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#### Robert Gibbon, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.,

Office and Residence, one door south old State Bank (formerly Wm. Johnston's residence). Jan 1, 1868. J. P. McCombs, M. D., Offers his professional services to the citizens of

#### Charlotte and surrounding country. All calls, both night and day, promptly attended to. Office in Brown's building, up stairs, opposite the Charlotte Hotel. Oet 26, 1868.

A. W. ALEXANDER, Surgeon Dentist, CHARLOTTE, N. C. Office in the Brawley Building, opposite the Charlotte

Can be consulted on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. March 25, 1868.

#### Dr. JOHN H. McADEN, Wholesale and Retail Druggist,

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Has on hand a large and well selected stock of PURE DRUGS, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Family Medicines, Paints, Oils, Varaishes, Dye Stuffs, Fancy and | the State. Toilet Articles, which he is determined to sell at th very lowest prices. May 20, 1867.

#### DENTISTRY.

Traywick & Bland, Having formed a co-partnership, tender their professional services to the public at large. Their office will be open from 8 a m. to 6 p. m., and either of them will visit patients at their residences when called. Office over McMurray, Davis & Co's Store, Bryce's

August 10, 1868. WM M SHIPP, ATTORNEY AT LAW,

Charlotte, N. C., OFFICE IN DEWEY'S BANK BUILDING. Nov. 9, 1868

The Corner House,

(Up stairs in Springs Building.) Is now open for the accommodation of transient and permanent Boarders The undersigned have had considerable experience in keeping a Hotel, and therefore feel satisfied that they can give satisfaction. T. L. RITCH & BRO.-Terms moderate. Charlotte, Jan. 18, 1869,

#### New Firm and NEW GOODS

The undersigned having formed a Partnership under the style of

#### J. S. PHILLIPS & CO., for the purpose of conducting the Merchant Tailoring

And Gents Furnishing Goods Business, Would respectfully inform their friends and the pub lie generally, that they are now receiving their stock of Fall and Winter Goods, consisting of all grades of French, English and American

Cloths, Cassimeres & Vestings, In great variety of makes and colors.

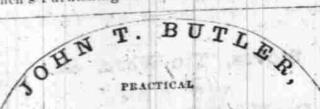
Gents' Furnishing Goods: Shirts, Collars, Cravats, Hosiery, Merino Underwear, Ties of all kinds, Umbrellas. Tu-fact everything usually found in a FIRST CLASS Merchant Tailoring Establishment, all of which were selected with great care, and warranted

to give satisfaction. Special attention will be given to the TAILORING DEPARTMENT, and all goods sold will be made up in the very best style, and a fit guaranteed.

TAILORS' TRIMMIMGS, of all kinds, kept constantly on hand, and sold to the Trade at wholesale CUTTING AND REPAIRING of all kinds,

promptly attended to and satisfaction given. We will occupy the Store at present occupied by First National Bank, as soon as their Banking House J. S. PHILLIPS, is completed. JAS. H. ORR.

Jax. 19th .- We are now in the Store next to the Express Office, where we have a full stock of Gendemen's Furnishing Goods. J S. PHILLIPS & CO.



#### Watch and Clock Maker,

AND DEALER IN JEWELRY, FINE WATCHES, CLOCKS, Watch Materials, Spectacles, Se. Aug. 12, 1867. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

QUERY

Is receiving, daily, his Fall Stock of Millinery, Trimmings, &c. &c., Which he asks the Ladies and the public generally, to call and examine.

MRS QUERY is prepared to serve her friends with the LATEST STYLES in Bonnets, Hats, Dress making, &c.

MATTHEWS' HOUSE, (Formerly KERR'S HOTEL, Charlotte, N. C.)

