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TRY BROOM CORN.

A Suggestion to the Farmers of This Section—Broom Corn Will Pay From Twenty to Forty Dollars an Acre. Now that a broom factory is to be established in Wilmington, it will be well for some of the farmers in this vicinity to try the experiment of raising broom corn.

The fiscal experience of England is chiefly valuable as representing a people singularly independent and jealous of its property and private rights, yet submitting for half a century to a system of taxation which is denounced, as of all other times, as the most iniquitous.

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PANDEMONIUM REIGNED.

At the commencement exercises of the Charlotte Seminary, held in the Y. M. C. A. hall in that city last Thursday night, while Prof. C. R. Harding was delivering an address, there occurred an exciting scene, which is thus described by the Observer:

Some one in the gallery hearing a noise in the street cried "Fire!" Instantly there was a stampede. To add to the consternation a "boy" in the gallery shouted "the gallery is falling," and the panic which ensued can better be imagined than described.

Blanch-faced people jostled each other in the crowd, and for a few minutes it looked as if some one must be hurt. While the pandemonium reigned, Mr. A. B. Lockhart, of Crown street, upon the platform calling at the top of his voice to the people to sit down, that there was no danger, and finally Mr. Boyd, by reminding them that he had heard the fire alarm, and if fire there was, it was some place else in the city, got the crowd pacified, and gradually the panic subsided.

THE KITCHEN MARKET. Prices of Perishable Products that People Purchase. Spring chickens are active, but some of the faintly feathered birds sent in from the country are slow of sale.

The vegetable market was supplied with cabbage at 5 and 10 cents per head; beets, 5 cents per bunch; snap beans, 20 cents per peck; peas, 30 cents per peck; new potatoes, 40 cents per peck; sweet corn, 20 cents per peck; onions, 5 cents per bushel; squash, 30 cents per dozen.

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ANOTHER MURDER.

William H. Martin Killed by Andrew Cowan at a Negro Ball Near Wrightsville. The Murderer Arrested and Lodged in Jail—Coroner's Inquest. A negro ball was broken up by a murder, about 11 o'clock Wednesday night on Wrightsville Sound, eight miles from this city.

The murderer was Andrew Cowan, a negro, 19 years old, whose home is in Charlotte, N. C., and who was brought here about five months ago by Mrs. T. H. Pritchard as a servant.

Coroner Walton at once proceeded to hold an inquest on the body of the murdered man with a jury as follows: W. H. Stokely (foreman), J. A. Lippitt, R. B. Cameron, W. A. Wright, W. T. Harker and N. N. Bryan.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO MURDER. Mr. Hinton Pigford the Victim of a Dastardly Crime. (Special Star Correspondence.) CLINTON, N. C., May 31st. Mr. Hinton Pigford was the victim of a dastardly crime, committed last night. He was asleep in a cottage on his father's farm three miles north of Clinton, when an unknown villain entered his room and with some tool, evidently a hatchet, or an axe, struck him a terrible blow on the forehead, cutting to the skull.

A STRONG TESTIMONY. What a Leading Educator Thinks of the American Encyclopedic Dictionary. The high standing of Capt. Washington Catlett, Principal of the Cape Fear Academy, both as a scholar and an educator, gives a real value to the annexed testimony:

DR. W. H. BERNARD: "I have examined very carefully the First Part of the American Encyclopedic Dictionary. I am really surprised at the excellence of the work, both for its intrinsic merit and its price. I have made a general comparison with Webster's Unabridged, and with the Century, published also in parts, costing me \$3.50 per volume, or, complete, \$60. The American Encyclopedic Dictionary is superior in many respects to Webster's Unabridged, and for general purposes equal to the Century.

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GET IN THE BAND WAGON.

How to Keep up with the Progression in these Healing Times—A Great Dictionary at a Trifling Cost. This is a fast age and if we want to keep up with the times we have to hurry along with the rest of the world or be distanced in the race.

Edward McCabe, colored, testified: "At a festival on my place, I heard from some parties that Wm. H. Martin was shot about half past one o'clock Wednesday night, May 30th, at night. Some parties, I have made a general comparison with Webster's Unabridged, and with the Century, published also in parts, costing me \$3.50 per volume, or, complete, \$60.

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NAVAL STORES OUTLOOK.

A Slighter Prospect—The Situation Steadily Improving—The Demand Good. Mr. J. P. Williams, who recently returned to Savannah from a tour of the Northern cities, gave the following in regard to the outlook for naval stores: "How do you find the naval stores situation?" "It is undoubtedly steadily improving. It is now pretty well conceded that the crop will not be larger than last year, and the purchases since the opening of the season have been for immediate consumption. The speculative feature has not entered into the trade so far as I can learn. The stocks at the ports in the United States are less than they were a year ago, and the visible supply is not larger than it was at that time. As we have been able to advance the market slightly since the beginning of the present season through a demand in a general way for immediate consumption, and with a prospect of no larger crop than last year, and a prospect for continued improvement in trade for some time to come, we may reasonably expect slightly better prices to prevail than are now being paid."

MARK DOWNEY'S WILL. Handsome Bequest to Catholic Institutions in Richmond, Va. RICHMOND, June 2.—The will of Mr. Mark Downey was probated to-day. It gives \$40,000 to the Sisters of the Poor, a Catholic home here; \$5,000 each to the Male Orphan Asylum and the Friend's Asylum for colored orphans; \$15,000 to Arabella Gordon (Mrs. Downey's cousin), of Queenstown, Ireland; \$5,000 to the Catholic Bishop of this diocese, and the remainder to relatives and friends of the deceased, including \$3,000 each to William A. Piet, of Baltimore; Edward F. Hall, of Texas, and \$5,000 each to Honora and Julia O'Sullivan, of Brooklyn, N. Y. It also gives \$5,000 to each of the children of Mr. Downey, late colonel of the 1st U. S. Cavalry, of Charleston, S. C. The estate is valued at \$300,000.

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