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now asked. A company of settlers, called "The Rappahan nock Pioneer Association," is now forming and will commence a settlement in the spring. Ample security will be given for the faithful perormance of contracts and promises.

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Jan. 13, 1857,

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Also, one tract of 50 Acres, adjoining David-

son College, Persons wishing to examine any of the above racts can apply to E.-B. D. Sloan, Agent, or to he proprietor, LEROY SPRINGS. Also, one tract of Land in Cabarrus county known as the McNulty plantation, containing

117 Acres, more or less, with Dwelling House and all necessary out buildings. Also, the Plantation known as the Springs and Wedington plantation, containing 175 Acres, on which there is a good store house, dwelling and all necessary out-buildings.

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cotton and grain. Any person wishing to examine them can call on the subscriber, or apply to F.A. Archibald on the premises, who will show them at any time. TERMS-Part cash, convenient time on th

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March 9, 1857.

worked on an extensive scale. The Company, I understand, have recently invested. or were about investing, \$2,500.000 1 working them. This is the second explosit DO worth of Fr on the new taken place at those mines, the present of the Court. By order of the Court of Equity for the region of Culpeppes. In that Mr occurred about five weeks ago, by which the Monday in September, 1856.

THOS. WILLIAMS, C. & M. E.

> NOTICE. Having sold out to Mr P. J. Lowrie all m

J. P. ENNISS. March 16, 1857. NOTICE.

& Enniss are requested to settle the same im-mediately, as the business of the late firm must on my own look. Call and see me.
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Charlotte, March 3, 1857.

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Cologne, Verbena, Jasmine, and Geranium
Waters, &c. Just received at SCARR & CO'S April 14th. Drug Store

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April 14th.

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RESPECTFULLY inform their friends and he public generally that they have received and are receiving an extensive assortment of Ready-Made Clothing at their old stand on the north side of Mint street, to which they invite atten-

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VESTS.

both single and double breasted, embracing black and figured Silk, black Satin, and the prettiest lot of Marseilles Vests ever offered in this market. that they alone have given to the people on all-fours, while many of them run back his being a member of some European An-Gents Furnishing Goods. The largest lot in this market, consisting in part of plain and fancy Linen and Cotton

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April 7, 1857. Cigar, Tobacco, FRUIT STORE

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Shelby, North Carolina.

April 7, 1857.—40-6w [Pr's fee \$6.]

Lightning Rods.

ldings with LIGHTNING RODS. Having her i engaged in the business for over six years virginia and North Carolina, and being provided with the best recommendations, I hope All persons indebted to the late firm of Lowrie to be able to give entire satisfaction to all who 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 & CO. Charlotte, April 7, 1857. MRS. M. J. CRAIG. Dress Maker.

INTERESTING SEETCHES.

A TRIP ROUND THE WORLD. On the 13th of April, 1856, the United States steam frigate San Jacinto, with the speedy evidence of their having not yet Commissioner on board sent by our Gov- attained a cosmopolitan standard of eleernment to effect a change in the terms of gance in manners and dress. Two days its treaty with Siam, anchored off the mouth after the San Jacinto had come to anthor, of the Menam river, having the land just in the Prime Minister came down the river on sight. Until very recently, the Siamese a visit of ceremony to the ship, attended by have had no treaties with any nation except several of his sons and brothers, and followthe United States, which has been a kind of ed by servants bearing their master's swords. dead letter, and to impart vitality to which, All of them were without hats or shoes, the by the addition of a few other articles, was nobles wearing silk jackets over their hip the object of the late mission of Mr Harris. cloths. They came down in a very small For years before the arrival of the Ameri- steamer, (the only one they have,) and ancan Commissioner, Great Britain had, with | chored near us. As they came on board of difficulty, obtained a treaty from Siam, on us rather early in the morning, Capt. Bell terms of commercial reciprocity; and the had breakfast prepared, and requested the San Jacinto had passed the French Com- missionary, Dr. Mattoom, who accompanied missioner at Singapore, who was charged | them, to invite the Prime Minister to desigwith a similar mission from his Government. | nate such of his suite as he admitted to his These special attentions of the three great- own table. He appeared to be much perest commercial nations of the world have had the effect of impressing the barbarians alone, who in turn seemed rather uneasy of Siam with a very exaggerated sense of at the honor paid them. An explanation their importance, while the Government has learned to effect dignity by the pretentious and circuities of the diplomacy it-apes .-The country has a rich produce in pepper, coffee, sugar, cocoanut oil, valuable woods

semi-barbarianism, without any other virtue to enumerate than that of inoffensiveness. It is a singular fact that the Protestant missionaries (all American) have not made a solitary convert in their twenty years' experience among the Siamese, who are mostly Buddhists. But they have done much towards cultivating a harvest for those who shall succeed them in their religious enterprise; and it may be said, with emphasis, and government of Siam all the ideas they possess of the institutions and cotemporaneous history of civilization, while they have already produced their minor semblances on the surface of society, which indicate approaching changes.

