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Post Office Money Orders may be obtained in all the cities and in many of the towns. We consider them the best and the best means of remitting fifty dollars or less.

Probably few readers appreciated the significance of this part of a telegram that appears in the Star of yesterday. Most readers would think that it would be a happy fate which would transfer the Turkish Christians from the brutalities and despotic control of the Mussulman to the tender care and parental sympathy of the Russian.

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United States, \$19,012,674. Russia, \$17,378,773. Germany, \$14,938,240. France, \$13,317,389. Canada, \$1,234,056. Sweden, \$1,006,614. Denmark, \$898,975. Austria, \$877,044. All other countries, \$7,468,607.

The man who supposes that one-half or one-fourth of the Southern Whigs could be induced to unite their fortunes for weal or woe with any part of the Republicans of the North, betrays a lamentable ignorance, it seems to us, of Southern men.

Our worthy brother, Capt. Wm. Corson, has been wrecked off the sea coast, and we fear he is forever lost. It is a very sad affair. He leaves a widow with four little children.

Charlotte Observer: Deputy U. S. Marshal Albanus Young yesterday arrested G. M. Myers and Mason Phelps at their stations, charged with the violation of the Internal Revenue laws, and brought them carefully to be tried before U. S. Commissioner Baily.

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In February last, Earl Grey, one of the best informed and most wary of English statesmen, made a speech in Parliament that contains much to awaken the painful thought of all men who care for their fellow men, and who would have others enjoy that freedom of conscience which is their happy and blessed heritage.

Let justice be done though the heavens fall. Fair play is a jewel. If such a thing were possible we would rejoice if all who ensure the President for his Southern policy, or who deny him any credit for good intentions and pacific action, could experience during the next four years what another policy would bring forth which was inspired, controlled, directed by Ben Wade, Wendell Phillips, Dan Cameron and Foster, Morton, Chandler, Blaine, Taft, Garfield, Kilpatrick, Logan, Packard, Chamberlain and others of the band.

Consider what advance has already taken place. On March 24th corn in Baltimore was 53 to 54 cents per bushel. For June delivery it has already sold at 64 cents, an advance of 11 cents a bushel, or 75 cents a barrel, and the war has just begun.

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HOME MANUFACTURERS. We are anxious to see North Carolina a great manufacturing State. We wish to see all the fertilizers used by our people manufactured in the State. There is no reason why this should not be done except the want of enterprise. The millions upon millions of dollars spent in Baltimore alone if kept at home would have added very greatly to the wealth and development of North Carolina.

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Suppose (we have no data of any kind to guide us) one half of this, or 20,000 bags are grown with the aid of commercial fertilizer, and that it requires about one pound of the fertilizer to produce one bushel of lint cotton, that is, 20,000 bags of cotton averaging 500 pounds, requires 9,000,000 (nine million) pounds of fertilizer, equal to 4,500 tons, which, at \$40 per ton, would cost \$180,000.

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But North Carolina produces about 210,000 bags, so that Raleigh buys but about one-sixth of the cotton raised in the State. Would it not be fair to suppose that 4,500 tons more could be sold to other sections of the State whose cotton does not reach Raleigh. This would mean a profit of \$180,000.

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Our farmers have been injured by dishonest or ignorant manufacturers until many of us have refused to buy any offered for sale, while the conflicting prices from \$10 for "chemicals equal to a ton of the best guano," to sixty dollars per ton, have made it difficult to choose between them.

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Good home companies would find patrons beyond the State. Mr. Hutchins very wisely urges the Board of Agriculture to be very watchful as to the matter of inferior manures.

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