The Weekly Star.

TO A PROSPECTIVE BRIDE.

You tell me that you have a lover who's coming to ask you next week To be his, if you can but discover The method to bring him to speak. If he's small-small men are conceite If loud-well, his breeding is low; If clover-his brain is too heated. Don't you think you had better say "No

Do you think he'll refuse in the morning Do you think he'll feruse in the morning To get up and light every fire? Do you think he'll forever be scanning Ambilitions to which you aspire? Do you think when you are capricious (in your antics a smile he'll bestow? Do you think that he'll think you delicio If he doesn't, you'd better any "No."

Do you think he can write tripping verses In meters and rhymes, say, like mine, And trust to your critical mercies To read them, perchance, or decline? Do you think you will mind if you lose him Don't you think that you might disagree? Don't you think you had better refuse him And in lieu of a better-take me? -La Touche Hancock.

HARD WORK AND HEALTH.

Men Injured More by Imprudence Than by Continuous Labor. A number of successful business men were engaged in a most animated conversation in one of the rooms of an up town club the other day, when the conversation turned on a newspaper paragraph that anneunced with great impressiveness that a man known all over the civilized world as a brilliant writer and humorist was dying from overwork. Regrets were expressed at the condition of one who was known to many of the members of the club, and some comments were indulged in on the folly of working oneself to death. A man of 65 or thereabout broke into the conversation with the remark: "I don't believe that any man ever

died of legitimate hard work, and I am willing to back up my statements against any reasonable prcof that may be furnished."

This naturally created a sensation, and there were very sharp criticisms on this man's position. But he persisted and gave his reasons, which were so full of common sense and logic that most of the company were compelled to admit the truth of them.

Men do not die of legitimate work, neither do they, as a rule, die of what they do during business hours. If the man would leave his office and go quietly home to rest or to reasonable recreation, he would not be likely to suffer in health. But he does not do this. He goes out of his office to the hotel, to the billiard room, to

MAGIC AID TO LOVE.

"My annt," said Cecile Raymond, "has planned to take me to Europe. We start in two weeks. Her detestable nephew, Pen-deld Mickle, goes along. She is determin-ed to break off my engagement with Harry Barnard and make me marry Penfield, and as she is my legal guardian what can L do?" Is never done, and it is especially wearing and wearisome to those whose blood is mpure and unfit properly to tone, sustain, and renew the wasting of nerve, muscle and tissue. It is more because of this condition of the blood that women are run down,

I do?" The matter was worse than I had thought. Mrs. Nagley, the sunt in ques-tion, was a very determined and shrowd woman, so sharp that I believe she would have seen readily things that escaped the hundred eyes of Argus, and, though cer-tainly neither Ceolle nor Herry had taken her into their confidences, she had a very clear idea of the attachment between them and the necessity for prompt and decided action if she would save Cecile's fortune for her favorite brainless and sompegrace nephew.

"Would you marry Mr. Barnard at once?" I asked the girl. She blushed and hesitated to reply, which of course I un-derstood as "Yes." She was softly playing Schumann's "Traumerei" to cover the sound of our voices, for Mrs. Nagley was seated at a front window of the parlor. "That being settled," I continued, "I

"That being settled," I continued, "I have a plan by which you will be able to do so next Tuesday evening. On that night, you know, I am to give an enter-tainment in Rousby hall for the benefit of St. Simian's hospital. You must attend, and when I call for some young lady to come on the stage and be made to myste-riously disappear step up promptly. Wear a dress of some soft, clinging stuff, mount the table and trust to me. Only mount the table and trust to me. Only you must promise never to divulge my trick."

"I promise that very willingly." "Good! When you feel yourself sinking, do not get frightened and shriek or make any movement. You will be quite safe. When the sinking stops, you will be under the stage and a young man there will show you out of the back door. On the street you will meet Harry. The rest I confide to your united intelligence." I had no doubt, when I made that ar-

ement, of being able to see Harry and arrange the part he was to play in the proeedings, but he was out of town and all I could do was to leave at his place of business an earnest message that he must on no account fail to be present at my performance, for reasons very important to

himself. His return to the city in time was assured and I had great faith in the drawing power of that last clause of the

nessage. It seldom fails. I enjoyed in those days rather an enviable reputation as an expert amateur per former of parlor magic, one who could be depended upon to do some of the best tricks of the professionals and generally to produce something new, and the charity for which the "benefit" was given had the support of our best people, so the hall on the night of my last performance was com-fortably crowded. Near the front on one side I had the satisfaction of seeing Cecile with her sunt and the obnoxious nephew,

while at about the center of the house, by the aisle, sat my friend Harry. The first opportunity I had for any per-sonal communication with him was in the course of my "spirit writing" trick, when messages, supposably written by spirits were caused to appear upon slates that had tors and seen to be quite clean. Of course the messages were written in advance, and

AFTER THE BALL.

