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DOMESTIC.

Spontaneous Combustion.—An instance occurred in this city, a night or two ago, which might have proved very destructive in its consequences. A canvas cover for a Jersey wagon, had been painted during the day in a coachmaker's shop, and in the evening was compactly folded up, and left on the top of the vehicle for which it was intended. Next morning, it was found that it had taken fire from the linseed oil, with which it was impregnated, and was nearly burnt up. Nothing probably saved the shop and its contents, but the circumstance of there being more of tow than cotton in the canvas, which is a less combustible material. The cotton cords attached to it were totally consumed, leaving not a vestige behind.—*Ral. Reg.*

Distressing Accident.—On Friday last, at the State Quarry, one mile east of this city, while in the act of drawing the priming rod from the hole made in a rock for the purpose of blasting, the friction caused thereby ignited the powder, and produced an explosion, which severely wounded two of the workmen—one white, and the other a colored man. Although much mangled, they are considered in a fair way of recovery. Since this occurrence, copper rods have been substituted for iron, with a view of preventing like casualties in future.—*Ral. Star.*

Salem, July 26.—A Mr. Daniel Fanslow, who resides 10 miles from this place, informs us that two of his children, a son aged 11 years and a daughter about 13 years old, were suddenly taken, on the 17th inst. within an hour of one another, with a violent fit of vomiting, and died about the same time apart, in the evening of the following day. Another member of his family was taken in the same way, but has recovered.

We have heard various conjectures as to the cause of these sudden deaths, but, if report be true, that, on the morning of the day that they were taken, they were engaged in gathering black-berries, whortle-berries, &c. of which they profusely eat, the cause of their sickness is easily accounted for.—*Rep.*

Suicides.—A gentleman of the utmost respectability and veracity, has given us the following particulars in relation to two instances of suicide, committed within the sphere of his knowledge and acquaintance. The one was a Miss Nancy Piercy, aged about 19, a respectable young lady, of comely appearance, and good understanding, the daughter of Mr. Ephraim Piercy, of Cany River, Yancey county, in this State. The particulars, as we learn, are these. Miss P. had been crossed, by her father, in a love affair, between herself and a neighboring youth, aged about 13, of diminutive stature, and on whose mind nature had been as stingy in bestowing her gifts as upon his person. The father, on account of the disparity, in every respect, between the parties, had taken every means to prevent a union, which the lovers were endeavoring to accomplish against his consent. The daughter is represented on the 24th of April last, as having expressed to her mother and sister a determina-

tion to put an end to her existence; assigning as a reason, that death was more desirable to her than the unhappy life she then led, on account of the opposition of her father. When warned of the consequences, she signified that she had determined to rid herself of life, be the event what it might. On the morning of the 25th, she proceeded to the garden, in company with a negro girl, for the purpose of procuring a mess of salad, where, unperceived, she procured the roots of wild parsnip, which she ate. She lived only two or three hours after eating the fatal root.

The other case referred to, was that of a young man, the only son of Mr. Mark Roberts, (his christian name not recollected by our informant,) 16 or 17 years of age, of remarkably moral, sedate and unobtrusive habits, which occurred on Big Ivy, in Buncombe county, on the 27th of June last. The young man was engaged in the employ of Mr. John Guthrie, in hoeing corn. At breakfast it was remarked by the family, that he appeared indisposed, but he said he was in usual health, and gave them no more satisfaction. About noon he was taken sick and vomited up portions of wild parsnip root, which he had eaten. When asked the cause of his sickness, and whether he had not eat wild parsnip, he replied that he had not, and persisted in denying it until unable to speak, or be understood. Yet no doubt exists as to the fact of his having eaten it. No satisfactory cause can be assigned for his putting an end to his existence, by those best acquainted with him and the circumstances of his death.—*Rutherfordton Spec.*

To prevent Drowning.—At this season of the year, when so many accidents occur from persons bathing, we think the following remarks may prevent the loss of life: Men are drowned by raising their arms above water, the unbuoyed weight of which depresses the head. Animals have neither motion nor ability to act in a similar manner, and therefore swim naturally. When a man falls into deep water, he will rise to the surface and continue there if he does not elevate his hands. If he moves his hands under water in any manner he pleases, his head will rise so high as to allow him liberty to breathe; and if he moves his legs as in the act of walking up stairs, his shoulders will rise above the water, so that he may use less exertion with his hands, or apply them to other purposes. Persons not having learned to swim in their youth, will find the above plain directions highly advantageous.

The great error in Vaccination is said to be the removing it from one subject to another. The original infection, or one remove, will, it seems, always be found a certain antidote to Small Pox; but after one remove, it is affirmed to be unsafe, and hence is brought into unmerited disrepute.

