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ROBERT GIBBON, M. D.,
PRACTITIONER OF MEDICINE AND OPERATIVE SURGERY,
Office No. 2 Irwin's corner, CHARLOTTE, N. C.
December 14, 1858.

A. C. WILLIAMSON,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
Has taken an office jointly with J. A. Fox, Esq. up-stairs next door to the Court House, where he will be constantly present to attend to all calls on professional business made for himself or for Mr Fox when he is absent.
January 4, 1859. tf

J. A. FOX,
Attorney at Law,
Office next door to the Court House, Up-Stairs
A. C. WILLIAMSON, Esq., who is a joint occupant of the office, and who will be uniformly present, will attend to professional business for me in my absence.
December 21, 1858 tf

DRS. FOX & WHITE,
COPARTNERS IN THE PRACTICE OF
Medicine and Surgery.
☞ Office up Stairs in Springs' Building.
C. J. FOX, M. D. W. E. WHITE, M. D.
April 3, 1858. 3-tf

NOTICE.
ALL those indebted to the subscriber will make immediate settlement, or their Notes and Accounts will be placed in other hands for collection.
April 3, 1858. 3-tf C. J. FOX.

C. KELLEY & J. L. GARDNER,
Commission Merchants,
And Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, &c.,
Newbern, N. C.
☞ Prompt and personal attention given to the sale of all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE. ☜
April 20, 1858. 1y-pd

P. SAURS,
Architect and Builder,
Will furnish Designs, Plans and Drawings for Public Buildings, Private Residences and Villas. Particular attention will be paid to building Flouring Mills, Corn Mills, &c. OFFICE in 3d story of Alexander's Building, front room, over China Hall.
Charlotte, Oct. 19, 1858.

EDWARD LYNES,
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN
Hardware, Cutlery, Guns, &c.,
48 *WARREN ST.*,
George Lynes. NEW YORK.
Jan. 25, 1859. 3m-pd.

Exclusively Wholesale
Drug, Paint and Oil Warehouse.
SANTOS, WALKE & CO., wholesale dealers in DRUGS: Lamp, Machinery and Paint OILS: Varnishes, Paints, &c. &c.
No. 36. *Iron front, West side, Market Square,* *NORFOLK, VA.*
☞ Goods shipped from New York, Philadelphia, or Baltimore, to Charleston, when required.
November 9, 1858. y

JONAS RUDISILL,
Architect and Builder.
(DESIGNS FURNISHED AND BUILDINGS COMPLETED ON THE MOST REASONABLE TERMS, AND IN EVERY STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE,)
On College street, corner of Eighth street.
Charlotte, N. C.
WOULD most respectfully announce to the Citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country, that he still continues the above business in Charlotte, where he is prepared to furnish DOORS, BLINDS AND SASH, to the public on the most reasonable terms, and on the shortest notice.
Having a great many small claims for work done, scattered all over the country, he is determined to change his method of doing business and hereafter will require CASH for all work done in his Machine Shop, before removal.
Jan. 25, 1858. tf

REMOVAL.
The subscriber has removed from Rudasil's to the old Terres' stand, near to the Jail, where he is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line, at short notice and on reasonable terms. Repairing done at short notice and for exceedingly low prices FOR CASH.
COFFINS made of any kind of wood at short notice.
M. S. OZMENT.
Jan. 18, 1859 344-tf

YOUNG'S
Smut Machines,
Of A. Dickson's make, constantly on hand and for sale at REDUCED PRICES. T. H. BREM & CO.
August 17, 1858.

LIFE INSURANCE.
THE undersigned as Agent will receive applications for Insurance in the *North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.*
This Company is the oldest in the State, and has been in successful operation for several years. Its rates are moderate, and all losses promptly adjusted.
Persons wishing to insure their own lives or the lives of their Slaves, in this Company, will call at the Office of the Agent, at the Bank of the State.
☞ SLAVES insured for TWO-THIRDS of their VALUE.
THOS. W. DEWEY, Agent.
Jan'y 11, 1859. 1y

The Charlotte Mutual Fire Insurance Company,
CONTINUES to take risks against loss by fire, on Houses, Goods, Produce, &c., at usual rates. Office nearly opposite Kerr's Hotel.
President—M. R. TAYLOR.
Vice President—C. OVERMAN.
Sec'y & Treas'r—E. NYE HUTCHISON.
DIRECTORS:
M. R. TAYLOR, C. OVERMAN,
J. L. BROWN, WM. JOHNSTON,
F. SCARR, S. T. WRISTON,
A. C. STEELE.
Executive Committee.—Jno L. Brown, S T Wriston, A C Steele.
April 27, 1858. tf

CHARLOTTE HOTEL,
BY J. B. KERR, Proprietor.

