and in published at Staunton. Literature lost the workshops, but whilst it may require

Standard was allowed to die for want of support, and it will be years before its equal shall be seen again in our capital city. As to religious papers, we have many, representing various denominations. and each householder can consult his or her own taste and religious inclination. We have written on this subject before, but it is always a matter worthy of consideration, and has again been brought to our mind by reference to some statistics in

intelligent.

regard to comparative newspaper circulation North and South. It is a shameful letter to a Virginia politician in this city fact, that the average of newspaper and in which he declares that he has always been a good republican and a warm sup-porter of the coa'ition movement, but lateperiodical circulation in the North is four to five times greater than in the South. When we consider the immense number of papers and magazines published in the North, and compare them with the number published in the South, the disproportion of average of circulation of Southern pa-

allowed by a just and fair republican ad-ministration, and if such actions are repers is increased. To say that the average of circulation there is from 2,000 to 2,500, and here from peated the democrats will soon regain control of the State of Virginia. He signs himself 'More of a republican than a coa-300 to 500, is a humiliating confession. litic nist.' "-- Wash. Cor. Baltimore Sun. And thus the vile coalition parts. Whoop-la!

The usual excuse here is : " Oh. I haven' Our circulation is not as large as it ought to be, nor as large as it will be soon, at the present rate of growth, but it is large enough to let it be known of all men that Rockingham has a political Circuit Court Judge, one who is ultra-partizan. and the record books of whose Court give evidence of the fact. reading aloud from the newspaper or Delegates to the Lynchburg Democratic

THE PRESS\_THE DUTY OF THE | DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING ON Judge Newman, after the 1st of January next, should hire himself out to the Emperor of Russia as the "Press Censor" for Monday next (Court day) is the time that despotic government. Such as he are not suited to free America.

> Baltimore Cattle Market, Monday, July 9, 1883. AT CALVERTON YARDS.

BEEF CATTLE .- The market has been slow again this week, showing no improve ment in that respect over last week, and a decline of 1c in prices. The quality does

decline of \$2 in prices. Ine quality does not average as good as last week's offer-ings, consisting of a much longer line of the middle grades and fewer tops. Prices of Beef Cattle ranged as follows: Best 6 00a\$6 25, that generally rated first quality 4 75a\$5 75, medium or good fair quality 4 25a\$4 75, ordinary thin Steers, Ovens and Cows 8 256 2875. Extreme range Oxens and Cows 3 25a \$375. Extreme range of prices 3 25a \$6 25. Most of the sales were from 4 75a \$5 75 per 100 lbs. Total receipts for the week 1880 head against 1326 last week, and 1411 head same time last year. Total sales for the week 1138 head against 974 last week, and 836 head same time last year.

SWINE.-The receipts, which number about 550 head more than those of the previous week, were of as good a quality and constitute a supply fully equal to a moderate demand. Prices are  $\frac{1}{2}c$  lower than last week. We quote at  $8.8\frac{1}{2}$  cents, with a few extra a shade higher, most sales  $e^{\frac{1}{2}}$  face and the price of the sale of th at 8ja8<sup>‡</sup> cents per lb net. Arrivals this week 4064 head against 3511 last week, and 4377 head same time last year. SHEEP AND LAMBS.—The receipts this week number about 900 less than last week, with the quality not as good as it was then. Trade is not very active, there being little outside demand, and the butchers buying sparingly. We quote common to fair Sheep at  $\$_{1}^{4}a4_{1}^{4}$  cents, the better grades 44a54 cents, and Lambs at 44a64 cents, per lb gross. Stock Sheep 2a\$3 25 per head, and in good demand. Arrivals this week 4681 head against 5580 last week, and 4101 head same time last year.

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and important interests involved, we hope WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 4, 1881. I regard your Safe Kidney and Liver Cure as a sort of special dispensation of Providence to those "hopelessly" ill of every Democrat will buckle on his armor afresh, and resolve to do his whole duty. That is the way victories are won, and the kidney and liver diseases

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Miscellancous.

The American Register, published at Wash- Or you will see the whole group, each with ington, D.C., which is so pertinent to the a different publication possibly, all intersubject that we conclude our article with ested in some article or upon some subject this extract:

"If there was any law to punish these swindlers of the poor, and to restore to them the losses which they must necessarily sustain in consequence of this crusade on the trade dollar, we would gladly see such a law enforced against those who have paid out the trade dollar at par to the laborer, and now refuse to take it back excepting at a fearful discount to the holder.

"We are not so sure but that an action would lie against the Secretary of the Treasury for a breach of contract under the statute authorizing the trade dollar. Congress had a perfect right, as they did in 1878, to repeal the law of 1873, and to *intelligent work*. The cute Yankee brother stop the coinage of the trade dollar- and to retire it if they chose; but they had no Constitutional power to depreciate it, or to declare it of less value than its stamp indicated. It was declared to be by the act creating it, of the value of one dollar, and the moment the Government passed the coin over to a second party for value received, it entered into a contract to keep said coin at par until exchanged for other forms of money of equal value. This con-tract still holds good, we affirm."

We do not generally make extracts from the Alexandria Gazette, because we consider it somewhat extreme in its views, but the following is so appropriate and well- of the South, there will be a progress in our timed that it should be in the home of section to which we have hitherto been every patriotic Virginian:

"On the very same day that the representatives of the people of all parts of the State assembled at Lexington to do honor to the memory of one of her greatest sons, General Mahone had the chairmen of his county committees with him in Richmond, giving them orders concerning the ways and means by which he can inflict still further moral and material injury upon the State which General Lee loved so well that he sacrificed himself in her defense. For common decency's sake, wouldn't it have been just as well for General Mahone to have selected another day for instructing his obedient captains in the nefarious work they are to do ?"

Where is there any authority for leaving the matter " to the wishes of the attorneys and the parties to the suit?" There is none; and whatever rule may have obtained in the past has been established by Bourbon Courts and attorneys, regardless of the law .- Spirit of the Valley.

There is no absolute authority upon the subject. Custom had established the rule, and no Whig or Democratic Judge of the past had been so partisan as to go hunting about in the Code to find a clause here or there, that, even by distortion, would allow them to do such an act for the benefit of a party or party organ as Judge Newman has been guilty of. If the rule that has "obtained in the past has been established by Bourbon Courts and attorneys, regardless of the law," the rule was at least decent and unpartisan. And we never heard attorneys" acted " regardless of the law," they at least observed a non-partisan de- under the law; but for an order of the cency, of which none complained until Court, sweeping in its character, and made the curse of Mahoneism attained a short- a matter of record, he had no moral nor lived predominance.

which interests the particular one most. Then the subjects are discussed by members of the household at odd times; thus ideas are evolved, and the world's stock of general information enlarged and improved. Hence there is a wide-spread intelligence among the people North.

