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CHARLOTTE, N. C.  
Will give prompt attention to all business entrusted to his professional care.  
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March 14, 1859

**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 professional business made for himself or for Mr. Fox when he is absent.  
January 4, 1859.

**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

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

**JAS. T. DAVIS,**  
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Will practice in the Courts of Mecklenburg and the adjoining counties.  
The collection of claims promptly attended to.  
March 14, 1859

**T. H. BREM & CO.,**  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL  
DEALERS IN  
British, French and American  
Dry Goods,  
Carpets, Hardware, Hats and Shoes,  
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Nov 9, 1858.

**RANKIN & MARTIN**  
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Aug. 30, 1859. 1y-pd

**BELTS! BELTS!**  
For Wharf Threshers, Fans, cotton Gins, Saw Mills, and machinery of every description; the best Belting now in use and far superior to leather in many respects. It will not stretch, or draw on one side or leather. THE SUN WILL NOT AFFECT IT.  
Rain or water cannot injure it; it requires no oil; the rats will not cut it; your negroes will not steal it for strings or shoe soles; you can get any length you wish all in one piece without joints, and with good care it will last any farmer for twenty years.  
Orders accompanied with the cash will receive prompt attention, and the freight paid to any point on the Railroad or stage line.

**CASH PRICES:**  
2 inch ..... 12 1/2 cents per foot.  
3 " ..... 15 " "  
4 " ..... 17 " "  
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6 " ..... 27 " "  
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Seamless Belts manufactured to order at short notice.

Conducting Hose of all sizes, for water or steam pressures, ordered direct from the Manufacturers. Also, Packing of all description, at 55 Cents per pound.  
J. B. F. BOONE,  
Charlotte, N. C.  
June 7, 1859

**CERTIFICATES.**  
I do hereby certify that I have three Gum Belts, which I got of Mr. J. B. Boone, in use in my machinery in my Tan Yard, and have been in use for the last eight or ten months; and as far as I have tried them, I like them better than the leather belts.  
YOUNG & WRISTON,  
C. C. HENDERSON,  
Lincolnton, N. C.  
June 6, 1859

This is to certify that we have been using the "Rubber Belting," sold by Mr. J. B. Boone, and find it has proved all that he represents it to be, and have no hesitation in recommending its use to the public.  
Proprietors of the Rock Island Wool Mills,  
July 9, 1859.

I hereby certify, that the India Rubber Belting bought by me of Mr. J. B. Boone, has been used in my cotton Factory from 12 to 18 months, and has given entire satisfaction.  
T. R. TATE,  
July 13, 1859

**Magic Oil--Magic.**  
A Fresh supply just received and for sale by  
E. NYE HUTCHISON & CO.  
June 23, 1859.

## 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. GIBSON,  
Pres't. W. & C. R. Railroad Co.  
Sept 28, 1858.

## New and Fashionable Furniture WARE ROOMS, Charlotte, N. C.

J. M. SANDERS & Co., are constantly receiving from New York, Boston, &c., a general assortment of fine and fashionable FURNITURE, which they will sell at extremely low prices for Cash, and every article guaranteed to give satisfaction. Those in want of good Furniture, at very low prices, will please give them a call.

Also, on hand, **Fisk's Metallic Bural Cases.**  
J. M. SANDERS & CO.,  
Feb. 22, 1859. Charlotte, N. C.

## TAN BARK.

100,000 COARDS Tan Bark wanted, for which a liberal price will be paid.  
M. B. TAYLOR,  
Charlotte, March 22, 1859

**TAXES.**  
The Tax Lists for the year 1858 are now in my hands for inspection. Those liable to pay Taxes will please come forward and settle.  
E. C. GRIER, Sheriff.  
April 12, 1859.

**Notice.**  
F. SCARR having purchased the entire interest in the firm of F. SCARR & Co., the Business will hereafter be conducted by himself personally.  
All Notes and Accounts due the late firm of F. Scarr & Co., to January 1st, 1859, must be paid to F. SCARR by July 1st, or they will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for immediate collection.  
May 17, 1859.