EVERY ACCOMMODATION afforded the patrons of the Charlotte Hotel.
At this Hotel is kept the line of Tri-weekly Stages from Charlotte via Monroe, N. C., and Lancaster S. C., to Camden, S. C.
Patrons of the Charlotte Hotel conveyed to and from the Depots free of charge.
Oct. 1, 1858. J. B. KERR.

MECKLENBURG BONDS.
Seven per cent per annum.
These Bonds are undoubtedly the safest investment that can be made, and are really preferable to any State Bonds.
The County cannot repudiate. They bear *seven* per cent interest payable *semi*-annually, with Coupons for the same. They are of the denomination of $100, which will make them more current and useful for domestic purposes. The coupons will prove a convenient medium for paying county taxes. The citizens of the county should possess them, and they are now offered to them. Proposals left at either Bank in Charlotte or with Stephen W. Davis will receive prompt attention.
H. W. GLION.
Sept 28, 1858. Pres't. W., C. & R. Railroad Co.

WHEAT WANTED.
The subscriber having purchased the Steam Flouring Mill in this place, is prepared to buy Wheat, for which he will give the highest market price in cash.
Flour, Bran and Meal for sale at the Mill, or delivered wherever desired in town.
JOHN WILKES.
Charlotte, August 10, 1858. 21-tf.

All Right Again!
I have commenced Butchering Beef again, and am ready and wish to buy Beeves, Mutton and Pork, on the hoof. I solicit, and hope to merit, the patronage of the town. W. A. COOK.
Aug. 24, 1858. 23-tf Town Butcher.

WILMINGTON BRANCH,
NEW GOODS.
KAHNWEILER & BROTHERS
RESPECTFULLY inform the citizens of Charlotte and the surrounding country that they have opened a Store two doors from T. H. Brem & Co's, where may be found a large and extensive stock of Fancy and Staple Dry Goods, Silks, Dress Goods, Embroideries, Bonnets, Ladies' Cloaks, and Readymade Clothing, for Gents, Youths and Boys wear; Blankets, Kerseys, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Trunks, &c. &c.
We are now daily receiving the most extensive and best assortment of the above named goods that can be found in the State, and cheaper than any other House. Having bought our entire stock for CASH, which enables us to sell our goods 20 per cent cheaper. All persons wishing to save money in buying goods should bear in mind not to forget to call on us before buying elsewhere. Wholesale buyers, particularly, should bear it in mind to call at our store, second door from T. H. Brem & Co.
In addition to our large stock we have fitted up a WHOLESALE ROOM for wholesale buyers.
DAVID KAHNWEILER.
DANIEL KAHNWEILER.
Nov. 9, 1858 JACOB KAHNWEILER.

GROCERIES.
KAHNWEILER & BROTHERS have just received, in addition to their large stock of Dry Goods, a full supply of GROCERIES.
Dec. 14, 1858.

RAILROAD NOTICE
TO COUNTRY MERCHANTS.
NEW, CHEAP AND EXPEDITIOUS ROUTE FOR FREIGHT FOR THE INTERIOR OF NORTH CAROLINA.
Merchants and others about purchasing their Fall and Winter supplies, are requested to notice that by the completion of the North-Eastern Railroad from Charleston, S. C., to Cheraw, the advantages of a cheap and expeditious route from the seaboard has been opened to them. All Freight consigned to the Agent of the North-Eastern Railroad will be forwarded free of commission. No charge will be made for storage at Cheraw; all Goods will be taken care of in the Company's Warehouse until sent for.
A schedule of charges will be found at the Post Office.
S. S. SOLOMONS.
Aug. 10, 1858. tf Eng. and Supt.