Voman's In October last an ancient Boston blue-stocking, who signed her name (Miss) Philo Math, entered the geology class of the university at Ann Arbor and soon after became a member of the Women's club in that oity. Miss Philo Math was tall, slight and angular and carried her bead magisterially tilted back, which gave un-due prominence to a short nose and a long due prominence to a short nose and a long chin, both of which were heavenly in their

By a strange coincidence there was at the same time another Miss Philo Math in Than because of the work itself. Every physician says so, and that the only remthe city, a graduate of the university and also a member of the Women's club. She edy is in building up by taking a good nerve tonic, blood purifier and vitalizer was young and pretty, and, although her eyes, peeping out mischlevously from a mass of silky brown hair, were a source of distraction to many, she was a general fa-

ladies, for in an hour the senior was know indies, for in an hour the senior was know as Philo the Great and the junior as Philo the Good, which was abbreviated to "Mag-nus" and "Bonus" respectively. In this way the graduates escaped confusion, and if the professors had followed their ex-ample this incident of the leap year ball would never have been written. The Women's club and the university

classes were very closely allied and the red letter days of the one were known and ob-served by the other. When the Women's club announced its leng year ball for Feb. 29 there was exclement in both institutions and for some days many a pretty lit the billet doux went forth from both class and club. Each member of the Women's club was expected to invite and eccort s gentleman to the ball, and the majority had no difficulty in the selection. Philo the Great was fortunate. She had s younger brother who was only 40, bui Philo the Good had no brother.

It is true that there were many aspirants to the honor of Philo the Good's invitation, but she took time and care in har selection. She looked the list oven mentally, and as each was presented she dismissed him somewhat in this way: "Brown? No; I have given up dolls years ago. Jones? No; a man that carries perfume and a pocket mirror is a contradic-tion. Then Robinson? No; certainly not Robinson. It would take fully six months to convince him that I was not deeply in love with him."

Philo the Good was at her wits' end when a happy thought came to her and developed itself so quickly that in ten minutes she had written an invitation to Professor Mica Felspar, Ph. D., the University, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dr. Felspar was a busy and energetic man, 47 years old, and, although his dark hair was silvered, he looked younger. He was tall and military in appearance and possessed the dignity and command so espossessed the dignity and command so es-sential to a professor. He took a deep insential to a processor. He took a deep in-terest in every member of his class and encouraged them to write to him and ask such questions or make such suggestions as were relevant to their geological studies. The doctor had but little time for his extensive correspondence, and on Feb. 25 the questions and suggestions he received were as extensive as the science of geology itself. Two letters that morning attract the doctor's attention particularly, and he decided to answer them at once.

They first requested him to demonstrate, in his next popular lecture, the harmony of Biblical teaching and scientific knowl-

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE. December 8. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-M rket steady at 24% cents per gallon for ma-chine-made casks, and 24 cents for country cisks. ROSIN-Market firm at \$1 45 per bbl for Strained and \$1 50 for Good

TAR .- Market steady at \$1 10 per CRUDE_ TURPENTINE.-Quiet. Hard 1 40, Yellow Dip 1.90 and Virgin

80 per barrel. Quotations same day last year-Spirits turpentine 25@2414c; rosin, strained. \$1 85; good strained \$1 40, tar \$0 95, crude turpentine \$1 10. 1 50, 1 60.

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ical ills, which vanish before proper ef-forts-gentle efforts-pleasant efforts-rightly directed. There is comfort in RECEIPTS. Spirits Turpentine..... rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual dis-ease, but simply to a constipated condi-tion of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrap of Figs, prompt-ly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is account for a cheened so highly he all Rosin Tar Crude Turpentine..... Receipts same day last year-108 casks spirits turpentine, 1.118 bb/s rosin, 495 bbls tar, 94 bbls crude turpentine.

everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the COTTON. Market firm on a basis of 716c for middling. Quotations: one remedy which promoted internal cleanliness without debilitating the cts # 1

organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its bene-ficial effects, to note when you pur-chase, that you have the genuine arti-Same day last year, middling 81/3c, Receipts-1,668 bales; same day last cle, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists. If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or year 1.611.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS-North Carolina-Prime; other remedics are then not needed. If 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c, Virginia-Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c. afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the CORN-Firm; 88 to 40 cents per

well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction. ROUGH RICE-65@70 cents per

N. C. BACON-Steady; Hams, to 111/c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; SHINGLES-Per thousand, five inch. hearts and saps, \$1.60 to 2 25; six inch, \$2.50 to 8 50; seven inch \$5.50 to 6.50. TIMBER-Market steady at \$3.00 to Money on call to day was easy at 11/2

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pon fours 110%; United States twos 95%; State bonds dull; North Carolina fours TAR-Market steady at \$1 10 per 100; North Carolina sizes 119. Railroad bbl of 280 fbs, CRUDE TURPENTINE .- Quiet.

