

The Weekly Star.

AN ESTHETIC.
She was a maiden of mournful mien,
Clad in a garment of sad sage green,
With peacocks' feathers strangely bedight;
Slipping was the skirt, and the sleeves full
of light.
No frivolous gems that maiden wore,
But a fan in her taper hand she bore,
And on it was painted—so simple and
neat—
A sunflower, with all its petals complete,
Her face was weary and white and wan,
Her hair was the hue of the setting sun;
She did not smile, she did not talk,
She drooped like a lily upon its stalk,
And what were her musings none might
guess—
Her thoughts were too "utter" for words
to express!

COTTON.

New York Financial Chronicle.
New York, January 27.—The movement of the crop, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening (January 27), the total receipts have reached 92,081 bales, against 90,990 bales last week, 114,868 bales the previous week, and 152,429 bales three weeks since; making the total receipts since the 1st of September, 1881, 3,636,296 bales, against 3,944,141 bales for the same period of 1880-81, showing a decrease since September 1, 1881, of 327,845 bales.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 95,936 bales, of which 78,858 were to Great Britain, 4,619 to France, and 12,459 to the rest of the Continent, while the stocks as made up this evening are now 1,143,660 bales.

To-day the market was weaker and feverishly variable, but the close was about as yesterday. Cotton on the spot was quiet and nominally unchanged from Saturday to Wednesday, inclusive. There was some speculation, but very little was done for export or home consumption. On Thursday uplands of all grades were advanced 1-16c, bringing them nearer to the figures for Gulfs, and staided of all growths were also marked up 1-16c. To-day there was no change, middling uplands closing at 12c.

THE CREDIT SYSTEM IN THE SOUTH.

The Atlanta Constitution calls for the abolition of the credit system in Georgia, and says: "This system has become an institution. It is an institution built up and fostered by a species of legislation little short of vicious. Nearly all our slaves since the war have been made in the interest of the debtor class. They have all been in the direction of establishing a vicious credit system, and out of this our people and our business interest must work their way as best they may. It is not easy to suggest a remedy. The farmer indebted to the small provision dealer is compelled to pitch his crop pretty much at the dictation of the latter. This is the secret of the all cotton policy which the majority of our farmers are compelled to pursue, although they know it is ruinous in the end."

The Co-ordinate Power of the States and the Federal Government.

American Register, Dem.
This is one of the most essential, indeed, vital points in our political system. While the Federal Government was made supreme within the sphere of its delegated powers, the States were left supreme within the sphere of their reserved powers. The powers of the former were specially defined in the Constitution, and the 10th article provided that "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Prior to the adoption of the Constitution each State was fully recognized as a distinct community or people, clothed with all the governmental powers of an independent nation, and was so expressly declared in the treaty of peace with England at the close of the American Revolution. This division and co-ordination of powers thus fixed by the Constitution was the chief cornerstone in the Union of the States. Without it the Union could never have been formed. These co-ordinate powers, the States and the Federal Government, were intended as mutual checks upon each other, and safeguards against the abuse and usurpation of power. It is the manifest intention of the Republican party to revolutionize our political system in this regard by subordinating the States, and centralizing all supremacy of power in the Federal Government. This would effectuate a destruction of the Government in its fundamental principle and lead inevitably to a centralized and overshadowing despotism.

RELIGIOUS TOLERATION IN WILMINGTON.

Rev. Frank H. Wood in the Goldsboro Methodist Advance.
To say that these notices of the STAR were a great surprise to all intelligent and sincere Protestants of that city, and we doubt not of the State and country at large, is much below the real fact—they were greeted with displeasure, not to say outrage. Of all the queer and strange things which are taking place in this queer age, this is one of the queerest and strangest; especially when we remember that all those who are connected with the management of the columns of that paper are all Protestants of the most pronounced sort, according to our understanding.