CONFECTIONERY STORE.
J. D. PALMER,
One Door above the Bank of Charlotte,

Respectfully informs the public that he has just received a splendid assortment of Confectioneries, West India Fruits,
SEGARS
of various brands, chewing & smoking Tobacco, Snuff, &c.
ALSO,
a variety of Musical Instruments, Yankee Notions, &c.
A FINE LOT OF WILLOW WARE.
He is constantly receiving fresh supplies of the above Goods and many other articles not enumerated.

CANDY MANUFACTORY.
The subscriber is now manufacturing an excellent article of Candy, free from poisonous coloring, unlike the New York steam refined candy. Call and see and try it. J. D. PALMER.
November 9, 1858 tf

SATURDAY NIGHT, IN MY SIXTY-THIRD YEAR.

[The following sublime verses were composed by Rev. Dr. T. Curtis, of Limestone Springs, S. C., who was lost recently by the burning of the Steamer North Carolina:]

Night of privilege and peace!
Conqueror bold, of fear and care!
Voice o'er every storm-cloud, "Cease!
Roll no more your thunders here!"

Voice in this world's wilderness,
Welcome as the Seer's of old,
Urging guilt to rise, confess,
And the Lamb of God behold!

Cheered, I hear again the 'Cry!'
'Flesh is grass of meanest clay;
Blade and flower a vanity,'
Withering in the blush of day!

Time of years a little week,
Six days of its trouble gone:
What remains one's heart to break
In the last, the feeblest one?

Like the fast receding years
Of the Patriarch's brunt and broil:
Just when Rachael's smile appears,
Who would seek to start the toil?

Tell me not of Nature's gloom,
Portion of each passing night!
Shadows of the coming tomb
Flickering o'er a sickly sight!

Grace is health, and grace is youth;
Grace is peace, and joy and power;
Christ the way, the life, the truth,
Clearest in earth's darkest hour!

Night, then, of all nights the best,
Herald of the coming morn,
Foretaste of my final rest,
Only rest of Woman born!

Pleased, I hail thy gentle dews,
And thy golden Western gleam:
Sweetest Nature can diffuse;
Brightest as a parting beam!

Herald of Death's hastening night!
Beauty's eye-lash to the just,
Folding in, to wake in night
Hours of time the noblest trust.

Half thy claims are still untold,
But earth's harp-strings bear no more:
Come, then, morn—true age of gold!
On the unshadow'd Heavenly shore.

Spartanburg, S. C., 1850.

BREAD and CAKES.
Having secured the services of a No. 1 Baker, we are now prepared to furnish the citizens of Charlotte, and mankind in general, with something nice to eat.
☞ Weddings, Parties, &c., furnished at short notice to order and dispatch.
1st Door from the Court House.
HOUSTON & HUNTER.
Nov. 23, 1858. tf

SCARR & CO.,
Druggists & Chemists,
No. 4, Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C.,

INVITE the attention of Physicians, Planters, Merchants, &c, to their NEW and complete stock of DRUGS, CHEMICALS, &c. The extensive patronage they have received from the Physicians of Charlotte and its vicinity is the best guarantee of the PURITY OF THE DRUGS sold by them.
January 1, 1859.

Tilden's
Fluid Extracts.
SCARR & CO. call the attention of the Medical Profession to these elegant Preparations so admirably suited for the extemporaneous prepration of Tinctures, Syrups, Wines, &c., securing the desirable object of uniformity of s rength.
No Physician should be without them.
For sale at SCARR & CO'S
Jan. 25, 1859. Drug Store, Charlotte.

To Physicians.
Dr. Churchill's new Remedies for Consumption.
Hypophosphites of Soda and Potash. Also, Compound Syrup of the Hypophosphites, at
SCARR & CO.,
Dec. 21. *Charlotte Drug Store.*

SEEDS! SEEDS!!
LANDRETH'S NEW CROP GARDEN SEEDS,
Just received a full supply of these celebrated Seeds direct from Landreth's, embracing every variety of Vegetable Seeds. With
Asparagus Plants by the hundred, and
VICTORIA RHUBARB ROOTS.
Also—FLOWER SEEDS—20 choice varieties.
SCARR & CO.,
Dec. 21. *Charlotte Drug Store.*

Window Glass,
Putty, Whiting, Oils, Varnishes, Dye-stuffs, Paints, &c,
Low for cash by SCARR & CO,
Jan 25th Druggists.

