SHE MADE A MISTAKE

I have known Jean Forsyth from the time when she were her hair about her ears and her socks about her ankles. She was Joan Langley then and until she was 20, when she married Charley Forsyth, and was sorry for her mistake within the year. However, when he died, about three years later, she spoke of him with great affection. I could not tell if it was genuine or prompted by an artistic desire to make her manners match her mourning. I believe it was an unconscious mixture of propriety and gralitude. At any rate, the remained unmarried for some time. and lived by herself in a pretty little house on the comfortable income her husband had not had time to lose. I was wrong in saving she lived by herself, for a friend, or cousin, or some old schoolfellow was always staying with her.

Joan is a popular and cheerful young weman, and I have always been very fond of her, but she has, or had, one peculiarity which I could not appreciate. Until she was a widow it was in abeyance, but as soon as she put off her first mourning and began to go about and see her friends it developed rapidly. She loved matchmaking. I could never understand why, for her own experience of marriage had been meet unhappy. If she had been less sweet tempered I should have imagined she was copying the fox who, having lost his own l, tried to persuade his friends to follow his example. Once I suggested to her that as marriages were made in heaven, and even then were not always success it she would be wiser to leave them to he dealt with in the usual way.
"You are quite wrong," she said: "I

don't know who said that silly thing about heaven and marriages. Of course it was a man, and of course he thought he was saying something very clever, but he really was talking nonsense. Now there is Elddy Machin. She is such a dear girl she deserves to be happily married." "So you look on a husband as a reward

of virtue, no matter what he is like?" We were sitting in her drawing room at time. Miss Machin, who was staying h her, had not come in, so we were enour ten together. Joan looked so olivious of the past, so determined to think well of marriage as an institution that I could not help laughing. "How horrid you are, Jim!" she said. You're not a bit sympathetic. You ought be glad to take an interest in any one nd bother about them. Do you think it for my own pleasure I do it? Do you ink I enjoy having Mr. Stamford alays here, for instance?" Oh, Stamford! Is he to be a victim!

"I don't know why you should call him a victim,' " she said coldly. "I think he ill be a most suitable husband for Biddy Machin. She is one of the nicest girls I now, and has no money, poor thing! So the must marry."

"Why should Stamford provide for her?" "He will be very fortunate if she lets him. She is charming and pretty, and he is well off and a very good sort of man. It is an excellent match.

Does she think so?" I asked.

"I have not asked her. I have some tact, Jin. She likes him very much, and she mus parry some one. They are very YI thought you intended young Sim-

me he for her. Why did you change?" I e's not well off, you know. I found d only expectations, and very distant

but a mercenary woman you are. 'I exclaimed. "Do you only think ey in your matchmaking schemes?

to I think Mr. Stamford will do

Oh, love is such a temporary thing!" d, with a cynical air. "Any one n ounce of reason can get over an of love in a month, and do very without it, but money you must

and Stamford is to supply Miss o with money instead of Ralph Simmiving her love. That is very busi-When do you expect to bring it

The engagement?" she asked. the wedding. | Surely you've got

eyond the engagement. Miss Machin has who you six weeks. Y Yes, but these things can't be hurried, "she said slowly, "I think Mr. Stamford baonly waiting for an opportunity to troly you give him plenty," I said, the blushed and said hastily? "You're not at all nice testay, Jim. I don't see anything to laugh at. I can't help it if the than won't become Oh, is that it? He won't come to the

"I wish you would be nicer," she mur-' Endeed, I will be nice," I protested, seeing she was really hurt, "Tell me There's not much to tell. I saw from

the first he was first the man for Biddy, and she seed at to like him, and he is always very thirly to come here or go anywhere with is, and he brings flowers and sweets and thingk." "For her?!" I msked.

"Yes, at least for us both, and they are very great friends, but they don't get any further. He sits here for hours, and I make all sorts of excuses to leave them together, but when I come back I find them sitting opposite each other, just calmly talking, and I shouldn't have thought he was a shy man. He certainly never struck me as being

"Then he must be a fool;" she said crossly. "I am always talking to him about Biddy and how swest she is at home. I've al! but asked him to propose to her, and he only smiles and agrees with everything I say. Never mind. I'm determined he shall marry her, and I always

'Like all pretty women," said I, "but take care! Matches are dangerous things to play with, and some day you will get your fingers burnt."

