

THE WEEKLY LEDGER.

SATURDAY, - - - - May 18, 1878.

THE BASE-BALL VICTIM.

BY OSCAR.

The boy stood on the home base,
When all but him were out;

Yet beautiful and bright he stood,
As born to use the bat;

The ball came on—he would not strike
Without the captain's word;

He called aloud: "Say, captain, say,
If yet my task is done?"

"Speak, captain!" once again he cried
"If I may yet be gone!"

Upon his nose he felt the sweat
And in his waving hair;

Add shouted but once more aloud,
"My captain, must I try?"

They filled the air with awful yells,
They tossed the ball on high;

With bat and ball, and voices free,
That well had borne their part;

WIT AND HUMOR.

The hen-roost is a loadstone
Which guides a dishonest man in the
dark hour of the night.

John Smith says one good brisk
wife is better than a dozen tele-
phones for practical use.

An old lady, when she heard the
minister say there would be a nave
in the new church, said "she knew
well who the party was."

A young lady amateur remarks
that while she doesn't object to the
"Loan of a Lover," she does disap-
prove of his keeping Lent.

"Oh, yes," she said, "I'm very fond
of little boys," as she tripped over a
string extended across the sidewalk,
she added, "I feel as though I could
eat a couple of 'em now, roasted."

A boy at a city street crossing
having begged something of a gen-
tleman, the latter, told him he would
give him something as he came back.
"Your honor would be surprised if
you knew the money I have lost by
giving credit that way."

A certain Bishop in the House of
Lords rose to speak, and announced
that he should divide what he had
to say into twelve parts, when the
Duke of Wharton interrupted him,
and begged he might be indulged
for a few minutes, as he had a story
to tell which he could only introduce
at that moment. A drunken fellow
was passing by St. Paul's at night,
and heard the clock slowly chiming
twelve. He counted the strokes,
and when it had finished looked to-
ward the clock and said: "Hang
you! why couldn't you give us all
that at once?" There was an end of
the Bishop's story.

[From the Detroit Free Press.]

IT WAS FUNNY.

"Confound them for tinkering at
our currency," exclaimed a Detroit
business man as he laid down his
cigar and looked over the papers in
his wallet. "A man steps in, buys
goods of me, makes a few figures on
a piece of paper, and lo! its value to
me is \$300! I take it to the bank,
write my name across the back, and
they hand me out pieces of other
paper called money. No coin to
leg around—no base alloy to detract
from beauty. I say that they should
let the currency alone."

Half an hour after that he entered
a bank, threw down the indorsed
check and remarked to the cashier:
"I was just thinking how funny it
is that a simple bit of paper like that
has such intrinsic value."

"Yes, it is very funny," was the
grim reply, "for the maker of that
hasn't a cent on deposit here."

"Let us tinker the currency" is
now the motto of that business
man.

John Morrissey died of paralysis
at Saratoga on the 1st inst. Although
originally a prize fighter, and later
in life and at the time of his death a
professional gambler and the keeper
of a gambling house, he was elected
to Congress and afterwards to the
State Senate by one of the most in-
telligent constituencies of New York
city, and in all his public career of
many years established a reputation
for honesty, and faithfulness to his
constituents that few politicians can
boast. He died sincerely regretted
by all who knew him.

The great blessings of mankind are
within us and within our reach; but
we shut our eyes, and like the people
in the dark, we fall foul upon the
very thing we search for without
finding it.

DOMESTIC.

It was a saying of a great divine,
that he had found more good in bad
people, and more bad in good people,
than he ever expected.

RAISED CAKE.

Take four cups of light dough, two
of sugar, one of butter, three eggs,
one teaspoon of soda, half a pound of
raisins, one nutmeg, one teaspoon of
cinnamon. This will make two good-
sized cakes. Let it get light and bake
for half an hour.

REMEDY FOR BRONCHITIS.

