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slammed the door violently, locked it wrathfully

the veritable Bull himself, "but these family

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" - " Primary taught by competent and thorough Instructors at usual prices. For circular and catalougue containing full par-

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Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, Music-Boxes, &c., repaired at short notice and on satisfactory terms. AUGUST NIEMANN. Next door to Mansion House.

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April 2, 1866

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of the South and Southwest, in connection with ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY, have established their agency at 59 BROADWAY NEW YORK, where orders to call for goods to be forwarded South will receive prompt attention, Merchandise and valuables delivered to Harnden's, Kinsley's, American and United States Express Com-

ceive prompt dispatch. For particulars, rates of freight, &c. &c, apply at the office of the Southern Express Company, 59 H. B. PLANT. Broadway.

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Tailoring. JOHN VOGEL,

PRACTICAL TAILOR, Respectfully informs the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country, that he is prepared to manufacture gentlemen's clothing in the latest style and at short notice. His best exertions will be given to render satisfaction to those who patronize him. Shop opposite Kerr's Hotel, next door to Brown & January 1, 1866.

ATTENTION People of Charlotte and surrounding country!

SELLING OFF BELOW N. Y. COST.

NO HUMBUG-NO HUMBUG!! A \$30,000 Stock of Goods must all be sold in three months.

The citizens of Charlotte and surrounding conntry will do well to call at H. E. MORSE'S before purchasing elsewhere, as they will save from 25 to 50 per cent by so doing. Merchants from the city and country will do well

to give me a call, as I will sell them Goods cheaper than the cheapest. I have on hand a large and well selected stock of

Dry Goods, Clothing, Millinery,

Ladies', Gents', Misses' and children's Boots and Shoes, a large assortment, all sizes; Calicoes of every variety; Hats and Caps; Confectioneries; Crockery; Trunks; Valises; a large stock of Notions, and many other articles too tedious to mention. Don't forget the place-at Dr. Pritchard's old stand, opposite the Court House.

ALSO, for sale a fine, spacious RESIDENCE, with good Garden and out-houses attached. H. E. MORSE. June 25, 1865

H. E. MORSE.

THE FOUL-TONGUED FANATICS.

The Radicals are foaming at the mouth all the Philadelphia Convention, have let loose given. their wrath in unmeasured torrents.

CHARLOTTE FEMALE INSTITUTE, bels"—that his Secretary of State is "to-day at military and provisional governor was appointed; lead those lives of ease and idleness to which 25 00 Lincoln's most trusted advisers in "the govern- fighting, in defense of slave property, now has wholly explain the moral and social phenomena 20 00 ment," was "more edious and deserving of the his needy widow and orphans deprived of the which we are called upon to witness. The peo-Music, Modern Languages, Drawing and Painting halter' than Jefferson Davis. The reverend meagre pittance promised by the State. We ple have changed with the times and their cirand ribald Brownlow outdoes them all in this would also ask why the claims of Northern spec- cumstances, and wisely realize the necessity of reckless, bad men .- N. Y. World.

On Consignment, 400 Bushels white Corn, 250 bushels Meal, 14 boxes

HUTCHISON, BURROUGHS Opposite 1st National Bank. Sept 10, 1866

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE For Sale.

good neighborhood. About one-half of this tract is wood-land. The improvements consist of a double Log-Cabin, Barn, &c , a Well of excellent water, and an orchard of selected fruit on the premises. Posession given 1st January, 1867, and permission given to sow small grain this Fall. Also, a small brick Dwelling House in Charlotte

containing 5 rooms, located near the Depot and Also a large brick two story Store room at Davidson College, 110 by 30 feet,-handsomely finished and centrally located, with a counting room and

cellar attached, and a small frame Dwelling House and Well of water on the premises. Any or all of these properties will be sold or terms to suit the times, and must be sold.

