SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Fair Bluff Times: In a recent visit to Chadbourn we were astonished at the rapid strides being made by the colonists. New residences are going up in all directions and beautiful strawberry farms are seen on every side.

- Mount Airy News: Rev. James Needham, perhaps the oldest minister in the United States, was photographed by B akemore at his gallery in this city last Thursday, the 16th inst. Rev. Mr. Needham will be 100 years old at his next birth day - some time in May, 1898. He has never quit preaching. He prayed an earnest and powerful prayer at Central church prayer meeting Wednesday night.

- Scotland Neck Commonwealth: Warwick Jones, a hard working colored man who was hurt in the woods a few days ago by a falling tree, has suce died from his injuries. Last Friday night some one broke into the postoffice at Spring Hill, took out a drawer containing money and stamps and carried it to the depot lamp, rifled it and left. The money and stamps taken amounted to about \$10 There is no clue yet as to who was the thief. - Mr. Cullen Lewis, who lived near Daw son's, died quite suddenly Friday morning last. He had been ailing a little, but no one thought it serious. He was taken with a pain in the region of the heart, and got up and dressed and went a short distance to the home of his son, Mr. J. O. Lewis. Soon after he reached his son's he was suddenly taken worse, and before his neighbors could get

there he was dead. .

-Wadesboro Messenger Intelligencer: On Sunday, the 11th inst., Mr. and Mrs. Steve Edwards, who live in Barnsville township, left their young children in charge of Sam Spears, a 16 year old colored boy, employed by Mr. Edwards, while they went on a visit to neighbors. Some time during the day the negro enticed Mr. Edward's little 6 year old daughter into the barn and attempted to assault her. The little girl's 8 year old brother discovered the fiend and interfered, but not until she had been painfully injured On the return of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards they were informed of what had taken place by the children. The father went at once in search of Spears, but the bru'e had fled and could not then be fou d. On the Tuesday following, it being the 14th instant, Spears was arrested and taken before a magistrate for a hearing on the charge of rape, but as the magistrate ruled that the evidence of the children could not be taken-and there was no other evidence-the brute was discharged and faken to Stanly county

- Gastonia Gazette: The horribly mangled body of a white man was found on the railroad track near Dilling's Mill, in King's Mountain, last Sunday morning about 8 o'clock. It was afterwards identified as that of Tom Best, the leader of the notorious Best brothers near Bessemer. The fact that knife cuts were discovered in his back and that he had been in a row during the night led to the suspicion of foul play. Coroner Oates, of Gaston, held an inquest, during which it was developed that if it was a case of murder the deed was committed in Cleveland county, since the county line passes between the scene of the row and the place where the dead body was found. The accused persons were Bud Lay, C. C. Harden and Charles Fulton. They had a preliminary hearing in King's Mountain yesterday. Lay was bound to court in the sum of \$300 and Harden in the sum of \$200 for assault with a deadly weapon, which bonds were given. Fulton was fined \$20 and costs. The theory of the defence was that after the row Best was killed by the train when he was trying to board it.

by his father, wno lives there

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you are of me, but"-

ist, instead of an earl's younger son?" said Miss Muriel Mallett, with a frown on her pretty face and a tear or two in her large, limpid eyes—eyes which made all the men think, wrongly, that she was poetical and sentimental. "But, seriously, can you give me up?"

showed that she was fidgety glimpses of gossamer stocking and fine valenciennes revealed themselves and showed that she

with the famous preface. They have brought me up as a swell with out any profession, and I'm a bit of a fool,

some fellow and manly, and he would have the title and estates some day if two ob-

stacles were to disappear. "I did like you, Bob, and do, and you were always straight. I should like to have been your wife. If only we'd some money to run a theatrical company with!" "Yes, if I hadn't been such a juggins as

"Yes, if we'd the five thou. !" She start ed a little. "You will marry me if ever l have £5,000? Oh, you'd have to work; have to be my manager.' He nodded.

"It's a promise for two years?" "Yes.

"Honor bright?" "Yes, of course, if"-

The man shuddered.

want to break it off." He lowered his head.

