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OBSERVATIONS.

The key to the penitentiary—whiskey.—Ex.

Laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes her.

The day on which idle men work and fools reform is to-morrow.

The Kentucky Legislature is first for Henderson and then for Old Bill Allen.

Daniel Murphy, of Tulare, Cal., has bought 9,000 square miles of land in Mexico at two cents an acre.

Naturalists say that a single swallow will devour six thousand flies in one day.

Surgeons say that finger nails, bitten off, often find lodgment in the stomach, where they remain for years adhering to the tissues and ruining one's feelings. Don't bite your finger nails.

A down-country farmer who put in a half acre with turnips last summer, says they didn't bring him a cent. He should try onions the next time. They always bring a cent.

"Perditia."—It is impossible to determine from historical evidence whether or not George Washington cut down the cherry tree, but you may rest assured that if George did not lie the man who got up the story did.

"I wish I might die!" said a sentimental maid, as she rubbed the shoulder of her dress with benzine; and yet the very next time he came she let him lay his head on the same spot.

A strong solution of carbonic acid and water, poured into holes, kills all the ants it touches, and the survivors immediately take themselves off.

Forgery must now be recognized as one of the signs of the times.—Turner Falls Reporter.

When Leonidas was asked by brave men why he preferred honor to life, his answer was "we hold life by fortune, honor by virtue."

A milkman accounted for the weakness of his milk by saying that the cows got caught in the rain.

A Mexican girl living at Tusculco has three well developed arms. She can do up her hair without crumpling her mouth full of hairpins.—Detroit Eve News.

"Marriage," said an unfortunate husband, "is the churchyard of love." "And you men," replied his wife, "are the gravediggers."—Chicago Tribune.

Philadelphia hotels accommodate a good many bridegrooms now, who are as devoted and affectionate as if they were traveling with other men's wives.—Brooklyn Argus.

Strangest thing in the world—that men should be anxious to get off good things. Mrs. Blinney says she never could understand it.

An Americanized citizen was called on as a witness in case before one of the justices lately, and when the oath was administered he raised both hands and said: "I shall speak nothing that ain't true, if ever I hope to die so quick as a minute."

A correspondent, mentioning Wendell Phillips' nomination of Grant for President, and Fred Douglass for Vice-President, asks us whether Phillips is really serious in nominating this ticket. Undoubtedly. Hasn't he put it in black and white?

If you see any long haired, clerical looking gentleman, with a carpet-bag in hand, and a blue cotton umbrella under his left arm, asking the street signs curiously to-day, just show him the way to Fulton street, where you'll find him at the residence of the Advisory Council.—N. Y. Advertiser.

Discontent is a sin that is its own punishment, and makes men torment themselves; it makes the spirit sad—the body sick—and enjoyment sour; it arises not from the condition, but the mind.

Some thoughtful person says: "It is unkind to ridicule those items in the papers about centenarians. It is no easy thing to become a centenarian; several have failed."

A New Orleans dispatch states that Capt. Boyton has made his last long-distance swim in this country, between Bayou Gouls and New Orleans, a distance of about one hundred miles. He sails shortly for Russia. He made the trip in just twenty-four hours.

That great convulsion of American Solons, the Republican Senate, is a strange body, and passes some strange acts. Probably the most statesman-like measure ever inaugurated by these, our national guardians, is the introduction by the Senate Committee on Agriculture to investigate grasshoppers. "Reports favorably upon a bill to investigate grasshoppers!" could mean being plainer, or could language possibly be more beautiful and expressive. Our dictionary defines an investigation as a searching or finding out. From all descriptions of these musical insects, it does not require an act of the United States Government to find where they encamp. A man might go out into some of the Western States in crop time with a sheriff's warrant and arrest in a half an hour more of these hungry creatures than he could possibly care for; at least the papers of that section declare like the locusts of Egypt, they blacken the country for miles around, and even break the limbs of the trees with their weight. So probably to find them is not the intent of this rare and extraordinary bill. We think the originators of this startling conclusion are naturalists, and that the grasshopper is a source of great perplexity to them. They cannot understand his wonderful physiognomy; he sings, and they cannot conceive how he manages to do it; he is exceedingly athletic in his sports, and they have failed to discover wherein lies the secret springs of his astonishing activity; moreover he is rather small in stature and they are sorely puzzled to know how he manages to hold all his daily devours, and he can both jump and fly at the same time, they have never seen any other animals possessed of such varied accomplishments, and so have concluded to investigate him closely and be satisfied in their enquiring minds. May their mission prove successful.