JAS. H. CARSON. July 23, 1866. FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF CHARLOTTE. Increase of Capital This Bank having received permission from the

the 7th instant, it was ordered that the Capital Stock of the First National Bank of Charlotte be increased to the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, and that advertisement be made

Books of Subscription are now open at the Bank THOS. W. DEWEY, Cashier. Aug 13, 1866-6t

State of N. Caroina-Cabarrus Co. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions-July Term, 1866. Mary M Litaker, Calab W Litaker, Daniel Taylor Litaker, Louisa K Litaker, Laura A C

Noah Blackwelder and wife Mary A , T B Craven and wife Sophia. Devisavit vel non.

Litaker and Sarah M Litaker,

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Sophia Litaker, Susan Litaker and Lundy Litaker, and John Caniker and wife Elizabeth were children of Moses Litaker, and heirs at law of Daniel Litaker. deceased, and do reside beyond the limits of this State, it is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made, for six weeks in the Charlotte Democrat, notifying the said parties to be and appear at the next Court, to be held for said county at the Court House in Concord, on the 3d Monday in October next, and make themselves parties to the foregoing issue.

Witness, J. O. Wallace, Clerk of our said Court at office in Concord, the 3d Monday in July, A. D., J. O. WALLACE, Clerk. 32-6t [pr. adv. \$10]

State of N. Carolina-Cabarrus Co. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions-July Term. 1866. Allison Foil and others vs. Anderson Foil and others. Petition for Partition of Land.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court in this case that Anderson Foil and R. F. Friesland and Jane bis wife are not inhabitants of this State, but postponed, will take place on the same day. reside beyond the limits thereof, it is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made for six successive weeks in the Charlotte Democrat notifying said absent defeadants to be and appear at the next term of this Court to be held for the county of Cabarrus, at the Court House in Concord, on the 3d Monday in October next, then and there to an- A Proclamation by His Excellency, JONATHAN swer the allegations set forth in said Petition, or judgment pro confesso will be taken as to them. office in Concord, the 3d Monday in April, 1866.

J. O. WALLACE, Clerk. 32-6t [pr. adv. \$10.]

Genuine Durham SMOKING TOBACCO.

The undersigned is the sole proprietor of the original manufacturer. he hereby warns all persons against manufacturing apprehension and delivery to the Sheriff of Meck-

or attempting to manufacture said article. All venders of the "Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco," must obtain it from me directly or from my authorized agents. The following are my sole authorized Agents at

present. Others will be added : Stenhouse & Macaulay, Charlotte; W D Smith, Fayetteville; Walker, Farrar & Co., Newbern Northrop & Cummings, Wilmington: H D Teel, Tar- By the Governor: boro ; JE Venable, Petersburg ; Ashton & Emerson. Portsmouth, Va ; Adolph Berry, 172 West Pratt St . Baltimore; March, Price & Co., 91 Walter St., New J. R. GREEN.

Durbam's, Orange co, N. C., June 25, 1866 3m Stenhouse & Macaulay, Agents at Charlotte. | Sept 3, 1866.

SPEECH OF MR. BLEDSOE.

From the Raleigh Progress.

"The administration is the government," but ner to demonstrate the fact, that the people were in repairing the wreck of all that was left them Horace Greeley at Syracuse calls the party con- morally and legally absolved from the payment at the conclusion of a most disastrous struggle. sisting of the President of the United States, of all bonds and debts contracted by the State | The thoughts of our people are not directed to his chief cabinet officer, the General of our ar- upon the faith of property which the late disas- politics-they are bent upon the improvement mies, Grant, the admiral of our fleets, Farragut, trous war has completely swept away, and con- of their physical and material well-being. They and the foremost men in the country who ac- tended that the governments of 1861 and 1865, are seeking "to lay up something for a rainy party a "menagerie." Senator Chandler, at cers composing the former were legally elected, flicted upon an inheritance which they had hoped Philadelphia, declares that Andrew Johnson appointed and qualified in accordance with the to transmit unimpaired to their children. "has no more right to a policy than a horse has" constitution, and that on the occupation of this There are many striking changes wrought in -that he is a traitor, and we will impeach him" State by the federal forces, the organization was the habits and customs of our people by the -that he is "merely a tool in the hands of re- entirely obliterated and utterly overthrown. A stress of circumstances. They can no longer

