- A Visit to the Croatan Indians -

cestors lived. It is to be noticed that the Croatans always speak of "Virginia" as the place where their people lived. They mean the Virginia of Sir Walter Raieigh's found-

ligent mun, remarked that he had alheard his ancestors called Hat-Indians. There are those who teras Indians. believe that the settlement on the Lumber river was made as early as 1650, for French Huguenots, exiled from their homes, who found refuge

son section found patches of tobacco near their houses. They never forget an obligation or a debt nor do they forget a kindness or an insult. A TARDY JUSTICE.

The tardy justice which North Carolina gave to these strange and most
distressing people came to them in
the spring of 1885, and when the
act of the Legislature recognizing
them as Croatan Indians was publicthem as Croatan Indians was publicthe widow of Henry Berry Lowrie, a
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terior they held communication with the people on the coast and it may been some of these very up country Croatans, visiting their former home who were seen by Lawson in 20% and who spoke of their ancestors are persons who could "talk in a book." Early French, English, Irish and German immigrants who came among the Croatans in this war had taken a number of Mattamuskeet Indians prisoners and took the latter back with them to Rob-son country as slaves, the descendants of these Mattamuskeets yet living there and claiming this descent, some of them being able to locate the region where their ancestors lived. It is to be noticed that the Croatans always speak of "Virginia" as the place where their people itwed. They mean the Virginia of Sir Walter Raieigh's found-sinial country was proper in the country and the knowledge of how to grow it and the knowledge o the widow of Henry Berry Lowrie, a famous outlaw. State Auditor Dixon recently visited the Croatans and spoke to a great assemblage of them at Pates, the location of their nor-mal college. There he saw Rhoda, who diled used to be a great beauty. Her hus-fuge band's father and several other Croa-of tans, not recognized then as whites or



The Cabin of Harriett Graham, Type of a Croatan Home.

tans is a very pure but quaint old An- ry Berry Lowrie was then only glo-Saxon and there are in daily use youth, but he swore by the blood of some 75 words which have come down his ancestors that he would kill every from the great days of Raleigh and sone of the Home Guard who had shot use by them have for many a long out what came to be known as the year been entirely obsolete in English "Lowrie outlaws." Their leader ac-Indian ancestors and blood. While their disposition is peaceable they will fight desperately when aroused. They are shy as a race, though under the new conditions and in the more Catholic spirit which now prevails they are been away from crowds of other races and their homes away from the public and by the customs, which have re-roads. Some of them now show their tained nothing of the savage. There love for good roads is shown by the more, and there are no Indian cus-feact that they have been and toms. The Indian is shown, howfeact that they have been and yet are great road builders and have State. No special census has been taken of them, but the number is said to be not less than 5,000, of which more than half are in Robeson county. There are about 1,500 children of school age, of these the roll having been made. The State has provided separate normal schools and public schools for these people; the Governor has addressed them; they are being aroused to fresh pride in thir ancestry and in learning and their development is becoming rapid. The Legislature took every step to-safeguard these people and amended the general law by declaring null and void any and all marriages between Croatan In-

They are quick-witted people, One of them was ex-United States Senator Revels, of Mississippi, who was classed as a mulatto while really a Croatan who was born in Robeson county. The Croatans are almost universally owners of land and in Robeson county thus occupy a territory of more than 60,000 acres, all owned by them. They are now beginning themselves to look more closely into traditions and some of their leaders state that the traditions of every family which bears the of one of the lost colonists point to the Roanoke country as that of their ancestors, it being a further tradition that long after they left the dition that long after they left the when they left Roanoke Island, did North Carolina at last holds out coast country and went into the in- not go to the southward, but that hand of recognition and respect.

mistress, Queen Eliza- his father. He kept this terrible oath beth. These old Saxon words arrest at- to the letter, except in the case of one tention instantly. For many they say of the Home Guard, who fied the State "Mon;" pronounce "father" "fayther;" to escape the swift and sure death use mension for measurement; ax for which had come to his comrades, Lowask; hosen for hose; lovend for lov-ing; wit for knowledge; housen for ing spirits and it required State miing spirits and it required State mihouses. Many of the words in daily litia and even Federal troops ta crush speaking countries. Their homes have cidentally killed himself with his gun; always been neat in the extreme and his brother. Steve, for whom a reward y are very hospitable to strangers of \$5,000 was offered by the State, was and always ready to befriend white shot from ambush, and the trouble people. They are intensely proud and was quelled, but not before many a boast alike of their English and their white man had been killed, and a reign of terror existed which attracted national attention and brought

about action by the President and the

War Department.

