The Carolina Watchman.

enough to overwhelm him with con-

over and set his price."

felt he must "face the situation."

"Good afternoon, Miss Dame; won't

"Thank ye, said she, "I can't stop to

set long, though I ain't in no great of

a hurry, either, but, seein' as I come on

bizness, I might as well come tew the

"What air you usin' on it?" in-

"I've been wettin' it in this lini-

at it contemptuously, "her ye got any

The deaeon thought likely thar

might be some some somewhar and

'reck'ned she'd better lay off her bon

"I can't tell," said the deacon, "fur

roomatiz and thar's no knowin' when

"Well, you air unfortinit," exclaim-

So little thinking the words she had

spoken in jest to her niece that morn-

ing had reached the deacon's ear. he

set to work and soon restored the house-

"Thar, now," said she, shaking up

the pillows on the lounge; "seems to

me you'd be more comfortable here dea-

"Mebbe so," said he, hobbling a long

o the lounge, lying on which he men-

ally decided it had rested him just to

ee Miss Serena work. Then the dea-

on remembered that she was called

the best housekeeper for miles around

and that premium at the county fair.

To be sure, it must be hard for her to

look after everything indoors and out

"There ain't many women," thought

he deacon, "could 'a done as well as

"Now, deacon," said Miss Dame

taying, as she expressed it. "straigh-

ened the house out a bit," "you wan

o mix equal parts of alkyhol with

he arniky master good for your foo:

and i'med mine, ef you wanted--'

and of you, re a mind tew cum-

"What?" exclaimed Miss Serena.

As this was the first offer Mi

Serena ever had she be a cd creditably,

ad lived so many years to pass the

emaining ones at Dea on Brackett's

s the deacon's wife. But the Dame

homestead was not long unte a ted,

for the next year Will and Dolly were

narried and moved there. But

neither of them ever knew whether

Aunt Serena proposed to the deacon

proposed to Aunt Serena. - Waverly

The Race Track,

On a certain day recently the daily

newspapers were flaming with the an-

nouncement that a horse had trotted a

mile in two minutes and four seconds.

Every-reader was supposed to take

great interest in this fact, which was,

aflame, her nostrils panting, her ward

in obedience to the driver's urging

word and whip, when she suddenly

dumb effort to do what was desired of

her. Like many another horse on the

race course, she had been driven to

She had burst a blood vessel in her

dropped to the ground-dead.

valuable a timal.

ronderful achievement.

triven in a race.

for she promptly answered:

"I'll cum, deacon,"

Mayazine.

what this place meeds is a mistress,

ed Miss Serena, "seein's I'm here I'll

nit and shawl and set'em steepin'."

powerful bad; ain't it, deacon?"

ment William got at the village."

arniky flowers in the house.'

Jane back?" asked she.

she can get away.'

tidy up a b-t for ye.'

he has."

hold to its wonted orders.

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THE DEACONS PROPOSAL. "Will, Will!" cried Dolly, running

in great haste down the lane one bright spring /morning. "Whoa! Good morning," said Will.

pulling up the Deacon's old horse Steady at the gate. "Much obliged to you, I'm sure, for coming down here to see me," as he waited. "Don't tease, Will: I had a reason

for coming, of course. Is Deacon Brackett at home to-day?" 'Yes, and likely to be for awhile He cut his foot yesterday, chopping up

in the birch pasture." "Is it a bad cut, Will?" "No-That is, only a flesh wound, but it will confine him to the house ye hev a cheer?"

for a week or two; I suppose. Are you coming over to see him?" "No, of course not; but Aunt Serena

wanted me to ask.' "Oh, then she's coming !" unwittingly hitting on the truth. "What can she be coming to see the deacon for?"

"Well, replied Dolly, "I suppose she wouldn't wan't anything said about it, but we heard the deacon wanted to sell the ten-acre field, and Aunt Serena will pay as much for it as any one else ed. can afford to. It joins her lot, you know, and she always said it ought to quired Miss Serena. belong to the farm."

"So that's it," said Will; "didn't know, seeing it's leap year, but she might have some idea-

"Nonsense! I wish she had though She said only this morning, jokingly she'd a good mind to propose to the first single man she met, for hired help's worse than no help, and it wil take all the crops she can raise to pay for raising them.

