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### J. McLAUGHLIN,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, &c., College Street, CHARLOTTE, N. C. Sells Groceries at lowest rates for Cash,

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### Nov. 1, 1881. TORRENCE & BAILEY,

College Street, CHARLOTTE, N. C. Commission Merchants,

# Handle Grain, Flour, Bran, &c. Cotton stored

Oct. 7, 1881. 6m.

W. A. TRUSLOW, Jeweler and Watch Repairer, CHARLOTTE, N. C.,

# Respectfully announces that, having succeeded E. J. Allen, in the Watch and Jew elry business, he has just added to his stock of

Watches, Jewelry, Silverware, CLOCKS, SPECTACLES, &c.,

And he hopes by close attention to business and fair dealing to merit a share of patronage. Fifteen years constant experience in the WATCH REPAIRING Department enables him to fully warrant every Watch entrusted to Do not forget the old stand on Tryon street, near the Square.

### Oct. 7, 1881. Central Hotel Barber Shop.

GREY TOOLE, in the Basement of the Central Hotel, still carries on the Tonsorial Art in its various branches. He and his assistant Artists are so well known for their skill that it needs no multiplicity of words to inform the public where beards can be shaved smoothly and hair cut and dressed in fashionable style and "with dispatch." Give him a trial. GREY TOOLE. Under Central Hotel. July 29, 1881.

#### A Little Cotton History.

The water-power of Lowell began to be mproved for manufacturing purposes in 1822. The first cotton planted in this country was in 1721, in South Carolina. The plant was discovered growing wild on the Island of Hispaniola; also as far North on the banks of the Mississippi as the thirteenth parallel of latitude, and it has been proved to be indigenous to the None, none but an angel of God can declare soil of the lower latitudes of North America. W. Ellitt, in 1790, gathered the first successful cotton crop in South Carolina, and within a few years cotton cultivation became general in the extreme Southern States.

## COMMISSIONERS' SALE

1,200 Acres of Valuable Lands. By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of

the county of Mecklenburg, we will sell at Public Auction, at the Court House door in the city of Charlotte, on Monday the 16th day of January, 1882, the Lands which were owned by the late Mary M. Wallace. The Home Place, 4 miles from the city of

Charlotte on the Lawyers road, contains 408 acres, with a large Brick Dwelling House, good Barns and other improvements. The Allen Place contains 267 acres, is 4 miles from the city, adjoins the Home Place, and lies between the Lawyers road and the Monroe road. The Wynens Place, on the Potter road, con-

tains 133 acres, adjoins the Home Place and is about the same distance from the City. The Wilson Place, on the Lawyers road, 6 miles from Charlotte, contains 322 acres. The Brumley Place, on Reedy Creek, 7 miles from Charlotte, contains 971% acres.
We will also sell a valuable Gold Mine,

Union county, near Matthews', known as the Henry Phifer Mine. The Home tract, the Allen tract, and the Wilson tract, each, will first be offered in lots and then as a whole.

This sale is made subject to the ratification and approval of the Court. installments at one and two years, with security

Deeds and Plats can be seen at the Law office of OSBORNE & MAXWELL, Charlotte, N. C. Parties desiring to examine the property will apply to S. H. Farrow, at the Brick House Place.

W. C. MAXWELL, Dec 2, 1881. tds Commissioners

and interest from date.

SALE OF Valuable City Property.

By virtue of a Mortgage Deed executed by R. H. Brown and wife to Martin Icehour, for certain purposes therein mentioned, and registered in the Register of Deeds' office in Mecklenburg county, N.C., Book 25, page 286, 1-will sell at the Court House door, in the city of Charlotte, on the 13th day of February, 1882, that valuable City Property located in the city of Charlotte, on Graham street, adjoining the property of T. L. Alexander and A. R. Nesbit, fronting 99 feet on Graham street, and extending back 212 reet. Good dwelling house and other improvements, and excellent well of water on the Lot. Terms cash.