Among our population it is different. Three fourths of the people think they must be drudges from daylight until dark to subsist. It is not hard, slavish work that makes men more money or a better found that out long ago, and has prospered wonderfully by reason of the discovery; and we lay it down right here as a truth, that we must do likewise or be

mud sills all our life long. No man can work or plan successfully to attend the conference of the Readjusters held in Richmond June 28th inst. The who does not know what is going on, and every newspaper that he takes into his household is a help. There is nothing else in this world as cheap as newspapers, exour organization at Riehmond knew whom cept air, water and Divine Grace, and they wanted and whom to invite.-Spirit

when our people awake to a just appeciation of their duty to the newspaper press strangers. Ponder the subject.

> Lawyers write very prettily in attacking Judge Newman. The article in the Com-MONWEALTH and *Register*, of last week, are in proof of this, lawyers making the assault in both instances .- Spirit of the

> Valley. So far as the COMMONWEALTH is concerned, there is not a word of truth in the above. We wrote of Judge Newman as we felt and yet feel, and we have no occasion to ask or receive the aid of "lawyers' to treat so plain a piece of judicial partisan action as Judge Newman has been guilty

This sort of thing has been asserted by of schools of Frederick county! Why not the Spirit on several occasions before this. have made the thing respectable by the We now give our unqualified contradiction appointment of a decent negro, if such to the charge. could be found in the Boss' party ? Dolph

The illegal, unwise, maliciously partisan | Pierce ! What a God send ! Roll on the course of Judge Newman, in his midnight order, does not require any "special pleading" from "lawyers" to make its enormity plain and clear to the people.

is too weak, lame and impotent to need extended reply. We are willing to leave In regard to the Commissioner's accounts the decision of the question to the people, the law says, "the time and place of taking as to the charge of partisnn conduct upon it shall be published in some convenient the part of Judge Newman. newspaper," etc. Does that give authority to a Judge to designate one particular Personally or politically, Judge Newman newspaper? No "stretching of authority," is small game, but being an accidental eh? If Judge Newman were present, and Judge, by the grace of Cameron, makes of of any complaint of violation of the law as each particular order is prepared for him a suitable target to practice on until in this regard. If "Bourbon Courts and the publisher, direct where it shall be the fall canvass shall afford something published, it would be possibly excusable better. The Scarlet, Cardinal Red, Old Gold give perfect results. Any fashionable color, 10 cents. Navy Blue, Seal Brown, Diamond Dyes I legal right to do anything of the kind.

State Convention are being appointed and in good faith toward all parties, and we from the various counties in the State, and authorize the Company to use this certificate, with fac similes of our signatures attached, the best men in the party are almost invariably chosen. This is as it should be, in its advertisements."



# OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

THURSDAY MORNING, ..... JULY 12, 1883. J. K. SMITH,.......Editor and Publisher

Entered at the Post-Office, Harrisonburg, as second-class mail matter.

TERMS:-\$1.50 a year; \$1.00 for eight months; 75 cents for six months; 50 cents for four months; 25 cents for two menths. Cash in advance in all cases. cents for two menths. Cash in advance in all cases. ADVERTISING:--] inch one time \$1 00; each con-tinuance 50 cents Yearly: 1 inch \$10; six months, \$6.00; three months, \$4.00. Advertising bills due quarterly in advance or on demand. Two inches, one year, \$15 Legal advertisements, if lees than three inches, \$5,00. Above three inches, regular rates. Ap-Large advertisements are subject to contract. Local Business Notices fore cents a line each insertion. Ap-Address THE OLD CORMON-WEALTH, Harrisonburg, Va.

Harrisonburg Post-Office-Arrival and De-Opens 7 A, M-Closes 7 P. M-Money Order Hours -9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. STAR BOUTES. Sew Market..... Afi Mails closed thirty minutes before schedul time of departure. JAS. SULLIVAN, P. M.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Mrs. L., thank you. "Nuf ced." The "Harvest Song" has been sung. Rawley has over 100 visitors so far.

Any fellow can get into "hot water"

now.

Trade dollars taken for subscription to this paper.

A big show-that advertises just eight dollars' worth.

Mrs. P. B. Delaney and son, of New York, are at the Pollock House.

This paper don't charge less for cirous advertising than is charged to our

home people. An itinerant minstrel troupe has been singing on our streets for several

days and nights. Can't it be fixed some way so that the 4th of July won't come on such

hot days as the last one was? Safe, swift, and sure to regulate the

bowels, are Ayer's Cathartic Pills. Recommended by eminent physicians. Royal Glue is highly recommended by those who have used it. See advertisement elsewhere. Druggists sell

A new sign appears in the omnibus of the Revere House. "Twenty-five" cents to the depot." Rough on "dead heads."

it.

We got behind with the paper last week, but we have caught up again. Last week was a hard one on country papers.

Several old buildings on West Market, alongside of the bridge, have been condemned by the Council and will Over \$60 and under \$70..... 35 " have to come down. Over \$70 and under \$80..... 40 Over \$80 and under \$100 .... 45 " Hull's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Re-

ber 1st.

can obtain it.

# The Fourth.

The catering for the inner man was one of the features which, when our citizens saw the crowd, caused an anxiety. However, J. P. Hyde, Esq., chairman of the Refreshment Committee. ably assisted by his fellow-committee. men, nobly, faithfully and fully performed their onerous duties. He fed 344 invited guests. The Revere House fed between 1,000 and 1,100 people. Just here it is well worthy of remark that the Revere and Spotswood Hotels, under the management of Messrs. A. A. Pitman and N. M. Cartmell, proved on the "fourth" their worth of the title, under the old English Blackstonian law, of being "fit to keep tavern." That they were ably assisted in the office by the genial and popular Col. H. O. Cary, need only to be said that all persons who were not here may know how well

every one of the large crowd was cared for. The bill of fare at the Revere comprised everything in market, local and from the cities, and for once we did not hear any complaint of insufficiency of food or meagreness of marketing. Next to the superb order of the town, we of Harrisonburg have a right to claim credit for our hotel arrangements on the fourth.

Personal

Hon. John Paul and wife returned on Saturday evening last from their trip across the Continent to San Francisco and other points on the Pacific Coast. The trip was a very pleasant one to both Judge Paul and his muchesteemed wife.

E. A. Legg, Esq., who has been teaching at Sandy Hook, Md., the past year, is spending his vocation in this place. He speaks in the highest terms of his patrons.

Dr. Burke Chrisman and family have taken up their residence at Massanetta Springs for the season.

Prof. W. W. Robertson has gone to Bedford county on a visit and will be absent several weeks.

Postal Orders from July 1st.

From July 1st domestic money orders are issaed at "Money Order offi

ces" for any amount from 1 cent to \$100 (instead of \$50 as heretofore), and three orders may be issued in one day to the same remitter, and in favor of the same payee, payable at same post-office. The fees have been reduced, and are now as follows :

We were last week debarred from

noticing many things that we desired.

