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MARBLE FACTORY,
BY GEO. LAUDER.
Nearly opposite to E. W. Willkings' Auction Store.
Fayetteville, N. C.
Oct. 1, 1853. y

CARTHAGE HOTEL.
Having recently purchased the above establishment from Malcom Kelly, Esq., I am now prepared to entertain in a comfortable manner those who may give me a call. Having ample stables, good hostlers and a disposition to accommodate, I trust I shall be able to give entire satisfaction to those who may favor me with their patronage.
H. C. McLEAN.
December 3, 1853. 70-tf

CLEMENT G. WRIGHT,
Attorney at Law, Fayetteville, N. C.
Office at the corner of Bow and Green streets.
Feb'y 3, 1853.

NOTICE.
THOSE who are indebted to me by Note or Account will please settle the same. And all debts due me prior to the 1st Jan'y 1853, must be settled, as longer indulgence cannot be given.
A. A. McKETHAN.
Oct 1, 1853. tf

K. M. MURCHISON,
Commission and Forwarding Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
January 7, 1854 y

NOTICE.
The Fayetteville Ice House will be opened daily for the delivery of Ice from 5½ to 7 o'clock, A. M., commencing Monday, 17th inst.
Tickets for Ice are now ready for sale at the store of G. W. Williams & Co. No Ice will be delivered except to tickets, as it is not intended to keep any accounts. When called on to deliver Ice outside of the time specified above, double the regular price will be charged.
JOHN D. WILLIAMS.
April 8, 1854. 88-tf

AGRICULTURAL.
We have received our usual stock of FARMING IMPLEMENTS, such as Ploughs, Harrows, Cultivators, &c. &c.
J. & T. WADDILL.
A new 2 horse Wagon, complete, for sale.
March 18, 1854 J. & T. W.

JAMES C. SMITH. MILES COSTIN.
JAMES C. SMITH & CO.,
Commission Merchants,
Have removed their office to the second story of the building formerly occupied by the Telegraph Company, where they are prepared to attend to all business in the Commission line.
All business entrusted to them will be punctually attended to.
Wilmington, Jan'y 14, 1854. 76-1y

$25 REWARD.
On the 1st day of January, 1853, I hired a Boy named Robert to John A. Williams, Esq.; some time in Feb'y following he left Mr Williams, and I had reason to believe was lurking in the Neighborhood of Fayetteville, but now I believe he has been kidnapped or decoyed by some villain. Said Boy is of black complexion, is between 13 and 14 years old, quite an active good looking little fellow, and no doubt can tell a very plausible tale. I will give the above reward for his delivery to me, or confinement in any Jail, so that I get him again, or $50 if arrested out of the State so that I get him.
JAS. EVANS, Guardian.
March 11, 1854. 81-tf

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.
The above reward will be given to any person who will deliver to me my negro woman ANNA, who absconded about the 11th of November last, or for her confinement in any jail in this State so that I can get her again. Said negro is of bright mulatto complexion, speaks clearly and more properly than negroes usually do, and is rather below the medium size.
It is supposed that she is lurking about the vicinity of Fayetteville, aided by the celebrated Simon Blue of harboring notoriety. She may attempt to pass as a free person among the numerous free mulattoes about Fayetteville.
ALEX. McMILLAN.
Dundarroch, Robeson county,
April 26, 1854. 91-tf

DAVID McDUFFEE,
BRICK MASON AND PLASTERER.
Fayetteville, N. C.
Persons wanting work done in his line will be promptly attended to by addressing him at the Fayetteville Post Office.
Fayetteville, Jan'y 28, 1854 1y-pd

RODERICK SHAW,
INSPECTOR OF TIMBER AND LUMBER.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Will give prompt attention to any business in this line intrusted to him. He solicits a share of public patronage.
Wilmington, May 3, 1854. 2m-pd.

☞BACON, LARD, RICE, and all other articles in the Grocery line, for sale by
May 13. G. W. I. GOLDSTON.

