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### SMITH & HAMMOND

Are receiving their Fall Stock of Drugs, Medicines, &c., which they are offering at very low prices, wholesale and retail.  
Country Merchants and others visiting Charlotte will do well to call and get quotations.  
Aug. 29, 1870.

### Wool Wanted.

We want to purchase a large amount of WOOL, for which we will pay the highest market price.  
McMURRAY, DAVIS & CO.  
September 5, 1870.

### Dr. W. H. Hoffman,

DENTIST,  
(Late of Lincoln, N. C.)  
Respectfully informs the citizens of Charlotte and the public generally, that he has permanently located in Charlotte. He is fully prepared to attend to all calls relating to his profession.  
A successful practice for more than 10 years in this section of country and in the Confederate Army of Virginia during the late war, warrants him in promising entire satisfaction to all parties who may desire his services.  
Office over Smith & Hammond's Drug Store, Office hours from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.  
REFERENCES—M. P. Pegram, Cashier 1st National Bank of Charlotte; Dr. Wm. Sloan, Dr. J. H. McAden, and W. J. Yates, Editor Charlotte Democrat.  
Jan 31, 1870

### DENTISTRY.

The old firm of ALEXANDER & BLAND is hereby removed, at the former stand in Brown's building, opposite the Charlotte Hotel. Entire satisfaction is guaranteed, and teeth can be extracted without pain. The patronage of our old customers is respectfully solicited.  
June 6, 1870.

### Robert Gibbon, M.D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.  
Office over Smith & Hammond's Drug Store Residence on College Street.  
Jan 24, 1870.

### J. P. McCombs, M. D.,

Offers his professional services to the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country. All calls, both night and day, promptly attended to.  
Office in Brown's building, upstairs, opposite the Charlotte Hotel.  
Oct 26, 1868.

### Dr. JOHN H. McADEN,

Wholesale and Retail Druggist,  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.  
Has on hand a large and well selected stock of PURE DRUGS, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Family Medicines, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Dye Stuffs, Fancy and Toilet Articles, which he is determined to sell at the very lowest prices.  
Jan 1, 1870.

### W. F. DAVIDSON,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
Charlotte, N. C.  
Office over B. KOOPMAN'S Store.  
Dec 13, 1869

### DR. E. C. ALEXANDER,

Charlotte, N. C.  
Offers his services as Physician to the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country.  
Office nearly opposite Charlotte Hotel.  
Dr. Alexander makes a good Cough Mixture, better than any Patent Medicine. Try it.  
Feb 7, 1870.

### JOHN T. BUTLER,

PRACTICAL  
Watch and Clock Maker,  
AND DEALER IN  
JEWELRY, FINE WATCHES, CLOCKS,  
Watch Materials, Spectacles, &c.  
Aug. 19, 1867. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

### MANSION HOUSE,

Charlotte, N. C.  
This well-known House having been newly furnished and refitted in every department, is now open for the accommodation of the  
TRAVELING PUBLIC.  
Omni-buses at the Depot on arrival of Trains.  
Jan 24, 1870. H. C. ECCLES.

### Stoves, Tin & Sheet Iron Ware.

Always on hand the best STOVES in the market. Sparg's Chloride, Excelsior, Columbia and Live-Aok Cooking Stoves.  
Box and Parlor Stoves,  
Tin and Sheet-Iron Ware,  
Hollow Ware, Japanese Ware, and various  
Housekeeping Articles.  
All wares and work warranted as represented.  
Feb 28, 1870. D. H. BYERLY.

### H. C. ECCLES,

T. H. GAITHER,  
of Iredell county, N. C.

### ECCLES & GAITHER,

Auctioneers and Commission Merchants,  
Charlotte, N. C.  
For the sale and purchase of Cotton, Tobacco, Grain, Flour, Produce and Merchandise of all kinds, Mansion House Building, Charlotte N. C.

### D. SNYDER & SON,

Gun and Lock Smiths,  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.  
Dealers, Manufacturers and Repairers of all kinds of Guns, Rifles, Pistols, Door Locks, Trunk Locks and Keys of all sizes.  
The best of Guns, Rifles, &c., constantly for sale or procured to order at prices low down.  
Go to the new Jobbing Shop to get your Arms, Rifles or Sporting Goods, or have your old work made as good as new.  
Shop in Parks' Building near the Public Square.  
DAVID SNYDER,  
W. E. SNYDER.  
Aug 22, 1870.