Take dried leaves of common mul-
lein plant, powder and smoke them
in a new clay pipe; be careful that
no tobacco has been in the pipe.
Draw the smoke well into the throat,
occasionally swallowing some. Use
it three or four times daily.

A MATTER OF HEALTH.

Never stand when you can do your
work as well while sitting. Every
housekeeper and every mother
should heed this. Have a variety of
seats of different heights, from the
low cricket to the office stool of mod-
erate height. It is a matter not only
of comfort but health.

NEURALGIA RHEUMATISM.

A very simple relief for neuralgia
is to boil a small handful of lobelia in
half a pint of water till the strength
is out of the herb, then strain it off
and add a teaspoonful of salt. Wring
cloths out of the liquid as hot as pos-
sible, and spread over the part af-
fected. It acts like a charm. Change
the cloths as soon as cold till the
pain is all gone; then cover the place
with a soft, dry covering till perspi-
ration is over, to prevent taking cold.
Rheumatism can often be relieved by
application, to the painful parts, of
cloths wet in a weak solution of sal-
soda water. If there is inflammation
in the joints the cure is very quick.
The wash should be luke-warm.

ABOUT GLOVES.

Notwithstanding that it is by some
authors asserted that gloves were
used by the Chaldeans of old, yet the
first distinct and reliable mention
of them is made by Xenophon. He
tells us that the Persians, not content
with protecting their head and feet
against the cold, also covered their
hands with thick gloves. When
speaking of Laertes, Homer relates
that he "wore gloves on his hands, to
secure them from the thorns. Varro,
in his "De Re Rustica," remarks that
"olives, when gathered by the naked
hand, are better than those gathered
with gloves." The learned grammar-
ian Athenaeus, writing in the third
century, speaks of a celebrated *bon vi-
vant* who made a point of coming to
table in gloves, so as to handle and
eat meat while quite hot, thereby
gaining the advantage of devouring
more than the rest of the company!

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Dr. Mary Walker is forty-eight
years old.

Rejected manuscript—Notes at
protest.

Deadwood, in the Black Hills, is
4,823 feet above the sea.

America digs up \$81,000,000
worth of gold and silver per year.

India rubber tires for wheels are
becoming quite common in England.

In an ounce of mud there is the
material for a diamond, a sapphire
and an opal.

A little Cairo (Ill.) girl nine years
old is the champion check player of
that town.

A German woman at Conners-
ville, Ind., recently gave birth to
five fine boys.

A man of seventy married a miss
of the same age at Brunswick, Me.,
recently, and gained a mother-in-law
aged ninety-two.

The total number of domestic
fowls in Massachusetts, as taken
from the last census, is 1,056,900,
valued at \$625,564. The egg pro-
duct was valued at \$993,357.

In one of the relief camps in India
recently, among the famine-stricken
natives brought in was a full-grown
man, large limbed and big made,
who weighed forty-five pounds.

Col. Forney says that there are
over a thousand millions of dollars
held in the private banks of England,
drawing not more than one per cent.
interest, held simply for safety.

Tennyson may seem to be a man
of stern dignity; and to have no
ideas below idyls forty feet long,
but you are respectfully informed
that he keeps an oil can and oils the
hinges of every door in the house,
every Monday morning.

Mr. Gesner, of San Francisco,
claims to have discovered a chemical
which, with any existing machinery,
freezes water, with one-fifteenth the
pressure necessary when ether or
ammonia is used. He proposes to
ice an acre of surface for a skating
rink.

Hemp grows wild throughout
Japan.

AGRICULTURAL.

TO SCARE CROWS FROM CORN FIELDS.