Silver at'the Stock Exchange to day Hard \$1 40, Yellow Dip 1 90, and Virgin 80 per barrel. COMMERCIAL. Quotations same day last year-Spirits NEW YORK, December 9-Evening.urpentine ,25@9414c; rosin, strained, \$1 35; good strained, 1 40; tar. 0 95; Cotton quiet and steady; middling gult

7.50 per M.

crude turpentine, \$1 10, 1 50, 1 60. Cotton futures-market closed steady; RECEIPTS. December 7 22, January 7, 27, February Spirits Turper 7 35, March 7 44 April 7 49, May 7 55.

Strained.

bbl of 280 lbs.

1.80 per barrel.

24% and 24% cents.

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RECEIPTS.

Rosin.... 322

casks spirits turpentine, 656 bbls rosin.

276 bbls tar, 50 bbls crude turpentine.

Same day last year, middling 8c.

Receipts-567 bales; same day last

PEANUTS-North Carolina-Prime

0@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra

CORN .- Firm; 38 to 40 cents per

ROUGH RICE-65@70 cents per

N. C. BACON-Steady; Hams, 8

to 11%c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c;

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Spirits Turpentine.....

Tar

Quotations same day last year-Spirits



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COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star-December 9-Galveston, quiet at 7%, net receipts 10.051 bales: Norfolk, duit at 71%, net receipts 9.858 bales; Batimore, quiet at 7 7 16, pet receipts pales: Boston, dull at 7 7-16, net receipts 1 347 bales Wilmington, steady at 7, net receipts 898 bales; Philadelphia, quie at

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7 11-16c, net receipts 459 bales; Savannab, quiet at 7 18 16, net receip's 5 886 ales: New Orleans, steadier at 71 16 net receipts 22.687 bales: Mobile, qu'et at 7 15 16 net receipts 9-784 bales: Memphis, steady at 6 15-16, net receipts 4,451 bal- a

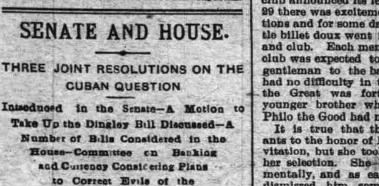
Augusta, quiet at 7 1 16,net receipt+ 1,488 bales; Charleston, steady at 6%, nei receipts 1,879 bales. NEW YORK, December 9 .- Rosin

steady:strained common to good \$1 89%. Spirits turpentine quiet and steady at 27 16 28c.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

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MARINE.



Present System. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 9-The session of the Senate to-day was attended by several interesting and important incidents.

Tired, Weak, Nervous,

The independence of Cuba was the subject of three joint resolutions introduced by Senators Cameron of Pennsylvania, Republican, Mills of Texas, Democrat, and Call of Florida, Democrat. The first acknowledges the independence of the island and directs the tender of the triendly offices of the United States Government with Spain to bring the war to a close. The second directs the President of the United States to take possession of the island with the military and naval forces of the

United States and to hold possession till the Cuban people can organize a govern-ment. And the third recognizes the Republic of Cuba as a free and independent government and extends to it all rights in the ports and within the jurisdiction of the United States. The first eferred to the Co



the saloon, the opera house or other occupations or amusements even less reputable.

Many a man rushes through his business simply that he may get away to plunge into excesses of various sorts. There may be instances in which a complicated business, handicapped by lack of means to carry it on in a comfortably smooth fashion, may wear on a man's mind during his waking and sleeping hours and eventually undermine his vitality. But this is not legitimate business. No man has a right to work against such desperate odds. It is very much better to begin on a smaller scale, to adapt one's hopes to the means at hand and remember that vital force is too valuable to be squandered in straining for the almost impossible.

Straightforward commercial transactions, unattained with the enormous risks that many men take, are healthful and rarely bring bad results. Indeed, all things being equal, it is not business worry that kills, except as a man lifts the burden of business worry on shoulders weakened by excesses, dissipations and unwarranted indulgences.

If men would attribute their ill health to its just cause and would be honest with themselves and the world, in the majority of cases they would be forced to_admit that it is outside matters that cause the drain on their systems and eventually bring them to broken health and shattered intellects. The man who has something to conceal, who has unwarranted business or domestic affairs to lock after, matters about which he must be perpetually on the qui vive list some one should detect him, is the man who, nine times out of ten, will break down, and this dissipation is almost invariably charged to overwork in business.

"Poor fellow, he was so devoted to business that he wore himself out at it," is the verdict, and a more unjust and unwarranted one it would be difficult to render .- New York Ledger.

Bird Shooting Near Cities.

A good many shooters are puzzled to know how they can get practice for bird shooting near the cities during close seasons without paying for practice at

There are several kinds of birds which fly in such a manner as to require skill in the killing and are not protected by law at any time. Of course a small gauge gun is best for such practice, as it takes more skill to kill with it than with a big gun, and the more skill required the better the

The kingfisher is a rapidly darting flier, rather shy and hard to kill. With a 28 gauge gun a shooter's abilities would be well tested.