#### MARTIN ICEHOUR, 5w

Notice-Sheriff's Sale. I will sell for cash, at the Court House door, in the city of Charlotte, on Monday, the 6th day of February 1882, to satisfy executions in my hands the contrary. for State and County Taxes for the years 1880 and 1881, the following described city property viz: One house and lot on Trade street, adjoining the property of J L Brown and others, and known

ALSO, one house and lot on Tryon street adjoining the property of the Second Presbyterian and mercy as wide as the dew, and if we Church, Ed. Henderson and others, known as the lack them it is because we will not open property of the Merchants and Farmers National

ALSO, at the same time and place, one Lot in Ward 4, Lot No 1564, Square 190, known as the City Mills, adjoining the Air Line Railway and others, known as the property of the Traders'

National Bank of Charlotte M. E. ALEXANDER,

#### Jan. 6, 1882 NEW MILLINERY.

## Millinery Goods,

Containing all the latest styles and qualities of Ladies', Misses and Children's

We are now receiving our Fall and Winter Stock

Hats and Bonnets. Also, all the novelties for trimming: Feathers, Flowers, Ribbons, Silk, Flashes, Satins, Orna-

Also, our usual large and attractive stock of White Goods, Laces, Embroideries, Neck Wear, at prices to suit the times. Gloves and Hosiery, Corsets, Shawls Cloaks, Skirts, &c. Another large stock of Ladies' Musin Underwear just received, that we are offering at very low prices.

MRS. P. QUERY.

Just Received

### TIDDY'S CITY BOOK STORE

A well selected Stock of WRITING PAPER Including Note, Letter, Sermon, Legal and Foolscap, which they propose to sell cheap for cash.

Envelopes to match. Also, Paper in boxes, to suit the most fastidious. SOCIAL ETIQUETTE OF NEW YORK.

A standard treatise upon the laws of good society in New York. CONGRESS TIE ENVELOPES-a new lot

Edward Todd & Co.'s Celebrated Rubber Pens.

A Pen by some considered superior to a Gold Pen. TIDDY & BRO. are also Agents for Emerson's celebrated Rubber HAND-STAMPS; and any orders given them will receive prompt atten-

Cash paid for Rags. A. A. GASTON,

DEALER IN Stoves, Tin-Ware And House Furnishing Goods,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

He keeps the largest stock of Stoves and Tin-Ware ever offered in this market. \$100 reward will be paid to any party that ever sold a larger or heavier Stove than the "Barley Sheaf." I have sold the "Barley Sheaf" for eleven years. Call at my Store under Central Hotel building,

and examine my stock. Tin and Sheet-Iron Ware manufactured order, and all Repairing promptly executed. Feb 1, 1881.

A. A. GASTON.

### Trees for Delivery.

in my line furnished on short notice.

Charlotte, N. C. | Dec. 16, 1881. Cw\*

#### Forgive and Forget.

When streams of unkindness as bitter as gall, Bubble up from the heart to the tongue, And meekness is writhing in torment and

By the hands of ingratitude wrung; In the heat of injustice, unwept and unfair, While the anguish is festering yet; "I now can forgive and forget."

But if the bad spirit is chased from the And the lips are in penitence steep'd,

With the wrong so repented the wrath will

depart, Though scorn of injustice were heaped; For the best compensation is paid for all ill When the cheek with contrition is wet, And every one feels it is impossible still At once to forgive and forget.

Brood not on insults or injuries old, For thou art injurious too; Count not their sum till the total is told, For thou art unkind and untrue; And if all thy harms are forgotten, forgiven, Now mercy with justice is met, Oh, who-would not gladly take lessons o

heaven, Nor learn to forgive and forget?

### The Prompt Clerk.

I once knew a young man, said an emi nent preacher the other day in a sermon to young men, that was commencing life

"Now to-morrow that cargo of cotton must be got out and weighed, and we must have a regular account of it."