INFLUENCE OF ENGLISH. coming into the open. Their life has English upon this race has been shown very clearly by the language Indian traits even more strongly than are no Indian words in use, nor have they did a century ago. Their English there been these hundred years or ever, in some of the facial characteralways had the best public roads in the latics, in the physique, and in the walk, the latter having, much of the ed man's stride and swing, which when once seen is not to be forgot-There is that liking for gay ten. colors which has always been an Indian characteristic. The carriage of the women is superb, and they unconsciously look like statues in some of their poses. Their color is yeary rich, their figures ample and graceful in every outline. The very heart of their settlement is the little town of Pembroke and around this some of the best examples of their road making, house-building and farm work

are to be found. Of course there are doubters, and among historians, too, as to the stadisus and persons of negro descent to tus of these people, and there are the third generation inclusive. mixture or blend of the first white settlers who it is claimed pushed up into that region from Charleston, S. and the Indians of the locality. comparison of the typical Coatan and one of the Roanoke Island Indians, as painted with extreme eare by John White, Sir Walter Raleigh's great artist, shows many points of re-semblance between that race and the present-day Croatans, among whom splendid figures are the rule rather than the exception.

ONE ARSUMENT AS TO RA-LEIGH'S COLONISTS. The argument has been advanced by some that the Raleigh colonists

olina in 1709 and these found the work during the civil war on the forts, all but of Indian women and of the Croatans with good farms and roads and evidently long settled there.

The language spoken by the Croashot, being classed as deserters. Henbanks between that island and the sea, which form a barrier between the sea and the sounds which have ways marked the North Carolina These colonists were landed as an outpost to give notice to the others and also as a guard of the inlet, through which boats

from the sea to the sounds and thence to Roanoke Island. EVIDENCE OF RELICS.

There has recently been found in Robeson county, in the heart of the Crostan settlements, an iron tomahawk, such as were described by Col. William Byrd as sold along the great Indian "trading path" and along the "Lowery road" by traders early in the eighteenth century. A great deal of search has been made for relics of this class as well as of those which distinctly mark the English settlers. Another find is an ancient cross-bow of English make and model, of the type which was still oc-casionally used in Queen Elizabeth's time. This bow bears the marks of much use. A hand-mill of the most primitive type, but showing clearly its English origin, has also been found in one of the Croatan houses, with the tradition that it had been used by their people before they moved from the coast country. There are a number of the Croatans in the County of Cumberland and there was a stone church near the present village of Hope Mills, in that county, where tradition says de Richebourg, a Huguenot preacher, who had come up from the earliest South Carolina colony, officiated. The church itself is gone, but the foundation of brown sand stone can yet be seen plainly. The reticence of most of the Croatans as regards the history of their people as well as their personal history is explained by one of the oldest men of the tribe, he being 102 years of age, by the statement that their status had been so long made uncertain by the laws that they and felt them-selves to be an oppressed people. They are now gathering strength and with this comes pride in their his-

Thus linked together the history of the Lost Colony of Roanoke and that of the most interesting of Indians on this continent; interesting because in the blending of their Indian and their English blood there comes down through the centuries so much of the romance of the turies so much of the romance of the old world and the new; of the knightly endeavors of the great Raleigh, the master spirs of his age, and of the Indians along this coast, who seem to have been models of their race; a strange linking of those first baptisms of the baby white girl and the Indian king, and of the new awakening of education and hope and pride among the Croatans, to whom North Carolina at last holds out the hand of recognition and respect.

miles and a half this side of Campton this morning. None of the passensers were injured, though the baggagemaster was painfully injured by failing trunks. All of the coaches with the exception of the rear car left the track and the tender turned completely over and was thrown into a cornfield. The baggage car was tossed across the track. The passensers were brought back to the city and sent out on a special this afternoon.

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In the evening at the court house Hent addresses were delivered by Charles E. Brower, of Wake Forest. State councilor; Mr. Z. P. Smith

o fRaisigh, past State councilor, and Mr. Webb, of Salisbury.

The music for the evening was furnished by the local band. The Daughters of Liberty attended in

full force. The Rockingham Council of Junlors numbers very nearly three hun-dred members and the council here is in a very live and prosperous con-

Slight Passenger Wreck in South Carecial to The Ohne

Sparianburg, S. C., June 20,-South Carolina delegates to the T. P. convention and a large number of Stella-travelers from the low country en crisis, couse to mountain resorts were in the "Jack."

passenger wreck of train No. 9 one miles and a half this side of Campton