it is "Greek meet Greek" when two utings, in a fisticulf, or in the matter f exchanging presents. Here's a case

in point.

During his trip abroad this summer Mr. C. W. Tillett bought a good many souvenirs. In the city of Cologne, Germany, he purchased two little comanion places, one being a small chair, which were seated two little doggies, both looking as pert and chipper as could be, and above them inscribed the words, "vor der hochzeit" (be-

fore the high time). The other chair contained the same two little doggles with countenances woeful and dejected, their heads tied up, eyes banged and blood coming out. Above them was inscribed the words, "narch der nochze it" (after the high time). Mr. Tillett presented these works of art to his neighbor and friend, Col. W. B. Rodman, division counsel of the Southern Railway Company, but to the first ern Rallway Company, but to the first chair Mr. Tillett attached a card reading:

"When the injunction was granted," referring, of course, to the high spirits of the Southern and its actorney at the ne when Judge Pritchard restrained the execution of the rate law. To the second chair containing the dilspidated doggies Mr. Tillett attached a corresponding card, "After Governor Glenh got through with them," referring to the consternation in the ranks of the Southern and its friends when Governor Glenn frightened them so badly that they voluntarily annulled Judge Pritchard's restraining order and put the rate law into effect. Colonel Rodman received these resents and acknowledged the corn.

He merely bided his time. It came yesterday. He sent over a nice little present to Mr. Tillett and accompanying it a card, saying: I also send here-with the only perfectly reliable account of your trip abroad, making a hit of course at Mr. Tillett's letters from Europe printed in The Observer. The "reliable account" furnished by Col-onel Redman is so good that it is here-

"The first thing we tackled was a museum. I don't remember now what was in it. I've seen so many since, and they all look alke. But I know we waked through just eleven thousand miles of statues and paintings, and rubbered so hard we could hardly get our chins down when we came to tunch.

"After a hasty feed, we polished off a few churches and took a pleasure ride to some place, and came back home all insky."

insky. "The next morning I felt like when I used to work on the farm and had to milk the cows and curry the horses till midnight and then get up at quarter-to-one. Gee! but I was tired! But Phillips was around routing us all out, and so we came down to breakfast with one foot in the bed. We had to hurry to make a tenting the state of the contract o

well, we rode as far as the train went and then got off and took carriages til the horses gave out, and then walked as far as we could. That was the place, and it was burn. Just a pile of old stones and a second-rate fairy

of old stones and a second-rate fairy story.

"After we'd had our supper and the fleas had had theirs, we went to bedinate before we got up.

"The next day we went to Pompeli. Rode alt morning on the train in a compartment with a mess of old maids, so that I couldn't smoke, and was madder than sin, and spit cotton all alway the right-of-way. And finally when, we hit Pompeli-Say, doc., you've never been to Hades, have you? No? Well, you go some time when you get a chance. They say it's an interesting place. But keep away from Pompeli when the sun shines. It's just the same as a griddle. When we got out we looked like an order of French fried.

"Then we went to Rome. We did Home in three days. We had cathedrais for breaktest, original mosaics for dinner, and rulms for supper. My bones were beginning to ache like they used to when I plowed corn, and I thought I was coming down with something, ague or Roman fever or something. And not a drop of whiskey in the whole dodganted town! Just sour wine that pickled your stomath and went right to your disposition. By finks! I remember thinking if ever I got home it'd just huy a barrel of Old Kentucky and make a liighball in the bath-tuck and get in.

"Well, from Rome we started to hike

icky and make a highwall to hike about the well. from Rome we started to hike cross the continent, doing a town a sinute. And churches and curiosities and aid masters. Say, we eat 'em alive-hit heir heads off. Nothing doing without a fresh bunch of old masters before

reakfast.

"That's it," said Walmsley, with a sigh. "Give me some opium, doe. Then can go to sleep, and have a pipe-dream, want to do Asia, Africa and Australia before morning. Then I'll have finished the whole sight-seeing business and can get back to work. I'm going to settle down to-merrow and take a few lessons on the cash-register.

When Mr. Tillett read the piece he sighed deeply and was heard to mutter: well, I have nothing further to say."

strange natural formations, is a veritable sonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son cented near death with Jung and threat mubic. Exhausting countries.

est type and in the greatest possible volume was theirs during every moment of their stay.

The enjoyable programme consisted first of the singing of the songs that were especially dear to the Southern soldiers during the war between the States, and at frequent intervals hearly "three cheers" of old time strength and ferver resounded through the pretty house where every soldier who were the gray always finds himself so thoroughly at home. These songs were interspersed with recitations that were especially in keeping with the occasion, the speakers being Misses Hazel Brown, Caroline Jones and Margaret Bland.

One special feature was the pre-

Jones and Margaret Bland.

One special feature was the presentation of a curio cabinet from the Children of the Confederacy to Mecklenburg Camp, Dr. J. B. Alexander making a most appropriate presentation speech. The other special feature was the tribute of Mr. R. B. Hunt to Mrs. Sexton, expressing fas loyalty and love of the camp for the woman, who in so many ways gives much of pleasure to the veterans, not only upon these annual social occasions but at other times as well. He also spoke of the camp's appreciation of the Children of the Confederacy in their well directed work under the leadership of Mrs. Sexton and Mrs. E. C. Register.