heart a traitor to the government of the United our judges and magistrates were disqualified slavery was not only a temptation, but in a mea-States." Governor and United States Senator and the whole machinery of State government sure rendered almost unavoidable in the man of Yates, of Illinois, at Philadelphia, threatens was thrown out of gear. The provisional gov- wealth and leisure. The village postoffice, inn. civil war, and promises 500,000 troops from his ernor, exercising and deriving his authority from cross-road grocery and Court-green are no long-State to battle against the administration, the ex officio commander-in-chief of the army er the scenes upon which idle, dissipated men. which, be it again observed, we have been taught and navy, appointed other officers, thereby again young and old, spend the greater portion of their to believe was the Government. The same per- putting the government in motion, but under time. It is true that whiskey is dear and greenson declares that Montgomery Blair, one of Mr entirely new auspices. The soldiers who fell backs scarce; but these considerations do not ferocity and violence. The people of the United ulators and Southern speculators should be conforming to all the necessities of their altered States who have taxes to pay, children to rear heard in preference to those to whom we are condition. The vapid, loud mouthed politician and educate, and bread and butter to earn, must | bound by every tie of honor and gratitude, not | is no more listened to with rapt attention and judge for themselves whether their government only to see more justice shown but to protect curiosity, and he has sense enough to hold his would be safe in the hands of these violent, and befriend in their widowed and orphaned tongue where the people take so little interest state, thus practically demonstrating that we, as in politics that he would not secure an audience. a grateful people, still cherish the memory of Speech making is now voted a bore. It conthose brave men, whose lives were so cheerfully sumes valuable time, and the people find it diffiand fearlessly offered up as a sacrifice, for the cult to discover how eloquent harangues on the and Carolus one day, "you gave all the boys achievement of Southern independence, upon hustings are at all likely to lighten taxes or to some of the proceeds of the last sale of cattle ted to attend the funeral obsequies—the lady the altar of their country.

clique, who, by some legerdemain, have suc- ruin upon us, and that those are best off now ceeded in getting the reins of government into | who think much and say little. We dare say their own hands, and who, vampire like, feed they are right; nor can it be denied that there My farm containing 175 acres, lying two miles upon the blood of the body politic, and strive is a world of philosophy in their reasonings upeast from Charlotte, on the Lawyer's Road, in a to make the great mass of the people feel com- on this subject. fortable and easy by a well arranged system of The revolution in sentiment and action to cajoling, fanning and honied words while they which we have alluded is confined to no particsuck out their life's blood.

most able and eloquent we have ever listened to of affairs, like a new pair of shoes or boots, may upon State politics. We think his doctrines rub and pinch at first, but ultimately may be should be promulgated and we trust ere long to worn with ease and comfort. Ours are not a be able to present his speech in full to our people to sit forever whining and repining by

NORTH CAROLINA FREEDMEN.-We learn off upon its surface. No; they have enough that Gen. Robinson, who resides here and is the Anglo-Saxon energy and courage left to dash military commandant of the district of North into the waters and rescue the fragments of Carolina as well as assistant commissioner of the whatever may be left them worth preserving. freedmen's bureau, has made a report to Gen. Those who think the South, like a great moral Howard, in which, referring to the present sta- coward, will fall prostrate and grovel forever in tus of the colored men, he states his intention, the dust and ashes of despair, are greviously which has already been partially successful, of mistaken. She will do no such thing; but conbreaking up the great number of freedmen's scious of her merit and untarnished honor she camps throughout the State, and concentrating will, ere long, astound the world by achieve-Comptroller of the Currency to increase the Capital the needy and deserving at a few central points. ments in every domain of science and art .-It is his opinion that after the first of next Richmond Times. At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on | month, but few duties will devolve upon the officers and agents of the bureau in this State. The jurisdiction of affairs generally having been turned over to the civil authorities, all complaints of outrages between whites and blacks have, during the past month, been referred to the State Courts, and prosecutions have been enforced against offenders of both classes with equal zeal.