He was a young man of energy. This to superintend the execution of this work; he made his arrangement over night, spoke to the men about their carts and horses. and resolving to begin very early in the morning, he instructed the laborers to be there at half-past four o'clock. So they set to work and the thing was done; and about ten or eleven o'clock his master came in, and seeing him sitting in the countinghouse, looked very black, supposing Why, sir, are there not scores of men now that his commands had not been exe-

"I thought," said the master, "you were requested to get out that cargo this morn-

"It's all done," said the young man, 'and here is the account of it." He never looked behind him from that moment-never! His character was fixed, confidence was established. He was found to be the man to do the thing with promptness. He very soon came to be the one that could not be spared, he was namesary to the firm as any one of the partners. He was a religious man, and went through a life of great benevolence, and at his death was able to leave his children an ample fortune. He was not smoke to the eyes nor vinegar to the teeth, but just to

There is dew in one flower and no in another, because one opens its cup and as the Banking House of the Merchants and Farm- takes it, while the other closes itself, and the drop runs off. So God rains goodness our hearts to receive him.

### Rubber Belting.

A complete Stock of Rubber Belting, Rubber and Hemp Packing. Also, all sizes and kinds of Rope at bottom prices. KYLE & HAMMOND. Nov 1, 1880.

### BURGESS NICHOLS,

W holesale and Retail Dealer in FURNITURE, BEDDING, &c

I have now in Store a well selected stock em bracing everything found in a First-class Furniture Store,

Such as Bedroom and Parlor Suits, Lounges, Tet-a-Tets, Whatnots, Marble and Wood Top Tables, Dining Tables, Washstands, Bureaus, Wardrobes, Book Cases, &c.

CHAIRS of all kinds and cheap Bedstead

I respectfully solicit a share of patronage.

J n 19, 1881

COFFINS of all grades kept on hand ready No. 5 West Trade Street,

## Lumber! Lumber!!

LUMBER!!!

Charlotte, N. C.

I am prepared to furnish Lumber to persons desiring the same in any quantity. I have Steam and Water Mills, and can saw Lumber or Grind Grain at any time.

Address, Dr. I. J. SLOAN, Charlotte, N. C. I. J. SLOAN.

### GOOD COFFEE.

Everybody wants it, but very few get it, because most people do not know how to select coffee, or it is spoiled in the roasting or making. To obviate these difficulties has been our study. Thurber's package Coffees are selected by an ex- and stormy night and the doctor rebeled pert who understands the art of blending various flavors. They are roasted in the most perfect manner (it is impossible to roast well in small quantities,) then put in pound packages (in the bean, not ground,) bearing our signature as a guarantee of genuineness, and each package contains the Thurber recipe for making good Coffee.
We pack two kinds, Thurber's "No. 34," strong and pungent, Thurber's "No. 41," mild and rich. One or the other will suit every taste. They have the three great points, good quality, honest quantity, reasonable price. Ask your Grocer for Thurber's roasted Coffee in pound packages, "No. 34" or "No. 41." Do not be put off with any other kind-your own palate will tell you what

Where persons desire it we also furnish the 'Ideal" Coffee-pot, the simplest, best and cheapest coffee-pot in existence. Grocers who sell our Coffee keep them. Ask for descriptive circular.

Respectfully, &c., H. K. & F. B. THURBER & CO., Importers, Wholesale Grocers and Coffee Roast-

ers, New York. P. S.—As the largest dealers in food products in the world, we consider it our interest to manufacture only pure and wholesome goods and pack them in a tidy and satisfactory manner. All goods bearing our name are guaranteed to be My trees are now ready for delivery, opposite of superior quality, pure and wholesome, and deal-Mr. Allen Cruse's residence, on Tryon street, between 5th and 6th. A fine lot of Trees, Plants, in any case where customers have cause for dis-Flowers and Flower Seed on hand. Anything satisfaction. It is therefore to the interest of replied the conductor, with an ineffable both dealers and consumers to use Thurber's contempt, "then we flip it up again" So

