BY CALEB DUNN,

A fearless heart, a steady aim, A mind to plan, a will to do-I hese have the power to conquor fame, To win a glory that is true,

The mariner who sails the sea-His ship of wind and wave the sport-A straight course follows faithfully That he may reach his destined port.

He sees in every cloudless sky -The north-star's ever constant light. And when the tempest storm sweeps by His faithful compass guides aright.

Although along his course may lie Great shoals, far-stretched on either His ship in safety, by and by,

Shall anchor in some haven tide.

If he but at the helm stand true-Stand true to compass; true to chart, And over keep faith's star in view And lose not steady aim and heart,

Ah, well he knows if he should cast His chart away his ship would be Upon the treacherous shoals made fast. A victim of the wrecking sea,

So, sailor on the sea of life. Let honest purpose be your guider 'Twill bear you o'er the shoals of strife And anchor you in safety's tide,

Stand by your compass and your chart With firmness and with steady aim; Your will to do and fearless heart Shall win for you an honored name.

#### A RICH WIDOW.

King David loved and married a rich widow. He was hungry, and met her in the road with a large supply of bread and wine and grapes and figs. Of course he loved her. Even a dog licks the hand that feeds him kindly, And Abigail was a noble woman, worthy to rule in a royal heart. Anna was also a widow rich in faith. But we are thinking of a rich widow now living in North Carolina. She also prepares great dinners and invites-the hungry poor, On cold rainy days she keeps a pot of hot coffee on the fire, and when she sees a suffering traveler, she calls him in, seats him before a fire to dry his clothes, and refreshes him with a cup of coffee and a loaf of bread. She always has some smoking pies when her pastors, or any other preachers come, and they seldom fail to come when the opportunity is presented. She inquires among her neighbors and reads the papers to ascertain how she may do good with her money. A year ago some hungry orphans passed her door, while she economical woman, She became also the me that I didn't take it cowld." wife of a good business man, and they accumulated a large estate. Death made her a widow, and the Lord appointed her one of his stewards to do good on the earth. We could name many such women in our noble State, and generally they are the mothers of our most useful men. Let us then take all our little girls, your little daughters, your neighbors' little daughters, and the little daughters of the dead, and train them to walk in the paths of purity and usefulness, so that they will do good and not evil all the days of their lives. They may be poor, and their poverty may help to prepare them for the duties and trials of life, But let us try to leave them an inheritance which will one day make them rich in wisdom and grace, rich in grateful love and good works on the earth. - Orphan's Friend.

"COULDN'T LIE FOR THAT MONEY."

A story is told of a young lawyer, who all the groups of people whom he might the coming week. worthy fellow. The old man wanted the to finish the settlement of Saturday night day. recompense therefor.

A red-nosed reprobate, whose wardrobe ing be; how much more profitable the could only have been merchantable by whole day, the pound, entered the corner-grocery, and planting an empty soda-water bottle on the counter, said: "Gimme some alcohol to clean silver with." "All right," responded the dealer in wet goods, "let's about when they are told him by a person see your silver."-- Boston Bulletin.

There is a dead editor out West. He died suddenly. The cause of his death

was this paragraph:

woman can never." That settled it. Next morning he was found a corpse, with a gory I roomstick

planted through his heart. emergency.

WATCHING A RIFLE BALL'S FLIGHT.

Three gentlemen, members of the Amatuer Rifle club, yesterday afternoon were in the town of Brighton, rifle shooting. The distance was 200 yards; all three were shooting "Creedmoor" rifles. From the firing point to the target the ground gradually ascended, so that a small telescope, but a good one, firmly fixed in true bounds on a tree, at a distance of perhaps thirty feet, made a fine point for observation. One of the shooters, while looking through the glass to mark a shot for one of his companions, exclaimed that he saw the ball as it sped on its mission. The announcement was received with incredulity; but one of the other shooters went to the glass, and he also saw the ball almost as it left the gun, and through its whole flight, nearly the whole line of its trajectory, until it struck the target. So interesting and beautiful was the sight that er of the gentlemen; and it is an actual fact that the point at which the ball would strike the target could be seen before the ball struck. It was even insisted upon that the rotary motion of the ball could be observed .- Rorcester N. Y. Herald.

A SACRED OLD RELIC.