This well known House is now under the control and management of the undersigned, who solicit a share of public patronage The House has recently been thoroughly repaired and refurnished, and no exertions will be spared to make patrons comfertable. THE TABLE will be furnished with the best the market affords Refreshments of all sorts can always

be found at the Bar Dr J H McAden, THE STABLES attached to this House will be found sufficient to accommodate the Herses of our S Grose & Co.. country friends who may prefer a safe place and W. M. MATTHEWS, JE., W Richards & Co.,

J. L. STEAGALL. Charlotte Now 16, 1888

On Sunday evening Chief Justice Chase appeared in a new role. Before a numerous and fashionable congregation at one of the Episcopal Churches in Washington he delivered an address on the subject of "Christian Missions," which he stated were destined to effect what all the conquerors of the world from Nimrod to Napoleon had failed to accomplish—the subjugation of the whole world. Though there were but 340,000,-Obituary notices of over five lines in length will | 000 Christians against 660,000,000 anti-Christians on the globe, and though, comparatively speaking, but few were engaged in disseminating the doctrine of Christianity, still he believed the time not far distant when the world would be subjugated by the power of Him who said, "Go ye and teach all nations." He saw all the signs of the coming religious unity

#### Notice.

Our facilities for attending to customers are as good as those of any similar institution in the country, and having for our motto "politeness and attention to business," we respectfully solicit a portion of the public patronage.

W. A. WILLIAMS, Cashier, City Bank of Charlotte, Trade Street.

The City Book Store, Has been Removed to P. Lowrie's Old Stand,

One door below its former location. Everybody is invited to call and examine our Stock, which consists in part of a large assortment of School, Religious and Miscellaneous Books, Blank and Pass Books, Wall Paper, Blank and Printing Paper, and all articles usually kept in a first-class Book Store.

Our arrangements with Publishers are such that we receive all the NEW WORKS of popular authors as soon as published. Our prices are as low as any other Booksellers in WADE & GUNNELS. Jan 4, 1869.

FRESH ARRIVALS.

W. H. H. GREGORY, (At J. Y. Bryce & Co's Old Stand, Gharlotte, N. C.,) Is now receiving another supply of GROCERIES, suitable to the season.

In addition to a general Stock of EATABLES, he has a fine assortment of Drinkables. Such as Superior Rum, Brandy, Whiskey, Wines, &c., all of the best brands, and at moderate prices.

If you want something good to eat or drink, give W. H. H. GREGORY.

### WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Wittkowsky & Rintels Have now in store one of the largest Stocks of Goods

ever brought to this market. They keep a full assortment of all kinds of Goods, and will sell at remarkably low rates. Country Merchants, and wholesale buyers generally, as well as retail purchasers, are requested to examine this magnificent stock of Goods.

Millinery and Dress-Making. A separate department is devoted to Millinery and Dress-making, where the Ladies can have work done

promptly and in the latest styles. WITTKOWSKY & RINTELS, Between the two Drug Stores. Oct. 5, 1868.

A. HALES, Watchmaker and Jeweler,

Next Door to the Democrat Office, CHARLOTTE, N. ( If your Watch needs Repairing, Don't get mad and go to swearing; Just take it into HALES' shop, He will fix it so it will not stop. He warrants his work all for a year, When it is used with proper care. He will do it as low as it can be done, And do it so well it's sure to run.

January 1, 1869 Attachment Notice.

State of North Carolina, Lincoln County. Joseph M. Stevens, James W. Pegram, Thomas L. Moore, vs. John W. Grady, James P. Boyce, David O. Hawthern, James Bannister, Sarah A. Elford,

The defendants above named are notified that a warrant of Attachment has been obtained against them by the plaintiffs in this case. The complaint is filed and summons returnable on the 1st day of February, 1869, and demands judgment on award The defendants are notified to appear on the 1st of

February, 1869, to answer the complaint. S. P. SHERRILL.

Clerk of Superior Court of Lincoln county. [pr. adv. \$6] January 4, 1869 4w Attachment Notice.

State of North Carolina, Lincoln County.

J. M. Stevens and James W. Pegram, vs. John W. Grady, James P. Boyce, David O. Hawthorn, Jas. Banuister, Sarah A. Elford, Executrix. The defendants above named are notified that a

warrant of Attachment has been obtained against them by the plaintiffs in this case. The complaint is filed and summons returnable on the 1st day of February, 1869, and demands judgment on an award for the sum of \$1,221.

The defendants are notified to appear on the 1st of February, 1809, to answer the complaint. S. P. SHERRILL. Clerk of Superior Court of Lincoln County. [pr. adv. \$6] January 4, 1869 4w

GET THE BEST!