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Some wise wag has summed up the changes that have taken place during the century in this way. One hundred years ago wedding tours were not fashionable. One hundred years ago farmers did not cut their legs off with mowing machines. One hundred years ago our mothers did not worry over disordered sewing machines. One hundred years ago horses which could trot a mile in 2:14 were some what scarce. One hundred years ago it took several days to procure a divorce and find a congenial spirit. One hundred years ago there were no disputes about the impoliteness of street car drivers. One hundred years ago every young man was not an applicant for a position as a clerk or book-keeper. One hundred years ago kerosene lamps did not explode and assist women to shuffle off this mortal coil. One hundred years ago men did not commit suicide by going up in balloons and coming down without them. One hundred years ago there were no third tier millionaires bishops to stir up the waters of partisan politics. One hundred years ago there were no Turkish harems at Salt Lake, and no Ann Elizias suing for the nineteenth part of a divorce. One hundred years ago England was not very far behind the United States in all that goes to make a nation powerful and progressive. One hundred years ago the Dutch had taken Holland, but they had not made France "come down" with a handsome pile of "smart money."

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Young Laylor has lost all of his beauty. Laylor. He tried to lead a mule out of the stall last forenoon. Effect: His left ear is around under his right eye.

It is with no personal hostility to members of the Republican party that we commence this article. But it is strange, passing strange, how any Southern white man who has any State pride, friendship for his white neighbors or respect for himself can vote with the Republicans. Strange when we think what is required of a man before he can get the confidence of the Northern wing of that party, for we will suppose that all this is required of him, and that it is not done except to entitle him to some bone that is flung by the Republican administration. Not only must a man renounce all sympathy with Jefferson Davis and the Southern Confederacy, but he must vilify and abuse the Confederate living and dead. He must denounce and curse every Southern man who is a Democrat, he must manufacture lies to deceive the honest Northern people, he must slander his Democratic neighbors in order to excite the wrath of the North, he must contribute his mite to keep the hatred hot. Whatever the lie be in regard to his section, he must help to circulate it. He must denounce every Southern editor and politician it is required to publish and proclaim from every office and stump every vile thing that malice can conceive or hatred suggest against the Southern people. The columns of the Chicago Inter-Ocean and Washington Republican are searched for the vilest and most slanders against this section that these mongers may reproduce and circulate them. With a few honorable exceptions the Radical press and politicians of North Carolina surpass in vindictiveness and abject "hellery" those of any Southern or even Northern State. When we look at the political scene of North Carolina we are reminded of a horrible description in the Ancient Mariner: "Oh! Christ, that ever this should be! Yes, slimy things did crawl with legs Upon a slimy sea!"

Slimy slanders! It is enough to make one's blood curdle to see them on the eve of a political campaign, setting their knives and grinning hideously as they prepare to dissect the dead body of the Confederacy. Says a French author: "Not the guillotine with its victims by the million, not the desolating wars of Napoleon made Frenchman bush for France, but the men who hang their heads for the enemies of their country, entered Paris amid the cheers of the natives, that true Frenchmen grew sick at heart and hung their heads for very shame."

So it is with Southerners. Little do they care for the howlings of Wendell Phillips and other New England fanatics, but when the friends of their childhood, the boys with whom they grew up, the men whom they meet in daily intercourse and to many of whom they are bound by ties of blood and marriage; when these turn upon the impoverished South and throw up their hats for her bitter enemies, and the men hang their heads for very shame.—Morgantown Blade.

Fables. THE PHYSICIAN AND THE HYENA. A physician who, with a wallet upon his back, had gone out one dark and stormy night to contemplate the beauties of nature in the vicinity of a churchyard, thought that he heard a sound from a newly-made grave. Cautiously hastening thither, what was his indignation to see a hyena tearing ravenously at the sods! Seizing a spade, which providentially was in his wallet, with one blow he laid the animal dead. Moral—Two of a trade can never agree.

THE VAIN RHINOCEROS. A rhinoceros, who was drinking at a limpid stream, observed therein the reflected image of his horn and legs. "Alas!" quoth he, "that an animal with such massive legs should be disgraced by so insignificant a horn!" At this moment his meditations were interrupted by the baying of a pack of hounds. Away he fled, but his legs refused to convey him with sufficient speed, and, turning round as the baying pack gained on him, he disseminated crude sausage meat and driving gloves over that section of the continent. "I see," he cried, as he exalted in his wallet, with one blow he laid the animal dead. Moral—Two of a trade can never agree.

THE MISSIONARY AND THE TIGER. As the pious missionary was traveling through the Jungle, he chanced to observe a leopard lying under a plantain tree. Being desirous of intruding upon the animal's privacy, he made a wide detour, and was so unfortunate as to encounter beneath a lofty bamboo a tiger. "What do you here?" demanded the fierce animal, in an angry voice. "It is rather I who should ask that question," replied the missionary, "for I left you but a moment since beneath that plantain, and now here you are again, whereas the scripture expressly teaches you that the leopard cannot change his spots." "It does," replied the tiger; "but I am a creature of quite another stripe." So saying he sprang upon the missionary and devoured him. Moral—There are exceptions to every rule.—New York World.

