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WILLIAM J. YATES.

DISSOLUTION.

THE firm of WILLIAMS, GILLESPIE & CO., was dissolved by mutual consent on the first day of July, 1857. The Notes and Accounts for 1856 must be paid forthwith. The Accounts for 1857 can run as usual and will be settled at the end of the year by L. S. Williams who will continue to carry on the business the old stand.

The late firm return their thanks to the public for the liberal patronage heretofore received, and their successor hopes, by manifesting a spirit of accommodation, to merit a continuation of the same.

WILLIAMS, GILLESPIE & CO.
Charlotte, Aug. 4, 1857 tf

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the late firm of WILLIAMS, GILLESPIE & CO., will present them to the undersigned for settlement.

L. S. WILLIAMS.
August 4, 1857

500 Head of Beef Cattle Wanted.

Also, 500 HEAD OF SHEEP & 100 Head of HOGS,

And 12 or 15 No. 1 Milch Cows.

I DESIRE to purchase the above amount of Stock. Those having any for sale will do well to give me a call, as I am willing to pay the highest market price. Farmers will find it to their advantage to sell their Beeves, Sheep or Hogs to me instead of butchering themselves, as I think I can remunerate them as well if not better than if they butchered themselves.

W. A. COOK.
Charlotte, July 14, 1857. Town Butcher.

Special Copartnership IN THE SADDLE & HARNESS BUSINESS.

E. H. ANDREWS & CO. have entered into the above business, and appointed R. SHAW a special Agent to carry it on in all its Various Branches.

First door below Granite Row, on Tryon Street.
Charlotte, July 28, 1857. 67-tf

DR. R. WYSONG, Charlotte, N. C.

HAVING located in this place, respectfully offers his Professional Services to the citizens of the town and vicinity.

☞ OFFICE in Springs' building.
April 28th 1857.

BREM & STEELE, Wholesale and Retail Dealers IN Dry Goods, Hardware, Hats, and Shoes, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

May 5, 1857. 44-tf

John Henry Wayt, M. D., SURGEON DENTIST,

(*Graduate of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery.*)

Having located permanently, tenders his professional services to the citizens of Charlotte, N. C., and vicinity.

Dr. Wayt prepares and inserts artificial palates and obturators, and attends to the correction of congenital and accidental deformities of the teeth and jaws. He is also prepared to insert artificial teeth, after the most approved methods.

☞ Ladies waited on at their residences if required.

Office on Tryon Street, in Carson's new building, up stairs.

Nov. 18th. 20—tf.

VALUABLE PLANTATION FOR SALE.

The subscriber being desirous of removing to the West, offers for sale his valuable

TRACT OF LAND,

lying 4 miles south of Charlotte, on the Charlotte and Columbia Railroad, containing about

480 Acres-

150 is in cultivation, 75 of which is fresh land. The balance is woodland except 30 acres.

On the premises is a good Dwelling House and all necessary out-houses, a Gin-House and Screw, &c. There is an excellent Well of water in the yard. A Gold Mine has been opened on the land.

Persons desrious of purchasing a Plantation with almost every advantage, would do well to call and examine the premises, as it is seldom that such property is offered to the public.

Negroes will be taken in whole or for a part of the purchase money. I will take pleasure in showing the Land to any one desirous of purchasing. Possession given by the 1st of January, 1858.

B. R. SMITH.
Aug 11, 1857. 69-tf

The Cry is, STILL THEY COME.

Received this day another supply of fresh DRUGS, MEDICINES & CHEMICALS. Also, a splendid assortment of Surgical Instruments, consisting in part of Post Mortem, Trepaning and Amputating Cases, Teeth Forceps, Speculums, Enemata Sets, (entirely new style) spring and thumb Lancets, Scarificators, Cupping Glasses, and many other articles in this line of goods, all of which Practitioners of medicine and Surgery are respectfully invited to call and examine.

For sale at extremely short profits, at PRITCHARD'S Wholesale and Retail Drug House, Irwin's corner.
Sept. 8.]

Another Supply

Of the most unique and magnificent Toilet Articles, consisting in part of hair, teeth, nail, flesh, hat, cloth and other Brushes.

Turkish Colognes,
Extracts, Soaps,
Bohemian Pungents,
Frankipane, &c., &c.,

which will be sold low at

Pritchard's Fancy Drug Store,
Sept. 8. Irwin's Corner.

