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AND
OPERATIVE SURGERY,
Office No. 2 Irwin's corner, CHARLOTTE, N. C.
December 14, 1858.

A. C. WILLIAMSON,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
Has taken an office jointly with J. A. Fox, Esq. up-stairs next door to the Court House, where he will be constantly present to attend to all calls on professional business made for himself or for Mr Fox when he is absent.
January 4, 1859. tf

J. A. FOX,
Attorney at Law,
Office next door to the Court House, Up-Stairs
A. C. WILLIAMSON, Esq., who is a joint occupant of the office, and who will be uniformly present, will attend to professional business for me in my absence.
December 21, 1858 tf

DRS. FOX & WHITE,
CONTINUE IN THE PRACTICE OF
Medicine and Surgery.
☞ OFFICE up Stairs in Springs' Building.
C. J. FOX, M. D. W. E. WHITE, M. D.
April 3, 1858. 3-tf

NOTICE.
ALL those indebted to the subscriber will make immediate settlement, or their Notes and Accounts will be placed in other hands for collection.
April 3,'1858. 3-tf C. J. FOX.

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And Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, &c.,
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Charlotte, Oct. 19, 1858.

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On Tuesday the **26th of April** next, (being the week of County Court,) I will sell at the Court House door in Charlotte, **218 ACRES OF LAND** lying on the waters of Long Creek in Mecklenburg county, eight miles west of Charlotte, known as the Cathey tract, and adjoining the lands of James Beatty, Nancy Cathey and others.
This Land is superior for farming purposes, but is more highly prized for the valuable pine Timber thereon. There is a Saw Mill within one mile of the tract, and the line of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad runs within one-fourth of a mile of it.
Terms: Twelve months credit—note and approved security required.
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Executor of Catharine Hayes.
February 8, 1859 3m

JONAS RUDISILL,
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(DESIGNS FURNISHED AND BUILDINGS COMPLETED ON THE MOST REASONABLE TERMS, AND IN EVERY STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE,)
On College street, corner of Eighth street.
Charlotte, N. C.
WOULD most respectfully announce to the Citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country, that he still continues the above business in Charlotte, where he is prepared to furnish DOORS, BLINDS AND SASH, to the public on the most reasonable terms, and on the shortest notice.
Having a great many small claims for work done, scattered all over the country, he is determined to change his method of doing business and hereafter will require **CASH** for all work done in his Machine Shop, before removal.
Jan. 25, 1858. tf

LAND FOR SALE.
Two Hundred Acres of fine farming Land, lying on the line of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad, is offered for sale. Terms will be made accommodating. For further particulars apply to
SAM'L. A. HARRIS.
December 28, 1858. tf

Exclusively Wholesale
Drug, Paint and Oil Warehouse.
SANTOS, WALKE & CO., wholesale dealers in DRUGS; Lamp, Machinery and Paint OILS; Varnishes, Paints, &c. &c.
No. **36**, *Iron front, West side, Market Square,*
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☞ Goods shipped from New York, Philadelphia, or Baltimore, to Charleston, when required.
November 9, 1858. y

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DEALERS IN
British, French and American
Dry Goods,
Carpets, Hardware, Hats and Shoes,
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THOMAS H. BREM,
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SCARR & CO.,
Druggists & Chemists,
No. 4, Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C.,

INVITE the attention of Physicians, Planters, Merchants, &c, to their NEW and complete stock of DRUGS, CHEMICALS, &c. The extensive patronage they have received from the Physicians of Charlotte and its vicinity is the best guarantee of the PURITY OF THE DRUGS sold by them.
January 1, 1859.

Tilden's
Fluid Extracts.
SCARR & CO. call the attention of the Medical Profession to these elegant Preparations so admirably suited for the extemporaneous prepration of Tinctures, Syrups, Wines, &c., securing the desirable object of uniformity of strength.
No Physician should be without them.
For sale at SCARR & CO'S
Jan. 25. 1859. Drug Store, Charlotte.