'Nonsense! I know what I am about. It I approved of bearing, I would bet anything that Philip Stamford proposes to

Biddy within a week." I arose to go as the door opened to admit a visitor. "Mr. Stamford," said the maid. I smiled and glanced at Joan, but

she was back to the light and did not notice me. Half way down the street I came on Miss Machin walking with a tall youth, whom I recognized as the undesirable Simmons. As they did not see me and it was no business of mine I passed on. It was a week before I heard of Joan. Then I met young Simmons looking so

unusually cheerful that I wanted to ask him what good fortune had come to him, but civilization forbids such inquiries of acquaintances. After mentioning the weather he said with some confusion: "It was a pity you missed Mrs. Forsyth's river party. We had a ripping day."
"Where? When?" I exclaime

'Last Wednesday. She said she'd asked "Yes, but I didn't know she had asked

you," I said bluntly. He blushed a little; he is a fairly ingenuous youth and has not outgrown the

"Well, you see," he said, "she didn't exactly ask me, but I heard she was going, and I happened to be there. That's how it "Oh, you happened to hear and be there?

That's very curious," said I, looking at him gravely, and he blushed more than "Preparations!" ever, tried to speak, failed and left me in I wondered what had been the result of the party, and that afternoon I went to find out. The maid left me in the hall

saying she would see if her mistress would see me. I am so used to making myself at home in Joan's house that the girl's formality annoyed me, and, to assert my old footing, I pushed open the dining room door, meaning to wait there.

The room was dim, but I saw two figures very close together, which disen-tangled themselves when they saw me, and one gave a little shriek.

"Miss Machin," I orled, "I beg your pardon!" And in confusion I retired to the hall. I had seen that the second figure was Simmons. "Does Joan know?" wondered. Before I could satisfy myself I heard the drawing room door slammed, and a man rushed down stairs. It was Stamford, looking very cross. He did not

see me till I ventured to speak to him; then he glared, muttered something, selzed his hat and left the house. I went slowly up stairs and into the drawing room. Joan was standing by the mantelpiece with her handkerchief in her hand. She was crying and gave a little jump when she heard me.

"Oh, is it you, Jim? Why did you come up? I can't see any one." "I'm no one," said I. "What's the matter?"

"Nothing," she said. "Nonsense," I said, with severity. 'Come, tell me all about it, as you used to do when your dolls were broken." I pushed a chair toward her, and she sank into it with a sob. "I've been such a fool!" she said. "

can never respect myself again!" "Is it as bad as that?" said I. "Worse. You were right when you said matchmaking was dangerous. It is, bor-

"Ah! You've burnt your fingers?" "And for no purpose. Biddy and Ralph

Simmons"—
"I know," I said. "They are in the drawing room. I disturbed them. But surely Stamford does not blame you?" "Of course he does" She dabbed her eyes. "He thought—he didn't understand -he imagined-men are so vain." She stopped short.

"What did he imagine?" I asked. "That it was for my own sake," she

"Good gracious!" I cried. "And you have just undeceived him?" "It was dreadful, Jim. He thought I cared for him, as he did for me, and when he found out it was a mistake he was awfully upset. He said I'd made a fool of him and that he would leave England and go away." And the poor little woman broke down.

I let her sob a few minutes, then I said: Was it a mistake? Do you want him to stay in England?" "I don't want to drive him away," she

boddos "That is not what I mean," I said. "Do you love him after all?" She hesitated. "That's a horrid thing to ask." she said.

"Never mind," I said sternly. "If you don't love him''-"But I do! That's the awful part of it, she cried, "I've only just found it out, and how could I tell him I did when he took it for granted I'd been running after him? I had to let him think it was a mistake or despise myself all my life." "You're in a mess, Joan," said

"Shall I tell him?" "Not a word!" she cried. Just then I caught sight of a pair of men's gloves on a chair. "Are those his

gloves?" I said, pointing to them "Oh, yes!" she cried, catching them up. "They are a good pair. He will be sorry to lose them," I said. "Suppose you write and tell him they are here and suggest he "Jim, you're an angel!" she cried.

Mrs. Stamford has abandoned matchmaking.-St. Paul's.

