I'd choose to be a baby, A darling little flower, Without a care or a sorrow, As I was in childhood's hour; When ladjes (heaven bluss them,) They'd kiss me and they'd vow That they could almost eat me-Why don't they do it now ?

When I used to be a baby They'd to my cradle creep; They'd kiss and hug and enddle me, Till I fell off to sleep; Yes, kiss me and squeeze me too, Till I felt anyhow; They'd even wash and dress me-Why don't they do it now ?

For pleased they were to nurse me, They would take me on their lap, And would stuff my little stomach full Of lillipops and pap.

They would show me toys and buttons, And if I made a row, They'd Press me to their bosoms-Why don't they do it now?

When the ladies used to love me They would make me such nice clothes;

They would make me nice morocco shoes And wipe my little nose. And when the shades of evening came And sleep came o'er my brow, They said it's time to go to bed-But they never say it now,

> THE OLD AND NEW. BY JOSEPHINE POLLARD,

The Old Year sat beside the hearth In thoughtful mood; the hour was late; And ere he vanished from the earth, The past he fain would contemplate. "I brought a wealth of joy for those Who had a'erburdened been with grief,' He said, "and for unnumbered woes Furnished the cordial of relief.

"To some I gave a garden's bloom. Sweet pansies and forget-me-nots; To some the cypress and the tomb, The barrenness of desert spots. With Love I tarried for a while, Breathing the sweet elysian air, And bidding Hope serenely smile Across the threshold of Despair.

"I entered on my natal hour Burdened alike with bliss and bane. Commissioned by my Lord to dower Some hearts with ease, and some with pain. Where happiness had rich increased, I shall be honered long I know, But those I robbed of joy and peace-They will be glad to have me go!

"I've followed many a bridal train; Have watched by many a lonely bier; With birth and death, with loss and gain, Made up the record of the year. And now beside December's gate, Where hangs the years' alarum bell, I pause to scan the past, and wait The sound of my own funeral knell.

"One !- How the hours have slipped away Two !- Some will weep with sore regret Three !- Could I still on earth delay-Four!-Some good I might accomplish

Five !- An angelic song awoke! Six !- Surely are the fetters riven, Seven !- Soon I shall hear the final stroke-Eight !- Chime sweetly with the clock of heaven!

"Nine!-I am nearer to my goal Ten!—Time must cternity begin! Eleven !- Awake, immortal soul! Twelve !- Farewell! and let the New

"I come the Old Year's debts to pay ! I come his promises to keep; To walk upon the world's highway, And deck the grave where dear one

Where he gave smiles I may give tears, Life's path with good or ill bestrew; For unto him who views the years The new is old, the old is new!" - The Sunday-School Times.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Special Report, No. 3, of the U.S. De partment of Agriculture on the cultivate of the Chinese Tea Plant, reveals a grand enterprise worthy the serious attention of the public. The introductory remarks of the Commissioner on this subject are subjoined for the information of our readers, few of whom will fail to perceive the high importance of the [Washington Correspondent of the Springfield Re-

INTRODUCTORY. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICLTURE,

of imports, compiled in the Treasury Do- of Mississippi; Stephens, of Georgia, and partment, show that the people of the many others. Twenty-five years ago and United States import annually from China they were in their glory. Foote was lars' worth of tea.

had for their wares.

following special report, by Mr. A. C. to dislike the secessionists, but he was of August. Jones, of this Department, who has en- compelled to go out with his delegadeavorad to include some facts of practi- tion in the winter of 1860-'61. He had gal value in relation to the history and the sympathies of many Republicans, culture of the tea-plant, not only in China and during the war they watched for news and Japan, but, also, has collected, by of him. He did not take an active part correspondence and otherwise, so far as in the rebellion, and at the first opportuwas possible in the limited time allowed, tunity came out as a Union man, the moa history of the tea-plants which have ment peace was declared he came to been successfully cultivated in various Washington, where he soon found emportions of the United States, mostly by ployment. Ex-Senator Clingman was a persons having in view, merely, the pos- furious secessionist in 1860, and is now a 6 inches deep, at the foot of each vine and test the business we make this unparsession of a rare exotic, rather than with mild Democrat. He spends his winters stock and immediately covered with earth. any hope of profit.