To Physicians.
Dr. Churchill's new Remedies for Consumption.
Hypophosphites of Soda and Potash. Also, Compound Syrup of the Hypophosphites, at
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Dec. 21. *Charlotte Drug Store.*

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LANDRETH'S NEW CROP GARDEN SEEDS,
Just received a full supply of these celebrated Seeds direct from Landreth's, embracing every variety of Vegetable Seeds. With
Asparagus Plants by the hundred, and
VICTORIA RHUBARB ROOTS.
Also—**FLOWER SEEDS**—20 choice varieties.
SCARR & CO.,
Dec. 21. *Charlotte Drug Store.*

Window Glass,
Putty, Whiting, Oils, Varnishes, Dye-stuffs, Paints, &c,
Low for cash by SCARR & CO,
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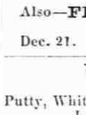
BY **J. B. KERR, Proprietor.**

EVERY ACCOMMODATION afforded the patrons of the Charlotte Hotel.
At this Hotel is kept the line of Tri-weekly Stages from Charlotte via Monroe, N. C., and Lancaster S. C., to Camden, S. C.
Patrons of the Charlotte Hotel conveyed to and from the Depots free of charge.
Oct. 1, 1858. J. B. KERR.

CONFECTIONERY STORE.
J. D. PALMER,
One Door above the Bank of Charlotte,

Respectfully informs the public that he has just received a splendid assortment of Confectioneries, West India Fruits,
SEGARS
of various brands, chewing & smoking Tobacco, Snuff, &c.
ALSO,
a variety of Musical Instruments, Yankee Notions, &c.
A FINE LOT OF WILLOW WARE.
He is constantly receiving fresh supplies of the above Goods and many other articles not enumerated.

CANDY MANUFACTORY.
The subscriber is now manufacturing an excellent article of Candy, free from poisonous coloring, unlike the New York steam refined candy. Call and see and try it. J. D. PALMER.
November 9, 1858 tf

TO THE LADIES.
A SPLENDID assortment of FRENCH CANDIES; Desfilles, &c., for Dressing Cakes, at
J. D. PALMER'S.

5000 HAVANA ORANGES,
Just received at
J. D. PALMER'S
Feb. 8, 1859. Confectionery.

2 CASES Pure SMYRNA FIGS,
for sale low for cash, at
J. D. PALMER'S

WEST INDIA FRUITS, PRESERVES,
Pickles, Brandy Peaches, &c., at
J. D. PALMER'S.

3 BBLS. NEW YORK APPLES,
low for cash, at
J. D. PALMER'S.

New Books.
History of FREDERICK THE GREAT, by Thos. Carlile.
MIZRAH:—Prayer and Friendship, by L. C. Loomis.
COURTSHIP AND MATRIMONY, with other Sketches, by Robert Morris.
THE MINISTER OF LIFE, by M. L. Charlesworth.
THE SOCIABLE; or 101 Home Amusements.
THE LIFE AND TIMES of the GREAT HUGH MILLER, of Scotland, by T. N. Brown.
ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN PULPIT, by Dr. Sprague.
LIPPINCOTT'S PRONOUNCING GAZETTEER, or Geographical Dictionary of the World,
DORA DEAN OR MAGGIE MILLER, Mrs M. J. Holmes.
SCOURING OF THE WHITE HORSE, or the long Vacation Ramble of a London Clerk.
THE KN. PEPPER,—Papers by Jacques Maurice.
DUST AND FOME, or Three Oceans and Two Continents, by T. Robinson Warren.
I also have a few copies of HAWKS' HISTORY OF N. C., Vols. I and II.
CANTWELL'S JUSTICE and N. C. Form Book.
P. J. LOWRIE.
Feb. 15, 1859.

NEW STORE AT DAVIDSON COLLEGE.
S. FRANKENTHALL & CO.
Take pleasure in informing the citizens of Davidson College and surrounding country, that they have opened a Branch store at the stand formerly occupied by Helper & Henderson, where they will always keep on hand a large stock, consisting of
Dry Goods, Ready-made Clothing,
Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Hardware, Groceries, &c. &c. which they will sell at Charlotte prices.
February 8, 1859 3m

THE CONJUROR AND THE YANKEE.—Anderson, the wizard, met with a Yankee who stole a march on him one day, after the following pattern—enter Yankee:

"I say! you, Professor Anderson?"