### Ben Hill on Civil Service Reform.

We present a portion of the stinging speech made by the Hon. Ben. H. Hill of Georgia, in the Senate last week, when the question of civil service reform was

under discussion: "The Senator from Ohio took occasion Senator Jones, of Nevada, is poor now to remind us that the late President of the United States was the victim of a cor- at his belt; but he is just as good a fellow rupt civil service in this country. That all the same. He never did put on much everybody says is so, and therefore it is style about society, but if his beautiful litnot necessary for me to discuss it. But, the wife does leave her Gold-Hill home sir, the President was scarcely laid away and preside at the granite mansion this in his final resting-place, the people of the winter there will be several reunions United States everywhere were still weep- there long to be remembered. Sening for his departure, when in the midst ator Davis, of West Virginia, was once a of their very sobs a Federal Judge was brakeman on the Baltimore and Ohio railsoiling his ermine by inditing a letter to road, and arose and arose, until he has the successor of that very President who reached fortune and fame. He is worth succeeded by reason of that very corrupt | millions and still a making it. He never civil service, appealing to him to make did astonish "society," here and as appointments for the express purpose of heretires in 1883, will probably aiding a coalition to control a State elec- not venture in that way. tion, and the choice language of that Pendleton is rich; an every-day so-Judge was that the President should ciety man, with an accomplished family make the appointment "to cement our that are used to it. His winters here are coalition." For what purpose was the coalition? Simply to secure Republican Edmunds is rich, and his family are of the officers in the State. The Senator read best New England stock. Bayard has a that much, but he stopped there. He did regiment of children-delightful they are, not tell the Senate, as he might have done, too, and of the dozen or more that are al that that very President to whom the ready in society none know them but to letter was addressed, with the weeds of love, admire, and respect. He is kept mourning all around him, with the sobs poor by the continual pouring in of schoolof the country still echoing from every charges and milliners' bills. Mrs. Connook and corner of the land, sat down and | ger has bought a \$30,006 house, and also made the very appointment that that a carriage and pair of horses, and they Judge designated for the purpose of "ce- have left the National hotel and gone to as a clerk. One day his employer said to menting our coalition," and that Presi- house-keeping. They will now form part dent, as soon as he made that appoint of the society people. Ferry is a bachement for the express purpose of "cement- lor, Morgan is poor, and Beck resides with ing our coalition," turned right around his daughter. We'll speak of Sherman before the ink on the commission was dry after the investigation closes. There isn't and used the very same pen, dipped in any other very special case, except, inthe very same ink, to write a learned dis- deed, it be dear old Senator Saunders, of quisition or homily upon civil service re- Nebraska. He left Kentucky a poor boy, form to be inserted in his message to Con-

> vice reform in this country. Do you blame the President for that? Has he not a right from his own experience to assume that everybody in this country who talks about civil service reform is simply playing with the people? listening to me who sat in their seats in this very Chamber and heard read from that very desk official communications from a former President and his Secretary of the Treasury, insisting upon the removal of this very President from the custom-house in New York, upon the publicly given to the country? And yet of the days when he chopped wood and that very man who was removed from the drilled the boys for the Kansas and Necustom-house in New York, upon the braska fight .- Washington Chronicle. ground that the honest administration of the civil service required his removal, that very man the next year was nominated by that very party for the second office in the gift of the people, and the very men Hart, gave to Mrs. Coulson, the lady of who asked for his removal supported his the house, his pocketbook for safe keeping. election, took the stump for him. And It contained five \$20 bills, three of them that is civil service reform! And all the crowd of civil service reformers at the North, with homilies upon civil service reform, and who have been at it for years,

