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V. The statements of the editor of to one of those set up personally by Collier's, as given by Mr. Ford in his letter to the committee dated January 3th, are quite sufficient explanation of any textual irregularity in the illustrations of my article. All discrepancies, so far suggested, in "my Mercury" are the strongest possible human evidence of its genuineness. One so gifted as the color of the strongest possible human evidence of its genuineness. One so gifted as the color of the strongest possible human evidence of its genuineness.

my critics describe me, would not have wher deliberately employed tissue paper as side. armor in a fraudulent enterprise. Mr. VI. The letter of Andrew Stevenson, which I showed to the Charlotte etc.," son, which I showed to the Charlotte committee, and whose genuineness they question (by implication), is specifically authenticated by Mr. Ford. Furthermore, it has no direct bearing on the genuineness of n., copy of The Cape Fear Mercury. Their relative positions, when found by me, may only have been accidental.

VII. "Millington Miller" certainly in order to enter upon the extremely

of Collier's Weekly and have heard from his his references to statement made, or written to him, which have heard appeared anywhere in print. He by and appeared anywhere in print. He by an at mention the sources of his Information.

As my personal character is not on trial and as I can probably show it to be quite as clean and conscious as that of any of my possible traducer. I will it increase that a page without citiciam, and buckle down to the real and only fast at issue, namely; the sounders of the day. I showed if, Ford half the countries of the day. I showed if, Ford half the countries of the day. I showed if, Ford half the countries of the cape rear hierory for time is of 175. In my possession, twinto its correctly described by Mr. Ford only as regards its size in inches, number of columns, water mark, and repairing in the folds.

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ence L. that he will know in future where Joseph Johnson got the broad-

Mr. Ford states that there is "noth-except the Mecklenburg Declaration, etc.," in "my Mercury" to demand a supplement. Just as if this were not "plenty enough" in itself! Mr. Ford thought that The Cape Fear Mercury was published at "Cape Fear," but did not locate that

The Mercury. Quid-quie id est timed Danaos et dona ferentes."

In conclusion, I do not think there are any points which I have not sharply accentuated, and permanently established, in my article of July 1st in Collier's and in this.

The vast fabric of polemical criticism, which has been reared all over North and South Carolina, would crumble in an instant if subjected to the simple weapon of literary criticism known as the "fatal parallel." (The mortar and other building materials are bad). The statements of each and every critic contradic, each other every critic contradict each other-dates, names, conditions, all show a tendency to stab each other in the back. I am solicitous to disbar per-

back. I am solicitous to disbar per-sonalities from this controversy as long as I can. After then I am pre-pared to stand viciously at bay. I am in this discussion "to stay in and to win out." I expect to go to London in a few days, and I promised the editor of Collier's to send him from there a full, free and properly anthenticated statement of all I find out, whether it he favorable to me, or not. He and I both want to see this very (?) of mine either establish-

S. MILLINGTON MILLER. New York. Feb. 1st, 1906.

CUMBERLAND FARMERS. tives of Cotton Association — Mrs. Weed No. 1 Refuses to See Mrs. Weed No. 2—Fayetteville News Notes.

Correspondence of The Observer. Payetteville, Feb. 2.-Mr. C. Moore, of Mecklenburg, president of the North Carolina division of the Southern Cotton Association, has as-signed one of his best "teams" of speakers for the entertainment of the farmers and business men of Cumber-"Farmers" Day," to-morrow—Messrs. Scott, one of the most successful farmers of Alamance county, and J. A. Brown. ex-State Senator, of Columbus, and a prominent citizen of the lower Cape Fear section. Last Wednesday Mr. Moore made a telling speech here to the cotton growers. Nothing in the way of an address has so greatly pleased the farmers of Cumberland in

a long time. The appearance of a second Mrs. E. B. Weed in this city, as wired to The Observer Wednesday night, though not unexpected to everybody, was a surprise to the general public, and has been the subject of much comment. When the correspondent was intro-When the correspondent was intro-duced to the Mrs. Weed, of Michigan, in the corridor on the second floor of house of W. E. Kindley, has taken the

declared emphatically that she had been the lawful wife of the late E. B. of that the news contained in my Cape
Fear Mercury is naturally dated. It the paper is not seputine it is passing strange that it should be so exactly in accord with all the theoretically intrinsic contents of a June, 1775. North Carolina newspaper, and ret so faulty in the plainer esceptism of number and date. A "condition of irregularity" which holds through all the anterevolutionary provincial press.

I talked very freely to Mr. Ford and skeletonized for him a vast amount of information, to which he was as utless attacked for him a vast amount of information, to which he was as utless attacked to be apoke so courteously, and said he was as favorably impressed by my copy of The Mercury. "Quid-quid id est times Danaos et dona ferentes."

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Misses Lillian and Mary Slocumb

gave a charming party Wednesday evening, complimentary to their guest. Miss St. John, of Pinehurst. Deputy Chuncellor R. G. Haigh has installed for the ensuing term the fol-lowing officers of Cumberland Lodge No. 5. Knights of Pythias: C. G. Rose, W. S. Hawley, V. C.; J. M. Rogers. P.; E. M. Davenpert, K. of R. & S.; Rev. V. G. Smith, M. of W.; W. R. Powers, M. at A.; H. O. Sedberry, M. of F.; J. G. Hollingsworth, M. of E.; R. F. Amos, I. G.; A. Jackson, O. G. been a patient at the Highsmith Hospital, was able to leave yesterday.

