

THE STORY OF A SLAVE. CARED FOR BY MR. H. CLARKSON.

Was All His Life a Family Servant and Belonged to the Late... The Peculiar Will of John Clarkson.

Some weeks ago Mr. Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, N. C., spent a few hours in Columbia, S. C., returning from his visitation in Richland county, once owned by his grandfather, and still in possession of members of the family.

Mr. Clarkson took back with him to North Carolina, William, a former slave of his father, Mr. William Clarkson, who was given by the latter by his father, Mr. Thomas Clarkson, and became...

Miss Mary Shuman Dead. Aged Resident of Salisbury Passes Away—The Clarke-Blue Wedding—Personal and News Notes.

Frightened Horse. Runners hid down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences.

MONROE MATTERS. A Marriage of Wide-Spread Interest—Personal and Social Notes.

Correspondence of The Observer. Monroe, Dec. 24.—A marriage which will be of wide-spread interest on account of the prominence and popularity of the participants, will occur at Wingate during the holidays.

At the close of the heated conversation a gentleman who had kept silence, but had paid great attention to everything that was said, gave Dr. Lord his card, and invited him to visit him in Columbia, S. C., on his way back to Savannah to Charleston.

Christmas at Police Station. Chief Irwin Saw that the Prisoners Had Something Good to Eat—Pen Sketches of a Few of the Occupants of Cells.

PERSONALS. The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others.

PERSONALS. Mr. H. Steadman, of Carolina, is in the city, stopping at the Central.

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THE WEATHER. U. S. Department of Agriculture. Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 26, 1904.

Temperature and precipitation report for the 24 hours ending at 5 p. m. to-day: Maximum temperature 45. Minimum temperature 25.

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