To the Editor of The Observer:

A bit ago Col. H. E. C. Bryant tion of an article which was intended your position antagonistic to the sun." dhound. Mr. Bryant was, and had cause to be, jubilant over our exverbal assault upon the long-cared mermaid.

sleuth, for by the highest scientific In a w and historical authorities we proved his efficiency from the time he helped Julius Caesar to conquer Gaul to the for the present, we confidently would not speak, and that it cited the bloodhound pups of Chief taken to Haerlem, where it lived for Orr, from which great things were ex- some years, though always showing pected. Mr. Bryant's joy at having an inclination to the water. the "Old Man" whipped out on this In the Hist. de la Compagnie de out for the "Old Man." They told number of priests being witnesses fresh draught at your inexhaustible formed woman. fountain of humor, you proceeded to jump over and ignore all our history of Norway there are several accounts and were forced actually to resort to of mermaids, but none more intera patent petitio principii, by assum- esting than that of the taking of the lina who have abandoned the trail of was in 1613 carried by the mayor the criminal to chase rabbits or to of that city and exhibited in Paris. run their masters to their doors, were blood-hounds. You not only captured the public to our chagrin, but it was soon whispered around that Chief

Your piece was copied throughout the North and South. The New York Sun came over to my side just at the time Mr. Bryant weakened and passed over to your support by publishing | well shaped and its neck full. the bloodhound speech of that inimitable lawyer-dramatist-Col. Cy. Watson. A few days after, having been deserted by Col. H. E. C. Bryant, I was joined by one of the greatest authorities on dogs and at the same have to content myself as of the head to the extremity of the against you and the most of your tall is about four feet." readers with the endorsement of

on the bloodhound proposition, I angels fear to tread," and so he is a ling relish. scared angel and I am a foot in this I am going to try and flank you.

gro assailant of Captain Macklin.

out on this question because I am around some years ago that a mermaid had been seen in the Catawba having swam up from the Atlantic on



MISSES' AND GIRLS' DOUBLE-BREASTED LONG COAT.
With Fancy Yoke-Facing.
Paris Pattern No. 1743.
All Beams Allowed.
One of the smartest styles in the new all-cover coats for spring wear in here shown made of tan cloth and strictly tail-ored. The fronts lap and close in double-breasted fashion and open at the throat in a marrow Y. A backward-turning plait and a hoz-plait in each close of the seam-less back and a bex-plait in each front are pressed all the way to the edge of the coat and stitched to the walet at the back and to some distance below in the front; and a belt with pointed ends is widely lapped and closed in front. The neck is collarious, but a decidedly individual effect is given by a laid-on yoke of exceedingly fanciful outling.

These coats are made up in plain, mixed, checked, plaid and striped cloths and coating.

pattern is in fire sizes—0 to 17 years. miss of 15 years the cost requires ards of goods 27 inches wide, or 3 \(\) 54 inches wide, or 2 \(\) yards 60

COL. HENRY GIVES BATTLE

ENDEMAYED BY LAST DEFEAT

Overwhelming Vanquishment on the Hoodhound Proposition Does Not Crash Col. Henry, Though He Quibbles a Bit and Writhes in His Embarrassment—Challenges The Observer to a New Task—Knows All About Bloodhounds, Science and Poetry, He Declares, But is Short on Knowledge of the Movements of the strength of the second to the facts—no jumping of established data, if you please.

In mythological account the mermaid was described as having "the

maid was described as having "the head and body of a woman of ex-ceeding loveliness and hair of luxuriant growth, while the lower part collaborated with me in the prepara- of her body was that of a fish, whose scales shimmered like gold or silver as an historical and crushing reply to as she basked in the sheen of the

Now, sir, let us turn to the factsto some of the accumulated historic pose of the fallacy of your merciless data touching the existence of the

In a work entitled Delices d'Holande, we are told that, in the year 1430, some girls found a mermaid on the seashore near Edam; that they time when he ran Bruce and Wallace brought it in their boat to the city: up a tree, and proceeding triumphant- that it ate like one of them, but

vasty argument was something pret- Jesus, Part 11, No. 276, it is stated ty to see. True, other gentlemen of that a mermaid was captured off the "Mule Pen" warned us to look western coast of Ceylon in 1560, a us frankly that you would give us- and that physicians who examined well, well, Sheol. And so you did, her stated that above the waist line Summoning your satire and taking a she was in all respects like a well-

In Pontoppidan's Natural History ing that the mongrels in North Caro- one in the harbor of Cherbourg, which

