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Watch and Clock Micor,

AND DEALER IN JEWELRY, FINE WATCHES, CLOCKS, Watch Materials, Spectacles, &c.

Aug. 19, 1867. CHARLOTTE, N. C. The City Book Store,

Has been Removed to P. Lowrie's Old Stand. One door below its former location.

Everybody is invited to call and examine our Stock, which consists in part of a large assortment of School Religious and Miscellaneous Books, Blank and Pass Books, Wall Paper, Blank and Printing Paper, and all articles usually kept in a first-class Book Store. Our arrangements with Publishers are such that

we receive all the NEW WORKS of popular authors as soon as published Our prices are as low as any other Booksellers in

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General Commission Merchants Particular attention paid to the selling of all kinds

of Produce, Cotton and Tobacco. Highest cash price paid for Cotton. All orders from a distance promptly attended

J. Y. BRYCE. W. H. BRYCE.

A. HALES, Watchmaker and Jeweler, Next Door to the Democrat Office, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

If your Watch needs Repairing, Don't get mad and go to swearing; Just take it into HALES snop. He will fix it so it will not stop. He warrants his work all for a year, When it is used with proper care. He will do it as low as it can be done, And do it so well it's sure to run. January 1, 1869 y

NEW GOODS!!

I am receiving New Goods every week, and am determined not to be undersold by any one. Give D. G. MAXWELL, me a call before buying.

Java, Laguayra and Rio Coffee, all grades at MAXWELL'S, Parks' Building.

Sugar From 12] to 20 cents per pound by retail, at MAXWELL'S, Parks' Building.

Tobacco and Snuff. Leak's Tobacco and Lorillard's Snuff always on

MAXWELL'S. Confectioneries, Toys, &c. The largest stock in the City. Call and examine for

D. G. MAXWELL, yourselves. May 10, 1869. Parks' Building.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

I have owing me about SIX THOUSAND DOL- English Department-Primary, -LARS for Groceries and Provisions. I am compelled to pay my debts, and those who owe me must pay up in order that I may meet my obligations. Now is the time I need help, and if those whom I have favored and accommodated will do their duty to me and give me a part if not all of what they owe, I vance. shall be thankful. B. M. PRESSON. June 21, 1869.

posts, that you may know him to be drunk; but when he begins to tell the same thing over twice -he's drunk !" FALL TRADE, 1869.

I take pleasure in informing you that I am now receiving AT MY NEW STAND, National Bank Building, SIGN OF THE BRASS BOOT, direct from the Manufactories, a large and well selected

A California murderer adopted a shrewd trick

to get clear. He procured the sending of forged

dispatches to the district attorney telling the

latter that his daughter was dying. The prose-

cution was consequently feeble, and the prisoner

A Minnessota Judge has given a decision as to when a man is "legally" drunk. He said:

ing in a ditch, or bumping his head against your

was discharged.

Boots and Shoes, FOR THE FALL TRADE, comprising every article in the Boot and Shoe line. I invite especial at-Misses' and Children's Bootees, Balmorals and Gaiters. My increased facilities and long experience in business make me confident that my prices, and the gown or select a vail. quality of my Goods, will compare favorably with hose of any other house in the City.

I shall be pleased to offer my stock to your inspection at any time you may favor me with a call. While truly grateful for past favors extended me, I desire your continued patronage. Rubber Belting,

S. B. MEACHAM'S. Aug 30, 1869.

Sewing Machine Depot. You will find for sale at the above Depot, 22 Tryon

Street, Charlotte, N. C., the celebrated "COMMON SENSE SEWING MACHINES" that are becoming so popular throughout the country, combining all the latest improvements of under-feed and upright Spool-Holder. Price only \$15. Also, the "BUCK-EYE AND HOME SHUTTLE MACHINES," price \$20 Extra Needles for sale

Agents wanted everywhere. W. S. HALTOM & CO. June 14, 1869,

Fresh Cakes and Candy.

I have secured the services of a First Class Baker, and will keep constantly on hand a full assortment of CAKES AND CANDY warranted fresh and nice. Baking every day. Orders filled at short notice. Weddings and Parties furnished at short notice. I also manufacture plain and farrey Candies. D. M. RIGLER.