LOUISA M. ALCOTT'S CREED. Was Taught That "the Love of Goodne

Was the Love of God." In a number of letters written at long and short intervals from 1872 to 1886 by Louisa M. Alcott to five little girls in Alleghany county, Pa., the author of "Little Women" most charmingly and frankly discloses her extraordinary nature, and the missives, edited by Edward W. Bok. are given to the public in The Ladies Home Journal. In one of the tenderest of these letters, invoked by the sad information of the death of one of the sisters,

Miss Alcott wrote her sorrowing corre-I will tell you my experience, and as it has stood the test of youth and age, health and sickness, joy and sorrow, poverty and wealth, I feel that it is genuine and seem to get more light, warmth and help as I go on learning more of it year by year. My parents never bound us to any church. but taught us that the love of goodness was the love of God, the cheerful doing of duty made life happy, and that the love of one's neighbor in its widest sense was the best help for oneself. Their lives showed us how lovely this simple faith was, how much honor, gratitude and affection it brought them, and what a sweet memory they left behind, for, though father still

lives, his life is over, as far as thought or usefulness is possible. Theodore Parker and Ralph Waldo Emerson did much to help me to see that one can shape life best by trying to build up a strong and noble character through good books, wise people's society, an interest all reforms that help the world and a cheerful acceptance of whatever is inevitable; seeing a beautiful compensation in what often seems a great sacrifice, sorrow or loss and believing always that a wise, loving and just Father cares for us, sees our weakness and is near to help if we call. Have you read Emerson? He is called a pantheist, or believer in nature instead of God. He was truly Christian and saw God in nature, finding strength and comfort in the same sweet influence of the great Mother as well as the Fathe of all. I, too, believe this, and when tired sad or tempted find my best comfort in the woods, the sky, the healing solitude that lets my poor, weary soul find the rest, the

fresh hope or the patience which only God can give us. People used to tell me that when sorrow came I should find my faith faulty because it had no name, but they were wrong, for when the heavy loss of my dear, gifted sister found me too feeble to do anything but suffer passively I still had the sustaining sense of a love that never falled, even when I could not see why this lovely life should end when it was happiest. As a poor, proud, struggling girl I held to the belief that if I deserved success it would surely come so long as my ambition was not for selfish ends, but for my dear family, and it did come, far more fully than I ver hoped or dreamed, though youth, health and many hopes went to earn it. Now, when I might enjoy rest, pleasure and travel, I am still tied by new duties to my baby and give up my dreams, sure that something better will be given me in time. Freedom was always my longing, but I have never had it, so I am still trying to feel that this is the discipline l need, and when I am ready the liberty

A Funeral Dress. "I have learned that there is something

will come.

new under the sun, after all," said the wife of a representative in congress. 'It s what the owner calls a funeral dress. The novelty is not the dress itself, but what composes it. Apparently it is an ordinary black silk dress. It is made up of funeral sashes such as are furnished pallbearers at congressional funerals and consists of sashes that were worn by prominent men at the funerals of Vice President Wilson and Senators Sumner, Carenter and Logan. The lady who owns it keeps our boarding house, and she got the sashes from those who wore them after the funerals. A great portion of the dress consists of silk that once we sed in the gown of a justice of the united States supreme court. The purple velvet collar was given by the wife of a diplomat, and the lace by the widow of a senator who has died in the past six years. The lady who owns it attends many funerals and always wears the dress on such occasions."-

Washington Star. Conducive to Truthfulness. "I understand that Brown claims he hasn't told a lie in 10 or 12 years. Do you believe it?".

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Favetteville Observer: We re gret to chronicle the death of Mr. Jam's Boone, which occurred to day at 12 o'clock, at his son's residence on Robinson street.

- Oxford Democrat: Mrs. Mollie Aycocke, a popular and highly esteemed lady, wife of Dr. Mack Aycocke, died at the home of her husband at Louisburg Monday even-

- Washington Progress : Mr. Sol. Woolard while crossing the bridge which leads into Bayside had a short stem pipe shot from between his lips. To say he was very much surprised is to put it mildly. After his fright he searched the woods, but found no

- Raleigh News and Observer: Joe Boggan, the negro from Richmond county who is in jail here, seems to be a fiend incarna e. He seems to be happy only when engaged in some devilory. During his stay here he has given the officers more trouble than all the rest of the prisoners together. Though closely coofined in an iron cage it is wonderful how much mischief he can hatch up. His latest desperate deed was to attack the negro boy, Wil liam Rogers, who shares his cell with him, take his rations from him and stick the knife with which he was eating into his back several times. This assault was made without any provocation, except the threat of the boy to tell the jailer of how he was being robbed of his food. Boggan is in custody for raping a white woman near Hamlet several months ago, after beating her husband almost to death. The general opinion here is that he ought to be hanged on general principles. He will be taken back to Richmond county next Monday, when court begins there for

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TWINKLINGS.

- "Mrs. Stately, how can we account for the fact that the surface of the ear h is constantly growing colder?" "I'm inclined to think it's because Boston is the hub."-Detroit Free Press.