BOUNTY LAND WARRANTS.
The Subscribers will pay the highest market price for Land Warrants. Apply to
J. H. & J. MARTINE.
Hay street, near the Post Office.
June 24, 1854 3m

☞A School Teachers' Convention will be held at Harrington's Academy, in the village of Carbonton, on the second Saturday of August. The object is to form a Teachers' Association for promoting the cause of education in Moore. Speeches on appropriate subjects may be expected. Mr Harrington proposes to give a dinner on the occasion. All teachers in the County, both Male and Female, are respectfully invited to attend. Hour of meeting, 10 o'clock.
A. R. BLACK,
DANL. McINTYRE.
June 24. 99-7t CYRUS HARRINGTON.

SPRING IMPORTATIONS FOR 1854.
STARR & WILLIAMS,
Wholesale dealers in Foreign and Domestic
DRY GOODS,
Hats, Bonnets, Boots, Shoes, Umbrellas, and
Ready-Made Clothing,
HAY STREET, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.,
Invite the attention of their customers, and the trade generally, to a very superior Stock of
SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,
Which they will sell at prices as low as to be found in any market South of Mason and Dixon's line, to purchasers who pay promptly or buy for cash.
Merchants will find in this market good stocks, and at prices which cannot fail to please.
March 7, 1854

CEDAR FALLS Cotton Yarns and Sheetings for sale by
TROY & MARSH.
Nov 12, 1853 y

$150 REWARD.
Runaway from the subscriber, his Negro men, JOHN and TOBEY. John is about 26 years old, 6 feet 1 inch high, weighs about 185 or 190 lbs. Tobey aged about 22 years, 5 feet 9 inches high, stout, and weighs 175 lbs. They were bought from Mr James Surles, of Cumberland county, and will probably be lurking in that neighborhood. Tobey has a wife at Mr Richard Bird's, in Johnston County. Fifty Dollars for either, or one hundred Dollars for both, will be paid for their apprehension and delivery to the subscriber, or for their confinement in any Jail in the State, so that he can get them. An additional sum of One Hundred Dollars will be paid for the conviction of any person of harboring the above Negroes.
JOHN COLEY.
Fair Buff, Columbus Co. N. C., Oct. 6. 63-tf

1200 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE.
The subscriber offers for sale twelve hundred acres of Land, located in the lower end of Richmond county. It is about equi-distant from Floral College, Laurenburg High School, and Laurel Hill. The Land is well adapted to the growth of corn, cotton, wheat, &c. It also offers great inducements to those engaged in the turpentine and lumber business. I have constituted Alexander McLean, Esq. my agent, during my absence, to whom all communications in regard to the matter may be addressed at Gibpolis P. O. Robeson county. Luther Blue, who resides near to the premises, will take pleasure in exhibiting them to any one who may call for that purpose.
Oct. 22, 64-tf J. G. BLUE.

TO MILL OWNERS.
The subscriber takes this method of informing his friends and the public that he still continues in the Mill Wright business and all its branches, viz: foundering, framing, and erecting Water or Steam Mills upon various principles, either with simple or complicated machinery. He returns his thanks to the public for the liberal patronage he has received heretofore, and hopes by strict attention to business, and by giving general satisfaction, to merit a continuance of the same. He flatters himself that his work will compete with that of any other machinist for speed and durability. All persons who want work done in the above line would do well to give him a call, as he has several competent workmen in his employ, and is prepared to execute all jobs at the shortest notice and on very reasonable terms. Orders promptly attended to. For further information address the subscriber at Johnstown, Moore county, N. C.
D. B. JOHNSON.
November 19, 1853 y-3pd.

GILL'S NE PLUS ULTRA BURNISH.
The Subscriber, a practical Boot-maker of some experience, has for some time been sensible that there is a *desideratum* to be yet supplied to the public in the way of a suitable burnish for boots and shoes. Most of the articles now used either injure the leather or fail to impart that lustre so necessary to give to man's "*understanding*" a proper finish. He has therefore, during the last twelve months, been devoting himself to the task of preparing an article free from these objections, and has at length after much investigation and experiment completely succeeded. The result is "*Gill's ne plus ultra Burnish.*" He only wishes that it may be tested in order to establish its superiority over all others. Call at M. Faulk's shop opposite Mr Lauder's Marble Factory, Hay street, and be supplied with an excellent article at a cheap rate.
THOMAS GILL.
Nov 9, 1853 tf