**CHARLOTTE HOTEL,**  
BY J. B. KERR, Proprietor.  
EVERY ACCOMMODATION afforded the patrons of the Charlotte Hotel.  
At this Hotel is kept the line of Daily Stages from Charlotte to Asheville.  
Oct. 1, 1859. J. B. KERR.

**STORE HOUSE FOR SALE.**  
The subscriber offers for sale that large brick Store House, next to the Court House. In addition to a large store room, it has three rooms in the second story, suitable for Offices of any kind. Also, a lot at Davidson College with comfortable buildings thereon.  
J. H. MAXWELL,  
August 2, 1859. 11J-pd

**IMMENSE SACRIFICES!!**  
**New Goods.**  
Wilmington Branch--2d Store below T. H. Brem & Co.

**KAHNWEILER & BROS.**  
RESPECTFULLY inform their numerous customers of Charlotte and the surrounding country, that they are selling off the balance of their stock of Summer Goods.

**Fancy and Staple Dry Goods,**  
SUPERIOR READY MADE CLOTHING,  
for Gents' Vests and Boys' wear, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Trunks, and a full supply of

**Millinery Goods,**  
Bonnet Ribbons and French Flowers, all of which will be sold at reduced prices. Also, a large and beautiful assortment of Lace Points, Berge and Linen Dusters, all of the latest style.

The above named Goods must be closed out by the first of October to make room for our Fall Stock.

We have the best and largest assortment of Ladies' and Misses' Gaiters, Boots and Shoes, Trunks, Valises, Carpet Bags, Satchels, and Bonnet Boxes.

Attention is called to the large stock of Ready-made Clothing, it being made up in the most substantial manner, and in equal to that sold by any other house in the Union, and is a choice and fashionable stock.

**Gent's Fashioning Goods of every Style.**  
This is positively a closing sale, as every article must be sold by the 1st of October. Merchants and others are requested to call and examine before making purchases, as they will find it to their interest to do so. They can buy from 25 to 50 per cent cheaper than at any other house.

We always keep on hand the best and cheapest assortment of GROCERIES, Hardware, Cedar Ware, &c.  
DAVID KAHNWEILER,  
DANIEL KAHNWEILER,  
JACOB KAHNWEILER.  
Charlotte, Aug. 30.

**FRENCH MILLINERY.**  
KAHNWEILER & BROS. respectfully inform the Ladies of Charlotte and vicinity, that they will open on or about the 1st of October, a MILLINERY DEPARTMENT, under the superintendence of MISS P. PFEIL, who is acknowledged by persons of taste to suit and please the most fastidious.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.**  
DYSPEPSIA.—The great scourge of this continent yields quickly to a course of these antiseptic Pills, and the digestive organs are restored to their proper tone; no matter in what hideous shape this hydra of disease exhibits itself, this searching and mercurial remedy disperses it from the patient's system.

**ERYSIPELAS, SALT RHEUM, BAD LEGS, OLD SORES AND ULCERS.**—Cases of many years standing that have pertinaciously refused to yield to any other remedy or treatment, have succumbed to a few applications of this powerful ointment.

**BILIOUS DISORDERS.**—This anti-bilious medicine expels the hidden seeds of the complaint, and restores all the fluids and secretions pure and thick, cleansing and re-establishing the vital functions of the body.

**GENERAL DEBILITY AND WEAKNESS.**—From whatever cause, loss of spirits, and other signs of a diseased liver, and other disorganization of the system, vanish under the radiating influence of this all powerful antiseptic and detergent remedy.

Sold at the manufacturing of Professor Holloway, 50 Maiden Lane, New York, and by all dealers in medicine throughout the U. States and the civilized world, in boxes at 25 cents, 63 cents, and \$1 each. Directions for the guidance of patients are affixed to each box.  
For sale in Charlotte by E. NYE HUTCHISON & CO.  
April 15, 1859.