WOODLAND CREAM!

WOODLAND CREAM!!

An unequalled and exquisite Pomade for the hair. Just received from the manufacturers, at *Pritchard's Drug and Chemical House,*
Sept. 8. Irwins's corner.

Tooth Ache.

Another supply of Cummings & Flagg's NERVE ANODYNE, *an instantaneous cure for the tooth ache, at*

PRITCHARD'S,
Sept. 8. Sole Agent for Charlotte.

Country Merchants

Are respectfully invited to call and examine my Wholesale Prices of CHOICE DRUGS AND MEDICINES, put up in any style to order, by

PRITCHARD,
Druggist and Apothecary,
July 28, 1857. Irwin's Corner.

White Lead.

10,000 Lbs. White Lead, in oil, just received and for sale at PRITCHARD'S
Aug. 18. Drug House.

Paint or Linseed Oil,

300 Gallons just received and for sale at the lowest market prices, at

PRITCHARD'S
Aug. 18. Drug & Chemical Store.

VARNISHES! VARNISHES!

A large stock now on hand, consisting of Demon, Furniture, Copal, Coach-body, Japan, &c., which will be sold for cash lower than any other House in Charlotte, at

H. M. PRITCHARD'S
Wholesale & Retail Drug Store,
Aug. 18. Irwin's Corner.

Condition Powders.

Farmers and others interested in fine Stock, are assured that these preparations are unsurpassed as a health-giving remedy for Horses, Cattle, and all kinds of Stock. For sale at

Pritchard's Wholesale and Retail Drug House,
July 28. Irwin's Corner.

Patent Medicines.

Call at PRITCHARD'S DRUG STORE. Irwin's Corner, for the most approved and popular medicines of the day.
July 28.

Grass Seeds!! Grass Seeds!!!

A large assortment just received, comprising the following varieties:

White Clover, Red Clover, Timothy, Millet, Blue Grass, Lucerne, &c.

The above seeds are warranted to be FRESH and GENUINE. For sale at

Pritchard's Wholesale & Retail Drug House
Aug. 25, 1857. IRWIN'S CORNER.

WHITE LEAD.

At PRITCHARD'S you can buy, for cash, pure White Lead at 9½ cents per lb.

Drug Store, Irwin's Corner.

Another Decline In Quinine

At Pritchard's Large Drug and Chemical House, Irwin's Corner.

This article may now be had at $2 50 per ounce, for CASH ONLY.

40,000 PAIRS OF BOOTS, SHOES,

BROGANS AND OVER SHOES.

EMBRACING every variety of Ladies, Gents, Misses, Boys and Childrens' Shoes and Boots that can be found in any wholesale or retail establishment in the Southern Country.

Our goods are manufactured expressly for us, and we are satisfied they will give better satisfaction and at less prices for the same quality of goods than at any other establishment in the South.

It is only necessary to examine our stock and prices to be satisfied that this is the place to buy Boots and Shoes.

Cash, one price only.

BOONE & CO.,
Sept. 29. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Lumber Yard.

The subscribers inform the citizens of Charlotte and vicinity that they have established a Lumber Yard in town, where they intend keeping a supply of all kinds of Lumber for building and other purposes. Mr Jonas Rudisill is their agent in town—application can be made to him or to either of the undersigned.

Oct. 6. MILLER & PORTER.

K. M. MURCHISON. A. J. HOWELL.

MURCHISON & HOWELL, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 104 Wall Street, N. Y.

Feb. 3d, 1857. 1y

NEW GOODS AND New STORE.

J. E. STENHOUSE. JOHN STENHOUSE.

The undersigned are now opening a large and well assorted Stock of

FAMILY GROCERIES,

in Springs' brick building 2d door from Mr Bryce's store, which they will sell low for cash.

They will pay the *HIGHEST MARKET PRICES* for Cotton, Wheat and country produce generally.

J. E. STENHOUSE & CO.
Charlotte, Sept. 29, 1857. tf

FOR SALE, A Valuable Plantation,

Fifteen miles west of Charlotte, in Gaston county, within two miles of the Plank Road between Charlotte and Lincolnton.