NOTICE.
THE subscriber offers for sale, his LANDS, six miles North of Fayetteville, and about one mile from the Fayetteville and Raleigh Plank Road, consisting of about twelve hundred and sixty acres of land, suited to the making of Turpentine or Timber. There is also on the premises, a good Saw and Grist Mill, all in good repair and now in operation; also, a Dwelling, and all the necessary outhouses, in good repair.
Also, another tract of two hundred and fifty acres, on the head waters of Carver's Creek, known as the Tarry Place, on which there is a small Farm, a Dwelling House and other houses.
On the first named tract, there is cut about twenty-five thousand Turpentine Boxes, from two to four years old.
All the above lands will be sold on the most accommodating terms. Persons wishing to purchase, will please call on the subscriber, who will take pleasure in showing the above lands.
WM. R. BOLTON.
Oct. 27, 1853. 65-tf

PUMPS.
Force and Suction Pumps; Sheet Lead and Lead Pipe, for sale by
C. W. ANDREWS,
April 1. tf Market Square.

DR. STRONG'S
COMPOUND SANATIVE PILLS
These Pills are entirely Vegetable, and are a most superior Medicine in the cure of all *Bilious Complaints, Chills and Fever, Dyspepsia, Costiveness, Liver Complaint, Jaundice, Sick Headache, Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Fevers of all kinds, Loss of Appetite, Obstructed and painful Menstruation, and all lingering diseases.*
As a Female Medicine they act like a charm, and when taken according to the directions, they never fail to cure the worst cases of **Piles,** after all other remedies fail.
They purify the blood, equalize the circulation, restore the Liver, Kidneys, and other Secretory Organs, to a healthy tone and action: and as an Anti-Bilious Family Medicine they have no equal. Price 25 cents per box.
Also
DR. STRONG'S
PECTORAL STOMACH PILLS
A remedy for Coughs, Colds, Catarrh, Bronchitis, Croup, Whooping Cough, Asthma, Consumption, Nervous Diseases, Dyspepsia, Costiveness, Erysipelas, Disease of the Heart, Inflammation and Pain in the Chest, Back and Side, and all diseases arising from a deranged state of the Stomach, and to relieve the distress and bad feeling from eating too hearty food, in weak and dyspeptic habits.
WARRANTED TO BE PURELY VEGETABLE.
These Pills act as an Expectorant, Tonic, and Aperient. One 25 cent box possesses three times more power to cure diseases than a one dollar bottle of any of the Syrups, Balsams, or Sarsaparillas, that were ever made; and a simple trial of only one box will prove this important truth.
They promote Expectoration, Loosen the Phlegm, and Clear the Lungs and other Secretory Organs, of all morbid matter, and there is not another remedy in the whole Materia Medica capable of imparting such healing properties to the Lungs and Vital Organs as these Pills. **They Cure Costiveness, produce a good, regular Appetite, and Strengthen the System.**
Price 25 cents per box, containing 25 doses of Medicine.
Call on the Agents who sell the Pills, and get the *Planter's Almanac* GRATIS, giving full particulars and certificates of cures.
Both kinds of the above-named Pills are for sale in
Every Town and Village in North and South Carolina.
In Fayetteville by SAM'L J. HINSDALE and J. N. SMITH.
June 17, 1854 3m

CHARLES BANKS,
CONFECTIONER,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
September 18, 1852.

LUMBERTON ACADEMY.
The Exercises of this Institution will commence on Tuesday the first day of August, under the care of James C. Davis, A. M. Mr Davis has had considerable experience as a Teacher, and has, under all circumstances, given general satisfaction. The situation of the Academy is pleasant and healthful, and the morals of Lumberton are unsurpassed by any village throughout the country. Good Board can be had in the village from $8 50 to $9 per month, every thing furnished. Rates of Tuition $8, $10 and $12 per Session of five months.
EDMUND McQUEEN.
Ch'n of the Board of Trustees.
July 22, 1854 803-3t

PEARCE & FERGUSON,
Wholesale dealers in Foreign and Domestic
DRY GOODS,
Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Umbrellas, and
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
North side Hay street, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
☞Strict attention paid to orders.
B. F. PEARCE,
July 15, 1854 J. B. FERGUSON.

