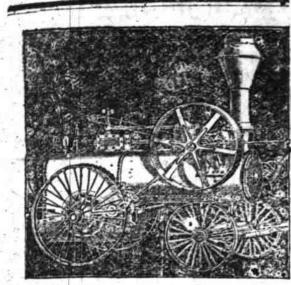
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POETRY.

A Balladine.

She was the prettiest girl, I ween, That mortal eyes had eyer seen; Her name is Annabel Christine. Her bangs were curled with bandoline, Her cheeks were smoothed with vaseline Her teeth were brashed with fine dentine Her face was washed in coaline, Her gloves were cleaned with gasoline, She wore a dress of grenodine, Looped over a skirt of brilliantine : Her petticoat was bombazine, Her boot was shod with, a kid bottine, Her wounds were healed with cosmoline She sailed away from muscatine In a ship they called a brigatine: She flirted with a gay marine Till they reached the republic Argentine Where they were married by the Dean, And lived on olermargine.

The Delinquent.

One day last week, while sad and dreary As we wended weak and weary, Across the unswept floor ; We heard, at first, a gentle tapping, Then it became an earnest rapping, At our sanctum door.

"Come in !" we said; while yet we pon dered. And in silence we still wondered What for us could be in store; Then, the door bolt gently turning, In he walked. Our cheek was burning

At thoughts of crimson gore.

"Are you the man that does the writing? (What word will ryme with that but Providence, R. I. aghting ?) Quickly thought we o'er and o'er.) 'Sir, we are," we gently told him,

odding to the boys to hold him. If he tried to beat us sore. "Then you'll please give me a credit posite that little debit

For two dollars more. I like your paper, and will take it As long as you will strive to make it As good as it has been before.

We jumped! he dodged! thus we misse Or we surely would have kissed him, No matter if the boys did roar;

Se seldom treated in this manner. We felt inclined to sing hosannah Only this and nothing more.

EMERALDS.

Their Occurrence in Alexander County, N. C.

BY WM. EARL HIDDEN.

Mineralogist and the public in general are perhaps unaware that systematic mining for emerals has been go- found in the soil, darker and purer ing on in Alexander county, North ones would be found by mining for area of a forty feet square carrying Carolina, for over a year, and their them. existence over quite an extensive area, Thinking that what the impetus was

indirectly, to the earnest field-work ally situated nearly perpendicular. done here in the past seven years by There being no glacial drift here, learn the diversity in these pockets above desultory manner, many per- of the geology is the great depth of any one time. most remarkable and beautiful speci- gem-bearing pockets. mens of quartz, rutile, monazite, spo-

discovered in the United States.

eries were made.

rara avis to look for.

however, were dark colored or transparent enough for use as gems. All these specimens went into Mr. Steexception of one very choice crystal obtained at the locality by the late John T. Humphreys, which crystal is

county in Mr. Stephenson's collection that prompted me to come here and work for them : and further, I owe to him the knowledge concerning the lo-

ceed in my explorations. terest in minerals is a purely natural such favorable signs were so common. That such specimens could have received only a passing notice from collectors is really inexplicable. A very ed its "pocket" nature by showing that where these pale emeralds were

has been proven beyond question, five miles, air-line measure, southeast these veins maintained nearly the Table Showing Actual Cost to Members that started the search for emeralds in teen miles N. W. from Statesville (horizontally), and associations. Oththis region would be of interest to the The contour of the country is low er pockets were found that yielded public. I here give the story, gath- rolling. The altitude something over quartz, rutile, monazite and mica crys-First Class, aged 18 to 30 years ... \$17 00 ered as it is from all the people con- a thousand feet. The soils are most- tals. Others yet whose walls were cerned and by a year's residence on ly red, gravelly clays, of not much covered with finely crystalized dolothe spot where the emeralds have been fertility. The prevailing rock is mite, calcite, apatite, rutile, pyrite, Sixteen years ago the site of the micaceous nature. The trend of the small pocket, that contained two beaumine now being worked was covered strata is N. N. W. and S. S. E., with tiful small emeralds, had its walls with a dense primitive forest. Less a dip nearly vertical. The gems and covered with large crystals of albite than ten years ago this country was, crystals occur implanted and not em- (twinned parallel to the basal plane). mineralogically, a blank; nothing was bedded in open pockets or veins of Another pocket contained only mica known to exist here having any spe- very limited extent, that are cross and one small pelucid colorless beryl cial value or interest. Whatever we fractures or fissures in the rock. These that had both ends terminated with know of it to-day is due, directly or fissures (lenticular in shape) are usu- many planes. I mention the above

