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THE SOUTH'S DISCOVERY.

Solution of the Question as to How the Great Supply of Raw Cotton can be Turned to Advantage...

The Southern people are making a discovery. For years the cotton planters of the South attempted to bring which the supply of raw cotton should be kept within prescribed bounds...

It is proverbially said that necessity is the mother of invention, and so as the Southern planters were unable to devise any means which would reduce the cotton crop from year to year...

As soon as The Times heard Mr. Tompkins on that subject it declared forthwith to do its utmost to solve the problem. Tompkins made the discovery and while, like all great discoverers, he was laughed at in the beginning...

STATE NEWS.

Five cadets have been expelled from the Bingham School at Asheville for drunkenness...

A movement is on foot to organize a stock company for the purpose of manufacturing wagons in Mooresville...

The reports of the North Carolina corporation commission, soon to be issued, will show that 108 miles of railroad were built during the fiscal year...

The company which is building the new Coliseum in Yachin county, have in contemplation already the erection of a second mill—even before the first one is equipped...

The supreme court gives J. J. Jefferson, the assassin of Captain Calvin Barnes, from Wilson county, a new trial, on the ground that Barnes' dying statement to his little son, "Ned, have Jefferson arrested," was supposition and not fact...

GENERAL NEWS.

The Filipinos are reported to have placed in Europe a large order for artillery...

The Duke of Westminster, who was the richest man in England and was said to be the richest landowner in the world, is dead...

There is a renewal of the talk of bringing forward ex-Senator Gorman as a rival of Mr. Bryan for the Democratic Presidential nomination...

William Plank, of Muncie, Md., had a startling experience while hunting. He had some loose cartridges for a revolver in his coat pocket, with some smoking tobacco, and in filling his pipe looked it with a cartridge...

The following composition by a little girl won a prize of a fruit cake, offered by a school teacher in the Boston cooking school...

HOOD-UP COMFORTS.

Let young people be on guard against such woe-ful gardening as this, and take heed betimes before the first mischief is done...

North Carolina Leads. Boston, Dec. 27.—The number of textile mills constructed or contemplated in the United States for the last half of 1899, as reviewed by the Wool and Cotton Reporter, is 183 against 116 for the first half of the year...

The editor of The Enterprise Pioneer is what may be termed "a good one"—every inch of him. This is the way he talks to the people...

The Washington correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer says: The Charlotte visitors, consisting of President King and twenty-five young ladies, are thoroughly enjoying their visit to the capital...

The New York Press is seeking information. "Why," it asks, "should Hartford be the centre of insurance in this country instead of New York? Why should Boston be the centre of the copper industry? There is no copper within 1,000 miles of the Hub..."

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"Happy New Year!" Like a bell, Peals the happy, joyous call. "Happy New Year!" Louder yet! "Happy New Year one and all!"

The State Agricultural and Mechanical College will have a new and special feature next year in the shape of short courses in agriculture, at which cattle feeding, grafting, hotbed and greenhouse propagation, poultry raising, staple crops, judging cattle, etc., will be taught.

Senator Butler, in speaking of the report that he is to be the candidate for Governor, says that he will be a candidate for re-election to the Senate and not for gubernatorial honors.

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