House, I'd like to have married you, and I should have been a good wife too. How ever, some day I may want to marry some

"A broken engagement isn't a certifi-cate of good character. You must give me one. That's fair.'

round table, on which was a crocodile skin writing pad with silver edges. She opened it, took out writing paper and found him pen and ink. "Now, then, write this:

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The Hon. Bob signed the letter sadly.

"Yes, darling, on my word of honor!" With a swift movement she threw her arms around his neck and kissed him passionately. A minute later he found him self in the street, sad and bewildered. That evening there was rejoicing in the big mansion in Belgrave square, and the Earl of Hexham drank too much in honor of the return to respectability of the prodi-

We'll soon find you a wife, my boy," he said over the port, which he drank in honor of the affair and in defiance of gout and doctor's orders. "None of your rich American trash, but some one of decent family and the sort of solid, reasonable dowry that a younger son deserves.

Next morning at 12 o'clock, when the earl was vainly trying to put on his boots without swearing at the pain, the Hon. Bob entered the library with a document in his hand. "I never thought she'd have done it, sir." he said. "Done what?"

brougham! Off he went to Lincoln's Inn Fields.
"You'd better settle," said Mr. Ponder, the old family lawyer. "Settle," he shouted, "settle! I'll show

up the baggage, the ——! I'll put every de-tective in London on the job. I'm not afraid of court, and when the jury hears what she really is"-"But the scandal?"

ppearance and leave the rest to me." "My dear governor," interrupted Bob, who had accompanied him, "be fair to the girl. I didn't think Muriel would have done it, but she's perfectly straight. I'd stake my life on it."

"Nonsense, Bob. You're a fool, and you'd better stay abroad till the affair's over. I'll attend to it. I'll show her how

The earl's eyes gleamed. 'We'll teach her, won't we, Ponder, what litigation means?" Then he told a lengthy, stale tale of his successful lawsuit about right of way—a success which added a new mortgage to the family collection.
"It's all very well," said Mr. Ponder,

"but that was chancery; this is common law. I'm sure we should make a mess of it. One of my articled clerks has set up in business in Bedford row. He's a smart fellow and will fight hard and just suit

next day. When he reached Belgrave square and was shown into the library, he saund his father with Mr. Hicks, his Bedford row solicitor. There was a row going on at a high pitch.

"Pray tell your father he must settle," said Mr. Hicks. "Settle, be damned!" interrupted the old

boy.
"Settle, I say," rejoined the solicitor.
"You see, Mr. Martindale, Sir Edward says he won't cross examine the plaintiff

"And the check?" gasped the earl.
"Yes, and the check. He says there's no decent defense, and he won't try to support the detective's tissue of lies. Moreover, he insists that if he did he'd fail, and the damages and disgrace would be awful."
"What does it matter to me?" shouted the old gentleman. "It's not my case. It's the old gentleman. "It's not my case. It's my son's."

"That's a bit steep," observed the son.
"My retainer is from you, my lord,"
urged Mr. Hicks.
"Oh, I'll pay your confounded costs, but where will they get their damages from?"

Bob groaned.

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Sam-By his shrewd speculation. Bob-And how did Fucash happen to lose his little property. Sam-Ob, he went and dabbied in stocks.-Puck,

- He persisted in using a frag-ment of his broken slate, much to his teacher's disgust. "Why don't you tell your mother you broke your slate?" she asked. "I'm sure she'd get you a new one." "Course she would," replied the boy; "and she'd call it a Christmas present I'd rather wait until next term before I ask for it."- Judge.

he avenue. Hal-"Why, I wasn't aware that you had any sisters ?" Ned-"Oh, yes; I have three-by re-

- How He Acquired Them: Ned

-A Narrow Escape: Dulby (woulde novelist)-'I've just finished a new novel. If you have a moment to spare I'll show you the proofs" Wilby-'Oh, never mind about the proofs. I'll take your word for it."-

Chicago Record. - Not Entirely Heartless-"No," said Nero, while Rome was burning, as he turned indignantly to one of his advisers, "this is amusement enough I shall not sanction any six-days' bicycle race. I am not altogether a monster!

And he fiddled away .- Chicago Tribune - Smith-"Hear about the fire ever on the West Side this morning? Nine persons barely escaped with their ives. Remarkable, wasn't it?" Brown-"I fail to see anything very emarkable about it."

