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LOCAL IMPROVEMENT.

Our situation in North Carolina is such that we may not expect any marked development at particular points, nor can we hope that any of our towns will ever become large cities.

Standing on the steps of the mansion of the Strawberry plantation in Fender county, one could formerly see seven other residences, all of which have passed away.

That there has been considerable progress in North Carolina is beyond question. Prior to the war no money crops were planted in the southern part of the State.

The illness of the Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, of Virginia, is feared will terminate fatally. He is now well advanced in years, having been born in 1809.

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have investigated the cost of labor compared with the South and found it more or higher than here, and yet our operatives were in a better condition.

I believe if all our custom houses were abolished this country would find in England a large market for our manufactures of cotton and woolen goods.

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ness put themselves within the ranks of the Radical party. It must be remembered, however, that some of those who acted with the Liberals last year announced that on all national issues they were Democrats.

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TROUSERS WITHOUT FRINGE.

Spring Fashions for Gentlemen—The New Fringe-Trimmed Caps.

Early spring fashions have made their appearance upon the street. Jockey caps are the most noticeable feature.

Then the yellow pantaloons, which were hinted at a month or so ago, have re-appeared themselves into reality.

FRANKLIN, March 16.—One of the most wonderful cases of suspended animation in a human being ever heard of is now puzzling the doctors of this county.

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OLD LADY MARY.

A STORY OF THE SEEN AND THE UNSEEN.

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exaggerated from Connie's, which all the household were ready to swear she had never heard.

"I would have sent the busy away at an hour's notice, if I had the power in my hands," she cried; "but, Miss Mary, it is easily seen who is a real lady and who is not."

"Oh, don't do that; oh, don't leave me, Prentiss!" Mary said, with an involuntary cry of dismay.

"Not if you mind, not if you mind, dear," the housekeeper cried. "And then she drew close to the young lady who wore an anxious look."

THE household, however, was agitated by all these rumors and inventions. Alice, Connie's elder sister, declined to sleep any longer in that which began to be called the haunted room.

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his, his body and soul in that old dark hole of a vault?" "How you talk, Francis! what can a woman say between you and me?"

"The vicar had a gentle professional laugh over the confusion of his wife's mind. But the doctor took the matter more seriously."

It is stated that fifteen Mormon disciples had left Cleveland county, N. C., for Utah. The author of the legend lies under a mistake when he stated that Cleveland, the land of tin and mica, and one of the most progressive and best counties in this State.

A Judge Who was in the War. (Charlotte Observer.) Judge McKee, who is now riding this judicial district, was a wearer of the gray and a most gallant fighter throughout the war.

A Strange Man Dead. (Newton Enterprise.) Nelson Sherrill, Sen., died at his home near Sherrill's Ford on the 9th instant. He was the last one of the old Sherrills who lived in that section that connects us with the 18th century.

Take little annoyances out of the way. If you are suffering with a cough or cold, use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup at once. This old and reliable remedy will never disappoint you.

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