THE VERY BEST SNUFF NOW IN USE IS

G. W. GAIL & AX'S CELEBRATED

Scotch Snuff. Manufactured in Baltimore, Md.

Do not fail to try it, for you will like it.

January 4, 1869 6m

FOR SALE IN CHARLOTTE BY Stenhouse, Macaulay & Co., M D L Moody, Carson & Grier, Hammond & McLaughlin, Dals & Hilker, Frazier, Scarlett & Co.,

Dr J N Butt, Haltom & Gray,

D M Rigler.

How Girls should be Educated. Life Lengthened.

1. Cultivate an equal temper; many a mar has fallen dead in a fit of passion. 2. Eat regularly, not over thrice a day, and

nothing between meals. 3. Go to bed at regular hours. Get up as soon as you wake of yourself, and do not sleep in of the home circle, and the conductor of domesthe daytime, at least not longer than ten minutes tie affairs. Her education in business should before noon.

4. Work always by the day, and not by the

5. Stop working before you are "fagged out." 6. Cultivate a generous and an accommodating 7. Never eat when you are not hungry, nor

drink when you are not thirsty. 8. Never cross a bridge before you come to or this will save half the trouble of life. 9. Let your appetite always come uninvited.

10. Cool off in a place greatly warmer than the one in which you have been exercising; this | She should be imbued especially with tenderness simple rule would prevent calculable sickness and save millions of lives a year. 11. Never resist a call of nature for a single | bred as nearly as possible in her nature.

12. Never allow yourself to be chilled "through and through;" it is this which destroys so many, every year, in a few days' sickness, from pueumonia, called by some lung fever, or inflamation about business; her whole infancy, childhood and

of the lungs. 13. Whoever drinks no liquids at his meals will add years of pleasurable existence to his life. Of cold or warm drinks, the former are most pernicious; drinking at meals induces persons to eat more than they otherwise would, as any one thing of her imperfections. The little girl, the can verify by experiment, and it is excess of eating which devastates the land with sickness, suffering and death.

14. After fifty years of age, if not a day laborer, and sedentary persons after forty, should eat | bright ornament, the little girl is bedecked in but twice a day-in the morning and about four such apparel as is calculated to make her vain. in the afternoon; persons can soon accustom She soon learns to esteem her personal beauty themselves to seven hours interval between eat- as the means of secuing the desirable objects ing, thus giving the stomach rest; for every or- have mentioned. She almost instinctively learns gan without adequate rest must give out pre- to shun everything menial, or, in other words, maturely.

fluence of the Christian religion, for it "has the her, at least irksome. She learns to regard promise of life that now is, and of that which is family duties with contempt. Very many young to come."-Hall's Journal of Health.

#### Notice.

The Notes due T. H. Brem & Co., and Brem & Steele; also the Notes and Accounts due Brown, Stitt & Co., and Brown, Tate & Co., are in our hands. it understood that they were bred ladies, and We are authorized to make a liberal compromise with the debtors of these firms, and ask that all persons indebted to them will call and see us in regard to a settlement.

BURWELL & GRIER, Attorneys, Office in Court House. Jan. 18, 1869 : 2w

Sale of Real Estate. On Monday, the 15th day of February, 1869, by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg county, I will sell at the Court House door in Charlotte, to the highest bidder, at public auction, that valuable tract of Land lately owned by James B. Wallace, deceased, containing 330 acres, on the waters of McMichael Creek, adjoining the lands of

John Walker, M. B. Wallace and others. Terms, nine months credit; bond and approved security required. E. A. OSBORNE,

Clerk Superior Court. Jan 11, 1869 Sale of Real Estate.

On February 9th, 1869, by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg county, I will sell at the late residence of Laban Little, dec'd, to the highest bidder, at public auction, the following realty, viz: The Home Tract of said Laban Little, deceased, containing 164 acres, situated in Mecklenburg county; also two small tracts situated in Stanly county seven miles from said home tract, on the waters of Rocky River and Camb Creek, containing 122 acres

Terms, nine months credit; bond and approved security required. E. A. OSBORNE,

Clerk Superior Court. Jan 11, 1869 4w State of North Carolina, Lincoln county.

Superior Court-Fall Term, 1868. John Barnhill vs. Juo. W. Grady, James P. Boyce, David O. Hawthorn and James Bannister, surviving Partners of Grady, Bannister & Co.