and correspondence, the culture of the and is one of the connecting links between as soon as dissolved by the moisture of on, and a copy of Home and Fireside, one of tea-plant, in the United States is a success, so far as the growing of healthy and vigorous plants, and the preparation of minded Republican must believe that the without causing the slightest injury to the small samples of tea here and there, can be Southern leaders, in and out of Congress, vine. Of 500 vines treated in this way,

The wide difference between the sporadic I ing the last five or six years.

efforts, which have resulted in the healthy growth of a few ornamental shrubs, and [The following parody, on the beautiful in the permanent establishment of a great industry which shall compete with the inherited dexterity and cheap labor of Asia, is fully realized and considered, and with a firm faith in the possibility of success I have determined to exercise whatever of power or influence shall be entrusted to this Department in the effort to demonstrate that, at least for our home supply of this necessary plant, we can and will be dependent only upon our own

> soil and agriculture. fast as the limited means and ground at command will allow, procure seed and persons who will undertake to give such care and attention as may be required.

> this distribution, after careful consideration, having due regard to soil, climate, and surrounding circumstances, in which a number of persons will join, and each agree to inclose, plant, and carefully cultivate a certain number of plants, sufficient in all to make it worth while to establish in the neighborhood at the proper time a tea-curing house.

The first attempts to establish this industry will be made in South Carolina and Georgia, in localities where the tea-plant has already been successfully grown.

Applications may be made, and correspondence is solicited with agricultural associations, which will undertake to carry out the plans and wishes of the Department, and plants will be furnished such associations from time to time, and as speedily as may be possible.

of various untried localities, the tea-plants will be sent in small numbers to any part of the country where it is fairly probable success can be attained.

There are at present only about 2,000 tea-plants in the propagating beds of the Department, and these are engaged; but seeds have been and will be planted, which it is expected will produce several hundred thousand plants for distribution early next spring.

I appeal to those persons who realize the crease the prosperity of the whole country, as well as of the particular sections known to be well adapted to the cul ture of tea, for a deliberate, determined, persevering effort until success is at-WM. G. LE DUC, Commissioner.

## BRESIDENT AND PRESS.

The White House is liberally supplied with newspapers, only a few of which are kapt on file. President Grant used to have one of his secretaries cut out the leading editorials on political topics in the New York daily papers and occasionally from papers published in other cities, which cuttings were handed to him in a bunch, for his perusal late in the afternoon or in the evening. Mr. Hayes does not follow this system; or rather he has materially modified it. It is the duty of one charge of the newspapers received. Enough of them to fill a bushel basket are received every day. The newspaper clerk cuts from most of the influential papers such editorial and other matter as he thinks of interest to the President which he afterwards pastes in scrap books, of which a series is kept. The President from time to time, runs over these scrap books and sees what the newspapers of the country are saying about him and his administration. Mrs. Hayes takes a number of religious weeklies mostly of the Methodist denomination, and these, with Harper's Weekly and copies of daily papers, containing matters of special interest to the family of the White House, are usually to be found scattered over the library tables .- Washington letter to Bos-

SOME REPRESENTATIVE SOUTHERN

One of the most striking sights to be seen here is in some of the old Southern men who linger about the scenes of their this part of Christian duty, Washington, D. C., November 15, 1877. former greatness-Clingman, of North An examination of the statistical tables | Carolina; Boyce, of South Carolina; Foote,

From the Lutheran Visitor. CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