The English sparrow, if put up badly scared, will give considerable sport, and the man who can get three with two shots out of a small flying flock may regard himself as a good shot. Of course a man wouldn't aim at the center of the flock and null. He aims at particular birds and if he misses the ones aimed at he calls the shot a miss. Red winged and crow blackbirds fly rapidly when their nests are not near by. They are not protected and may be found in partly wooded pastures. Some sportsmen may object to this as

knew much about each person des tined to receive one it may readily be sup-posed that those communications were as Mr. Call may desire to address the sometimes startling and always effective. Senate on the subject.

How their sudden appearance was man-aged I do not deem it necessary to explain even now. The trick was too good a one to be exposed. Harry was one of those most astonished when he read his mysterious missive from the invisible.

"When Cecile mounts the stage, go ou immediately, get a cab, meet her at the stage door, marry before Mrs. Nagley catches you." He fairly gasped as with Rhode Island, Republican, but after a few minutes' reflection Mr. Aldrich withnervous haste he rubbed out the written words. Then the performance ran along smoothly with the "goldfish trick," card manipulations, and so on, until we came to the "mysterious disappearance of a young lady." I had followed with much interest the optical illusions invented by Professo Pepper and by Maskelyne in London, the st," "sphinx," and so on, with the result of being able to get up for myself new trick that I felt assured would make a sensation, as it did, though I am bound to admit my method has been vastly im-

proved upon since. My stage was boxed in triangularly with a shoulder high screen of green baize. Well back in its center taken upon it; and the Senate, at 2.80 p. m., adjourned uatil to-morrow. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. ood a large circular table. Apparently The session of the House to-day was one could see under it perfectly, but really conducted under the influence of the its lower part was boxed in by mirrors

and agreed to.

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until to-morrow.

that, reflecting the screen, gave the illusory effect of clear space there. The top was a large trap. · I called for a young lady volunteer from the audience. Of course one was provided

in readiness, had Cecile backed out, to take her place, but happily the girl's love inade her courageous, and before her aston-ished aunt gould interfere she was out in the aisle and mounting the "runway" to

the stage, amid the loud applause of the Whispering renewed injunctions to stand

teady and not be frightened, I assisted her to step on a chair and from that to the table. We, of course, had to approach the table in a straight line in the center of the stage so as to avoid the angle of reflection in the mirrors, and the lights were lowered slightly as an additional precaution. When she was in place, a huge cyl inder-swung about to show its ness-was lowered over her from the flies and rested on the table. Settling it in place, I touched the spring that held the trap and felt that she was sinking. Then I walked to the front of the stage, waved my baton, the lights flashed up, the orchestra played, and when, in a few seconds, I eard a faint click that told me the table top was back in place I gave a signal. The

cylinder arose again and swung about empty. The girl was gone. The curtain fell behind me while I was bowing to the applauding spectators, and I went off at one side. The applause continued, as I had expected, and the ourtain was raised, showing me again bowing my

acknowledgments in the center of the stage. In those few seconds my precious trick able had been replaced by my able assist ant with another which was a perfect duplicate, except that it had no mirrors or

Mrs. Nagley, I think, suspected thing, for she made a row, demanding the return of the girl, but I replied that I had only promised to make her disappear, not to bring her back. Then she and Penfield and several others came on the stage, at my invitation, and searched for her, but, of course, in vain. By that time Cecile was far on her road to marriage with the man of her choice. J. H. CONNELLY.

Effect of Use.

Mr. James Payn, in his "Gleams of Memory," gives a bit of personal experience illustrative of the truism that "use almost can change the stamp of nature."

During the 35 years he has served as editor, reader and writer of stories and novels the question has often been put to him, "How do you manage when you are ill or out of spirits ite in the same unmistakably

edge to reconcile geology and Genesis and Foreign Relations and the last was laid to silence forever the agnostic and the on the table temporarily until such time scoffer.

This suggestion was from Philo the Great, and the doctor decided to comply, Something of a political sensation was but the other, an invitation to the ball, he produced by a motion made by the would certainly decline. Populist Senator from Nebraska (Mr. The next day Magnus was astounded

Allen) to take up the Dingley bill forwhen she received the following: action so as, he said, to preclude the ne-Many thanks, but I must decline. am too old, the duties too laborious, and I cessity for an extra session. At first do not care to be laughed at. Try the athobjection was made by Mr. Aldrich of letioclub. You will find them, like Barkis, willing.