- Clara-I suppose the brightest moment in your life was when Jack proposed? Cora-Brightest! There wasn't a particle of light in the room!- Yonkers

Statesman. - Smith-You told me your friend sang like a bird. I think he has a borribly hoarse voice. How can you say it is like a bird's?

Iones-Well, the bird I meant was a crow.-Judy. -O'Mike-Phy do they always make the last Thuistay in November Thanksgivin' Day, Ot dunno?

McPhat - Shure, ut's because the Thuisday alther thot ain't November at all at all, ye gomeril.—Life. - Prison Inspector-That man over there seems to positively enjoy the

treadmill. Warden-Yes, sir. 'E's used to the haction. 'E was a bicycle thief. "I second the motion," said the man on the rear of the tandem .- Household

Words - Mr. Citily-Aren't you always worrying lest your train gets showed in or your ferryboat stuck in the ice? Mr. Isolate (of Lonesomehurst) -Hardiy! Why, I always have a basketful of groceries with me, and generally a new cook who would prepare some of

them !- Puck The Modern Mother Has found that her lite ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, ard that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

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Of Stocks, Receipts and Exports of Cotton By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Nov. 27 .- The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending this date:

Net receipts at all United States ports 308,093 194.358 Total receipts to this date 3 516,561 2 379 343 Exports for the week 247,892 148,192 Total exports to this States ports.....1,134,709 973,803 Stock at all interior 493,805 479,078 towns..... claim himself infallible. He would be

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400,000 213,000 Great Britain.... -- Public officials are public servants, and as such their acts are to the line drawn by Mason and Dixon proper subjects for public criticism. Citizens who hold office are not the | land and the southern limit of Pennsylmasters, but the servants of the people. It would be well for public officials to bear in mind that this is not a government of office-holders, for office-holders and by office-holders; on the contrary, it is a government of asking you to stay to dinner? of the people, for the people and by

ANIMALS TOO RICH.

SOME OF THEM HAVE MORE ADVAN-TAGES THAN THEY NEED.

How Evolution Has Affected Certain Sp cies-Frogs Are Poorly Equipped, Yet They Get a Living Easily—Cats Lead the Predatory Classes.

Certain snakes of medium size carry the most deadly weapon, whether of offense or defense, owned by any animal. In addition they have the perfect vertebrate structure which Sir Richard Owen so much admired, and can therefore swim, climb and make their way in places where no other animal of similar size can go. They are the best equipped animals of their kind. Side by side with these are found makes of similar size and equal powers, except that they lack the invincible lethal weapon. They only carry blank car-tridges in the battle of life. Evolution seems arrested for no reason. They not only fail to grow the poison tooth, but do not develop the power of crushing their prey as the constrictors do. It would be far easier for a common grass snake to kill a frog by poison before eating it, as the cobra does, than to have to swallow it alive. It would save it trouble to crush it, as a young boa constrictor of the same size would do, but it does neither, because it neither has developed, nor seems in the least likely to develop, the necessary equipment for so doing.

By the theory of evolution the grass snake ought therefore to go back in the world, while the other common English snake, the poisonous viper, armed with a weapon, powerful as a protection and a means of killing prey, increased in size and numbers and took its place. Yet this is exactly what has not happened. Grass snakes are larger and more numerous than adders, and there is no evidence that the absence of the poison fangs in any way endangers the survival of the species.

It is difficult to account for the absence of any visible failure in life of insect feeding creatures competing for existence on the same food, but with such unequal physical means for obtaining it as are possessed by the swallow, the marmoset, the shrew, the chameleon and the frog. In this list of five creatures living upon similar food we find that the physical appliances for obtaining it range from the perfect development of speed in flight in the swallow, the addition of hands for capture in the marmoset, bodily quickness and activity in the shrew, the power of assuming color exactly similar to that of environment in the chameleon, supplemented by a special apparatus for shooting out the tongue and capturing insects when motionless, to the absence of any special equipment at all, except that of a rather

long tongue, in the insect eating frog. Yet the frog, destitute of all these specialized appliances, lives just as well as the swallow, the shrew, the marmoset or the chameleon, and at least one species, the barking frog, finds that to get on in the world it has only to be and wait till creatures walk its mouth. It has acquired a skin color suited to its environment and a large mouth. But it is not, and could never be, considered well provided for getting its living.

