WESTERN DEMOCRAT. WCHARLOTTE.

UNIVERSALISTS AS WITNESSES. Whether a Universalist is a competent witnes in our Courts of Justice was decided for the first time by a recent decision of the Supreme Court of this State. In the case discussed some time ago, no decision was made, but in this instance the matter came directly before the Court. We publish the opinion below, from which it will be seen that persons of that denomination are recognized as competent witnesses :

Opinion of the Supreme Court of North delirered at December Term, 1856.

The only question in the case was whether a person professing the religious faith of the denomination called the Universalists, (which is explained by the witness himself to be as stated in the first paragraph of the opinion of the Court.) is a competent witness in a judicial trial. The opinion of the Court was delivered by his Honor Judge Pearson. It is a document of uncommon ability, and as liberal as the professors of any religion could desire. It concedes to the members of all religious denominations equal privileges in our Courts of Justice .--The opinion of the Court is as follows :

The case presents this question : Is a person who "believes in the obligation of an oath on the Bible-who believes in God and Jesus Christ, and that God will punish in this world, all violators of his law, and that the sinner will inevitably be punished in this world for each and every sin committed ; but that there will be no punishment after death, and that in another world all will be happy and equal to the angels"-a competent witness ?

The law requires two guaranties of the truth of what a witness is about to state-laws of man, and he must also be in the fear the fear of punishment in a future state of existence.

fully concorred, for, there was no allegation or proof that the witness believed in future The London Times of the 31st January, rewards and punishments; so there must be a mistake. The Chief Justice either

used the word "future" inadvertently, and November whilst Captain Foot of the Unitwithout, in his own mind, attaching any force to it, or Atkins misconceived his mean- to Whampon, to communicate with the ships both our governmental and financial exing; and yet this expression is referred to by most of the English writers who treat of evidence, and is the foundation of all the factories, and while passing the barrier forts error on this subject. Some fifty years afhis boat was fired upon by the Chinese, and ter the case was reported by Atkins, the he was obliged to put back to Wampoa, opinion of Chief Justice Willes, drawn out notwithstanding the American flag was flyat length, in his own hand writing, was ing at the time, and was also waved from found among his manucripts, and is reportthe boat. The Portsmouth and the Levant ed in Willes. The words in this manumoved up the river and bombarded the forts, script are : "I am clearly of opinion, that which the Chinese defended bravely, replysuch infidels, (if such there be.) who either Caroling, in the case of Shaw vs. Moore, do not believe in a God, or if they do, do not think that he will reward or punish to the vessel.

ADDITIONAL FOREIGN NEWS.

them in this world or in the next, cannot be Commodore Armstrong then wrote to the witnesses in any case, or under any circum-Vicerov demanding an apology. The reply stances, for this plain reason, because an not being satisfactory, the Americans prooath cannot possibly be any tie or obligaceeded to take the forts, which they have tion upon them." This proves either that Atkins misapprehended the words of the Chief Justice, or that upon reflection, he shall be respected; that it was a mistake. thought proper to alter the expression, so as to make it consistent with the decision. a conference relative to Canton, but no re-The great case of Omichund v. Barker. (it may well be called "great," for it results of importance had been arrived at. lieved the common law from an error, that The China Mail of the 11th of November was a reproach to it.) establisher the rule to says that the Americans met with a fatal he, that an infidel is a competent witness, accident in the destruction of the barrier provided he believes in the existence of a forts. A mine exploded, through the care-Supreme being, who punishes the wicked,

without reference to the time of punishwounding others. ment. The substance of the thing is, every Accounts from Naples state that deploroath must have a religious sanction. Such able terror reigns in the capital and kingbeing the common law in regard to infidels. dom. Arrests continue incessantly. A it follows, a fortiori, that the same rule is priest had attempted to assassinate the applicable to a witness, who is a Christian; Archbishop of Matura, while he was giving and the fact, that this Christian believes the benediction to the people. The Archthat the divine punishment will be inflicted bishop was wounded. in this world, and not in the world to come Verges has been executed.