Gen Robinson closes his report with the assertion that in an aggregate negro population of over three hundred thousand in the State, not more than two thousand five hundred have failed to place themselves out of the reach of want for the coming year .- Raleigh Progress.

CORN -- Large crops of corn in the Valley of Virginia, where the drought has been comparatively slight, have been sold at \$2 per barrel. This shows abundance of grain, and scarcity of

Equity Sale of Land.

In obedience to a decree of the Court of Equity, of Equity, I propose to sell to the highest bidder the Convention, and yet Douglass was snubbed Bull and Buffalo, &c , &c , all were employed. not clerks, did not feel any necessity for the use executing bond with security, on a credit of one and ignored, while the vulgarities and blasphe- "Father," said Jaco, "I forced Sambo to take my of letters." The ancient use of the cross was, and two years, with interest from date, One Hundred and Seventy Acres of LAND, situated in said county, near Sugar Creek Church, adjoining the lands of the hiers of the late Dr Thomas Caldwell. D. Parks, R. L. Alexander and others, for partition among the hiere at law of the late Robert Montgomery, deceased. Sale will take place at the Public Square in Charlotte on the second Monday in October proximo-one hundred dollars cash in advance

A. C. WILLIAMSON, C. M. E. P. S .- The sale of the Thompson Land, lately

State of North Carolina. \$300 REWARD.

WORTH, Governor of North Carolina. WHEREAS, it has been represented to me that Witness, J. O. Wallace, Clerk of our said Court at JOHN H. ALLEN, late of the county of Mecklenof one Titus, a freedman, late of said County of

Mecklenburg, and that the said Allen is a fugitive from justice and has escaped beyond the limits of Now, THEREFORE, in order that the said Allen may be arrested and brought to trial, for said alabove named article, being the successor of the leged murd r, I, JONATHAN WORTH, Governor of said Having obtained letters patent for said article, reward of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS for his

> lenburg county. In witness whereof, His Excellency, success and happiness. S. L. Jonathan Worth, Governor of said State, has hereto set his hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done, at the City of Raleigh, this the 25th day of August, A. D., 1865. JONATHAN WORTH.

WM. H. BAGLEY, Private Secretary.

DESCRIPTION : John H. Allen is represented to be about 32 years old, five feet nine inches high, strongly built, and has light hair and blue eyes.

SOUTHERN ENERGY.

The mind of the Southern people seems to be over the country. The President's tour, the On Saturday night, the 8th inst., a large and taking a practical turn in a very marked and Syracuse Convention, the Bogus Southern Con- enthusiastic crowd assembled at the Court House eminent degree. They are determined to revention occurring at the same time, and so close- in Raleigh to listen to the remarks of Mr. M. pair their fortunes, and they will succeed. With ly upon the heels of the great demonstration at A. Bledsoe, according to a notice previously that tremendous will and energy which sustained a hopeless contest for four years against over-Mr B. endeavored in a clear and forcible man- whelming odds, they are now diligently engaged

help the political situation They have a vague Mr B. then delivered a telling rebuke to that suspicion that too much talking brought war and lazy, you are proud," replied their father. So

ular class at the South; it pervades all classes of Upon the whole Mr B's oration was one of the our white population. The changed condition the banks of the stream of human progress and watch the remnants of their prosperity floating

THE PHILADELPHIA FIZZLE.