Canned Fruits, &c. Fresh Peaches, Pine Apples, Tomatoes, Peas and Corn. Pickles by the dozen or gallon at

D. M. RIGLER'S. Feb 22, 1869. FRESH ARRIVALS OF

China, Crockery and Glass Ware JAMES HARTY,

(NEXT DOOR TO THE COURT HOUSE,)

Is just receiving a very targe stock of China, Crockery and Glass Ware, Together with a good assortment of House-keeping articles, consisting of Knives and Forks, Spoons, Castors, Butter Prints, Ladles, Tubs, Churns, Buck. ets, Bread Trays, Rolling Pins, Steak Beaters, Tea Kettles, Stew Pans, Gridirons, &c. Oct 26, 1868.

Wheat and Onions. I want to purchase a large quantity of Wheat, for which the highest market price will be paid.

Also, Onions wanted at market rates. W. J. BLACK. July 12, 1869: TURNIP SEED.

Early Flat Dutch, Purple Top, Large Norfolk,

Seven Top, and Ruta Baga. KILGORE & CURETON'S, Just received at July 19, 1869 Springs' Corner.

Machine Oil, Bank Oil. Tanners' Oil. For sale by Straits Oil,

KILGORE & CURETON. July 19, 1869 Charlotte Female Institute,

CHARLOTTE, N. C. The next Session of this Institution will commence on the first day of OCTOBER, 1869, and continue

until 30th of June following. A full corps of Teachers in all branches usually taught in first class Female Schools, has been employed for the ensuing Session. For Catalogue containing full particulars as to expenses, course of study, regulations, &c, apply to

REV. R. BURWELL & SON. Charlotte, N. C.

WILSON'S REMEDY FOR CONSUMPTION MAY BE OBTAINED OF F. SCARR, Druggist and Chemist,

Trade Street, CHARLOTTE, N. C. The many calls for the Remedy in Charlotte and vicinity have induced me to place a supply in the hands of the above named Druggist. Patients, therefore, will save time and expense by ordering

A pure article, properly compounded, may be relied upon. Respectfully, E. A. WILSON.

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg co. Superior Court.

W. Wardsworth and others against M. L Davis, Administrator of J H. Davis, deceased. Pursuant to a decree of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg county, made in the above entitled action, at Spring Term, 1869, the creditors of James II. Davis, late of said county, deceased, are hereby notified by their Attorneys, on or before Monday, the 6th day of September, 1869, to come in and prove their debts before E. A. OSBORNE, Esq , Clerk of said Court, at his office at the Court House in Charlotte, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of said decree.

Clerk Superior Court.

E. A. OSBORNE,

Statesville Male Academy. J. H. HILL, A. M., PRINCIPALS. The Fall Term of this School will open on the 6th

of September, and continue sixteen weeks. TUITION: Intermediate, - - -

Classical Department, - - -Contingent Fee, - - - -Board in good families at \$12 per month. One-half of the above charges is required in ad-

For further particulars, address the Principals. Statesville, N. C | - January 1, 1869.

Wearing Mourning. We long for the day when this custom shall

It is unbecoming the truly afflicted one. The wearer says, by the black garments, "I have lost a dear friend. I am in deep sorrow." But grief does not wish to parade itself before the eye of the stranger; much less does it assert its extent. The stricken one naturally goes apart from the world to pour out the tears. Real affliction seeks privacy. It is no respect to the de-

have real grief it will be discovered When God has entered a household in the awful chastisement of death, it is time for religious meditation and communion with God on the part of the survivors. How sadly out of place, then, are the milliner and the dress-maker, the trying on of dresses and the trimming of

parted friend to say we are in sorrow. If we

bonnets. There is something profane in exciting the vanity of a young girl in fitting a waist, or trying on a hat, when the corpse of a father is lying in tention to my assortment of Gentlemens', Ladies', an adjoining room. It is a sacrilege to drag the widow forth from her grief to be fitted with a

It is often terribly oppressive to the poor. The widow left desolate with a half dozen little children, the family means already reduced by the long sickness of the father, must draw on her scanty purse to buy a new wardrobe throughout for herself and children, throwing away the good stock of garments already prepared, when she knows not where she is to get bread for those little ones. Truly may fashion be called a tyrant, when it robs the widow of her last dollar.

Surely your sorrow will not be questioned even if you should not call in the milliner to help you display it. Do not in your affliction uphold a custom which will turn the afflictions of your poorer neighbor to deeper poverty, as sorrow .- The Central Baptist.