Among the most important was the

article upon the outside in regard to

the anthracite coal deposits of this sec-

tion of Virginia. The article showed

conclusively that for investment in coal

and iron lands the Valley of Virginia

affords the most profitable field now

known. We shall continue to give

information upon this subject as we

August, 1883, and last ten days.

the Northern part of this county on the 2nd of July,

aged 57 years, 11 months and two days. There are

many persons who will be saddened by the reading

of this aunouncement. "Dick" Gray may have had his faults, (who has not ?) but amid all the vicisitudes

which entered into the scenes of his life he was ever

the faithful friend and showed a generous heart. Peac

-----Our commission merchants are pay-

ing 97@98 cents per bushel for new

wheat. It seems to us this is quite

We have received the first number

of the "Valley Press," a new paper

started at New Market, Va., Wickes &

tor. It is an eight-page weekly. Pol-

Are we to have a new council, in fa-

to the memory of the true in life.

low for new wheat.

We have received a sample copy of

Orders not exceeding \$10.... 8 cents Over \$10 and under \$15.... 10 Over \$15 and under \$30..... 15 Over \$30 and under \$40..... 20

Over \$40 and under \$50..... 25 Over \$50 and under \$60..... 30

Letter from Mt. Crawford.

MT. CRAWFORD, VA., July 3, 1883. Harvesting is still in progress, and some will be nearly all the week in taking off their crop. There seems to be general satisfaction with the crop, and we have heard farmers say that they never saw a finer crop in their life, and their wheat is the heaviest that ever grew on their plantations, and they have not been troubled with insects, rust, or any other blight, for all of which we presnme they are very hankful.

Mr. D. C. McFall, who has had charge of the grinding department of the Mt. Crawford Mills for the past three years, has moved over to the "Snow Flake" Mills, and will take charge of them. We regret to lose our amiable neighbor, and wish him success in his new home. Mr. George Kiser has thoroughly repaired the mills here, having put in new bolting cloths, etc., and we anticipate a large business will be done this year by Messrs. McFall & Bro.,

who have them leased. There seems to be an excellent crop of cherries this season, and large quantities of them are being brought to town by parties who go out into the country with vagons and purchase them by the tree. Mr. F. A. Byerly and wife, formally of this place, but now of Alexandria, are spending the summer with their parents here and at Pleasant Valley.

Mrs. John Bauserman was paralyzed (the third time) about ten days ago. The physician in attendance thought she would not recover, but at this time she is improving, and we trust she may recover. Mrs. Virginia Raines, who has been Mecklenburg county, has returned home. An infant child of Mr. Newton Steinbuck died last Saturday, aged about ten days. Mr. S. seems to be unfortunate, as he has lost two wives and two children in

the past two years. May he find consolation in Him who has said. He will not put more upon us than we are able to bear. The Messrs. Switzers are putting a coat of paint on the new house erected a short time ago by Mr. G. Calvin Fifer, and have

also painted the new school house, which adds very much to its external appearance. "And don't you forget it "-we mean to come to the "Boss" picnic to be held here on Saturday next by the Good Templars. They are promising a balloon ascension etc., and should the day be favorable, no doubt a pleasant time will be enjoyed by

all who may attend. At a regular meeting held by Mt. Crawford Council No. 19, F. of T., held on last Saturday night, the following officers were elected for the present term : S. F. Landes, President; Charles Lynch, Associate; Thos. L. Gladden, Chaplain; Miss Ida Sherman, Secretary: J. W. Vawter, Financial Secretary ; Wm. E. Shinnick, Treasurer ; George D. Wise, Conductor: Miss Sallie Varner, Assisting Conductor; Ewing Fifer, Inside Sentinel; Calvin Fifer, Outside Sentinel, and Frank Lays, Ex-President.

The ladies of the M. E. Church South propose holding a festival on Friday and Saturday nights, July 20-21, for the purpose of raising additional funds to enable them to repair the church. As whatever they undertake is generally successful, we

A large crowd was present at the Good Templar picnic, on Saturday, and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

Mr. D. A. Plecker is again "on the wing." He started East, last week, and expects to be absent some time.

The ladies of the M. E. Church South will have a lawn party and festival, on Friday and Saturday nights, July 20 and 21, the proceeds to be used in repairing the church, and they cordially invite all to come and enjoy the festivitics, and bestow upon them a liberal patronage. Rev. W. L. Lynch, Thos. L. Gladden

and Wm. E. Shinnick, will start in the morning for Shepherdstown, W. Va., to attend the Sunday School Convention to be held in that place. WES.

### A Hot Day's Heavy Work !

be on hand, if possible.

ing and amusing.

a shot gun.

House will be here in a few days.

On Tuesday, June 12th, in the city of New Orleans, before a large audience of prominent citizens, personally interested, Gen'ls G. T. Beauregard of La., and Jubal A. Early of Va., as solely in charge of the regular distribution, being the June Grand Monthly (the 157th) and the Semi annual Extraordinary Drawing, distributed prizes amounting to over \$522,000, as they attest over their signatures (and who doubts their veracity or integrity?), with honesty, fairness, and in good faith towards all parties. Ticket No. 23,131 drew capital prize \$150,000, and was sold-one-half to Mr. Jas. Demoruelle, of Messrs. Demoruelle

& Cusachs, prominent dealers in building materials in New Orleans; one tenth to G. Rosenthal, a most prominent German citizen of Raleigh, N. C., etc. No. 75,008 drew the second prize, \$50,000-one-fifth sold to W. B. Hutchinson, well known broker, pending several months in Chase City, No. 12 Old Slip, New York city ; and other portions to H. N. Pleasance, of Cleveland, O., and Jas. J. Walsh, of 189 Varick st. New York city, paid through Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co., bankers there No. 31,903 drew the third prize, \$20,000, one-half of which was paid to the Bank of Commerce, at Memphis, Tenn.; and other portions to party at Pasadena, Los Angeles Co., Cal. Tickets Nos. 20,683 and 30,001 drew each \$10,000-the fourth prizes-sold to G. T. Kimberlin, Texas ; P. O., Wash'n Co., Ky. ; and New Orleans, etc., etc., to the end of the chapter. The next (the 159th) takes place August 14, and all information can be had on application to M. A. Dauphin New Orleans, La.

The Usual Result,

It is not to be denied that a good sewing machine is one of the most important ap-purtenances of the modern household. We thought we had a good machine until one day the agent of the New Home presented himself at our door and proceeded to deliver an oration upon its characteristic merits. "But," we answered, "our machine suits us well and we do not care for another." Mollie Miller, Cathern Mauzy.