### After.

After the shower the tranquil sun,  
After the snow the emerald leaves,  
Silver stars, when day is done,  
After the harvest golden sheaves.  
After the clouds the violet sky,  
After the tempest the lull of waves,  
Quiet woods, when the winds go by,  
After the battle, peaceful graves.  
After the knell the wedding bells,  
After the bud, the radiant rose,  
Joyful greetings from ad farewell,  
After the weeping, sweet repose.  
After the burden, the blissful meed,  
After the flight, the downy nest,  
After the furrow, the waking seed,  
After the shadowy river—rest.

### Administrator's Sale.

By virtue of a Decree of the Court of Probate of Mecklenburg county, N. C., I shall sell at Public Auction at the Court House in Charlotte, on Saturday the 20th of November, 1870, Twenty-five Acres of LAND belonging to the late James A. Johnston, on the waters of MeAlpin's Creek, adjoining the Lands of Nicholas P. Trednick and others, on a credit of six months. The Land will be sold subject to the Dover estate of said Johnston.

### ARTHUR GRIER,

Administrator

### GREGORY & WILLIAMSON,

NEW STOCK OF GROCERIES,  
Bryce's Building, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

The attention of strictly CASH buyers is called to our large stock of Groceries and Provisions, such as Sugar, Coffee, Molasses and Teas, Salt, Leather, Fish of all sorts, Cotton Ties, Rope and Bagging, Pure Liquors and Wines for Medicinal purposes, and everything usually kept in a wholesale and retail Grocery establishment.

### GREGORY & WILLIAMSON,

Oct 10, 1870. Bryce's Building, Trade Street.

### J. S. Phillips & Trezevant,

MERCHANT TAILORS,  
No. 4 Granite Row, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

### Hats,

The finest and best assortment to be found in the market.

### Furnishing Goods.

Merino Shirts, Drawers, Linen Shirts, Collars of all kinds, Gloves of all kinds.  
Water Proof Clothing as cheap as the same class of Goods can be found anywhere. Call and see.  
Oct 24, 1870.

### NO SECRET.

At Smith's Shoe Stores.

### COPPER-SMITH,

Gun-Smith, &c.  
The undersigned has opened a Shop in the Brick Building next to the Charlotte Hotel, where he is ready to do any work in his line, such as making and repairing  
COPPER STILLS, GUNS, LOCKS, &c.  
He is an experienced workman and has a good assortment of material on hand; also, Guns and Pistols for sale.  
Give him a call, if for nothing else than an examination, as he is willing to always guarantee satisfaction.  
F. KUESTER,  
Sept 26, 1870 3m-jpd

### Cancers, Tumors and Ulcers.

R. H. KLINE, M. D., at the Philadelphia Cancer Institute, 931 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and E. H. GREEN, M. D., at Charlotte, N. C., are making most astonishing cures of  
CANCERS, TUMORS AND ULCERS  
By new principles—Cancer Antidotes—that remove the largest Cancers and Tumors without an operation with the knife, without Caustic, eating or burning medicines, and with little pain.  
No other treatment should ever be used.  
For particulars send for a Circular, call upon or address either of the above.  
Oct 24, 1870 3m-jpd

### Shoes and Boots, Leather, &c.

S. B. MEACHAM,  
In the National Bank Building,  
Has received a very large stock of  
BOOTS, SHOES, LEATHER,  
Shoe-Findings, Belting, &c.,  
To which he respectfully asks the attention of wholesale and retail buyers.  
The examination of this stock by country merchants is solicited, as it will be sold on as favorable terms as can be obtained anywhere.  
All the new styles of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Shoes and Boots will be found in GREAT VARIETY. Remember the place—Store in Bank Building, next door to Granite Row.  
Oct 10, 1870 3m S. B. MEACHAM.

### R. M. MILLER & SONS,

Wholesale Grocers,  
GENERAL PRODUCE DEALERS  
AND  
Commission Merchants,  
College Street, CHARLOTTE, N. C.  
May 16, 1870.