Our estimate of the physical means and appliances necessary for the survival and well being of animals is probably set too high. We judge the needs of all from the perfect development and acquired powers of many, perhaps of most, which evolution has provided with appliances in excess of their real wants. Most animals are overequipped. Evolution has run riot and provided them with means and metal far in excess of their needs, just as it has provided them with an exuberance of ornament which delights us, but must already have passed beyond animal com-

prehension. Probably the cats, great and small, would at once be named as the best equipped of all classes of predatory creatures, and the predatory creatures are by necessity superior in most forms of physique to those on which they prey. They are all "built" on one plan, with a special armament of teeth, sheaths to keep their claws sharp, muscles for springing suddenly to great distances, padded feet to deaden the sound of their movements and color adapted for concealment. These acquired appliances are

in excess of their wants. The polar bear, which cannot spring and has no sheaths for its claws, and has little obvious provision to aid it in swimming, catches and kills animals larger than those killed by the tiger and can kill them in the water. The wolverene, or glutton, which is heavy, slow and has the feet of a ferret, gets its liv-ing as a carnivorous animal no less we than the tiger cats, which have a far more specialized equipment for their

work. There is actual evidence from the fossil bones of tigers that this excess of equipment once went further and has been discarded as superfluous. An extinct species developed canine teeth of such enormous size that it has been named the "saber toothed tiger." The teeth were too long for its jaws, and the modern species use shorter weapons, just as modern ironclads are provided with lighter guns. The curling tasks of some of the mammoths and the palmated horns of the Irish elk were also in excess of requirements and are modified for use in the existing elephants and reindeer. Many monkeys possess a thumb, but some do not, and there is no evidence that they are therefore at a disadvantage for their nonprogressive life. - London Spectator.

What Happened. "Shame on you!" cried 20 voices as a teamster was beating his horse, but no one raised a hand to restrain him. He was pounding the brute over the head with a coal shovel when a young man swung himself off a cable car, reached the man with two jumps, and the way he dropped him with a "biff" under the ear was a beautiful thing to see. As the teamster went down the young man caught his car on the far side of the street and went his way without looking back.

"What's happened?" asked the driver as he got up very slowly. 'Man knocked you down," answered one of the crowd. "What fur?" "For beating your horse." 'Oh, that's it? I didn't know but it

was fur lickin the ole woman last night!'

-Detroit Free Press.

Emperor William's Bumps, An English phrenologist who has examined the head of Emperor William III says that there is nothing unusual about it "It is," he says, "a medium head, of the military type, such as can be found by the score in the army. The bumps of self-love and combativeness are abnormally developed. He will never let himself be stopped by an obstable. There is no power on earth that could exercise the least pressure upon him. His self love is so great that it would not surprise me if he should pro-

perfectly sincere in so doing."

Maryland long ago was known as the Old Line State, the reference being along the northern boundary of Maryvania, an effort having been made to consider this line the northern boundary of the slave territory. None Too Cordial.

The Hostess-I suppose there is no use The Caller-Not in that way. - Cleve the people. - Augusta Chronicle, Dem. | land Plain Dealer.

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I near that the Spanish Government has accepted specifications and has given an Elswick firm an order for a powerful battle ship and a cruiser. But as no money whatever has come to hand in Newc sile, nothing has yet been done

loward their construction. In case of need the cruiser could be ready in a year, but it would take twice as long to finish the iron-clad I understand the cruiser is designed for excep tional spred, and that it would be able to coal for 5,00) knots at twenty-three knots hourly.

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Strongly Opposed to an Increase of th Whiskey Tax, CHICAGO, December 1.-Members of the American Spirits Company did not meet in Chicago, as expected. Levy Mayer, the attorney for the company, states that a meeting of all the leading | \$2.50 to 8.50; seven inch, \$5.50 to 6.50, distillers of the country will be held here during the week. The meeting, said Mr. Mayer, will be secret and among the matters to be coasidered will be Congressional legislation as affecting the inernal reverue tax. The Government now collec's \$1.10 per gallon, or nearly \$50 000 000 a year, as a tax, and some

talk has been indulged in of increasing the same. Any higher tax would be practically a confiscation of the business. It may be that some steps will be taken to send a committee to Washington during the next session, but of this he was not cer-

- "I hear, Rustly, that you sat in game at Cripple Creek and had four aces beaten. What did the other fellow hold ?"

"A bortail flush and a six-shooter."-Detroit Free Press.

EXPORTS FOR THE WEEK.

FOREIGN. LONDON-Barque Aurora-5,153 bbls osin, 400 casks spirits turpentine. GARSTON--Barque Antares-4,500 bbis rosin. GHENT-Stmr Naranja-2,675 bales

cotton. COASTWISE. NEW YORK-Stmr Pawnee-729 bales pales cotton, 666 bbls tar, 174 casks spirits turpentine, 186 bbls rosin, 110,714 feet lumber, 43 pkgs mdse.