is immaterial, and in no wise affects the principle of the rule. It is a mere "difference he must be in the fear of panishment by the of opinion." as to the true teaching of the gospel. This we find is the conclusion of of nunishment by the laws of God, if he the Courts in most, if not all, of the States states what is false; in other words, there of the Union where the question has been must be a temporal and also a religious presented for adjudication. 15 Massachustts sanction, to his oath. In reference to the Rep. 117, 2 Cushing 104, 18 Johnson 98. who had conversed with President Pierce, first, no question is made; but it is insist- 5 Mason 18, 2 Alabama 354, South Carolina ed, that the religious sanction required, is Law Journal 202, 13 Vermont 362. It was insisted, in the argument, that although this may have been the rule of the

This position is not sustained by the common law, it is changed by our statutoized victim, shortly before the final stroke reason of the thing, for, if we divest ourselves ry provisions prescribing the forms of oaths, of the prejudice growing out of precon- ch. 76, Rev. Code. which consigned him, not only in manly We think it manifest, by a perusal of the prime, but in undiminished vigor and ceived opinions as to what we suppose to Statute, that it was not intended to alter strength-"his eye was not dim, nor his na- the Cuban trade is 95 per cent. American, be the true teaching of the Bible, it is clear, any rule of law, but the sole object was to tural force abated"-to the icy embrace of the Portuguese only one-third, and the extravagance that every where abounds, that in reference to a religious sanction. prescribe forms adapted to the religious be- death. "While the sufferer was convulsed Hamburg less than one-fifth. there is no ground for making a distinction lief of the general mass of the citizens, for with efforts at respiration,-with his arms between the fear of punishment by the Suthe sake of convenience and uniformity .-bent in a bow behind him." said the Presipreme Being in this world, and the fear of Accordingly, the first section prescribes a dent, suiting the action to the word, "a friend punishment in the world to come; both are form of oath as a general form, suited to at his side feeling his pulse, remarked conbased upon the sense of religion. If, on such as hold the ordinary tenets of the the one hand, it be said, that there is in the Christian religion; that is, an oath, laying and you will soon be well.' 'Don't talk to at \$128.382.351. fear of punishment in a future state of exthe hand upon "the Holy Evangelists," &c. me of my pulse, and of my getting well,' istence an awful, undefined dread, and on The second section makes an exception in said the strong man, struggling with the the other, that from the constitution of our favor of those Christians who have connature, we fear more that punishment which scientious scruples against taking an oath of breath!" "In fifteen minutes," added is near at hand, than that which is distant. on the Holy Evangelists, and the form of the President, "he was a corpse." the reply is, this is matter of speculation oath is framed in reference to their belief. merely, and has no bearing upon the ques-The scene, at his death bcd, is said as to a "great day of judgment, when the tion, because the efficacy of the fear of secrets of all hearts shall be known." The punishment in either case depends upon the third section makes an exception in favor degree of belief as to the certainty of that Butler, the beloved and venerated relative, of those Christians who are Quakers, &c., punishment: so that, there can be, upon and the form is framed in reference to their reason no ground for making a distinction. peculiar belief, "swear not." This satisfies The rule of law which requires a religious the words of the Statute, and the argument sanction, is satisfied in either case. that it was also intended to change the law It is true, that in the old cases it is held by prohibiting any one from being sworn to be the common law that no infidel, (in except in one or other of the prescribed which class Jews were included.) could be face of his young champion and kinsman, forms, proves too much; for, it would exswora as a witness in the courts of England, clude both Jews and infidels, who believe which was a christian country, and Lord in a God. We think it indecent to suppose Coke gives this as his opinion, in which he says all the cases agree, and he assigns as that the Legislature intended in an indirect and covert manner to alter a well settled the reason on which the law is based, "All and unquestioned rule of law, and in deinfidels are in law perpetui inimici: for, spite of the progress of the age to throw between them, as with the devils, whose friend, by timely reconciliation, stood hard the country back upon the illiberal and insubjects they be, and the christian, there by, stunned, yet deeply agitated, and with tolerant rule which was supposed to be the is perpetual hostility." This reason, to say veeping eyes, pale as death itself." law in the time of bigotry ; for, it was every the least of it, is narrow-minded, illiberal, day's practice to swear Jews upon the Old bigotted and unsound. Testament, and Omichund v. Barker had One excellence of the common law is CHILD .