The agent, however, begged the privi-lege of leaving one of his machines with us, "for the ladies to try," The request was not unreasonable, so we granted it-but more to oblige the agent than anything else; for we really did not want the machine, and had not the remo-

Ford, (col) Harold Harding, G. H. A. Ball, John M. Boma, H. C. Malle, Berke Bailen, Thos. Grymes, Thos. Ayer, D. A. Weldel, J. F. Watson, Perry Rhodes, W. E. Arnett, test idea of buying it. The machine once in the house, it was natural that the ladies should look it over; they did so, and as a consequence fell in love with it. They say that without the Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised.

slightest wish to decry or disparage any other machine, this, all things considered, is, in their opinion, the most desirable one

ORGANIZE Monday next is County Court day and we hope to see a goodly number There is one word that cannot be reof our Democratic friends. We want eated too often, and that word is several hundred more subscribers from Organize. It may have a vague sound. but surely its meaning is clear. It is the word that is to determine the fate within the ranks of the Democracy of this county. The re-organization of of the people of Virginia this fall. For our party, the necessary energy to be

unless there be thorough organization thrown into the contest of this year, of the Democratic forces the people of both make it necessary that every this State will not be rescued from the Democrat shall have a sound and relihand of the corrupt Boss, but will, on the contrary, be held more firmily in able Democratic paper at hand. Subhis power than ever before. ser be, therefore, on Monday next and Do all the people realize the full

bring your neighbor with you. weight of the coming campaign ? Do they know that if the Mahoneites suc-Nor is this all of your duty come in ceed in securing a majority, of the next Legislature that the State will be redis and take part in the Democratic Mass Meeting on Monday. Do not fail to tricted so as to send a Republican delegation to the next Congress ? Do they know that the able and trusted judges St. Nicholas, for July, is a memorawho have served them long and well ble number. It contains a carefully will be driven from the bench to give

written and wonderfully illustrated ar. place to ignorant pettiloggers from the ranks of the Boss's adventurers? ticle on the "Brooklyn Bridge." The diagrams are numerous and the de-Do they know that a petty potentate

called a "Commissioner of Sales" is to scriptions accurate and popular. Sobe set up in every county and that this phie Swett opens the number with a voracious official is to have every seller characteristically amusing story of and every buyer of land at his mercy, to extort from them what he will, being "How Johnnie's Men Struck Work," guarded by law from having any one and George Enos Throop contributes compete or to interfere with him? "A Story of a Brave Girl," a Revolu-

Do they know that the negroes make tionary tale of the old Schuyler mansion ip a large majority of the Mahone parin Albany. Silk culture also receives ty and that this foolishly ambitious maattention with an account of some ority have it in their power to demand bright girls' successes. J. T. Trowrom the Mahone minority, with which bridge tells how the Tinkhams outwitthey have coalesed, such political and ted their persecutors, Maurice Thompsocial concessions as were never thought son finishes ' The Story of Robin Hood,' of before in Virginia, concessions which Edward S. Elliss continues "Swept that minority of whites will be forced Away," and there is another "Drum-mer-boy" paper. An interesting feato grant in order to save themselves from defeat?

ture of the number is the appearance Who doubts that Mahone would refuse to the negro anything, however of the prize compositions on 'Robert Burns' and "A Shark in Sight," with disgraceful it might be to the white the long Roll of Honor of those whose race, so long as the negro can withdraw essays were almost, but not quite so his support in retaliation for a refusal of good. And there is much beside in his demands? the magazine that is timely, entertain-

Knowing all these things, how important is it that the organization of our forces should be so thorough that

The report of a duel in Newtownthe result of the campaign shall be Harrisonburg's suburb-between the nothing else than our victory. editors of the Staunton "News" and Organize! Organize!!! Organize!!! Keep the word in mind day in day out, "Telegram" on yesterday morning, hour by hour, and minute by minute. simmered down to a cat and dog fight, Talk to your neighbor. Never forget a colored citize n settling the fight with the great cause for which you are striving-the redemption of your people from Boss rule. Talk of your cause-It is said the Treasury official to sethe people's cause-wherever you can lect the site for the new U. S. Court do good. Inspire your indifferent friend and convert your doubting foe. Hurry np the Democrats who lag and call

LETTERS UNCALLED FOR IN THE POST back again the recreant ones who have OFFICE IN HARRISONBURG, VA., JULY 9, 1883.—LADIES.—Miss Mary F. Shaffer, left the Democratic fold. Never give up your argument. Read, inform your-Miss Kate Cummel, Miss Mary A. Daraghe, Miss Nannie C. Landes, Miss Mary S. Jenself, talk with those Democrats whom you believe to know more than you do. kins, Miss Maggie Coles, Mrs. Kate Flem-ing, Miss Sophia Bare, Miss Jennie Shirkey, Mrs. Eliza Ålen, Miss Bettie Andes, Miss learn all you can, and then work with all your might to convince others of Milla Womack, Miss Mary Houston, Miss the faith in which you trust. Let no rebuff, no disappointment, no obstacle GENTLEMEN.—Thos. Turner, James S. Skinner, John Rhodes, (com) Lewis Kelly, Chas. P. Ragan, (2) Jos. E. Miller, B. E. Prof. B. H. Eventt, J. D. Erwich, (2) M. discourage you. Yours is a true and noble work whether its influence be measured by thousands or by only one. Prof. B. H. Everett, J. D. English, (2) Mr.

-The State. The Dead Purcell. Cincinin ati Times-Star.]

D AND DEAR

The following has been issued rela-

tive to the death of the Archbishop : JAMES SULLIVAN, P. M. ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL, CINCINNATI, July 5, 1883. Shooting in Greene County.

Mand Muller and the Annies

Maud Muller stood one summer day, Quietly raking the new-mown hay.

In the apple orchard, plain to be seen, Was plenty of fruit, both hard and green.

Rashly she ate green apples, till she Was doubled up like the letter V.

With pain in her stomach and tears in her

eye, Maud Muller thought she would surely die.

But soon came an end of her woeful grief; For PAIN KILLER brought her sweet relief.

Some unprincipled dealers, because they could see a few cents more profit, have been guilty of offering worthless substitutes for he only original and genuine Sulphur Soap-GLENN's by name. Therefore, the public should guard against this deception and always ask for GLENN'S SULPHUR SOAP, by its full name, and take no other.

READ the following evidence from a nighly respectable source :

C. N. CRITTENTON, Esq. Dear Sir: I have traveled for three years

for Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons, pub-lishers, New York, and desire to inform you that I have used your incomparable GLENN'S SULPHUR SOAP exclusively for about four years ; my constant experience has been that it possesses all the medical advantages that you claim for it. All to whom I have recommended it say as well as myself, that it deserves its established. reputation as the best and most efficacious Sulphur Soap that can be used for all skin cleansing, as well as toilet purposes. Some unprincipled druggists have endeavored to substitute other kinds of sulphur Soap for Glenn's-saying they were "just as good," but having myself tried other kinds, I find NONE so good or so beneficial as the *Genuine* Sulphur Soap stamped GLENN'S,' and this I have observed always bears the name of "C. N. Crittenton, Proprietor," on the packet. Yours, truly, C. T. Z. DURAND.

HALL'S HAIR AND WHISKER DYE, black

or brown, fifty cents. Do not throw your life away by neglecting a chronic cough which HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR would cure in a few days.

PIKE'S TOOTHACHE DROPS cure in one minute

Ravage of Cholera.