We helped a friend set a crow trap
the other day in the middle of his
corn field. We used an ordinary steel
trap, and baited it with a hen's egg.
Sods were piled up about a foot high,
with a hollow place in the centre,
and a narrow entrance on one side.
In this entrance was placed the trap,
and the egg was laid in the middle
of the clump of sods, so his crowship
could not reach it without treading
on the trap. Of course the trap,
and the chain which held it, were
all covered from sight with dirt. The
crow, upon entering the field, spies
something that looks like a nest, and
he, being fond of egg, soon has a
whetted appetite, and is not long in
planting a foot right into the trap—
and he is caught. His cries bring all
the crows for miles to see what the
matter is, and a convention is held.
The result is—no more crows in that
field, for a fortnight, at least. Our
friend says that this plan is entirely
successful, as he has tried it for sev-
eral years. He always catches the
crows and saves his corn.

The Agricultural Society of Melun
France, publishes an interesting
report of its experiments on different
methods of cultivating beet root, as
carried out upon eight equal sized
plots of ground. The general results
arrived at are, that early sowing is
advisable when late frosts are not to
be feared; that roots grown in rows
close together are richer than those
in rows widely separate; and that
the superphosphates, or, better still,
the superphosphates in conjunction
with nitrate of soda, or with sulphate
of ammonia, act favorably on the
production of sugar in the roots,
though these themselves are of less
gross weight than under other kinds
of manure. Pure sulphate of am-
monia and nitrate of soda produce
heavy crops, but the roots are poor
in sugar.

The Grange fever, as an 'exchange
calls it, has spread to Nova Scotia.
The Newport farmers have set up a
Grange at Brooklyn; and there are
also societies at South Rawdon and
at Ashdale. The way to cure that
fever is, according to the popular
saw, to starve it.

American potatoes are imported
into England in such large quantities
that the London Times fears they
may drive the home-raised article
out of the market.

Janus Crossett, of Waterbury, Vt.,
made this season, in twenty-three
hours, with an evaporator, 750 lbs.
of maple syrup, or about sixty-eight
gallons.

FOREIGN.

A fire in Manchester, England,
destroyed two large lumber yards
and other property valued at \$250,000.

Diplomatic relations between Rus-
sia and Turkey have been resumed
by the appointment of ambassadors
to Constantinople and St. Peters-
burg.

News from Kharpoot, Turkish
Armenia, reports the plundering of
ninety-one Armenian villages in the
district of Chemistscho, by Dersin
Koorods.

There is a conspiracy on foot in
Turkey to depose the Sultan, and it
is asserted that his hold upon the
throne is entirely dependent on
English or Russian support.

J. Duff Henderson began a walk
of 25,000 miles in two years at To-
ronto. During the time allotted he
will visit Europe and he is to receive
\$10,000 if he accomplishes the feat.

Turkey has signed a convention
with Russia for the return of certain
refugees, and Salyk Pasha, the
premier, has declared that the Porte
will be neutral in the event of an
Anglo-Russian war.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

When the blood burns, how prod-
igal the soul lends the tongue vows.

It is by what we have done, and
not what others have done for us,
that we shall be remembered by after
ages.

Strive to be the greatest man in
your country and you may be disap-
pointed; strive to be the best and you
may succeed.

A man to be a success must not be
a pure idealism, but he must have
ideas. He does not want to be sun-
dazzled or sun-blind, but he must
have glimmer enough to keep him
from knocking his head against the
wall.

This world is not merely a rug-
ged spot on which we are to strug-
gle for a foothold on life—to toil for
daily bread; but a bright member
of the starry brotherhood that range
the fields of space, raising from ev-
ery corner of the universe the har-
monious anthem of praise; a region
of still waters and cooling shades,
and bright birds, and blessed things
for the comfort of God's weary chil-
dren. This world is a poem written
in letters of light on the walls of the
azure firmament.

CHapel Hill, N. C. May 15, 1878.

Editors Ledger: I send you the
following article which I wrote for
the Recorder while in Hillsboro, at-
tending court. If you think proper
you can insert in LEDGER, substi-
tuting my name for that of "A Voter."
Resp., JONES WATSON.

ANSWERS TO ONE FOR MANY.

In these times of excitement and
public discussion in the newspapers
as to our chief officers for State and
County, to be voted for at the next
election, I beg leave to submit a few
thoughts through your valuable pa-
per.