### Saddles, Harness, &c.

W. E. SHAW  
Would respectfully inform the public that he is now carrying on the  
Saddle and Harness  
BUSINESS in all its various branches. He can be found in the basement under McLaughlin & Walter Brem's Hardware Store, at the sign of the BEE HIVE, where he will be pleased to see those wanting Saddles, Harness, Bridles, Collars, &c., &c.  
Repairing of all sorts in his line done at short notice. Trunks covered and repaired.  
The co-partnership of Shaw and Andrews was dissolved by mutual consent on the 18th of Oct. W. E. Shaw will attend to the settlement of the business.  
Oct 24, 1870. W. E. SHAW.

### How Poor People Live.

Alexander II. gets \$8,250,000 per annum, or \$25,000 per day, and has the run of his entire dominions, including half of Europe, and one-third of Asia.  
Francis Joseph receives \$4,000,000 annually, or \$10,054 per day, with a large allowance of beer. Joe has a small family, and the entertainment given Prussia proved so expensive, that a little retrenchment has been found necessary. He has several pleasant residences in the city and country, with out-houses, stables, wood-house, etc., and is said to be very comfortably fixed up.  
Frederick William is not paid quite as well as his neighbor over in Austria, but manages to keep up appearances on \$5,000,000 a year, or \$8,210 per day. He is said to suffer for want of funds, and is forced to economize.

Victor Emanuel manages to get along in Italy on \$2,400,000 a year, or \$6,849 per day, but this is owing to the fact that the climate being mild in his dominions he is able to wear cotton clothes.

Victoria receives only \$2,200,000 a year, or \$6,270 per day; but she owns several large dairy farms, and her butter and milk command the highest price in the London market; besides, she supplies the first families with vegetables. She has married several of her daughters to men of fine incomes, who help her to pay little bills when she finds herself pressed for change.

An editor out West advertised an "Independent Protestant newspaper, but he soon afterwards exposed himself to the maharajah's night air of that climate, caught the delirium tremens, and soon died; his nephew continued the paper, but a red hot Irishman made a black walnut frame for his eye, and put a head on him like the Pope and damaged his phiz exceedingly. The next morning his column rules were heavy, (and so was his head) and in his editorial he represented that a Jesuit had attempted to convert him to Catholicism, and had used forcible arguments, but had miserably failed; he changed the head of his paper, and has since not been so Independent Protestant as he was. This reminds us of the story of Paddy's Cow who was certainly an "Independent Protestant."

A learned doctor has given his opinion that tight lacing is a public benefit, inasmuch as it kills off all the foolish girls, and leaves the wise ones to grow into women.

### NEW PLOW.

Query's Subsoil Plow, Patented July, 1870.

This Plow is presented to the public in view of benefiting farming. No one after trying it can say it is merely a scheme for making money, but one of great usefulness; therefore I do not hesitate to recommend it to farmers as one of the best and cheapest substitutes ever in use. Any one disposed to doubt it, can try it and satisfy themselves. The best of farmers that have seen it in operation can testify to the above. It will turn 4 inches of top soil and loosen 6 inches of the subsoil with less power than you can turn 8 inches in the old way, and will suit both land and crop better. It prevents the land from baking, and mixes less of the top soil with the subsoil. Any man that understands farming can soon discern its merits. It will plow the grass and weeds away from the crop and throw the clean dirt back to it at the same time, which you will readily perceive saves labor, and that is one great object. It can be used to great advantage in plowing wet land. For seeding small grain it will cover the seed from two to four inches and loosen the soil four or five inches below the seed. As for preparing land for Clover and Grasses, it has no equal. A cotton or corn planter may be readily attached, as also a fertilizer distributor.  
I propose selling County or State Rights for the use of this Subsoil on reasonable terms. Any one wishing to test the Plow before the Right is procured can apply to me.  
The Plow can be seen at Cook & Elyson's Agricultural Works in Charlotte, and at Hartsbush's, to get and Concord, N. C. ELAM M. QUERY,  
Harrisburg Depot, Cabarrus county, N. C.  
Oct 31, 1870 3m-jpd

### The Great Southern

STEAM SAUSAGE MANUFACTORY,  
RICHMOND, VA.