LONDON, July 9.-The 96 deaths from cholers at Damiette, 48 at Mansurah. 1 at Alexandria, 6 at Samanoud. and 6 at Sherbin, reported in a Cario dispatch of last evening, were the fatalities for Saturday. The number of deaths on Sunday, from the disease was 68 at Damiette, 64 at Mansurab, 9 at Samanoud, 7 at Shirbin and 1 at Alexandria.

PREPARING FOR FLIGHT.

CAIRO, July 9 -It is reported here that a yacht is being prepared and will be held in readiness to take the Khedive to Naples in the event of the spread of cholera making his departure necessary.

THE PLAGUE IN CHINA.

Hong Kong, July 9.-Cholera has broken out at Swatow and is raging violently.

(Swatow is a town of 30,000 inhabiants, situated on the China sea, in the province of Quangtung, and about 150 miles due east of Canton.]

\* \*"Fools take to themselves the respect given to their office." But Kidney-Wort commands respect for its own solid merits, tested, tried and found not wanting in any essential principle required for the cure of dyspepsia, piles, malaria, and all diseases of the kidneys, bowels and liver. Prepared in dry and liquid form.

The 4th of July at Harrisonburg was

arranged affairs that we have ever seen.

The address by Mr. Walker, the orstor

of the day, was one of the finest we

have ever heard. Many of the Staun-

ton people were present and never

have we heard the people express them-

selves so highly pleased as they did on

this occasion. This reflects great credit

upon the people of Harrisonburg, and

we hope that when the 4 h of July

comes again, Staunton or some other

place in the Valley will extend the same

newer is a universal favorite for restoring gray hair to its original color, and making hair grow out thick.

Dr. Frank L. Harris will locate in the building adjoining the residence of Wm. Ott, Esq., where his friends will find him on Monday next, and until further notice.

The cereal crops, harvested and unharvested, are fine, so with vegetables, which are abundant. The prospect is good for a tremendous fruit crop. As a prophet locust bloom stands at the head.

The new Postmaster-General has issued an order instructing postmasters to be as careful of newspapers passing through their offices as they are of letters, and to consider the former just as sacred as the latter.

The Claremont Herald only got a half paper out last week-all on account of the 4th coming in the middle of the week. So says the Herald. Now, say, wasn't it on account of getting a job press and all hands losing a day getting it into the office ? Success to the Herald.

Aver's Pills possess the positive virtues of some of the best known medicinal plants, prepared and combined with scientific skill-rejecting the crude and drastic portions, and retaining only the active principle-the part which cures and does not harm. If you are sick try them.

We hear it said that there will be a circus or some sort of a show in this for forefingers. place next week. A show that can't or won't advertise, that wants to travel in the Shenandoah Valley, it doesn't appear to us amounts to much. It may or may not be a good show, but the appearances are against the concerns that don't advertise.

Say, reader, how many subscribers have you gotten for this paper in the past twelve months? Have you ever asked your neighbor to take it? Couldn't you do that much? If all would do so, we could have several hundred new names this week. See how much good you could do, in a few minutes, if you would.

Several weeks ago Stuart F. Lindsey, Co. publishers, Dr. J. B. Strayer, edi-Esq., of Bridgewater, went to Baltimore to have an operation performed itics-coalition. on his eyes for strabismus. He has now been home for a fortnight or more, and we are pleased to learn from him that he believes he will get entirely &c., or are we to talk about the matter well. He is improving rapidly. Dr. another year? You gentlemen who Chisholm, of Baltimore, performed the | want the offices should begin to show surgical operation. your hands.

are satisfied they will make the occasion to be had. The postal notes will not be issued one of the most pleasant of the kind. Re-

until September 1st. Letter postage member the date. will be reduced from 3 cents to 2 cents We are in hopes that the scarlet fever for each half ounce or fraction, Octcwill soon be no more with us, as there is only one person reported sick, and he is improving. Our thermometer is 94 de-

grees in the shade. We think of these this July day, While sofar rays shine forth so bright, And wish you had a big paim fan To cool us while we sweat and write.

Yea, verily, WES MT. CRAWFORD, VA., July 9, 1888. Mrs. Christian Kiser, consort of Mr George Kiser, departed this life July 5th,

1883, aged 78 years, 4 months and 3 days. She was a member of the Reformed Church. and Rev. Dr. Callendar delivered an able and impressive sermon from John ii. 26: "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this ?" After which Rev. W. L. Lynch, of the M.

the Shenandoah Valley Assembly Jour-E. Church South, spoke in a feeling and nal. This issue is a sample of what, touching manner concerning her spiritual the daily paper of the same name will condition during her illness. Her remains be, to be published at the Assembly were then deposited in the graveyard congrounds, near the town of Mt. Jackson. nected with the last named church. The Annual Assembly will begin in Mrs. Kiser was born in Rockingham

county, Virginia, March 2d, 1805, and was the daughter of Jacob and Anna Our Mt. Crawford correspondence Wynant. In early life she connected was crowded out last week, much to herself with the Church, and lived a consistent and conscientious Christian. She our regret. But such things do not occur often, therefore we do not feel it was married to Mr. George Kiser June 19th, 1834, and was the mother of seven chilnecessary to further explain or apolodren, all of whom survive her, and were gize. We publish both letters to-day. present at her burial, save one-Mr. Jacob Theodore Rohr accidentally shot off W. Kiser, of Hillsdale, Kansas. She was a part of the forefinger of his left hand one of our oldest and most respected citizens, and a large concourse of sorrowing on Monday morning last, whilst handfriends followed her to her resting place. ling a pistal. "Didn't know it was She will come in and go out before us loaded," of course, especially loaded no more." but her pure Christian life and maternal love will arise before us as a beacon star, to which we may look and Jno. Richard Gray, son of the late James Gray, who was born and raised in this town, and who has resi be reminded of her excellence. Having ded in this county all his life, died at his residence in

lived longer than the usual term of life, in her ripe old age she went down to the grave in peace, where she will sleep until the resurrection morn. The parsonage belonging to Bridgewater

Circuit, M. E. Church South, and located in this place, is being repaired by the addition of new window blinds, etc. Mr. P. J. Kiser, of Thomasville, N. C., is

wheat very much damaged in that section by a heavy hail storm which passed over the country a few weeks ago, stripping the leaves off the trees, and injuring the wheat to such an extent that some of the farmers plowed up their fields to put in corn. The fruit crop is also damaged, and will not be near so large as last year. Mr. Ben. Fifer and family, of Staunton,

came down on Saturday, to visit relatives in this place. vor of water-works, brick pavements, ppened shop with Geo. C. Shiplett.