A GOOD supply of Tennessee BACON, cheap for cash.  
H. B. WILLIAMS & CO.

## MORTALITY AND IMMORTALITY.

A snow-draw, amid cold and storm,  
Reared up its lovely head;  
Surcharged with rain it mildly drooped—  
Ere spring had come 'twas dead.

Midway in air a bird was poised,  
Her hymn of praise to swell,  
A fiercer with unerring aim,  
Pierced her warm breast—she fell.

A rosebud, proud of being first  
To own spring's gentle sway,  
Nipped by the frost, its blackened form  
Foretold its sure decay.

The brilliant sun with golden beams  
Pursues its daily flight;  
But now he rose—why set so soon?  
'Twas but to speed the night.

E'en beauty in the early bud  
Wings her Heavenly way,  
Leaving life bereft of love—  
For nothing here can stay.

Then grieve not that it must be so—  
'Thy bud shall one day bloom—  
'Tis grafted in thy Heaven above,  
Then gaze not on her tomb.

**WANTED,**  
500 Head of Pork Hogs.  
The subscriber will pay the highest cash prices for Hogs.  
Those having Pork Hogs for sale would do well to give me a call, as I am desirous of purchasing that kind of stock.  
J. L. STOUT, Town Butcher.  
October 11, 1859.

**F. SCARR,**  
(Late Scarr & Co.)  
Chemist & Druggist  
Charlotte, N. C.

RESPECTFULLY invites attention to his complete stock of DRUGS, CHEMICALS and MEDICINES, selected with great care and without regard to price; purity and quality being especially regarded.

**To Physicians.**  
New Chemicals and Drugs just received. Hypophosphites of Soda and Potash, Tilden's Fluid Extracts, Churchill's Syrup of the Hypophosphites, Ammon Ferri Alun, Perchlorate of Iron (solid) &c.

**Country Merchants**  
Will find at this establishment a full assortment of articles in the Drug line at Charleston Prices.

Rabbit's Pure Potash, in tins.  
Concentrated Lye,  
Soap Potash, in barrels.

**Vinegar,**  
Nutmegs,  
Allspice,  
Cloves,  
Mace,  
Ginger,  
Pepper,  
Cinnamon, &c.

**OILS.**  
Lined Oil, Train Oil,  
Sperma " Tanners "  
Lard " Sweet "

**A full supply of Paints,**  
White Lead, Red Lead,  
Paris Green,  
Chrome Green,  
Chrome Yellow,  
Prussian Blue,  
Raw and Burnt Umber,  
Terra de Sienna, &c.,  
Dry and in Oil.

**Elegant Preparations for the Hair.**  
Burnett's Cocoa,  
Savages' Urzina,  
Bazin's Ox Marrow, &c.,  
At SCARR'S Drug Establishment.  
May 31, 1857

**Look to your Interest.**  
At **BOONE'S**  
BOOT AND SHOE EMPORIUM  
Large sales are made from day to day at a great sacrifice to the manufacturer.

A good double-soled nailed Brogan sold for \$1 25  
The very best Brogans at 1 50  
Single-toed Brogans at 1 00

**A Great Saving**  
In children's, boys and misses' Shoes, is effected by the introduction of Copper Points for the protection of the toe, and the manufacturer warrants that one pair will last as long as three pair of the old style. To be had only at J. B. F. Boone's.

LADIES will find it to their interest to call at Boone's and examine his stock as it is far superior to any other offered in the State.

GENTS will find it to their comfort to call at Boone's and fit themselves with a Boot or Shoe on reasonable terms.

Boone has good Shoes.  
Boone has fine and splendid assortment of Boots.  
Boone has cheap Brogans.  
Boone has the very best article of Brogans.  
Boone has children's Shoes with metallic tips.  
Boone has boys and youths' Shoes with metallic tips.  
Boone has boys and youths' Boots with metallic tips.  
Boone has gents' fine double-soled water proof Boots, very cheap.

