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NO DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

Japan is a land without the domestic animals. It is this lack which strikes the stranger so forcibly in looking upon Japanese landscapes. There are no cows; the Japanese neither drink milk nor eat meat. There are but few horses, and these are imported mainly for the use of foreigners. The freight cars in the city streets are pulled and pushed by coolies, and the pleasure carriages are drawn by men. There are but few dogs, and these are neither used as watch dogs, beasts of burden, nor in hunting, except by foreigners. Foreigners will soon break up this monotony. They will place the American hog there to equal for food and to become food, and others will take cats there to sleep on sheds "Oft in the stilly night." They will have animals.

In his literary gossip in the Wilmington Messenger, Dr. Kingsbury, in his usual plain, readable utterances, says: "Mrs. Amelie Rives—we suppose she will drop the Chanler—and her divorce are newspaper and society talk. Why anyone should be surprised at the marital break-up would be a puzzle to solve, after knowing the character of some of her books, notably "The Quick or Dead" and one or two that followed. We never read them and are glad of it. Public opinion pronounced them atrocious, unclean, unhealthy, crude and bold.

An unfortunate young man and woman were driven from a New York theater the other day by the attention given them by the audience. When they left the building they were followed into the street by the crowd, which left the show on the stage to see the young couple at short range, frightening the young lady so she nearly swooned. All this because the young people were mistaken for the Duke of Marlborough and Miss Vanderbilt.

The State Pension Board has completed its work in making up this lists of Confederate pensioners, and places in the first class, 102; second, 246; third, 352; fourth 1,674. There are also 2,760 widows. The annual allowance to each class will be about as follows: First class, \$66; second, \$49; third, \$33; fourth and widows, \$16. This is slightly less than last year. There are 249 more pensioners.

Joseph B Crowley, United States Treasury agent in charge of the seal islands, who has just arrived at Seattle with the patrol fleet, says that the seals have approached so closely to extermination that they

can now be counted. Naturalists from all parts of the world, anticipating the herd's extinction, are clamoring for specimens.

A political situation that is probably unique developed in the little town of Acree, near Albany, Ky., last week. It was the annual election of municipal officers, and there were forty-two voters on the list. When the balloting took place it was found that only one of the forty-two voters was properly registered. That one was the candidate for Mayor. He cast the only ballot at the election, and duly elected himself and a Board of Aldermen.

The investigating doctors have added another disease to the category. It is called the Railroad Kidney. It does not carry you off any more rapidly than any other disease. It is said to be contracted from the fine dust absorbed through the skin in long railroad riding. People who "go down to the sea in ships" do not have it.

It may and it may not be true that too many boys and young men of this town are growing too fond of playing poker. It is said that the fascination of the game is so sneaking and deceptive that the awful results are not fully known until it is entirely too late.

Two Frenchmen with a woman, the wife of one of them, have started to go round the world with a wheelbarrow. The barrow is large enough for one person to sleep in at a time, and all three will take turns in pushing it along.

John Ruskin likes nothing abnormal or artificial, and so he regards the production of chrysanthemums as an unhallowed attempt to grow flowers at a season when nature meant that there should be no flowers.

The Turkish court pianist, Dussap Pasha, receives \$3,000 a year for his services, but he is temporarily suspended every time he plays a tune the Sultan does not care to hear.

The bicyclist Zimmerman's great success is ascribed to his abnormally large heart, which is declared by the doctors to be two inches longer than the average.

The Duke of York shows a disposition to give his little son a chance for the British crown by smoking from forty to fifty cigarettes a day.

It is asserted that a man cannot destroy his life by holding his breath, but he may probably prolong the lives of other.

It is now about time that Professors Corbett and Fitzsimmons should retire. They have consumed enough time.

**It May do as Much for You:**  
Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so called kidney cures but without and good result. About a year ago he began use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure of all kidney and Liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price 50c. and \$1.00, at Fetzer's drug store.

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The firm of Morrison, Lentz & Co. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to said firm will please call and settle. Thankful for all past favors we remain,  
Respectfully,  
D. E. MORRISON,  
A. E. LENTZ,  
R. E. GIBSON.  
Concord, N. C., Oct. 3, 1895.

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Respectfully,  
R. E. GIBSON,  
D. E. MORRISON.  
Concord, N. C., Oct. 3, 1895.

I recommend the firm of Gibson & Morrison to the public as worthy of their patronage.  
Respectfully,  
A. E. LENTZ.  
Concord, N. C., Oct. 3, 1895.

MORRISON H. CALDWEL  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
CONCORD, N. C.  
Office in Morris building, opposite Court House.

THE RACKET

Large profits no longer come from merchandise sold at 50 to 100 per cent. on a credit of from one year to eternity, only four out of every hundred credit merchants ever succeed. We prefer 20 per cent. cash to a struggle with 96 chances against us.

Last Saturday we placed a lot of gingham on sale at 24 cents per yard and a lot of good towels that we snapped up at 50 cents per dozen that sell regularly at 10 cent each. We marked them 5 cent each. The gingham went before sundown and the towels before we closed. When we counted out our cash we had our money invested in these and 20 per cent. profit ready to invest again Monday.

This week we have on sale a lot of Seaside novels worth 10 cents each. We have put four in a bundle and sell the lot for 5 cents, [just 1 cent for 10 cent novels. Clothbound novels at 15 cents! The Life of Jefferson Davis, by Mrs. Davis. Sold by subscription at \$8.00 per set of 2 vols, our price is \$2.90. Rollins Ancient History in 4 vols for \$2.25. Creaseys Fifteen Battles on which the Civilization of the World Scans. This is one of the richest stories of history to be found, our price 15 cents. A few of E P Roe's novels at 65 cents. Washington Irving's works, 6 vols for \$2.45.

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Prescotts Conquest of Mexico, Prescotts Conquest of Peru, complete works of Charles Lamb, The Count of Monte Cristo, by Dumas, The Mysteries of Paris, by Eugene Sue, The Wondering Jew, by Eugene Sue,

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Assorted carpet tacks at five cents per pound. The regular price is five cents for two dozen.

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Three tin cups; One coffee pot; One covered bucket; One half gallon cups,

LUNCH BASKETS,  
TEN TO TWENTY CENTS.

Sponges 3 cents; Remnants of Calico at 20 cents a lb. All wool flannel, 15 cents per yard. Canton flannel at 7 1/2 cents per yard.  
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AT SEVENTY-FOUR CENTS PER YARD.  
One-half pint bottle of Bay Rum for 10 cents. Bargains in undershirts, all wool at 37 1/2 cents. Ladies vest 5 cents up.

THE RACKET,  
D. J. BOSTIAN, Proprietor.