Said Plantation is on the west side of the Catawba River, containing about FOUR HUNDRED ACRES:—about eighty-five acres, River Bottom; ten acres, Meadow land—yielding an abundant crop of hay twice a year; one hundred and twenty-five acres good upland, lying very level, and the balance in woodland, well timbered, and extending within two hundred yards of a Saw Mill owned by John R. Johnston, Esq.

On the place there is a large

Brick House, Kitchen, Negro Houses, Cribs, Stables, a new large and spacious Barn, Blacksmith Shop, Cotton Gin and Screw.

There is also a large Orchard of peach and apple Trees, worth at least one thousand dollars; and in addition a good vegetable garden.

The Plantation is well known as the residence of the late Robert Johnston; having been carefully cultivated and from the manner in which it lies, is capable of indefinite improvement.

The place is well watered, having three very excellent Springs, situated in different parts of the plantation.

Any one wishing to examine the plantation can do so by applying to Jno. R. Johnston, Esq., residing within one mile of the place, or in his absence, to Dr. Sydney X. Johnston, two miles distant at Castania Grove, on the Plank Road above mentioned.

Possession of the premises given on the 1st of January, 1858, and to any purchaser desirous of sowing wheat, permission will be granted to do so at the proper season.

This has always been regarded as the best plantation on the Catawba River, and my business arrangements being such that I cannot occupy it at this time, it will be sold during the ensuing season; therefore early application would be advisable.

Price and terms will be made known by addressing me at 27 Murray, and 31 Warren Streets, New York City, care of Churchill, Johnston & Co., until 1st of November, after that date, at Columbia, S. C.

RUFUS M. JOHNSTON.
Sept. 29, 1857. 2m

New Goods. Brem & Steele

Are receiving their FALL & WINTER SUPPLY OF GOODS.

October 1, 1857. 4t

GOLD MINES, IRON WORKS & NEGROES For Sale.

By virtue of a mortgage and power of sale therein contained, executed by Philip W. Groot of the city of Albany, to Andrew Hoyl and his Executors, for and in behalf of the *High Shoals Manufacturing Company*, the undersigned will proceed to sell to the highest bidder, for ready money, at the High Shoals in Gaston county, N. C.,

On Thursday the 31st December, 1857,

That extensive, well known, and VALUABLE PROPERTY known as the

High Shoals,

Embracing about FIFTEEN THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND, a large portion of it productive grain-growing Land.

Also, several rich *GOLD MINES* opened and now being worked.

Also, many inexhaustible bodies of *IRON ORE* which have been profitably worked.

Also, a WATER-POWER unsurpassed by any in the South.

Also, *Sixteen NEGROES*, all, but one, *Fellows and Mechanics.*

THOMAS GRIER,
W. P. BYNUM,
Ex'rs. of A. Hoyl.
October 6, 1857. 3m

$200 Reward.

RANAWAY from my Railroad Shantees, in Liberty county, Ga., about the 1st August, 1856, my negro man EPHRAIM. He is black and of medium size, 23 or 24 years old, was raised by Mr Shipp, of Lincoln county, and sold to me by W. P. Bynum, of the same county, in February, 1856. I think said boy is lying about Charlotte or W. P. Bynum's in Lincoln county, or Wm. Shipp's of Gaston county, as the boy has relations at all those points. I will pay

Two Hundred Dollars

for his apprehension and delivery in Charlotte Jail so that I can get him.

Sept. 15, 1857. 74-tf D. W. ORR.

FEMALE SCHOOL Charlotte, N. C.

THIS school will open on the 15th of October under the superintendence of Rev. R. BURWELL and lady, assisted by a corps of competent teachers in all the branches usually taught in first class female schools.

The scholastic year will be divided into two sessions, which immediately succeed each other, with a short recess during the christmas holidays. Pupils are charged from the time of entering, but no deduction made for absence except in cases of protracted sickness. Young ladies from a distance will be required to board with the principal, except under peculiar circumstances. Each boarder will be expected to furnish her own table napkins and towels, and to have her clothes distinctly marked.

Terms, payable half in advance.

Board and Tuition per Session...	$100 00
Music, on Piano or Guitar,.....	20 00
Use of Instrument.....	5 00
Drawing and Painting,.....	10 to 20 00
French and Latin, each,.....	10 00
Day Scholars,.....	16 to 18 00

Sept. 15, 1857. tf

☞ Effervescing Citrate of Magnesia, an agreeable and refreshing aperient, for sale at *Scarr & Co's Drug Store.*

[From the Yorkville Chronicle.]