First; we think our excellent and
worthy Governor showed his good
sense and great care for the interests
of North Carolina in the appoint-
ment of W. N. H. Smith to fill the
place of the late Chief Justice Pearson,
and the appointment should be rat-
ified by the people of the State.

Second; while there are a number
of good men well qualified to fill
the place of Associate Justice, there are
none more so than the Hon. Thomas
Ruffin, of Orange; a man of the purest
honesty of purpose, of the strictest
integrity; one like his lamented fa-
ther, that would do honor to himself
and bring honor to the State of North
Carolina; (let us be careful to get
our best men.)

Next comes our worthy Solicitor,
F. N. Strudwick, who prosecutes
without fear, favor, or affection, does
his whole duty, has become a terror
to evil doers, makes rogues, rascals,
and violators tremble when he brings
them up under the law. Let us have
him again, for we can do no better.
As to the candidates for the Legisla-
ture, we have so many good men,
we just pledge to vote for the nominees
whoever they shall be, trusting to the
wisdom of the Convention to make a
good selection, as they no doubt
will do.

Next comes our worthy Superior
Court Clerk than whom North Car-
olina has no better; a man that our
people have thoroughly tried, and
found under all circumstances to be
true as steel; a man who understands
all the routine of the office, of the
purest honesty and strictest integrity;
and after long trial by the people of
the county, in all the multiplied af-
fairs of the office, there has never
been the least suspicion of anything
wrong; fair and impartial in all his
decisions, not swayed by council, but
only desirous to do justice between
man and man, no favorites in his of-
fice, but his object is to treat all with
the same pure justice. Let us have
him again—we can do no better.

There is John Laws, one of the
best Clerks this or any other people
ever had; thoroughly posted in all
the outlines of his office; obliging to
a fault; for while the law allows him
25 cts. to be paid by those who wish
to examine the books for a Deed or
Mortgage, yet there is not a man who
say he ever paid one cent for this
privilege. Yet he waits on them with
the same painstaking and patience
as if he was getting pay for it. If he
should be changed, the people will
find out when it is too late, they
have made a great mistake; by all
means let us have him again.

Next comes our worthy Sheriff,
Thos. H. Hughes. I do not think we
ever had a better; he is sober, atten-
tive and obliging, attends well to the
duties of the office, is a model Sheriff.
Let us by all means keep him, and
then we shall be sure to have a good
Sheriff.

As to our worthy Treasurer, David
Parks, there is no better in the world.
If the law did not require it, and he
would not die, then there would be
no need of a bond from him; he is
above reproach, yet he always gives
as good a bond as could be made.
Let us keep him.

So Mr. Editor, I think I have made
it appear that we have as good a set
of county officers as any people need
want. Then why change? We cannot
well be bettered; we may be greatly
worsed. Besides we have a set of
officers that are honest and faithful,
without reproach, and who have to
educate them at the expense of the
county? And so on *ad infinitum*, al-
ways educating new sets of officers
and never having good ones, be-
cause they have not learned. None
of us would do our private business
after this fashion; turn off an old,
honest and tried hand and get a new
one untried and pay him the same
price and educate him besides. The
Clerk's office, for instance, is of much
more importance, taken as a whole,
to the people of the county, than any
one private interest; and yet we
will turn a man out of that office
every way qualified, honest and
obliging and take a green or new
man that is untried, and pay him the
same price, then educate him at the ex-
pense of the county. We will not do
our private business after this fashion.
Let us keep good officers while we
can, and when we are obliged to
change, then, it will be time enough
to do so. Yours truly,

JONES WATSON.

NORTH CAROLINA AT GETTYS- BURG.

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copies of the Observer containing the
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when coming to Chapel Hill or improv-
ing old places, take the Ledger.

If you want to know where to buy
the best and cheapest goods, take the
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friends are sick or die, take the Ledger.

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