In 1775, in the very month the Mecklenburgers were declaring their independence of Great Britain, the Londoners were azing upon a mer-Orr was saying that the career of his maid, which had been captured in the pups sustained all you said about the Aegean Sea, the description of which is given as follows: "Its face is like that of a young female; its eyes a fine light blue, its nose small and handsome; its mouth red; its teeth are regular, small and white; its chin ears are like those of the eel. placed like those of the human specles, and behind them are the gills for respiration, which appear curls. But its chief ornament is a beautiful membrane of fin rising from time one of the greatest photogra- the temples, and gradually diminishphers in the South, who lives right ing till it ends pyramidically, formhere in Charlotte, who speaking by the ling a foretop like a lady's head-dress. book, declared and declares that there | Its breasts are fair and full, the hands has never been a genuine blood- and arms being well proportioned. hound in the "Old North State." The lower part of its body is formed The fact is, however, you have the in all respects like that of the codjury with you, that is to say, the fish, the polished scales occasionally public, though it knows no more reflecting the rays of the sun in about a sure-enough bloodhound most beautiful manner. The whole than it does about an icthysoaurus. I length of the animal from the crown

In 1812, when we were engaged in "Uncle Sam," who recently used a sweeping England from the high seas, genuine bloodhound successfully ac- the London papers were again filled cording to a report in The Observer, with the description of a beautiful in running down and taking the ne- mermaid, "observed for a period of two hours off Exmouth bar by Conscious of defeat at your hands yachting party of ladies and gentlemen, while she disported herself in have endeavored to get my friend, Col. the calm and transparent sea in the H. E. C. Bryant, to join me in again wake of their boat"-they even attacking you, but he laconically in- threw her some (Huyler's) candy and forms me that "fools rush in where fruit, which she are with astonish-

Ten years passed away and then on business, according to his philosophy, the 26th of April the Rev. Dr. Philfor I am going to wade in. Yes, sir, lips, representative of the London Missionary Society at Cape Town, You may know all about blood- Cape of Good Hope, wrote to Belt's hounds and science, and statesman- Weekly Messenger, London, "I have ship and poetry, but if what I have to-day seen a mermaid. I have alheard is true, you are short on knowl- ways treated the existence of this edge of mermaids. I am cailing you creature as fabulous, but my sceptiism is now removed." His descriptold that when it was murmured tion of the mermaid, which followed, orresponds with that already given. It is unnecessary to name other inriver, opposite Mount Holly, sitting on stances-there are many. Having 85. a log combing her long black hair, satisfied you, I hope, of the actuality of the mermaid, I beg to call your attention to the fact that this beautiful nymph of the sea was said to possess DAILY FASHION SERVICE the power of prophecy, and if that they can remember.

be so, what a chance your city editor, Col H. E. C. Bryant, missed in not interviewing the Catawba visitor. This matter is brought forward, not only for the purpose of flanking you and overwhelming you, if I can, in return for my defeat on the blood- Special to The Observer. bound pronunciamento-not only to get even with Col Bryant for desert- Telephone Company, the independent ing me, by showing his failure to do company, which is making things the State a service by interviewing the Catawba siren, but because you are recognized as the historic and cientific oracle of this section of the globe, and if what I have said is not true, the folk ought to know it, and you are challenged to answer.

I will anticipate you by admitting that the Teutonic mermaid had no fish-tall appendage, as for Instance

"Who sits a wondrous maiden On high, a muiden fair, With golden jewels inden, She combs her golden hair.

She combs with combs all golden, And sings a song so fine, How strange that music olden, As it falls upon the Rhine." W. R. H.

A PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT. Misses Eva and Laura Cromartie Entertain a Number of Friends at

Clarkton, Special to The Observer.

ing Misses Eva and Laura Cromartie rill's name has been used by the from 8:30 to 11:30 in honor of their compileation, but Mr. Maher's name cousin, Mr. I. Wright Murphy, of will now appear as agent. Mr. Ma-Pittsburg, Pa. Misses Miriam Mc- her who came to Statesville from Falyen and Laura Dell Clark re- South Carolina, is a very agreeable ceived, and after the guests had as-sembled in the parlor all enjoyed some splendid vocal and instrumental the station receive prompt attention. music, rendered by Misses Gertrude McFadyen, Laura Cromartie and HIT HIM WITH SINGLE-TREE Laura Dell Clark.