OVERDRESSED WOMEN.-A New York correspondent who sees the beautiful but admires the substantial, writes as follows concerning the vice of extravagance in dress:

from her that purity of thought and character, the high prerogative of a perfect life, which is her legitimate birthright, and she sells it for a mess of pottage. It opens the avenues of her soul to a thousand destroying influences, and leads her by silken tendrils over into the valley of the shadow of death. I think of this when I see mothers helping their little ones into the thraldom; I thought of it last Sunday, as I glanced from the chapel master, in his white robes, to a baby worshipper in blue silk en panier, all ruffles and folds, and Grecian bend-to the white hat, with its cluster of mature red roses-to the small wrists clasped in jeweled bands to the shapely baby fingers heaped with diamonds. I looked at the soft, pale, golden hair arranged just like mama's-to the white thought, or the lady is unusually careful about brow on which the lace hat so properly restedto the clear-cut features of the mature, precocious face, luminous with seven years' wisdom, and I could not reiterate the good man's assertion, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." It seemed to me much more in the fashion of this world "which passeth away."

NEW BOOKS

Just Received at Tiddy's. 100 dozen Webster's Spelling Books; Mitchell's, Cornell's; Guyot's, and other Geographies; McGuffy's, Wilson's, Sterling's, Goodrich's, Sargent's and National Readers: Davies', Emerson's, Quackenbos', Robinson's, Pike's, Fowler's and other Arithmetics;

A general assortment of Philosophies and Classical Histories of the United States, England, France, Greece, Rome, Asia and Africa; Bibles, Prayer Books, Testaments, and Hymn Books of all denominations;

Blank Books, Receipt Books, and everything in the Stationery line; Sheet Music, Guitar, Flute and Violin Instructors. Music Books, or anything in our line, will be or-

dered and furnished at Catalogue prices. TIDDY & BRO., Next to Springs' Corner, Charlotte, N. C.

New Code of Civil Procedure. TIDDY & BRO'S. Just received at New Book Store. Aug. 16, 1869.

Cleaveland Mineral Springs. (FORMERLY WILSON'S.) These well known and highly appreciated waters ocated in Cleaveland county, North Carolina, will e opened for visitors on the 10th of June.

Persons wishing to visit these Springs will take the Train on the Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad, (which runs at present on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays,) from Charlotte to Cherryville, 42 miles, and thence, in comfortable conveyances, 10 miles to Gratefully acknowledging the liberal patronage

heretofore extended by the public, and respectfully | him. soliciting a continuance of the same, the Proprietors pledge their best efforts to promote the comfort of those who may favor them with a visit. DR. M. B. TAYLOR,

J. J. BLACKWOOD, Resident Proprietors. May 24, 1869.

W. S. GRIFFIN & CO., Grocers and Liquor Dealers, Truon Street, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Always on hand a fine assortment of good Groceries and Liquors, which we offer to the trade at A call is respectfully solicited.

W. S. GRIFFIN & CO., next to the Express Office. July 5, 1869 3m

HIRAM BALLARD, General Commission Merchant, 37 Water Street, NEW YORK,

For the sale of Dried and Green Fruits, Wool, Tobacco, Cotton, Eggs, Beans, Peas, Flour, Grain and all kinds of Southern productions. My long experience in the Commission Business enables me to sell goods without delay for the highest market prices.

Cash advanced on consignments. Sales promptly made. Send for price current and marking plate. June 21, 1869

TAILORING. John Vogel, Practical Tailor,

12 00" 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 old Charlotte Hotel, next door to Brem's Hardware Store.

Foiled by a Woman. A Leaf from the Diary of an Old Detective of

New Orleans. "Madame, it is my duty to arrest you!"

"You dare not !" The lips were white with passion rather than fear, and the lady stood before me like a lioness at bay. Even then I could not help but note the splendid beauty of this grand lady. Tall and slender, eyes black and flashing-almost larid now, the spectacle she presented, standing there in the middle of the apartment, was more the

appearance of a queen than a hunted criminal. "I must," I replied. "I do not doubt your innocence; looking in your face, it is strange that any one could couple it with guilt. But I am constrained to do my duty, madame, however inimical it may be to my feelings."