"Yes, sir, at your service."

"Wa'al, you're a tarnation smart man, and I'm sumthin' at a trick too, kinder cute, deu you know."

"Ah, indeed, and what tricks are you up to sir?" asked the professor; amused at the simple fellow.

"Wa'al, I can take a red cent and change it into a ten dollar gold piece."

"Oh, that's a mere sleight-of-hand trick, I can do that, too."

"No you can't. I'd like to see you try."

"Well, hold out your hand with a cent in it."

Yankee stretched out his paw with a cent lying on it.

"This is your cent is it sure?"

"It's nothin' else."

"Hold on to it tight—Presto! change. Now open your hand."

Yankee opened his fist, and there was a gold eagle shining on his palm.

"Wa'al, you did it, I declare; much obleeged tew yeou," and Jonathan turned to go out.

"Stay," said the professor, "you may leave me my ten dollars."

"Yourn! warn't it *my* cent; and didn't you turn it into this ere yaller thing, eh? Good bye" and as he left the room he was heard to say, "I guess there ain't anything green about this child."

SHE PERSEVERED.—Persevere, persevere," said an old lady friend of ours to her help; "it's the only way you can accomplish great things." One day eight apple dumplings were sent down stairs, and they all disappeared. "Sally, where are those dumplings?" "I managed to get through them, ma'am," replied Sally. "Why, how on earth did you manage to eat so many dumplings?" "By persevering, ma'am," was the meek answer.

GARDEN SEEDS
From Landreth & Thorburn's,
Received and for sale by
Charlotte, Jan 10, 1859. E. NYE HUTCHISON & CO.

Linseed Oil, pure Sperm, Lard, and TANNERS' OIL,
For sale by E. NYE HUTCHISON.

☞ Churchill's preparation of the Hypophosphates, CURE FOR THE CONSUMPTION, for sale by
E. NYE HUTCHISON & CO.

Fresh Burning Fluid and Linseed Oil,
Low for cash by the Bbl.
E. NYE HUTCHISON & CO.

Tanners' Oil
From 85 cents to $1 25 per gallon.
E. NYE HUTCHISON & CO.

☞ English, French and American BRUSHES, Lubin's EXTRACTS, Genuine Cologne, for sale by
E. NYE HUTCHISON & CO.

Varnishes,
Coach, Furniture, Copal (three qualities), Damask, Japan, &c &c. E. NYE HUTCHISON & CO.

New Remedy,
A sovereign cure and preventive of the Piles.
E. NYE HUTCHISON & CO.

BREAD and CAKES.
Having secured the services of a No. 1 Baker, we are now prepared to furnish the citizens of Charlotte, and mankind in general, with something nice to eat.
☞ Weddings, Parties, &c., furnished at short notice to order and dispatch.
1st Door from the Court House.
HOUSTON & HUNTER.
Nov. 23, 1858. tf

Last Notice.
All those who are indebted to Thos. Trotter & Son or Thos. Trotter, either by note or account are requested to come forward by April Court and settle up, as further indulgence cannot be given.
Jan. 11, 1858. 43-3m. THOS. TROTTER.

The Charlotte Mutual Fire Insurance Company,
CONTINUES to take risks against loss by fire, on Houses, Goods, Produce, &c., at usual rates. Office nearly opposite Kerr's Hotel.
President—M. B. TAYLOR.
Vice President—C. OVERMAN.
Sec'y & Treas'r—E. NYE HUTCHISON.
DIRECTORS:
M. B. TAYLOR, C. OVERMAN,
J. L. BROWN, WM. JOHNSTON,
F. SCARR. S. T. WRISTON,
A. C. STEELE.
Executive Committee.—Jno L Brown, S T Wriston, A C Steele.
April 27, 1858. tf

LOWRIE'S
BOOK STORE.

I receive all the New Publications as fast as they come forward from the Press: and keep constantly on hand a large lot of School, Academy and College TEXT-BOOKS, and many useful reference and recreative works.
I also keep a very large stock of Stationery, plain and fancy. Having made an arrangement with the Southworth Paper Manufacturing Company, I am enabled to sell paper at the same prices—by the wholesale—for which it can be bought in the Northern cities, freight added. P. J LOWRIE.
Feb. 15, 1859.

