

## Sunday Reading.

### NOVEL READING—ITS PERNICIOUS EFFECTS.

A few Sabbath evenings, in addressing my people from the text "One sinner destroyeth much good"—I took occasion to speak of one method of destroying good, that of publishing and circulating pernicious books. This led me to notice the confessions of those who had fallen from a position of virtue and respectability, by the reading of Novels. On leaving the house of God, a gentleman addressed me who said, "I know from my innocent heart, the truth of your remarks on novel reading, for I have suffered beyond all description by that practice." He subsequently sent me the following facts in his history which I give you in his own language. "With a sincere, agonized spirit would I warn the young, of the destructive influence of novel reading. I was religiously educated and in early life became a member of an evangelical church with fair prospects of a happy and useful life. My mind was free from moral taint, and I turned with horror from every expression of licentiousness, and infidelity—and as to strong drink, though I fortunately contracted a love of it when quite young, yet at the time of which I speak, I wholly abstained from its use, from principle. But unphilosophically owing to the great reputation of Scott's Novels, and my taste for reading—I bought and read them; and well do I remember their pernicious effects upon my mind."

The wit, which made the popular division of the Scottish Controversies appear so ridiculous, absurd and superstitious, jolted the very corner stone of my faith, because I was young and my mind undisciplined, and had ever been taught to reverence such things. After Scott, I read Marryatt, which is far clever and more undisclosed in its immorality and blasphemy, and as much so, that I could not have been induced to read it, had not a taste for such reading, a feeling that a strict experimental religion, was believed by the ignorant only—been induced by the perusal of Scott's works. After reading Marryatt I was prepared to read Thomas Paine or any thing else however licentious, blasphemous or dismal it might be; but had Paine's works been presented to me before reading any of those novels, I should have shrank from them with horror. From pure infidelity the mind of the young, religiously educated, turns as from deadly poison, but the same evil spirit digests and dilutes in these novels, imperceptibly and gradually insinuates itself. It is like giving medicine to a child disguised in sugar. The child sees nothing but what is sweet in the taste, and believes there is nothing but sugar in what he is about to swallow, but the poison is there nevertheless, and it will surely operate. In short my religious principles were destroyed, I yielded to my inclination to drink, and utterly ruined myself."

**FATTENING OF ANIMALS.**  
The philosophy of increase of fat in animals is that the digested food not needed to supply waste in the system, is laid up in the form of fat around the muscles, ready to be absorbed again into the circulation if needed. Waste is induced by exercise, or use of the muscles, and also by combustion in the lungs of the digested food, to supply animal heat. Hence, the same amount of food given in warm weather will, if digested, afford a greater surplus of fat than when fed in cold weather.

Hogs or other animals intended for fattening should be shut up this month. Many efforts are making the size of the fattening pen so small that the animal will have but just room to stand or lie. While confinement favors rest and a disposition to fatten, too close quarters are not healthful for the animal, which needs moderate exercise to promote digestion. The quantity of the flesh produced must be somewhat impeded by such confinement that interferes with the health, and that point soon. This practice also destroys all taste for useful reading, and the most useful book becomes insipid and dull, and though I was trained to habits of reading, it was ten or three years after I abandoned novel reading, before I could read anything more substantial than a common newspaper, and I think it is not too much to say, that a confined nose day will never become a truly great and essential man. It is astonishing how this kind of reading will voluntarily draw the mind to base, trifling, and other bad places, for excitement, with whom to lead a stained taste, and I firmly believe, the novels of any ingrateful novel reader are in imminent danger!

This practice also impairs the health, and induces the worst forms of disease, among which is insanity. If any doubt that let them visit any insane hospital in the country, and their doubts will vanish. In a word the practice is both dangerous and sinful, and should, of course, be shamed by every one.

The expression of one individual in this matter confirms the fact of evils resulting from these pernicious works. How little are these evils seen and felt! How few parents—even those of parents—take any trouble to preserve the minds of their children from these corrupting influences! How often are novels foisted upon the entire tribes of those whom we should expect better things. How often too, do children from their earnestness to read such works and from want of care in their parents, drink of those polluting streams, until their minds are polluted and their characters permanently injured.

**CHARITY.**  
My beloved—where is the spirit of Christ? What is that great law of his that bade us to follow—“love our neighbor” by which the Christians of the first time established the pageant about them?

CHARITY.  
Having sold my entire interest in the firm of HENDERSON & AHRENS on the 1st January, by mutual consent, JAS. P. HENDERSON, will hereafter carry on the business on his own account. All persons invited will please make forward and settle at once, as the business must be closed up immediately.

HENDERSON & AHRENS.  
January 1858.

