

OUR WEEKLY.

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Letters Received.

- W. R. Terry, Rockingham, N. C.—Editor is not at home.
N. C. DeJ., Roaring Gap, N. C.—Communication at hand.
A. B. Lindsay, Prosperity, S. C.—Thanks. Receipts and certificates subject to order. Subscribers entered.
M. A. Green, Durham, N. C.—Paper changed.
Mrs. F. M. Gibbs, Middleton, N. C.—Paper sent.

A LEGEND.—There is a legend that two Dutch lovers at Little Falls, N. Y., who were prevented from marrying because their fathers were enemies, took the dire resolution of leaping from the heights clasped in each other's arms. This was long before the days of the Erie Canal, and the story goes that the man was dashed to pieces, but that the girl escaped with simple fracture of both her arms, and that she recovered and married the husband of her father's choice, and was a happy wife and mother. She must occasionally have dreamed of that leap, and it must have spoiled her appetite each time for a few days.

A Happy Surprise.

We have read somewhere of an ingenious stratagem, devised by a French lady of fortune, for securing a husband. She kept herself secluded from society, and gave out a report that she was frightfully ugly as as a counter influence against her well-known wealth. As she was not accessible personally to her suitors, they had recourse to their billet doux; and among these one Belgian pleased her fancy, and to this missive she replied. An interview was accorded, and the fortunate suitor proved to be a man of fortune also, and of noble character.

When they met in her saloon, the lady wore a mask. She warned him not to risk his happiness by allying himself with one so deformed in face and feature.

He replied, "Well, accept my hand and never unmask but to the eyes of your husband;" for he was so charmed with her eloquence and grace of manner.

"I consent," she replied. "I shall survive the appearance of affright and disgust—perhaps content—you may feel after marriage." "I shall not shrink from the proof," said he. "It is your heart, and not your figure that charms me."

In a few days their marriage took place and notwithstanding his refusal to accept it, the whole of her fortune was settled upon him.

Returning from the altar, she threw herself upon her knees before her husband, and placing her hand upon her mask, lifted it exclaiming: "You have not deserved deformity; you merit the love of beauty."

And a vision of angelic beauty now stood before him.

TO THE FARMERS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

WE hear from all quarters that our approaching Fair will be well patronized from other counties in the State and from the adjoining States.

We respectfully appeal to you to make an exhibition of the farm products, and let your wives and daughters exhibit specimens of their handy work, and thus show the world what old Mecklenburg can do. Books showing premiums offered can be obtained on application. Remember the Fair commences November 25.

THOMAS L. VAIL, Secretary.

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A German who was asked if lager beer was intoxicating, replied: "Well, I drink from seventy to eighty glasses a day and I feel all straight in mine upper story for any kind of peesiness, but I can't tell vat it would pe mit men vat makes a swill tub of himself."

American Humor.

The American humor partakes slightly of the Spanish character and extravagance, but it is nevertheless the growth of the soil. The vastness of the country, which is said to be bounded on the east by the Atlantic ocean, on the north by the Aurora Borealis, on the west by the setting sun, and on the south by the day of judgment, and the peculiar circumstances in which the people are placed, can be traced in most of these stories.

The hyperbolic or tall species of American humor was much in vogue some years ago, and such stories as the following were once very common:

"A man was so tall that he had to go up a ladder to shave himself;" another "was so strong that his sneeze would kill a buffalo across the Mississippi river;" a Massachusetts pig was "so lean that it was necessary to tie a knot to his tail to prevent it getting through the chinks of the pailing;" "an American Artist painted a snow-storm so naturally that he caught a bad cold by sitting near it with his coat off;" some land was "so rich that asquash vine, in its rapid growth, overtook a drove of pigs;" "the reason why cream is dear is that milk has risen so high the cream can't reach the top."

There is a capital story, in which it is related that "a coach drove through the country so fast, and the mile stones passed so quickly by that the passengers thought they were in a church-yard." This coach, however, was beaten by the "skipper, which went so tarnation fast that in sailing round Long Island she left her shadow three and a half miles behind her." Major N., when asked whether he was seriously injured by the explosion of the boiler of the St. Leonard steamer, replied that he was so used to being blown up by his wife that a mere steamer had no effect upon him. The evidence of a witness in a life insurance cause, involved in the blowing up of a steamboat on the Ohio, is droll just because it is characteristic. The witness knew the missing man, and saw him on the deck of the steamboat before the explosion. When asked by the lawyer, "when was the last time you saw him?" he answered, "The very last time I ever set my eyes on him was when the boiler burst, and I was going up; I met him in the smoke stack coming down."

We all know that the American oysters are large, but that one must have been of extraordinary size which required three men, to swallow it whole.

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