We cannot well conceive how a paper avowedly Catholic could have said more, or would have wanted to if it could. It was to have been expected that the STAR would notice

this service as a mere "news item," but this unstinted and wholesale advertisement and complimenting of Romanism in North Carolina is, in our judgment, simply unparadiseable, to say the least of it.
We do not undertake to say that the STAR may not have the abstract right to speak of what it pleases and in any way it pleases; nor do we charge that its report of this service was overdrawn, or its estimate of the sermons and lectures were not just; nor do we attempt to define just where the boundary line between the rights of a public journal and its patrons runs; none of these do we conceive to be at all vital to the question involved.

The question at issue is, *The Liberty of Conscience and Civil Liberty.* That Romanism is the life-long enemy of both, Protestants everywhere and always affirm; and this is precisely the point to be guarded against. Romanism by Protestant America. Romanism and the liberty of conscience and the liberties of Republican government, are manifestly and necessarily incompatible. Romanism holds and teaches absolute and unquestioned authority and supremacy over both, and whensoever she ever she is able asserts that authority. And that she should do it again, and will do it even in America if opportunity should ever offer, there is not the shadow of reason to doubt.

How, therefore, a paper so thoroughly democratic as the STAR, can so far forget the principles and sacred rights which lie at the foundation of all that is good and great in all our institutions, as to fall down and do homage at the shrine of this monstrous BEAST, may well excite surprise. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." How did Jesuitism beguile you, brethren?

An Ex-Consul's Story.

To the Editor of the Brooklyn Eagle:
A late United States Consul at one of the English inland ports, who is now a private resident of New York, relates the following interesting story. He objects, for reasons, to having his name published, but authorizes the writer to substantiate his statement, and, if necessary, to refer to him, in his private capacity, any person seeking such reference as to the objects of his mission. He hereby presents his statement in almost the exact language in which he gave it to me.
C. M. FARMER.

1690 Third Avenue, New York.

"On my last voyage home from England, some two years ago, in one of the Cunard steamers, I sailed one morning about a few days out of port, a young man hobbling about on the upper deck, supported by crutches, and seeming to move with extreme pain. He objected, for some reason, to being attended or comforted, but was well dressed and of exceedingly handsome countenance, but his limbs were somewhat emaciated and his face very sallow and bore the traces of long suffering. As he seemed to have no attendant or companion, he at once attracted my sympathies, and I went up to him as he leaned against the railing looking out on the foaming track which the steamer was making.

"Excuse me, my young friend," I said, touching him gently on the shoulder, "you appear to be an invalid and hardly able or strong enough to trust yourself unattended on an ocean voyage; but if you require any assistance I am a robust and healthy man and shall be glad to help you."
"You are very kind," he replied, in a weak voice, "but I have no present aid beyond my crutches, which enable me to pass the time, and I am now on my return home to Missouri to die. I suppose, I shall be able to get to my mother's home, but my mother's presence. She is a widow and I am her only child."