"That's about the case at home," exclaimed Will. "Mary Jane's mother taken sick and sent for her this morn ing; I've just carried her to the depot, and the deacon's lame and that leaves Wim with no house eeper.' "Dor-o-thy!" called her Aunt Sere-

na from the door. "The clo'es are bilin' an' the buster has come." "And I'm coming ! Good-by, Will "Good-by, Molly; I guess Miss Dame

can buy the field. Day ran into the house, and while her annustammed the golden balls of butter she deft y rinsed, wrong and nung the snowy clothes on the line.

"Aunt Serena," Asked Dolly at dinner, just as her aunt poured out th second drop of tea, having noticed thi was her most communicative time, Deacon Rrockett is a nice man, isn

"Law sakes, child, there ain't a be er nowhere bout. Savin is a good ealkilator; where you find one man h equal you'll find ninety-nine wu ones. "So I thought," observed her niece. I wonder why he never married?"

"I can't tell ve that' I'm sure. Perpaps the deacon's a little too particular. Taint every woman could suit him. prought up as he was."

"No. I don't know of but lone, and hat's you, Aunt Serena." "Don't be foolish, Dorothy,"

Miss Dame, sharply. And Dolly, satisfied that her anni would say noth ing furti e on the subject, mai dai e sagacious silence. In the meantime will had hurried home, where he founthe Deacon lying on the lounge, groaning dismally with the pain in hi right foot and the general condition of

"Dil you ge the liniment, Wi li.m? merred he, anxiously. "Yes sir; here it is. Shall I bathe

our foot now?" "No. You may lo sen the th bardage a bit, though ef yer a mind tew. How on airth are we goin' lev et along till Mary Jane comes bad

is more'n I know.' "Will," answar led Will, after an in spection of the larder, "there's plenty of cold ham and timee loaves of bread and I can boileggs and roast potatoes so we shain't starve for wille I guess. "Mebbe we could get brother John's

vidder awhile." "Can't," said Will promptly; "sh sn't at home.

"Then it's no use going for her," grouned the descon. "Not a mite," replied Will. "By the way, when I came by the Dame's place, Dolly came down to the gate and said her Aunt Serena was coming over here this afternoon.

"Comin' here this afternoon?" echoed the deacon. "It's about that fencia, Is pose. "No said Will "I guess not-I think

-I-that is,"-Then desperately, "it's leap year, you know." "And what ef it 'tis?" queried the leacon obtusely. "Nothing-only-well, I heard Mis-Dame said she'd a good mind to take

ing every muscle and never to do her advantage of it's being leap year. You master's bidding. see, she's plagued about getting help A third time she was brought out and her farm does need a man to overlook it. "William, said the deacon, blushing bounding along the track, her eyes

like a school girl, 'you don't never

"I do, too," returned Will, not daring to meet the deacon's eye. "Well, that beat's all!"

But Will was already out of hearing. having gone to the woodshed, where he was alternately splitting wood and chuckling with laughter at the "good joke" he imagined he had on the deacon. For he knew well the man's nature. Bashful to the last degree in the company of the opposite sex, the more idea that Miss Soreaa might be com ing with matrimonial intentions was

The Dude and the Mad Dog.

fusion. Meanwhile Miss Serena, hav-"You cannot always judge a book by ing finished her dinner, thought she'd the cover," said Major Tom Speedwell "better set off at once, not thinking at the Laclede. "If any man despises best," as she informed Dolly, "to give adude I do. I am prejudiced against the descon tew long a time to think it any man who uses perfumery, wears a silk hat, a stand-collar, or carries a cane. So from his window, the deacon, When I find a man doing all those who was nearvously watching the ridiculous things at one and at the road with a sking heart, soon perceived same time it is all I can do to refrain Miss Serena steadily approaching. from personal violence. I yearn to hit Indeed had it not been for his lameness, him, just on general principles. Add him, just on general principles. Add I am not sure but he wood have taken to these offenses against the canons of ignominously to flight. As it was, he horse sense a button-hole bouquet, a curled mustache and a lisp, and my "Now do ye dew, deacon?" was Miss fingers fairly tingle for a grip of his Serena's salutation, as she cordiall neck, my toes for a coup de grace. shook his gingerly outstretched hand. "Yet I saw just that kind of a biped