HEART RENDING AFFAIR.

At this late time, we stop the press to announce an occurrence, most painful in character; our particulars are from James Jeffreys, Esq., Magistrate, and Mr W. M. Kerr, the acting officer. In a fit of anger, one John Fee, living on Bulloch's creek, in York District, a few days since, shot his mare, some cattle and hogs, and on Sunday he set fire to his dwelling, which was locked, and the key afterwards found on his person, in which his three motherless children, aged from five to fourteen years are supposed to have perished.

It seems a Peace Warrant had been issued against him on complaint of a neighbor; that when the officer went to arrest him he was seen to be fortified (as it were) in one of his barns, armed with a gun and swearing to shoot any who would approach him. There were sixty or seventy persons leaving the house when Mr Kerr arrived, whom he summoned to accompany him to the barn, but the cry was "he will shoot somebody." So, they refused with the exception of John Hartness, and brother; when they got to the barn stratagem had to be resorted to, which was effectual in securing him.

The prisoner stated that the children were at a certain house, which was known to be incorrect—he then said he had last seen them at "the Spring," but the presumption is, that they have perished in the flames.

The poor apology of "intemperance," we learn, cannot be urged in this instance; Fee is said to be a morose man, one not given to the soft and easy impulses of nature; an enemy to the world, he became so to his nearest and dearest kindred. We forbear comment, as the matter must undergo judicial investigation.

☞ Nathaniel R. Stinson, editor of the New York Day Book, was arrested on Saturday, on complaint of the District Attorney, who charges him with encouraging illegal gambling. It appears that on the 1st instant, an advertisement of a Georgia lottery appeared in the paper, and attention was drawn to it editorially, but strange to say, in the same issue an editorial article appeared, calling upon the District Attorney to use strenuous efforts to suppress gambling, and stating that Police Justices were no better than State Prison birds. The District Attorney took the advice of Mr. Stinson and promptly caused his arrest.

PRECOCIUS GIRL.—A girl of twelve years, residing in Detroit, put the figures of fourteen in her boots the other day, and then going to the justice's office to get married, swore she was *over* that age.

SILKS.

I have received a large STOCK of SILKS, which are unsurpassed for BEAUTY and VARIETY OF STYLE.

Rich Glaisay side stripes—all colors.
Rich and elegant Robes.
Rich Stripes and solid colors.

The largest stock of BLACK SILKS ever offered in this market, ranging from $1 to $2 per yard.

Oct. 6. L. S. WILLIAMS.

French Merinos,

White, Black and Colored.

De Laines,

of all Styles, SHADES and PRICES.

20 pieces 10, 11 and 12½ Bleached Sheetings, lower than they have ever been sold in this market.

Oct. 6. L. S. WILLIAMS.

CLOAKS.

The largest assortment of LADIES' CLOAKS ever brought to this market, just received and for sale by

Oct. 6, 1857. L. S. WILLIAMS.

Bonnets.

It is only necessary to look here to be fully satisfied that nothing this side of New York can surpass them for beauty and fineness. L. S. WILLIAMS.

Shoes, Boots,

Any quantity, quality or style, bought in New York when money was badly needed, and at such prices as enable me to defy competition. Persons who now contemplate having their shoes made, will abandon the idea if they will only look at my stock.

Oct. 6. L. S. WILLIAMS.

I have 500 pairs of NEGRO BLANKETS, that are greatly in my way,—would like very much to sell them for CASH if I can, otherwise on credit.

Oct. 6. L. S. WILLIAMS.

600 Pieces of PRINTS,

From 4½ to 12½ cents per yard,—a few above that price, but none below it.

Oct. 6. L. S. WILLIAMS.

CLOTHING.

A large lot at *unusually low prices*, and a considerable quantity *at cost.*

Oct. 6. L. S. WILLIAMS.

☞A large lot of *French CLOTHS and Cassimeres*, Tweeds, Satinetts, Jeans, Kerseys, and Georgia Plaids, at prices satisfactory to everybody.

Oct. 6. L. S. WILLIAMS.

HATS! HATS!