Smith-"Why no ?" Brown-"Well, suppose they had escaped without their lives-then it would have been truly remarkable."-Brooklyn Life.

- Monroe Enquirer: Mr. John B. Shannon, formerly a citizen of this county, died at his home in Morning Star township, Mecklenburg county, December 3rd, 1897. He was sixty-one years old. --We learn that Mr. Charles Scott, of Goose Creek township, while coming from Charlotte a few days ago, says robbed of \$193. Our informant says that Mr. Scott left his wagon and went some distance to a spring to get a drink of water and while at the spring was robbed.

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arge will be suspended for two years "What has that to do with me?" said the

Bob interposed, "Lord Salisbury has many claims on his patronage, and in my bankruptcy he'd find a decent excuse for leaving me out in the cold."

The earl had no gout, but he managed

vithout its help to use very vigorous lan-uage concerning sons, solicitors, advo-ates and actresses. "They will take £5,000 for dam with a full apology and withdrawal in open court," said Mr. Hicks, "and £500 for costs."

"An apology! A withdrawal?"
"A withdrawal of all the charges on th

Next day, to the infinite disgust of the reporters and the crowded court, Sir Edward, in a graceful speech, made an apology of the most ample character, withdrew all imputations and announced that 25,000 would be paid as compensation for the injury to the lady, together with her costs.

The Morning Post on the morrow announced that the Earl of Hexam had gone to Buxton.

When the honorable Robert, a day later, received a letter from Muriel saying she was most anxious to see him, he took a cab to Brompton crescent and grew more and more perplexed every inch of the way. Miss Muriel, looking very neat, natty, handsome and piquant, with a prodigious glow of life in her eyes, shook hands with him warmly and made him sit down on the sofa by her side. For a quarter of an hour she stimulated his curiosity by talking about nothing in particular. At last

but what on earth put it into your pretty head to send for me?" She laughed loud, long and heartly—so oud, long and heartly that at last he

laughed with her.
"Well, you are a goose?" she said. "I know it," he answered. "I dread

"Well, but"-"Listen to me. The Hon. Robert Talbot Hiesmes Clarence Martindale made a promise to Miss Muriel Mallett that if within two years she had £5,000 to finance a the atrical company with he'd marry her."

him, opened the crocodile skin writing pad with silver edges and took a bundle of crisp "filmsies" from the flap.
"One, two, three, four," she counted
out up to 50; "50 brand new Bank of Eng-

land notes, each for 100 beautiful, shining sovereigns. You see, I've got the five He stared, mentally paralyzed.

He nodded. "And I love you. If the earl hadn' played it so low down in the defense, might have chucked up the game. As is, I hold you to your word as a man of

honor. Will you marry me?' She looked into his eyes. He really "Will you marry me?" she repeated, her

He replied affirmatively without a word. There is now one obstacle the less be-tween the husband of the fascinating Muriel Mallett and the earldom of Hexham, for his lordship died suddenly from apoplexy on getting a telegram from an old club friend concerning his son's marriage with the fascinating actress.—Sketch.

Their Pilgrimages to Alcove Spring-Camping Party Massacred. When the first immigrant trains carry-ing the Mormon people and their belong-ings to the great Salt lake crossed the Big Blue at this most historic spot, there was scarcely a vestige of civilization in that rescarcely a vestige of civilization in that region of the country. For ages its prairies had been covered with a waving sea of wild grasses. Vast herds of buffaloes had for numberless years wandered unmolested across them. Nothing disturbed its solitude save an occasional band of nomadle Indians in seasch of prey or plunder and the hardy frontiersman, who is always found far in advance of civilization. As early as 1829 Major Stephen H. Long crossed that part of Kansas now known as Marshall county in command of an expedition from Pittsburg to the Rocky moundition from Pittsburg to the Rocky moun tains. General Fremont, on his expedi-tion to the Rocky mountains in 1842-4 passed through that section of the state and mentions in his travels several immi grant wagons en route to Oregon. It was in 1847 that John Smith, the Mormon apostle, with his band of followers from Illinois, opened his way through this country, crossing the Big Blue river at the old Mormon, Independence or California crossing. This was six miles below the present town of Marysville, the county seat of Marshall county. For two years the exited Latter Day Saints passed over the trail that led to this crossing of the Big Blue river. At one time Mormon camping party was surrounded by Indians at this famous spot, and all were killed. Among the party were several elders of the Mormon faith, who were going to the western home to look after the spiritual welfare of the pioneers who had gone before. Ever since the Mormons of Missouri, Illinois and Iowa have annual rilgrimages to Al