THOS. M. SACKETT,
WITH
McCAY & STOW.
SUCCESSORS TO STOW & SMART,
Importers, Jobbers and Dealers in
Hardware, Cutlery, Guns, Shovels, Nails, Hollow Ware, &c.,
37 WARREN St., NEAR BROADWAY.
ROBT. T. McCAY, } **New York.**
GEO W. STOW. }
Jan. 25, 1859. 3m-pd

EXPERIENCE THE BEST TEST!
HEDGMAN, CLARK & CO'S
GENUINE COD LIVER OIL
Has been proved by twelve years' experience the best remedy for Consumption, Scrofula, &c., and is recommended by the most eminent Physicians.
CAUTION.—Beware of preparations pretending to possess the properties of the Oil in concentrated form, as many of them are worse than useless.—The Pure Oil has been found to act better and have more speedy effect than any jelly or other preparation of it.
Sold by Druggists generally.
Feb. 22, 1859. 3m-pd

THE WESTERN GOLD MINES.—A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Times*, who has just returned from Kansas, says the river towns in Kansas and Nebraska are now crowded with strangers, of every nation, tribe and people, wandering about with a forlorn look, bearing rifles on their shoulders, and making inquiries in regrad to routes to the mines outfits &c. All the hotels are crowded to repletion and every western train and steamboat is filled with people. Trains are now starting daily from every important town on the Missouri river, in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri. While travelling five or six miles on the great Military Road leading from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Laramie, on Thursday last, he met four trains en route for the mines. In two of them the wagons were drawn by mules and oxen; in the third, eight men were attached to a *hand cart*, which contained their outfits, and was so constructed as to float over the streams. They designed to draw it the whole distance—700 miles—to Pikes's Peak. The fourth was composed entirely of pedestrians, with their packs upon their shoulders. What will not men do for gold?

Sensation Preaching.—A correspondent of the Baltimore Christian Advocate relates of a New York minister, who desired to make a sensation in preaching on the crucifixion:

He instructed the sexton when he got to that part of the discourse where he describes the darkness overspreading the heavens, to draw down the gas, giving light only enough to make the darkness visible. The sexton, however, put the gas out altogether, which so confounded the preacher that he was unable to proceed. Some of the trustess of the church hurried to the sexton in the lobby, and inquired what was the matter. Greatly to his chagrin and mortification, as well as that of the preacher, he was obliged to explain.

FATAL RESULT OF HASTY MARRIAGE.—The Troy, (N. Y.) Whig, of Saturday, records the death of a stranger in that city, named Northrop Allen, under very singular circumstances. On Wednesday week, Allen engaged board at a tavern kept by a notorious character named Mooney, on the following Tuesday, married a domestic employed in the house, named Ann Mahon; and on Friday was found in his bed a corpse, having died unknown to anybody. He was a returned Californian and seemed to have plenty of money. To add to the mystery his wife didn't even know his christian name, and when asked what she married him for said "for the soap." It is thought that he was purposely poisoned, whilst others think that he repented of his hasty marriage and thought better of a bad bargain by self-murder.

"John," said a cockney solicitor to his son, "I see you'll never do for an attorney, you have no henergy." "Skuse me, father," replied John, "what I want is some of your chicken-ary.

GETTING OUT OF CLOSE QUARTERS.—A correspondent sends us this:

Governor D——, of Florida, was as celebrated for his waggery as for his executive qualifications. Giving a crowd of gaping listeners an account of the strangs things he had seen during his peregrinations through the far West, he said: "Fact, gentlemen, the trees are so close together in Arkansas that you may travel for days without finding them more than three feet apart; and then the game! such vast numbers of buffalos and bears and wild cats, but in all the world I never saw such deer."

"What of the deer, Governor D——?" asked a squint-eyed descendant of Nimrod, who, to use his own expression, "'d ruther hunt nor eat any time," and so he had.

"O, the bigest bouncing bucks you ever saw! Why, my dear sir, the woods are perfectly alive with them, charging about with great branching horns full *four* feet apart."