FEMALE NORMAL SCHOOL,
High Point, N. C. Railroad,
15 Miles West of Greensboro'.
REV. N. M. RAY, Principal, with efficient Assistants.
The object of this Institution is to provide for the thorough education of young ladies, and as an additional feature to qualify such of them as may desire it for the avocation of teaching.
Its next session will open in the new Brick Building recently purchased by the undersigned. The building is situated in a beautiful grove, on a commanding eminence, and has a sufficient number of well-furnished rooms to accommodate 100 boarding pupils. We shall have Lectures and experiments in Natural Science by an experienced instructor.
Board, and furnished rooms with fire-places, fuel, &c., $6 per month. English Branches, $6 to $15 per Session. Languages and Ornamentals on reasonable terms. Board and half the Tuition required in advance. The Proprietor, Teachers and Pupils dwell together and eat at the same table.
☞ Young ladies of limited means will be credited for Tuition until they can teach and pay for it. Situations guaranteed to such.
For full information, address
Rev. W. I. LANGDON,
Jan. 25, 1859. 2m Proprietor.

Fresh Congress Water,
Just received and for sale by
Jan 10th E. NYE HUTCHISON & CO.

CAN WE BORROW BLOOD?

In contemplating the loss of blood from wounds or hemorrhage and in noting how the vital powers ebb as the blood flows out, we are naturally led to ask whether the peril may not be avoided by pouring in fresh blood. The idea of transfusion is, indeed, very ancient. But the ancients, in spite of their facile credulity to the effect of any physiological experiments, were in no condition to make the experiment. They were too unacquainted with physiology and with the art of experiment to know how to set about transfusion. Not until the middle of the seventeeth century had a preparation been made for such a trial. The experiments of Boyle, Graaf and Fracassati, on the injection of various substances into the veins of animals, were crowned by those of Lower, who, in 1665, injected blood into the veins of a dog. Two years later, a bolder attempt was made on man. A French mathematician, named Denis, assisted by a surgeon, having reported with success the experiments of Lower, resolved to extend the new idea. It was difficult to get a human patient on whom the plan could be tried, but one evening a madman arrived in Paris quite naked and he was daringly seized by Denis as the fitting subject for the new experiment. Eight ounces of calf's blood were transferred in his veins. That night he slept well. The experiment was repeated on the succeeding day; he slept quietly, and awoke sane!

"Great was the sensation produced by this success. Lower and King were emboldened to repeat it in London. They found a healthy man willing to have some blood drawn from him, and replaced by that of a sheep. He felt the warm stream pouring in, and declared that it was so pleasant that they might repeat the experiment. The tidings flew over Europe. In Italy and Germany the plan was repeated, and it now seemed as if transfusion would become one more of the 'heroic arms' of medicine. These hopes were soon dashed. The patient on whom Denis had operated again went mad, was again treated with transfusion and died during the operation. The son of the Sweedish minister, who had been benefitted by one transfusion, perished after a second. A third death was assigned to a similar cause; and in April, 1668, the Parliament of Paris made it criminal to attempt transfusion, except with the consent of the faculty of Paris. Thus the whole thing fell into discredit, to be revived again in our day, and to be placed, at last, on a scientific basis.

"It will immediately occur to the physiologist who reads the accounts of these experiments, that transfusion was effected on the supposition that the blood of all quadrupeds was the same, and that it was indifferent whether a man received the blood of another man or of a sheep or calf. This supposition was altogether erroneous. The more rigorous investigations of the moderns have established that only the blood of animals of the same species can be transfused in large quantities without fatal results. The blood of a horse is poison in the veins of a dog; the blood of a sheep is poison in the veins of a cat; but the blood of a horse will revive the fainting ass. From this it follows that when transfusion is practiced on human beings, human blood must be employed, and, so employed, the practice is in some urgent cases not only safe, but forms the sole remedy."