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Valuable Gold Mine For Sale. BY Virtue of a Deed of Trust, dated 2d February 1875, made to me by the Gaston Mining Company, I will offer for sale on Thursday, 6th of April, 1876, the celebrated King Mountain Gold Mining Property, consisting of about 800 acres of Land in three Tracts in the counties of Gaston and Cleveland near the Air-Line Railroad. The mines are in full operation, with Engines, Shafts, Crushers, Stamp-mills and Fixtures and Machinery for running complete, with all necessary tenement and other houses and out buildings. At the same time will be sold all the unattached personal property of said Company used on, about and in connection with the Mine, consisting of Tools, Wagons, Mules, Horses, Office Furniture, &c. Terms made known on the day of Sale. WM STEWART, Trustee. feb29 At the Court House.

Sale of Valuable City Property. BY Virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg county, made in the case of Mary S. Williamson against George Williamson and another, I will sell at the Court House door in Charlotte on Monday the 6th day of March next, the following valuable real estate to wit: A certain lot fronting on Trade street, in the City of Charlotte, and bounded as follows: commencing at the Eastern corner of the lot of James B. Holland, on Trade street, runs with Trade street six feet, thence in a direction parallel with the line of the said Holland at 4th street, thence with 4th street sixty feet to the line of the lot of J. B. Holland, thence with the line of the said Holland to the beginning—being that portion of the premises described in the pleadings, upon which is situated a small dwelling house. Terms of sale—one hundred dollars cash, balance on a credit of six months, note and good security required of purchaser, and title retained until the purchase money is paid. WM B ATWELL, Commissioner. feb12 At the Court House.

Valuable City Property For Sale. IF not sold privately before that time, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House door in Charlotte, a valuable House and Lot, in a desirable portion of the city, on Monday, the 6th day of March, at 12 o'clock, to wit: 61 acres, being part of said farm, 390 feet on B Street, running back 390 feet to C Street, and lies between 9th and 10th Streets. On the premises is a comfortable dwelling house, kitchen, well of water in the yard, and all the improvements are in good repair. Terms made known at sale. Apply to J B SYKES, or to JOHN E BROWN, Agent. feb23 At the Court House.

Valuable Tobacco Farm FOR SALE. BY Virtue of the provisions of a deed in Trust executed to me by the Bank of Mecklenburg Registered Book No. 6, pages 326, 328, in Register's Office of Gaston county, I shall expose to public sale, on the 4th of March at the Court House in Dallas, on Thursday the 30th day of December 1875, the following valuable land to wit: 1. One tract lying in Gaston county, on the head waters of Hoyle's and Stanley Creeks, adjoining the lands of Robert Breward, Morton Burke, Bulinger & Abernathy, Michael Clomger and others, containing by estimation 1045 acres, being part of the land known as the Guion Tobacco Farm. 2. One other tract adjoining, 61 acres, being part of said farm (excepting a tract of about 35 acres conveyed to A Harris). The two tracts will be sold in one body. This land is admirably adapted to the culture of tobacco, cotton and cereals. For full particulars address the undersigned. GEORGE K TATE, Trustee, Mt Island Mills, F. O. feb23 At the Court House.

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A. R. Nisbet & Bro., WHOLESALE AND RETAIL dealers in Groceries, Confectioneries, Fruits, Cigars, Snuff, Tobacco, Pipes, Musical Instruments, Strings, &c. Trade Store, Charlotte, N. C. Would call attention to the fact that they now have in store, the largest and most extensive Stock of Groceries in Charlotte, which they are offering for CASH to wholesale and retail buyers at prices, as low as they can be bought from any responsible house in the city. Consisting in part of Molasses, Coffee Sugars, Teas, Soda, Brandy Peaches, Cakes, Oysters, Candy, Pickles, and various other articles not mentioned. Democrat and Era's copy. feb19

BRASS, COPPER, ZINC & TIN OILERS. Largest stock that has ever been brought to this market. For sale cheap, two doors above Stenhouse, Macaulay & Co., at the retail store of BREW, BROWN & CO. oct26

The Best Cigar THREE for 10 cents ever in the city. Charlotte Favorite 5 cents, and other Cigars, very low at the Corner Cigar Store. WALTER BREW, Trustee. feb6

COLGATE'S VIOLET TOILET WATER. Colgate's Cashmere Bouquet Soap, Colgate's Honey and Glycerine Soap, Nelson's Glycerine Soap, German Sweet Chocolate, Lubin's Powder, Coleman's Mustard, Hoyt's German Cologne, Just received by W R BURWELL & CO. jan27

JUST RECEIVING A Full Stock of WATCHES, CLOCKS and JEWELRY, at HALES & FARRIOR'S. oct22

Cutlers' Patent POCKET INHALER, the great remedy for Catarrh. W R BURWELL & CO. Agents. feb12

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