voted for that very man for Vice-President. What do you think of that? Well, is anybody surprised that when that President made his nomination to the Senate for the purpose of "cementing our coalition," in Virginia his party friends should all have supported that nomination when every one of them holds an office here due to that very coalition? Do not half this Senate absolutely hold office in this body which they never could have

obtained except for that coalition? mmense clamor was raised in this country about certain frauds upon the ballot, upon the popular will, in different States of the Union-returning-board frauds- It melted like wax, and it was only after by which (the charge was made) the Presidency itself was secured? And does that the flame had to be blown out. The not everybody know that every man, high danger of fire is considerably less than and low, black and white, who was with liquid petroleum. The product can charged with connection with those frauds, be easily liquified when required by the received an office from that very adminis- addition of vinegar, and the process is tration which obtained the Presidency by rapid. The vinegar in time separates out these frauds? Did I not hear, did not below and the petroleum above. It is not other members of the Senate hear, wit- stated whether the same vinegar can be nesses come before a committee of this used repeatedly. It appears that the body, and the testimony was printed and high and low boiling hydro-carbons in spread before the body, in which the wit- crude naphtha are not affected by the nesses testified and admitted under oath solidifying agent, in which case the costly that they had committed deliberate per-jury for the express purpose of securing be dispensed with. The advantages of offices and helping their party? And solid petroleum would be peculiarly felt does not everybody know that men who in regions like the Caucasus, where the did that did secure the offices, and, as far naptha industry suffers through the dearth as I know, hold those offices to this day, of suitable wood for barrels. as I know, hold those offices to this day, of suitable wood for barrels. hold them now? I have not heard of their removal yet; they certainly held them up to the end of the last administra-

Great is modern invention. Massachusetts physician was called by telephone about 1 o'clock at night not long ago to attend a child suffering with the croup two miles away. It was a dark at the idea of making the weary journey. However, he prepared to start, when just as he was leaving the house the thought struck him that he might solve the difficulty by the aid of the telephone. He requested the parents to bring the sick child to the telephone transmitter, listened intently to its croup cough, prescribed remedy, which was promptly administered, waited until he was informed in a short ime that the patient had been relieved and then sought his couch, calling down blessings on the inventor of the tele-

FLIPPING THE PENNY.—He was asking the conductor how he managed to build house and buy a fast horse out of his fifty dollars a month. "You see," said this nobleman, "sometimes we get a way passenger who pays a quarter or half dollar for his fare. Well, we flip the money up -heads for the conductor, tails for the company." "But," persisted the investigator after truth, "sometimes it must turn up tails. What do you do then ?" "Oh." that passenger went home and sold out his railroad shares .- Anon.

#### Where Great Men Come From. The way "Blood" tells.

Senator Miller, of California, was a gal lant soldier. He was poor at the close of the war. He secured the lease of the Alaska seal furs, and has made millions compared to the millions he used to wear worth thousands to the storekeepers, wandered into Ohio, and there chopped gress. That is the way we treat civil ser- | wood; got ulcerated hands from the axhandle friction; couldn't work, and had to loaf around the country store; did chores for the proprietor; worked his way up; became the head clerk; commanded a company of young men who emigrated from Ohio to Karsas; became one of the leaders in the Kansas-Nebraska fight; and although a Southerner, was an uncompromising anti-slavery man; went into dry goods and politics, and made fortune and fame was the first Governor of Nebraska, and the man who stuck the golden spade that threw the first shovel-full of dirt that commenced the building of the Union Pacific ground that he had made it the head- railway. His daughter is the handsomest quarters of a political party, and that his young lady in society. His son, who has removal was absolutely necessary to se- just graduated at law in New York, is a cure an honest administration of affairs in | proud and gallant-fellow; while Mrs. Saunthat public office? Did you not all hear | ders is loved by hosts of friends; but notthat read from the desk? Was it not withstanding all this, the Senator will tell