☞ Gen. Joseph Lane, who has just taken a seat in the United States Senate, from Oregon, was born in North Carolina, and went to Kentucky with his parents, spending the greater part of his time until his emigration to Indiana in the position of wood chopper and boatman on the Ohio, where he was a great favorite and was universally known as "Honest Joe Lane." After various ups and downs, including the service to his country in the Mexican war, has returned to Oregon, and afterwards served a term as Governor of that territory.

LAND FOR SALE.
On Tuesday the 26th of April next, (being the week of County Court,) I will sell at the Court House door in Charlotte, 218 ACRES OF LAND lying on the waters of Long Creek in Mecklenburg county, eight miles west of Charlotte, known as the Cathey tract, and adjoining the lands of James Beatty, Nancy Cathey and others.
This Land is superior for farming purposes, but is more highly prized for the valuable pine Timber thereon. There is a Saw Mill within one mile of the tract, and the line of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad runs within one-fourth of a mile of it.
Terms: Twelve months credit—note and approved security required.
WM. J. HAYES,
Executor of Catharine Hayes.
February 8, 1859 3m

Valuable Steam Mill for Sale.
Mr. White, of the firm of WHITE & CANNON, being a resident of California, and wishing his interest in the above property disposed of, I will, as his agent, sell it at public auction on the 17th of March next, at the Mill in the town of Concord: at which time the entire property can be bought if desired. The Mills are in excellent running order. There are two French Burrs for Wheat and one for Corn. Any one wishing to negotiate for the property privately can do so by letter, or writing to me I will meet them in Concord.
JAS. C. CANNON.
Feb. 8, 1859 5t Concord, N. C.

SILVER.
500 OUNCES OF OLD SILVER WANTED at J. G. WILKINSON & CO'S.
No. 5, Granite Range.
Jan. 4, 1859 2m.

NEW STORE AT DAVIDSON COLLEGE.
S. FRANKENTHALL & CO.
Take pleasure in informing the citizens of Davidson College and surrounding country, that they have opened a Branch store at the stand formerly occupied by Helper & Henderson, where they will always keep on hand a large stock, consisting of
Dry Goods, Ready-made Clothing,
Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Hardware, Groceries, &c. &c. which they will sell at Charlotte prices.
February 8, 1859 3m

LAND FOR SALE.
Two Hundred Acres of fine farming Land, lying on the line of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad, is offered for sale. Terms will be made accommodating. For further particulars apply to
SAML. A. HARRIS.
December 28, 1858. tf

TALKING TO THE POINT.—The friends of Vice President Breckinridge in Washington city gave him a serenade one evening last week, during which he made a speech, and spoke of Cuba as follows:

"In regard to Cuba we talk too much and do too little. When England wished to do a thing, she did it and talked afterwards. If Cuba instead of being placed at the mouth of the Gulf of Mexico, had laid at the opening of the British Channel, England would take it in ten days. He was in favor of the acquisition of Cuba, but he would not rob for it; he would act with any portion of his fellow-citizens in using all honorable means to acquire it."

In the Senate last week Mr Benjamin, of Louisiana, made a speech, favoring the acquisition of Cuba. He alluded to the objection that England and France would not consent to our acquisition of that island. Yet in 1823 Great Britain made Spain an offer to purchase Cuba, which was rejected, and in 1825–'26 she was at the bottom of a plot for declaring Cuba independent, her object being to establish a protectorate there and eventually to get control of the island. When England will show by what right she holds the Bay Islands, it will be time enough for her to call this country to an account for doing what she herself did in 1823. If Louis Napoleon thinks proper to interfere, we will ask him if we have not the same right to purchase Cuba that his uncle had to purchase Louisiana. Mr B. would recommend, first, to propose to Spain to purchase the island; if she refused, we should demand of her to grant independence to her subjects there, and we would pay her a sum of money to compensate her for the abandonment of her revenues. If she declined to do that, we should say to Spain that the day had now come when the people of the United States were ready to give the people of Cuba the same aid and succor in securing their independence that Great Britain gave to the other Spanish American colonies upon this continent, and renew the same alliance with them, offensive and defensive, that France gave to us when she came to our aid in the darkest moment of the revolution. He would follow the example of both England and France, and let them speak in the face of the civilized world, if they had aught to say against it. When that independence is acquired, if her people desire to be united with us, they should be welcomed; and, being welcomed, the sword of the nation should smite down any rude hand which should attempt to sunder the Union that the God of Freedom had sanctioned.