"There was a pathos in this speech which affected me profoundly, and awakened in me a desire to do something for him. I had no words to answer him, and stood silently before him watching the slow waning of the ship. While thus standing my thoughts reverted to the vessel and I told me the day before that he had cured himself of a very severe attack of the gout in New York just before his last voyage by the use of the same remedy which I had used. I immediately went below to find the steward. I not only found him off duty, but discovered that he had a bottle of the Oil in his locker, which he had carried across the ocean in case of another attack. He steadily refused to give me the Oil, and I returned to my cabin in great disappointment. I returned to his stateroom and found him sleeping peacefully and breathing gently. I roused him and inquired how he felt. He answered, "No, he laughed at me, and I felt no pain and am able to stretch my limbs without difficulty. I think I'll get up." "No, don't get up to-night," I said, "but let me rub you again with the Oil, and in the morning you will be able to go home." "All right," he said, laughing, "I then applied the Oil again, rubbing his knees, ankles and arms thoroughly, until he said he felt as if he was not on a ship, but on his home land. The next morning when I went down deck for a breezy promenade, according to my custom, I found my patient waiting for me with a smiling face, and he told me that he had been cured of his gout, and was well and happy in my life. To make a long story short, I attended him closely during the rest of the voyage—some forty—apply the Oil every night, and guarding him against too much exposure to the fresh and damp breezes, and on landing at New York, he was able, without assistance, to mount the hotel omnibus, and go to his mother's house. He called on me a few days later, and found him actually engaged in packing his trunk, preparatory to starting West for his home, that evening. With a bright and grateful smile he presented me with a bottle of the Oil, which he had carefully done up in thick brown paper, which stood upon the table, he said, "My good friend, can you guess what that is?" "A present for your sweatshirt," I answered. "No," he laughed, "it is a dozen bottles of St. Jacobs Oil, which I have just purchased from Hudson, the druggist, across the way, and I am taking them home to show my good mother what has saved her son's life and restored him to health. And with it I would like to carry you along also, to show her the face of him without whom I should probably never have tried it. If you should

ever visit the little village of Sedalia, in Missouri, Charlie Townsend and his mother will welcome you to their little home, with hearts full of gratitude, and they will show you a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil, which they will give you and which we shall keep as a parlor ornament as well as a memento of our meeting on the Cunard steamer."
"We parted after an hour's pleasant chat with mutual good will and esteem, and a few weeks afterwards I received a letter from him telling me he was in perfect health and containing many grateful expressions of his affectionate regard."
Brooklyn Eagle.

FIRE RECORD.

Cotton Factory Burned in Knoxville, Tennessee, and the Post Office in Houston, Texas—Three Flour Mills Destroyed at Lockport, N. Y.
[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]
KNOXVILLE, February 1.—A fire broke out in David C. Co's cotton factory last night. In half an hour the brick building and all of its contents were destroyed. Loss \$5,500. The fire communicated to a block of frame buildings on Gay street, in the old part of the city, and in a few minutes three buildings were destroyed. The fire was then gotten under control and the remainder of the block saved. Total loss about \$10,000.
HOUSTON, January 31.—The fire last night in the Fox building, occupied as the postoffice and Western Union Telegraph office, resulted in a damage to the building and contents, by fire and water, of about \$20,000, fully insured. The fire was considerable damage to the mail matter.
LOCKPORT, N. Y., February 1.—Three flouring mills, owned by Thornton & Clever, Arnold & Little, and Gilson & Duerer, were burned to-day. Loss \$125,000. Assistant Chief Engineer of the Fire Department George Woods was cut off by the flames in one building, jumped from the third story window and was killed. Several other firemen were injured.
We are strongly disposed to regard that person as the best physician who does most to alleviate human suffering. Judged from this standard, Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, 233 Western Avenue, Lowell, Mass., is entitled to the front rank, for her Vegetable Compound is daily working wonderful cures in female diseases. Send for circular to the above address.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Two State Senators Arrested for an Apprehended Breach of the Peace and One of Them Committed to Jail.
COLUMBIA, February 1.—Last week an incident occurred in the debate in the Senate between Senators Robert F. Burnham of Colleton, and Senator A. T. Smythe, of Charleston. It was rumored that Burnham had made a threat of personal violence against Smythe, and yesterday morning both were arrested by Sheriff Rowe. Depositions regarding an anticipated breach of the peace having been made by two members of the Legislature, the two Senators were carried before Trial Justice Marshall, who, after hearing the evidence, committed Burnham to jail for a period of ten days, and ordered Smythe to be released on the sum of \$5,000. Upon an understanding that the matter was about to be peacefully adjusted, the information upon which the warrants had been issued was however withdrawn. But later in the afternoon Senator Burnham was again arrested upon an affidavit of a citizen and committed to jail. Friends are making strenuous efforts to effect a restoration which it is thought will transpire to-day.

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