

Nature of Some Electric Belts.

An examination was made of some electric belts sold by a street faker at Ottawa, Canada. It was found that beneath a strip of gauze was a layer of dry mustard. When the wearer perspired a little the mustard was moistened and set up a burning sensation, and the deluded victim believed a current of electricity was passing through him.

Professor Bridges of Boston, who claims that "kissing is a sure cure for dyspepsia," evidently hopes to frighten young wives into learning to cook well.

Fat Sometimes Helps.

Speaking in a paper on the subject of the various diet cures for fatness, the eminent authority, Dr. Andrew Wilson, says: "Doubtless starches and sugars, represented in such vegetable foods as bread, rice, tapioca and the like, are fat formers. The living body has a power of making fat out of that which is not fat. And along with this point is another—that fat itself does not go directly to least, to make fat in the body. Fat is, on the other hand, a valuable addition to the diet of a corpulent person, because it has a power properly administered of burning off food excess. In more than one system of body reduction fat is, therefore, administered as an essential part and parcel of the diet cure."

Some men find courage only when they lose their tempers.

A Beautiful Skin.

Is one of the chief requisites of an attractive appearance. Rough, dry, scaly patches, little blisters, eruptions, and other skin troubles would spoil the beauty of a veritable Venus. They are completely and quickly cured by *Yerkes' Skin Cure*. Send for 50 cents in stamps from J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga.

A Most Valuable Publication.

Is an unique and beautiful 96-page booklet issued by the Seaboard Air Line entitled "Education in the South." It is printed on fine book paper, with a handsome title page and five illustrations, and contains valuable, up-to-date and highly interesting information pertaining to the career opportunities in any way in the noble work of education ought to pass a copy, for it is not only a most valuable and interesting reference book. Five cents in stamps sent to T. J. Anderson, P. O. Portsmouth, will place a copy in your hands. Send for it.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an abnormal condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and, unless this inflammation is taken out and unless the inflammation is normal, the tube will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh of the Eustachian tube. We will cure One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness caused by catarrh of the Eustachian tube. We will cure you. Send for circular.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

The highest paid German railway engineers.

are \$1,250 a day, while conductors receive only \$1. Many of them have to be on duty fifteen to eighteen hours a day.

Fits permanently cured.

No fits or nervousness after first trial. Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. \$2 trial bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 391 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

The striking engineers in England have rejected the proposed compromise by a vote of 200 to 1, and the lockout will now commence.

Chew Star Tobacco—The Best.

Smokes Sledge Cigarettes.

The Baron de Hirsch Association has planned to colonize clothing workers from the overcrowded East Side in New York City and teach them other trades.

Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething.

softens the gums, relieves inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, &c. a bottle. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. 25c. A. J. Winslow, Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1894.

Rheumatism Is permanently cured.

By Hood's Sarsaparilla Which neutralizes the Lactic acid in the blood.

Thousands who were Sufferers write that they Have felt no symptoms Of Rheumatism since Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The South and the East. Commenting on the cotton mill troubles in New England, the Jacksonville (Fla.) Times-Union says: "In the South food is cheaper, fuel and clothing cost far less, rents are lower and comfort more generally diffused. The Southern mills are in the fields. They pay much smaller sums for the transportation of their materials. Coal is cheaper. The home and foreign markets are as accessible to the Southern manufacturer as to the Eastern one. The South is, therefore, underselling New England and the Northern millers are moving South. Within a generation the South will have control of the cotton industry from the seed to the cloth."

With the mills other things must go South or West.

The big cities will go with the factories. New England has no natural advantages as compared to the other sections except water power and harbors. The climate is rigorous, the soil is poor, food must be brought from long distances and coal is high where a fire runs nine months. The tide must come South, and the one who begins early will have the advantage of cheaper land."

HALL'S Vegetable Sillian HAIR RENEWER.

It has made miles and miles of hair grow on millions and millions of heads. Not a single gray hair. No dandruff.

Thompson's Eye Water.