New York-Stmr Oneida-514 bales cotton, 458 bbls rosin 225 do spirits. 290 do tar, 75 do pitch, 15,000 feet lumber 48 pkgs mdse. PATCHAGUE-Schr Cottingham -- 223,

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December 9, Wednesday, Com., Trenton, Grace. December 13 Sunday, 8rd in Advent, M. P., Snow Hill, S. Barnabas. December 15, Tuesday, M. P., Farm ville, Emanuel.

December 16 Wednesday, E. P., Ham-

lton, S. Martin's.

December 17, Thursday, Com., Hamilon. S. Martin's. December 18, Friday, E. P., Winston, . John's. December 19, Saturday, Com., Winston, S. John's. December 20, Sunday, 4th in Advent, Murtreesboro, S. Batnabas.

December 25. Christmas, Woodville,

Bertie county, Grace. December 27, Sunday after Christmas, M. P., Roxobel, S. Mark's. M. P.-Morning Prayer. E. P.-Evening Prayer. Com -Communion. At all Morning Services the Holy

The Vestries will please be ready to neet the Bishop. The Children will please be prepared to be catechized. Offerings for Diocesan Missions unless otherwise announced.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market losed steady with sales at 21% cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and ROSIN.-Market firm at \$1 50 per bbl for Strained and \$1 55 for Good

Quotations same day last year-Spirits

turpentine 25%@24%c; rosin, strained. \$1 80, good strained \$1 35; tar \$0 95; crude turpentine \$1 10, 1 50, 1 60. Tar 221

Ordinary 45% Good Ordinary 6 Low Middling..... 6%

Middling...... 7 Good Middling...... 7 5-16 Same day last year, middling 81/4c. Receipts-1,432 bales; same day last COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS-North Carolina-Prime.

CORN-Firm; 88 to 40 cents per bushel. N. C. BACON-Steady; Hams, 8 to 1116 per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c: Sides. 7 to 8c. SHINGLES-Per thousand, five inch

bearts and saps, \$1.60 to 9.25; six inch

TIMBER-Market steady at \$3.00 to

\$3 50 to 8 50; seven inch, \$5 50 to 6.50.

7.50 per M. STAR OFFICE, November 27. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market dull; nothing doing.

ROSIN.-Market firm at \$1 50 per bbl for Strained and \$1 55 for Good Strained. TAR.-Market firm at \$1 10 per bbl of 280 fbs. CRUDE TURPENTINE .- Quiet. Hard 140, Yellow Dip 2.00, and Virgin

190 per barrel.

turpentine 251/2 @24 %c; rosin, strained, \$1 30; good strained \$1 35; tar \$0 95; crude turpentine \$1 10, 1 50, 1 60. RECEIPTS. Spirits Turpentine..... Rosin 1,248 Tar 574 Receipts same day last year-324

Quotations same day last year-Spirits

casks spirits turpentine, 1,089 bbls rosin, 846 bbls tar, 82 bbls crude turpentine. COTTON v on a middling. Quotations: Ordinary 4% Good Ordinary 61/2 Low Middling..... 634 Middling 71/6 Good Middling 7 7-16 Same day last year, middling 81/4c.

vear 2 579. COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANU IS-North Carolina-Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia-Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy 65@70c. CORN-Firm; 88 to 40 cents per

Receipts-2,622 bales; same day last

N. C. BACON-Steady; Hams, to 111/2c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c. SHINGLES-Per thousand, five inch. hearts and saps, \$1.60 to 2 25; six inch.

TIMBER-Market steady at \$3.00 to

7.50 per M. STAR OFFICE, November 28. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market dull: nothing doing. ROSIN-Market firm at \$1 50 per bbl for Strained and \$1 55 for Good Strained. TAR .- Market firm at \$1 10 per

bbl of 280 fbs.
CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Quiet. Hard 1.40, Yellow Dip 200, and Virgin 1.90 per barrel. Quotations same day last year-Spirits turpentine 25 1/6 24 %c; rosin, strained. \$1 30; good strained \$1 35; tar \$0 95; crude turpentine 1 10, 1 50, 1 60.

Spirits Turpentine..... Tar 108 Receipts same day last year-93 casks spirits turpentine, 551 bbls rosin, 850 bbls tar, 80 bbls crude turpentine.