"Will you allow me to change my dress? she said, in a tone almost pleasant. The hard lines around the mouth had relaxed, and the passionate glow on the face gave way to a pleasant smile. "Certainly, I will wait for you here."

will you permit him to pass?" "Certainly." This was my first interview with Euger Cormille. I had seen her here for months, leader of our gayest and most fashionable society. In her splendid mansion she dispensed the most

"I wish also to send a messenger for a friend

profuse and elegant hospitality. A Spanish lady-a widow she had represented herself-and had been a resident here almost a year. No one ever suspected her of being aught than what she seemed, until one day I was ordered to arrest her as a murderess.

It was now alleged, said Mr F., that this young beauty was no other than the woman who had poisoned her husband in Havana, and fled with all his wealth. An immense reward was offered for her apprehension, and the circumstances that had come to our knowledge, pointed her out be yond all doubt as the person we were in search of. Yet had the person who recognized her the evening before at the theatre advised us to be careful lest she should escape us. I laughed at "Overdressing demoralizes a woman. It takes the idea. Mr I. and myself were surely sufficient to arrest a lady. We were old enough inthe ways of cunning to defeat any such attempt. When the lady left me, I stepped to the window, and said to Mr I., who was waiting at the door: "The lady desires to send a messenger for a

friend; suffer him to pass." Almost at the same instant the door of the apartment the lady had entered opened, and a youth-apparently a mulatto boy-came out and passed hurriedly through the room into the hall, and from thence into the street. It was, no doubt, the messenger, I thought, and I picked up a book and commenced reading. Nearly an hour passed, and still the lady did not make her appearance, nor did the boy return. The friend she had sent for must live at some distance, I her toilet; and so another hour went by. At last I grew impatient, and knocked at the door.

"Madame, I can wait no longer." There was no reply. I knocked repeatedly and at last determined to force an entrance. Strange fears harrassed me; I began to suspect, I knew not what. It took but a moment to drive in the door, and, once in the apartment, the mystery was revealed. The robes of the lady lay upon the floor, and scattered over the room were suits of boys' wearing apparel, similar to that worn by the mulatto. On a table was a cosmetic that would stain the skin to a light, delicate brown.

I was foiled, for a surety; the lady had escaped in the disguise of a messenger. I should have detected the ruse; I felt humiliated, and determined to redress my error. I knew she would not remain in the city an instant longer than she could get away. I hurried to her bankers, but found she had drawn the amount due her an hour before.

"Who presented the check?" I asked the "A mulatto boy. It was made payable to

There was yet a chance. The French steamer left within an hour; it was possible she would seek that means of escape. I jumped in a cab and arrived there ten minutes before she left the wharf-just in time to assist an aged, decrepit gentleman into the cabin. - There were few passengers; none of them answered the description of the person I sought. I stood on the wharf watching the receding vessel until it disappeared. I was in the act of turning away, when a hackman approached me with the remark:

"Mr F., did you see that old man on board he had a long white beard, and hair that fell or his shoulders?"

"Well, sir, there's something curious about

Why, sir, when he got into my carriage he was a mulatto boy, and when he got out he was an old man !"

I will not repeat the expression -it was neither refined nor politethe vessel would be far out to sea before she could be overtaken. I was foiled by a woman, Nor could I help rejoicing, now that the chase was over, that she had escaped. Innocent or guilty, there was a charm about

Fer none could resist. The spell of her wondrous beauty affected all who approached her. It lingers in my memory yet; and I could not have the sin of her blood upon my conscience.

Important Sale of Real Estate. By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the Court House door in Charlotte, on Saturday the 2d day of October, 1869, at 12 o'clock, A. M., the following Real Estate belonging to the estate of the and the distilling premises. late F. II. Glover, deceased, to wit: Lot "A," containing 21 acres; Lot "B," containing 158 seres; Lot .. C." containing 1114 acres, and Lot "D," con-

taining 85 acres. Terms, twelve months credit, with bond and good security, interest from date, except \$30 cash on Lots "B," "C" and "D" each, and \$10 on Lot "A," to be the young men are always following them. paid on day of sale E. A. OSBORNE, Aug 16, 1869 6w Clerk Superior Court

Yarn. BUNCHES YARN, for sale at Factory STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

Distilling Brandy .-

The growers of fruit are in so much doubt and resubject of maki lowing which

Such a law operates hard and the people of the Western portion of the State who have small orchards and small stills and have hitherto relied upon them to raise money for the payment of their taxes.

The following rules are established for the guidance of officers and all persons proposing to distil brandy:

SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE,) Richmond, Aug. 1st 1869.