The refreshments were delicious and were served in that elegant yet informal manner which adds much to the pleasure of any social occasion.

the pleasure of any social occasion. Every year Mrs. Sexton wins new tributes of appreciation for her hospitality to the veterans, and each year

the occasion seems to surpass those of all former years, and this is true of the event of yesterday.

The souvanirs were pretty, white cards, bearing impressions of Confederate flags, and the following lines in red:

"And glory wreaths our heroes" maries On Fame's bright page to-day, God bless the men who fought and lost, Our men who wore the gray!" A register was kept which showed the signatures of more than one hundred veterans.

MAY PENFIELD, SOPRANO.

Asheville Farm School Defeats Local Y. M. C. A. Club by an Overwhelm-ing Score.

The Asheville Farm School basketball team won the last of the series of games with the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday after-noon by a score of 35 to 18. The lo-cals were considerably handicapped by a change in their kne-up, which was made necessary owing to the ab-sence of Huntington, who played cen-tre. From the very start the vis'gors had the game well in hand, the victors of the first two games never be-ing in calling distance. For the visitors Garrison played a magnificent game, his throws from the field winning great applause. The Y. M. C. A team played well, but they could not strike the winning galt.

Saturday night the Tar Heels contest with the Mystic Five in the sev-

enth game of the trophy cup series.

The reception which Miss Emma Buffington gave to her music class last evening was a very pleasant social event. There was about it a deligni-ful informal air that added all the more to its pleasure. Miss Buffington resides with her sister, Mrs. M. L. Yeager, on North Graham street, and the hall, parlor and her studio were prettily decorated in Christmas green and red. In the parlor was a unique family Christmas tree, which was greatly admired by all who were pres-ent. Dainty refreshments were served and appropriate souvenirs, in form of little violins, were distributed to the guests. Most of the members of Miss Buffington's large music class were present, and in addition to these several of her many friends called to extend the greetings of the season. This reception was one of the mo enjoyable of the many pleasant social evenings for which Miss Buffington's pupils are indebted to her.

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MAY CHANGE COUNTY SEAT.

County Talks of the Effect Which the Burning of the Court House at Rutherfordton Will Have on Location of County Scat-Forest City a Bidder. The burning of the old Ruther-

"The burning of the old Rutherford county court house at Rutherfordton Tuesday will give fresh impetus to the movement to change the
county seat from Rutherfordton to
Forest City," remarked a former
resident of that county to an Observer man yesterday. "A petition
was drawn up and signed by 1,700
Rutherford county voters last winter asking the Legislature to order
an election to determine this matter,
but nothing ever came of it. Those
who were championing the cause at
the time declared that the reason
why the movement falled was that

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rowd and vote for the change. They crowd and vote for the change. They desire to form part of a new county and see little hope with the situation as it now stands. Should the county seat be moved to Forest City, they see in the change a step toward the consummation of their desire. There are not a few who believe that the agitation which is already well under your will have reached such the agitation which is already well under way will have reached such proportions by the next session of the General Assembly that an election by the people will certainly be ordered. Should an election be held, it is very generally believed that Rutherford county will have a new county seat, one more accessible to the outside world and nearer the centre of population of the county."

LETTERS TORN OPEN.

omeone Stepped Upon Porch of St. Peter's Hospital and Takes Dozen or More Letters Out of Mail-Box and Opens Them in Search For Val-

As many as a dozen letters in the private mailing box at St. Peter's Hospital were nifled Tuesday night me time after 9 o'clock by a party or parties as yet unknown to the po-lice authorities. It happened that Capt. W. B. Taylor, going to his home on that night, discovered torn letters strewn down Seventh street from Tryon to Poplar. He picked ined them and determined upon investigation. He sent to the hosp and found at once that all the let-ters had been mailed in the box there and had been seen as late as 8 o'clock. Nobedy seemed to know whether the letters contained any whether the letters contained any money or not. It is now agreed that some rascal walked upon the perch where the mail-box 's stationed, pickwhere the mail-box is stationed, pick-ed up the letters and then went up Seventh street, where they were open-ed. Finding nothing of value in them, they were thrown down. It was a daring trick, performed by one who knows his business.

Gave Gifts Instead of Receiving Them The Christmas entertainment at the First Baptist church last night was a of the children of the Sunday of the children of the Sunday school receiving presents they gave them. The several classes had been askd to contribute different articles, one flour, another sugar, a third canned goods, a fourth potatoes, and so on. All was carefully arranged and set selds for the event last night. After the regular service, the congregation was dismission. service, the congregation was a service, the congregation was a service. At least 100 of those not so fortunat in the possession of much of the world's goods as others were made world's goods as others were made they are services they are services to the services of the services they are services to the services of t

Christmas Cantata at East Avenu

The cantata and Christmas tree given last night under the auspices of the Sunday school of the East Avenue Tabernacle was a desided suced appropriate pieces and the singing showed an excellent training of the young voices. The occasion was attended by old and young and all enjoyed it to the limit.

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