A colored man yesterday turned auctioneer to work off two old stoves for a dealer on Gatriot avenue. One was sold without trouble, but as the other "held over" on him, he mounted a barrel and

was once de property of George Washing-

A huge laugh of derision greeted his statement. Singling out the biggest man in the crowd, the auctioneer asked: "Doan' you believe dat George Wash-

ington once owned dis yere stove?" "No. sir."

"Dat's de same as callin' me a liah, sah and you'll hey to chaw dem words, sah." He jumped down and waltzed over to the stranger, but was knocked down in a York minute. That was plenty for

"How much do I heah for dis stoveonce de property of Gin'ral Grant. De stove dat Washington owned was busted up doorin' de war!"-Detroit Free Press.

#### PAT'S DREAM.

A son of the Emerald Isle was observed was not at home, and she still regrets that one morning to look very blank and perthey did not stop and let her come and plexed, and a friend asked what ailed feed them, as she had often done before, him. Pat said he had had a dream. "A O what a treasure is such a woman! "Her good or bad one?" asked his friend. Pat price is far above rubies." The gold of answered it was a little of both. "Faith, Ophir could not buy her from our people. I'll tell ve. I dreamed I was wid the And when the Lord shall take his treas- Pope, who was as great a jintleman as ure home (and we pray that he may spare any in the disthrict, an' he axed me would same thing as water. her many days) the people will weep as I drink? Thinks I, would a duck swim? they did when Darcas died, and show the And seeing the craythur, an' the lemons garments which she gave them them and an' the sugar on the sideboard I towld the alms which she so freely bestowed. him I didn't care if I tuk a wee drap of But how came such a woman here? We punch." "Cowld or hot?" axed the Pope, raised her! Yes, she was a poor orphan "Hot, yer holiness," I replied; and with of the small boy. "The small boy had a girl, and some friend sent her to school that he stepped down into the kitchen for father, and this father was once a small and she improved her opportunities and the bilin' wather, but before he got back boy himself." became an intelligent, industrious, and I woke straight up; and it's disthressing

#### SATURDAY NIGHT,

Among the multitude of suggestions for spending Sunday in a profitable way, we say that Saturday night is one of the resting places in the journey of life, when it becomes every man to settle his accounts. Observe the following:

Settle with the world. The business of single week is easily reviewed-its mistakes may be easily rectified, its experience turned to good account. The man of business should some time on Saturday look over his books, examine his outwho knows exactly how he stands every it, you will need it powerful." Saturday night will not be likely to live a poor man; or, if he does, he will hardly ever be found in debt or in want.

2. Settle with conscience. Let him rehad in his hands a number of unsettled view his words and his actions, his moaccounts against an old farmer in the tives and his feelings during the past vicinity, who never paid any debts until week. If anything is seen to be wrong he was sued, and then only after loud out- or defective (and who is he without fault?) cries against the lawyers for "grinding let the remembrance of it be carried into portance." the face of the poor." One day he came the next week, that a repetition of it may in to settle a bill, when the lawyer offer- be avoided. Let him in prayer seek not ed to discount him a dollar and a half if only forgiveness for what he has been he would go into the street, mingle with amiss in the past, but grace to do better

meet and lead in conversation up to a 3. Settle with the Lord's treasury. Every point where he could incidentally remark | man owes constant returns of gratitude that he (the lawyer) was a sharp and to the Giver of all good. Is it not meet money finally; he said impressively ; by reviewing all the merits of the week, "Squire! I'm a very old man and have and setting apart of the portion of its prodone many wicked things in my life; but fits to serve some good cause that will with my views of eternity I can't lie like promote the glory of Him "who gave Himthat for money." The dollar and a half self for us?" How much better and hapwas discounted without extorting any pier might life be with a downright hon-How much brighter would Sunday morn-

> THE POLITE MAN, -"A polite man," said the Duc de Morny, "is one who listens with interest to things he knows all interference of the State, and says that "the or for their spare moments. Business new, who knows nothing about them."

To form a correct judgment concerning the tendency of any doctrine, we should rather look at the fruit it bears in the "Cows, elephants, rhinoceroses and hip. disciple than the teacher. For he only popotamuses may run gracefully, but a made it-they are made by it,

Vices that are familiar we pardon, and only new ones reprehend.

If the waves threaten to engulf you Woman, now-a-days, rises to any don't add by your tears to the amount of FRUIT CULTURE IN N. C.

