

We have been asked by several correspondents to repeat our publication of Miss Catherine Fanshawe's enigma upon the letter "H," but were unable to respond at the moment, our manuscript copied from the Deepdene Album (in which Miss Fanshawe wrote it in 1816, while on a visit to the late Thomas Hope, Esq., at Deepdene), having been destroyed in the fire which consumed our library. A friend who has preserved a copy of our original publication has supplied it, and we hope that all our readers who may wish to refer to it, will be careful to preserve it. It has often been ascribed to Lord Byron, and indeed has been published in a cheap edition of his poems. The following was copied from the original:

THE LETTER H.
'Twas whispered in heaven, 'twas muttered in hell,
And echo caught faintly the sound as it fell;
On the confines of earth 'twas permitted to rest,
And the depths of the ocean its presence confessed;
'Twill be found in the sphere when 'tis given sounder,
Be seen in the lightning and heard in the thunder;
'Twas allotted to man with his earliest breath,
Attended at his birth and awaits him at death;
Presides o'er his happiness, honors and health;
Is the prop of his house and the end of his wealth;
In the hopes of the miser 'tis hoarded with care,
But is sure to be lost by his prodigal heir.
It begins every hope, every wish it must bound;
With the husbandman tolls; with the monarch is crowned.
Without it the soldier, the sailor my roam,
But woe to the wretches who expels it from home!
In the whispers of conscience its voice will be found,
Nor even in the whirlwind of passion be drowned.
'Twill make it acute and instantly hear,
But in shade let it rest like a delicate flower,
Oh! breathe on it softly—it dies in an hour.

A Minister Starved to Death.
Rev. W. F. Cheekley, assistant minister of St Paul's Episcopal Church, in Toronto, starved to death about two weeks ago. Though his pay was nominally \$800 a year he received about \$400. His family consisted of six children (one, the adult son, having lost both hands), two children of a dead brother and an invalid sister. After Mr. Cheekley's death it was ascertained that the large family had lived on bread for two years. During that long period of suffering meat had not been tasted in the household. An ample fund was raised for the widow and children.

SPOOKS IN A PIANO.
A Professor of Music Shaken from Center to Circumference.

CONNERSVILLE, IND., January 7.—Professor John Wolfgram had a peculiar experience on last Sunday evening, which is susceptible of a scientific investigation. According to statements of the Professor and a half dozen acquaintances whom he called into his music room, it was a strange collision of bodies. Professor Wolfgram, on the evening above named, went into his music room and began playing upon one of his instruments. Instantaneous with his touching the piano the room seemed to be filled with a thunderous sound, shaking the house from foundation to roof. The Professor, struck almost dumb by the queer noise, stopped playing, when the sound also ceased. Immediately upon touching the instrument again the sound was heard. By this time his excitement was too many degrees above zero to mention, and the phenomenon, as it were, being so strange, the Professor called in a half dozen friends as witnesses, who were all completely mystified. After a little while the roaring sound changed to a sound like pounding on the wall, and as the instrument was played loud the knocking on the wall increased in proportion, so loud and hard as to make the house tremble. The sound was in succession with the strokes upon the piano, whether they were soft or loud, fast or slow. In a conversation with the Professor this morning (and, by the way, he is not only one of the best musicians in the State, but a scientific gentleman), he said he was not a believer in spooks, nor in any way superstitious, but he would like to have this freak of sound explained by such scientific gentlemen as Huxley and Tyndall.

The piano was moved about the room, and the doors and windows were opened to see if that would have any effect; but it did not. The ponderous echo continued, responding to the touch of the piano for fully an hour and a half, when it ceased altogether. Every effort was made to discover the cause of this strange sound by those present, but it was all in vain. All of the parties present say their feelings during the time the sound was heard was simply indescribable, expecting every minute to stand in presence of some kind of a horrible or monstrous being.

Philadelphia Times.
THE COLD WAVE.

Some of the Causes Which Produced It—Becoming More Frequent.
The climate of the United States, and especially the Eastern portions of it, is subject to great and rapid changes. These are caused, in many instances, by the large extent of land surface over which its territory extends, and the difference in the amount of solar heat received in different parts. When large bodies of snow have been deposited in the North the wind sweeping over them is deprived of its heat, and a lower temperature is the result. When

winds from more southerly latitudes occur, the reverse takes place. The vicinity of the large oceans which margin the continent of North America on the west and east also tend to produce a change, water parting with its heat less rapidly than the land. In addition to these the current of warm water thrown along the east coast of the United States by the Gulf Stream, and in the Pacific by the Sea of Japan, also exert a powerful influence on the climate of the United States. That waves of heat and cold travel in certain directions, and often with increasing rapidity, is generally caused by the course of chains of mountains and the vicinity of oceans and lakes. In the States east of the Alleghenies clouds loaded with rain or snow generally come from the east or north, while in the great valley of the Mississippi the cold wave usually has its origin in the ice and snow-covered countries directly north, and periods of froth by winds from the south.

