

Births are being announced as "Our Young Folks for June," in the Turner Falls, Mass., Reporter.

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Cotton Factories for North Carolina.

Facts are constantly arising to prove that the South is destined in the future to be the seat for the manufacture of heavy cotton goods.—Georgia has long manufactured cotton goods successfully and profitably, and South Carolina is waking up to the importance of building cotton mills. A correspondent of the N. Y. *Journal of Commerce* writing from Langley Mills, near Aiken, South Carolina, says: "A manufacturer of cotton yarns from Manchester, England, after looking at our books, told me that we manufacture cheaper than they did by about the difference in the value of our currency and—that is to say, four and three fourths cents per pound. Among the advantages enjoyed by the South over the North in manufacturing cotton may be enumerated the following: First, here the raw material is produced, and by working it here various expenses incidental to its transportation could be saved—such a privilege made by those who invest capital, time and labor in removing it from place to place; insurance during transportation; loss by samplings and stealings from the bales. Second, experts claim that in our Southern climate, cotton works to better advantage as high as ten per cent.—Third, the reclamation of once packed and damaged cotton is direct and easy. Fourth, freights on manufactured goods are less in proportion than on bulky and hazardous bales of cotton. Yarns can be delivered in New York from this vicinity from 60 to 80 cents per hundred. Fifth, an abundant supply of operative labor at low rates and consequent exemptions from strikes. Northern Superintendents of Southern Mills admit the superiority of our factory hands, the whites, and the ease with which they are controlled. The average wages paid at the Saluda mills is \$142.82 per annum. Sixth, the mildness of the climate enables the operatives to enjoy a larger proportion of comforts on a given amount of wages. In a cold climate a larger proportion of carbonaceous food requisite, which costs more than farinaceous food, nor do the houses for operatives require to be so expensive in the colder regions. Lumber of the best kind costs only ten to twelve dollars a thousand. The short winters require less fuel.—Land is cheap, and each household can have its garden, cow and pigs.—Seventh, there is a home demand for the goods—the larger country stores keep supplies of yarn for sale as regularly as they do sheeting. Eighth, by purchasing seed cotton from planters and ginning it at the mill, the lint is in a better condition for working than after it has been compressed into bales, and the expense of packing the cotton, bagging, ties and handling would be saved, as also the expense of running it through the picker. The waste cotton undergoes in different ways has been estimated at one-tenth to one-eighth of a bale. Could the entire crop of cotton be converted into yarns at the South, and shipped off in that form, it would add one hundred and fifty million dollars annually to the wealth of this portion of the United States. Foreign mills would adapt their machinery to working up the yarns instead of the raw cotton. If but one quarter of the crop could be thus converted, it would be a great blessing to the South, and enable numbers of women and children that are now dependent on others to support them selves."

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GOING NORTH.

STATIONS.	MAIL.	EXPRESS.
Leave Charlotte.....	7:00 P.M.	8:30 A.M.
" " " " " " " " " "	7:25 " "	8:55 " "
" Salisbury.....	9:25 " "	10:54 " "
" Greensboro.....	11:25 " "	12:54 " "
" Danville.....	1:25 " "	3:35 " "
" " " " " " " " " "	1:50 " "	4:00 " "
Arrive Richmond.....	2:22 P.M.	11:04 P.M.

GOING SOUTH.

STATIONS.	MAIL.	EXPRESS.
Leave Richmond.....	1:38 P.M.	11:45 A.M.
" " " " " " " " " "	2:05 " "	9:55 " "
" " " " " " " " " "	2:30 " "	9:30 " "
" Salisbury.....	9:52 " "	8:37 " "
" Greensboro.....	12:40 A.M.	11:58 " "
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Arrive Charlotte.....	6:30 A.M.	5:00 " "

GOING EAST.

STATIONS.	MAIL.	MAIL.
Leave Greensboro.....	3:30 A.M.	11:40 A.M.
" " " " " " " " " "	3:55 " "	12:15 " "
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Arrive Richmond.....	10:30 P.M.	12:30 P.M.

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