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Loss of appetite, Nausea, bowels costive, Pain in the Head, with a dull sensation in the back part, Pain under the shoulder-blade, faintness after eating, with a distention to expansion of body or mind, Irritability of temper, Low spirits, Loss of memory, with a feeling of having done a great deal of work, weariness, Dizziness, Flushing of the Face, Drowsiness before the eyes, Yellow Skin, Headache, Restlessness at night, highly colored Urine.
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GRAY HAIR or WHISKERS changed to a GLOSSY BLACK by single application of this DYE. It imparts a natural color, acts instantaneously, and is permanent. Sold by Druggists, or sent by express on receipt of \$1.00.
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TRAFFIC GOING NORTH.
Date, May 16 '81
No. 47 Daily No. 49 Daily No. 45 Daily
Lv. Charlotte 4:05 AM 6:15 AM 4:15 PM
Lv. A.L. Depot 4:11 AM 6:20 AM 4:20 PM
Lv. Salisbury 4:18 AM 6:27 AM 4:27 PM
Lv. Greensboro 4:25 AM 6:34 AM 4:34 PM
Lv. Raleigh 4:32 AM 6:41 AM 4:41 PM
Lv. Goldsboro 4:39 AM 6:48 AM 4:48 PM
Lv. Greensboro 4:46 AM 6:55 AM 4:55 PM
Lv. Richmond 4:53 AM 7:02 AM 5:02 PM
Lv. Danville 5:00 AM 7:09 AM 5:09 PM
Lv. N. Danville 5:07 AM 7:16 AM 5:16 PM
Lv. Durham 5:14 AM 7:23 AM 5:23 PM
Lv. W. Raleigh 5:21 AM 7:30 AM 5:30 PM
Lv. Jeterville 5:28 AM 7:37 AM 5:37 PM
Lv. Tomahawk 5:35 AM 7:44 AM 5:44 PM
Lv. Belle Isle 5:42 AM 7:51 AM 5:51 PM
Lv. Lenoir 5:49 AM 7:58 AM 5:58 PM
Lv. Manchester 5:56 AM 8:05 AM 6:05 PM
Lv. Richmond 6:03 AM 8:12 AM 6:12 PM
TRAFFIC GOING SOUTH.
Date, May 16 '80
No. 42 Daily No. 48 Daily No. 50 Daily
Lv. Richmond 10:45 PM 12:00 AM
Lv. Burkeville 11:00 PM 1:15 AM
Lv. N. Danville 11:15 PM 1:30 AM
Lv. Durham 11:30 PM 1:45 AM
Lv. W. Raleigh 11:45 PM 2:00 AM
Lv. Greensboro 12:00 AM 2:15 AM
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Lv. A.L. Depot 12:30 AM 2:45 AM
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TRAFFIC GOING SOUTH.
Date, May 16 '80
No. 46 Daily, except Sunday.
Lv. Greensboro 9:40 AM
Lv. Raleigh 11:40 AM
No. 47—Daily, except Sunday.
Lv. Salem 7:30 AM
Lv. Greensboro 9:30 AM
No. 48—Daily, except Sunday.
Lv. Greensboro 11:00 AM
Lv. Raleigh 1:00 PM
Lv. Salem 3:00 PM
No. 49—Daily.
Lv. Greensboro 5:30 PM
Lv. Raleigh 7:30 PM

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A COLORED PRINTER, of six years experience, A. W. Smith, of Charlotte, N. C., is seeking a position in a printing office. He is a steady worker, and is competent in all the branches of the printing business. He will work very cheap during the winter months.
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OBSERVATIONS.
Not exactly: "Did you get that girl's picture, Brown? You remember you said you were bound to have it, but not exactly, I repeat, but you 'I asked her for it and she gave me her negative?"
Rubbing it in: "Oh, you are too self-conscious," said Fog to a young man, self-consciously exclaiming: "I am conscious of nothing." "That's what I said," replied Fog.—Boston Transcript.
Disappointed: Felicia asked her brother to bring a silence monthly for her because it had an article on "Ancient Methods of Filtration." When he brought it home she said it was "normal" because it turned out to be on "Ancient Methods of Filtration."—Boston Transcript.
Sweet simplicity: We had a passing milk wagon and ask the "boy" if he has a quart of milk to spare. We get the milk and ask facetiously if it is a cow's milk. "Oh, yes, sir." And then with sweet simplicity, "We keep the cow's milk separate from the other."—Cambridge Tribune.
Taking a summer vacation is like getting married. The greatest while anticipating the event, and the most solid comfort is taken after the consummation.—Detroit.
Dame Fortune is blind, but her daughter, Miss Fortune, has her eyes wide open and can easily lay hold of the wisest of the sons of men.
The correspondent who wrote from Saratoga that "Miss A. had the mained foot sent out here here," had to leave town suddenly when the paper arrived with the superlative adjective changed to "filibuster."—Philadelphia Bee.
That solemn owl, the Detroit Free Press, says that "brains and bolls are things which seldom go together." Certain it is that a man would put a belt around the place where his or her brains ought to be, would be too great an idiot to have any.—Providence Free Press.