The Convention of so-called southern levalists off, you are now resolved to whip them for dohas turned out pretty much as was expected by | ing as you wished them to do. It reminds me amszement upon the mangled remains of the pluck, and some of you may get flogged instead," body which threatened at one time to rise like replied the old man, "Mick and Swineton are Goliath of Gath and go forth to battle. What brave and strong, they will take hold first," said sort of a sling it was that killed this pretentious | Thad. "And we will call in our neighbors and giant we cannot say, but it is certain that he lies | bave them well thrashed," cagerly cried out prostrate, while the true Union men walk around Jaco and Ben. "Well, my sous, I don't half the prostrate form, looking with wonder and like it. The boys were of age, and if they had away and wasted.

black man was as much entitled to a prominent father," and off ran the three brothers, Thad. to who could not write. seat as anybody else, but the black man was stir up Mick and Swineton, who were too kindly thrown overboard. Fred. Douglass is a negro inclined to the runaways; Saco and Ben to hire read, his knowledge was considered proof posiwho possesses infinitely greater ability than their neighbors, some by the day and some by Jack Hamilton, Parson Brownlow, and other the job. The hiring was a very successful affair. The word 'clericus,' or clerk, was synonymous demoralized whites who took leading parts in Patrick and Poniatowski, Monsieur and Mynher, with penman; and the laity or people, who were mies of the white men were applauded to the place. He is stronger and braver than we are, echo. The speeches of Brownlow and Hamil. and I will stay at home to take care of things. ton will not bear a comparison with those of "And I," said Ben, "got Buffalo to go for me, Douglass in tone, temper, ability, clearness, and he knows the country well around the house of force, and yet Douglass received the cold your unnatural sons, and will suit better than I." shoulder, and the trump card of the radicals was "Ha, ha," laughed the old gentleman, "You are torial Shakspeare, explains the expression of thrown away. The truth is that this radical smart boys, Jaco and Ben-I'll be bound you Convention, which was gotten up to off-set the keep out of a scrape yourselves, whoever else approaching the character of an oath. National Union Convention, is a miserable fail- you may get into one. It is like the little

who have no hold upon the people either at the guide, and Sambo followed close behind, George rity. With these associations clustering around North or the South. They were, for the most and Carolus, careless fellows as they were, were it, the sign of the cross should not be made a part, a set of political adventurers, whose only caught napping, but they struggled manfally subject for ridicule, but rather be treated as right to legislate upon national affairs consists of against the crowd. At last overcome, they were having important meaning when appended to a their hatred of the President and their hanker- tied together by the hands and dragged along document, being at once a signature and affirmaing after the flesh-pots of Government patron. by Mick and Swineton, while Thad amused tion to the truth of what is there written. age. It will be an interesting sight to witness himself with kicking them from behind. The the figuring up the profits and losses of the flesh. road back was long and tiresome. burg, in said State, stands charged with the murder pot Convention by the radical leaders next week. After many a weary day, the brothers reached the husband had some peculiar thoughts when - Washington Republican.

GOOD SENSE .- We think it shows a great deal of good sense, on the part of some of our young married people, to begin keeping house in small houses. Too many are unsatisfied un-State, do issue this my Proclamation, offering the less they can start out as their parents left off, instead of practising, for a few years, at least, the rigid economy which is necessary to insure

STOLEN.

From my pasture near Mount Mourne, Iredell county, on Tuesday night the 21st inst., a bay MARE, 4 years old, star in the face and one white hind foot,

Mount Mourne, or left at this office.
Aug 27, 1866—4tpd. A. Ti A. THOMPSON.