(Farmer and Mechanic. The display of native fruits at our late fair was a matter of both pride and gratification to all who feel an interest in the welfare of our State. The various exhibitors are entitled to the thanks of the public, but in an especial manner should praise be awarded to those gentlemen who exhibited the growth of their own orchards. Most prominent among these was Mr. J. R. Neill of Yancy county. His display, we venture to say, was the most splendid ever made from one orchard by one grower in North Carolina, both in size, quality and variety. Of the two barrels of Gloria Mundi the average weight was 20 ounces, while many reached 324 ounces. The appearance of this variety was beautiful in the extreme and were unexcelled in America. Mr. Neill's career as a pomologist im-

parts a useful lesson to all who are disevery ball was watched by one or the oth- posed to make an independent living with small means to begin with. Before the war he was a carpenter in the town of Asheville, noted for intelligence, industry and integrity, but possessed of little capital. About the beginning of the war, having married in that country, he settled in Yancey on a small mountain farm on Bald Creek, a tributary of Caney River. On this farm was the nucleus of an orchard, and perceiving the capacity of this country for fruit growing, he set to work, resolved to devote himself to the business. He pruned, grafted and planted, selecting the best varieties, and expending all his time and means beyond the support of "Gem'len and woman, dis yere stove his family, and labored with dilligence, patience and practical intelligence until he succeeded in establishing the best orchard of the size perhaps in the State. His example has had a happy influence on all his neighborhood, and he is so far from market-about 45 miles from the market railroad depot-as to make his present profits less than they should be. his children, and pointed the way to a lowest and warranted. great prosperity for his county. "Riley Neill's apples are already known further away than any man's in North Carolina, him, and after feeling of his head to see and their celebrity is still advancing. how much of it was left, he mounted the Four years ago Gov. Vance sent two barrels of them to a friend in England who reported them among the best he had ever seen in any part of the world.

Such men are worth something to the country. We would be glad to have the benefit of his experience for the readers of the Farmer and Mechanic, and if any occasion should arise for North Carolina in pant goods; bargains in every department. fruits to be displayed abroad, J. R. Neill is the man to do it.

Die Lewis has turned up again. This time he wants straw pillows for babies. Milk river is in Massachusetts. They named it Milk because milk is about the

The pope's eldest brother died at ninety, his mother at ninety-eight, and his grandfather at ninety-three.

Habberton accounts for the foolishness

The Chicago Journal says: "When a man imagines that he is a prophet and : philosopher he takes to long hair and a dirty overcoat,"

Two million years ago, a bird twelve feet high was promenading along the bank of the Connecticut river, and Prof. Hitchcock has just discovered its tracks.

Faith is sometimes personified as a drenched female clinging to a sea-washed rock; but a better personification would be a bald-headed man buying a bottle of patent hair restorer.

Mr. Watterson tells in his lecture of a standing debts, and see that all is straight | Mississippian who was asked whether i and safe. This is all the more important was worth while to carry a pistol: "Well, if his accounts are numerous. Great stranger," he answered, "you mout move watchfulness is required if he would es- about for a year and not want it, and cape embarrassment and trouble. He then again you mout, and, if you do need

The Charleston News indulges extravagant hopes. "One of these days," it says, "the ideal president will take up his quarters at the white house, and frame message that can be read in five minutes, and will leave the public in no uncertainty as to his views on every matter of im-

Denton, Texas, has a desperado of African descent named Faust, whose ideas of fun are rather peculiar. Cocking a pistol on a divine, he made him get down on his hands and feet, bleat like a sheep, and compelled him to but an oak tree until he made the acorns fall. Mephistopheles will run off with that fellow some

CATHOLICISM AMONG NEGROES,-There are said to be 50,000 colored people in Georgia who profess the Catholic faith, and the one thing which the priests regard with the most fear and detestation, is a Methodist est settlement every Saturday night! camp-meeting anywhere in their vicinity. That is one thing the negro cannot resist.

> CHURCH OF ENGLAND .- In a recent charge to his clergy, Archbishop Trent, of Dublin, takes a very desponding view of the prospects of the English State Church. He thinks that the chief danger comes from the State, as a political organism, is far less light and profitable. Persons of either sex Christian than it used to be; can hardly be easily earn from 50 cents to \$5 per evening. said, as such, to be Christian at all."

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