REPAIRING MUTILATED CURRENCY .-In the fall of 1880 a bachelor of Wayne Township, Crawford County, Pa., Coon being greenbacks and two national bank notes. She put the pocketbook away in a little trinket box. As Mr. Hart had no occasion to use the money, the box was not called for until the 1st of April last, when on opening the box it was found the mice had been there and made a very nice nest of the bachelor's savings. In fact, the notes were cut as fine as a carding machine could have done the work, in pieces from the size of a pin head to that of a finger nail. No one who saw the "remains" ever thought there could be any identification of the money. But about a month ago a triend of Mr. Hart's sealed the contents of the box and mailed it to Do we not all know that five years ago United States Treasurer Gilfilan. On Tuesday of last week a draft was received lead pencil and about an inch long could be lit at one end and held with the fingers.

Bronson Alcott's latest instruction for his æsthetic disciples is that the purest food is fruit, and that, if animal food be eaten at all, it is best in the mild form of oysters and eggs. "Beautiful diet, beautiful form," he exclaims. "All pure poets have abstained almost entirely from animal food. Every animal feeder is sometimes a tyrant. If one would abate that fate he must omit it entirely, but by a gradual process. Compare a table of the present day with that spread by the hands of Eve in Paradise to feed her ethereal guests. Then was gathered together a least of the purest, a banquet of right. We are composed of atoms, and every atom must be musical and tremulous with harmony to give the body that harmony that is musical. The consent of our atoms, the absolute consent of every atom to every other atom-that is harmony. Every passion leaves its impress, we know not how long. Every atom sympathizes with every other atom."

VINEGAR FROM AN OAK .- While the Rev. Daniel McHorton, colored, was cutting down a large red oak tree near Butler's Creek, Ga., he observed a clear liquid he found that it was strong vinegar. Procuring a vessel, he caught the liquid as it ran out and obtained about three gallons and a half. The liquor has the taste and odor of good, strong cider vinegar. There was a small crack in the centre of the tree, and it is supposed that the sap collected in this, fermented, and turned to vinegar. - Augusta Chronicle.

# How a French Court Would Have Tried

The French way of conducting the trial of the murderer Guiteau may be stated with brevity:

The murderer being presented in court, the Judge would have addressed him: you say?

not I, as I was but the instrument.

whether he is responsible for his acts.

mitted. The mouth of the murderer, if he had

The Judge would have called up the derly manner-a right to the road but murderer on the third occasion of his ap- no to abuse it. earance in the court, and without wast ing works-without my foolishness or display, or rhetoric or sentiment—sentenced him to death. No time would have been haps, would have passed, during which ted by a scientific man or two, to make sure that the wretch was not an irresponsible maniac, and for the formality of an application to be made for the mitigation

of the sentence. The reply to such an application would have been a simple refusal, and the day after, or, at the furthest, the third day, a huge black van would have appeared in the stream, and every rock that jutted about two o'clock in the morning in front out from the banks. I lost my fish, and I of the prison, and in an hour the guillotine would have been in order-and then the footing also, and got over head and ears executioner would have knocked on the in the stream. Now most men have cast cell door of the murderer, with the information that his time had come and he must make his toilet of death. That means a close shave and hair cutting, and a low necked shirt. While the preparations were being made the murderer might have been allowed a cup of coffee, with perhaps a down there, struggling and splashing few drops of brandy in it.

Half an hour suffices for the ceremony of preparation. The services of a venerable priest may be had. The iron gates roll open without noise, and the ghastly assassin is thrust forward, and, under the knife, as coolly and rapidly as a hog is handled in the killing season at one of our pork houses, and in the twinkling of an eye, the heavy triangle of steel glides down the ladder-like frame, hisses through the neck, and strikes a rubber

cushion with a low thud. There is nothing in this process to cultivate the vanity of miscreants to become murderers-no autographs, photographs, phonography, and no models of heads by bogus artists, or big dinners, or double breakfasts, or correspondence with female fools.—Cincinnati Commercial.