NOTICE.
All persons indebted to the undersigned by note or account will save cost by settling the same before the 15th of September next, as longer indulgence will not be given.
JOHN D. McNEILL.
July 14, 1854 803-4t-pd.

DISSOLUTION AND NEW FIRM.
The firm of Pearce & Pemberton was dissolved on the 1st inst., by mutual consent. And J. B. Ferguson having purchased the interest of T. H. Pemberton, the business will hereafter be conducted under the name and style of
PEARCE & FERGUSON,
at the Store lately occupied by Pearce & Pemberton.
July 15, 1854. 802-3t

LAND FOR SALE.
On Saturday the 5th day of August next, I shall offer for sale at the Court House in Lumberton, a very valuable Tract of LAND, lying on Lumber River and Bear Swamp, near the line of the contemplated Railroad from Charlotte to Whitesville, it being the tract whereon Alfred Biggs now lives, containing 432 acres. Title warranted as to all except 41 acres.
Also, two well-broke MULES, 3 years old.
Terms:—Credit until 1st Jan'y next, at which time possession of the land will be given, payment required and a deed executed. Possession of the Mules will be given at the time of the sale.
Bonds with good security will be required.
R. E. TROY, Trustee.
July 15, 1824. 802-3t.

WILLIAM H. MARSH,
Commission and Forwarding Merchant,
WATER STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Usual advances made on consignments.
July 15, 1854 802-tf

SETTLEMENT.
Those indebted to the subscriber will please call and settle. There are a good many bills for Corn, Hay, &c., (which are cash articles,) standing on book.
THO. J. JOHNSON
July 15th, 1854. 802-4t

1854.
SPRING GOODS.
The undersigned are now receiving, and expect to have their entire Stock in store by the 13th instant, of
SEASONABLE GOODS,
Embracing a great variety of
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS,
Hats, Caps, Bonnets, Umbrellas, Parasols,
BOOTS AND SHOES,
Foolscap and Letter Paper,
Blank Books, Bolting Cloths, &c. &c. &c.
With an extensive assortment of
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
And Foreign and Domestic Hardware.
All of which they offer to the trade at LOW PRICES and upon accommodating terms.
Purchasers will find it to their interest to give the above Stock an examination before making their selections.
HALL & SACKETT.
March 8, 1854

TEAS! TEAS!!
Hyson, Imperial and Black Teas, of superior quality, just received and for sale by
J. N. SMITH.
June 24, 1854 3m

HARRINGTON'S
MALE AND FEMALE SCHOOL.
CYRUS HARRINGTON, *Principal.*
Miss ANN MARGARET McEACHIN, Teacher in the Female Department.
WM. M. BROOKS, Assistant in the Male Department.
The Third Session of the School opens July the 17th, and closes December 1st.
Reports respecting Scholarship and Deportment will be sent out semi-annually, and no student found to be of a bad character will be permitted to remain in the Institution.
A course of Religious Lectures will be delivered before the students.
Board from $6 to $7 50 per month. The subscriber has ample accommodations, and desires to take all the Female Boarders into his own family.
Tuition in both Departments $8, $10, $12 50 to $15 per Session. *Extra*—Music on Piano Forte, with use of instrument, $20; Drawing, Painting, Embroidery and French, $5 each.
For further particulars address the Principal or either of the Teachers.
CARBONTON, June 24, 1854. 99-10t

TO PASSENGERS.
The STEAMER SUN will leave this place every TUESDAY and FRIDAY *at 15 minutes after sunrise;* and Wilmington every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY *at 12 o'clock,* with Passengers and Freight.
R. M. ORRELL, Agent.
Fayetteville, June 3, 1854. 96-tf

TO DISTILLERS.
We will pay the highest cash price for Spirits Turpentine, and request Distillers to give us a call when in market.
J. & T. WADDILL.
July 1, 1854. tf