Leary's, Beebe's, Bright's and Orrell's, all the latest styles.

10 cases Wool Hats, prices ranging from 37½ cents to $1.

Hungarian and soft Hats in such abundance as really to be in the way.

Oct. 6th. L. S. WILLIAMS.

GOOD FOR EVIL.

Why will not parents more generally instill into the minds of their young ones the principle of overcoming evil by good? How much bitterness, rancor and strife would be avoided, did they but urge on them the propriety and wisdom of either not noticing an affront, or injury, or else by kindness and gentleness, showing the aggressors their error. But too constantly are children enjoined to give blow for blow, lest they should be termed cowardly. True courage is that which can bear and brave the taunts of playmates, rather than offend a loving mother by disobeying her commands:

Johnny Wilson sat on the stairway, crying as though his young heart would break. I took him on my lap, and told him to tell me why he was crying.

"Billy Johnson was just above me in the spelling class, and because I turned him down he got angry. At noon I was flying my kite on the plain, he came up asking me to let him fly it. Thinking it would make us good friends I let him, but on purpose he let it go into a tree and tore it. I'll be revenged, yes, I'll be revenged!"

"Do good for evil," said I.

"I will try," came sweetly from Johnny's lips.

That evening, as Johnny was engaged in a "famous" game of ball, Billy came up and wished to play, but could not, as he was odd.

"Here, Billy, you can have my place," said Johnny.

Billy looked at Johnny a moment in silence, and then said, "Johnny, I tore your kite; I am sorry; mine is behind that tree, it is yours; and after this we shall be good friends."

That night, as Johnny knelt and said "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us," he felt that he had forgiven one who had trespassed against him.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SURGICAL TRIUMPH.—The Lowell News says that some twenty seven months ago a young man named Wm. K. Foster had the whole of one elbow-joint torn out by an accident. He was taken to the hospital, where Dr. Kimball, advised by Drs. Graves and Dickey, proceeded to saw off the fragmentary bones, shortening them some two and a half inches, and then uniting them so as to make a new joint and arm. He moves the joint with perfect ease, though not quite so fully as the other, and can, as he says, hold out twenty-two and a half pounds with the hand at arm's length. The arm is now nearly three and a half inches shorter than the other, and is a good and reliable arm for all the purposes of labor to which Mr. Foster is called.

AWFUL SHIPWRECK.—An extraordinary case of double shipwreck is reported in the St. Christopher (West India) papers. The Rosapella left Dominica early in May for the Spanish Main. On the night of the 14th of May a storm brewed up, a heavy sea struck the vessel and she became a total wreck. Nothing was saved but a trunk of money, and with this the Captain and Supercargo got ashore. They then purchased a cargo of sugar, and chartered the Esther, of Curacoa. After embarking the second time, a fearful tornado struck the schooner and she instantaneously went down. Twenty-one persons were washed off, and with great difficulty avoided the vortex of the sinking vessel. The boat fortunately got adrift, but the plug was out. For three hours they madly struggled to stop the hole, and at last it was done. But meanwhile the sharks had taken off several of the miserable men, and only thirteen succeeded in getting into the boat. They picked up the oars. It was quite dark, and when morning came they saw no land in any direction. For four days and three nights the wretched men, without a morsel of food and scarcely a vestige of clothing, labored at the oars, and on the morning of the 9th of July, the boat reached St. Christopher, ten men being alive, but all in the last stage of exhaustion. One died almost immediately on being carried ashore.

WHISKEY ROOT.—Some time ago I wrote you that there was such a thing in Texas as a "whisky root;" you disbelieved; I now take my revenge by sending you the specimen. It is what the Indians call "Pie-o-ke." It grows in Southern Texas on the range of sand-hills bordering on the Rio Grande, and in gravel, sandy soil. The Indians eat it for its exhilarating effect on the system, producing precisely the same as alcoholic drinks. It is sliced as you would a cucumber, and these small pieces chewed, the juice swallowed, and in about the same time as comfortably tight cocktails would "stir the divinity" within you, this indicates itself; only its effects are what I might term a little more *k-a-v-o-r-t-i-n-g*, giving rather a wilder scope to the imagination and actions. It can be sliced and dried, and in this way the Indians preserve it, then parch and serve it up as coffee or tea. It is evidently of cactus species, and it resembles that more than any other plant. I have never seen this particular root mentioned in any work, and believe these—and specimens I sent to the editor of the Southern Cultivator—to be the only specimens sent from the State.