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will receive a set of fancy advertising novel ties, of value to those collecting cards, &c. The July Wide Awake is welcome with its two seasonable stories: "How They

Cclebrated," by Ada Carleton Stoddard, a story of boys in whom was the self-control which makes good soldiers; and "A Hero," by Mrs. Frances A. Humphrey, another

story of a young lad's courage and selfdiscipline. The remainder of the story space is given up to long and delightful in self-defense. chapters of the three serials: "Cacique John," by Fred. A. Ober; "On Indiana

Roads," by Mrs. Catherwood; and "More Than They Bargained For." by Charles R. Talbot; and as interesting as a story is Miss Harris' long article, "A Day with angry words with a man named Dick-Rags, Tatters & Co." This is a description of the processes at a romantic old paper mill at Franklin, N. H., and is accompanied by twenty-four drawings made at the mill, by W. P. Bodfish, who is also furnishing the graphic Picture Serial, 'Through Spain on Donkey-Back," three pages of which appear in this number. Another feature of interest to everybody, in this issue, is a portrait of Kate Green-

away, the world-famous London artist, accompanied by a glimpse of her methods of studio-work, from the pen of Margaret Sidney. Mrs. Diaz's John Spicer Lecture is upon "Fourth of July." Marion Harland's Cookery Lesson is excellent, and the Next Neighbor's talk to Anna Maria upon "Keeping the House Cool" is invaluable, and the "Pleasant Author" this time, is Dinah Muloch Craik. The number, as usual, is strong in poems, most of them charmingly illustrated; among them "Beatrice," by Celia Thaxter; "The Long White Seam," by Jean Ingelow; "Teddy, the Teaser," a rollicking Velocipede story, by M. E. B. (Mary E. Blake.) Only \$2 50 a year. D. Lothrop & Co., Publishers,

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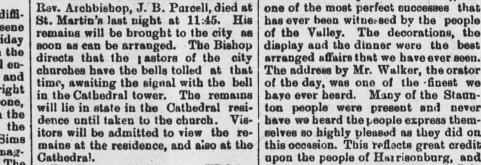
W. W. Childress, the itinerant Knight of St. Crispin, has again located here, and Mrs. Minnie Miller, wife of Mr. Robert Miller, who has been absent for some months, has returned home.

Tuesday evening of last week a difficulty occurred in Stanardsville, Greene county, between Drs. C. E. Guesiday and Edgar Sims, which resulted in the shooting of Dr. Cassiday. The ball en-tered his face near the left eye and lodged immediately under the right eye. The wound is a dangerous one, but not necessarily fatal, and from the last account it is probable that the wounded man may recover. Dr. Sims at once surrendered himself to a magistrate and was allowed bail. The cause of the difficulty has been reported

to us in numerous forms, but it began in a discussion relating partly to medi-cine. It is said that Dr. Sims acted

ANOTHER.

Greene county is certainly developing wonderful shooting proclivities. Last week a young man named Sims, son of B. F. Sims, of that county, had erson. Soon after a brother of young Sims met Dickerson, when the quarrel was renewed. Sims advanced on his adversary in a threatening manner, when Dickerson fired, and the ball entering behind the ear, lodged in the neck. It is supposed he will recover. Dickerson has been allowed bail .---Gordonsville Gazetie, July 4th.



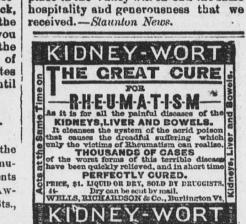
The funeral will take place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The Bishop desires the clergy to attend the obsequies, and bring with them cossock, surplice, biretta and breviary for the office. The Bishop also requests you to have a solemn mass said for the

Archbishop, and to have the bells of your church tolled for ten minutes after the Augelus in the evening until July 18 By order of the Bishop.

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The Staunton Telegram and News editors have fallen out. They were before the Mayor of the "city" on Satat home for the present. He reports the | urday last. One was fined \$5 and the other \$2.50. This action of the Mayor means the suppression of both of these sheets.

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# OLD COMMONWEALTH

#### HARRISONBURG, VA.

THURSDAY MORNING, .... JULY 12, 1888

### Carbolic Acid for Insects.

Allow me to call attention to an article, the merits of which everybody knows, but which may not dare use-I refer to carbol-ic acid. Prepared as indicated it cannot, I think, hurt the most delicate house plants, and it is sure to kill insect life.

My plan of preparing it is as follows: I obtain crude carbolic acid. I use it in this form because it is stronger and better for the purpose, and costs but very little (about 25c. per gallon.) I pour a quantity of this dark crude acid into a quantity o good strong domestic soft soap, stir well together, and allow to stand for a few hours. I then test the compound by mix-ing a little of it with soft water. If too much acid has been added, oily particles of carbolic acid will be observed floating on the surface. This shows that more acid has been put in than the soap will incorafter dark, so that the children are driven to their sufficiently, unventilated bed-rooms, not to sleep, but to swelter till tow-ard midnight, when flrowsiness subsides into a sort of lethargy, which yields only to broad daylight, three or four hours after sunrise. "So much the better," says the fashionable mother, who has passed the night at an ice-cream *ridotto*, "the morning air isn't healthy either: most dancerons to porate or "cut," and more soap should be added to balance the excess of acid. No more definite rule can be given, as so much depends on the strength of the soap. Two or three tablespoonfuls of the acid to a quart of soap may be first tried. I prefer to make as strong with acid as the soap will perfectly cut. A very little practice will enable any one to compound it correctly. The refined acid may be used when the crude is not at hand. When prepared as above make a moderately strong suds, and apply with syringe or sponge. In us-ing on very delicate plants, should any fear be felt for the plants, they can be rinsed off after a few minutes. My first and eminently successful use of this com pound was some years since, on a block of young cherry trees, some fifty thousand in number. The black aphis "came down like a wolf on the fold," only "they came not as single spies, but in whole battalions." It soon became an interesting question as to who was the proprietor of this block of trees—myself or the "bug Ethiopian." A disinterested observer of judicial turn of mind judging from the general appearance of things and the very "at home" air as-sumed by the bugs, would have said they had the best case. He would, at least have been compelled to admit that they had "nine points of the law" (possession) in their favor. I never saw the like before. The trees were alive with aphis. The only scarce things on the trees were leaves, there being hardly enough to afford "standing room' for all the dusky guests. How-ever, not\*being a convert to the doctrine of "squatter sovereignty," I declared war, and failing to decrease the number by ordinary means, I compounded soft soap and carbolic acid, and with a single applica-tion exterminated the enemy.-T. T. S. in Gardener's Monthly. a mamm

#### Extravagance.

In our opinion, girls are just as willing to give up their extravagance in dress as young men are-that is, when it is necessary so to do. To the fact that men are so unwilling to relinquish their pet vices and luxuries is to be ascribed much of the falling off of matrimony. Marriage with-out adequate means of support is a blun-der that is almost a crime; but no girl made of ordinary stuff will hesitate to share the trials and sacrifices of the man she loves, provided he has that competence, however modest. The thousands of happy, smiling homes, where true love con stantly abides, in spite of the slenderness of the family income, sufficiently attest the readiness of average woman to sur-render the baubles of wealth and fashion in order to become a devoted wife and mother. If the opposite sex were uniformnother. If the opposite sex were uniform-ly animated by a similar spirit, we ven-ture to assert that the number of maids and bachelors would rapidly diminish. The truth is, there is too much love of dress and pretentions display in both sex-es, and women should not bear the blame