That great and good man, John Arndt, in 1618, at the command of Duke Christian, prepared a church constitution and discipline, which met with great favor in the Lutheran churches in many parts of the em-

tion of those from the Church who system, with good success. I recommend Vegetine as an excellent inedictine for such complaints. This Department : will, therefore, as give offence by gross transgression, or by neglect of public worship or the sacraments. His idea, and that of the having one of the largest stores in Springfield, O. propagate plants, and distribute them to Church in his day, of Church authority, and the "power of the keys," may Special localities will be selected for be inferred from the form of excommunication, "As he has despised the earnest admonitions of God and his servants, and obstinately persists in his disobedience of the Word of God. the reverend consistorium has determined and commanded to proclaim publicly the ban against the disobedi- and yielding to the persuasions of a friend, I consented to the ent and contumacious sinner, N. N., now resident in this parish, and to ex- feet my debiliated system from the first dose; and clude him from the communion of Christians. And let him and all men know that what is here publicly done and declared in relation to this obstinate sinner, is confirmed and ratified in heaven, and which resolution no creature can annul. God has declared to his sevants, Matt. xviii: 18: Meanwhile, to test the climate and soil 'Verily I say unto you, what ye bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,' and will not accept the sinner on any other condition than repentance. Therefore I, as the pastor of the Christian Church, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver this impenitent and open transgressor, N. N., unto Satan, for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ, if he in VEGETINE. importance of the success of this attempt repents; and that his repentance may to establish a new industry, and to in- soon take place, may Almighty God

give him grace." The excommunicated person was alowed to attend Church, but was compelled to sit behind the door or in some obscure seat. If he confessed his sins and repented, he was required to hear the sermon on three consecutive Sundays on his knees in a conspicuous place in the church. When, upon repentance, the ban was removed, the minister used the following language: "I, therefore, by the command of Jesus Christ, in virtue of his own ye remit they are remitted unto them,' Vegetine is Sold by All Druggists. hereby declare to you, N. N., the forgiveness of your sin, and announce to you grace, peace, consolation, and eterof the clerks at the White House to take | nal life in God, and that your are restored to the communion of the Christian Church, in the name of the Fathand of the Son, and of the Holy

> This system of Church discipline, we are told, was practised with the utmost severity, and without respect Clothing to persons, and that incalculable good resulted from it.

It is an interesting matter with us 25 per cent, by calling on me before buying Address to know who is responsible for sins of omission, in case of neglect of discipline, and persons thus omitting are persuaded, by the leniency of the Church, to believe that the omissions (to attend public worship and the Lord's Supper) are not sinful.

We believe there are churches that that attach so little importance to discipline and to the Lord's Supper, that persons are allowed to remain in full membership who habitually neglect

The sin thus committed rests somewhere. Where is it?

The Lady Grape.-We have a single and Japan about twenty millions of dol threatening to hang John P. Hale, or vine of the Lady Grape. It fruited the drawing a pistol on old Tom Benton in past summer for the first time. If we This tea must be paid for in coin, and the Senate lobby. And now this former- were to judge of all Lady Grapes by this, as the British merchants have secured by passionate politician and fire-cater is we should pronounce it, so far as our nearly a monopoly of this trade, the an- as gentle as a sucking dove and looks like knowledge extends, as the best white nual drain of this large amount finds its a saint. He is a good Republican and an grape in cultivation. The vine is as vigway directly into the pockets of our friend- advocate of generous treatment for the orons as its parent the Concord-the ly but astute rivals, whose merchant-fleets negro. He is often to be seen in the Sen- bunches and berries of medium size, the fill every harbor where a market may be ate and in society here. Alexander H. color that of a pea or of any green grape Stephens everybody is familiar with. He just before it begins to ripen. The taste Believing that this large annual expendi- is still a power in Congress, but twenty is nearly that of the Concord, yet there is ture may be saved, and that with proper en- years ago he seemed as now to have one a difference in its favor that enables one couragement our people can export tea in foot in the grave. Boyce, of South Caro- to eat first one and then the other and to successful competition with any other na- lina, was the one member of the delega- determine which is which with his eyes tion, I have caused to be prepared the tion from 1856 to 1860 who was believed shut. They ripen during the latter days

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