Magnus read the letter several times drew the objection, which was thereupon Was the professor afraid of the subject! renewed by Mr. Palmer of Illinois. Did he realize its importance? To say he was too old was a feeble excuse, and to re-Democrat. The motion, however, was carried by a yea and nay vote-35 to 21. fer her to the muscular club swingers was A very interesting colleguy followed. an insult. Philo the Great was indignant. and was still in progress when the When Bonus reached the Women's club morning hour expired. The matter then that day, she was very anxious, but a note was waiting for her which calmed her went over without further action, but fears. It read: "I shall be most happy to may be taken up at any time that a similar motion is made by any Senator. comply with your wishes. Your note came like an angel's whisper. I shall go The Immigration bill came up as the prepared to do my duty and waltz over evpofinished business, but no action was ery obstacle. The age is progressive, and in the grand march science should hold the

foremost place." Bonus was overjoyed. How kind of the doctor to accept, and even to call the invi-tation an "angel's whisper!" Philo the Good was happy.

spirit of labor which marked the body For a week Magnus did not attend the vesterday. And while it lasted less than geology class, but Bonus continued her studies and stood facile princeps in her three hours, nine bills were considered and two conference reports agreed to. in class, while, in happy ignorance of his addition to some other business. Such blunder, the professor prepared his lecture on "Genesis and Geology." On the eve of ndustry at the opening of a session, even short one, is unprecedented in the the ball Bonus called on the doctor, as his annals of Congress. All of the day's escort, to make final arrangements. Then, ousiness, however, related to States of as he held the "angel's whisper" in his he Middle West and Pacific coast. hand, he discovered his mistake. He

would not disappoint the fair young grad-The usual resolution distributing the opics of the President's message to the uate, nor even disturb her by an explanappropriate committees was reported tion, and the arrangements were made. rom the Ways and Means Committee , The leap year ball was a success, and none was more admired than were the dignified doctor and the graceful Bonus. Aft-At 3.25 o'clock the House adjourned er leaving the ballroom the doctor told Bonus of his blunder. "I am not sorry The House Committee on Banking now," he said, "that it happened. Every and Currency to-day decided that some one blunders sometimes, but very few steps should be taken by them to "corblunder into such happy results as I have rect the evils in our banking and cur-rency system." Just what this step will done. The invitation was indeed as an-gel's whisper to me." As the doctor con-tinued Bonus blushed. "I want that anbe was not disclosed by the discussion, extending over a period of an hour and gel to be always near me and to whisper

It was decided, and this decision was The professor explained his error to Philo reached with practical unanimity, that the Great and delivered his lecture on it was useless to call before them gentle-"Genesis and Geology" to the most appreciative audience that has been seen in Ann men who are supposed to be experts Arbor for years. in finance who have not formulated in

The members of the Women's club say writing a definite plan which looks to a that before the Easter lilles fade there will practical solution of the present unsatisbe a notice in the papers which will be factory condition of the backing and read with pleasure by Philo the Good's many friends. "It's all due," the doctor currency system. There was some reference to the recommendations contained says, "to Bonus and the angel's whisper, -M. J. Kelly in Chicago Times-Herald. in President Cleveland's message to retire the greenbacks by an issue of bonds.

Barney and the Landlord,

The committee generally favored the proposition, but it was regarded as im-Many years ago, when the versatile Barpracticable to put it into effect, owing to ney Barnato had not even enough coin in the opposition which it would meet. his pockets to perform some of his favorite The committee do not expect to reach juggling tricks, he rented a little house in conclusion regarding a proper banking one of the frontler towns of South Africa bill in time to present it to the House at and proceeded to have trouble with his this session, but it is confidently exlandlord. Barney spent. considerable in improving the house, but the quarrels be tween landlord and tenant continuing pected that one will be ready for the called session of Congress, which is gen-Mr. Barnato decided to move, By inserterally anticipated. The committee ading the following advertisement in the lo journed until one week from to-day. cal paper the prospective millionaire in some measure got even with his landlord: MURDER TRIAL AT OXFORD. "Wanted, by a gentleman who agreed to leave dwelling occupied by him in condi-Two Women and Three Men Convicted-Or tion in which he found it, 100,000 living black beetles." Then followed Barney' Man Sentenced to be Hanged-The name and address. Others to the Penitentiary. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

The Pitcher Plant.

RALEIGH, December 9 .- Two women The nepenthes or pitcher plant is found a 20 or 30 varieties. If is indigenous to numatra, Borneo, jouth India, Ceylon and and three men, all negroes, have for several days been on trial at Oxford for many parts of southern Asia and tropical Africa. In its simplest form a small recep-tacle or pitcher depends from the end of leaf or stem, a hinged lid closing the upmurdering the aged father of the two women eighteen months ago and burying him in their yard. All except one, Calvin Mongum, were convicted of murder in per part of the vessel. It is usually about

60. July 7 68, August 7 64. Sales 266.600 bales. Cotton-net recepts 240 bales; gross

-c; middling 7 7-16c.

Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many phys-

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 9-Evening.

@3 per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 8½@4 per cent. Ster-

ling exchange was quiet, with actual business in bankers bills 4881/04831/;

sixty days and 486 4 @486 4 for demand. Commercial bills 482@488. Govern-

ment bonds firm; United States cou-

bonds steadier.

was bigher.