Section 2, Act of July 20, 1368, provides that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue may exempt distillers of brandy from apples, peaches or grapes, exclusively, from certain requirements of the act relating to distillation of spirits. The following rules are established for the guidance of officers and all persons proposing to distil apple brandy.

1st. Every still must be registered on form and enter the sisterhood, to which she uniformly 26 with the Assistant Assessor of the proper answered "Yes," and explained her desire at division.

2d. Each person, before commencing distillation, must give notice, on form 27, of his intention to tun; the number of stills proposed to be used; the capacity of each still in gallons; the size of the lot on which the distilling is to be carried on; the kind and character of the building; what kind of material or fruit is to be use and an estimate of the gallons of brandy th can be produced in 24 hours.

3d. A special tax of \$37 50 from August 1st will be required of each distiller. 4th. A bond for not less than \$5,000, to be approved by the Assessor, must be given in every

5th. A capacity tax of \$2 per day must be paid by each distifler producing the 60 gallons or less each 24 hours.

6th. Each proof gallon of brandy, before be ing removed or consumed, must be inspected and guaged by a guager, who will mark on each package the number of proof gallons; the name of the distiller; the place, (town or county) where produced; the date of inspection and the name of the inspector; and also affix to each package a tax paid stamp, denoting the tax, at 50 cents per proof gallon. The distiller will be required to pay at least 80 per cent. on the reported producing capacity as fixed by the Surveyor.

7th. Assistant Assessors can be appointed as surveyers and guagers, with fees to be fixed by

8th. Every distiller must give notice of the time of commencing, after which he will be written notice to the Assistant Assessor that he has ceased running his still or stills.

10. Brandy cannot be removed from the distillery premises without it has been guaged, and the taxes have been paid.

11th. All blank forms and instructions in relation to distillation of brandy should be furnished by Assistant Assessors.

survey required by section 10, Act of July 20, domestic economy. The courtesan class, though 13th. The capacity of the still will, in each case, be determined by actual measurement, by noting the number of gallons of water required to |

have a producing capacity of 35 gallons of proof brandy in 24 hours, and will be charged in any of Juno. It was related of a certain sodile, that event with 80 per cent, or 28 gallons - (tax \$14) for each 24 hours a still supposed to be run. This estimate allows 20 per cent. for boiling, and is based on the assumption that only 80 gallons can be boiled in a still holding 100 gallons, and that the still can be run out seven times in 24 hours, and that a charge of low wines can be became tame before a virgin. When a woman that 13 gallons of cider will produce one gallon

80 per cent. with which the distiller will, in any case while running, be charged with will be 221 gallons on an 80 gallon still; 17 gallons on a 60 gallon; 14 gallons on a 50 gallon; and 11 gallons

on a 40 gallon still. 16th. If more than one still is used, the producing capacity must be found in each case in the same way, and the distiller must be charged with the full production, which in no case must be less than 80 per cent. of the producing capacity of

each still used. 17th. Officers must be vigilant in enforcing these requirements in their respective districts

and divisions. 18th. Any person running a still without payment of special tax, or without compliance with law and the regulation in relation to distilling brandy, is liable to a fine of not less than \$1,000. Mecklenburg county, made Spring Term, 1869, I will brandy, is liable to a fine of not less than \$1,000 and to imprisonment not less than six months,

bird for its sweet singing.

Young women should set good examples, for

An English farmer, by picking over his seed wheat with the utmost care, and planting a grain in a place, at intervals of a foot each way, pro-

duces 162 bushels to the acre. And another farmer, by working himself, in most faithfully the feelings of the people, and that stead of relying on hired labor, made a good female virtue shone in every age conspicuous in Roman biographics. profit from his farm.

Visitation, corner of G and Tenth witness the regular admission of a membership in that order. As soon Stonestreet, S. J., (the officiating clergyman,) entered the sanctuary and ascended the altar, the young lady (who was about to leave the world) entered in full bridal dress, wearing a

veil and orange wreath, and accompanied by a Sister of the order on either side. Approaching the railing of the sanctuary they knelt, as did the small congregation preser which consisted of a few "worldly ones" and a number of Sisters, who occupied their small pews at the right, and bore cach a lighted candle. Appropriate remarks were then made by Rev. Father Stonestreet. The altar itself was decorated and lighted as for the celebration of mass. The services began with a chant by the Sisters, and prayer by Father Stonestreet. The appli cant was first questioned as to whether she had fully and freely determined to leave the world

Prayers appropriate to the ceremony were again offered, and the wreath and veil thrown off, and the white dress of the novice exchanged for the dark heavy gown of the order. The hair was cut and the hood and veil of a Sister substituted for the more elaborate head-dress of a woman of the world. Again the suppliant was offered a choice between a life in the world and a life devoted to the Lord, when she again distinctly repeated her selection.