cove Springs, where appropriate service are held.—Chicago Times-Herald. The Boers are no doubt puffed up with their constant good luck when resisting British attacks, but they must be well aware that they have nothing to gain by war, and that their position just as it is is one of the most fortunate in history. At least we can recall no other republic in which every man was for his wants well off, in which all taxes were paid by foreign immigrants and foreign toll, and in which the whole community, without ever sub-mitting to a conscription or entering a barrack, had acquired a high military reputation. We cannot believe that these advantages will be willfully thrown away, and do not see wherein, if peace is maintained for the next ten years, Great Britain will

suffer except from a few taunts. And what do taunts matter to a people with our his-If it amuses Direk Cloete to consider John Bull cowardly or soft, let him consider it. He will reconsider that opinion before the end arrives. England is not in a hurry, if the capitalists are. She survived Napoleon, and she will survive Kruger, not to mention the very memory that there

Free From Embarrasament He had been going to see her a long time, but never stated the object of his visits, and she was desirous of knowing something of the future. The last night he called he seemed to be quite sad, and after several well developed sighs he said: "Life is full, very full, of bitterness,

"Oh, I don't know," she responded "I haven't much cause to com-"Possibly not now, Mary, but the bitter cup has been placed to your lips."
"Yes, Henry, my parents are dead."
"And is there no bitterness in that,

Mary? Is it not very, very sad to be an orphan?"
"Of course it is, Henry, but you see"—
and she blushed vividly—"it relieves you
of the embarrassment of asking father." Henry's heart was touched .- Pearson's

Age of the Earth. Science and religion have indulged in numerous arguments upon the age of the earth. One of the best authorities and one whose testimony is admitted by almost all disputants tells us that the earth beall disputants tells us that the earth became solid somewhere between 90,000,000 and 80,000,000 years ago. This statement is based on the length of time that would be required to solidify all of the strata of which we have any knowledge. As this has been one of the ever present subjects for questioning and quibbling, it is a great satisfaction to feel that excellent authorities have finally settled the point.—New York Ledger. MERCER & EVANS.

WILD BIRDS' EGGS.

MANY KINDS THAT ARE USED FOR FOOD IN DIFFERENT LANDS.

English Gulleries and Holland's Eggland Egg Thieves Among the Feathered Tribes-How the Jackdaws Robbed Their Friend the Bantam.

Custom, which rules in matters of esting more than in any other departs life, has set very narrow limits to the English idea of what are and what are not edible eggs. This must be mainly due to fancy, for the taste of the eggs of most birds is almost the same, though that of a very few, such as the plover and the guines fowl, is distinctly superior. Much has been written as to the sale of othe birds' eggs, gulls', guillemets' and red-shanks' for plovers' eggs. They are good enough of their kind, but the difference can be recognized when the shell is strip ped off. Not even those of the redshant approach the plover's in flavor. The guil's eggs are so unlike those of the peewit that the persistence of the tradition that they are sold as plovers' eggs is puzzling. The explanation is somewhat curious. The belief had its origin in a confusion

of names, which is illustrated by a note of names, which is illustrated by a note of Sir Thomas Browne. The old Norfolk name for the black headed gull was "puet," and these puets' eggs were formerly much more commonly used for food than pewits' eggs. Sir Thomas speaks of the puets, in such plentic about Horsey, that they sometimes bring them in certs to Norwich, and sell them at small rates, and the country people make use of their and the country people make use of their eggs in puddings and otherwise." The black headed gull was and to some extent is still the principal wild contribu tor to our egg supply, except the rock fowl of the coast. At the celebrated gullery in Scoulton Mere, in Norfolk, the first eggs are generally laid in the middle of March, and none is taken after a certain time. fixed yearly, according as the season is early or late. As late as 1890, according to Mr Thomas Southwell, from 8,000 to 9,000 eggs were taken annually from this one colony. Several of the ancient guller-ies of Norfolk are now extinct. That near Wangford was destroyed, according to the evidence of a warrener who rem the "coddy moddles," as he called them, 'by taking their eggs too close." On the other hand, fresh colonies have been estab

lished elsewhere.