AMBERG & CO.,
Manufacturers and Dealers in
Ready-made Clothing, wholesale and retail.
ALSO,
A large and complete assortment of Gents' furnishing goods, embracing every article of Gents' Toilette.
AMBERG & CO.,
East side Green st., in P. Shemwell's new building.
July 1, 1854. 800-tf

Medical Testimony cannot be Controverted.
One of the most startling cases is narrated of Dr. McLane's Vermifuge by Dr. John Butler, of Lowell, Trumbull Co. Ohio. The case was that of a young lady who had been very sick for eight years, and had consulted a number of physicians, who had treated it as one of Prolapsus Uteri. Dr. Butler was then called in, and for a time believed with his predecessors that it was a case of Prolapsus. He, was, however, soon forced to the conclusion that his patient was suffering from worms, and after much persuasion, prevailed upon her to take two doses of Dr. McLanes Vermifuge. This medicine had the effect of removing from her a countless number of the largest size. After she passed them, her health immediately returned. She is since married, and continues to enjoy excellent health.
Purchasers will be careful to ask for Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Vermifuge, and take none else.
For sale by S. J. Hinsdale, Fayetteville N. C.

NORTH CAROLINIAN.
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

Negotiations at Madrid.

The Paris correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette writes—what indeed was foreseen as the inevitable result of his negotiations—that Mr Soule has no longer any hopes of an amicable settlement of the Cuban question. The correspondent says he derives his facts and conclusions from Mr Soule himself, and that they are, therefore, worthy of entire confidence. These facts and conclusions are to the following effect, viz: that the responses and general conduct of the Spanish Cabinet have been so uniform from the day on which his first demand was made, that he has become convinced that their minds were made up in advance as to what line of conduct they intended to pursue.

"No turn which he could give to the negotiations has succeeded in changing the uniformity of their replies, or the obstinacy with which they seem determined to cling to a settled line of policy This conduct on their part is based on two hypotheses which possess their entire confidence; one of which is, that England and France will lend her their assistance in cases of emergency, while the otheir is, that the demands of the government of the United States are mere demagogical threats, made to subserve political ends, and not based on the true sentiment of the United States. No treaty has been concluded between France, England and Spain on the subject; but conferences have been held, from which Spain has gathered sufficient assurances to give her confidence in their ultimate support in case of actual war. The only question which Spain believes divides the parties is the question of slavery in Cuba, and upon this question, when it comes to the point, she will give in to her allies, so as to secure their support."

Sunday in Paris.

Mr James Brooks of the New York Express, gives the following sketch of Sunday in Paris:

Strange Paris! It is Sabbath,—and the workmen on a new building just opposite my hotel on the Boulevards are at work as hard as ever! They waked me up at 6 A. M., counting brick, "un," "deux," "trois," etc.—and they kept on counting and brick-laying all the day. The Sabbath of Paris differs as yet only from a week day, in the more brilliant exhibition of equipages, and the greater devotion to pleasure. I reasoned a little on this subject with a French lady, who defended the custom with so much volubility, that her French, if not her logic, confounded me. She defended it all, however, with the greatest zeal and energy. Some of the newspapers in Paris, just now, are urging, purely as a question of political economy, that men cannot work as well seven days in the week as in six—that the laws of nature require the Sabbath for rest and relaxation, and that, therefore, Sabbath work, Sabbath shop-keeping, etc., ought not be. The Government, I think, is favoring this reformation, and so are the clergy, who are publicly urging a better observance of the Sabbath. The appeals have closed some few shops on the Sabbath, and the number is said to be increasing. Indeed, the shop-keepers themselves, in order to have the Sabbath as a holiday, are combining, and one is agreeing to shut up if another will. If, however, the combination succeeds, the only result for the nonce will be a greater thronging in the Bois of Boulogne, the Elysian Fields, the theatres, the cafes, and such like places. Versailles, now, is thronged on Sundays. Indeed, that is the only day when its galleries and little palaces are all open. And so is the Park of St. Cloud. The magnificent jets d'eaux were this afternoon in full display, and thousands upon thousands were witnesses of the spectacle. The Versailles water-works play on some Sundays, and the St. Cloud waters upon others. This water-works' play seems to me to be peculiarly French. More anon.

