

BILL ARP'S LETTER

THE OLD SAGE TALKS A LITTLE POLITICS.

He shows what the people don't know about the dogged tariff—How about deciding.

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iff that worries us. It is these every day expenses that never stop. There is no tariff on wood, or coal, or meat, or bread, or coffee, or school bills, or music lessons, or going to every fool show that comes along.

It has been said that there is nothing about which the American will not quarrel, and it may be affirmed with equal truth that there is nothing in life too serious to be ridiculed.

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TRUE KNOWLEDGE.

DIFFICULTIES THAT SOMETIME ATTEND ITS PURSUIT

The charming story of Sweet Ivy Geer as she treads the flowery Pathway of Learning.

Ivy had remained speechless from amazement; but when Mrs. Simm had finished, she said with a sudden accession of womanly dignity that surprised the good housekeeper.

"Ivy, I can't tell you how you should speak in this way to me. If you suppose I am not quite able to take care of myself, I assure you you are very much mistaken."

"Dear heart, I don't think so. I only told you, so you needn't say. Why, I should as soon think of marrying the angel Gabriel!"

"No, don't talk so dear; he's no more than man, after all; but still you know, he's no fit match for you. To say nothing of his being older, and all that, I don't think it's the right place for you. Your father and mother are very nice folks; I am sure nobody could ask for better neighbors, and their good work is in everybody's mouth; and they have brought you up as a sensible girl, but, my dear, you know it's nothing at all to you that you ain't used to splendor, and you wouldn't take to it natural like. You'd get tired of that way of life, and want to go back to the old-fashioned, and you'd most likely have to leave your father and mother; for it's noways probable Mr. Clerron will stay here always; and when he goes back to the city, I think what a dreary life you'll have to lead."

"I know, well, that's neither here nor there; but, as I was saying, here you'll have them on the one side, and all the fine ladies on the other, and a great house, and servants, and parties to see to, and all that sort of thing, you'd be in three years, if you know when you're well off, you'll stay at home, and marry and settle down like the old folks. Believe me, my dear, it's a bad thing both for the man and the woman, when she marries above her."

"I'll promise me never to mention this thing to me, or to any one else, in the most distant manner!"

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NEWS OF A WEEK.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD AROUND US.

The Scotland Neck Democrat claims that Scotland Neck has a population of 1200 inhabitants.

The Fayetteville Ice Factory has started running with a view of laying in a supply to meet the summer demand.

The citizens of Mt. Airy will celebrate the completion of the C. P. & Y. V. in May by a grand train display, a cavalry display, etc.

The Raleigh Recorder says that Rev. W. J. Fulford, of Snow Hill, has resigned his charge in the county of Greene, and accepted a call to four churches in the South Yankin Association.

The Gastonia N. C. Cotton Manufacturing Company are purchasing machinery for a new mill to be erected there. The mill will be built for 6,000 spindles, 3,000 of which will be put in this summer.

The Scotland Neck Democrat says: "Blissful Johnson, a colored preacher, having some time since woods east of Mr. J. White Bill's farm, went to look after it on Friday the 16th and has not been heard of since."

The Young Men's Christian Association of Raleigh will celebrate its twenty-ninth anniversary on Monday the 19th of March. Mr. C. B. Yateman, who is now preaching at Charlotte, S. C. will hold a series of meetings at Raleigh under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. as soon as practicable.

The Timmonsville S. C. Farmer's Friend gives an account of the marriage of H. J. Jolly and Miss Julia Brown, of that county, exactly one week after the death of Mr. Jolly's wife.

The Charlotte Democrat says: Two of the new cotton factory companies recently organized in this city, will go to work immediately erecting buildings, getting machinery, &c. Sites have already been selected for two, and the third new one will soon be under way.

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