- In June last Anna Hilton, nine settled the rule that infidels are to be sworn that it works itself pure, by drawing from according to the form which they hold to be the fountain of reason, so that if errors creep House of Industry by Mrs Simpson Decker, most sacred and obligatory on their coninto it, upon reasons, which more enlarged at Long Neck, Staten Island. On Wednessciences. views and a higher state of enlightenment, If it be admitted, for the sake of the arday last the child died, and a coroner's jury growing out of the extension of commerce gument, that besides prescribing forms for and other causes proves to be fallacious. general use, the legislature had the purthey may be worked out by subsequent debeaten in a brutal manner, from exposure, pose of altering the common law, so as to cisions. Accordingly, it is laid down by exclude Jews and infidels, who believe in a Lord Hale, notwithstanding the opinion of the hands of Mrs Matilda Ann Decker." God, and christians, who do not believe in Coke and the old cases, to be the common Mrs D. is now in Richmond Co. jail. The future rewards and punishments, from the law, that a Jew is a competent witness, and testimony shows that the child was made privilege of taking the oaths which are remay be sworn on the old testament, and quired, to enable them to testify as witnesto do the family washing in an open yard, such has ever since been taken to be the ses, or to take any office or place of trust in the severest weather; that she had law. Afterwards, in the case of Omichund or profit; in other words, to degrade and vs. Barker, I Atk., 19. and also in Willes' persecute them for "opinions sake," then it report, 538, it was decided by the Lord on her body; that her feet were frozen, and is clear, that the statute, so far as this pur-Chancellor, with the assistance of Chief she put them in the oven of the stove, ose is involved. is void and of no effect, Baron Parker, Ch. J. Willies and Chief Juswhere they were burned to a blister: that because it is in direct contravention of the tice Lee, that a Gentoo, who was an infidel she could not walk, but was made to do 19th sec. of the Declaration of Rights : and did not believe in either Old or New housework still, creeping about on her hands "That all men have a natural and unaliena-Testament, but "who believed in God, as and knees until her knees were dreadfully ble right to worship Almighty God accordthe Creator of the Universe, and that he is lacerated; that she was habitually beaten ing to the dictates of their own consciences." a rewarder of those who do well, and an We go farther, and express the opinion, avenger of those who do ill." is, according to that if Omichand v. Barker had not relievthe common law, a competent witness, and ed the common law from the reproach of deliberately starved and pounded to death. may be sworn in that form which is the most holding Jews and infidels, who believe in a Of course, there is great excitement in the sacred and obligatory upon his religious God, unfit to take an oath, treating them as neighborhood. The directors of the Mission sense. The case does not show whether, "servants of the devil," because their be- have taken the matter in hand, and the Morey by a sentinel at the Clichy prison, according to the Gentoo religion rewards lief differs from ours in regard to the attri- whole matter will be sifted thoroughly .-and punishments are to be in this world or butes of the being who created and governs N. Y. Tribune. in the world to come. The decision was the Universe, or if any part of that reproach made without ascertaining how the fact ----was still left, the effect of this section of CURE FOR FELONS ON THE FINGERS .- The was ; so, it must have been considered by our declaration of rights, would be, to ex-Scientific American says: the court to be immaterial ; no reference is tirpate the error and tear it up by the made to any distinction in regard to the "The past year we have known the roots. time of punishment by any of the counsel spinal marrow of an ox or cow applied to It was said in the argument, "to be sworn in the long and full arguments made on three different persons, with the most as a witness is no privilege-the person loses both sides; nor is there any intimation or nothing by being held incompetent." This satisfactory results, in relieving pain and allusion to such a distinction in the opinions is a narrow view of the question. If he be securing sores of their felons. The spinal held incompetent as a witness on the ground of Chief Baron Parker, Chief Justice Lee marrow should be applied for every four that he cannot take an oath, it follows that and the Lord Chancellor. The only thing, he cannot swear to a book account. If an hours for two days." throughout the whole case, which suggests injunction is obtained, it must be made per-The town council of Athens, Georgia, to the mind the existence of such a distincpetual, because he cannot swear to his antion, is an expression ascribed to Chief Jus. swer ; nay, more, he cannot take the oath have voted that the bodies of suicides shall of office as a constable, sheriff, justice of tice Willes, by Atkins in his report of this be given to the physicians for dissection. the peace, judge, legislator or governor; case, vil: "I am clearly of opinion, that in short, it would be the institution of a The county of Randolph is the place if they (infidels) do not believe in a God, or "test oath" towards which our revolutionato live in! At the last session of the Counry fathers had so just an abhorrence, and future rewards and punishments, they ought which is wholly repugnant in the tolerant ty Court, no taxes for county purposes not to be admitted as witnesses." This exand enlighted spirit of our institutions and were ordered. Randolph is out of debt, pression is consistent with the decision of of the age in which we live. There is no the case in which Willes and the others all error. Judgment affirmed. and has on hand a plenty of funds without taxing her citizens.