She was then told that she should no longer be called Theresa Courcelle, but Sister Mary Lewis, and that henceforth she was dead to the world. Here (according to the ceremony) she prostrated herself, with her face to the floor, and her body was covered with a black pall, indicative of death. A solemn chant was sung for some minutes, while she lay prostrated.

After this she rose, again approached the railing, received the crucifix and a lighted candle, and further prayers and instructions touching the good choice she had made in devoting herself to His service who had said, "Suffer little children to come unto me.". The whole ceremony is beautiful and interesting, and is hallowed by the associations which surround it from early time.

Roman Wives

[From Leeky's History of European Morals.] The legal position of the Roman wife was for long period, extremely low. The Roman famicharged with the per diem tax of \$2 for each | ly was constituted on the principle of the absolute working day of 24 hours, until he has mailed a authority of its head, who had the power of life and death both over his wife and over his children, and who could repudiate the former at will Sth. At the end of each month the distiller Neither the custom of gifts to the inther must have all spirits made by him during the bride, nor the custom of dowries appears to ha month gauged and inspected, each package shall existed in the earliest period of Roman history; have affixed thereon a tax paid stamp, which but the father disposed absolutely of the hand must be purchased of the Collector, and must be of his daughter, and sometimes possessed the affixed by the guager, together with all the power of breaking off marriages that had actually marks or brands required in paragraph 6 of been contracted. In the forms of marriage, these instructions. The distiller must also make | however, which were usual in the earlier periods a return at the end of each month to the Assis of Rome, the absolute power passed into the tant Assessor, under oath, of the number of pack- hands of her husband, and he had the right, in ages and gallons distilled during the month; some cases, of putting her to death. Law and the number of packages and gallons sold or re- public opinion combined in making matrimonial moved, and to whom sold or delivered, with the purity more strict. For 520 years, it was said residence of the purchaser or receiver of such there was no such thing as a divorce in Rome and even after this example, for many years the marriage tie was regarded as absolutely indissoluble. Manners were so severe that a Senator was censured for indecency because he had kissed his wife in the presence of their daughter. It was considered in a high degree disgraceful for a Roman mother to delegate to a nurse the duty 12th Every distiller, before commencing, of suckling her, Sumptuary laws regulated with the most minute severity all the details of must have the Assistant Assessor make the

probably numerous, and certainly uncontrolled, regarded with much contempt. The disas believed to be a sufficient punishment; old law, which was probably intended to 14th. As a rule a 100 gallon still is held to teach in symbol the duties of married life, enjoined that no such person should touch the altar he failed to obtain redress for an assault which had been made upor him, becar red in a house of time, in the it was dis-graceful for a Roman magistrate to be found run in the same time as a charge of cider, and walked naked round field, catapillars and loath-that 13 gallons of cider will produce one gallon some insects fell dead before her. It was said some insects fel! de that drowned men floated on their backs, and 15th. A still of 80 gallons will produce 8 10 drowned women on their faces, and this, in the as much as one of 100; one of 60 gallons 6 10 opinion of Roman naturalists, was due to the as much; one of 40 gallons 4 10 as much; and superior purity of the latter. It was remarked of Aristotle, that the supe-

riority of the Greeks to the barbarians was shown

among other things, in the fact that the Greeks did not, like other nations, regard their wives as slaves, but treated them as helpmates and companions. A Roman writer has appealed, on the whole with greater justice, to the treatment of wives by his fellow-countrymen, as a proof of the superiority of Roman to Greek civilization. He has observed that, while the Greeks kept their wives in a special quarter in the interior of their houses and never permitted them to sit at banquets, except with their relatives, no Roman ever hesitated to lead his wife with him occurred it is now impossible to say. and to the forfeiture of the distilling apparatus and the distilling premises.

Marrying women for their beauty is like eating

Marrying women for their beauty is like eating is related by Livy, of the discovery, during the republic, of a vast conspiracy to poison their hush ever, it is probable that the Roman matron wa from the earliest peri ship of all divine and human right