4.618 bales; exports to Great Britain casks spirits to - bales; to France ---- bales; to 160 bols tar. 1 the Continent - bales; forwarded 717 bales; sales 455 bales; sales to Market fire spinners 65 bales; stock 252,920 bales. middling. Qu Ordinary Total to-day-Net receipts 48.937 bales; exports to Great Britain 23,405 Good Ordina bales; to France - bales; to the Con-Low Middlin tinent 11,457 bales; stock 1,917,889 bales. Middling Total so far this week-Net receipts Good Middlin 180,932 bales; exports to Great Britain Same day 98.419 bales: to France 80,209 bales; to Receiptsyear 1.855.

the Continent 82,707 bales. Total since September 1-Net receipts 8 970,826 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,423,796 bales; exports to France 886,029 bales; exports to the Continent 827,295 bales.

Flour dull, weak and unchanged; Southern flour dull, easy and unchanged; common to fair extra \$8 05@8 60; good to choice \$3 60@3 90, Wheatdull and easier, closing steady; f. o. b 97c; ungraded red 80@97c; options dull and weak at 14@1%c decline: No. 9 red December 861 c; January 861 ;; March -c; May 85c. Corn-spot dull and firm; No. 2 29c at elevator and 80c afloat; ungraded mixed 24c; steamer mixed No. 3 25 kc: options were dull and firm at unchanged prices to 1/c decline; December 29c; January 291/c; May 81 //c. Oatsspot dull and steady; options easier; December 23c; January 23%c; May 25%c; spot-No. 9, 28%c; No. 3 white 25%c; mixed Western 22@28c; white do. 23@ 82c. Lard quiet and nominal; Western steam \$4 15; city \$8 87%@875; December \$4 05. nominal; refined dull; Continent \$4 40; South America \$4 75; com pound \$4 37% @4 50. Pork firm and demand moderate: new mess \$8 \$5@8 75. Butter steady and quiet; State dairy 110 20c; do. creamery 15@28%c; Western creamery 15@24%c; Eigins 24%c. Eggs uiet, weak and unsettled; State and Penneylvania 20@24c; ice house 16@20c Western fresh 20@23c; do. per case \$9 20 @4 50; Southern 19@2014c: limed 1514 @16c. Cotton seed oil quiet nominal; crude 21c; yellow prime 24c. Rice firm, in fair demand and unchanged. Moasses unchanged. Peanuts quiet; fancyhand-picked 8% @4c. Coffee quiet to 5 points down; D.cember \$9 85@9 40; March \$9 50; May \$9 45@9 50; Septem ber \$9 50, spot Rio duil but steady; No. \$10 12%@10 25. Sugar-raw dull but steady; fair refining \$%c; refined quiet and unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9 .- Cash quotations. Flour-the market was quiet and easy hard wheat spring patents \$4 20@4 60 in wood; other quotations unchanged Wheat—No. 2 spring 75% @77c; No. 2 red 88% @89% c. Corn—No.2 28@28% c. Oats No. 2, 18% c. Mess pork, 26 85 @6 90. Lard \$3 77% @8 80. Short rib sides \$8 80@1 00. Dry salted shoulders \$4 25@4 50. Short clear sides \$4 00@ 19%. Whiskey \$1 18 for high-proo

The leading futures ranged as follows: opening, highest, lowest, closing: Wheat-December 76%, 76%, 75%, 75%; 75%; May 79%@80%, 80%, 79%, 79%@79%; July 74%@74%, 74%, 74%; Corn-Decem-ber 23%, 23%, 23%; 33%; January 28%, 28% @28%, 28%, 28% @28% c; May 20 26@28% 26, 28c. Oats-December 17% 17%, 17%, 17%; May 214, 214, 203 20% @21c. Pork-December \$6 85, 6 8 6 85, 6 85; January 87 60, 7 6314, 7 5714 7 60; May 87 95, 7 95, 7 90, 7 9314 Lard-December 88 7314, 8 7314, 8 7314 8 7214: January \$8 8714. 8 90. 8 87 8 871; May \$4 0712, 4 10, 4 05, 4 10. Short ribs-December \$8 9912, 8 9912, 8 9312, 8 9912; January \$8 8712, 8 9012, 9 95 9712, May 44 0912, 4 05

STAR OFFICE, December 7. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market 8 85. 8 8714; May \$4 0214, 4 05, 4 00, steady at 25 cents per gallon for ma-chine-made casks, and 3414 cents for 4 02%. BALTIMORE, Dec. 9.-Flour firm and country casks. Closed firm at 251 and