Boone has Ladies' fine high-heeled Congress Gaiters, and a great many varieties, too numerous to mention. Call and examine for yourselves.  
J. B. F. BOONE,  
Sept. 27, 1859. Opposite the Bank of Charlotte.

**S. M. HOWELL,**  
Saddle and Harness  
Manufacturer,  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.  
ONE DOOR SOUTH OF THE MASSION HOUSE.  
Repairs promptly and neatly done.  
Jan. 1, 1859.

**CASH PAID FOR HIDES,**  
BY **S. M. HOWELL,**  
ONE DOOR SOUTH OF THE MASSION HOUSE.  
Jan. 1, 1859.

**THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND.**—We have been handed a specimen of cotton from the farm of Mr. Jas. Doyd, Sr., which will compare favorably with anything that we have seen. We are informed that it is an entirely new kind of cotton, the seed of which was purchased at a very high price. Mr. Doyd having obtained few seed so managed, by keeping the cotton separate, as to have now nearly a sufficiency to plant his farm. He is satisfied that from one fourth of an acre he will raise 600 lbs. The bolls are very numerous and are of extra-ordinary size, thirty of which, when picked, weigh a pound. This is good cotton and the seed are worth preparing at any price.—*Chester Standard.*

**PROF. HENDRICK.**—The New York Observer says:  
Prof. Benj. S. Hendrick formerly Professor of Chemistry in the University at North Carolina, has been called to the chair of professor of Mathematics in the Cooper Institute, Mass.

**SENTENCED TO BE HUNG.**—John C. Terrell has been convicted in Marlborough S. C., of murdering his grand-father and sentenced to be hung. He put arsenic in some liquor to kill the old man, for fear of his making some disclosures of his (Terrell's) rascality, of which he was cognizant.

**Old Brown's anti-drops.**—The most authentic statement which has yet appeared of Brown's anti-drops, and his purpose in going to Kansas, at least the one emanating from his most devoted friend who has the information at command, is that written for the Boston Atlas by James Redpath of Kansas notoriety, one of Brown's condottors in the troubles and conflicts in that Territory. The following is an extract from Redpath's statement:

"For thirty years he secretly cherished the idea of being the leader of a servile insurrection; the American Moses, predestined by Omnipotence to lead the servile nation in our Southern States to freedom, if necessary through the Red Sea of a civil war, or a fiercer war of races. It was no 'mad idea,' concocted at a fair in Ohio; but a mighty purpose, born of religious convictions, which he nourished in his heart for half a lifetime."

**CANCER AND TOBACCO.**—M. Bonisson, a French writer, has made some very remarkable researches upon the danger of smoking. He states that cancer in the mouth has grown so frequent from the use of tobacco, that it now forms one of the most dreaded diseases in the hospitals. From 1845 to 1850, he has himself performed sixty-eight operations for cancers in the lips in the Hospital St. Eloi. The use of tobacco rarely produces the lip cancer in youth. Almost all of Bonisson's patients had past the age of forty. The disease is also more frequent with individuals of the humbler class, who smoke short pipes, and tobacco of inferior quality, while the originals who are careful to preserve the coolness of the mouth-piece by the transmission of the smoke through water, it is unknown, showing that it is generated more by the constant application of heat to the lips, than by the inhaling of nicotine.

**REMOVAL.**  
WE inform our friends that we have removed to the old stand of Springs & McLeod, corner of College and Trade street, and are now receiving a large stock of **FAMILY GROCERIES**, which will be sold low FOR CASH at retail or wholesale.  
E. FEASTER,  
E. A. McLEOD.  
Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 30, 1859 3m

**NEW GOODS.**  
**BEST QUALITY--CHEAP RATES.**  
**ELIAS & COHEN**

Announce to their customers and the public generally that they have opened one of the largest stocks of goods in Charlotte, consisting of

**Dry Goods and Groceries,**  
HARDWARE, &c. &c.

FARMERS will find it to their advantage to trade with us as we are determined to put our Goods at such a low figure as will induce purchasers to do so.