I would most respectfully call the attention of the citizens of Virginia and North Carolina to my celebrated and famous Sausage, so well known in the City of Richmond and other parts of the State.  
This Sausage is manufactured entirely by steam power, and I am prepared to furnish Merchants, Grocers, Hotels, Restaurants, Boarding and Private Houses in large or small quantities.  
I am satisfied I can give satisfaction in price, quality and quantity, as last winter's trade convinced me of this fact. I was filling orders daily to Raleigh, Wilmington, Newbern, Tarboro, Enfield, Weldon, High Point, Salisbury, Charlotte, Concord and other cities of North Carolina, and I am pleased to get that my patrons were always pleased with the sausage I sent them.  
Those in want and who are fond of a good article of genuine Pork Sausage as well as all other kinds, will find it to their interest to address me. I will put it up in neat packages and slip it to any part of either State, and warrant it to keep. The season for fresh Pork Sausage commences about the middle of October and ends about the first of May, but the Bologna Sausage I can send all times of the year.

### List of Prices.

Pork Sausage in Cakes	15 cents.
" " Links	16 "
" " Bologna	15 "
Hogs Head Cheese	15 "
German Pudding	15 "
Irish "	10 "
Choice hams and loins of Pork	15 "

For further particulars address  
M. B. HECHLER,  
No. 32, 2d Market, Richmond, Va.  
Oct 31, 1870 3m

### Strayed

From my Stable in this city on Friday last, a Dark Bay Horse MULE about 8 years old. Marks: a small patch of gray on each side, a small Bay Mare PONY about 4 years old. A liberal reward will be paid for the delivery of them to me or any information so that I can get them.  
W. J. BLACK.  
Charlotte, Oct. 31, 1870

### Just Received,

A fresh supply of Candies, Pickles, Jellies, Sardines, Oysters, Canned Fruits of every description, a general assortment of Nuts, Crackers, and a large lot of "Shoo-Fly Prize Boxes."  
Also, a large stock of GROCERIES, such as are usually found in a first class Family Grocery.  
We have a splendid article of Clarified Cider Vinegar.  
Oct 18, 1870. NIMMO & BOATRIGHT.

### Old Maids and Bachelors.

There are men and women who, like some flowers, are bloom in exquisite beauty in a desert wild; they are like trees which you often see growing in luxuriant strength out of a crevice of a rock where there seems not earth enough to support a shrub. The words "Old Maid," "Old Bachelor," have in them other sounds than that of half reproach or scorn; they call up to many of our old maids forms and faces than which none are dearer in all this world. The bloom of youth has possibly faded from their cheek, but their fingers around form and face something dearer than that. She is unmarried, but the past has, for her, it may be, some chastened memories of an early love which keeps its vestal vigils sleeplessly over the graves where its hopes went out; and it is too true to the long-departed to permit another to take his place. Perhaps the years of maiden life were spent in self-denying toil which was too engrossing to listen even to the call of love, and she grew old too soon in the care of mother or sister and brother. Now in these later years she looks back calmly upon some half-cherished hopes, once attractive, of husband and child, but which long ago wistfully gave up for present duty. So to-day, in her loneliness, who shall say that she is not beautiful and dear?  
So is she to the wide circle which she blesses. To some she has been all that a mother could have been; and though no nearer name than "Aunt" or "Sister" has been hers, she has today mother's a mother's claim and a mother's love. Disappointment has not soured but only chastened; the midday or the afternoon of her life is all full of kindly sympathies and gentle deeds. Though unwedded, hers has been no fruitless life.  
It is an almost daily wonder to me why some women are married, and not less marvel why many that I see are not. But this I know that many and many a household would be desolate indeed, and many and many a family circle would lose its brightest ornament and its best power, were maiden sister or maiden aunt removed; and may it bless the providence which has kept them from making glad some husband's home!  
Under isolated men, whom the world wonders at for having never found a wife! Who shall tell you all the secret history of the by-gone time! Of hopes and love that once were bioyant and fond, but which death, or more bitter disappointment dashed to the ground; of sorrow which the world has never known; of a fate accepted in utter despair, though with outward calm! Such there are. The expectation of wife or home has been given up as one of the drosses of youth, but only with groans and tears; now he walks among men somewhat alone, with some eccentricities, but with a warm heart and kindly eye. If he has no children of his own, there are enough of other's children who climb his knee or seize his hand as he walks. If he has no home, there is many a home made glad by his presence; if there is no one heart to which he may cling in appropriating love, there are many hearts that go out towards him, and many voices which invoke benediction on his head.—*Dr. Libman's Life of Home.*