Communicated to the Columbia Times.

RACING FOR A HUSBAND.

There never was such a romp as myself. Yet I was a little bit of a thing, ever ready to "vanish into thin air" when the Orthodox minister called, or Aunt Emma chided me for some misdemeanor, or pa said, "Come, Fan, stop that mischief and put on a sober face."

I always had a strange antipathy to the "masculine gender," which my mother sagely observed would end in my utter ruin, for who could ever take a fancy to such a fly-away for a wife? As for pa, he said I never could stop long enough to get married.

I always told the folks, however, that I should be married when I found time, and that I had my future husband's miniature. A miniature, in fact, I had. When but a child, I was playing in a little grove, when I espied a chain glistening in the sunbeams. I drew it from its hiding place; and found a locket attached to it, which sprang open by my accidentally touching the spring, revealing the portrait of a little boy, about my own age, who looked so roguish at me out of his deep blue eyes, and had such a sweet, mischievous smile, that I danced with delight, and ran home in childish glee to show my mother the treasure I had found. I always wore this miniature around my neck, and when any one jested with me about getting married, I would laughingly show them the locket, which I said contained my future husband's miniature.

As I was quite an equestrian, my father bought me, when I was old enough to ride alone, a little black pony; and we, that is the pony and I, used to go racing over hills and plain. Pa used to say I looked like some wild gipsy. Generally I took one particular road, which seemed more pleasant to me than all the rest of Fairynook.—There was another, however, running parallel to it for a mile or two, and at a crossing these two met, and then ran off in opposite directions. It used to be my favorite route to take one of these until I reached the crossing, and then the other, and so around home.

One fine morning I set out, thinking I would have a good ride before the rest of the family were awake. Dick was very impatient until I was fairly seated, when he sped away like lightning, my hair flying and Dick's mane waving in the breeze.—While I was going at this rate, Dick suddenly stopped short, and turned his head to the opposite road. I looked up to see what was the matter, when, to my great amusement, I saw a tall, manly figure, seated on a jet-black horse, coming my way. "Now for a race thought I. Dick darted away at the word. I knew if I could reach the crossing first I should win. When I gained it, I gave a glance behind to see that my youth had not come in sight, then reined in Dick behind a clump of trees and shrubbery, where we always stopped to rest in the cool shade. Soon my champion made his appearance, and halting, looked up and down the road bewildered, to see what had become of me; then bending his eyes to the ground he tried to discover Dick's track.

After turning his horse round at least half a dozen times in a very laughable manner, the stranger came to the conclusion, I suppose, that I had not yet reached the crossing, for he turned down my road as if to meet me. I could see him quite plainly as he passed, and made the interesting discovery that he was a tall, handsome man of about twenty-four. I also discovered a merry twinkle in the eyes and a roguish smile, that looked extremely natural to me, and made me almost think I had seen him before. I waited until he was fairly out of sight, then bounding from my hiding place, I crossed over to his road and started back with railroad speed. I soon saw him on the other road, and he saw me as quickly. I could not help giving him a hearty laugh at his astonishment, which he answered by doffing his hat, with an air that seemed to say, "You've caught me this time, but will hardly succeed again." I now thought I had fun enough for one morning, so Dick and I hastened home.

When we arrived father came to help me off. Giving me a glance, he burst out in a loud laugh at my disordered costume. I ran up the steps and was soon in my own room, and taking a peep at the mirror, I could not myself help laughing at my wild appearance. My hair was all over my eyes, my hat on one side, my fingers peeping out from my gloves, my collar unfastened and dangling down my back. As I met father and mother at breakfast, they told me that I must sober down a little, for Colonel Frederick Parkes was going to call, and they wished me to be in readiness to welcome him. I had heard a great deal about Colonel Parkes, but had never met him.

"Welcome a colonel! its preposterous!" thought I, and with one of the pleasantest smiles in the world I informed father and mother that I had an engagement at Cousin Maud's. "He must be some great, tall, whiskered, long-nosed ogre, enough to scare the wits out of me," I said; and with this very comforting conclusion I set out for Cousin Maud's, where I remained through the day.