From the Land we Love. A SAD STORY.

made the deepest furrows and cast the widest

mould, his axes, his boes, his scythe-blades were

upon Jaco and Ben. "Father," said George

except us." "You deserve nothing, you are

matters grew worse, and the feeling between the

sire and sons became more and more bitter, un-

til the boys said plainly that they would leave

home, and begin a farm of their own. "We

can't kick you out of the old bouse," said Jaco

and Ben. "You will starve to death if you

leave," said Mick and Swineton, "We will

whip you back," said Thad. But spite of jeers

and threats. George and Carolus went off one

raw, winter morning, with no worldly gear ex-

ept a few old clothes tied up in their handker-

thiefs. Upon a promise to pay, they bought a

little farm and knocked up a log-cabin after the

model of the substantial old homestead, which

they still remembered with fondness. They

had to work hard, but there was no one to scold

them, and no one to fret them, and they were

very happy. "Father," said Jaco and Ben.

your rebellious sons must be punished for their

insolence." "They must be whipped back,"

said Thad. "I thought," replied the old man,

"that you wanted your brothers away, and that

story"- "Father, the hired men have come,"

The door was opened, the old father had died

suddenly, but uncle Andy stood on the threshold

with open arms and a smiling welcome in his

to a tide of sweet recollections.

and flung away the key. Jonathan Pure was one of the very best of "We've had all dis drubble fur puddins," American farmers. He had the strongest horses, growled Mynher. "The boys have been afther the sleekest cattle, the fattest bogs, and the coming home to the house of a stranger," said wooliest sheep in this country. His ploughs Patrick. "And that's no Irish Bull," replied

rows pay well," jingling a heavy purse as he the sharpest and brightest. Fences straight as meridian lines and tall like maypoles enclosed "This Jaco-Ben conduct has ruined us," the richest fields of corn and grain and the shouted Mick and Swineton. greenest pastures of the choicest grasses. His "I did not know that Messieurs were pundaughters were just twice the number of the sters," said polite Monsieur. graces, and all the young men for miles around "It is the truth and no pun," replied they. thought them to be twice as charming. His hale, hearty sons were in number just seven-BE PUNCTUAL. the symbol of perfection. The world pronounced The observance of this brief injunction has Jonathan Pure a very happy man, with his made the fortune of many a man, and, what is family of thirteen dutiful children, with his better than fortune, it has made a reputation thrifty farm and his well filled purse. But alas! which is inestimable in the business world. "there is a skeleton in every closet," as says the Every mechanic, every merchant, and every Italian proverb, and Jonathan, the envy of all professional man who is of any note whatever his neighbors, began to wear a sour and disconin his calling, is aware of the great importance tented look His two sons, George and Carolus

of punctuality in meeting all their engagements. were universally popular, but thriftless to a dewhether they be for profit, pleasure or charity. gree intolerable to their shrewd, managing But there are many people, regular attendants at church, who seem to believe that it is of father. They were following foxes and hounds when they ought to have been following the little importance if they enter the holy place plough. In the very press of harvest they fifteen or twenty minutes after the services have would go off to hear a political speech. In wet commenced. "What difference does it make? weather, when no farm work could be done, they Do they not own a pew, and who dare sit therehad been caught with books of oratory and the in unless invited? People only go to church last novels from the circulating library instead any way to see the fashions and be fashionable. of the works on agriculture and the mechanic What do they care?" Nevertheless, there are arts to be found on the shelves at home. In those who seek the Lord's house on His holy short, they were, as Jonathan expressed it, "a day for the purpose of thanksgiving and prayer. ne'er do weel set, and not like Jaco and Ben." So remember, tardy ones, that your want of his favorite sons. And so George and Carolus punctuality seriously interferes with their devogot sharp blows or still sharper speeches from

the old man, while his favors were showered tions. Again. Some fellow-being has been called from time to eternity-friends have been invifriends are slow in dressing-the assemblage in the house of mourning is awaiting the coming of these tardy "friends of the family"-bye and bye they come, and from their gaudy attire one might suppose that they had mistaken the invitation to a funeral for that of a wedding. We know that it must be a great sacrifice for a young lady to don an unbecoming dress; but then, if she would only reflect for a moment upon the fitness of things, she would see the impropriety of arraying herself in brilliant colors, and radient with sparkling jewels, rush into the presence of death at an hour when bereaved friends are only waiting her coming that they may begin the last sad services over the lost, ere they bury their dead from their sight.