"Sally Jones, have you done that sun I set you?"  
"No, thir, I can't do it!"  
"Can't do it? I'm ashamed of you. Why at your age I could do any sun that was set me. I hate that word can't for there is no sun that can't be done. I tell you."  
"I think thir, I know a thum you can't thifer out."  
"Ha? Well, Miss Sally, let's hear it and we will see."  
"It is thir thir: If one apple caught the ruin of the whole human race, how thuch will it take to make a barrel of thuch thirder?"  
"Miss Sally Jones, you may turn to your parsing lesson."

The following is said to have been a Yankee's reasoning on progress in transportation: "I kin reckerlet ten or twelve years ago, that if I started from Boston on a Wednesday, I cud git in Philadelphia on the next Saturday, makin' jist three days. Now I kin get from Boston to Philadelphia in one day; and I've been callin' thir that if the power of steam increases for the next ten years as it has been doing for the last ten years, I'd be in Philadelphia jist two days before I started from Boston."

The prayer which Socrates taught Alcibiades deserves a place in the devotions of every Christian: That he should beseech the Supreme God to give him what was good for him, though he should not ask it; and to withhold from him whatever would be hurtful, though he should be so foolish as to pray for it.

### DALLAS M. RIGLER,

No. 5 Granite Row, CHARLOTTE, N. C.,  
(Next door to Meacham's Boot & Shoe Store.)

Has in Store a large assortment of the following Goods:  
Candies, Raisins, Jellies, Pickles,  
Crackers of all kind, Cakes,  
Figs, Dates and Fruits of all sorts,  
Tobacco, Snuff and Segars, &c.,  
To which he invites the attention of all who wish to buy anything in that line.  
He is prepared to furnish weddings or parties with Cakes at short notice.  
Oct 31, 1870. D. M. RIGLER.

### Books and Stationery.

We have just received the finest and most complete stock of Books ever brought to this market. Call and see them.  
WADE & GUNNELS.

The finest and best selected stock of Fancy Articles ever exhibited in Charlotte, just received at  
WADE & GUNNELS.

Work Boxes, Portfolios, Writing Desks, Card Cases, and in fact everything in this line that you may desire, just received at WADE & GUNNELS.

We have added over 200 volumes to our Circulating Library, making in all over 700 copies of the best literature that this Country and England affords, all of which we invite you to read, charging only 50 cents per month.  
WADE & GUNNELS.

The finest stock of Chromos and Lithographs, just received. Call and see  
WADE & GUNNELS.

Booksellers and Stationers, No. 2 Granite Row, Oct 17, 1870. Charlotte, N. C.

### Vacant Lot for Sale.

I offer for sale, privately, one vacant LOT between Gov. Vance's property and the Rock Island Factory, fronting on 3d street. The property must be sold.  
Oct 24, 1870 if S. C. WOLFE, Attorney.

### Two Grand Thoughts About Lee.

Dr. B. M. Palmer, of New Orleans, the celebrated Presbyterian Divine, perhaps the ablest master of words, and one of the ablest thinkers in this or any other country, in an eulogy delivered on Lee, uses the two following striking thoughts. The latter is exquisite, and will bear immortality:  
"I accept Robert E. Lee as the true type of the American man and Southern gentleman. A brilliant English writer has well remarked, with a touch of philosophy, that when a nation is rushing to destruction, the whole force of the nation will shoot up in one grand character like the aloce which blooms and stands for a hundred years, then shoots up in one single sprout; and wherever civilization has worked revolutions it is possible to place the finger on individual men who are the exponents of the nation's character, after which others, though less noble perhaps, have nevertheless been fashioned. That gentleness and courtesy, that perfect moderation, that self-command which enabled him to be so self-possessed amidst the most trying circumstances in his career, clothed him with the stainless attributes of a gentleman, and a character such as that of the purest woman was united in him with that massive strength, endurance and power, which gave to the people whom he led such momentous strength in the long struggle through which he passed.  
"Sir, there is a unity in the grapes as they grow in clusters upon the vine; hold a bunch in the hand and you speak of it; but there is another unity of the grapes when thrown into the wine pipes, and under the feet of those who trample upon them almost profanely, and their rich forms mingle, and their red blood flows together in a communion of wine; and such is the union and communion of the hearts that have been forced together by this misfortune, and we come here in a true feeling of honesty, grief and affliction, to render tribute of praise to him upon that immortal day when we shall behold it transfigured before the throne of God."