The choir recital at St. John's Epis-The choir recital at St. John's Episcopal chirch last evening was one of
the most delightful musical entertainments enjoyed by the people of Fayetteville in a long time, authentic,
highly cultivated and choice in the selection of the repertoire. The regular
vested choir was assisted by Miss
Mary Black, a charming coprano, with fresh, true voice, and Miss Bason, instructress on the violin, which she played with exquisite skill and expression, both of the Presbyterian Wo-man's College and Conservatory of Music at Red Springs. At the organ, in very fine overtures, was Mrs. I. W. Hughes, and Mrs. Morrow in the numbers on the programme. Very sweet voices in the choir were those of Mrs. W. L. Holt and Mrs. Herbert Lutter-

Miss Davis, a missionary to Brazil, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, delivered a very interesting mission address in Hay Street Methodist church last evening.

Mrs. Kate Munn and her daughter, Miss Clara, of Jacksonville, Fla., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jessup.-Miss Fannie Strange has gone to New York to attend the marriage of Mr. Gifford Cochran. Mr. Albert Stewart has taken a po-

sition in the National Bank of Fayetteville.

WEED'S WIDOWS WARY.

Special to The Observer

Fayetteville, Feb. 3 .- Mrs. E. B. Weed, of Michigan, who claims to be the lawful wife of the late E. B. Weed, is still here, presenting what she believes to be a strong case. She has employed counsel to vindi-She has employed counsel to vindi-cate her rights. The Mrs. Weed residing at the Pineview Hotel up to d o'clock to-day certainly, had declined to see the Mrs. Weed, of ing things and doing them right. Just Michigan. She is acting with reserve, the right mixture of these ingredand is standing on the position as jents is at your service for electrical widow of the late E. B. Weed, hav- work. ing been recognized as such in this community on his death and up to the time of the coming of the Michigan Mrs. Weed. It is stated, on trustworthy authority (she de-clines to be interviewed) that the resident Mrs. Weed was summoned to the New York hospital at the time of the fatal illness of the late E. B. Weed. There is a rumor, unconfirmed, that the New York sweetheart, who was to marry Weed, and, who was for a time at Pinehurst, holds his note for a considerable amount, and that he had a saddle horse belonging to her.

Another in the Same Boat. Room No. 6 in the Hotel Buford is just above the clerk's stand in the obby down stairs, where the gong is frequently manipulated to call the bell boys. A few night ago when the gongs were working overtime a tired looking guest came down in his bed com slippers and dressing gown and asked for another room, informing Mr. Wigfall, the genial night clerk, that he was not able to sleep on account of the gong.

"Neither will this gentleman be able to," replied Mr. Wigfall pleasantly, as he ordered a bell boy to put a cot in No. 6 for the gentleman, who had

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Newborn, Feb. 3.—A marriage unfer rather sensational circumstances occurred here to-day and the sequel is yet to be isarned. A. S. Monsco and Miss Ruth Thomas, of Norfolk, were married by a magistrate, after two ministers had refused to perform the ceremony. The couple arrived here Friday and registered at a hotel as man and wife. To-day they went to Rev. L. G. H. Williams, rector of

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Attractions For This

While we have been very busy for the past two weeks with our great Mill-End Sale, yet we took time to look for some of the Newest Attractions in Dress Goods, Silks, Ladies' Furnishings, etc., which go on sale Monday. Last week we placed on sale a nice lot of Very Fine Muslin Underwear, garments of all kinds, from 50c to \$5.00. These are handsomely made and must be seen to be appreciated.

lable Liner

At Tryon Street Store Monday you can buy Table Linen for Less Than Manufacturer's Cost. The entire lot will be divided into three lots.

Lot No I consists of 72-inch Bleached Table Linen that sells regularly for 75c Lot No 2 consists of 72-inch Bleached and Half-Bleached Table Linen that sells Lot No 3 consists of 58-inch, 60-inch and 62-inch Unbleached Table Linen,

No piece of Table Linen will be cut that contains 4 yards or less.

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One lot of Children's Jersey Ribbed Vests and Pants, Cotton Fleeced, worth 20c

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New Gift Belts

Three Good Soaps

Pear's Unscented Tollet Soap 15c. Williams' Shaving Scap, block Sc.

New Val Laces A very large lot goes on sale Monday, in match putterns at all prices

Mell Pillow Tops

A Brand New Stock of Pillow Tops, already finished, assorted designs, on

Pillow Cords

A new lot of Pillow Cords to match these Pillow Tops at 25c, each

Coat Suit Department

We are showing some advanced styles in Spring Suits-in Etons and Pony Jackets, White, Grey, Blue and Black. As the weather threatens to continue cold, we will have many days to enjoy wearing heavy and medium weight Suits. We are selling

them at very low prices, as follows: \$20,00 and \$22.50 Coat Suits at \$10.00 and \$12.50 Coat Suits at \$6.39.

Ladles' Wraps

We will continue for a few days, our Ladies' Cloaks at 25 per cent of regular price. Also Children's and Misses' Cloaks at 1-3 off regular price.

These Cloaks are all good styles, and are well worth investing in