Be punctual, then, fair friends, and white punctual, be prudent. Enter not the house of mourning wreathed with smiles and gala day attire, but let both body and mind be clothed with thoughts and habiliments that become the

SIGNATURE OF THE CROSS.

The signature of the cross is confined in our you often said that you too were involved in the day to those unable to write their own names. disgrace of their evil doings." "Oh but," said and it is inferred, very naturally, that when it Jaco and Ben, "Mick and Swineton will go away was almost universal centuries ago, it indicated too if these renegades be not chastised." "And that severely," added Thad. "Very well," an. a deplorable ignorance among all classes of pee-swered the old gentleman, "but it is a good joke ple. But an exchange takes exception to this a deplorable ignorance among all classes of peoopinion, and says: "How many of those who that when you tried so hard to make them run daily see X appended to a document of those who are unable to write ever take the trouble to all discerning men. It was simply a spasmodic of a little story. There once lived in my town discover its signification? The mark that pereffort on the part of a miscellaneous lot of polit. a-" "Father, we have not got time to hear sons unable to write are required to make inical adventurers to gain political power; and now the story," said Thad, "we must arrange this stead of their signature is the sign of the cross, that the spasm is over, the public look with flogging matter first." "The boys don't lack and this practice, having formerly been followed by kings and nobles, is constantly referred to as an instance of the deplorable ignorance of ancient times. This signature is not, however, invariable proof of such ignorance anciently. The use of this mark was not confined to illiterate persons, for among the Saxons the mark of the cross, as an attestation of the good faith of the pity upon so much pretended loyalty thrown a mind to set up for themselves, why not let person signing, was required to be attached to them alone. When I was on a flat-boat going the signature of those who could write, as well According to the theory of that Convention, the down"- "We are in a hurry just now, dear as to stand in the place of the signature of those

"In those times, if a man could write, or even therefore, universal, alika by those who could and by those who could not write; it was, indeed, the symbol of an oath from its holy association, and generally its mark. On this account Mr Chas. Knight, in his notes to the Pig-"God save the mark," as a form of ejaculation

This phrase occurs three or four times in the plays of Shakspeare; but hitherto it has been It was made up, for the most part, of men interrupted Jaco and Ben. Buffalo went as left by the commentators in its original obscu-

> Good -A few weeks after a late marriage, stormy night. The fire burned cheerily within, pearance of a 'washing." He thereupon rose familiar objects were around them, the associa- earlier than usual one morning, and kindled a tions of childhood were there, loving memories fire. When hanging on the kettle, he made a came crowding back, bitterness was giving away noise on purpose to wake his wife easy. She immediately peeped over the blankets, and then exclaimed :

> "My dear, what are you doing?" He deliberately responded : "Fve put on my face. The old family table, covered with steam- last clean shirt, and am going to wash one now ing viands, was in the centre of the room, the for myself."

> "Very well," replied Mrs. Easy, "you had old coffee pot stood simmering by the fire, and the grateful odors reached the nostrils of the better wash one for me, too."

famishing lads. "It is not so bad a home after all," shouted they joyfully, bursting from their A Mystery.- How do those who are withand was in good order. A bridle, halter and a guards and springing into the door with the out any visible means of support, and always McLellan saddle was taken with the Mare. I will ropes still around their arms. Uncle Andy ap-decline paying their bills for want of money, give a liberal reward to any person who will return proached with the old family carver to cut the give parties, dress handsomely, drive, fast horses, her to me, or give me information so that I can get gordian knots. Just then, Jaco and Ben, who and carry well filled baskets from market? We her. Any information may be addressed to me at had been scowling unseen and unnoticed in a confess our inability to solve the mystery of livery. corner, jumped up, thrust uncle and returning ing upon nothing.