A GIRL'S WORD BETTER THAN THE BIBLE.—The Warren (O.) Chronicle chronicles a funny case. A youthful pair, John and Susan, were determined to get married. Parents refused consent. The family record in the Bible said Susan was not eighteen. Susan told John that the Bible was not true, she was eighteen. John believed Susan, and swore before the Probate Clerk that Susan was eighteen. The father of Susan had John arrested for perjury. Trial was had. Father and mother testified that Susan was not eighteen, and the mother said she was there when Susan was born and she knew all about it. It looked squally for John. Penitentiary yawned for the victim. Susan stepped up and testified that she told John she was eighteen. Court discharged John, and Susan jumped up and kissed him before the people.

MARRYING FOR FUN.—Miss Caroline Ellis and Norman Barber, were at a donation party in Brandon, N. Y., and "for the fun of the thing," went through the ceremony of being married. Mr William Spicer officiated. As Mr Spicer had no especial license to pronounce the decree man and wife, it was supposed that the ceremony would not hold, but the lawyers say to the contrary, and there is a nice prospect of a petition to the Legislature for a dissolution of the bonds.

A friend has a negro, Jack is the name he bears who not long since joined the church. Well Jack seemed to be very devout—he would often leave his work in the day time, and stepping off in a good shady place, would there pray to his heart's content And with all his praying, he never seemed to think his prayers would avail him much unless he wound up with amen.

There was rather a mischievous bull in the neighborhood that seemed to delight in having every person afraid of him, and making them heel it whenever he met them. Jack one morning went out to pray by the side of an old clay root, and here he was going on at a great rate and as he made great motions with his head and hands, as negros praying are wont to do, old Spot came nearly upon Jack before he saw him, and Jack having his eyes closed, of course he did not see his horned enemy. Old Spot seeing Jack's motions, concluded Jack was for fight, and he commenced preparing likewise; he was pawing the ground considerably, and when he brought the first bellow, you may well imagine Jack did not stay in his bended position long, but jumping up before he had time to say amen, went with all his might for a high fence not far distant. Some go a long ways to get a horn, but he heeled it, to avoid a couple of horns. After jumping the fence and seeing himself all right and safe, he turned around to old Spot, who was pawing at a terrible rate, and, very indignantly, says Jack: "Now, you d—n old spotted varmint; all dat pray hab to be prayed ober agin."—*Selma (Ala) Sentinel.*

STEVENSON & BOWEN,
(late Stevenson, Bowen & Nesmith)
Have associated with them DANIEL M. ZIMMERMAN formerly of Lincolnton, N. C., and removed to the large store No. 53 North 3rd street, between Market and Arch, where they will continue the wholesale
DRY GOODS
business with an increased stock.
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7, 1859. 6m.

T. H. BREM & CO.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DEALERS IN
British, French and American
Dry Goods,
Carpets, Hardware, Hats and Shoes,
Charlotte, N. C.
THOMAS H. BREM,
J. A. SADLER, Jr.
Nov 9, 1858. T. LAFAYETTE ALEXANDER.

WEST POINT ACADEMY.—At the quarterly examination, fourteen of the new cadets failed to stand the fire of the examination, and were sent home. This is about the usual run of things, and proves that the present manner of selecting candidates by members of Congress is faulty. The choice is now more on political and social grounds than on the fitness of the young men to receive the honors and benefits of the institution. Moral, intellectual and physical qualities should be the test of admission, as all these are just as requisite to make first class officers in the Army or Navy, as it is to make superior men in any of the professions of civil service. As the law is, large classes enter and very small classes graduate, and while the institution and Government suffer from these bad regulations, the young men rejected are greatly mortified, if not deeply injured in their future expectations.