In the markets in Holland all kinds of large birds' eggs appear for sale, and are presumably intended to be eaten. Redshanks', greenshanks', and godwits' are the commonest in the market stalls of South Holland, but one sees also the bright blue eggs of the heron and those of wild ducks. Formerly a very large trade was done in wild fowl eggs with the shepherds of the isle of Texel. The north part of the 'Taxel''(as it is pronounced by the Dutch) is still called "eyer land"-"egg land"and it was from this district that the supply was mainly drawn. In Friesland, the Dutch Norfolk, where meres, broads, heaths and wild fowl abound, the sheldrakes' eggs are one of the minor sources of pocket money to the villagers. Sheldrakes like to nest in a burrow, in which they would normally lay one setting of eggs and then batch them off. The Frieslanders provide ready made burrows, from which a dozen nesting chambers radiate. These artificial nests are made in a grass covered sand hill, a loose turf being laid over each nesting chamber, which is rereplaced. The strangest part of this arrangement is the tameness of the birds. Several females use the same entrance and will allow themselves to be handled. They go on laying regularly, like hens, until the middle of June, when they are allowed to sit. The late Mr. H. Durnford, the first English naturalist who described the wild life of the Friesian islands, noted that each villager generally owned one of these shel-drake lodging houses, and that they were scrupulously honest in not taking each

others' eggs. This is greatly to the credit of the Frie sians, because egg stealing is not only an almost universal fraility among rustics, of whatever nation, but is the only form of crime which is generally recognized and labeled as larceny in the animal community. Every bird knows that the other bird's eggs are that bird's property. It is not like a young one, but a chattel, and there is a distinct criminal class among birds which knowingly steal eggs, just as there is a respectable class, the great majority, who know that they have to guard against this. Betwixt and between there is a doubtful stratum, represented in this country by rooks, starlings (which take larks' eggs), and gulls, who are not habit-ual criminals, but are liable to stray when temptation comes. The professional egg stealers among our birds are the carrion crow, the magpie, the jay, and the jack-daw. They have no misgivings whatever as to the edible properties of all eggs, though we never knew an instance of them stealing from each other. They are perfectly aware that they are stealing, and their whole air and demeanor when so employed is different to that which they wear when bunting for legitimate food. The following cases may be cited: In April, 1896, a wild duck was disturbed

many for two crows' breakfasts. They invited a few friends, ate all the eggs and then began such a chorus of croaks and shouts that the crime was suspected. Every egg was gone before a single crow ut-tered a sound. In Holland two magnies found a pheasant sitting. They waited until early next morning and then set to work at daybreak, when their proceedings were watched. One went behind the pheas-ant and pecked its tail till the bird turned round and rushed at the magple. The other magpie at once spiked an egg and fiew off. Two jackdaws which had a nest in a hollow tree near a house in Suffolk showed touching affection for a bantam hen They hopped about the yard in her com-pany, ate out of the plate of food set down for the bantam and were much com-mended. The bantam had a nest in the garden known to the household. As no eggs were visible for some days a watch was kept. The two jackdaws were seen sitting by their friend, who was on the vest. When the egg was laid, the bantam flew off clucking, and as soon as she was gone one of he daws flew off with the egg. London Spectator.