Spirits Turpentine	CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Qaiet. Hard 1 40, Yellow Dip 1.90, and Virgin 1 80 per barrel. Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 25@24½c; rosin, strained, \$1 85; good strained \$1 40; tar \$1 00; crude turpentine \$1 10, 1 50, 1 60.	
Market firm on a basis of 7c for	, RECEIPTS.	
middling. Quotations: Ordinary 45% cts 28 m	Spirits Turpentine	-
Good Ordinary 6 " "	Rosin	
Low Middling 65% " "	Crude Turpentine	ł
Middling	Receipts same day last year-119	1
Good Middling 7 5-16 " "	casks spirits turpentine, 508 bbls rosin,	t
Same day last year, middling 8c. Receipts-\$24 bales; same day last	262 bbis tar, 51 bbis crude turpentine.	
year 1.855.	COTTON	3
COUNTRY PRODUCE.	Market firm on a basis of 7c for	2
PEANUTS-North Carolina-Prime.	middling. Quotations:	I
40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra	Ordinary 4% cts % 10	1
Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia-	Good Ordinary 6 " "	ļ
Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c. CORN-Firm; 38 to 40 cents per	Low Middling 6% " " Middling	1
bushel.	Good Middling 7 5-16 " '	
ROUGH RICE-65@70 cents per	Same day last year middling 90	1
bushel.	Receipts-891 bales: same day last	2
N. C. BACON-Steady; Hams, 8	year 1.178.	1
to 11% c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.	COUNTRY PRODUCE.	1
SHINGLES-Per thousand, five inch."	PEANUTS-North Carolina-Prime,	3
hearts and saps, \$1 60 to 2.25; six inch.	40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra	ŝ
\$2 50 to 3.50; seven inch, \$5.50 to 6 50.	Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia-	1
TIMBER-Market steady at \$3 00 to	Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.	(
7.50 per M.	CORN-Firm; 88 to 40 cents per bushel.	1
STAD (SPIER Desember F	ROUGH RICE65@70 cents per	
STAR GFFICE December 5.	bushel.	

Sides, 7 to 8c.

7.50 per M.

Strained.

bbl of 280 fbs.

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bushel.

ARRIVED. Br stmr Graffoe, 1932 tons, Penniwell, Liverpool, Alex Sprunt & Son. Steamship Croatan, McKee, Georgetown, H G Smallbones. Steamship Pawnee. Robinson, New York, H G Smallbones. Schr Winnegauce, 251 tons. Manson, New York, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. Steamship Geo W Clyde, Chichester New York, H G Smallbones. Schr Abbie G Cole, 232 tons Cole. New York, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. CLEARED. Steamship Croatan, McKee, New York, H G Smallbones, Br stmr Roxby, Shield, 'Liverpool, Alex Sprunt & Son. Steamship Pawnee, Robinson, New York, H G Smallbones. Nor stmr Thor, Kubule, Savadnah. Heide & Co. Steamship Geo W Clyde, Chichester, Georgetown, H G Smallbones. Wholesale Prices (urrent. N. C. BACON-Steady; H.ms, 8 The following quotations represent What rices generally. In making up small orders rices have to be charged. to 111/c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; SHINGLES-Per thousand, five inch The quotations are always given as accurately as comble, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles bearts and saps, \$1.60 to 2.25; six inch \$9.50 to 8.50; seven inch, \$5.50 to 6.50, TIMBER-Market steady at \$3.00 to BAGGING 1 D Jute. 8 Standa d WESTEKN SMOKED-STAR OFFICE, December 9. Hams 9 D Shou d.rs 9 D DRY SAL IED-SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing 4400 Sides 9 D Shoulcers 9 D BARRELS—>piri s Turpentine— Second-hand, each.... New New York, each.... New City, each ROSIN .- Market firm at \$1 45 per bbl for Strained and \$1 50 for Good TAR .- Market steady at \$1 10 per New City, each CRUDE TURPENTINE .- Quiet. BRICKS-Wilmington P M..... Northern BUTTE -North Carolina P D.... N rthern CORN MEAL-Per Bushel, in sacks Virginia Meal COT TON TIKS-P bundle..... CANDLES-P D-Spevm Hard 1.40, Yellow Dip 1 90 and Virgin Quotations same day last year-Spirits turpentine 25@24%c; rosin, strained. \$1 85; good strained \$1 40; tar \$1 00; crude turpentine \$1 10, 1 50, 1 60. RECEIPTS. Adamantine Spirits Turpentine..... 52 Northern Factory Rosin 869 Tar 65 COFFEE-B b-Crude Turpentine..... 48 10 0 DOMESTICS-Receipts same day last year-26 casks spirits turpentine, 119 bbls rosin, Sheet ng, 44, @ yard...... 36 bbls tar, 19 bbls crude turpentine. COTTON. Market steady on a basis of 7c for niddling. Quotations: barrei.... half-barrei barrei..... Ordinary 4% cts # 1 Good Ordinary..... 6 Mulleta, Warrel Muleta, Warrel N C. Roe Hyrring, Wkeg.... Low Middling 6% Dry Cod, # 10 Extra JOUR- # barrel-Same day last year, middling 8c. Receipts-896 bales; same day last COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS-North Carolina-Prime, 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 HAY, # 100 10-ROUGH RICE-65@70 cents per N. C. BACON-Steady; Hams, 8 to 111/c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; HOOP IRON, 8 Sides, 7 to 8c. North Carolina