### Causes of Sudden Death.

Very few of the sudden deaths which are said to arise from "diseases of the heart," do really arise from that cause. To ascertain the real origin of sudden deaths, experiments have been tried in Europe and reported to a scientific congress held at Strasburg. Sixty-six cases of sudden death were made the subject of a thorough post mortem examination; in these cases only two were found who had died from disease of the heart. Nine of sixty-six had died from apoplexy, while there were forty-six cases of congestion of the lungs—that is, the lungs were so full of blood they could not work, there not being room enough for a sufficient quantity of air to enter to support life. The causes that produce congestion of the lungs are cold feet, tight clothing, costive bowels, sitting till chilled after being warmed with labor or rapid walk, going too suddenly from a close, heated room into the cold air, especially after speaking, and sudden depressing news operating on the blood. The causes of sudden death being known, an avoidance of them may serve to lengthen many valuable lives, which would otherwise be lost under the verdict of "heart complaint." That disease is supposed to be inevitable and incurable; hence, many may not take the pains they would to avoid sudden death if they knew it lay in their power.

### Habits of Horses in War.

A German paper relates that "after the battle at Thionville, on the 18th of August, a strange and touching spectacle was presented. On the evening call being sounded by the First Regiment of Dragoons of the Guard, six hundred and two riderless horses answered to the summons, jaded, and in many cases maimed. The noble animals still retained their disciplined habits." This will remind the reader of a similar incident during the Peninsular war that had in it a touch of the sublime. After the battle of Corunna, the English, for whom it was a victory dearly bought by the loss of their gallant commander, Sir John Moore, and the crippled condition of their army, were compelled to embark hastily in their ships and abandon their camp, with its stores and their cavalry horses, numbering several thousand. No sooner were these animals stripped of their accoutrements, thus left to themselves, than the second nature which long years of military discipline had implanted, began to assert itself. Forming into squadrons and drawn up in opposing lines, they made charge after charge, meeting with the terrific shock of their onset in the midst of the plain, and fighting each other with feet and teeth, and with the utmost desperation. Then, wheeling in regular line, they returned to their positions, closed up their ranks with as much precision as though under their master's eye, and advanced again to the attack. This remarkable scene was witnessed by the soldiers from the decks of the slowly receding ships until the sands were strewn thick with the hundreds of the torn, trampled and expiring horses.

An unfortunate deacon recently created a good deal of merriment at a church in St. Joseph, Mo., while engaged in taking up the contributions. He had suffered, some days previously, from an accident to his nose, and having displaced the plaster in his anxiety to secure a ten cent stamp that had fallen, he made a hasty dive for a small white object on the carpet, but had no sooner placed it on the tip of his nasal organ than the young ladies began to thrust their pocket handkerchiefs into their mouths and titter. The cause of such a sudden outburst of good spirits was not discovered by him until he had entered the vestry room, and saw that he had replaced the plaster with a cotton spool label, containing the following suggestive words: "Warranted 200 yards."

A man owning a house worth \$100,000, in Chicago, died, and the house he resided in after he was dead only cost seven dollars. His heirs said he would keep just as long in a pine coffin as any.

A man in Oxford was bitten by a rattlesnake seventeen years ago, and is still taking whiskey to cure the bite.