AN EXPENSIVE "NIGGER."—Among other bills that have been rendered to the U. S. Marshal for services rendered in the case of Burns, are one for military services amounting to $9,000; one by the city of Boston for extra Policemen amounting to $7,000; H. D. Parker's bill amounting to $4,000; and the steam-tug John Taylor, $420. These are but a small number.—*Boston Mail.*

So it will be seen that 25 negroes could be bought for what it cost to recover one.

The San Francisco Commercial Advertiser tells of a race that came off on the 4th July, on the Eel river, between Mr Maloney's trotting horse "Jim," and Dr. Felt's mare "Lightfoot." The purse contended for was three thousand bushels of potatoes.

ARKANSAS GIRLS.—The Memphis Express tells the following story of a friend of the editor's, who went over into Arkansas recently, to attend a "break-down," that is, a dance.

"The ladies, upon the occasion, were arrayed in the best, with all the gay colors that an uncultivated taste could suggest. The gentlemen were dressed in homespun clothes, and none but our friend had broadcloth upon his back. During the evening, sweet potatoes of an enormous size, roasted in the ashes, were handed round to the company, together with a handful of salt for each guest. A beautiful young lady soon became smitten with our friend, (perhaps with his magnificent moustaches,) and resolved to dance with him.—She thereupon turned to a friend, and addressed her in these words—

"Sal, hold my tater while I trot round with that nice hoss what's got on store clothes."

Our friend was clinched accordingly; he could not extricate himself from the grip of the rustic beauty, and was obliged to "trot round" after her for one long mortal hour before he could obtain a respite from his labors. He made his escape the first opportunity, resolving that he would never again go to an Arkansas break-down."

THE HEAT.—The Chicago Tribune gives an understandable illustration of the heat on a hot day:

A Dutchman was being driven down Clark street yesterday, in an open wagon and apparently weltering under the broiling sun. Espying a five cent piece on the side walk, he jumped from the wagon to get it, but the hot bricks made him so sensitive that he quickly regained his seat, and sung out to the boy—"Hans, drive on! Mine Gott, h—l is not one mile from dish plashe.

Opium Eating on the Health.

The effect of habitual opium taking on health and longevity, has been a subject of legal consideration. A remarkable trial took place in relation to some assurances effected by the late Earl of Mar, in the Edinburg Life Assurance Company. The Company discovered, on the death of the Earl that he had been in the habit of taking opium to a large amount and on that ground, refused to pay the insurance. The case was decided against the Company on the presumption that they had not been sufficiently careful in their preliminary inquiries as to his habits. Dr. Christison, who was concerned as a medical witness in this case, was led, in the course of his investigation to some interesting data, both in respect to the frequency of this habit, and its effect on the duration of life.

It must be confessed that, from these inquiries, opium does not seem so destructive as might be supposed; but there is no revelation made as to the misery in which life was passed; and, in all probability, a vast number of fatal cases have been in more than one sense buried in oblivion. However, Dr. Christison's cases are replete with interest, and will be read by those who are concerned in similar inquiries with the greatest advantage. He gives a short statement of the ages of the opium eaters and the quantity taken. It would appear that many reached advanced periods of life, such as fifty or sixty, after fifteen, twenty, or thirty years of this lamentable practice. One old woman, who died at Leith, at the age of 80, had taken half an ounce of laudanum daily for nearly forty years, and enjoyed tolerably good health all the time.

Another, who died at seventy-six, had taken about the same quantity, and for the same time. Very many such statements are made, but I conceive they are exceptions from a general rule, and that the health was by no means so good as represented, for in some instances these persons are stated to have given up the opium for intervals, which they would scarcely have done if it had contributed to pleasure without impairing the health. Dr. Christison must be himself aware that a long list of drunkards might be made who had escaped the evils consequent on their habits, and who died at an advanced age. Such statements, however, are interesting chiefly as matters of curiosity; and the example, as the poet says, "more honored in the breach than the observance."

Log Rolling.