### Confederate Christmases.

Mr. James D. McCabe has recorded some interesting experiences of Christmas under the Confederacy. The dinner of 1861, he says, did not differ materially from its predecessors in the "piping times of peace," and though in 1862 the feast mothers would be increased fourfold. a little while, when hot drops ran down, keys were only \$11 apiece, and salt had fallen to 33 cents a pound. The Yula log was obtainable at \$15 a cord; wines were to be had by the very rich, and sorghum | same decrease is now deplored in England. rum or apple, peach, or blackberry brandy | It is said that people congregate in towns, cost \$30 a gallon. A few toys were left | because life in town is really more decent in the stores in the cities, and fireorackers, more agreeable and more profitable. We essential to the Southern festival, were \$5 | should like to know the test of the argua pack. By 1863 the closest search of ment. There is some truth in it, and that lies Santa Claus revealed no playthings, and in the two words, "public opinion." Pubfirecrackers indicated great wealth or reck- lic opinion makes many people respectaless extravagance. The few turkeys in | ble, that otherwise would not be so; they the market were \$40 and \$50 apiece; whis- dare not give way to indulgence because key or sorghum rum for egg nogg cost \$75 | the public eye is upon them, when they or \$80 a gallon; sugar was \$5 and \$10 a would freely do so, were no such correctpound, and flour \$125 a barrel. With ing medium about. Then the homes of 1864, when Christmas fell on Sunday, a tenement house to the tumble-down gold was at 5,000. Flour was \$600 a bar- shanty of a village, and would rather live rel; sugar, \$2 an ounce; salt, \$1 a pound; in close quarters with others than drag butter, \$40; beef, \$35 to \$40. Wood was out their days in miserable loneliness. \$100 a cord. Mr. McCabe describes a The congregating of human beings is one Christmas dinner at a country house near of the great features of the coming gen-Richmond. The four gentlemen were in eration. uniform, three ladies were in homespun. They had for dinner a \$300 ham, and the last turkey on the plantation, value \$175, of a family is the very best savings bank with \$100 worth of cabbages, potatoes, established. The idea of saving is a very and hominy. Corn bread was served, pleasant one; and if the women imbibed made of meal at \$80 a bushel and salt at | it at once, they would cultivate it and \$1 a pound. The desert was black molas- adhere to it; and thus, when they are not ses at \$60 a gallon, and after one cup of aware of it, they would be laying the tea-real tea, worth \$100 a pound, treas- foundation of a competent security in a ured for the occasion as a surprise, and stormy time, and shelter in a rainy day. not sassafras-there was coffee at discre- The best way to comprehend is to keep tion, made from sweet potatoes cut into an account of all current expenses. little squares, toasted, and ground down. Whether five hundred dollars or five -Richmond State.

It has been estimated, says an ex- effort is made. Let the house wife take change, that the railroad system of the the idea, act upon it, and she will save entire world embraces 105,000 locomotives, something where before she thought it representing 30,000,000 horse power. The impossible. This is a duty, yet not a steam-engines-stationary, in vessels, and sordid avarice, but a mere obligation that others-are estimated at 45,000,000 horse- rests upon women as well as men.-Home power. If we admit that the nominal Journal. steam horse-power corresponds to the effective labor of three draught horses, and running from the cut. Upon tasting this that the draught horse produces the labor of seven men, we shall find that the steamengine actually represents the labor of a thousand million of men.

are produced annually in the United States. | was pulled out of the crack, and found to Over half of it is fed to cattle and hogs, contain a green pith four and a half inches and much is used in the manufacture of long. It is a fact, so a gentleman insugar, starch and alcohol.