In this case it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants, John W. Grady, James P. Boyce, David O Hawthorn and James Bannister, absent themselves from this State so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon them, on metion, it is ordered that publication be made, once a week for six successive weeks, in the Western Democrat, a newspaper published in the City.of Charlotte, that said defendants show cause at the next Superior Court, to be held at the Court House in Lincolnton, on the 5th Monday after the 4th Monday in March, 1869, why judgment should not be entered against them for the satisfaction of the plain-

tiff's demand. Witness, S. P. Sherrill, Clerk of our said Court, at office in Lincolnton, the 3th day of January, 1861 the Certificates of Deposit.

51-6w [pr adv \$10] S P. SHERRILL, Clerk. Certificates of Deposit issued from one to twelve

Superior Court-Fall Term, 1868. J. M. Smith 'vs. Thos. M. Robison, Attachment.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant, T. M. Robison, is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that publication be made, in the Western Demograt, for six weeks, notifying said quarters included," National Bank Currency and defendant to appear at the next term of the Court, Greenbacks, bought at a very moderate deduction, to be held at the Court Ilouse in Lincolnton, on the at the 4th Monday after the 3d Monday in March next, and replevy and answer the complaint, or judgment will Witness, S. P. Sherrill, Clerk of said Court, the 4th Monday after the 3d Monday in Sept., 1868.

54-4w [adv. \$6pd] S. P. SHERRILL, Clerk, at the CITY BANK OF CHAPLOTER.

DR. JOHN H. WAYT, Surgeon Dentist.

Office for this year at his Residence. Patients in the City or Country waited on at their residences. Orders sent him through the Post Office will be promptly attended to. No extra charge on account of distance. Jan 11, 1869

Removal of Drug Store.

KILGORE & CURETON'S Drug Store has been removed from Granite Row to the Corner Store in Springs' Building, formerly occupied by A. Sinclair. Springs' Building, formerly occupied by A. Sinclair. lar graduate of the Charleston College of Pharmacy; besides, he is a competent and experienced Drug-They have in store a large and general assortgist, having been connected with that business in

Drugs, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, &c., the City of Charleston, and elsewhere, for a period Which will be sold at wholesale or retail on reason-Country Merchants are requested to call and examine this stock of Drugs. Physician's prescriptions prepared accurately, day and night, by an experienced person Jan 11, 1869. KILGORE & CURETON.

Jan 11, 1869,

The following extract from Dr. Byford's "Philosophy of Domestic Life," is worthy of the consideration of all parents:

"The education of the women should be thoroughly domestic, as she is to be the center not be wholly neglected; in fact, the better busi ness education she has the more thoroughly will she be prepared to conduct the relations of the family to the community. But, I think, all will agree with me, that woman rises in value the more exalted her domestic virtues. I fear I may not be understood in that expression. I do not mean by domestic virtues merely house wifery, but all the intelligence, goodness of heart gentleness, truthfulness, patience, and loveable ness, that endear her to the family, and sanctify her influence upon the husband and children and unselfishness. Her home duties should be paramount in all her education, and should be

Unfortunately, the education, or rather teach ings, of the femules of our times igneres the domestic qualities of her nature almost wholly neither is she to be allowed to know anything adolescence are taken up with social acquirements. The accomplishments are the only essential parts of her education as demanded by society as now constituted. She learns to show herself off to the best advantage, and hide everyyoung lady, and to some extent the matron, in good society, are taught the ornamental, not the

useful occupations. From the time she can see gaudy colors and useful-for it is a singular fact that the menial 15. Begin early to live under the benign in- are the useful acts of life-as, if not beneath ladies feel humbled at having been caught in the kitchen, and apologize for the uncomely position; indeed, I have heard them boast of not knowing how to prepare the plainest repast, or mend the most familiar garment. They desire brought up in idleness or leisure.'

THE INDIAN WAR. - General Sherman tele graphs from St. Louis, that a letter from Sheri dan, representing the destruction of the Camancha Village, on Christmas day, as breaking the back-bone of the Indians. Eight Chiefs came to camp begging for peace and permission for the people to come in, asking no terms beyond a paper protecting them from the troops while coming. They report the people starving-all their dogs are eaten as no buffaloes can be found.