. COTTON. Market firm on a basis of 71/6c for middling. Quotations: Ordinary..... 434 cts % Good Ordinary 6% Low Middling 6% Middling 7½ Good Middling 7 7-16

Same day last year, middling 81/c. Receipts-1,818 bales; same day last COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS-North Carolina-Prime 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia-Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN-Firm; 88 to 40 cents per N. C. BACON-Steady; Hams, 8 to 111/2c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c. SHINGLES-Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, \$1.60 to 2.25; six inch, \$2.50 to 3.50; seven inch; \$5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER-Market steady at \$8.00 to 7.50 per M. STAR OFFICE November 80. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market dull; nothing doing. ROSIN-Market quoted firm at \$1 50

per bbl for Strained, and \$1 55 for Good Strained. At the close sales were reported on a basis of \$1 50 for Good Strained TAR.-Market firm at \$1 10 per bbl of 280 lbs. .CRUDE TURPENTINE .- Outet. Hard 1.40, Yellow Dip 2.00, and Virgin 1.90 per barrel.

\$1 80; good strained \$1 35; tar \$0 95 crude turpentine \$1 10, 1 50, 1 RECEIPTS. Spirits Turpentine..... Rosin.... Tar 371 Crude Turpentine 15

Quotations same day last year-Spirits

turpentine 25%@24%c; rosin, strained,

217 bbls tar, 48 bbls crude turpentine. COTTON. Market firm on a basis of 71/6c for middling. Quotations: Ordinary..... 4% Good Ordinary..... 6% Low Middling..... 6% Middling 7½ " "
Good Middling 7 7c16 " " Same day last year, middling 81/c.

Receipts-1,563 bales; same day last

COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS-North Carolina-Prime 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia— Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

year 384.

CORN.-Firm; 88 to 40 cents per ROUGH RICE-65@70 cents per

N. C. BACON-Steady; Hams, 8 to 111/c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides. 7 to 8c. SHINGLES-Per thousand, five inch. hearts and saps, \$1 60 to 2 35; six inch. \$2.50 to 8 50; seven inch; \$5.50 to 6 50.

TIMBER-Market steady at \$8.00 to 7.50 per M. STAR OFFICE, December 1. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market

firm at 34 cents per garlon bid for machine-made casks, and 231/2 cents for country casks. Later, sales were made at 24 % and 28%.
ROSIN—Market steady at \$1 45 per bbl for Strained and \$1 50 for Good

Strained TAR-Market steady at \$1 10 per bbl of 280 fbs, CRUDE TURPENTINE - Quiet. Hard \$1 40, Yellow Dip 1 90, and Virgin 80 per barrel. Quotations same day last year-Spirits

turpentine 25@241/c; rosin, strained, \$1 30; good strained, 1 35; tar. 0 95; crude turpentine. \$1 10, 1 50, 1 60. RECEIPTS. Spirits Turpentine 151 Rosin.... Tar..... Crude Turpentine..... Receipts same day last year-125

casks spirits turpentine, 593 bbls rosin. 411 bbls tar, 155 bbls crude turpentine, COTTON. Market firm on a basis of 71/6c for middling. Quotations: Ordinary 4%
Good Ordinary 6%
Low Middling 6% cts # 1 Middling...... 7½ Good Middling..... 7 7-16

Same day last year, middling 81/6c. Receipts-2,453 bales; same day last year 2,205. COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS-North Carolina-Prime. 0@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia-

Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c. CORN-Firm; 38 to 40 cents per ROUGH RICE-65@70 cents per bushel. N. C. BACON-Steady; Hams, 8

to 111/c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides. 7 to 8c. SHINGLES-Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, \$1 60 to 2.25; six inch, \$2 50 to 3.50, seven inch, \$5 50 to 6 50. TIMBER-Market steady at \$8.00 to 7.50 per M.

STAR OFFICE. December 2.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market firm at 2414 cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 28% cents for country casks. ROSIN-Market steady at \$1 45 per bbl for Strained and \$1 50 for Good Strained TAR .- Market steady at \$1 10 per bbl of 280 fbs. CRUDE TURPENTINE .- Quiet.