THE LADIES will find our large and varied assortment of

**DRESS GOODS**  
Of the best quality and of the latest styles, and at very moderate prices. To satisfy them of this fact we invite all to call and make an examination. Our supply of

**BONNETS,**  
SILKS, MERINOS, CALICOS, &c.

Is large and of the most fashionable patterns. EVERYBODY who are in want of Goods of superior quality and at the

**LOWEST PRICES**  
Should give us a call as we are prepared and disposed to do everything we promise.

Those desiring to purchase at WHOLESALE or RETAIL will find our Goods as cheap as any site of Charlotte.

October 17, 1859. if  
**WHEAT!**  
The subscriber is prepared to purchase the new crop of Wheat at the highest market price. Farmers will find it to their advantage to call at the CHARLOTTE STEAM MILLS before selling.  
JNO. WILKES.  
July 26, 1858 if

**The Charlotte Mutual Fire Insurance Company.**  
CONTINUES to take risks against loss by fire, on Houses, Goods, Produce, &c., at usual rates.

President—A. C. STEELE,  
Vice President—C. OVERMAN,  
Attorney—JOS. H. WILSON,  
Sec'y & Treas.—E. NYE HUTCHISON.

**DIRECTORS.**  
A. C. STEELE, S. T. WRISTON,  
JNO. L. BROWN, W. JOHNSON,  
M. B. TAYLOR, F. SCARR,  
CHAS. OVERMAN.

Executive Committee—S. T. Wriston, F. Scarr, Jno. L. Brown.  
April 29, 1859.

## PRIDE AND EXTRAVAGANCE.

We see many young men commence farming under the most favorable circumstances possible, and in a little time they go by the board, and are reduced to abject poverty, which they find to be a hard master. This change is brought about to a great extent by bad management, in endeavoring to make a display in decorating the house, fine dressing and splendid equipage. There are many men striving with poverty now who were once well to do, whose downfall resembles the picture I shall here draw. Go and ask one of those now struggling with poverty, who once had a fine farm, why he has been so reduced, and his story will be something like this: "I commenced the world with some advantages, such as family reputation and property. Finding the bachelor's life a lonely one, partly to please others I concluded to get married. I was pretty well satisfied with the change until the family expenses began to increase greatly. My dear soon thought that we wanted a new vehicle to ride in, and a double one at that. I reminded her of the old panel buggy and the old horse Dobbin. But she still insisted that we should have a coach and pair. I objected to the cost; told her I could not spare the money. She replied that neighbor Swell, no richer or better than myself, had a double carriage. I tried to convince her that this would bring on double trouble, as well as double expense. We can drive the buggy ourselves, and it does not cost half as much as the coach; and besides we should have to use two horses, when now one will answer our purpose. The coach, too, must have a coachman, and sometimes a footman; especially when we drive to town; and this takes two hands from the farm, neither of whom I am able to spare. "But, my dear," she says, "every body will expect it of us to have a carriage and two horses." This contest was often renewed; at length, whether from flattery contained in her arguments, or the sake of a quiet house, the coach was bought, and other fine things furnished about the house in character with the equipage; and from that time I date the commencement of my ruin—not exactly from the cost, but from the style of living it introduced.