COMPLETED.—With pleasure we make the announcement that the "Keowee and Tuckasegee Turnpike Road" is completed. It connects Tunnel Hill with Cashier's Valley, N. C. Here it connects with another road, reaching as far as Webster, N. C. There is in course of construction a third road, running from Franklin, N. C., and intersecting with the first named road a few miles above the Tunnel. This latter turnpike passes Horse Cove and through the Black Rock section. The advantages of opening up these important avenues of trade are not to be lightly estimated; and, whilst they are of incalculable benefit to the people of these sections, we trust they may prove profitable to their enterprising projectors.—*Pickens (S. C.) Courier.*

LAGER BEER FEAT.—A trial of capacity as to the amount of lager beer that two human stomachs were capable of containing, occurred on Wednesday night, at Newkirk's Hotel, in Hudson City. Jep Prior and Job Smith, undertook to drink ninety-six bottles of lager beer between 5 P. M., and 5 A. M., for a wager of a hat each. They went steadily at work, and at two o'clock yesterday morning, had guzzled their quota of 48 bottles each. These traveling beer casks then traveled off home, according to witnesses, sober. The friends and admirers of "Jep" claim that he could have accomplished the feat easily, alone. This was a trial of American stomachs.

TO CURE CONSUMPTION.—Hall's Journal of Health, for February, has an admirable article showing up some of the new cures for consumption The article concludes with the sensible remark, that the best things to take in any and all cases of consumption are exercise, substantial food, and out-door air in large but due proportions; and that without these no case of consumptive disease has ever been successfully treated by any man, living or dead.

CLAIM AGAINST COL. BENTON'S ESTATE.—The Treasurer Department has notified the executor of the late Col. Benton of a judgment against the deceased, rendered in 1826, in favor of the United States for $7,000. The Government claims priority in payment The executor will appeal to Congress for relief on the ground of the insolvency of the estate, the estate being hardly sufficient to pay the bills owing for the necessaries furnished to decedent's family.

A WIFE-BEATER ROUGHLY HANDLED.—At Lynnville, Oregon county, Ill., a few days ago, a shoemaker named Ozias G. Elliott, was arrested on the charge of having murdered his wife, whose body was found buried under mysterious circumstances, whom he had always greatly ill-treated. While the coroner's jury were holding an inquest on the body, the prisoner was attacked in the hotel where he was in custody, by a number of infuriated women, who tore out his hair and handled him so roughly that his life was in danger. He was then locked up in an upper room by the officers, to keep him from the fury of the women, and while there he jumped out of the window and escaped.

DANGER OF CATS SLEEPING WITH CHILDREN. A small girl, seven or eight years old, on the night of the 27th ultimo, came pretty near losing her life by a cat. Her mother heard a strange noise which awakened her; she hastened to the bed where the child was lying, and found the cat with her mouth close to the child's mouth. At first they took the child to be dead, but they soon perceived it seemed to catch for breath occasionally. After two or three hours she was restored to consciousness, but has been very stupid and unwell since. Parents should beware how they trust their cats to sleep with their children.—*Galesburg (Illinois) Democrat.*

TRYING IT AGAIN.—In Rockland, Me., a few days ago, a couple were married who had been married once before and had been divorced. It is some four or five years since they parted, but finding they couldn't love anybody else or that nobody else could love them, they conluded to try it again.

HOW TO PRODUCE LARGE FRUIT.—A correspondent of the Gardner's Gazette, (Eng.,) says, by a very simple and easy process, fruits of many kinds may be raised about one-third larger than is usually the case, and of greatly improved quality. The secret consists in supporting the fruits so that they shall not be allowed to hang the whole weight upon the stalk, or twist about in the wind. The Gazette states that when the fruit is allowed to hang naturally upon the stalk, the increasing weight strains the stem or twig, and thus lessens the quantity of nutritious food flowing to the fruit, which may be supported either by tying it to the branch with a piece of string or by enclosing it in a small net. Flowers, such as dahlias or peonies, may also be rendered much larger by the adoption of this system.

A LADY WIT.—A good story is told of a lady wit who dined at the President's the other day, and was seated at the table between a certain Representative from Tennessee, and the Hon. Mr Ruffin, of North Carolina. "How are you getting on, my dear madam?" asked the jolly bachelor of the White House. "Well as could be expected, with a Savage on one side, and a Ruff(a)n on the other," was the instant response. I do not hear that Mr S. suspected the lady punster of "twitting upon facts."