Hard 140, Yellow Dip 1.90 and Virgin 80 per barrel. Quotations same day last year-Spirits turpentine 25@24 1/c; rosin, strained. \$1 80; good strained \$1 85, tar \$0 95; crude turpentine \$1 10 1 50, 1 60, RECEIPTS. Spirits Turpentine........... 194

Rosin.... Tar 106 Crude Turpentine.... Receipts same day last year-117 casks spirits turpentine, 615 bbis rosin, 134 bbis tar, 59 bbls crude turpentine. COTTON. 1 Market firm on a basis of 71/6c for middling. Quotations: Ordinary..... 4% cts # 1

Low Middling..... 6% Middling..... 71/8 Good Middling..... 7 7-16 Same day last year, middling 81/4c. Receipts-1,383 bales; same day last vear 2.101. COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS-North Carolina-Prime

Good Ordinary..... 61/8

10@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia-Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c. CORN-Firm; 88 to 40 cents per bushel. ROUGH RICE-65@70 cents par bushel. N. C. BACON-Steady; Hams, 8

to 111/2c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c. SHINGLES-Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, \$1.60 to \$25; six inch, \$2.50 to 8 50; seven inch \$5.50 to 6.50. TIMBER-Market steady at \$3.00 to 7.50 per M.

Ringing noises in the ears, snapping buzzing, roaring, caused by catarrh, alldisappear with the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

CQTFON AND NAVAL STORES. MONTHLY STATEMENT. RECEIPTS. For month of November, 1896. Spirits. Rosin, Tar. 8.935 19.613 RECEIPTS. For month of November, 1895. Cotton. Rosin, Tar. Spirits. 87,670 8,909 16,429 10,829 EXPORTS.

For month of November, 1896.

Domestic. 8,107 Foreign ... 60,728 2,931 1,185 4,978 948 500 8,434 20,265 4,978 EXPORTS. For month of November, 1895. Cotton. Spirits. Rosin. Tar. Crude. 2,074 2,557 764 2,862 21,6.1 7,211 5,239 22,4 5 7,211 1,212 84,704 STOCKS. and Affoat, Dec. 1, 1896 Askore. Aftoat. Total 18,589 1 753 28,867 1,379 662 26,289 1,74 28,467 1,8 9 662 19,750

MARINE.

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Ashore and Afloat, Dec. 2, 1895.

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ARRIVED. Steamship Oneida, Chichester, New York. H G Smallbones. Schr Cora M, 186 tons, Mitchell, Barbadoes, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. Nor barque Atalanta, 555 tons, Berntzen, Bristol, Eng. J T Riley & Co. Br schr H B Homan, 299 tons, Mc-Neal, Havana, Geo Harriss, Son & Co Schr Annie Ainslie, 288 tons, Mc-

Son & Co. Br schr Turban, 157 tons, Bulford, Bermuda, J H Chadbourn & Co. Steamship Croatan, McKee, New York, H. G Smallbones. Schr B I Hazard, 878 tons, Blatch-Receipts same day last year—60 ford, Norfolk, Va. Geo Harriss, Son casks spirits turpentine, 69 bbls rosin, & Co. CLEARED.

Andrews, Charleston, S C, Geo Harriss,

Heide & Co; cargo by Paterson, Downing & Co and Murchison & Co. Schr John H Tingue, Burdge, Fernandina, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. Steamship Pawnee, Chase, New York, H G Smallbones. Steamship Oneida, Chichester, New York, H G Smallbones. Schr Jao C Cottingham, Thomas, Patchague, L I, Geo Harriss, Son & Co;

Nor barque Aurora, Koss, London,

cargo by Cape Fear Lumber Co. Ger barque Antares, Rahden, Garston Eng. E Peschau & Co; cargo by S P Shotter Co. Br stmr Naranja, Tinkler, Ghent, Belgium, Alex Sprunt & Son.

-- The Hon. Bourke Cockran promises that if we interfere in Cuba. "civlization will be elevated, Dem ocracy vindicated, republicanism made triumphant, and the flag of this country will forever remain a symbol of liberty and progress in the eyes of all mankind" These are fine, handsome sayings; and if, as Ruskin tells us, imagination is the one faculty that never errs, they are doubtless as true now as they were a few weeks ago, when Mr. Cockra .. his sonorous metal blowing even more martial sounds, was using them against Mr. Bryan's candidacy

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New York Journal, Dem.

Infants and Children.

MOTHERS Do You Know that Paregoric, Batenan's Drops, Godfrey's Cordial, many so-called Boothing Syrups and most remedies for children

are composed of opium or morphine? Do You Know that opium and morphine are stupefying narcotle poisons? Do Von Know that in most countries ruggists are not permitted to sell narcotics without labeling them poison?

Do You Know that Castoria is a purely regetable preparation, and that a list of its incredients is published with every bottle? Do You Know that Castoria is the prescription of the famous Dr. Samuel Pitcher? That it has been in use for nearly thirty years, and that more Castoria is nowsold than of all other remedies for children combined?

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Corn, from store, bags—White,
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in bbls....

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