COMMERCIAL STATISTICS, 1856.

The summing up of our commercial transstates that Hong Kong correspondents to actions for the past year is highly creditable December 15th, says that on the 15th of to American wealth and enterprise. As a nation we are accustomed to boast of the ed States ship Portsmouth, was on his way unprecedented success that has attended riages to the population. In Austra this ratio is small, because marriage is forbidpinne for the purpose of withdrawing the periments, and the figures, while they do den by law to those who cannot show a American marines stationed in the foreign not excuse, certainly cannot condemn such reasonable prospect of maintaining a family, wholesale exultation. In commerce we acand they are many who cannot meet this knowledge but one superior; no other nacondition. The ratio is small in Paris, for tion builds half as many vessels as this; our foreign trade has trebled since 1815 and such is the demand for luxurious living doubled since 1842; while the vessels that an impossibility to those of slender income. annually flock to our shores from other In our country the matrimonial market has countries measure their tonage in millions. and the value of commodities exchanged heretofore been very generally of the best, both as to supply and demand in quantity ing with well directed fire, killing two and in internal trade is estimated in billions. and quality of its wares ; but we see it statwounding others, and doing some damage All this is true, and yet does not overstate ed that it is rather heavy at this time in the truth. The United States have ele-

some of our larger cities. It is said that ments of commercial increase unknown in in Boston there was last year a falling off any former period or by any other nation. of twenty per cent. on the marriages of pre-A new country, a virgin soil; our Northern vious years. The men are as handsome border washed by 2,000 miles of inland and the women as willing as they ever were seas, our great interior traversed by the American authorities stating that their flag Mississippi and its thousands of miles of but marriage has become a luxury that few The lawyer for a wit has passed, tributary streams; with 5.000 miles of mas, laces and furs, silks and grenadines, The plenipotentiary and naval commander- canals and 30,000 miles of railroads; with in-chief of Great Britain and America, held a large annual immigration; with schools has depressed the marriage market. We saw the other day an inventory of a and a teeming press to spread intelligence lady's "turn out" in San Francisco. The and quicken enterprise; with unbounded liberty of action to stimulate exertion; with jewelry cost \$2,815-the entire outfit \$3,464 -the dress alone being put at \$225. To new regions rapidly opened up to successful and easy settlement, what is there to be sure these were California prices, but set a limit to the extension of a commerce let us reduce her \$650 worth of dress by The classes of the human race. 100 per cent. to meet our prices, and you lessness of a seaman, killing three and as far beyond the present as the present is still have a woman too fine for a poor man's beyond past conception ?

wife. Who can afford to have three hun-In the course of the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1856, 21,682 vessels have en- dred dollars of his income parading the streets every time his wife turns out-to tered the ports of the United States, which measured 6,872,253 tons, an increase of say nothing of the watch, bracelets, and other appendages? If it were a suit of 926,914 in tonnage over the previous year. steel armor, or some everlasting material. The total tonnage of the country, June 30, it might be tolerated, but it will never do was 4,871,653 of which 673,018 was in steam vessels. The vessels built during in these days when fashions change so rapthe year were 221 steam vessels, 306 ships idly that December forgets what last Jan and barks, 697 brigs and schooners, and uary wore. And yet "genteel society" is 479 sloops, making in all 1,703 vessels, inexorable. Poor people in this country

measuring 469,396 tons. The average often manage somehow to belong to that amount of tonnage owned in the United very respectable caste, but they must pay for it. It does not always matter about their grammar or rhetoric, their manners 4,871,653. The trade with England, as or morals, but their dress and furniture and shown by custom house reports, is four- equipage, are all important. A stain on fifths in American vessels, while to the the character is easily forgotten, while the British North American possessions it is bonnet of last winter is remembered, and

only one-fourth. We absorb four-fifths of the former may be tolerated-the latter not the carrying trade of France, while to the a second season. Genteel society has countries of Northern Europe we have certain style, and its subjects must be versonly half. The trade with South America ed in its rules and abide by them, or be ban-

THE MATRIMONIAL MARKET. Among the ranks of human kind, From the Southern Christian Advocate.