It is a disagreeable fact that the Orientals, who appear so poetical at a distance and in the light of a traditional admiration. are transformed in the eyes of the traveler to ignorant and equalid and broochless bar. barians. We had encountered the first specimens of these poetical races at the Cape of Good Hope. The English and Dutch populations are in the ascendant there; but we frequently met with the Bengalese, Malays, Chinamen, Africans, mixtures of these with the Portugese. All of them at the Cape wore the European costume. We saw no Kaffirs or Hottentots: the latter are said to be nearly extinct. The Bengalese, Malays and Chinamen were conveyed from their homes at the expense prefer starvation to work—the consequence being that they are fast disappearing at the Cape. The rule of the British is, on the importation of a cargo of the Eastern races, to apprentice them at auction for a term of three years, at which time they may be conveyed home again or settle in the country, according to their preference. They are miserable wretches, their beastly and abject appearances attesting the wretched and demoralizing effects of the system .-They are not allowed to have their wives with them, only a few women being furnished to accompany them-say one to ten. Such is the British philanthropic substitute

for slave labor. Next, at the Isle of France, we had an other specimen of the Orientals, here seeing, for the first time, the peculiarities of the Oriental costume-caps, turbans, Chinese hats, robes, hip cloths and jacketswith the variety in the scene, now and then, of the appearance of a Jew dressed in short | the Palace in chairs, borne, each, on the robe and girdle, with a conical cap or horn." Thence to Ceylon was the next stage, where the Congalese and Bengalese made their appearance, wearing long skirts of cotton cloth wraped tightly round the waist and hips, the better classes being distinguished by a shirt or jacket in addition. They are as indolent as possible for a people to be, who considers a man independent in the possession of seven cocoanut trees, are built of brick covered over with plaseach tree being valued at 75 cents per year. ter. Hating work, they have the peculiar semibarbarian fondness for trade, which they carry on by the exclusive aids of lying and cheating, such being their theory of com-

Such are Orientals, and but little improvein Siam or among the masses of China .- hour of eleven that we were conducted to Both sexes in Siam adopt no other garment | the Audience Hall. We passed through than a cloth around the hips, with another shoulders from the rain or the excessive heat of the sun; the children go entirely naked until about eight years old. This scantiness of apparel is, as may be well conceived, demoralizing in the extreme. The women are all enslaved. They do everything, even to sculling the boats. The men power of selling at pleasure their wives and life, unless they should be redeemed, which The men themselves may be sold for debt; Before him on the desk lay a pistol, wri-

and their habits of gambling frequently in- ting materials, and a small tea service. On duce these sales. Every man has as many either hand were prostrate nobles, dressed wives as he can support.

plexed, and finally designated his brothers had to be offered, as we were not aware of the punctilious custom of the country of eating alone. An inferior is never admitted to equality at the table, and there is an obvious difficulty in finding two persons among the nobility of the country of precise-The people of Siam are still in a state of ly the same rank, as the precedence of authority is strictly respected. After having dispatched his breakfast, the Minister ask ed his brother for fire to light his eigar, when the latter immediately sank on allfours, resting on his elbows and knees, and present d the cigar from his lips. This is the fashion of all inferiors when addressing or serving their superiors. When the King passes up and down the river in his barge, the banks are crowded with men and women houses, shutting the doors and windows, and then prostrate themselves on the ground

although out of sight. Our aristocratic visitors stopped on board about four hours, until they had sufficiently indulged their curiosity and exhausted their stock of ceremonious politeness. The greatest curiosity with us was to witness their behavior when they returned to their steamer, and the readiness with which they laid aside ceremony for comfort. As soon as they reached their deck, they threw off cance. In fine, his Mejesty is evidently their jackets, and to cool off more peasantly, loosened the holds of their clouts, the only garments they kept on. Some drew

buckets of water and sat down in them. On another occasion than that just mentioned, the San Jacinto had the honor of an aristocratic visit from two "gentlemen" of the Prince's household. One of the visitors was dressed in a red silk jacket, green vest and blue silk pants, reaching just below the of the British Government to supply the knee, with his feet encased in cotton socks place of slave labor; it being found, after and common India rubber overshoes. The the emancipation, that the blacks would other was sans vest, socks or shoes. They came to breakfast, of course. After the meal was over and they had seen the ship, and we were expecting them to make their conge, the courtier in the fancy vest very quietly betook himself to the sofa in the cabin, where he enjoyed two naps until late in the afternoon, when he suddenly discovered that the wind was fair to bear them back to the shore.