An Englishman who was travelling on the Mississippi River, told some rather tough stories about London thieves. A Cincinnati chap, named Case, heard these narratives, with silent but expressive humphs! and then remarked that he thought the Western thieves beat the London operators all hollow.

'How so?' inquired the Englishman, with surprise. 'Pray, sir, have you lived much in the West?'

'Not a great deal. I undertook to set up business at the Desmoines Rapids a while ago, but the rascally people stole nearly everything I had, and finally a Welch miner ran off with my wife.'

'Good God!' said the Englishman; 'and you never found her?'

'Never to this day. But that was not the worst of it.'

'Worst! Why, what can be worse than stealing a man's wife?'

'Stealing his children, I should say,' said the implacable Case.

'Children!

'Yes, a nigger woman, who hadn't any of her own, abducted my younger daughter, and sloped and jined the Ingens!'

'Great heavens! did you see her do it?'

'See her! Yes, she hadn't ten rods the start of me, but she plunged into the lake and swam like a duck—and there wasn't a canoe to follow her with.'

The Englishman laid back in his chair and called for another mug of 'aff-and-'aff, while Case smoked his cigar and credulous friend, at the same time, most remorselessly.

'I—I shan't go any further West, I think,' at length observed the excited John Bull.

'I should not advise any one to go,' said Case quietly. 'My brother once lived out there, but he had to leave, although his business was the best in the country.'

'What business was he in?'

'Lumbering—had a saw-mill.'

'And they stole his lumber?'

'Yes, and his saw-logs too.'

'Saw-logs?'

'Yes. Whole dozens of fine black walnut logs were carried off in a single night. True, upon my honor, sir. He tried every way to prevent it; hired men to watch his logs; but it was all no use. They'd whip 'em away as if there had been no one there. They'd steal 'em out of the river, out of the cove, and even out of the mill-ways.'

'Good gracious!'

'Just to give you an idea how they can steal out there,' continued Case, sending a sly wink to the listening company, 'just to give you an idea—did you ever work in a saw-mill?'

'Never.'

'Well, my brother, one day, bought an all-fired fine black walnut log—four feet three at the butt, and not a knot in it. He was determined to keep that log, any-how, and he hired two Scotchmen to watch it all night. Well, they took a small demijohn of whiskey with them, snaked the log up the side-hill above the mill, and then sat down on the log to play keerds, just to keep awake, you see. 'Twas a monstrous big log—bark two inches thick. Well, as I was saying, they played keerds and drank whiskey all night—and as it began to grow light they went to sleep a-straddle the log. About a minute after daylight my brother went over to the mill to see how they got on, and the log was gone!'

'And they sitting on it?'

'Sitting on the bark. The thieves had drove an iron wedge into the butt end which pointed down hill, and hitched a yoke of oxen on, and pulled it right out, leaving the shell and Scotchers sitting a-straddle of it, fast asleep.'

The Englishman here rose, dropped his cigar stump into the spittoon, and looking at his watch, said he thought he would go on deck, and see how far we'd be down the river before morning.

Elder Richard Willard, one of the Mormon saints, died recently in Utah, leaving twenty disconsolate widows to mourn their irreparable loss.

A Duel in the River.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Times, writing from Helena, Arkansas, describes a quarrel which arose there, and the manner of its settlement, to wit:

One of the coldest nights last winter, two prominent citizens of this place, who for years had been intimate friends, met at the bar-room of one of the taverns, and soon became merry over a little of the sparkling juice. From good humor they got into argument, from argument they got into hard words, and from hard words to abusive language. Indeed, it soon became evident that, under the code of Southern chivalry, a "meeting" between the two was unevitable, to satisfy the honor of one or both. In the midst of the excitement, however, one, and perhaps the first offender, happened to cool down, and, reflecting on the folly of shooting at, or being shot by an old friend, thought of an expedient to prevent shedding of blood.

"I say, S——," said he to his excited friend, "we have quarrelled, the lie has passed, and now we must meet and have it out."

"Nothing else will satisfy me," replied the other with an oath.

"Well, now, I consider it foolish for old friends as we have been," continued the first speaker, "to fight in any way: and as we both have families who would suffer as much as either of us could by a meeting, I have something to propose, which, while it will test our courage, will not be quite as dangerous as facing pistols and bullets."

