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TWINKLINGS.

— Ethel: How happy Gladys looks night! Edythe: Yes, she ex have a chance to accept Fred or n down Charley, and she doesn't e which.—Cincinnati Commerl Tribune.

— Willie: Pa, how many quarts es it take to make a peck? Pa: all depends, my son. Less than e quart, for instance, will someies make a peck of trouble.—Philelphia Ledger.

— Employer (to new office boy): s the cashier told you what you to do this afternoon? Office y: Yes, sir; I'm to wake him en I see you coming.—Scraps.

— Homer—What's the difference time between Chicago and Paris? under—Well, that depends on the d of time you are looking for.—icago News.

— It is bitter cold," remarked the ivering husband. "Why don't u button up your jacket?" "The a!" exclaimed the wife. "Why, I did that no one would know it lined with fur."—Indianapolis ntinel.

— She: My husband told me to t my purse in my grip so I uldn't lose it. He: Did it make y difference? She: Yes; instead losing only my purse in the train, eft the grip.—Detroit Free Press.

— "I assure you, I'm always lling to acknowledge my faults en I see them." "That's all ght, but I'll bet you never acowledge them when your neighr sees them."—Philadelphia Press.

— "How can you let George boss u around that way? I always ought you so independent." Yes, dear, but you mustn's forget at Christmas is only four weeks way."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

— Suitor—Why do you look that y when I tell you that I love your ughter and would die for her? pa—I said that same thing about y old girl, but you never heard of e hearse backing up to the door, d you?—Philadelphia Telegraph.

— First Bachelor—Suppose you w some beautiful scenery coming er the Rockies. What was it like? econd Bachelor—It had gray eyes d brown hair and a blue gown; it t just across the aisle from me.—etroit Free Press.

— Mother: I understand Mr. Hugrd is to call upon you again this ening. Ethel: Of course, mama;'re engaged. "What! Didn't I ll you not to give that young man y encouragement at all?" "Yes, ama, but he didn't need any enuragement."—Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Gabble—Mrs. Kraft has been arried ten years, I'm sure. I wonr how old she when she mared? Mrs. Bizzy—I tried to find at out the other day. Mrs. Gabe—What did she say? Mrs. Biz—I asked her at what age she as married, and she said: "At the rsonage."—Philadelphia Press.

—Mrs. Astorbilt—You think his rdship is a bogus nobleman?" rs. Van Nobb—I'm eertain of it. e's a street car conductor in disuise. Mrs. Astorbilt—What makes u think so! Mrs. Van Nobb—hy, when I told him he was to be rs. Bullion's escort at dinner, he ent up to her and said, "I believe am to have the honor of taking u out. Step lively, please."

— Raleigh Post: The Post is not epared to accept the dictum of e Windsor Ledger in regard to e Democratic caucus taking charge all matters likely to come before e Legislature. Debates are dry d monotonous sometimes, but the terests of the people will be subrved, generally speaking, by the eatest liberty of speech and acon upon the part of their chosen presentatives.

Detectives believe that some man as the accomplice of Mrs. Cassie Chadwick in getting over a half illion dollars from those bankers. We deny the allegation and defy e alligator" so far as we are conrned.

A man is never so unsuspecting when his wife goes into his pock to get money enough to buy m a Christmas present.

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FIRST ARMISTICE AT PORT ARTHUR.

Arranged for Six Hours Under Flag of Truce for Removal of Dead and Wounded.

JAPS' NAVAL PREPARATIONS.

Warships in Readiness for an Encounter With the Russian Second Pacific Squadron — Outpost Fighting Near Mukden.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

TOKIO, Dec. 3.—The first armistice between the combatants at Port Arthur was declared on December 2d, for the purpose of burying the dead. It lasted six hours.

The Port Arthur besiegers report that yesterday bearers of flags of truce in the direction of the left wing arranged for a partial armistice to extend from ten o'clock in the morning to four in the afternoon for the removal of the dead and wounded.

To Meet Russian Fleet.

CHE FOO, Dec. 3.—Japanese preparedness for an encounter with the Russian second squadron was evidenced by the officers of the French steamer Bin-Than, which left Japan November 30th and arrived here today. Near Sasebo they saw the Japanese battleship Mikasa unscarred and evidently repaired and painted. Forty miles south of the Shantung promontory the officers of the Bin-Thuan sighted the Japanese battleship Ashahi, similarly rehabilitated. She was steaming north. The repair work of the Japanese fleet has been progressing with geat secrecy since August.

The torpedo boat and torpedo boat destroyer flotilla is reported to have been maintained in good shape. The boats are mostly at the Japanese naval base and at Port Dalny.

Outpost Fighting.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 3.—General Sakharoff, telegraphing yesterday, reports a successful reconnoisance by sharpshooters Thursday night in the direction of the Japanese entrenchments southwest of Lungoon (Tunganon?) The Russians first bayonetted a Japanese outpost of thirty men, sur mounted barb-wire entanglements, entered the entrenchments and bayonetted another twenty Japanese. Reinforcements coming up attacked the sharpshooters with hand grenades, forcing the Russians to retire. The Russians carried off five dead and 14 wounded, some Japanese rifles and equipments.

Attacks by Russians.

MUKDEN, Dec. 3.—All day Friday Russian siege guns bombarded villages occupied by the Japanese to the east of the railroad and early this morning to the west of the railroad. Don Cossacks routed the Japanese south of Lidiatoun and captured eight guns. This brilliant attack, described by a Chinese who dressed as a Cossack participated in the attack, is as follows:

"When volunteers were called for from two infantry regiments, every man stepped forward, but the Cossacks in chorus asked not to be left behind when the little party was formed. The order was given to depart at 2 o'clock in the morning and all the men advanced with extreme caution and in dead silence, sometimes crawling and sometimes running. The party divided and attacked the Japanese position from two sides. The Japanese were sound asleep and did not even have time to raise a cry before all was over.

"Again we advanced and soon saw before us the outlines of a battery. All the Japanese were asleep except the sentries. The Japanese had not expected such an audacious and sudden attack and when the Don Cossacks charged on a dead run, followed by chasseurs on foot, the Japanese were badly scared and unable to realized what was happening. They rushed half dressed from their tents, only to be received by spears and bayonets. The fight lasted only a few minutes when the whole camp broke and fled in a wild panic, leaving eight guns on our hands. We had no losses and only one man was slightly wounded. The Japanese left at least fifteen dead and probably as many more were wounded."

Continued crouching in rifle pits and incessant firing have so hardened the men to danger that they ignore it. Peculiar war sports are becoming popular among the troops.

Gen. Rennenkampff's Cossacks are still in pursuit of the Japanese and have driven them out of the villages of Intsagoundzy and Dapindunigan, taking many prisoners and rifles.

Age and Respect.

A writer in the Ladies' Field states vigorously that she is not a believer in "respect due to age." "Why respect should be considered the sole prerogative of age is a thing I have never been able to understand. When people have displayed consistent foolishness or vacuity throughout their youth and middle age why should a younger and perhaps wiser generation be expected to look up to them with reverence simply because seventy years have passed over their heads? Respect, surely, should be a question of character and not of age."

Assistance.

"Which of these books or periodicals would you recommend?" asked the woman, with a pleasant smile.

"Well, lady," answered the boy who was attending to the depot news stand, "it depends. If you want genuine first class information I'd sell you dis copy of de Sportin' News, but if you jis' wants somethin' to t'row at de Pullman porter I'd recommend dis substantial bound book by Herbert Spencer."—Washington Star.

His Grievance.

"Uncle Ephraim, you are looking much better. You found something that cured your rheumatism, did you?"

"Yes, suh. But it cured me too quick, suh. I didn't get no use out on dem two dollah an' a half crutches I bought week befo' last."—Chicago Tribune.

Unselfish.

"Sir," she cried when he kissed her, "you forget yourself!"

"Oh, no," he said; "I got half of it myself. The other half was your share."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Cossack (Kosak) is a word of Asiatic origin meaning a highwayman on horseback.

Papa's Duty.

He—I was thinking of having my fortune told. She—You needn't go to the trouble. As you have proposed to me, papa will see all about that.—Judge.

Where the speech is corrupted the mind is also.—Seneca.

COTTON CROP OVER TWELVE MILLION BALES.

Report of the Department of Agriculture. Caused Sensational Break in Prices. Net Decline of 52 to 57 Points.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Preliminary returns to the chief of the bureau of statistics, Department of Agriculture, show a total production of cotton in the United States in the year 1904-05, of 12,162,000 bales. Round bales have been included in this estimate and reduced to their equivalent in square bales. The estimate does not include linters. The estimated production by States will be made public December 5th, at 11 A. M.

In the preparation and issuance of the cotton report, Secretary Wilson gave a demonstration of the precautions to avoid advance information leaking out. Representatives Burgess of Texas and Ransdell of Louisiana were invited by the secretary to witness the preparation of the estimate. The party was locked in the private office of the statistician and the reports from all the cotton districts were taken into the room. The doors were locked from the outside and the secretary then gave orders for the opening of the reports. The estimate of the crop for the year 1904-1905 was then prepared and sent out, before any person in the room was permitted to leave or communicate with any person from the outside. "In this manner the cotton estimates are invariably made," said Secretary Wilson, "and all human ingenuity is used to prevent leakage of information."

The Break in Prices.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The government estimate of the cotton crop, placing the yield at 12,162,000 bales, issued to day, was a surprise to more people perhaps than any government report of recent years. While a few of the more extreme bears had been talking 12,000,000 bales or over, the average even in bearish circles locally was that the government estimate would be under that figure.

The announcement was followed by another sensational break in prices. The decline that has been in progress now for over a month and carried the market down from 11 cents to 8½ cents proved insufficient in the estimation of the trade to fully reflect the new condition of affairs and a crop of the size reported. There was undoubtedly a big short interest in the market, but in spite of covering, prices declined nearly half a cent in less than half an hour of trading. January, which was sold around 8.56 during the forenoon, was depressed to 8.10, and other months suffered in like measure. The market was very excited, with trading exceedingly active.

The official close was barely steady at a net decline of fifty-two to fifty-seven points, with January, which had closed on yesterday at 8.56, quoted at 8 cents and March at 8.20. The business was enormous and in spite of additional wires secured for the day by some houses there were many orders remaining unexecuted after the close of the market, when the sales footed up about 900,000 bales. This, it was said, led to a considerable volume of trading in an unofficial way after the noon hour. Quotations on these transactions so far as could be learned, ranged within about three points of the closing figures. March, it was reported, sold around 8.17.

A LYNCHING THREATENED.

Negroes Arrested at Thomson, Ga., Confessed the Murder of R. G. Story, a Prominent Planter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

AUGUSTA, GA., Dec. 3.—Guy Reid and John Butler, negroes, at Thomson, to-day, confessed the murder of R. G. Story, a prominent planter, whose body was found in a swamp yesterday. They said they killed him because he would not let them leave the cotton field Wednesday to attend a funeral. There is great excitement at Thomson and lynching is threatened. Judge Hammond left Augusta this afternoon to arrange a special term of court next week to try the negroes.

MACON, GA., Dec. 3.—A special to The Telegraph from Thomson, Ga., says:

There was a strong feeling here of lynching but since then there has been a meeting at the Court House, where there assembled a large crowd together with Judge Hammond, who came up from Augusta and promised a speedy trial, which will take place Tuesday, the sixth.

At this hour the crowd is dispersing and it is hoped that all danger of lynching is passed.

NEGRO DESPERADO.

Man Charged With Murdering His Wife's Grandmother Near Scale, Ala.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, GA., Dec. 3.—A special from Scale, Ala., to the Enquirer-Sun, says that Wm. Vaughn, who is charged with robbing, murdering and cremating in her home his wife's grandmother, and who later made a sensational escape from the deputy sheriff, was captured to-day near the scene of his alleged crime. The negro had a bullet wound in his left arm which was inflicted by the deputy sheriff when he escaped. The capture was made by a white man and two negroes. After his capture Vaugh was taken from his captors by parties in the community and his present whereabouts is unknown to the officers. It is stated that there was imminent danger of mob violence when the negro was captured.

A Novelist's Characters.

Stevenson said that George Meredith once read him some chapters of "The Egoist" while it was still in manuscript. As the character of the Egoist developed be (Stevenson) grew more and more uncomfortable till at last he interrupted the reading and said, "Now, own up, Mere[illegible], you drew Sir Willoughby fro[illegible] Meredith burst into his Homeric laugh and said: "No, no, my dear fellow—he is all of us. But I found him," tapping his own breast, "mainly here."—William Archer's "Real Conversations."

Going.

Mrs. Nexdore—That piano we bought for our daughter was a great bargain. We bought it at an auction, you know. Mrs. Pepprey—Oh, that may account for it! Mrs. Nexdore—Account for what? Mrs. Pepprey—The fact that it's going, going, going.

Woman's Rights.

Hettie—I believe in woman's rights. Gertie—Then you think every woman should have a vote? Hettie—No, but I think every woman should have a voter.

The civilized savage is the worst of all savages.—Weber.

MRS. C. L. CHADWICK'S CASE.

Her Financial Affairs Further Complicated by Issuance of an Attachment by New York Creditors.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The final affairs of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick were further complicated to-day by the issuance of an attachment against her property for $1,367.50, on behalf of a firm of milliners of this city. The application was made by lawyer Theodore H. Friend, on the ground that Mrs. Chadwick is a debtor and is not a resident of this State.

The writ of attachment against Mrs. Chadwick's personal property was served upon the clerk and manager of the Holland House this afternoon. Lawyer Friend holds that this was sufficient to act as a service and would prevent Mrs. Chadwick from removing any of her personal property from the hotel.

"There is absolutely nothing to prevent Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick from leaving the Holland House with her baggage, if she sees fit," said Philip Carpenter, counsel for Mrs. Chadwick, to-night, when asked concerning the report that a writ of attachment had been served.

"The papers were served on the manager of the hotel and not on my client personally, and that fact renders the service null and void," continued Mr. Carpenter.

"As a matter of fact, Mrs. Chadwick has no intention of leaving New York for a few days, but there would be no legal objection if she saw fit, according to my view of the law."

In contradiction to the statement of Mr. Carpenter, Deputy Sheriff Frank O'Rinn said to day that he served the attachment on Mrs. Chadwick personally, after serving it on a clerk and manager Harriman of the Holland House.

Rinn says he was permitted to go to the Chadwick apartments where he found Mrs. Chadwick reclining on a couch. Owing to her deafness Rinn says he was obliged to carry on a conversation in loud voice. When he made his errand known the deputy says Mrs. Chadwick took the papers and placed them on a table beside her. He continued:

"I then searched the rooms as well as I could, but all I could find there was a small hand-bag and the woman's hat and jacket.

"We have been informed that Mrs. Chadwick has changed her apartments in the Holland House three times. We believe that the handbag that I found in her room does not constitute all her effects.

A story was published in an evening paper to the effect that several detectives, alleged to be in the employ of a millionaire, whose name has been used in connection with the Chadwick case, are shadowing Mrs. Chadwick. According to this rumor two detectives are in the Holland House in the guise of patrons, while others are watching the exits and lounging about the corridors. The hotel management is quite unaware of the alleged presence of detectives and it has been impossible to confirm the story.

FIRE AT ST. LOUIS.

One Man Burned to Death and Four Young Women Severely Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—One man was burned to death and four young women nurses were severely injured by jumping from windows and in running through the flames while escaping from the nurseshome of the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium, which was partly destroyed by fire to-day. The sanitarium itself was not touched by the flames. The dead man is Frank Roberts, a fireman, employed in the sanitarium, who lost his life in attempting to save the nurses. The fire is believed to have started from the furnace.

THE FIRST BANKS.

They Were Established In Italy In the Ninth Century.

The first banks of which we have record were established in Italy so far back as 808 by the Lombard Jews, who had benches, or counters, erected in the market places for the exchange of money and bills. It is from their banco, or bench, that banks have taken their name.

The earliest bankers were also goldsmiths and dealers in precious stones, but with the advance of civilization banking became a distinct business. Merchants had deposited their cash in the mint in the Tower of London until Charles I. laid hands upon the money in 1640. In 1645 traders agreed to lodge their money with the goldsmiths of Lombard street, who had strong chests for their own valuables, and this was the origin of banking in Britain.

The chief banks in Europe were established as follows: Venice, 1171; Genoa, 1345; Hamburg, 1619; Holland, 1635; Bank of England, 1694; Scotland, 1695; Ireland, 1783; France, 1803; United States, 1816.

Handwriting on Iron.

It was an accident that led to the discovery of the method of transferring handwriting to iron. An iron founder while experimenting with molten iron under different conditions accidentally dropped a ticket into a mold. He presently found that the type of the ticket was transferred to the iron in distinct characters. Following up the idea which this fact suggested, he procured a heatproof ink, with which he wrote invertedly on ordinary white paper. This paper was introduced into the mold before the molten iron was poured in. When the mold cooled the paper had been consumed by the heat, but the ink, which had remained intact, had left a clear impression on the iron.

Ungainly, but King of Soaring Birds.

No one would be likely to imagine, for example, that so heavy and, in fact, apparently ungainly a bird as a pelican is a king among soaring birds. After much flopping when these great birds have acquired headway the broad wings are spread, and in majestic circles they mount skyward, with only an occasional flap of the wing, often passing beyond the range of one's vision.—Country Life In America.

Boarding House Amenities.

First Landlady (pointedly)—Well, thank heaven I haven't got no skeletons in my cupboards. Second Landlady (sweetly)—Nobody thought for a minute that you kept your boarders there.

Never pose as an angel until you are sure that your wings have sprouted a good crop of pin feathers.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

—The Naval Reserves' Carnival was very well patronized last night and the crowds of people seemed to enjoy themselves. The carnival will continue this week with the addition of a number of other attractions. Next week Manager DeVaney will take the shows for a week's carnival in Clinton.

MOVING PICTURES.

They Were Used by the Egyptians Long Centuries Ago.

There is reason to suppose that the terrible scenes by which initiates into the ancient Egyptian mysteries were impressed were some sort of moving pictures, although how they were produced before the invention of glass lenses can only be surmised.

From the fourteenth century onward such representations were almost as common, though not, of course, so perfect, as they are nowadays. Chaucer mentions them as the "appearances which subtail tregetours perform at feasts," the kind of shows which would appeal to the taste of the period famed for hunting, hawking and jousting, which were represented. As lenses were known at this date these appearances were probably managed by some kind of rude magic lantern, although that in its modern form was not known until long afterward.

Whatever the apparatus was, its use must have been very widely spread, for such diverse witnesses as Benvenuto Cellini and Sir John Mandeville testify to having seen its results. The latter has left it on record that he saw moving pictures at the court of the Great Khan in central Asia.

DWARF TREES.

The Abnormal Growths That Are Produced by the Japanese.

The curious modification of natural growth dates far back. We read that in 1826 Professor Meylan saw a box, one inch square and three inches high, in which were growing a fir, a bamboo and a tiny plum tree thick with blossom.

The Swedish botanist and traveler Carl Thunberg in 1807 described a number of these abnormal growths and told of the pride with which Japanese garden experts produced dwarf trees for practical purposes as well as those weird little midgets which excite our wonder. He saw, for instance, orange trees six inches high which bore fruit the size of a cherry, "and yet sweet and palatable."

The secret of their system is based upon such well known principles as the retardation of the flow of sap, the selection of the smallest seeds, gathered from the smallest trees; a minimum supply of water and the nipping out of leaders and the checking of taproots and of all vigorous shoots. They take for their purpose trees which retain vitality under most adverse conditions. The Chinese are their sole rivals in this eccentric art.

DIAGNOSING PAIN.

Physical Signs Which Distinguish Real From Assumed Suffering.

"'How do you diagnose pain?' was one of the questions put by the state board the year I received my diploma," said a young dentist. "I was rather stumped at the time, but I have since learned that the query was a perfectly natural one. The idea is to differentiate between real pain and assumed pain. There are some people so stoical while in the operating chair that not a sound escapes them, not even the suspicion of a grunt, though they may be suffering severely. On the other hand, there are people, men and women alike, who try to give the impression that every touch of an instrument is torture.

"But there are always physical signs by which we can distinguish between the real and the assumed suffering. Beads of perspiration on the forehead is one, and when the pain is not so severe, but still keen enough to be felt, there is an involuntary twitching of the muscles of the eyelid. Then we know it's the real thing and act accordingly. Why, I have even known women to pretend to faint and carry the bluff through when they were not suffering the slightest pain."—Philadelphia Record.

"Has Miss Lotta Dough encouraged you any?"

"Why, yes. When I told her I was too poor to assume matrimonial responsibilities she asked me if I was too proud to take a tip."

"What did you say?"

"I said I'd be glad to get it."

"And then?"

"And then she said I ought to marry a rich girl."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

As it Struck the Old Man.

A young lady of Galesburg who had been married a little over a year wrote to her father in Carthage saying, "We have the dearest little cottage in the world, ornamented with the most charming little creepers you ever saw."

The old man read the letter and exclaimed, "Twins, by thunder!"—Burlington (Ill.) Journal.

Leading a Double Life.

"Klymer has a farm a short distance out in the country, hasn't he?"

"Yes."

"Then what is he practicing medicine in town for?"

"He has to do it to make money enough to pay what he loses by his farming."—Chicago Tribune.

They Are Usually So.

"Some of these verses for monuments," observed the widow, who was making a selection, "are very sweet indeed."

"Yes, ma'am," answered the marble cutter, without ceasing his work of carving. "Most of 'em is epitaphy, you might say."—Judge.

Inflated.

"This picture," said the artist, indicating an exquisite marine view, "is valued at $50,000."

"H'm!" remarked the stockbroker, "there's a lot of water in it, isn't there?"—Catholic Standard and Times.

Just So.

Ev'n now the grafter sometimes gets
A taste of law in his'n,
For, soon or late, the paths of plunder
Lead but to the prison.
—Chicago Tribune.

The Self Made Man.

The self made man is the one who has taken advantage of his self made opportunities.—Philadelphia Record.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

—Governor Peabody says he will submit to the will of the people of Colorado. Another instance of making virtue of a necessity.—Washington Post.

—It will be for the United States Senate to decide whether the Crum nomination was one of the "issues" decided upon at the polls.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

—"The voting machine is coming into great favor at the North." At the South it has been put out of commission by the new constitutions.—Richmond News-Leader.

—Australia and Tasmania exported last year to England 703,000 cases of apples, losing by its venture two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Uncle Sam is the world's boss apple raiser and vendor.—Louisville Herald.

—There is a report out that Roosevelt does not approve of the scheme to reduce Southern representation in Congress. In which case how can life be worth living to Attorney General Moody and Congressman Crumpacker?—Macon Telegraph.

—The Illinois building at the St. Louis Exposition has been sold for $4,250. It cost upward of $80,000. Somehow statements like this one bring to mind the prices at which transport ships were bought and sold as one consequence of the Spanish-American war.—Savannah News.

—The appointment of Stonewall Jackson Christian to West Point by the president was, no doubt, intended to show that he is to make good his reported intention of giving the South a square deal. If the appointment is taken to show his personal feelings, well and good, but until it is demonstrated that these same sentiments are to guide him in his political course we cannot see wherein the incident possesses any peculiar significance.—Columbia Record.

—The simple truth is, there has not been a united Democratic party in this country for eight years. Whether there is to be one in the future; whether there is to be under the Democratic name a party wedded to Democratic principles, or whether that name is to be used as a Trojan horse for the exploitation of principals radically un-Democratic, are questions not worth considering now, because they are questions which only the future can answer.—Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.

—Prof. Beatty, of the textile school of Clemson College, has distributed a circular among cotton mill men asking their views as to the possibility of increasing the opportunity for training young men for higher efficiency in cotton mill work. His idea, generally, is for mills to offer a two-year scholarship of about $50 per year to an employe in the Clemson textile school. It is an eminently practical suggestion. There is now and will be to a larger extent in the future a need for such skilled labor, and it would be advantageous to the mills, it seems, to aid all in their power in securing it and from among our own people.—Columbia Record.

The Lutheran Synodical Board of St. Louis, Mo., will locate a college in Greensboro, N. C., for the education of negro boys. Work on the college buildings, which together with necessary residences will cost $50,000, will begin in the Spring so that the college may open for the Fall session.

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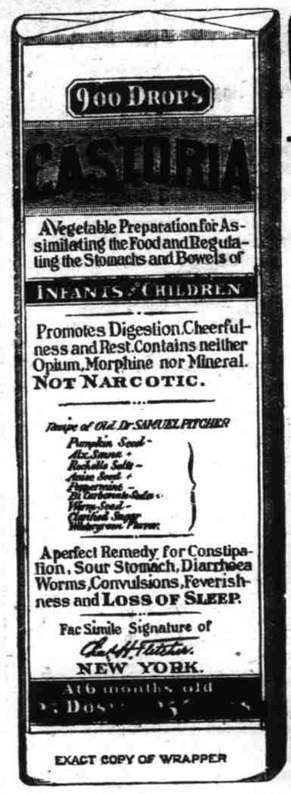

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$1.25	" "	98c	50c	Horns	25c
15c	" "	10c	15c	"	10c
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