If the mistress of the household is inclined to be extravagant in her expendi-tures, her servants, who are quick imitators, will soon follow her example make sad waste of the materials put into their hands. The improvident class, from which our help mostly come, soon learn the lessons taught by such example, and become careless of the property of the employer, even when they have no thought of appropriating anything to their own use. But such lessons, it should be re-membered much care of both membered, make our employes, of both sexes, totally unfit to manage a home of their own, or save enough, when family cares come "pon them to keep them from the poor house. How many of us have seen what wretched, incompetent creatures those girls become after marriage who have lived in wealthy families, with a great abundance to work with and no cautions from their employer to use it discreetly and with a true economy. They are incapable of making the most of their small possessions. If they had been taught economy, and how best to manage their own earnings, they could help their hus-bands to build up little comfortable homes for themselves and rear and educate their children with such care that they might become among our most influential citizens. But unless those wealthy ladies with whom they took their first lessons were those who feel the true responsibility of their positions and the guidance they owe to their servants, when the untutored damsels marry they drift as helpless as a rudderless ship in a storm, and year by year sink down into deeper poverty and wretchedness, ending perhaps, in a pau-per's grave-ruined for life by the extravagant habits learned before marriage.

## When to Sleep,

HEALTHY AND UNHEALTHY SLUMBER. The happy faculty of sleeping and waking at short notice may be utilized for the pur-pose of taking little naps whenever oppor-tunity offers—in the last half of the noon-

"Children must not sleep in the day-time,"

summer solstice, we increase their misery

by stuffing them at the very noon of the

comes the cool night wind, heaven's own

air isn't healthy either; most dangerous to leave the house before the dew is off the grass." Only the curse of pessimism, our woeful distrust of our natural instincts,

can explain such absurdities. The parched

forests that were as silent under the rays

of a vertical sun as a Norwegian pino grove in the dead of a polar night; nor

siesta .- Popular Science Monthly.

Rot in Grapes---Its Cause.

er to deposit their eggs or not I don't know,

but presume it is for that purpose; yet I

never succeed in finding any eggs or worms in a rotted grape. Well, says one, how do you know they have been stung by an in-sect? Because I have seen the puncture and a jet of juice which had oozed out.

Whenever you find a grape that is stung, tie a string to it (for a mark so as to find it,) and watch the result. After a longer

or shorter period it will turn whitish around the place where stung, and finally

tions with sulphur in the evening is bet-ter than the dust, as I think, the depreda-

tors work at night. I have no certain

knowledge of the enemy, but always find a few large yellow bugs on the vines when the grapes are rotting-they are very shy fellows. Whether friend or foe I know

not, but kill them when I find them."

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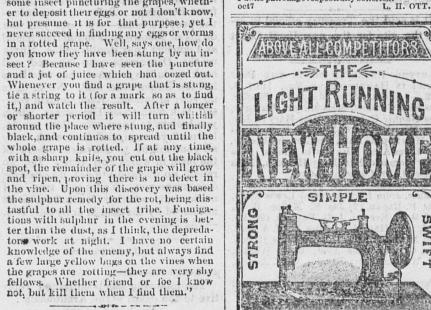
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of the foliage, and lizards cling lazily to the dark side of the lower branches; every school teacher knows that the childreu DRUGS, MEDICINES, CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, feel the drowsy spell of the afternoon sun; why should they alone be hurt by yield-

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----AT HOME WITH THEM .- "I always feel

# OLD COMMONWEALTH.

#### The Growth of the Gun.

Hunting for game was practiced with bow and arrow only, until in the six-teenth century the Spaniards contrived the arquebus or matchlock. Here the match was fitted to a "serpentine" or cock, hung upon a pivot, and brought into contact with the priming by a working substan-tially the same as that of the modern hammer and trigger. This was further im-proved by the German invention of a steel wheel with serrated edge, fitted to a spring, and made to revolve rapidly, the edge coming in contact with a pice of pyrites, and, by this friction, producing the sparks to ignite the priming. The use of the wheel-lock for sporting purposes was very general in the middle of the sixteenth century, and for a long time it was not im-

But necessity is the mother of invention. A band of Dutch chicken-stealers or Span-ish marauders—it is disputed which—being too poor to provide themselves with the high priced wheel-lock, and afraid to use the matchlock because its light revealed their whereabouts to the minions of the law, abstained from their evil practices long enough to devise a weapon better adapted to the needs of roost robbers. The result was the fintlock, and the pot-hunting fraternity scored a long credit-

mark. The flintlock reached its perfection in the hands of "that king of gunmakers," Joseph Manton, in the early part of the present century, and it gave way only to a worthy superior in the modern gun explod-

ed by percussion. The discovery of fulminating powders and their application to gunnery mark a a most important epoch in the manufac-ture and employment of fucarms. The charge in the gun was at first placed above the fulminating powder, which was ignit-ed by the concussion of an iron plunger struck by a cock. Then this plunger was dispensed with, and the ultimate was simply placed in the flash-pan. The successive steps are familiar to almost all gunners; the priming was placed between two bits of paper, and called percussion pellets; the fulminate was affixed to the breech by the newly-invented cartridge, and fired by a penetrating needle; then came the copper cap, and then the culminating improvement of the cartridge containing both the charge and the priming, and ignited at

first by the pin, and afterward rim fire and central fire principle.—Forest and Stream.

### Laugh More.

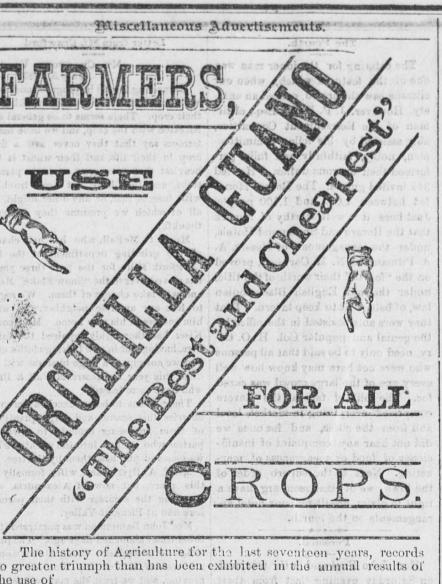
Mothers do not laugh enough. The housekeeping is so onerous, the children so often trying to nerves and temper, the servants most exasperating and even John, kind good husband that he is, cannot understand all our vexations and discourag ments, and so wearied do we often feel that

it is too much for the household to depend on us, in addition to all our cares, for social sunshine as well. Yet the household does, and it must. Father may be bright and cheery, his laugh ring out, but if the mother's laugh fails, even the father's cheerfulness see is to lose much of its infection. In the sad but forcible lines of one of Joanna Baillie's dramas-

Her ittle child had caught the trick of grief,' And sighed amid its playthingswe may catch a glimpse of the stern re-pressed life at Bothwell Manse, where "the repression of all emotions, even the gentlest, seems to have been the constant les-son." I remember well hearing a lady , "When a child, I used to wish so often that my mother would look cheerful.'