The Right of the Road. If a farm-deed is bounded by, on, or upon a road it usually extends to the middle of the roadway. There are a few exceptional cases, but ordinarily the farmer owns the soil of half the road and may use the grass, trees, stones, gravel, sand or Judge-Ha! miscreant! You murdered anything of value to him either on the our good President. He has done no land or beneath the surface, subject only wrong His wife and children mourn; his to the superior rights of the public to country has lost him. Your life has been | travel over the road and that of the hightraced. You are a scoundrel. What can way-surveyor or other similar officer to use such materials for the repair of the Prisoner-I was impelled by the Diety road; and these materials he may cart to remove the President. It was not a away and use elsewhere on the road, yet personal matter. Some of our politicians he has no right to use them for his own were abusing the President, and for the sake of peace the Deity put it into my head to remove him. The Deity did it, the grass or trees, much less to deposit his wood, old carts, wagons, or other Judge-Miserable. Then you plead in- things thereon. The owner of a drove of sanity. Take the wretch to prison; sum- cattle which stops to feed in front of your mon a commission of experts in diseases land, or of a drove of pigs which root up of the mind to make a personal examina- the soil, is responsible to you by law as tion of the culprit and report to-morrow much as if they did the same things inside the fence. No one has a legal right to The commission would have been that pick up the apples under your trees, althe miserable wretch knew enough to though the same stand wholly outside the know that murder was a crime; that his fence. No traveler can hitch his horse to pretense of irresponsibility was the last your trees on the sidewalk without being resource of a desperate wretch. That liable if he gnaws the bark or otherwise would have been the proper end of the injures them. You may unties the horse trial. Lawyers' speeches by the way to and remove him to some other place. If befog the case would not have been per- your well stands partly on your land and partly outside the fence, no neighbor can use it except by your permission. No attempted to gabble insults, would have man has a right to stand in front of your been stopped by the Judge. The idea of | land and whittle or deface your fence, feasting the scoundrel in jail, and running throw stones at your dog, or insult you after him for photographs, and flattering | with abusive language without being liaby taking a cast of his horrid head, could | ble to you for trespassing on your land. not have been entertained for a moment. He has a right to pass and repass in an or-

#### Haul in Your Line.

"Take no throught for the morrow," that is, no anxious, fretful thought. Walk fixed for the execution. A few days, per- through to-day as well as you can, and God will undertake for your future. the condemned would have been visi- When you go forward out of to-day, to worry about to-morrow, you are over the fence, you are trespassing, and God will scourage you back into your own lot. I have always found that so long as I kept short line I couldn't manage my fishing very well; but when I let my line run out the stream took it down, and there I was, at the mercy of every stick that struck up tangled my line; very likely I lost my out their lines into life forty years long, when it ought to be but one day long. In consequence, they are not able to manage their tackle at all; but are pulled after it, stumbling first into this hole, and then into that; slipping up here, and slipping about in far more distressed fashion than the fish at the end of the line-and, as a general thing, there is no fish there. Haul in your line.

Daughters. There are few greater mistakes than the prevailing disposition among people in middle-class life to bring up their daughters as fine ladies, neglecting useful knowledge for showy accomplishments. The notions, it has been justly observed, which girls thus educated acquire of their importance is in an inverse ratio to their true value. With just enough of fashionable refinement to disqualify them for the duties of their proper station and render them ridiculous in a higher sphere, what are such fine ladies fit for? Nothing but to be kept like wax figures in a glass case. Woe to the man who is linked to one of them! If half the time and money wasted on music, dancing and embroidery were employed in teaching daughters the useful arts of making shirts and mending stockings and managing household affairs, their real qualifications as coming wives and

THE DECREASE OF VILLAGES.—The last census showed a decrease of the population in villages in the United States. This

SAVING .- A saving woman at the head thousand dollars are expended annually, there is a chance to save something if the

SOMETHING REMARKABLE. - A gentleman by the name of Jacob Foust used to live in Chatham county, and for 18 years before his death, he carried a crutch made out of sour-wood. At his death the crutch was stuck in a crack in the house, and in Over 800,000,000 bushels of corn about six months afterwards the crutch

tormed us this morning, who says he saw it.