By the by, the importance of a family in the country is wonderfully increased, in their own conceit, by a "double carriage" not a negro on the farm, but feet it and becomes more proud and worthless. For a long time but little was thought of by my wife and servants, but sporting the coach and two. Poor Dobbin was put to the plow, and I could not help thinking that he reproached me every time we met. I soon began to buy corn instead of selling; instead of having money at interest I soon had to borrow. We had a constant round of company, and every farmer knows how that operates. I gradually lost my spirits, my good humor, had bad misgivings, saw breakers ahead, but did not change my course. At length I was obliged to mortgage my land. After that I resigned myself to my fate. I formerly delighted in improving my farm, but who ever knew a man fond of improving a mortgaged farm, when he saw no prospect of paying for it? Ruin now approached with rapid strides; my neighbors began to prophesy; my friends became shy, and sometimes in my company they would accidentally remark that they had come to the resolution not to be security for any one. Misery makes a man acquainted with strange bedfellows. I found it so. Shifts for raising the wind and keeping up appearances were resorted to, which I do not like to remember; friends deserted me, creditors pressed me; my note was looked upon as being doubtful; what was to be done in such a case? Luckily one of the servants mis-behaved and was sold to a negro trader. The idea that he had eaten him up was an odd one, but was nevertheless true. Soon my whole estate was sold, and I was left with an increasing family, almost penniless. The predictions of neighbors were fulfilled; they "knew it would be so;" "pride must have a fall!"

Young farmer reader, if you should be in this sure way to destruction, turn back; and if you have not entered upon it, steer clear of it. Be sure to improve your lands before you improve your style of living. Do not think that you must begin where your father left off, in the way of comforts and luxuries. Let your progress be steady and firm; buy only what you can pay for; be sure to make the money before you spend it. Do not have fine horses and vehicles, at the expense of a badly drained and poorly cultivated farm; if you do, my word for it, sooner or later you will encounter breakers, and boisterous ones, too, such as will swallow you up at once.—*Wash. Dispatch*

"Quit spitting that nasty tobacco on the floor, Jacob, or I'll whip you!"

"La, mother, why don't you speak properly? You should have said, cease ejecting the offensive saliva of the Virginia weed upon the promenade; or I shall administer to you a severe castigation, Ahem!"

**A CHURCH BRAWL.**—There has been a tremendous uproar raging in London for two or three months, owing to riotous demonstrations taking place every Sunday in a church in the east end of the city known as "St. George's in the East." The rector, it appears, is a Puritan of the most advanced type, who, besides divers innovations in costume, manner of conducting the service, &c., finally raised the altar to the standard Roman Catholic height, lighted wax candles upon it. The result was that the congregation hooted him every Sunday, and the church wardens in vain protested against his doings. As a last resource to end the scandal, the Bishop of London has closed the Church for the present.

**Notice.**  
All persons indebted to the undersigned, Administrator of John N. Thompson, dec'd, are notified that their Notes are due, and the money is wanted. I am called upon daily for money, and in many cases sued. I wish to save cost, and do not wish to put others to cost; but request all to lift their Notes without delay. A hint to the wise is sufficient.  
THOMAS A. WILSON, Adm'r.  
Nov. 1, 1859. 3t-pd

**NOTICE.**  
The BOARD OF WARDENS for the county of Mecklenburg will meet at the Poor House on Saturday the 29th inst., for the purpose of electing a Steward and Physician for the year 1860. Bidders for those places will please attend at the hour of 10 o'clock.  
E. C. WALLIS,  
Nov. 1, 1859. 3t-pd Ch'n Board Wardens.

## MATRIMONY.

"Shall I get married?" is a question which a man often puts to himself in the present day. And nothing can be wiser than to make it a question; but when a man does so, he should examine and weigh the thing fairly and fully, and not consider that he has found a solution to it the moment he meets with an objection to contravene his wishes. It is not his father or his mother, his friends or his books, that he should yield to, in a case that is really too great for their decision. Hear them, he may; to gather their opinions; but if his own conscience proves stronger than their arguments, and his spirit still cries out "marry," why, marry he should.

Is marriage a desirable state? This is the first question. Almost every man and woman will answer in the affirmative. When should it be entered into? Is the next question. To this, the reply is, as soon as a man, having reached a proper age, say twenty-five, is able to support a wife. Then comes the question of children; a man by pinching a little here, and a good deal there, can support a wife; but the poor fellow is afraid of having a family to feed, and clothe, and educate, without money enough to bear the additional expense. This is the rub. We believe few young men would be such fools as to remain in a state of "single blessedness," if the image of coming children did not haunt and bewilder them. But their apprehension is quite as groundless as the other. Children have hands to work with, and may be rendered a source of profit to a prudent father, who knows how to rear them up.