	sportsman would not throw them away. He would dress them all, except the king- fishers, which tasts fishy, and the potple bey make would be followed by another a fine stew, as the fiesh is always hard and sweet.—New York Sun. The Smoker's Retort. A doctor who had a great dislike to to- bacco in any form managed, in his hurry at the railway station, to get into a smok- ing compartment. A young man sat op- posite, puffing away at a huge cigar. Af- ter eying him for some minutes the gen- tieman at last addressed him: "Young man, as a medical man let me warn you against smoking. Experience has proved to me that of every ten man suffering from epithelium and paralysis of the tongue mine of these have been caused by tobacco." "Sir," exclaimed the youth, "experience suffering from black eyes nine of them have been caused by people neglecting to mind their own business."—London Tit- Bits.	but without consciousness of the difficulty thus suggested. In times of trouble of many kinds, of severe physical ailments, of domestic be- reavement, and even with death un- der the very roof, my pen, when I found myself at my desk, has turned to ordinary matters with perfect facility and treated them in its habit- ual airy manner. "It may not be a good manner- Mr. Payn's forte is humor-but it has become my own, and misery itself has no power to make it sad. I write these very lines in the acutest pain from rheumatic gont in my gnarled fingers."-Youth's Compan- ion. Baron Rothschild includes in his "Personal Characteristics" the reply of the Marquis de Bievre to Louis XV: "I hear that you make jokes on every subject. Well, make one on	Brown Bros. Tobacco Factory Burned- Loss, \$150,000. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WINSTON. N. C., December 9.—The manufacturing plant of Brown Bros.' To- bacco Company was burned at 8 o'clock this morning. Loss \$150,000; insurance, \$59,000. Besides the factory and ma- chinery, \$50,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco and 150,000 pounds of leaf were consumed. The origin of the fire is not known: DON'T WORRY about your health. Keep your blood pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and you need not fear the grip, colds, bronchitis, pneumonis or typhoid fever.	edges of the pitcher is found a viscous fluid very attractive to insects. In some variaties of the plant the insects sip the fluid, which seems to have an intoxicating effect, and then immediately fall into the water, where they are drowned. In others the lid of the pitcher is left open and closes with a snap whenever an insect ventures in. The bodies of the insects probably serve in some way to nourish the plant. John Bright on Books. John Bright says: I would prefer to have one comfortable room well stocked with books to all you can give me in the way of decoration which the highest art can supply. There is no greater blessing than oan be given to a family than a love of books. <u>A Complex Question</u> , Son-And the missionary was eaten by the cannibals! Will the missionary go to heaven? Father-Oh, yes! Son-Will the cannibal? Father-No. Son-He'll not? Why, how can the missionary go to heaven if the cannibal down't, when the missionary is inside of	 Sec Did; May 86% @87c; Steamer No. 3 red 81c asked; Southern by sample 90@ 93c; do on grade 85% @89%c. Corn firm; spot 99@29%c; year 28% @28%c; January 28% @28%c; February 28% @ 28%c; Steamer mixed 26@26%c. South- ern-white corn 28@29c; do yellow 22% @28%c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 9 white 25@26c; No. 9 mixed 22% @28c. N. C. RAILROAD COMMISSION. Complaint of the S: A. L. Against the Southern States Passenger Asso- clation. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, N. C., December 9.—The Railway Commission to-day received from General Passenger Agent Ander- son, of the Seaboard Air Line, com- plaint against the Southern States Pas- senger Association, charging it with dis- crimination, in that it, with its combina- tion of roads, denies the Seaboard Air Line the privilege of through transpor- vation rates between the North and Elorida, and asking that the Commis- sion prevent this discrimination against North Carolina citizans and railways which have been so fortunate as got to 	bbl for Strained and \$1 50 for Good Strained. TARMarket steady at \$1 10 per bbl of 280 fbs. CRUDE TURPENTINEQuiet. Hard 1.40, Yellow Dip 1.90, and Virgin 1.80 per barrel. Quotations same day last year-Spirits turpentine 25@241%c; rosin, strained, \$1 35; good strained \$1 40; tar \$1 00; crude turpentine 1 10, 1 50, 1 60. RECEIPTS. Spirits Turpentine	TIMBER-Market steady at \$3.00 to 7.50 per M. EXPORTS FOR THE WERK. COASTWISE, NEW YORK-Stmr Croatan-741 bales cotton, 591 casks spirits turpentine, 640 bbls tar, 30 bags peanuts, 36,000 feet lumber, 34 pkgs mdae. NEW YORK-Stmr Pawnee-963 bales cotton, 206 casks spirits turpentine, 140 bbls chaff, 35 do rosin, 10 000 bolts, 400 bags chaff, 60 pkgs mdse. FOREIGN. LIVERPOOL-Stmr Roxby-9 988 bales cotton. Bucklen's Armica Saave. THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Uicers, Salt Rheum. Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Files or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money re- funded. Price 25 cents per box. For	Morth Carolina	
A STACE	M. DThis is queer. Have you taken	XV: "I hear that you make jokes on	Hoon's PILLS are the favorite family cathartic, casy to take, casy to oper-	missionary go to besven if the cannibal	North Carolina citizens and railways	Same day last year, middling 8c.	give perfect satisfaction or money re-	TALLOW, B Datastration 5	
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