The color scheme of violet was beautifully carried out in the form of souvenir booklets, tied with violet ribbon, which contained eleven questions to be answered only by the letters in "Molet." The first, prize was a lovely bouquet of violets and ferns tied with violet ribbon. The booby

was a small hammer. dates, cream and cake and hot chocolate were enjoyed by Misses Cromartie's guests, who were Miss Miriam the row was about is not clear, ex-McFadyen, Mr. Wright Murphy, Miss cept that liquor and probably domes-Ethel Clark, Mr. E. J. Cox. Miss tic affairs was the origion of the dif-Ethel Clark, Mr. E. J. Cox. Miss Laura Dell Clark, Mr. Conley Stegall, Miss Gertrude McFadyen, Dr. Evans, Miss Annie Lou Kelley, Mr. Angus Kelloy, Miss Agnes Clark, Mr. James

Wooten and Mr. George Currie. HALF THE WORLD WONDERS. how the other half lives. Those who use Bucklen's Aralca Saive never wonder if it will cure cuts, wounds, burns eiges and all akin eruptions; they know it will. Mrs. Grant Shy., 170 E. Reynolds St., Springfield, Ill., says: "I regard it one of the absolute pecasities of housekeeping." Guaranteed by all druggists. 26.

WRECK NEAR TAYLORSVILLE

Train No. 15 Has Mishap Six Bo Cars Leave Track-Prog. Celebration of Lee Day. Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Jan. 15—No. 15, in charge of Capt. N. A. Bost, the mixed train that is due in Statesville from Taylorville at 6.20 o'clock, was wrecked three miles this side of Taylorville last evening. Six box cars and the baggage car left the track, leaving the engine and the two passenger coaches which were in the rear, on the track, No one was hurt and but little damage resulted to the track, There were but few passengers aboard and these piled on the engine and were brought on down the line The engine also took what few passengers there were up the road last night. The train that was derailed is due to leave Statesville for Charlotte at 6.50. A train off of the Winston and Mooresville division came up about 9 o'clock and made the run to Charlotte. A wrecking train was

sent to clear the track. At the court house next Saturday morning the 100th anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robert E, Lee will be observed by Statesville people. The exercises will take place about 11 o'clock and will be under the aspices of the local chapter of The Daughters of the Confederacy. The following programme has been ar

ranged for the occasion. Prayer, Hymn, "How Firm Foundation." Reading of Gen. Lee's farewell address to the Confederate army. Anthem, by the choir of the All the Saints Who From Their La- died prematurely.

bor Rest." Prayer and Benediction. The following veterans will receive is due in large measure to the adhadges of honor: W. J. Becham, J. W. Cohn, J. P. Collins, J. W. Crowell, S. C. Chapel, H. H. Harbin, J. W. Lackey, M. S. Nesbit, C. K. McNeely, R. W. McKey, J. C. Siceloff, J. Y Templeton, J. A. Wiesner, H. S. Williams, H. C. York.

TOBACCO SALES HEAVY.

Reidsville Market Shows Decided Activity—Representatives of Insur-and Companies Adjust Fire Companies

Correspondence to The Observer.
Reidsville, Jan. 14.—Tobacco sales
on the Reidsville market continued heavy the past week and the quality has been about an average of the The market shows a very decided activity, all classes of buyers being eager bidders, and the larger orporations taking their full proportions of the offerings. From the tart weather conditions have been favorable for the farmers to market the crop and at no time have prices will continue large for several weeks, nothing but

to his family at Wentworth to Ragestion of food, but these diseases
leigh. Mr. Reid is chairman of a they positively cure.
number of important committees, We will gladly send you a trial number of

Representatives of insurance companles have adjusted the losses in Bidg., Marshall, Mich. Ware Grocery Company's store and these representative concerns have reopened their placs of businss. The L. R. Ware Company carried \$1,000, and Mr. Tulloch's stock and build-line were largered and build-line were largered and build-line were largered and build-line were largered and build-line were largered. ing were insured for between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

Yesterday was the warmest day of the winter, the thermometer on the door of the sheriff's office registering A few more days of such weather will result in all of the frui being killed. The oldest inhabitants state that it is the most remarkable underlying cause. Sores and Ulcers originate usually from a retention in weather for the time of the year that the system of bodily waste matters and impurities. These should pass off

NEW 'PHONE NEARLY READY Iredell Telephone Company Organized skin gives way in some weak place and a Sore or Ulcer is formed. The contion to Bell, Will Begin "Cutting stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes it to fester, grow red and inflamed and act described the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes it to fester, grow red and inflamed and act described the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes it to fester, grow red and inflamed and act described the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes it to fester, grow red and inflamed and act described the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes it to fester, grow red and inflamed and act described the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes it to fester, grow red and inflamed and act described the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes it to fester, grow red and inflamed and act described the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes it to fester, grow red and inflamed and act described the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes it to fester, grow red and inflamed and act described the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes it to fester the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes in the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes in the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes in the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes in the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes in the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes in the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes in the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes in the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes in the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes in the continuous stant drainage of impurities through a sore causes in t

Statesville, Jan.