CLIMBING MOUNT RAINIER. Thrilling Experience That Was Just Saved From Becoming Tragis. So far as I have been able to learn, no ne had ascended the east side of Mount Rainler previous to our excursion. Much of the way the slope was so steep that we could barely retain a footbold in the hard snow with our spiked shoes, aided by our alpenstocks. In only a few places, the ever, was it necessary to out steep. The snow was greatly crevassed, and numerous snow bridges had to be crossed. Owing to the steepness of the general slope the up-per sides of the crevasses frequently stood as walls, which rose in front of us in ascending and were the most troublesome of all the obstructions to overcome. Several times after wearily threading our way through a maze of intersecting fractures for an hour or more an impassable guif or a vertical wall barred farther progress. As retreat and another attempt were then the

Our advance was slow even on unbroken slopes, as we were roped together, and it was necessary for safety that some of the party should always have a firm hold in the snow with alpenstocks while others were advancing. Once we were in danger of a disaster. While crossing a steep snow slope diagonally and having a yawning crevasse immediately below us the man next the rear end of the line slipped and slid down the slope on his back to the very slid down the slope on his back to the very brink of the yawning gulf. Unfortunately the man behind him at that critical moment removed his alpenstock from the snow, was jerked from his feet and, shooting head first down the steep incline, dis-appeared over the edge of the crevasse. A appeared over the edge of the drevasse. A severe strain came on the rope, but the three men in advance held fast with their alpenstocks. Before assistance could be extended to the man dangling in midair in the crevasse he climbed the taut rope and stood unharmed among us once more. The only unfortunate result of the accident was the loss of an alpenstock —"I'm. dent was the loss of an alpenstock,—"Im-pressions of Mount Rainier," by Israel C. Russell, in Scribner's.

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FIVE THOUSAND.

"My dear girl, you'll have to let me off.

I'm awfully sorry, but the gov. won't give way. I'm really fond of you, and I think "Oh, why didn't I want to marry a decent barrister, a doctor, or even a journal-

The Hon. Bob Martindale looked at her. She was just his ideal-tall, well built, but with a saucy face in which the big black eyes seemed out of place, if fascinating There was in her countenance the strangeness which, according to Bacon, is necessary to great beauty. She affected a tailormade gown and was always well groomed. Yet, though her dress was a trifle mannish, in the brusque movements which

had a conscience in costume that would have delighted the hero of Gautier's novel "My dear girl, if it were a question of risking my life or anything like that I wouldn't hesitate. If it were even one of those affairs of fellows who, for a few hours of-of-well, you know, gladly die, I'd be there, but-but I can't be a cad.

and I couldn't live on your earnings as otress; so there you are."

Miss Muriel sighed. Bob was a hand-

to blue the five thou. old Uncle Tom left me-I didn't know you then.'

"If I run straight? Well, look here! We've been engaged—honorably—and you "I'm young, only 24, even at Somerset

She got up and wheeled to him a little

'Now be off. I've to go to rehearsal. No, you mustn't drive me down. Once more, if within two years I have five thou.

"Look! The beastly thing says, 'The plaintiff claims damages for breach of promise of marriage." "Bring me my slippers!" shouted the earl. "D-n the horse! Send round the

"Don't talk about scandal. Enter an

Bob went off to the Riviers and lost all the money his father gave him. During his absence the old gentleman employed a letective—a fellow with splendid imagination but very poor powers of observation—and the skirmishing was done under the earl's supervision. Bob was to have staid away till after the trial. However, an urgent letter from a club friend of his father brought him home in a hurry. He arrived in the evening and going to the Carlton learned that the case was in the list for

as to her character. He suggests that the material is absurd, and he does not believe a word of the detective's story. He says he'd sooner return the brief."

- Miss Elderby-Don't you think its horrid to sek one's age? The Other One-Yes. And it's often so unpecessary.

- She-I noticed Dr. Singleton

He-Not cick; only pretty. "Yes; he could put the shot further

- Bob-How did Flimgilt get gone to Buxton.

"Look here, Muriel," he said brusquely,
"stow the cackle and come to cues. I'm
delighted to see you and don't bear malice,

"I think your brain is developing; you're growing witty. Oh, you haven't got there

He gazed open mouthed. She whoeled up the little round table to

"The damages!" she shouted, hysteric with laughter. "The damages!" "Yes, and your promise." "There are no buts about it; you' promised and you love me."

loved her. She took hold of his left hand: his right arm wandered round her waist.

THE MORMON PEOPLE.

from her nest in a copse in the isle of Wight. An hour later a pair of crows found the nest. It held 11 eggs, rather too

ever was a Dutchman between the Zam-besi and the Cape. What proportion of all those who can read now know that New York was once a possession and a settle-ment of the Dutch?—London Spectator.

only resources.

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