"What is it?" asked the other, his anger suddenly cooling to a remarkable degree.

"Why, that we both strip off, jump into the Mississippi, swim out twenty yards, and return, and the first one who reaches the shore, to be declared in the right."

"Done!" replied the other, who was an expert swimmer.

Instantly both parties stripped, and though the cold wind howled from the north, and the surface of the water was crusted with ice, they started almost on a run for the river, followed by some bystanders who had witnessed the quarrel, and who were to be judges. In they both plunged, and boldly stemmed the father of waters, despite the freezing temperature of the fluid. Out they swam, until the judges decided they were twenty yards form the shore, and bade them return. One easily reached terra firma, but the other soon gave out, and to the horror of those on shore, screamed for help. He was rescued with much difficulty, and as he was hauled, shivering and almost drowned, from the river, he exclaimed between his chattering teeth:

"*I'll be hanged if S—— wasn't right. I must have been drunk when I disputed with him!*"

A little internal and external application of the article relieved the parties from the unseasonable swim, when they shook hands and resumed their former intimacy. I like this new mode of duelling, and recommend it to those chivalric individuals who contend that wounded honor can only be healed, or courage tested, by squinting at the muzzle of a cocked pistol.

Central Africa.

Dr. Vogel, the astronomer and naturalist, writing to the Athenæum from Lake Tsad, gives a terrible description of Central Africa. The forests consist for the most part merely of two sorts of accacias, not a single tree or shrub is devoid of prickles.—There is no fruit or vegetables except water melons and bread melons, and tomatoes and onions, and almost the sole viands consist of meat and poultry, which are very plentiful. A fowl may be bought for two needles, a sheep for eighteen-pence, and a large ox for six shillings. The soil is capable of all kinds of cultivation, if there were but people there laborious enough to till it. Indigo, cotton and melons grow wild; rice and wheat, the former particularly could be raised in any quantity. The inhabitants, instead of following agriculture, find it more convenient to make marauding excursions into the neighboring countries, and to carry off a number of slaves, mostly children from nine to twelve years of age, whom they exchange with the Tibbu and Arab merchants, for the trifling necessaries which they possess, beyond the few things afforded them by the soil. These consist principally of calico, salt and a little sugar. In this kind of traffic a slave boy of ten years is reckoned at about 15s. and a girl of the same age is worth about £1 sterling.

The lake itself is not such a fine clear water, but a morass extending further than the eye can reach, and on its banks are mosquitoes numerous enough to sting a man and horse to death. Chamelions, ants, termites, venomous serpents, scorpions, and toads, from four to five inches in diameter, are very numerous, but beetles and butterflies extremely scarce.—There are great numbers of elephants and hippopotami by the lake, and large wild crows, gazzelle, and antelopes are also very numerous. The black ladies plait their hair, employing in the process an extravagant supply of butter, into innumerable little tresses, united in the middle of the head by a comb, which gives them very much the appearance of having on a dragoon's helmet. Sometimes they wear also little locks around the head, of the form and size, and, thanks to the fat, of the consistence also of borechips. They dye the front teeth red, the corner or canine teeth black, so that when they open the mouth they remind one of a chess-board. They paint themselves over with Indigo, including even the arm and face, which gives their complexion an excessively ludicrous blue tint.

"PUNCH" ON BONNETS.—The last number of Punch contains a pictorial guess at the distance at which ladies' bonnets will be worn from their heads at the next remove. The tendency has been further and still further rearward, and the next change, Punch thinks, will carry them off the head entirely; so he represents the next fashion by two ladies in full dress and bare-headed, sailing along the streets, with a footman walking some ten feet behind, *carrying the bonnets on a waiter.*

FINE PRINTING PAPER.—We have been shown a handsome specimen of printing paper, manufactured by the South Carolina Paper Company, of one-half raw cotton, the other country rags. It is of beautiful color, firm texture, and elegant finish, and is a highly creditable evidence of the skill which the mill has attained during the comparatively short time which it has been in operation.—*Charleston Mercury.*