warm for the Bell people in States. ville, is about ready for business, and will begin the "cutting in" of 'phones to-morrow or next day. The pany has one of the best systems to be had. Their switchboard is of beautiful mahogany, one of the made, and all of the material used blood. Then the place begins to heal, new flesh is formed, the inflamma- day. in the construction work has been of Messrs. H. V. Smith and W. C. Lacy, of the Dean Electric place heals permanently. Special book on Sores and Ulcers and any medical greatest stock in the State. 'ompany, Elyria, Ohio, are here putswitchboard and other ting in the electrical fixtures. They will complete their work in a few days. The Southern Raflway people will begin the work of constructing an operator's tower at the Statesville denot in a short time. The plans for the building have already been made, and the tower will be an up-to-date structure. The tower, which is a part of the block system, which is being put in operation on this division, will be great convenience to the railroad people and will also be a safeguard

against wrecks at the station. Mr. W. A. Davis, a traveling auditor of the Southerff Railway, has been here several days checking in Mr W. P. Maher, the new agent at Clarkton, Jan. 15 .- Saturday even- the Statesville depot. Mr. Frank Sheritertained a party of young people company ever since he resigned as

Gertelle Bruner, Who is a Negro. Lambasts Ike Houpe, Another, With Very Serious Results-Stockholders of Cotton Mills Meet.

Special to The Obestver. Statesville, Jan. 15.—Ike Houpe and Gertelle Bruner, two negroes who live near Mr. W. H. Crawford. Dainty refreshments of stuffed in Bethany township, engaged in a fight Saturday night that may resuit in the death of Houpe Just what

FROM THE ANTILLES. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Benefits a

City Councilman at Kingston,
Jamaica.

Mr. W. O'Reilly Fogarty, who is a
member of the City Council at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, writes as
follows: "One bottle of Chembertain's
Cough Remedy had good effect on a
cough that was giving me trouble and f
think I should have been more quickly
relieved if I had continued the remedy.
That is was beneficial and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and it is
my intention to obtain another bottle."
For eals by R. H. Jordan & Co.

in his head. Dr. W. J. Hill, who is attending House, says there is practically no chance for his recovery. Bruner was arrested yesterday morning by Mr. C. P. Crawford and given a hearing before Squire W. H. Crawford, who committed him to jail to await the result of House's injuries.

The annual meeting of the stock.

was held yesterday and the following board of directoirs was re-elected:
J. W. Copeland, M. R. Adams, P. F. Laugennour, W. F. Hail, T. D. Miller, J. K. Morrison, B. F. Long, F. A. Sherrill, Wm. Wallace. The board re-elected the following officers: Wm. Wallace, president; F. A. Sherrill, vice president; T. D. Miller, secretary vice president; T. D. Miller, secretary and treasurer; F. K. Page, superintendent.

The by-laws of the mill changed and the directors were authorized to hold not exceeding five meetings a year, if necessary, and members of the board who are not paid officers will receive \$2 for attending each meeting. The action of the stockholders is sensible, but the directors objected, saying they did not ask it. The motion, however, was carried unanimously.

From Chicken-Pox to Cholera

Cure-Alls No Longer Tolerated. In early days every barber shop was an operating room and the town First Presbyterian church. Address physician resorted to bleeding as the on life and character of Gen. Lee. sure cure for all ailments from Mr. Dorman Thompson, Reminis-chicken-pox to cholera. As a result, cences by old Soldlers. Hymn, "For many, including our first President The present low rate of mortality

> vances made in medical science and the knowledge of the specific treatment needed for each disease known. There is no disease more common among American and English peothan dyspensia. So prevalent has it become that thousands suffer with it half unconsciously, consider the symptoms as natural to their

physical constitution and resign themselves to living on in that condition. There is a remedy for dyspepsia, and only one, recommended and endorsed generally by physicians: Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets have stood the test of years of use by millions of sufferers, have been subjected to governmental analyses in Europe and America and alone have been found to contain the elements which Nature has put into the stomach for digestion

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Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets relieve the stomach and bowels in a perfect? ly natural way by helping them do their work. If the stomach is weak showed any declining tendency; on the contrary, prices have showed a are inactive, Stuart's Tablets inin gastric juice, Stuart's Tablets make muscles The farmers have taken advantage of the situation, and have sold this crop perhaps more rapidly than ever before. And the buyers, too, have been easer and better prepared than ever befor to handl the crop expeditiously. Unless the weather is yery unfavorable the loose receipts. very unfavorable the loose receipts action is simply that of a digestive, State Senator R. D. Reid was here sour stomach and kindred ailments to-day, returning from a short visit resulting from the imperfect di-

number of important committees, and finds it difficult to remain from package to prove the truth of our his duties at Italeigh for even a short claims. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tables of all druggists at 50 A. Stuart Co., 69 Stuart cents.

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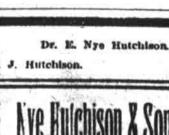
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