"Well, but Governor D——, if the trees are only *three* feet apart and the deer's horns *four*, I want you to tell me how they get through."

"O; well that's *their* look out—I *have nothing to do with that!*"

TO RENT.
A HOUSE and LOT for rent in town, adjoining Col. B. W. Alexander's. Apply to
WM. JOHNSTON.
March 8, 1859. tf

NOTICE.
All the old business of DRUCKER & SOMMERS is now in the hands of J. A. Fox, Esq., for settlement. He is authorized to collect and receipt for us. Persons indebted to us will make immediate payment to him, or they will be sued by next return day.
DRUCKER & SOMMERS.
Feb. 1, 1859 tf

NOTICE.
All those indebted to me, by Note or Account, will please come forward and settle the same by CASH.
Febuary 8, 1859 ROBERT GIBBON.

New and Fashionable
Furniture
WARE ROOMS,
Charlotte, N. C.
J. M. SANDERS & Co., are constantly receiving from New York, Boston, &c., a general assortment of fine and fashionable FURNITURE, which they will sell at extremely low prices for Cash, and every article warranted to give satisfaction. Those in want of good Furniture, at very low prices, will please give them a call.
Also, on hand, ***Fisk's Metallic Burial Cases.*** J. M. SANDERS & CO.,
Feb. 22, 1859. Charlotte, N. C.

GROCERY AND COMMISSION HOUSE,
250 RICHARDSON STREET,
Columbia, S. C.
The subscriber begs to inform the citizens of Charlotte and the public in general, that he is fully prepared to supply them, at moderate prices, with every description of goods incident or pertaining to the grocery business. Orders and inquiries attended to with promptitute.
Having ample facilities for the sale, on advantageous terms, of consignments, such as Cotton, Flour, Corn and produce generally, making liberal cash advances on the same, he respectfully invites a share of public patronage.
Feb. 22, 1859. 2m W. L. REILLY.
REFERENCES:—Hon. Edward Arthur; Jesse Drafts, Esq., Cashier Exchange Bank, Columbia; Capt. James P. Adams; Dr. Thomas S. Goodwyn; Messrs Chambers & Marshall; Hon. James D. Treadwell; T. J. Murray.

SIAMESE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Up to the age of ten years, Siamese children of either sex are not troubled with any superabundance of clothing, it is seldom that a child is seen wearing the smallest shred of a garment, except on days of festivals. Jewels, sometimes, of very great value are put on young children.—Among higher classes, girls and boys up to the age of twelve, wear a number of gold chains, sometimes four, six, or seven at a time, all different, and each having some amulet or ornament attached. The hair is allowed to grow long on the front part of the head, but the rest is kept shaved, leaving this circular patch to be twisted into a knot which is kept in its place by a long ornamental pin. Often a wreath of the white jessamine is twined to fit closely about this knot, and the effect is pretty. Both boys and girls are dressed (if their scant measure of clothing may be called dress,) exactly alike, so that it is not easy to distinguish them.

At the age of 12, the lock of hair is cut off, leaving a patch which bears a strong resemblance to a small black hair brush. This, in the man, is combed back, and allowed to grow a degree longer than in the woman; not so much so, however, as to suggest any marked difference to a stranger. The women keep their locks carefully oiled, combed, and gummed, to stand upright, and they take infinite pains to keep the top of this brush smooth as velvet. A Siamese lady's hair is held to be in perfect order when she can plunge into the river, and duck her head many times under without disturbing the smoothness and uprightness of her national hair brush. The ceremony of cutting off the lock of hair is kept with entertainment and rejoicings. It is the great event in young Siamese life, and resembles the coming out amongst young ladies in other countries; for in Siam children are supposed to reach years of discretion rather early.