me think better of mankind. "I was walking down Madison street Chicago, last Summer, when there was suddenly raised that most appalling of all cries of terror, 'Mad dog!' An pint!" The deacon winced, and Miss old lady and a little girl were crossing Serena, mistaking the expression of a the street, down the center of which a spasm of pain, exclaimed: "Your foot's big mastiff was plunging, with bloodshot eyes and foaming mouth, pursued Considerably so," the deacon admitt- by a couple of officers. He made straight for the old lady, caught her dress and dragged her down. He then sprang at her throat, but before he reached it a youngster tricked out in the toggery I abhor had him by the "Pothecary stuff," said she, sniffing neck.

"The beast raged like a demon, but the dude held him fast until an officer came up and put a bullet through his march!" head. He then picked up his silk tile, having procured them, Miss Serena brushed it with his elbow, and said, with an idiotic lisp: 'Every dog in the thty thould be killed; every body that population of Minnesota is foreign "How long afore you expect Mary keepth a dog in the thity thould be born. her mother's took down with sciatick with a piece of chalk across the headboard of my bed: 'A man may dress like a cad and look like a fool, and still have sand and sense to give away."

Haunted Locomotives.

"There are on nearly every railroad locomotines that are known as Jonahs," Henry E. Archer, who has spent tweety years in the service of the Illinois Central and is at present sojourning at cans. the Southern. "Locomotive engineers than other people, but I have known more than one to throw up his position rather than take out an engine that was regarded as unlucky. Some years ago an engine on an Illinois ro d blew up, cuting the fireman's head off with a segment of boiler iron. The engine was rebuilt and made as good as new. but no engineer could be found to run it more than one trip. It was soon whispered about that it was haunted; hat the headless apparition had an unleasant habit of appearing on the ender with pick and shovel and insistng en firing up. One night an engineer and his fireman deserted the ocomotive while out on a run, and the conductor attempted to bring the train in He was not afraid of ghosts! not I'll warrent. Well, I declare," she went on, "in all the time I've been here Ihan't done my arrant yet. I've been thinking, deacon, seein' your "I do," interrupted the deacon;

he! But he side-tracked at the first opportunity and waited until day-light before completing the run. He tole me that the ghost was no joke; that every time the furnace door was thrown pen the headless apparition entered he cab, bearing a shadowy scoop o coal. For a month the engine lay in "As Mrs. Deacon Brackett," he con- the shops. Then an engineer, who was compelled to either take it out or a cramp and sank, being two minutes ose his position, mounted it. Before below water. When reseued, he was he had run a dozen miles it went through a culbert, wrecked the train and k l ed nine people. It was never mation was restored. The current was So Miss Screna left the house where rebuilt.

Scruples Overcome

The San Jose Mercury prints a stor of a certain Capitain J-, who was brave officer and a good disciplinarian. but nervous and eccentric. He had mania for roll calls. One day he saw pieces of soft bread littered about the Every morning and evening exprescompany streets and shouted with his trains carrying only baggage. customary inpulsiveness, "Fall in Company B!" The men fell in, anthe roll was called. Then the captain referred to the fragments of bread. Right face; breakranks; march!

was not true, that Company B was On the very same day many newspa- him ten cents.

pers had another story of the race track ton a young trotting mare was being line, with headquarters in the village of eves. Falls church. At the post were a sergeant and half a dozen privates. spot of rank weeds where the soil had She had trotted the first and second neats under all the excitement which Strict orders were issued intefering -pirited horses feel at such a time, strain- with private property, Soldiers are human, however; plump chickens were

near, and the result may be imagined. Early the next morning one of the a boy come from abject poverty that and began to trot another heat. Agair "loyal" inhabitans psesented himself one did. When only seven years of she bent all her energies to exceed the headquarters with a grievance. His age he would walk to Hodgenville speed of the other horses. She was fattest chickens had disappeared with a basket of eggs to sell. The during the night, and feathers had boys laughed at him. They said his been found just outside the picket post. | clothes were like Joseph's because of Cantain J-was indignant, and of so many colors. But he was incourse the roll was called. The men dustrious, honest and sober. After a were lectured on the sin of chicken while he went down the Onio and stealing, and a search of haversacks Mississippi rivers on a flat-boat. Then was ordered. The search was made, he returned, and crossing over into but not a feather was discovered.