Mr. J. Adlai Stephenson, a native of the soils are necessarily the result of although they are so near together.

state that from a few localities in the was obtained in the following manner: with minute depressed hexagonal pycounty Mr. Stephenson would occa- A corps of men were engaged to dig ramids that lie with their edges parsionally procure crystals of beryl, of a series of deep ditches in directions allel to one another and to the edge the ordinary kind, but now and then that would cut the strata at different of the hexagonal prism. Rarely, a semi-transparent prism of beryl hav- angles. The sight chosen for work though, crystals are found with per- C., to 1800 A. D. ing a decide grass-green tint would was on the spot where at least half a feetly smooth and brilliant faces. The be brought to him. These got to have dozen pale emeralds had been found. emerald color is often focused on the the name of "green rock, or bolts," This location was shown to me by the surface and fades gradually to a coland became the ultimatum of the peo- farmer (Mr. J. W. Warren) who had orless central core, which feature is ple's searchings. Mr. S. had told found the specimens. Not knowing of exceeding interest when the cause them that a dark green beryl would then their manner of occurrence, I of color is considered. The emeralds be valuable if clear and perfect; would hoped in this way to strike a vein have been found of richer color and in fact be the emerald; and for them bearing them. Five weeks was spent less flawed as the mine gets deeper. to search more carefully than ever to (July-August, 1880) before any suc- This region has a great future as a find one. Surely he had informed the cess was met with, and then, at a depth gem-producing district. Mining skill people aright and had given them a of eight feet, a "blind vein" bearing and capital are the only essentials very small emeralds was discovered. now needed here to insure success. It Sufficient it is to say that in a pe- In this vein, or pocket as it proved may be interesting to note that the riod of about six years there was found to be later, and outnumbering the em- entire expense of the last year's work on three plantations in this county, eralds fifty to one, was found the new here has been more than repaid by loose in the soil, a number, say ten, emerald-green mineral which was such the sales of the gems discovered. of veritable emeralds, none of which, a surprise to the scientific world and which was destined to answer the same purposes as does the gems I sought, and become in all probability phenson's collection, with the single the main object of future mining here. I refer to the spodumene-emerald now known as "Hiddenite."

The reader must pardon this digresnow in the cabinet of Dr. Eddy, of sion from my subject, but the search for emeralds here is so interwoven Such is the history of the emeralds with my discovery of emerald-green found in this county before the writer spodument that I cannot tell the commenced mining for them. I must story of one without the other. The acknowledge that it was the sight of two minerals occur intimately assotwo pale emerald crystals from this ciated together and while mining for the one the other is constantly found.

This "blind vein" (so-called, because it had no outcrop) yielded very handsomely of the new mineral, but ealities which has enabled me to suc- very sparingly of emeralds, and the few found were too small to be useful It must be said of Mr. Stephenson, as gems, though their color was very and greatly to his credit, that his in- good. A tunnel two hundred and sixty feet long, mostly through rock, one. I cannot understand why work | was cut to this vein, and a shaft eight was not commenced long ago where feet square sunk down upon it. At the present writing the vein has been worked down to a depth of thirtythree feet, at which point it has provnatural conclusion would have been signs of "pinching out"-closing together. Thus far twelve of these pockets have been found within an emeralds, four of which pockets con-The locality is situated about thirty- tained also the "Hiddenite." All from the Blue Ridge mountains, six- same character of dip, thickness, length gneiss, with more of a felspathic than quartz and mica. In one instance a associations so that the reader can

the county, now a well-to-do and re- decomposition and disintegration on In the rock mining, as also in the spected merchant of Statesville, N. C. the spot. It is therefore an easy task |soil, the sign of a vein "coming in" is Under a promise of reward for suc- to find the source of minerals found the presence of small streaks of masscess, he engaged the farmers for miles on the surface. The "frost-drift" the-live quartz or of mica in a contra diaround to search carefully over the ory of Prof. Kerr is everywhere proven rection to the strike of the rock, either and for several years he enjoyed sur- a foreign geologist, entering the South | pockets not many feet off. The gems | Bath, prising success in thus gathering speci- Atlantic States for the first time, a thus far have been found in the botmens. While rarely doing any per- hundred miles or more from the coast, tom of the pockets. Not over nine sonal work himself, he yet had, in the the most striking and novel feature emeralds have as yet been found at

