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THE TALLAHASSEE.

ated in the community by the appearance of a strange armed vessel, of rakish appearance, off the Market Wharf. The visitor proved to be the Confederate cruiser Tallahassee. The Tallahassee is an iron steamer of about 500 tons displacement, has a powerful engine, and is furnished with two screws, and is the swiftest steamship in the Confederate service, being capable of making heavy pressure of speed of making from 12 to 14 miles an hour. She carries two masted sailing vessels, one at the bow and another at the stern, and a piece of brass ordnance of small caliber forward her forecast. The Tallahassee is commanded by Capt. John Taylor Wood, said to be a nephew to Jefferson Davis, President of

the Confederate States, and has a crew of upwards of 100 men. She was built in London, England, about two years and a half ago, and was for some time employed successfully in running the blockade into and from Wilmington. The S. L. C. was fitted out as a cruiser at the latter port, from which she sailed on the 6th of the present month and has since captured, burned or boarded

Off Sandy Hook, in one day, the cruiser captured and destroyed six vessels, one of them being the large ship Arctic, which in rounding the point collided with the steamer, carrying away the mainmast of the latter, but doing no other damage. Between Sandy Hook and Cape Sable sev-

...small craft fell a prey to the vigilance of the cruiser, and near the latter place she took and destroyed seven vessels, and landed their crews at Yarmouth, N. S. On Wednesday night between Cape Sable and Halifax the Tallahassee

captured and burnt three small American schooners, and put their crews ashore at some point on the coast. This cruiser appears to be well equipped, and judging from the appearance of the ship, it is a fairly recent one.

The officers say they do not fear all the Federal men-of-war that may be sent in pursuit of them, as their steamer is much swifter than any formidable gunboat in the Northern Navy, and as re-

pects lesser craft they count upon being a match for them in case of a contest. In coming out of Wilmington the Tallahassee was challenged by one of the blockading squadron, and several shots were exchanged, but as the contest in such

Yesterday afternoon the Tallahassee took on board a large quantity of coal from the Brazos.

board a large quantity of coal from the vessel to bring Maria Griefswold. Soon after the crisis arrived here the authorities communicated with her commander notifying him that the vessel would not be permitted to remain here long.

than twenty-four hours, so that it is very probable she will leave here some time this morning. Of course we know nothing of her destination, but it is evident she will pursue the object of the mission for which she was equipped.

Halifax (N. S.) Chronicle, 18th.
The Elber and its uses—Blacking—Wash for
Wounds, &c.—To the Editor of the Sentinel:—
Every honest device to save money in these times

ought to be resorted to, and therefore I ask you to publish the following process for making black ink:

Simmer ripe elder berries over a slow fire in a iron bottle for one hour and let the mass cool and

This blacking has, when wet, a reddish tinge.

ut will polish to a good black. Paste blacking may be made by adding lampblack to the juice until it is of the proper consistency to be packed into boxes. I have used this mixture for some time, and find it as good as any that I ever tried.

The expressed juice of the leaves of the elder, mixed with sweet oil to a gallon of juice would answer a good purpose in improving this blacking.

and heal them very rapidly; and the leaves, a little bruised and worn next the parts affected, will speedily cure chafing-sores. I have used them for the latter purpose for upwards of 20 years.

wards of twenty five years, and recommended them in very many instances with uniform success. By the way, could not a very good salve be made by boiling the leaves to a pulp, and after removing the woody fibres, mixing them with

[Another friend has given us the following directions for making blacking of elder berries. He says he has used this blacking for a number

Boil the elder berries well, mashing the pulp
matter. Then strain through a cullender and bot-
tle for use. The liquid sours somewhat by age,
but retains its qualities.]

What Sherman Intends Doing.—Editors are supposed to know everything, but one thing we candidly confess we don't know: and that is what Sherman intends to do. We are asked the

question so often, that we determined to apply to some of our curb stone generals for a solution of Sherman's intentions. Accordingly, on meeting our friend, Positive Chucklehead, on the street, we asked him to tell us confidentially what Sher-

we asked him to tell us confidentially what Sherman was after. "Sherman, sir," he replied, "is going to retreat. I know this positively. I can not tell you my authority, but it is undoubted. I'll swear to it, sir." Leaving our friend Chuckle

"My dear Paogie," said we, "tell us what is your opinion of Sherman's movements? Is he going to retreat, or not?" "Retreat! sir," said Phogio, "he has no idea of such a thing. He is massing

his troops, and intends to fall upon Hood, drive back our poor boys and capture Atlanta. The signs are unmistakable. If I were not under pledge of secrecy, I would tell you something

sir, that would convince you of this fact. As the
ta is lost, sir. I'm going home to bury my
ver tea pot;" and old Phogie, taking a pinch
snuff, started down the street. We were
in a mystified mood, towards our

we met a little girl, whom we knew well. "Hello," said we, "do you think the ugly yankees are going to whip me?" "Oh, no, sir," said Little unless George is asleep, and mamma says his eyes are closed.

are always open and he sees everything. No, the yankees can't whip us, for God is looking them"—and little Lilly, like a comforting cherub as she is left us and went her way. That's all we know about Sherman's intentions.

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