It is said that the oldest preacher in active service in the United States is Rev. James Needham, of Gaston county, who will be 100 years old next May.

ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIES.

The Convention Met at Raleigh in the Pythian Hall.

SUBJECT OF THE ADDRESSES.

There is a Membership of Over Forty Leading Schools, and There Were Over Twenty Represented.

At Raleigh, last week, the Association of Academies of North Carolina met in Pythian hall. It was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Norman. The annual address by President Hugh Morson, showed great need of conservative influence of high school and academy. The report of the secretary, W. T. Wilson, showed the association embracing in membership about forty-five leading high schools and academies.

Over twenty of these were represented in this meeting by the following educators: Hugh Morson, Raleigh Male academy; J. M. Oldham, William Kingham, W. Whitsett, Whitsett institute; J. M. Horner and J. C. Horner, Horner's School; F. S. Wilkinson, Tarboro Male academy; V. O. Parker, Turbington institute; J. Allen Holt and Martin H. Holt, Oak Ridge institute; Holland Thompson, Concord High school; R. L. Madison, Cullowhee High school; D. L. Ellis, Fairview college institute; William H. Davis, University school; C. M. Murchison, Pennington academy; N. C. Newbold, La Grange academy; John Duckett, Robeson institute; J. W. Canada, Chapel Hill High school; A. M. Garwood, Burlington; Fabius Haywood, Jr., Cape Fear academy; N. C. Hughes, Trinity High school; Joseph S. E. Park, Charlotte Military institute; J. H. Painter, Webster school; T. R. Foust, Newbern academy.

Papers and addresses were as follows: "Position of Academy in Educational Economy of State," M. H. Holt; "What is the Academy and What it Asks of Colleges," D. M. Price; "Certificates for Entrance to Colleges," J. M. Horner; "True Measure of Merit in Schools," J. A. Holt; "Preparatory Latin," Holland Thompson; "Taste in School Advertising," N. C. Newbold; "Athletics in Secondary Schools," J. M. Oldham; "Oratory Analyzed," J. H. Myrver.

There was quite a general discussion of various topics. Superintendent Howland Thompson of the Raleigh public schools, in the interest of a State Journal of Education. The Association will meet this summer at the State Teachers' Assembly. The old officers were re-elected.

Superintendents and Principals.

At Greensboro, the Association of State Superintendents and Principals held their semi-annual meeting. It was the best attended of any meeting ever held by the Association. Representatives were present from Charlotte, Statesville, Concord, High Point, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh, Wilmington and Goldsboro. Some of the papers discussed were: "How to Stimulate the Taste for Good Literature," "Some Hidden Corners in Education," "The State in the Public Schools," "Education as a Means to Reading," "How to Make the Opening Exercises Interesting," and "Local Taxation."

The meeting was interesting in every detail, and the papers were well-written and thoughtful.

One interesting feature that was brought out is that the friends of public education still believe that local taxation for the support of the public schools must come before we can have an efficient school system in North Carolina.

Resolutions were introduced advocating a continuance of the struggle for local taxation and better schools.

New Rules of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court adopts a new rule requiring that fifteen copies of the entire transcript be set up in each action, half printed, except in paper appeals. The rules as amended will be printed and distributed as soon as possible, but the above requirement is given out for the information of persons interested in appeals to this court.

Two Men Killed at Goldsboro.

At Goldsboro, a large shelter being erected at the cotton yard to store cotton, collapsed, killing two negro workmen—Abram Faison and Willis Mabie. Several white men fell with the building and it is said that one of them named Johnson is seriously hurt. Several were slightly wounded. Removing the braces caused the accident.

Will Double Its Capacity.

The Concord Standard says that Mr. J. W. Cannon, of that place, has secured a company of men, and will double, if possible, the capacity of the present cotton mill at Albemarle, and will put up a new one that will involve \$300,000 of capital.

Searching for His Wealth.