Then laugh, mother, even if you do feel which comes nigh bringing tears instead of a laugh. You will feel better for the effort, and so will the children. The little ones, unconsciously to you and themselves, are catching the very phases of ounte-nance which will go far to brighten or cloud some future heme.

Then laugh, mother-parlor, nursery, and kitchen all feel the effect of your smile or frown. The cheery laugh of a mother goes down through generations, as well as her frown. And when the mother's eyes are closed, and lips and hands forever still, there is no sweeter epitaph which childron and friends can give than, "She was always bright and cheerful."



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The cuckoo and her mate have no home of their own; but that does not seem to trouble them. They peep here and there among the leaves, until they find the nest of some other bird—a lark, perhaps, or a thrush, or a yellow hammer; and, if the owner of the nest is away, Mrs. Cackoo leaves within it a small egg. There are some birds that can take care

of themselves almost as soon as they are born; but Mrs. Cuckoo never leaves her eggs in their nests. Oh, no ! she chooses a nest in which the young birds are well cared for by their mothers, and fed with food on which the young cuckoos thrive best.

Why she is too idle to build her own nest, no one knows. Some people say it is because she stays so short a time in the same country that her young ones would not get strong enough to fly away with her, if she waited to build her nest. Others think it is because she is such a great eater that she cannot spend time to find food for her children.

But the kind foster-mothers, the larks and the thrushes, care for the egg that the cuckoo leaves in their houses, although, if any other bird leaves one, they will take no care of it at all, but root it out upon the ground.

The Scotch word for cuckoo, gowk, means also, a foolish person. But I think they ought rather to have named it a wicked person; for the young cuckoo is so un-grateful and selfish that he often gets one of the other little birds on his back, and then, climbing to the top of the nest, throws it over the edge. These are the English cuckoos of which I have been telling you. I am glad, to say that their American cousins take care of their own children.

' 'They were husband and wife, and, c:, they stood before the Soldiers' Monument, they stood before the Soldiers' Monument, she asked: "What's that figger on top?" "That's a goddess," he answered. "And what's a goddess?" "A woman who holds her tongue," he replied. She looked side-ways at him and began planning to make a peach pie with the pits in it, for the herefit of 'his sore tooli benefit of his sore tooth,

at home with Miss H —," says her friend, "because she is so frank and simple in her manner-so interested in what you say to her." Who has not met with individuals of this kind--whose faces would be a passor this kinks whose facts whose manners, the unstudied and spontaneous expressions of their inner selves, make them welcome wherever they go, and attract unbounded confidence toward them in whatever they undertable? undertake? They are frank, because they have nothing to conceal; affable, because their nature overflows with benevolence; unflurried, because they dread nothing; always at home, because they carry within themselves that which can trust itself anywhere and everywhere-purity of soul with fullness of health. Such are our best guarantees for feeling at home in all society to which duty takes us, and in every occupation upon which it obliges us to enter. They who live least for themselves are also the least embarrassed by uncertainties.

FOR BALE BY D. H. LANDES, near Harrisonburg, Va ----Herrisonburg Office at C. W. BOYD'S. East-Market Street. See Big Sign. MUSTARD AS A REMEDY .- A lady suffered long and excruciatingly from an at-tack of bilous colic before she would have apr5-6m a physician called. When at last one came. A SURE THING! his simple prescription was mustard, by which the pain was shortly subdued. "Al-ways remembering," was the parting in-junction of the doctor, who rather comor be mended his patient's spirit in being her own physician in every day ailments, "that for pain anywhere mustard is a safe and sure remedy, as sure as any, besides being something that every family has on hand, so that no time need be lost." The following is recommended as a mustard Medicated plaster that will not blister. Take the white of one egg, stir in mustard until thick enough to spread nicely; then take a thin cloth as long again as you wish the plaster, spread the mustard balf the length, not too near the edges, double the dry end of the cloth back over the mustard and apply warm.

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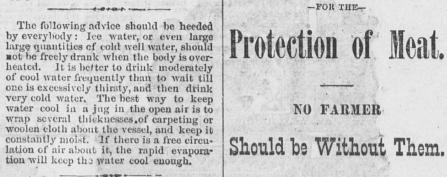
stick, had him put his tongue in, and pressed down with my thumb and finger,

and he pulled his tongue out. I put it on several times. I punished him in this way

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#### Quarrelsome.

The spirit of Belloma seems to inflame the soul of the humming-bird, small as it is. Whenever it happens that two of the species meet among my flowers, they sig-nal the encounter with a shrill war-cry, and dash at each other in fierce antagonism.

For an instant they close together, then give each other chase, and with the speed of meteors are lost to my view. Shortly after, the return of one alone announces that the victory has been quick and decis

Diminutive as are the puny sprites, they are heavily charged with combativenes The entire race are pugnacious and quar-relsome to an extraordinary degree, impudently assaulting each other, and birds of much greater size which venture into their neighborhood or occasion them a fancied annovance

Even the hawk is not safe from their attacks, and has been seen worried and whipped by them. Mr. Bates remarks, in delineating their truculent disposition, and the perpetual battles occurring in every flowery nook in the tropics where they congregate. "One will knock another off its perch,

and the two will go fighting and scream-ing away at a pace hardly to be followed by the eye."—Harper's Bazar.

LOVE OF HOME .- The affections which bind a man to the place of his birth are essential in his nature, and follow tho same law as that which governs every in nate feeling. They are implanted in his bosom along with life, and are modified by every circumstance, which he encounters from the beginning to the end of his ex-istence. The sentiment which in the breast of any one man is an instinctive fondness for the spot where he drew his early breath, becomes, by the progress of mankind and the formation of society, a more enlarged feeling, and expands into the noble passion of patriotism. The love of country, the love of the village where we were born, of the field which we first pressed with our tender footsteps, of the hillock which we first climbed, are the same affection, only the latter belongs to each of us sepa-rately; the first can be known but by men united in masses. It is founded upon every advantage which a nation is supposed to possess, and is increased by every improvement which it is supposed to receive.

## Sweet Corn.

Sweet Corn... Corn is good boiled in the old-fashioned way, but far more delicious to shave the kernels from the cob with a sharp knife. Put three phils of the corn into a preserv-ing kettle, with a quart of water, and let it boil fifteen minutes, taking care to stir fre-quently; then add a piece of butter the size of an egg, a teaspoonful of salt and a pint of milk, stir well and bring to a boil; then dish up in saucers for the table. It is just delicious. Another nice dish for sweet corn is to grate off the kernels from the cob, six good sized ears are enough; make a custard, three pints of milk, two well beat-en eggs; three large spoonfuls of sugar, and a small lump of butter; stir the grated corn into a dish, and stir often while cook-ing. It makes a delicate pudding. It takes an hour aud a half to bake, and is a pleas-ant variety for a dinue; dish.

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