RESOURCES OF THE COTTON GROWING SECTIONS OF OUR COUNTRY.  
Cotton may be said to be the greatest single product of the South, but, singular as it may seem, planters have not hitherto availed themselves of one half even of its value. The plant is cultivated for the fiber alone, stalk and seed being thrown away or used only for manure. Whereas the seed, which in weight equals even more than three times the weight of the fiber, needs but to be pro-

## Agricultural.



### THE APPLE WORM.

The apple worm is produced from the egg of the codling moth. It deposits its eggs in the calyx or eye of the young fruit, during June or July, and the grub is hatched in a few days, and eats its way into the fruit, leaving behind it a brown powder. This group attains its full growth in a few weeks. Apples thus affected drop sometimes when they are not more than half grown, others remain on the tree until they acquire a premature ripeness. Few of our readers but have noticed on trees of early apples, some wormy specimen's ripe, while the sound apples were far from being fit to eat. Still others, and particularly winter apples seem to be less affected by the worm, and hang on the trees.

**FRESH ARRIVAL OF CONFECTIONARIES.**

**HOUSTON & HUNTER.**  
HAS just received a fresh supply of CANES, of all kinds, also Citrus, Currants, Raisins, Figs, and a variety of Nuts. Call at HOUSTON & HUNTER'S, 1 Door East of the Court House, Charlotte, Oct. 26, 1858.

### A Great Battle to be Fought!



THE subscribers inform the citizens of Charlotte and vicinity, that they have an hand and are constantly receiving, a superb assortment of Elegant

### FURNITURE,

superior to any that has ever been offered in this section. Their store consists in part of the following articles:

Sofas, Tots, Dives, Canes Bottom Rocking Chairs, Mahogany and Case Seat Parlor Chairs and Bush Bottom Chairs, Mahogany and Walnut Extension Tables, Waterfalls and Bureau.

Mahogany and Wood Top Centre Tables, Marble Wash Stands and Stoves.

Card and Work Tables, Mahogany and Walnut Extension Tables, Mahogany, French and Elizabeth Bedsteads, What Not and Parlor Desks.

Looking Glasses from \$4 to \$75 a Pair, Self-Rocking Cradles and Reclining Chairs, Parker's Patent Spring Bottom Boudoirs, Campions with Lever Locks, Minuetto Bars, Cabinet Furniture by the set.

Iron and Wood Hat Racks, Gilt Moulding of all sizes for making Glass and Picture Frames, &c.

Every kind of materials for sale generally used by Cabinet Makers, such as Glue, Locks, Knobs, Hinges, Walnut, Mahogany, &c., &c.

And last, though not least, we keep always on hand a supply of

### Fish's Metallic Burial Cases.

J. M. SANDERS & CO., Charlotte, May 21, 1858.

### Great Sacrifice at Morrow's TURN-OUT.

THE Subscribers respectfully inform the people of the surrounding country, that they have reduced the prices of their stores, consisting of

### Dry Goods, Ready-Made Clothing.

### BOOTS, SHOES,

and a great variety of other Goods, which will be sold regardless to cost.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE taken in exchange.

Rode Dresses worth \$35.00 to \$25.00  
Mammal worth 4.00 to 1.00  
Mantillas worth 2.00 to 2.50  
Buckles 2.00 to 1.50  
Hemp Skirts worth 2.50 to 1.25  
Foot and Print Worth 15 to 10

Breaded and unbreaded Domestic at New York Prices, and all Goods kept in Store, sold in proportion to the above prices.

### HAMMERSLAG & MENDALLS.

July 5, 1858.

### The Old North State; Forever.

LOOK HERE, FRIENDS, and fellow citizens, will you buy the noble STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA? If so, send to the subscribers, to subscribe to the County Agent, for the New, Large and Magnificent Map.

And you will get the whole State, with her Rivers, Railroads, Gold, Copper, Lead, Iron, Coal and Zinc, and all the Cities, Towns and Coast Mountains and all Springs, and her Fields and Flowers.

If you want this GOLDEN PRIZE now is the time. May weest testy see. Before views of the State House, Indoors Asylum, Chapel Hill, Male and Female Colleges, &c., &c., one of the cheapest and best Maps ever published.

PEARCE & BEST, Hillsboro', N. C.

AGENTS-WANTED in every county in the State. Terms liberal. Apply as above.

July 12 1858.

MECKLENBURG BONDS.

SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

These BONDS are undoubtedly the safest investment that can be made, and are easily payable to say State Bonds.

The County cannot repudiate.

They bear seven per cent interest payable semi-annually, with Coupons for the same.

They are of the denomination of \$100, which will make them more current and useful for domestic purposes.

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