> After a series of delays, scarcely wise, however characteristic of Siamese diploma ev, notice was conveyed to Mr Harris of the particular day on which the King would receive him. His Majesty had been unusually tardy in his reception, and had delayed several weeks, on the pretext that he had been building a house-of bamboo!-for the accommodation of the Commissioner and his suite. Our party proceeded with Mr Harris to the residence of the King in large royal boats, and after landing at Bankok, were conveyed in procession to shoulders of four men. The city of Bankok, which is the capital, is situated about thirty miles up the Menam River, built partly on bamboo stakes in the river, and with canals for streets. Many of the houses are built on rafts of bamboo, tied up to the shore. The buildings are generally of bamboo or wood, but the temples and the King's storehouses, as well as the Palace,

On reaching the place, our party were set down, and 8 a. m. were shown into the Hall of Justice. His Majesty had appointed 7 o'clock, in the cool of the morning. as the hour of our disembarkation; but to prove his contempt for time and the conment is found by going East; certainly not | venience of others, it was not until past the files of wretched soldiers and crowds of occasionally used to protect the head and people. The Hall was magnificent. In the centre stood two thorns, one more elevated than the rest, the explanation being offered that there were two Kings, the office of the Second being somewhat analogous to that of our Vice President, as he succeeds to the throne in certain cases of vacation. An audience chair, with a desk, was placed in are all gamblers. They have the absolute front of the thrones, where his Majesty was seated to receive us. He was dressed in a children for debt and thus enslave them for | blue silk robe worked with gold, and a blue cap, adorned on top, back and front, with can be seldom done, by paying the original three splendid diamonds. His sword was debt, with 30 per cent. annual interest .- | a trophy I should have rejoiced to possess.

in magnificent golden wrought kincobs As for the Siamese aristocracy, we had from the celebrated looms of Lenares, and crouching on their elbows and knees. The Princes were in the same position on the left near his Majesty.

> We advanced near the centre of the Hall as far as the front line of the crouching courtiers, where rugs were spread on the carpet, and on which we were invited to be seated after having bowed twice to his Majesty. The talk then commenced. His Majesty addressed himself to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, who was on the right between us and his Majesty; the Minister repeated the royal remark to his under-Secretary, who sat at his back; he in turn epeated the same to our interpreter, who finally detailed them to Mr Harris, and the reply of the Commissioner was forced to go through the same channels before it was considered to have reached the Royal ears. After a little talk of this fashion, His Majesty commenced to sip his coffee and converse with some of the Princes, who approached him by crawling on their bellies. In the course of an hour, he placed the pistol in his belt and walked out at a side door. After a few minutes we were told that the King would see us privately, and we were conducted into a small plain office, like that of a private gentleman, where we found His Majesty seated at a writing table, waiting to have us introduced individually. He invited us to sit opposite him, when he immediately commenced to display his learning by an attempt to converse in English, which he spoke with much difficulty. He also conversed in Latin, which he called the Biblia language, and spoke of the Parsee and other languages as being known to him; while he was evidently anxious to allude to tiquarian Societies. He handed us a letter to read, which he had written in English; and after some few other pedantic displays. he proceeded, in our presence, to write a letter in English to the President of the U. States, pausing occasionally to inquire the spelling of a word. He handed the Letter to Mr Harris, with his autograph card, for Mr Marcy. His printed card he presented to each of us. I suppose he had heard of the European custom of exchanging cards, and did not exactly apprehend its signifimore of a pedant than a king. Though the son of a king and heir to a throne, he was put aside in infancy, and became a Buddhist priest, in which office he was required to instruct both men and boys, and acquired in this way most of his information with his habits of pedantry. He is

now fifty years of age. The Second King is about the age of the First. The writer paid him a visit, in company with a party of officers. He received us with all the ease of a polished gentleman, conversing fluently in English and without the least restraint to any one. We were shown those well executed statuettes of Napoleon I, Victoria and Albert, which were the work of his own hands, and which no other person in Siam could have made. He is exceedingly ambitious to cultivate European accomplishments and pastimes, and to set an example of improvement in this respect to his countrymen. He gave us tea after our own fashion, doing the honors of dishing it at his table. During our visit, which lasted from 4 till 7 p. m., two of his old wives were present, resting on their elbows and knees, and crawling about the room, without ever rising to their feet, while they chatted and laughed with him unrestrainedly. He seemed to treat them with kindness and respect, notwithstanding the custom of the country which requires them to crawl at his feet. Recently an English lady made a present of her smelling bottle to the favorite wife. The next day she received from the palace a small vial, containing a piece of the skin of the White Elephant, which died two or three years ago. This most precious and venerable relic was esteemed the greatest proof that could be offered of barbarian punctilious-

ness and gallantry in exchanging presents. AN ALABAMA QUARTETTE.—The Selma Ala.) Sentinel, states that a negro woman belonging to a Mr Garner, living near Montevallo, Alabama, gave birth to four children (three girls and one boy) on the 28.h ultimo. They are all living and said to be thriving. The whole of them only

weighed fifteen pounds. SOUTHERN CREDIT .- A letter from New York, in the Philadelphia Inquirer, speaking

of the dry-goods trade, remarks: "The payments from the North and West continue very backward, and a good many small failures are weekly chronicled in these sections. From the South, on the other hand, prompt returns are made, and the credit of our friends on the other side of Mason and Dixon's line never stood better than it does at this moment, probably on account of the large yield of cotton during the last two seasons and the unusually high prices realized therefor."

Young physicians find it hard to get into business; but they will succeed if they only have patients.