Some go before and some behind, Enough attention is not given in this But mind them well and you will find, country to the statistics of matrimony .--Nothing more surely marks the real pros-Not hindmost is the Printer. perity of a people than the ratio of mar-

The lessons which you learned at school, That you might not grow up a fool, Had all in scientific rule.

PRINTERS.

Been published by the Printer. How do your Presidents and Kings Govern so many thousand things?

'Tis by the types, the screws and springs among all classes, that marriage becomes Belonging to the Printer.

> The farmer and mechanic too. Would sometimes scarce know what to d Could they not get a certain view Of work done by the Printer.

The doctor canuot meet the crooks Of all the cases, till he looks Upon the pages of the books Supplied him by the Printer.

can afford. The rise in bonnets and tal- But high as he his head may cast, He would be but a dunce at last,

> Were it not for the Printer. Who is it that so neatly tells The various goods the merchant sells Inviting all the beaux and belles!

Who is it but the Printer?

Of different size, of different face, Appears in this and every place, How obvious to the Printer.

One sings the bass, one sharps and flats, Bedecked with pantaloons and hats, And long tailed coats and smooth cravats Of this class is the Printer.

The other sings the treble sweet. Adorned with frocks and bonnets neat, And look! how beauteous and complete, And lovely to the Printer.

Tis Hymen's will of course you know. These classes should in couples go, And since the world will have it so. "So be it," says the Printer.

There's not a man below the skies Who better understands to prize The charms that grace a lady's eyes, Than does this very Printer.

GEN. KNOX'S MARRIAGE .--- Somebody writing to the Progressive Age, incidents in the life of Gen. Knox, relates the

NEGROES RETURNING FROM MEXICO.-The San Antonio Texan says:

Hardly a week passes but runaway negroes are captured in Mexico, and returned to their masters in Texas; and it is now seldom the case that we hear of one running away to Mexico. The plain truth is, that those who are there now are in a wretched condition, and many of them would be glad to get back to their old homes. They are not only ragged and destitute of the comforts of life, but most of them are really in a starving condition.

GARDINER, Me., June 22, 1854.

WM. H. DYER-Dear Sir: I have used two bot. tles of Prof. Wood's Hair Restorative, and can tra. ly say it is the greatest discovery of the age for restoring and changing the Hair. Before using it I was as gray as a man of seventy. My hair has now attained its original color. You can recom. mend it to the world without the least fear, as my case was one of the worst kind.

J.S. Banks. Commission and Forwarding MERCHANT, WILDINGTON, N. C. REFERS TO THE EDITOR OF THIS PAPER.

Wilmington, Feb. 13, 1857. 12m-pd

TO HIRE, Until the 1st of January next, a prime NEGRO MAN-young and likely. The owner would prefer to hire him to labor on a farm. Terms moderate. Apply at this Office. Feb 17. 33-2t

PROTECTION.

The season being near at hand for the visitation of Thunder Storms, and being frequently attended with serious results both to Life and Property, it is proper to use necessary means for the protection of your families and property, which can be done by properly supplying your buildings with LIGHTNING RODS. Having been engaged in the business for over six year in Virginia and North Carolina, and being pro-vided with the best recommendations, 1 hope to be able to give entire satisfaction to all who may employ me.

Having permanently located in this place, all work done by me will be kept in good repair free of charge,

Orders addressed to me through the Post Office, or left at the Residence of N. Wilkinson,

will meet with prompt attention L. J. HAWLEY. Charlotte, Feb. 17, 1856.

Take Particular NOTICE.

The Notes and Accounts of H. SEVERSA CO., and of J. DULS & CO., are in my hands for immediate collection. Those concerned will please march up, one by one, and settle the same Call at Severs' new building opposite the Coun House.