Fifteen gold miners from England passed through Richmond last Friday for Charlotte, N. C .- Exchange.

An expected bridegroom at an appointed wedding ceremony in Indianapolis, instead of put ting in a personal appearance, sent a message saying that he was only in fun, and wanted to see how the lady would take a joke.

A Detroit paper tells us that one Charles Fry formidable enemy. Some plants are gross feeddescribed a woman he was engaged to, to marry an entire stranger, Caroline Fish, with whom he fell in love at first sight. Charles evidently had other Fish to Fry.

It is estimated that not one-eighth of the people of the United States attend public worship on Sunday.

Important' to the Public. W. RICHARDS & CO.,

("HOUSE OF ALL NATIONS,") (Charlotte, N. C., one door from Democrat Office,) Offer their whole and extensive stock of Dry Goods Clothing, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Notions, Fancy and tionery, &c., &c., at Cost.

HOUSE OF ALL NATIONS, to wholesale and retail purchasers, offers their whole and well selected stock at Cost. One call will suffice. HOUSE OF ALL NATIONS offers, their whole stock to retail buyers at wholesale prices. To families the best assorted Family and Fancy Groceries, Sugars, Wines, &c., &c. HOUSE OF ALL NATIONS,

Charlotte, N. C., one door from Democrat Office. Jan 18, 1869. Certificates of Deposit.

CITY BANK OF CHARLOTTE. tood in Jan 18, 1869. Mutilated Currency. Defaced and torn shinplasters, "short halves and quarters included," National Bank Currency and

> Specie. Gold and Silver bought and sold on a small margin

CITY BANK OF CHARLOTTE.

Jan 18, 1869. Foreign Drafts. Drafts for any amount drawn directly on the principal cities in the following countries: Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Spain, the Orient, Brazil, and the Argentine Republic, at the

CITY BANK OF CHARLOTTE. Jan 18, 1869.

Important Drug Notice. I take pleasure in announcing to my friends, as

of nearly tea years.

Mr Glover's room being over the store, prescriptions can be had at all hours of the night without third. delay to the customer. DR. JAS. N. BUTT. Corner Trade and College Streets, Charlotte, N. C

Jan 18, 1869.

Agricultural.

Improved Wheat Culture. BY AN OLD FARMER.

There is no sufficient reason why the cultivable land of America, which once yielded bountiful crops of fine wheat, should not now produce as heavy yields of grain as is grown in the Old World. Our climate is well adapted to the production of wheat; the seasons are eminently favorable; and the soil, wherever it has not been impoverished by a ruinous system of management, will not fail to produce good paying crops

The production of a crop of fine wheat on mos kinds of land will depend almost entirely on the skill and management of the tiller of the soil With bad management, such as most of our wheat-fields receive, the culture of this cereal will scarcely return the expense incurred in put-

ting in the seed and harvesting the crop. Among other causes for the alarming decline in the wheat acreage, the imperfection of seedgrain may be mentioned. It has been allowed to degenerate by bad management. Excellent varieties of wheat have not been kept pure Growing wheat will hybridize about as readily as Indian-corn. As proper care has not been exercised to maintain the purity of a good variety, the seed has soon degenerated to such an extent, that the identity of the large and plump kernels could not be recognized after a few seasons. The best sorts have been allowed to degenerate by injudicious management, until the belief has become prevalent that wheat must necessarily degenerate; because every known variety, which was originated at large expense, and which was cultivated with much care, for several seasons, bas failed. This fact cannot be denied. The excellent Treadwell wheat, the farthe old Red-chaff bald wheat, and many other friend to another, in an adjoining room: "No, varieties that were once highly esteemed as the she wouldn't marry me. You were misinformed. most desirable kinds of grain that could be cultivated, have wofully deteriorated.