In European countries the cultivation of the soil and the removal of the timber have produced important climatic changes, and the same has been noticed in the United States. Our winters, probably, have not so much severe weather as occurred in the early settlement of the continent, but it takes place more suddenly and to a greater extent. This is easily accounted for, as the land, when denuded of timber, presents less obstruction to the advance of storms, and also affords a greater diversity of exposure to the surface to the rays of the sun and becomes more readily and differently heated. As is well known, wind is nothing more than air rushing in to restore the equilibrium which has been disturbed by expansion caused by heat, and when the air thus moving is loaded with snow or other vapor this when meeting with air of a different temperature, condensation takes place and rain or snow is deposited.

The influence of these sudden changes on health is a subject for the investigation of medical men and philantropists. That it has much to do in causing physical infirmities cannot admit of a doubt. A change of forty degrees of temperature, such as occurred on the 2d inst., must aggravate all diseases of the pulmonary organs, and hence, perhaps, the extent and fatal effects of consumption in the Eastern and many of the Western States. Countries in which the temperature is nearest uniform, whether it be of a high or low temperature, are generally least afflicted by diseases which arise from exposure to the extremes of heat and cold; while almost every portion of the habitable globe is subject to visitation from maladies which produce disease and death. These generally arise from local causes, such as stagnant water and large quantities of animal and vegetable matter undergoing decomposition. They do not extend to large areas, and instances of longevity in such countries are not uncommon.

The lengthening day and the restoration to a state of rest of the disturbed atmosphere caused the recent cold wave to be in a manner temporary, but so large bodies of ice and snow are spread over the great lakes and large portions of the East and West, the recurrence of similar waves of cold, though not of equal intensity, may be expected to prevail.

Miscellaneous.

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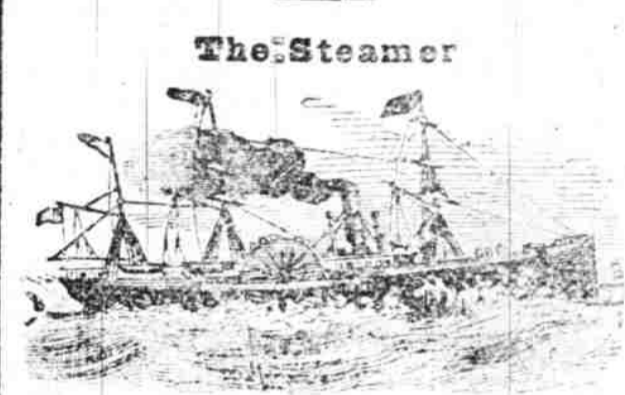
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On and after Sunday, Nov. 24th, 1878, Passenger trains on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad will run as follows: **DAY MAIL AND EXPRESS TRAIN, daily** Leave Wilmington, Front St. Depot at..... 6 38 A M Arrive at Weldon at..... 1 00 P M Leave Weldon..... 2 32 P M Arrive at Wilmington, Front St. Depot at..... 8 53 P M **NIGHT MAIL AND EXPRESS TRAIN, DAILY.** Leave Wilmington, Front St. Depot at..... 9 40 P M Arrive at Weldon at..... 3 50 A M Leave Weldon..... 2 13 A M Arrive at Wilmington, Front St. Depot at..... 8 16 A M

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CAROLINA CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

Office General Superintendent, Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 29, 1878. **Change of Schedule.** ON AND AFTER THIS date, the following Schedule will be operated on the Railway: **PASSENGER, MAIL AND EXPRESS TRAIN.**

No. 1. } Leave Wilmington at..... 6:30 A. M. } Arrive at Hamlet at..... 2:04 P. M. } " } at Charlotte at..... 7:57 P. M. No. 2. } Leave Charlotte at..... 6:00 A. M. } Arrive at Hamlet at..... 11:40 A. M. } " } at Wilmington at 7:55 P. M. **SHELBY DIVISION, MAIL, FREIGHT & PASSENGER AND EXPRESS.**

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Gen'l Supt's Office.

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