sons working for him, and in giving earth which everywhere mantels and So far the pockets have been very his attention to their finds he had his conceals the rocks. This is read-crumbly and the crystals obtained hands full, as the saying is. The ily discovered to be, for the most part, only in a detached condition. Miner-The amount and variety of material merely the result of the decomposition alogists have a great treat in store for he gathered in this way was simply in situ of the exposed edges of the un- them when deep rock mining is acastonishing, and his most sanguine derlying strata. The vertical and complished here: then the emeralds, expectations were more than realized, highly inclined bedding lines of the berylsand "Hiddenites" will be found Every species brought to him from strata are distinctly traceable by the firmly attached to the matrix. [It is this new region seemed like a revelateye through this superficial earth cov- the writer's belief that the latter mintion. In some manner they were ering, and are seen to pass by insensi- eral will be found here with the termore interesting than anything here- ble gradations into the undecayed minal and prismatic planes bralliant. tofore found of their kind in the South, rock beneath." At this locality the at a depth of-say fifty feet, and that Certain it is that up to this date, and unaltered rock is found at a depth of their present rounded and pitted ap-I write from personal knowledge, this twenty-six feet and is of unusual hard- pearnce is due to exterior alteration.] region has furnished some of the ness, especially where it walls the The largest emerald found here, thus far, was three and one-quarter inches Thus far the gems have been found long by three-quarters of an inch in dumene, beryl and emerald thus far in a narrow belt running N. E. and S. diameter. It was was one of five fine W., and scattered over a distance of crystals contained in one pocket. The farmers now say that they lost three miles. In this belt signs of Their color was excellent and they much valuable time in searching for cross fissures are very abundant and were transparent though somewhat "rocks," but as the sequel shows they it is a very common thing to find flawed. A peculiar feature pertains to have been greatly benefited by the in- crystals of quartz, rutile, tourmaline, most of the emeralds and beryls from creased value of their lands as discov- ect., perfectly preserved, scattered over this region. They appear to have

*See American Journal of Science, vol xxi., pages 345-358.

†Dr. J. Lawrence Smith was the first to discover its true nature and was pleased to give it the above name. See American Journal of Science, vol. xxi., page

tPerhaps I should say that a few pale yellowish crystals of what was considered to be diopside had been found on this same property (and spot), which specimens went into the collection of Mr. Stenhenson, in whose possession I saw them. Neither he nor I looked forward to finding the mineral of such a beautiful rich green color, as was so unexpectedly done in the vein above mentioned, or of even finding it again. We did not in fact give it much attention. Emeralds was the only goal head.

MISCELLANEOUS.

rates to persons visiting the great Exposition to one cent per mile.

Virtue dwells at the head of a river, to which we cannot get but by rev ing against the stream.

Poverty often deprives a man of a spirit and virtue, It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.

The first gold discovered in Georgia was in 1799 in the shape of large lumps. One nugget weighed no less than 28 pounds.

If a little vinegar or some cider is mixed with stove polish it will not take much rubbing to make the stove bright, and the blacking is not likely to fly off in fine dust.

A piece of zinc placed on the live coals in a hot stove will effectually clean out a stovepipe, the vapors produced carrying off soot by chemical decomposition.

Christians names are so called by having been given to converts in baptism as substitutes for their former pagan appellations, many of which were borrowed from the names of their gods, and were therefore rejected as

"A New York firm has contracted recently for 5,000,000 feet of the ash. walnut, hickory and poplar in the three counties of Madison, Buncombe and Haywood, North Carolina. Many of the trees in Western North Carolina are of great size."-Phil. Press.

The institution of the "Order of the Bath" originated in the custom of the Franks who, when they conferred knighthood, bathed before they performed the ceremony, and from this soil for minerals, Indian relics, etc., in this region. He well says that "to of which indications leads to open habit came the title Knight of the

The resources of North Carolina are more susceptible of development than those of any other State, but it has seemed impossible heretofore to call public attention to them. The outside world has now at least caught a glimpse of the untold wealth, and begins to appreciate the possibilities of our State. The people and products of North have but little inducement to go on to

A Monster Turtle.