WM S. NORMENT. Feb. 14th. 1857.

MR. BROOKS' BURIAL. The remains of Hon. P. S. Brooks, of South Carolina, were interred at Edgefield, S. C., on Saturday. Rev. Mr Wheeler, of States was, in 1830, 1,191.776; in 1840, Flat Rock, N. C., read the burial service. 2.180.784; in 1850, 3.535.454; and in 1856, A correspondent of the Charleston Courier,

writes from Washington as follows: "Among other interesting particulars, connected with the closing scene, he mentioned the last words, uttered by the agon-

goes almost entirely in American bottoms;

The domestic exports of the year were \$310,586,330, an increase of \$63,877,777. The export of breadstuffs and provisions amounted to \$77,187,301; of cotton to solingly-'Brooks, your pulse is better now, 2,991,175 bales of 451 pounds each, valued

The imports of the year were \$314.639,. by strict economy could support a wife, 942, an increase of \$53,171,422 over 1855. King of Terrors, 'when I am dying for want | The increase of the exports of 1856 over 1855 is about 19 per cent., and the increase of the imports for the same period is 20 per

were \$33,626,857, an increase of over seven you see at an evening party, so genteel, so have been a most deeply affecting one. As millions: of foreign cottons and cotton soon as the spirit had departed, Senator manufacture, \$30,180,353, an increase of expensive than a wife. You will be shockfor whom the gallant Brooks had fearlessly nearly nine millions over 1855, but a decrease of more than four millions from 1854; and who they are, And it is the fault of perilled life, threw himself, in an agony of of silk and silk manufacture \$34,053.011. grief, on the lifeless body, crying, "my an increase of seven millions over 1855 and have carried folly and extravagance in dress boy ! my boy !" kissing the bloodless lips, and "dropping tears, fast as the Arabian a decrease of three millions from 1854 of flax and linen goods, \$11,896,868. We young man of any pride of character is trees their medicinal gum," on the pale purchase indirectly of German States \$16. 491,427, the most of it in woolen goods now powerless in death. Keitt, his kindred and of Switzerland \$8.368.074, mostly in spirit and chosen friend, whose "love to silk piece goods and watches. The cash him passed the love of woman," ran to and duties received at New York during 1856 fro, temporarily crazed at the shock, and were \$45,519,270, an increase of \$11,121,rocked as on billows of grief. Lewis Camp-863 over 1854. bell, too, the former foe, converted into a

The total imports of cotton at Liverpool last year were 2,809,067 bales, an increase of 90,574 in American and 76,109 in other kinds. Of this importation 2,257,672 were

used for English manufacture, and 236.900 SHOCKING AND FATAL CRUELTY TO A went to European continent, leaving a balance of 281.430 bales on hand at the close cears old, was adopted from the Five Points of the year. It is estimated that on the 1st of April

there will be 41.990 bales of India bagging in the country, which is sufficient to cover found that she "came to her death by being 2.519,400 bales of cotton; and by the end of the present year it is estimated that the and from a want of proper nourishment, at import and home production of bagging will be sufficient to cover 6,003,400 bales of cotton.

SINGULAR FACT .- A correspondent the North Carolina Christian Advocate, says that at Marsh's Bridge, near Mocksnothing on her feet and but scanty clothing ville, N. C., thirty years ago, a man by the name of Jacob March accidently fell head foremost on a large rock, on the bank of the creek, from which he died in a short time. The spot on the rock, where his head struck, the signs of blood are still visible, and also where it run off the sides of the rock; and what is still more remarkable, the rock lies so near the creek, that in any moderate with a broomstick and treated with the high water it is covered, but the mark of folly, could they have predicted the end. the blood still remains. A late Paris letter has the following

in regard to the shooting of Mr Charles published :

following: ished. So, at least, foolish people suppose, The General's marriage was something and they practice accordingly. Hence the of a romanatic affair, and is said to have and hence the decline in the matrimonial happened somewhat in this wise :

market. There is a multitude of young mechanics whose wages are moderate, clerks whose book-binder in Boston at the time,) and salaries are small, lawyers whose briefs are as she fancied his personal appearance, she too brief, and physicians who do not feel was "smitten" with him. She could not pulse enough to fill a purse, any of whom suppress her feelings, and so gave vent to

but who will, if there is not a speedy change them by writing him a note as soon as she be wholly unable to enter the market .-reached her house, requesting him to call They are doomed to celibacy, or to worse. and see her. Throwing aside her feminine Start not, fair reader, if a friend asks you to cent. The imports of wool and woolen goods how many of those gay young men whom marry her. The proffer was at once accepted, and the poor book-binder became polite, have learned that a concubine is less the husband of the rich heiress.