people about the place had to make do but withdraw. about the matter was that the mare

pity that her owner should lose such a waiting his attention He looked at it or a rail-cut to the pre-ilency of a n fel at i's roma, and was about to republic. -G. W. Bain.

fall to, but the instinct of the officer staid his hand. He called his black

come from?" "Got him outer yer haversack?" The captain looked at the chicken,

down his knife and fork, sprang to the cribs. door and called out, "Fall in!" Again the inevitable roll call. "Who put that chicken into my haversack?" he demanded. A smile passed down the line, but Spring growth, commencing to grow the there was no response. The demand

was repeated in somewhat milder able. They are planted the same way accents for the fragrance of roast chicken was in the air. Finally the servant spoke. Captain," he said, "we all had a hand

perform an act of heroism that made in it. We thought a bit of poultry might be good for you for a change, and your haversack was handy."

> Captain J-called up a serious face, but the chicken had a tempting small. The lines of his countenance relaxed. "It was a wrong thing; to do," he

> said, "a very wrong thing; but now that the bird is cooked-and it smells like a good onc-it would be wicked not to eat it."

And eat it he did. At the next roll call he animadverted again upon the offense of plundering nonconbatants, and wound up his homily by saying: "I shall hang my haversack in the same and the large tubers hit the ground from place tonight. Right face; brick ranks row to row. In good soil they will yield

Assorted Selections.

Fifty-seven per cent of voting

hanged' His philosophy was sound as In Saxony about 70 per cent of the again go back to the old method of corn workings en earn less than \$150 per alone, -Indiana Farmer. There is room for just five more dead

n the "Poct's Corner" of Westminster "Soup, Soap and Salvation" is the concise motto in the room of the Balti- kind of meat prepared in any manner,

of American manufacture, and the promoters of the street car lines are Ameri-

Ivan Kamitz died at Schenectady. N. are not, perhaps, more superstitious Y., of blood poisoning, caused by wearing colored hose on a foot which had blistered.

It is said that Mrs. Adair of Philadelphia, whose first husband left her an immense fortune, spend \$120,000 vear in entertainments.

Ten pairs of shoes and three suits of lothes were worn out by J. Edwin Stone on his walk from San Franisco to New York. The trip was made in 123 days, the distance travleed

being 3,324 miles. A cat gave birth to a kitten with eight legs at Logan, W.T., theother day One side of the kitten is covered with black and white stripes, while the other is spotted nearly every color of the

rainbow. The first double-deck twin screw ferry-boat in use in the United State is the Cincinnati, which runs over the Pennsylvania railroad ferry from Jer sey City to New York. She is 206 feet long 40 feet wide, and make-

welve miles an hour, An account of electricity as a life saver comes from Scotland, where man, while bathing, was siezed with thought to be dead, but after two ap plications of the electric current anipassed between the nape of the neck and the heart.

The longest horse railroad in the world runs from Buenos Ayres to San Martin, in the Argentine respublic, the listance being about fifty miles, and the schedule time of trip thirteen hours. Frains leave Buenes Ayres every hour in the day and twice during the night.

For the Boys.

The great men come out of cabins sarule. Columbus was a weaver. "Don't let me see any more of this Haley was a soap-maker, Homer was a waste-make a mighty good pudding begger, and Franklin, whose name will live while li h ning blazes on a The story was current, but probably cloud, came from the printer's desk. Fifteen years ago I rode horseback, for the matter of that, no donbt a once called into line that the captain through Harden and La Rue counties heavily. The soil should be kept loose might ask which man it was that owed Kentucky. We called that the land and free from weeds, and in good time of ticks and lizards. The soil is very On another occasion the same poor, so poor that it will not raise eye to tell. On a trotting course near Bos captain had command of the guard peas unless you take them without the It can hard y be overdone.