A geatleman of this city, now at May Port, Florida, writing under date of the 20th inst., gives us a description of a monster turtle captured off the entrance to St John's river on Friday, the 18th inst., by the crew of the schooner Annie E. Stevens Captain Tico, while lying at anchor waiting for the tide to come in. He weighed between four hundred and five hundred pounds, and he was six feet in length, two feet six inches in width and one foot six inches in depth his fore flippers measured two feet six inches, and his head was eight inches and his neck fourteen inches in length. He was on his back, apparently trying to rid himself of some "suckers" which had adhered to his shell, and as he drifted by the vessel was shot and stunned and eventually captured by a slip noose thrown over a fore flipper. after being shot six times more. His like is said never to have been seen in those parts been filed across the prismatic faces. before. He was sent to Jacksonville and they have ever tried. Sec adv. To be brief and to the point, I will! The location of the present mine The basal plane is also often pitted turned over to some scientist there.

Items of Interest.

Dankwortt has just tabulated the positions of forty-six stars for the commencement of each century from 2000 B.

OXFORD, N. C., Nov. 23 .- T. M. Lynch, a jeweler in this town, was murdered last night on his way homet by some unknown person, Considerable excitement prevails.

frigidity, assurance and stupidity always meet and embarrass a new Senator. We'd like to see two or three of the crowd who have been embarrassed.

that Mr. Lewis Coleman's connection with the Boston broken bank will not affect his syndicate at all. And that the Midland will be running to Smithfield by the 1st of Jan-

the boat at that point and Sitting voice: Bull volunteered to unload it. He wore the mate's cap and directed the

Captain C. A. Cook, the patriotic mouth-slapper and famous one-cent subscription man of Newark, Ohio, is an applicant for the place of sub- Laura. doorkeeper or something like that, to the National House of Representa- but what are localities to hearts that

serves that several of the \$10,000 Laura, faintly: "Yes, oh yes, I am beauties now travelling with circuses will put in the winter months we rking The Georgia Railroads have reduced in pickle factories and scrubbing steps at four dollars a week.

> The St. Louis Republican says if all the big farms in Missouri were my sake?" divided up and sold, leaving one-half and in some cases only one-fourth to the owner, it would be an advantage both to the proprietors and to the

Commanders of whaling vessels which have arrived at San Francisco report the sea opened to an unparalleled extent in the Arctic. Some She's just the girl you want, and she'll whalers went further north than their love you within an inch of your life." charts extended.

Mr. W. J. Best having offered to carry is new Midland Railroad through Harnet County on condition that the people would raise \$50,000 for the purpose, a public meeting of the citizens was had and a committee appointed to open books for subscriptions. They will probably raise the money.

The Paper World notes the fact that the United States has more paper mills than any other country in the world. We have 960 mills; Great Brittian 659, Germany 543, France 539; other Countries far below these figures. The business of paper making is very prosperous in this country, and at the same ratio of increase it will not be long before foreign made papers will be a thing of the past.

Mr. Best at Fayetteville, recently, had conference with leading gentlemen there on Railroad subjects, from the Examiner's report of which, we glean the fact that after reaching Smithtield, he will pause for a while to consider the situation. The Examiner goes on to

Mr. Best claims that the Midland Road from Greensboro to Salisbury will be about 162 miles long, or nineteen miles sorter than the North Carolina Road. That is probably correct. The distance to Salisbury by of Fayetteville from Goldsboro would be about 180 miles, or eighteen miles further than his projected ronte. But nearly fifty miles of our road is finished, and beyond that a portion of the road now graded could be used in reaching Salisbury.

minds of the Midland men, and that is to go for Charlotte instead of Salisbury. If they fail to get the Western N. C. Road this now very rare North American bird. back from the Clyde Syndicate, they can The most remarkable thing about ic, Salisbury, and a Charlotte connection might be more advantageous, as the latter is a much better point to collect freight and business. Efforts are now being made to divert the Midland in that direction.