[There are a few more who would like ed when you know how many there are. to be fixed off the same way. Who'll try.] their mothers, sister and sweethearts. They

On Monday a lady stopped at the Madison House, Covington, Ky., with her and living to so high a pitch that a poor husband and thirty-two children. She was afraid to marry. No man wishes to see his about sixty years of age, but looked young and hearty. She was the mother of them wife living in humbler style than his affianced. or seem to want from the husband what all. If this can be beat, we are extremely the father supplied. Rather, he desires desirous of receiving the information. that his chosen at least appear better off

An honest Hibernian, in recommending married than single; but how can he when voung ladies dress as they now do? Of a cow, said she would give milk year after this he is hopeless, and if his moral charac- | year, without having calves, "because," said ter be not well established, the syren can he, "it runs in the brade, for she came out in such cases too often succesfully tempt | of a cow that niver had a calf." him to his undoing, and cause him to en-THE LARGEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD .-

tangle himself in some immoral alliance that ruins him forever.

Madame Oceana, the largest-limbed woman But peradventure he runs the risk and in the world, is in the museum at New marries. This extravagant tastes that have Orleans. She weighs 515 pounds, is 9 feet been assiduously cultivated by the father two inches in circumference, measures 29 and mother of the young wife, are brought inches around her arm and 38 around the to maturity under the fostering care of the calf of her leg, and wears No. 13 shoes. indulgent husband. But it saps his moral She hails from Kentucky.

money fail to supply his needs-patient toil does not suffice, and grand speculations must be adventured. The show of pros-

"What's the matter, uncle Jerry?" said gain and is lost. How many forgeries and Mr .----, as old Jeremiah K. was passing by, defalcations can be traced precisely to this growling most ferociously. source. How many husbands curse the "Matter?" said the old man; "I've been day they ever began to indulge the extravluggin' water all the mornin' for Dr. C.'s

wife to wash with, and what d'ye s'pose I got for it?" "About ninepence."

ould pull a tooth for me sometime!"

crimes that attend its madness.

particulars of which have been heretofore of this generation. It is with them to hape the tastes and habits of their daugh was exposed at the grave, a sudden shade ters. The husband often succeeds in acand light passed so strangely, that the quiring a competency which the father friends removed it back to the house, and fails to retain. The wife may add to a prosperity which the daughters exhaust kept up frictions all night trying to restore tion of the prison are especially mortified. before the eldest gets out of her teens, or it to life. We learn since that some of the strikes some other vein for gold than the anxious friends of the deceased visited New paternal pocket. Look to it, ye mothers, York at the time, and tried to induce the that you teach other and wiser arts than physician who attended the dead man in those of show and dress. Look to it, or and their profound regret the morning of there may be such a decline in the demand his last illness, to go up and try his skill toward his restoration. Dr. S. listened a for walking millinery blocks, that a few years hence you will see only a bevy of believe the story of his informant. "But," fading spinsters, where you had hoped to said he, "I hope that you won't be able to see your grand children at play; you wondering meanwhile if the matrimonial marrestore him-I really hope you won't" ket will ever rise so high as that they may yet become merchantable articles. Well," said the Doctor, "I don't see how he ----

House & Lot for Sale or Rent

THE subscriber offers his Dwelling House, known as the "Crystal Pa happened somewhat in this wise : As Miss Lucy Fluker was walking out one day, she saw young Knox, (who was a necessary out-buildings, in good repair.] further information apply to the undersigned to J. P. Smith. Terms moderate.

J. R. DANIEL. February 17, 1857

Notice.

THE debts due B. H. Davidson and the his firm of Irwin, Huggins & Co., are in my hand for collection ; and all the Notes exceeding \$10 will be put in suit 20 days before the April Court reserve, she at once proposed that he should if not paid by that time. Smaller amounts will immediately, (if m J. P. SMITH. be expected to be paid sooner.) Feb. 17, 1857. 33-3w

> John Henry Wayt, M. D. SURGEON DENTIST.