When I arrived home Colonel Parkes had taken his departure, regretting very much my absence. The next day I set out for another ride, not expecting a second race, of course; but turning my eyes to the opposite road I soon discoved the same tall, gentlemanly figure, a little ahead. He looked round in a few moments, and seeing I was behind waited until I came opposite, then raising his hat, he started with full speed for the crossing. I was soon more than even with him, and of course reached the crossing first. I quickly rushed behind the shrubbery. Soon he came up, and was puzzled as before at my strange disappearance. I trembled for fear he would discover me, but he never looked in the direction of my hiding-place. He soon went on, when I left my concealment, and gave him another hearty laugh as I passed.

The next morning I set out again, for I had become quite interested in this novel acquaintance; but to my great disappointment I could see nothing of him. Somehow my spirits fell. "For shame, don't make a fool of yourself, Fan," I said; and with this resolve I cantered on quite briskly until I reached my hiding place. I had turned round here, and was looking at the scenery, when I heard a slight noise. Looking up, what was my astonishment to find my acquaintance right in front of me, and gazing at me with the most mischievous, rogueish eyes that you ever beheld. Dick too seemed to have got on terms of intimacy with his horse, for they had got their noses together and were carrying on a secret, telegraphic conversation altogether foreign to me. I sat a moment, winding the lash of my riding whip round my finger, rather too tightly to be comfortable, I fear, and wishing myself a thousand miles away. I made a desperate attempt to flee: but Dick had no notion of leaving his new acquaintance; I was therefore left to my fate. I glanced again at the stranger, after making this fruitless attempt. He smiled at the look of despair depicted on my countenance, and with a quiet "good morning," asked me how I enjoyed my ride. While I was answering him he started his horse, and Dick followed without any trouble. I was at first annoyed, almost angry, but Dick, for once, would have his way; and at last, making a merit of necessity, I fell into a *tete-a-tete* with the horseman. It was not long before I made the interesting discovery that he was the same Colonel Parkes that I had so much shunned the day or two before.

From that time we used to meet every morning. I do not doubt but there were a good many silly things said between us.—At any rate, one afternoon, who should drive up to the door but Colonel Parkes wishing to see father. How my heart beat, as, leaning over the balustrade, at the head of the stairs, I heard this inquiry! The gentlemen went into the library, and when they came out father was rubbing his hands and looked very much pleased about something. I was called immediately.

"Here you are, you little witch, to answer for yourself," he said.

"She has already answered me," said the colonel, taking my hand in his.

Pa laughed, and, giving me a pinch, said I was "a sly Puss in Boots."

We had a very quiet wedding. Neither of us has ever regretted the step. Soon after our marriage, I was looking at my little locket, and thought I would show the treasure to my husband, telling him the history of it, and also my little story of its being my future husband's miniature. As he took it, I saw a look of wonder on his face. With a mysterious smile, he asked me if I did not think it resembled him.—"It is," he said, "a locket my mother used to wear, which has been lost for years."

Pa says that after this he will believe any story I may tell, however preposterous.

WHENCE STRYCHNINE IS PRODUCED.

The source from whence the poison, which has gained so world wide a celebrity recently, is obtained, is thus noticed in Dickens' Household Words:

"In Ceylon and several districts of India, grows a moderate sized tree, with thick shining leaves, and a short, crooked stem. In the fruit season it is readly recognized by its rich orange colored berries, about as large as golden pippins. The rind is hard and smooth, and covers a white, soft pulp, the favorite food of many kinds of birds, within which are the flat, round seeds, not an inch in diameter, as grey in color, and covered with very silky hairs. The Germans fancy they can discover a resemblance in them to gray eyes and call them crow's eyes, but the likeness is purely imaginary.

"The tree is the strychnine *nux vomica*, and the nut is the deadly poison nut. The latter was early used as a medicine by the Hindoos, and its nature and properties understood by Oriental doctors long before it was known to foreign nations. 'Dog-killer' and 'Fish-scale' are two of its Arabic names. It is stated that at present the natives of Hindostan often take it for many months constantly, in much the same manner as opium-eaters eat opium. They commence with taking the eighth of a nut a day and gradually increasing their allowance to an entire nut, which would be about twenty grains. If they eat directly before or after food, no unpleasant effects are produced; but if they neglect this precaution, spasms result."