A Confession.—A member of the late Temperance Convention at Utica, N. Y. related to me the following anecdote:—"Several years since I was in business in Albany as a grocer. One evening, a man arrived from the country with four barrels of whiskey, which he sold to me at the customary price, I think something less than thirty cents per gallon, and wished for a hoghead of Jamaica rum to take back with him. I told him that I had not the rum on hand, but was expecting every hour to receive some from New York, and if he could wait till the next day, I should supply him, to which he assented. I had the whiskey rolled into my cellar, transferred into an old rum hoghead, and manufactured, and on the following day sold it to the same man I had bought it of, at an advance of about 75 cents per gallon.—*Temperance Rec.*

Georgia.—Governor Lumpkin of Georgia has found it necessary to publish all the documents and correspondence concerning the difficulties between the Indians and the settlers in the Cherokee country. They consist of the proceedings of the settlers, their recital of the Indian aggressions, their application to the Governor for military aid, and the Executive measures taken in consequence of the application. These papers show a great and increasing excitement in these lands, between the natives and the whites, and, besides general allegations of continued aggressions and assaults by the former, the whites at a public meeting assert, and produce the testimony of an Indian girl to prove a concerted plan among the Cherokees for rising upon and massacring the settlers. In the alarm and resentment caused by these suspicions, they determined upon withdrawing their wives and children into the old counties, to arm themselves for defence and apply to the State Executive for military aid to keep peace, and defend them against Indian hostilities. The meeting further resolved, that for every white man assassinated, they would seize and execute three Cherokees, unless the assassins were delivered up within a fortnight, or good reasons furnished for delay.

The State Executive disapproves of and censures this last resolution as savage and illegal and discredits the alleged concert of hostilities among the Cherokees; although he admits their excited condition and exasperated tempers. He refuses the military guard asked for, for the whole district of country,—which embraces ten organized counties,—but gives assurance that energetic measures shall be taken to execute the State laws vigorously by the civil authorities. He directs the military to be ready to aid in enforcing the civil process, and arms to be issued to them for the purpose.

In consequence of these preparations, the disturbances appear to have been quieted. At least, we have heard of no very violent collisions, and if the Governor's information is correct, the conclusion of a treaty with the government is at hand, which, by removing the remnants of the tribe beyond the Mississippi, will finally extinguish the difficulties.

Baltimore Amer.

A man named Jacob Whickeliff was recently killed at Baltimore, by being kicked behind the ear by Albert Horner, with such force as to separate the jugular vein, when he bled to death in a few moments.

Court of Sessions.—Edward Powers was tried for * * * on Mrs. Eliza Regan. The prisoner was a particular acquaintance of the family—was sleeping with Mr. Regan, while Mrs. Regan was in another room lying on a bed on the floor, with two children. About midnight Powers felt disposed to change companions, and getting up, proceeded to the other room, and went to bed to Mrs. Regan, who was asleep. He then took occasion to disarrange her feet and dress, with the utmost coolness, when, she, awaking, seized him by the hair, and screamed for assistance, as every good woman should do. Her husband soon came to the aid of his spouse, and Powers, with all his powers, had a very poor time of it. For the husband and wife not relishing the liberties he had taken, had him marched off to prison. His excuse was, that he went to get a drink of water, and stumbled over the lady's feet, which were crossed in the form of an X, which he considered an assault and battery on his feelings. The jury found him guilty, and Mr. Powers, with all his powers of invention, was sent to the penitentiary for three months.—*N. Y. Paper.*

A Pugilistic Wife.—On Friday evening, an unusual noise and "strife of

Copartnership.

THE subscribers have associated themselves in business under the firm of

A. & B. HARRIS,

FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSACTING

Commission Business

In Norfolk, Virginia,

And respectfully offer their services to their friends and the public.

ANDREW HARRIS.

BENJAMIN HARRIS.

May 5, 1834.

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Fish and Lime.

100 barrels MACKEREL.

60 barrels LIME—just received and for sale by

J. W. COTTEN.

8th July, 1834.

Received this Day.

At the Cheap Cash Store,

Ladies satin, kid, and Prunella French SHOES, an imported article, finished in the most recent and fashionable style—also, Gents. best calf-skin BOOTS, SHOES and PUMPS, of an excellent quality:

AJS. WEDDELL.

April 24, 1834.



NOTICE.

THE members of Concord Lodge, No. 55, are requested to attend the FUNERAL of Bro. Bythal Stator, dec'd, on Sunday the 31st of August, at his late residence. A discourse will be delivered by the Rev. William Hyman. The Fraternity generally are invited to attend.

By order,

J. EDMONDSON, Sec.

July 29, 1834.

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SHOCCO SPRINGS.

THERE will a BALL at the Shocco Springs, on Tuesday evening, the 19th of August.

ANN JOHNSON.

July 28, 1834.

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Land for Sale.

BEING anxious to move to the West, I offer for sale the Tract of Land whereon I now live, containing

About One Thousand Acres

It is a healthy situation, in Nash county, on Stony Creek, about three miles above the great Falls of Tar River, with a commodious two story dwelling house (new,) and other out houses; apple and peach orchards sufficient to make 15 or 20 barrels brandy, besides other fruit trees. The land is of tolerable good quality and well watered. On the said Stony Creek (a constant stream) there is an excellent grist and saw mill, cotton machine, &c. (on solid rock foundation,) all in good order. Long credit can be given if it best suits the purchaser, or negroes will be taken in part payment.

TIMO. TERRELL.

2d September, 1833.

Corn, Bacon & Potatoes.

200 barrels Corn,

6000 lbs. Bacon, and

200 bushels Irish Potatoes,

For sale by the Subscribers,

D. RICHARDS & CO.

Tarboro', April 11, 1834.

75 Dollars Reward.

ESCAPED from the Subscriber, by a carriage running over him.—*ib.*

Dr. John P. Declary, of Louisville, Ky. put an end to his existence on the 4th of July, by opening the carotid artery on each side of the neck. He expired with a smile on his lips, having perpetrated the act with the utmost composure. He was a man of promising talents, and had been a member of the legislature of the State.

A new mode of placing buttons on coats has been discovered in Europe, by which the button is rendered durable as the garment without sewing. The plan is by riveting the button to the cloth.