The Muck Delusion.
Boston Journal of Chemistry.
The delusion which prevailed twenty and more years ago regarding the manurial value of what is known as muck has not yet entirely disappeared. It still exists among farmers, especially those new in the industry. Among newspapers, "the great value of muck to farmers" is a standing text from which a labored sermon is preached once or twice a year. Twenty-five or thirty years ago a little book was published by Dr. Dana, a Lowell chemist, employed in one of the dyeing establishments of that city, which supplies the material for these sermons, and will continue to do so perhaps for the next half century. That book is full of errors and absurdities, and has led more farmers into incurring serious expenditures without corresponding returns than any other book ever written. The fallacy of muck consists in the error of regarding it as manure, or a substance which turns spontaneously into manure without cost to the farmer. The term "muck" is usually applied to the dark, wet, unctuous product of low meadows, and the black mud from the bed of marshy lakes and frog ponds. The material varies greatly in physical character and chemical composition, not systems taken from different localities being alike. The advocates of muck, or the writers upon the subject, have but little to say in regard to these important modifications; with them muck is muck, whether it be made up of black sand or of vegetable debris in a stage of partial decomposition. Now, muck is not a manure, whether it comes from a peat meadow or from the silicious deposits in the bed of a dried-up pond. It is not manure, and moreover it cannot be made into plant food by any expense of time and labor which the farmer can afford to apply to it. For a period of twenty-five years we have given much attention to muck, and have instituted a series of experiments with it in the laboratory and in the field, in all the forms and modifications in which it is found upon New England farms, and we say now what we have often said before, it is a material which in general farmers cannot afford to spend much time upon. If it had absolute potential value as manure, the wet mud from meadows would be hauled long distances with profit, but it has not under any circumstances manurial value. The peat of bogs, as freshly taken out, averages of water fully 90 per cent., and a load of this of 2000 pounds gives but a couple of hundred pounds of dry humus at the barn. If through inexperience or want of close observation a farmer backs up his cart to a mud hole, dry in summer, he loads into it a substance which is usually valueless; we have seen many farmers hard at work, after haying, upon a deposit of this nature, and have often had the pleasure of saving them much toll by proving on the spot the worthlessness of the substance which they were endeavoring to utilize. A substance holding 70 per cent of clear sand and 30 per cent of black mud is "one well calculated to deceive." It looks rich, and is tempting to many who desire to increase their manurial resources. A little of this material put into a tumbler and stirred up with much water at once reveals itself, as the sand settles to the bottom and the black vegetable matter floats above it. These do not exist in it in available forms, and cannot be brought into that state at a cost which will under ordinary conditions warrant transportation and manipulation. Muck has a certain value as an absorbent of liquid manure, and it may pay to procure and dry it for such purposes; but to meet this want it must be convenient to the barn, and of good quality. Farmers cannot afford to be deluded or led astray on any point, and therefore it is important that the true value of what is called muck should be understood.

Advised to Hedge.
Virginia City Chronicle.
Two friends were discussing the merits of their acquaintances. One said: "Talk about a mean man, now there is old Strassberger! He is the hardest, driest, meanest old Shylock that ever lived. That man! why—" And there he stopped as if words could not do justice to the subject.
"Y'ou're mistaken," said his friend. "He's not so bad; even the devil is not so black as he is painted. Now I will bet you \$10 I can borrow \$50 of him before night."
"Done! and the money was put up. On panted the sanguine bet-maker to his intended victim.
"Strassberger, my boy, how are you?" and he slapped him on the back of a faded coat.
"Y'ell, I was all right. Yot's de madder mit you?"
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A Faithful Negro.
Macon Telegraph.
Alec Stevens has many stories to tell of negroes, and one is of a famous cotton and chicken depredator, who, since the war met the ex-Vice-President in the road. "Well, Thomas," was the kindly salutation, "I was sorry to hear that you had been in trouble about Mrs. Tripp's chickens." "Yes, Mars Alec, but I done quit all dat now," said the negro very penitently. "How many did you take before you stopped?" asked Mr. Stevens. "I tuk all she had was the perfectly innocent reply.

PROOF EVERYWHERE.
If any invalid or sick person has any doubt of the power and efficacy of Hop Bitters to cure them, they can and ought to visit the neighborhood, with proof positive that they can be easily and permanently cured, at a trifling cost, or ask your druggist or physician.

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Having passed several sleepless nights, disturbed by the agonies and cries of a suffering child, the mother was at last obliged to procure a supply for the child, and had done so, and was about to take it to the child, she refused to do so, and said she would not do so until she had seen the child. That night the child died, and the mother was without sleep, and the child was buried. The mother was so distressed, and while contemplating the child's death, she thought of the Hop Bitters, and she tried it, and she found it to be the best medicine she could get, and she gave it to the child, and the child recovered, and she was so glad, and she said to the child, "You're madder than I am." "Y'ell, I was all right. Yot's de madder mit you?" "Look here, old fellow, I made a bet about you just now—ha, ha! It's a capital joke." "Y'ell, I said Strassberger. Yell?" "Y'ell, I just made a bet with Smithy that I could borrow \$50 of you to-day." "Y'ell, I said." "Y'ell, I said the amount." "Y'ell, that's what I put up." "Y'ell, now, look here, my friend, (in a low whisper) "you go straight away and hedge."

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