(Graduate of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery,] Having located permanently, tenders his pr fessional services to the citizens of Charlotte, N. C., and

vicinity. Dr. Wayt prepares and inserts artificial palate and obturators, and attends to the correction congenital and accidental deformities of the teeth and jaws. He is also prepared to inst artificial teeth, after the most approved method

equired Office on Tryon Street, in Caison's 1 ailding, up stairs. Nov. 18th 20-tf.

> State of North Carolina MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

> > Land.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. JANUARY TERM, 1857. Richard Peoples,

T. A. Sharpe and Miles R. Sharpe, Aministrators of Petition for sales John Sharpe, dec'd,

Andrew Sharpe and Auzel Sharpe.

It appearing to the satisfaction of court, that Auzel and Andrew Sharpe, delet ants in this case resides beyond the limits ahis State; it is therefore ordered by th Court, that publication be made six weeks the Western Democrat, a newspaper publi ed in the town of Charlotte, notifying said defendant to appear at the next term our Court, to be held for said county, at Court House in & harlotte, on the 4th Mond in April next, then and there to plead, a swer, or demur, or judgment pro confesso

be taken against him. Witness, W. K. Reid, Clerk of out # Court, at Office in Charlotte, the 4th Mond in January, 1857, and in the S1st year American Independence.

W. K. REID, C. C. C. [32-6t ---- Prs. fee \$6.]

VALUABLE LAN AND "Ninepence! She told me that the Dr. Mills for Sale. THE subscriber being determined to m A CASE BEYOND MEDICAL SKILL .- Some o the South-west, is desirous to sell his we known tract of Land, lying in Stanly county and on the waters of the Yadkin River co readers may remember the curious account of a man who died suddenly in this city a taining while since, over whose face, as his body | Eighteen Hundred Acres Said land is well timbered, and that which cleared is very fertile, and in a high state cultivation. A good Dwelling House, Houses, Barus, &c., are upon said tract. loning to the said tract, is a most Valuable Merchant's Mill. situated on the Yadkin river; said Mill entirely new, contains three runners, and located directly opposite the Yadkin Man facturing Company. The water power on s tract, is regarded by competent judges as P perior to any in the State. Any amount of machinery can be used # cessfully on the river, and the roads to from the Mills are good and superior to a while incredulously, but at last seemed to other roads, leading to any other mill in Sta ly county. Persons wishing to engage in Manufact ing pursuits, would do well to call on the set scriber. He has several other tratcis,

perity is necessary to the bold speculator ; and money is spent by husband and wife without stint. Fortune does not smile upon the adventurer, and often, in these cases a desperate game is played, in which moral character is staked against the chance of

agant tastes of their wives. How many wives, when failure, poverty and degradation come, would gladly have forgone their

Let us hope that the evil has reached its height. and that society will soon be re-

stored to its senses by the misfortunes and This is no triffing subject to the mothers

strength to do it. The ordinary sources of RESISTANCE TO RIDICULE.-Learn from the earliest days to inure your principles against the peril of ridicule; you can no more exercise your reason, if you live in the constant dread of laughter, than you can enjoy your life if you are in the constant terror of death.

"The Government express the utmost regret at this unfortunate occurrence, and promises every reasonable reparation of the wrong in their power. The administra-

They feel that Mr Morey was in their safekeeping, and that they are responsible for any accident that might happen to him from their neglect. Their consternation the accident were visibly expressed. The

French Government have promised that the soldier shall be punished, and that Mrs Morey shall be allowed a liberal life pension."

> TRINITY CHURCH CORPORATION, New York, has now sixty-six churches under mortgage, to the extent of nearly \$600,000. and thirty-eight clergymen held by the golden chain of stipends at pleasure.

would get along, it would be very awkward A BRAVE MAN .- One who isn't afraid for him-for his liver and heart are in that wear old clothes until he is able to pay for jar on the shelf."-N. Y. Times. new.

Terms Made Easy. Those wishing to buy such property, can all times find the subscriber on the premis MARVEL KIRK. Stanly Co., N. C., Feb. 17, 1857-33-35