We do not know that it is possible for the people of Rowan to exert any controlling influence in this matter. They have certainly no right to ask the Richmond and Danville Syndicate to surrender the Western N. C. R. R., having come into possession of it honestly, and are complying with the terms of purchase as nearly as possible. There is no reasonable hope in that direction; and the only other thing remaining as likely to do any good, is to make an offer of money towards building the Midland Road to this

It is worth remembering that nobody en joys the nicest surroundings if in bad health There are mserable people about to-day with one foot in the grave, when a lottle of Parker's Ginger Tonic would do them more good than all the doctors and medicines Oc18-Nov18.

The Wrong Girl.

His name was Augustus Smythe; he was a clerk in a dry goods store, and didn't earn enough to starve decently on, but with that sublime assurance which distinguishes the la de-dah young man of the day, he was paying attention to the prettiest girl in Detroit. He managed by not paying his washer-woman and tailor to take her to operas and theaters, Senator Williams says that dignity, but as times were getting hard he concluded to marry her and save the expense of boarding. By some process of mental arithmetic known to the genius he decided that what was not enough for one was enough for two, and forthwith he con-Mr. W. J. Best tells the News and Observer cluded to pop. He knew that his persistent visits had kept all the other young men away, so he had no fears of a rival. When the time came and he found himself in the company of his Laura in her papa's comfortable parlor he leisurely Sitting Bull recently served as seated himself by her on the sofa, took mate on board the steamer Key West her little dimpled hand, used only to tinat Fort Buford. The crew deserted kle the piano with, and said in a bronze

> "Dear Miss Laura, I have concluded to marry."

Laura started, as he intended she should. Then he resumed, grandiloquently: "I want a dear little girl about your size with a great big heart, just like yours to share my lot."

"Is it on Jefferson avenue?" murmered

"No, dearest, it is on Croghan street, love? I want a girl who is good tempered, smart, economical, and who loves me. The San Francisco Post quietly ob- Darling, do you know of such a one?"

> "One who would rather live with me in poverty than dwell with some other man in riches? Who would esteem it a pleasure to serve me, cook my meals, keep the house tidy, and listen for my footsteps? who would rise early and sit up late for

"Oh, how beautiful," murmured Laura; "just like a dear, self-sacrificing man "

"Do you know such a one, my angel ?" "Yes, I do," responded Laura, fervently; "but you must not call me your angel for she might not like it; she's in the kitchen now washing dishes, and she told mother this morning she'd just as leave get married this winter as live out. if she only felt able to support a husband.

But Augustus Smythe had fled into the outer darkness; the too muchness of the occasion overcame him like a summer cloud: - Detroit Post.

Health Hints.

Try popcorn for nausea.

Try cranberries for malaria.

Try a sunbath for theumatism.

Try ginger ale for stomach cramps.

Mry clam broth for a weak stomach. Try cranberry poultice for erysipelas. Try eating radishes and yellow turnips

Try swallowing saliva when troubled

Try a wet towel to the back of the neck

when sleepless. Try buttermilk for removal of freckles, an and butternut stains.

Try eating onions and horseradish to relieve dropsical swellings. Try to cultivate an equable temper and

don't borrow trouble ahead. Try hot dry flannel over the seat of reuralgic pain and renew frequently.

Try taking your codliver oil in tomate catsup, if you want to make it palatable. Try breathing the fumes of turpentine or carbolic acid to relieve whooping

Try taking a nap in the afternoon if ron are going to be out late in the even-

Try a cloth wrung out from cold water put about the neck at night for sore hroats .- Dr. Foote's Health Monthly.

Monthly gives an interesting account of however, is its habit, in the breeding season, of drumming on a hollow log with its wings. It is not a very heavy bird, yet if it finds a log suited to its purpose, he can, by striking it with his wings make a drumming noise which can be heard half a mile. They stand on the log and strike at first slow and measured licks, gradually increasing until it is a perfect roll.

ONE MORE CONGRESSMEN. - The census eturns show that North Carolina is entitled to nine instead of 8 Congressmen. The apportionment under the new ceusus will be made by the next Congress, which will meet 5th December. The apportion ment, if made early, will probably necessitate an extra session of the State Legislature to make a new arrangement of Congressional Districts, as otherwise we shall be unprepared to enjoy the full benefit of the number of members in Congress we shall be entitled to have.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 25 .- A destructive fire at the wharfs. Two floating Elevators and the wharfs destroyed, involving a heavy loss.