> Riding along thts day I came upon a been made rich by the decay of an old cabin that once stood there.

Out of that cabin year ago came a lean, lank, white-he ded boy. If ever Indiana he there split rals a while, Captain J-gave a sigh of relief, then on to Illinois, where he practiced death. But all comment which the and the complainant had nothing to law, then on to the press ential chair, and in his name with tot Liberty. At dinner that day the captain found I thank God we live in and where a was worth \$20,000, and it was a great a pluma, juicy chicken, finely roasted, boy can go from a tow-path, a tin-yard NO 9

Culture of the Articheker How many of our larmers have treethe feeding of artichokes to stock, es "Horace, where did this chicken pecially to hogs as a Fall, Winter and Spring food? I have raised and fed them several years and Would not now turn to the old method of feeding corn alone, and now that I feed them I never have then at the heavens. Then he laid hog cholera nor so often have empty corn-

Artichokes cam be planted either in Spring or Fall. They are very hardy and no amount of freezing will injure them. The Fall is rather the best time to pant, as they will get the benefit of an early last of starch when the Spring is fayorand require about the same cuitivation the potato.

After the summer,s growth is finished in the Fall, I turn my hogs in and let them help themserves. Here they will fatten With only a little corn, and here I winter my brood sows and fatt pigs also with a hale corn, and in the spring L close up my fence, and there are tubers enough left in the ground to produce next year's crop. If there are thin places they can be replanted and they need no further cultivation as they outgrow, the weeds the second year. I keep two different lots, one for all Winter use and one for Spring, where I turn my hogs to feed for Spring market. The articuoke is also very fine for feeding cows; it is rich and succutent and increases the flow of milk. Spring calves winter nicely on tnem, and colts eat them with as much resish as corn. I cultivate the white Jerusaiem variety. They are very promise as much as one thousand bushels per acre. I dig and pit quite an amount for my winter feeding, and when the ground is frozen to hard for my hogs to work on them, I feed them from the pits.

I think if our larmers would once try, this plan of feeding, they would never

How a Chinaman Kills a Chicken.

One might imagine that the Chinaman who gorges minself with broiled rats and bird s nest soup would cat any more Free Sunday Breakfast associa but such is not the case. John Chinaman has his religious notions about Street cars in Bombay are as a rule such things as well as other people,

Many of the almond eyed inhabitants of Unicago are not very good Budamsts, Since coming to the city they have become apostate. But watch the orthodox Chinaman when he goes to the market Ier his Sunday chicken. He will not take a dead one because the probabilities that the fellow who killed it was not a benever in Gautama and may have enopped us head off with a hatchet. His chicken must have its head on and be very much

John will go to the coop and stire, he feathered prisoners up with a stick. if he finds one that cackies and flutters about in a lively manner he will ony it. He has no use for a dumpish.

sickly appearing fowl. Having made a selection he takes the chicken home alive, gets out a duty title image, kneets before it, makes some queer motions with his hands, mumbles a few words, takes from a men or drawer a kinfe with a doubie edged blade which is extremely sharp and with much ceremony whacks off the head of the towl. This done he returns to the image, and kneeling again apologizes for naving committed den a wicked deed and proceeds to prepare the chicken for dinne .- Chicago

Spare the Old Orchard.

Some fruit growers cut down trees when they cease to bear, and it is not a wise practice. While there is the there is hope. Do not cut a fruit tree down inless it is stone dead, for it takes too ong to grow new ones. Hundreds of old orchards are destroyed every year, which with some trouble could be improved and brought into bearing. It seems like base ingratitude to let orchard crees go on year after year, bearing plenufully perhaps, until they have exhausted the soil, and then because they cease co yield fruit to be cut down by the owner, who has never supplied to the soil in any way that which the trees have taken

It the old trees have been badly negsected, trim them well. Cut out all orushy, crowded limbs, and thin the trees toward the center. Paint the wood that it may not decay. Let the bark be cleaned, and the old rough surface may be cleaned oil. At the right time let the whole ground be well narrowed, but without mutilating the roots, and fer.ilize the trees will bear again. Unleached wood ashes make an excellent fertinger. Let the soil be made as rich as possible.

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