This mischief can be removed by a careful system in gathering seed-grain. The well marked and most valuable varieties must be kept apart, and the best of each field gathered for seed the following year. The choice varieties originated in this way, and they must be kept up

by a similar system. Another consideration has dissuaded many farmers from attempting to produce a crop of wheat the character of the soil. The frequent plea is, "My soil is not adapted to the production of this kind of grain, whether the seed be sown in autumn or in the spring." One farmer contends that it will be of no avail to attempt to raise wheat without a calcareous clay soil.-Another must have an argillaceous soil. still another, who has a soil that will yield, with proper management, fifty bushels of prime wheat per agre, has no confidence in any efforts to produce a crop of wheat, simply because, as he thinks, the soil is not as it should be. There are other considerations affecting the cultivation of wheat unfavorably, one of which I may mention. namely, the prevalence of weeds, where the wheat-plants are to grow. Growing wheat-plants cannot cope with hardy and noxious weeds of any kind. Grass, when growing among wheat, is one of the most pernicious weeds of a cultivated field. Wheat will not flourish unless the growing plants can bear undisputed sway as far as their leaves and roots extend. Every other plant that sends out its roots and spreads its leaves and branches near the wheat-plant, is a ers; they will flourish wherever the roots can obtain a foothold. The thousand mouths that the roots send out will subsist on any coarse and raw material that may be found in the soil. On the contrary, the wheat-plant is a delicate feeder Its fastidious roots search for the dainty bits of phosphoric acid, nitrogenous matter, aluminous particles, and silicate of potash that exist, in very limited quantities, in most kinds of land. 1 these are not to be found, the rootl ts will not prepare their pabulum from the coarse material. Red clover or the Kentucky blue-grass are both such gross feeders that their roots will plough subsoil, searify, and work over rough and coarse earth, changing it into a fine garden-mould, Family Groceries, Confectioneries, Hardware, Sta- which is excellent food for other plants. Put the wheat-plant must have its nourishment provided in proper abundance, and in the exact condition required by its roots. There is not so much depending on the quality of the soil, as upon the management of the farmer. A good clay loam holds the first position as

soil for wheat. Then excellent crops of this grain can be produced where silicious sand predominates in the soil. A heavy clay soil is better for wheat than a light sandy loam, or a mucky soil. Wheat requires a liberal proportion of aluminous matter. Then, in order to meet the State of North Carolina, Lincoln coun Such ment. Deposits, in any amount, received subject to be supplied with silicious material. Still another gredient is potash, found in wood-ashes. Wheat-plants must have a bountiful supply of silicate of potash to give stiffness to the straw. Otherwise, driving storms will prostrate the lists, while still another has contracted to make heavy stems, and prevent the ears from filling 30,000 breech loaders for the Russians with grain. When there is a bountiful supply of silicate of potash in the soil, the stems of growing wheat will be covered with a bright, glassy Smith, a married woman, aged forty-five years, film, which will not only stiffen the straw, but residing at the corner of Sixty-seventh street and will fortify the grain against the pernicious effects Ninth avenue, was found dead in an out-house of wet and unildew.

grain? soil of excessive moisture, where the land is at laged 45 years, and lived with her husband. She all inclined to be wet. Nature has made ample had been accustomed to gambling at a neighbor-provision for the drainage of some sections of the ing policy shop, and it is said that the reason country; while in other localities, even where for her committing self-destruction was that she the land is cultivated from year to year, the soil had recently lost heavily while gambling, and is quite too wet for wheat. Another requisite feared the consequences that would be likely to of prime importance is the improvement of the follow when her husband had been apprized of seed. The farmers of our country can never her singular speculations. - New York World raise good crops of this or any other cereal, until the seed has been saved with great care, from How to WRITE A Successeur Newsyear to year, for many successive seasons, just as PAPER ARTICLE.—In a paper on "Ethics for we save the seed of Indian-corn. With the im- Oceasional Contributors," published in the perfect cultivation that our wheat now receives, "Round Table," the author says: "The great if the seed were improved as seed-wheat may be, secret of successful newspaper writing consists by careful selection, for a few successive seasons, largely in the mastery of the difficult arts of