After a girl marries she gives up the wearing of ornaments and trinkets. These are set aside and reserved for her children in their turn. Boys as I have mentioned before, have an opportunity of learning to read, by entering themselves as neophytes, or attendants on the priests. Whether girls have any schools or persons authorized to teach them, I do not know; but it is not uncommon in Siam to find women able to read or write. I met with three or four myself, and these were persons of the lower ranks. The occupations of the females are various and far less circumscribed than any other parts of the East. In fact, the women in Siam occupy a moral position many degress superior to that of their sisters in neighboring countries. The wife of a Siamese has no unimportant voice in the domestic arrangements of the family. She is cash-keeper, and seems to possess the right to claim all her husband's earnings. The women, as a race, are very intelligent and very observant; those belonging to the higher classes seem to have pleasing and modest manners. The head wife of the prime minister is a very interesting woman; she is not young, but is by no means wanting in personal attractions. She has no children; but that does not seem to disturb her husband's affection, or her influence over him. She came with her attendants, by invitation, to lunch with us, and although our talk was limited for want of words, she could contrive to make herself agreeable. It was the first time that a Siamese lady of rank had ever visited on equal terms a foreign family, but it would have been difficult to guess this from her perfectly easy and quiet demeanor. She sat at the luncheon table, with the gentlemen; and, although she had probably never before used a knife and fork, or any of the appliances of an English table, she acquited herself with perfect propriety and good breeding, even to the overwhelming act of taking wine with her host. Her step-son, (the Siamese admiral) accompanied her, and she was attended by about thirty maidens, two of whom were her youngest sisters, very pretty girls: the rest were slaves. The whole body of attendants remained sprawling on the ground during her visit.

An absurd little incident will serve to show how diligently these people observe the custom of prostration. The lady requested permission to visit the sleeping apartment, in order to see how English people arrange rooms; she was accordingly taken up stairs, followed by the entire body of maidens and her step-son, who did not at all see why he should not have the benefit of a peep as well. She expressed her satisfaction at all the arrangements, and especially her delight at a small iron crib belonging to my child, which seemed to strike them all as a device of luxury and refinement not to be equalled. Finally, when everything in the room had been duly handled and examined, she inquired, in a perplexed manner, where we kept our money, as she could not see a strong box of any kind. It should be mentioned, that on a previous visit to her own house, I had been shown over her private apartments, and in the sleeping room saw four large iron safes, which she pointed out as seeming to add much to the honor of the family. There happened to be a box of mine in the corner, however, covered over with the usual arrangement of cushions and frills; this being shown her, she seemed greatly relieved to find (judging from the size of the box, which, however, was empty at the time,) that we had, or appeared to have, some wordly pelf, and was delighted at such a charming way of covering it up. As she was about to descend the stairs, a commotion disturbed the whole bevy of damsels, to whom it appeared suddenly to occur, that by going down first, their mistress would place herself beneath them; a thing not to be tolerated for a moment. Accordingly, with a sudden rush, the young ladies passed her, on their hands and knees, just as she was about to descend, and the whole twenty scrambled down stairs headformost, with a hurrying and scurrying, a laughing and giggling, that was as amusing as it was surprising.

The Siamese women as well as men, are terribly disfigured by the effects of constant and excessive betel chewing. It is carried to a disgusting extent amongst people of all ranks and ages. Even little children may be seen with their lips dyed red and the crimson juice running out at each side. Their mouths are never, by any chance, empty; as soon as one quid is disposed of, another takes its place, so that a Siamese always speaks as with a pebble in his mouth, and that no small one. The effect of the incessant chewing of large quids, is to enlarge the lips considerably, to dye them a sort of black red, and entirely to alter the shape of the lower part of the face. The Siamese say that the chewing of betel acts as a continual stimulant, and that they could not exist without it. It is highly injurious to the teeth, but I think it does not destroy health to any great extent. Smoking is another habit carried to an extreme in Siam; men, women and children seem to live upon cigarettes and tobacco rolled up in palm leaf. I was told as a fact by a lady, that she had seen a nursing child of two years old, taking whiffs of its mother's cigar, alternately with its own more natural nurishment. For this, however, I will not vouch. But I have frequently watched a very pretty little girl of five years old, smoking a cigarette, while she made mud-pies. Most of these inveterate smokers carry a reserve cigar stuck behind each ear, as clerks carry pens.

A WIDOW IN TROUBLE.