Do not listen, therefore, young man to these frivolous objections. Do your friends advise you against marriage? Look at their own cases. You will find that most of them got married themselves, sooner or later, and that they did very well in spite of the burden. If you really do discover among them a few who have left their position, and become poor since their marriage, in nine cases out of ten you will find, by sifting the matter, that it was not the wife and children who brought them down, but their own vanity and dissipation.—*Life Illustrated.*

**THE GAME FOWL BUSINESS.**—In an article descriptive of the business of a noted game-cock raiser in Pennsylvania, the Charleston Mercury communicates the following information:

"Annually, the Doctor tests his strains by taking fowls one year old, putting short steel gaffs on each; they are then permitted to fight until they are literally cut to pieces, the cold steel entering the flesh at every blow, and the fowls standing it unflinchingly. If one chance to run, off goes the heads of all his line, both male and female. In this way he maintains the great name his stock acquired; for were their purity doubted, their value would fall about five hundred per cent. Our readers may deem this an extravagant statement, but when we tell them that all his strains, comprising Mexican, Tartar, Rattler, Sefton, Derby, Stanly, Irish, Sergeant and Counterfeits, besides many crosses, command \$7 for a stag and one pullet, \$10 for a stag and two pullets, \$10 for a cock and hen, and \$15 for a trio, while the clippers the 'noted champions of Europe,' bring \$15 a pair, and \$20 a trio for the young ones, they will not think the per centage exaggerated. All classes purchase them—cookers for the purpose of winning money; farmers to improve the laying powers and tenderness of flesh of their fowls; fanciers for their own amusement.

**COUNTERFEIT COIN.**—We have for some time noticed in our exchanges (says the Statesville Express) that the country is being flooded, so to speak, with base coins as 25 and 50 cent pieces in imitation of silver, and \$1 and \$2 pieces in imitation of gold. Much of this spurious stuff, we have reason to believe, has been introduced into North Carolina. The following is a copy of a letter which was sent by a dealer and, we suppose, a manufacturer of this description of coin, in Albany, New York, to a Post Master in Rowan county, which was furnished us for publication, to put the public on their guard and show the method which was adopted for circulating this base metal. Thousands of persons over the country, no doubt, have had similar letters addressed to them, many of whom, have gone into the nefarious traffic.

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Mr.—If you would like a supply of 25 and 50 cent pieces in imitation of silver and \$1 and \$2 pieces in imitation of gold, that will pass as readily as the genuine, you can be supplied at the rate of \$50 per hundred. They are nothing like the Bogus stuff with which the country is filled, and any one can make with ease fifteen or twenty thousand dollars in a year, by dealing in them, and no one will be the wiser. If you wish to make an investment; send me whatever amount of money you wish and for every dollar you send me, I will, on receipt send you two in either of the above named coins, properly packed so as not to excite suspicion. Trusting to your honor as to secrecy. I am yours, &c. Address—No., Albany, N. Y.

**NEW INVENTION IN SHOEING HORSES.**—The Scientific American speaks of a new invention for horse-shoeing, which obviates the continual driving of nails in the hoof, by which great injury is sometimes inflicted upon valuable horses by unskillful workmen. A groove is made in the underside of the common shoe, into which is fastened a piece of iron of the same width and shape as the groove; only thicker and slightly curved upwards, the junction forming a complete dovetail. The advantage of this inner shoe is, that it is made to project beyond the ordinary shoe, and when worn down can easily be removed and replaced by another without pulling off the shoe from the horse's hoof.

**MAFFIE'S SCALPS.**—The Christian Advocate gives the following characteristic anecdote of an old Kentuckian, long familiar with hunting and border warfare, who being present at a conversation where Maffie's name was mentioned in connection with other distinguished Methodist ministers; exclaimed: