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Poetry.

"FOUND DROWNED."

They brought her up from the river side,
And laid her down on the rocking chair,
With her dragged dress and her tattered shoes,
And her bosom crossed by a broad scarf.

Selected Story.

AN ONLY OFFER.

"Aunt Phoebe, we've ever pretty?"
"Then he died, or went away?"
"Or deserted you?"
"Then you deceived him I suppose?"

went away without entering the house.
Father put his hands in his pockets
and watched him out of sight; then,
looking at me, he said: "Put the
spare rooms in order, Phoebe."

one was in the fields or orchard; only
the doctor and Alfred and I were in
the house. Early in the afternoon a
boy came from the village with a letter
to Dr. Orman, and he seemed
very much perplexed and at a loss
how to act.

subject until both felt it to be ex-
hausted—at least for that night. Julia
drew aside the heavy satin curtains,
and looking out, said:
"It is showing heavily, aunt; to-
morrow we can have a sleigh ride.
Why, there is a sleigh at our door!"

Starving to Death.
Minnie Siebach is the daughter of
a tailor whose scant earnings for
more than two years have gone to
the support of an invalid daughter
and a devoted wife and mother.

From Small Beginnings.
It is not necessary that a boy who
learns a trade should follow it all his
life. Governor Palmer, of Illinois,
was a country blacksmith; once,
Thomas Hays, a rich and eminent
lawyer, also of Illinois, was once a
book-binder.

STATE NEWS.
A Rare Offer.
A young lady of Charlotte offers
herself as a prize to the young man
whom she will refrain from men-
tioning the name of either of the Presi-
dential candidates until after the elec-
tion.—Greensboro Patriot.
Newspaper Removed.
The Fayetteville Banner has de-
cided to remove to Lenoir, to be
published there under another
name. It is a good point and we
wish it success in its new field.—Wil-
mington Review.
Struck by Lightning.
Matthew Wilder, of Harnett county,
lost his barn the other day by being
struck by lightning. All the
wheat and forage in the barn was
destroyed. His mule came near being
burned.—Raleigh Visitor.
A Question.
A chicken was found the other
day in the upper edge of Harnett
county following a "ho" partridge
around, with as much grace and com-
fort as if the partridge had been its
mother. The question is how come
that young chicken with a wild par-
tridge in the woods?—Raleigh Visitor.
Living Without Water.
We are informed that the late Land-
wick Summers, in Guilford county,
died fifteen years without touching a
drop of water. But he drank milk
and cider. He was hale and hearty,
worked hard in the field, and was
over 70 when he died.—Reidsville Times.
First Bale of Cotton.
The Charlotte Observer says that the
first bale of new North Carolina cotton
came from under the very shadow of
the mountains. It was raised in
Cleveland county and sold in Shelby
on Monday at the extraordinary price
of 15 cents per pound. Early cotton
is not unusual in Cleveland; al-
most the first bale sold last year, was
brought in Shelby market.
Guthrie Complimented.
We are reliably informed that Maj.
Wm. A. Guthrie, who left our town
a fortnight ago to attend the supreme
Lodge of Knights of Pythias which
meets in St. Louis this month, dur-
ing a short stay in Washington city
was waited upon by a committee re-
presenting a body of 100 Hancock
Republicans and implored to can-
vass the doubtful States for Hancock.
—Fayetteville Banner.
Drowned.
Robert Perry, a white youth, some
seventeen years of age, was drowned
on Saturday, in Granville, almost on
the Wake line. He was bathing in
the mill pond of John Chappell, and
dived from the bank. He never re-
appeared alive. When his body was
recovered after some hours, a wound
was found in his temple, and he must
have struck a rock or a snag, under
the water.—Raleigh Observer.
At Last Found.
A lawyer, named Boynton, from
Michigan, was arrested in Wall street
recently for offering to sell two bonds,
one a South Carolina State bond for
\$1,000, the other a railroad bond for
\$500, which had been stolen from
Thomas Kerison of Columbia, S. C.,
during Sherman's occupation of that
city in 1865. Boynton said he had
received them for professional services
from a widow whose brother was a
soldier in Sherman's army. The
South would be a good deal richer if
all such stealing could be recovered.
—Raleigh News.
Brental Murder.
One of the most brutal and cold
blooded murders was committed at
Marion S. C., on the night of 5th inst.,
ever known. Mr. David Harrell a
pious, inoffensive christian citizen, of
that village, was killed. Having just
finished supper about dark and start-
ing back to his store, he was assailed
by some one, and was knocked
down with an axe or hatchet, break-
ing his skull in three places, which
caused death in about an hour. The
"murder" which is thought to be the
murderer is now in jail, with suffi-
cient evidence to convict him. He
will never have the pleasure of a trial,
as he will undoubtedly be lynched. So
note it be.—Lumberton Robesonian.
A Swimming Ox.
A colored man named Woodcock,
who has charge of a flat, reports that
while coming down the river yester-
day morning, and when about two
miles this side of Mosby's Point, his
attention was attracted by a bellow-
ing noise, and soon discovered an ox
swimming in the middle of the stream.
He knew the animal as soon as he
saw him as one belonging to Captain
Piddison, and he called him by name,
when the ox made for the flat, reach-
ing which he managed to get his head
on the gangway, where he held it un-
til the men on the flat could place a
rope around his horns. The animal
then swam behind the flat until it
reached this city, a distance of twen-
ty-eight miles; and there is no telling
how long he had been swimming when
Woodcock took charge of him.—Wil-
mington Star.
Suicide.
John Buchanan, denn of the Elec-
tric Medical College, who was under
heavy bail for his appearance before
the United States Court, to answer
charges of fraudulently issuing medi-
cal diplomas ended his career at 11
o'clock on the 17th inst., by drowning
himself. He jumped from the night
ferry boat between Philadelphia and
Camden. His body was swept away,
and has not been recovered.