The Memphis Appeal publishes the following very romantic story, and assures its readers that the occurrence related is strictly true:

A friend of ours, who does business on Main street, in this city, was traveling a few weeks ago in Arkansas some 50 or 60 miles below Memphis. As night came on at the conclusion of a long day's travel, he arrived at a solitary house, where it appeared the residents within were already preparing to retire to rest. He knocked at the door; a head was protruded from a window, and in reply to a question from the owner of the head, he said he wished to stay for the night. The head was withdrawn, and a consultation apparently took place with some one within, and after a little delay the head was again advanced, and our friend asked his name.—We will not give the name stated—that of "Fulkerson" will answer the same purpose. "Fulkerson," repeated the man with the head out of the window, as if surprised, and not agreeably so. "Yes, *John* Fulkerson," was the reply, in a tone that had an expression of impatience about it; for the traveler was hungry as well as tired, and not being a priest, fasting never smoothed his temper. The head was again withdrawn at this announcement, as rapidly as an Irishman once withdrew his, when he knelt and took a drink out of one of the boiling springs of the State in which the adventure we are relating took place. Some time now elapsed; the night was cold, and our hungry friend found his quarters in front of the solitary house not at all to his mind. At length he hammered violently at the door several times, and uttered a series of ejaculations, more indicative of a flexible tongue than of profound piety. He then took a look round the premises, to ascertain if possible, the reason of this unaccountable delay. He discovered a man stealing silently away in the rear, who jumped over the fence and set off in a run, that spoke well for his agility, in the direction of the timber. The front door was opened at this moment, and a negro girl called to him to come in.

On entering he could discover nothing suspicious; a good supper was set before him, and he was attentively waited upon. He noticed, however, that the negro was very curt in her replies to his questions, and that when he asked anything about the inmates of the place she manifested an emotion that looked liked alarm. He retired to bed, too greatly fatigued to reflect much upon the singularity of this conduct; he slept well, and in the morning was at an early hour eating his breakfast, when he observed a pair of eyes intently gazing at him from a chick in the wall that divided the room in which he sat, from an adjoining passage. Determined to know the meaning of the singular behaviour he had observed in that place—for every individual about it, whom he accosted, answered him with trepidation in the fewest possible number of words, and then hurried away from him as if in fear—he rushed into the passage and catching hold of the man whose eyes had been so busily engaged, he demanded the reason of his singular scrutiny. The man appeared overcome with agitation, and asked---in a voice the interrogator at once recognized as the same he had heard on the previous night—if Mr Fulkerson intended to stay? No, Mr. Fulkerson would go as soon as he had finished his breakfast and paid his bill, but he insisted upon knowing why so much spying and whispering were going on? "Why, are you not Mr Fulkerson that owns this house?" asked the man. "No, I never saw the house before," was the reply. In a moment a look of intense satisfaction beamed from the man's face, which had before worn a troubled expression, and without another word he rushed up stairs, three or four steps at a time, and quickly returned, bringing with him a portly looking dame, whose eyes were red, as if from weeping, and exclaimed in a tone of joyous surprise as soon as she caught sight of our bewildered friend, who could not for the life of him guess what had bewildered the folks—"It is not John?"

An explantion then ensued, from which it appeared that the house in which our friend had spent the night had formerly been the property of a man of the same name as himself. This man had been absent for some years. As nothing had been heard from him during all that time, his better half, the lady who appeared so much pleased that he was not "John" had resolved to take another husband, and the new knot was to be tied that very evening On the previous evening her intended second husband was paying his attentions to a lover, when the announcement of the name of "John Fulkerson" from our friend, in a moment spread dismay and consternation where all had been joy and anticipation. The lover stole off the back way, to be beyond the reach of danger; the lady had spent the night in weeping; once she had mourned her husband's absence, now she grieved over his return. The quietness of the unexpected and unwelcomed guest had, however, somewhat reassured the distressed couple, the lover had cautiously returned to the house and was making his observations, when our friend unceremoniously seized him. The tidings were quickly spread, and laughter and mirth soon filled the dwelling that had been doleful with disappointment and sorrow. The traveler was heartily invited to stay and partake of the wedding supper; his business called him away, however, but he has since learned that the marriage took place without interruption. If the real John Fulkerson, of Arkansas, should be alive and see this, let him take warning and never approach the house he has deserted for he is most emphatically *not wanting*.