C. G. Phelps, quite an old man, who lived near Raleigh, has died, leaving a large estate. He is being eagerly searched for. He had lived for years in a tiny house on the edge of a forest owned by him in which no tree was ever cut down. This grand piece of timber is within two miles of the city. It was John Phelps' chief delight and pride.

Insurance Company Licensed.

The Secretary of State licenses the Guarantors Finance Insurance Company, of Philadelphia. He has received a copy of the bill introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Platt, to place all insurance companies under national supervision, and says if it becomes a law it will cut North Carolina out of \$90,000 annually.

Items of State News.

There were two homicides in Craven county last week all the persons involved being white.

THE SOUTH'S COTTON MILLS.

Conditions Under Which They Are Rivaling New England.

THE SECRET OF THEIR LABOR.

Growth of the Industry at Charlotte, N. C., the Centre of the Great Piedmont Region.

A special from Charlotte, N. C., to the Philadelphia (Pa.) Record, says: In view of the extensive wage reductions made by the New England mills on account of the competition of the South, the growing mill industry in the Southern States, which is proving one of the most potent influences in building up the great region between the Mason and Dixon line, is of special interest. Charlotte is the centre of the cotton manufacturing interests in the Piedmont region, which extends from Lynchburg, Va., on the north, to Atlanta, Ga., on the south. In 1880, when D. W. Oates established the first cotton mill here, the population was 5,500. In 1890 it had 11,550 people. Five years later the census gave 19,000, and in July, 1897, the town boasted 35,000. Not only are there seven cotton mills in the place or in the immediate outskirts, but within a radius of 100 miles, there are over 200 others, embracing 54 per cent of the entire number of spindles in the South, and 62 per cent of all the looms.

The cotton mills of Charlotte, exclusive of the hosiery, towel and sash cord factories, employ 1,945 operatives. They consume weekly 300 bales of cotton, and disburse every Saturday night in wages, in cash, \$4,870. The Highland Park, the Charlotte, the Atherton, the Ada, the Alpha and the Victor Mills use up 20,292 bales of cotton per year, and pay out in cash in wages \$235,240.

COTTON AT THE MILL DOORS.

The mills of Charlotte carry about 33,000 spindles, the largest of them, the Victor, carrying 13,600; the Atherton comes next with 10,000, a peculiar characteristic of the Atherton, which lies on the outskirts of the town, being that cotton grows at the very doors of the mill. Each mill is surrounded with its colony of working people.

There are 50 miles of macadamized roads in Mecklenburg county and 30 miles of this in the corporate limits of the town. They have cost \$250,000 a mile to build. At the head of the broad stairway of the Southern Manufacturers' Club in Charlotte is a big transparency. It pictures a road, hard roadway over which a two-horse team is dragging easily a load of 12 bales of cotton. It takes 45 pounds of cotton to make a bale, so here is represented more than three tons of draft, including the wagon itself.

A SOUTHERN OWNER'S VIEWS.

In an interview with Mr. L. A. Coolidge, of the Boston Journal, Mr. L. A. Coolidge, the proprietor of the Gold Crown Hosiery Works, one of the leading hosiery concerns of the South, said regarding the mill industry: "Such a thing as a strike is unknown, and there has never been any tendency in that direction among the people in the mill."

"It is true that our wages, as a rule, are not so large as farther north, but the difference is not so great as some imagine. I have in mind at this moment a case where my establishment paid 25 cents a dozen for class of work which cost only 34 cents a dozen in Philadelphia, and I have been assured that there is a certain mill in New Hampshire where the Philadelphia rate prevails. Almost all my operatives are girls. I have in my mill a woman in my employ who lives on the town and who earned 70 cents a day. She told me her entire living expenses for a week were 65 cents. Then, too, entire families work in the mills. I have a dozen for class of work which cost only 34 cents a dozen in Philadelphia, and I have been assured that there is a certain mill in New Hampshire where the Philadelphia rate prevails. Almost all my operatives are girls. I have in my mill a woman in my employ who lives on the town and who earned 70 cents a day. 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