bountifully, where the plant-food is rough and the culture of the soil rude. But abundant crops of wheat cannot be grown under such circumstances. Wheat requires a system of thorough and progressive agriculture. The wheat-plant is a delicate and dainty feeder; the roots will not feed on coarse manure; they need the fine and delicate pabulum that has been prepared by the growth and decay of the roots a stems of red clover. The wheat-plant must be supplied with such fertilizing material as will form large heads and plump kernels of gra Strawy manure will not make grain. The wheat-plant requires such pabulum as is left in the soil after a heavy crop of red clover has been ploughed under; and also after a heavy dressing of rich barn-yard manure has been applied, and a crop of Indian-corn removed. The barn-yard manure must be such as is made by fattening sheep or beef-cattle on grain. Such manure will yield a liberal supply of grain, producing material such as the growing wheat-plants must have, before large and plump heads of grain can be developed. By adopting a system of mixed husbandry feeding out much coarse grain and oil-meal, so as to make rich manure-by proper cultivation of the soil, and improvement of the seed, farmers can raise large crops of fine wheat, wherever the soil will produce red clover, Indian-corn and

"If vain and fruitless be your toil, We ought to blame the culture—not the soil."

An Unfortunate Mistake.

Mark Twain says that while sleeping recently at the Sherman House, in Chicago, he was placed in a room so high up that water boiled there at 163 degrees; and although it was destitute of many of the luxuries of a comfortable bedroom, he was not sorry he was sent there, as it enabled him to hear the following story, told by one was not in the least to blame, upon my word and honor, though neither the girl nor her father, the deacon, ever believed me, or ever forgave me. It was during the big election canvass, when Lincoln ran the first time. Two-thirds of the deacen's honest soul was in religion, and the other third in politics-Lincoln man. I never was a scoffer at religion in my life, but be half believed I was. Well, there was to be a political pow-wow in the village church where he lived. I never thought anything about the matter, but Williams hailed me one afternoon, offered me a seat in his buggy, and away we started. It was Wednesday curse the almanac !- but we never thought of it. Going into town, some devilish instinct put it into my head that it would help my case along if I marched into church with a rail on my shoulder, seeing that the deacon and the girl would be there. So I got a rail and we came into town shouting and making a great todo generally. As we went by the church windows I caught a glimpse at her bonnet and plenty other bonnets, and I was happy. I shouldered my rail and marched in. The houseful of men and women were all quiet and the old deacon was standing up in the altar saying something,-Splendid! I went booming up the aisle with my rail, swinging my hat and whooping: "Hooray

for Old Abe! Hooray for the Illinois rail-splitter! But never a yelp out of that audience. I quit, right in my tracks. The deacon said : "Sir, we are engaged in addressing the Throne of Grace. This unseemly exhibition is ill-fitted to the solem-

nities of a prayer-meeting."
"I never felt so sick in my life, John; I never felt so much like taking a walk. And don't you know, as I stood up there before that congregation, I'd have given a million of dollars for somebody to take that rail for me. But no; I had to sneak out with it myself. I threw it down and went up to where there was a board fence and practiced climbing backwards and forwards through a knot hole for as much as an hour. But my goose was cooked, you know. It was all up between me and that family

TOIL -"Ashamed to toil, art thou? Ashamed of thy dingy workshop and dusty labor-field; of thy hard hands, scarred with service more honorable than those of war; of thy soiled and weatherstained garments, on which Nature has embroidered, amid sun and rain, amid fire and steam, her own heraldic honors." Ashamed of the whims and triffes, and envious of the flaunting robes of imbecile idleness and vanity? It is treason to Nature; it is implety to heaven; it is breaking God's great ordinance! Toil, I repeat it-toil either of the brain, of the heart, or of the head, is the only true nanhood-the only true nobility .- Rev. O. Dewy.

American fire-arms are in great demand abroad. It is reported that one manufacturing firm has just delivered 40,000 repeating rifles to the Danish government and 30,000 to the Swedish, having still a contract on hand to furnish 15,000 of the same sort to the Greeks. Another firm has just delivered 20,000 rifles to the Cuban Government to be used against the insurrection-

SUICIDE OF A FEMALE GAMBLER-Mine attached to her dwelling, she having hung her-The question then recurs, how may a tiller self with a rope. The body was taken down and of the soil succeed in raising a good crop of this a physician summoned, but life was entirely ex-The first important step will be to relieve the coroner. The deceased was a native of Germany,

the wheat crop would be increased fully one-beginning and leaving off. To excel, you must third.

Another consideration is, more thorough cul-ture and preparation of the soil. Some kinds of again, and off, without wasting a sentence or a plants will flourish luxuriantly, and fructify syllable."