### Cotton—Gold.

Estimates of the cotton crop of the current year are various, though it appears just now that we shall not err very seriously in estimating it at about 3,500,000 bales. In 1859, the most fruitful year ever known, the crop reached the very large figure of 4,699,770 bales. The first season succeeding the war, that of 1865, yielded 2,193,987 bales. The crop of 1869 was about 3,250,000 bales.  
These figures are sufficient to establish this country in its ante bellum superiority in the production of cotton. It will be observed, too, that there is a handsome increase over the production of last year, and it might be supposed, naturally enough, that in the settlement of foreign balances, we should be more favorably situated than during last year. Unfortunately, however, the present crop will count no more in the settlement of foreign balances than that of last year, since the decline in prices will quite offset the increase in production, and, perhaps, even more than offset that increase.  
But even should the cotton exports of 1870-71 fall below those of last year in value, they will still exercise a potent influence to depress the price of gold. In addition to this, the increase during the last few months in the production of petroleum,—now aggregating 20,000 barrels daily,—will have an immense influence in the same direction, providing there be a fair foreign demand, of which there is every probability. Still another influence will be the increased foreign demand for breadstuffs, which is almost certain to follow a cessation of hostilities between France and Germany. In France the fields have been overrun and laid waste, while the production in Germany has been lessened from causes connected with the war. Everything, indeed, points to a steady decline in the price of gold, and an early return to specie payments. For this event all be prepared. The same causes which brought the price from 290, soon after the war, down to 112 at the present time, are still in operation, and will not fail in their natural influence.—*Wilmington Star.*

### Off-Hand Justice in California.

Monterey county, California, boasts of a justice, an easy, good-natured genius, who has an original way of doing things. Some time since, this judge met a member of the legal fraternity, and accosted him thus: "Wright, I wish to ask a little advice. Some time ago a Mexican owed me a debt, and ascertaining that he was about to leave, I determined to bring suit against him. There being no other justice in the district, I brought action before myself. We had no constable, and I served the summons. The day of trial came on, and as I knew all the facts in the case, no witnesses were called, but I rendered judgment in my own favor for the debt and costs. In the absence of the constable I levied upon what property the Mexican had and ordered it sold. At the day of the sale no one except myself attended, and I bought in the property. The proceeds were insufficient to satisfy the judgment, and I seized the person of the Mexican and placed him at work making shoes for the balance. After the lapse of a day or two, French wished to hire the Mexican, therefore he gave me his note for the balance still due, and I discharged the prisoner from custody. Now some of my neighbors think that my proceedings were irregular. I wish to know your opinion." Satisfied with the grave assurance that no proceedings could be more regular, our judicial reprover contentedly smiling withdrew.

### Habits of Horses in War.

A German paper relates that "after the battle at Thionville, on the 18th of August, a strange and touching spectacle was presented. On the evening call being sounded by the First Regiment of Dragoons of the Guard, six hundred and two riderless horses answered to the summons, jaded, and in many cases maimed. The noble animals still retained their disciplined habits." This will remind the reader of a similar incident during the Peninsular war that had in it a touch of the sublime. After the battle of Corunna, the English, for whom it was a victory dearly bought by the loss of their gallant commander, Sir John Moore, and the crippled condition of their army, were compelled to embark hastily in their ships and abandon their camp, with its stores and their cavalry horses, numbering several thousand. No sooner were these animals stripped of their accoutrements, thus left to themselves, than the second nature which long years of military discipline had implanted, began to assert itself. Forming into squadrons and drawn up in opposing lines, they made charge after charge, meeting with the terrific shock of their onset in the midst of the plain, and fighting each other with feet and teeth, and with the utmost desperation. Then, wheeling in regular line, they returned to their positions, closed up their ranks with as much precision as though under their master's eye, and advanced again to the attack. This remarkable scene was witnessed by the soldiers from the decks of the slowly receding ships until the sands were strewn thick with the hundreds of the torn, trampled and expiring horses.

An unfortunate deacon recently created a good deal of merriment at a church in St. Joseph, Mo., while engaged in taking up the contributions. He had suffered, some days previously, from an accident to his nose, and having displaced the plaster in his anxiety to secure a ten cent stamp that had fallen, he made a hasty dive for a small white object on the carpet, but had no sooner placed it on the tip of his nasal organ than the young ladies began to thrust their pocket handkerchiefs into their mouths and titter. The cause of such a sudden outburst of good spirits was not discovered by him until he had entered the vestry room, and saw that he had replaced the plaster with a cotton spool label, containing the following suggestive words: "Warranted 200 yards."

A man owning a house worth \$100,000, in Chicago, died, and the house he resided in after he was dead only cost seven dollars. His heirs said he would keep just as long in a pine coffin as any.

A man in Oxford was bitten by a rattlesnake seventeen years ago, and is still taking whiskey to cure the bite