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### MISCELLANEOUS.

### Going to the Dentist.

1 like to come across a man with the toothache. There's something stuff cotton in it, to use camphor, comes." crossote, peppermint, and "relief," that Lalways feel better after giving it.

to swearing early in the morning.

the same.

times it was a jump that made my | ing from time to time, who had to | thing. hair stand up, and again a sort of find out his propensities for themcutting pain that made me make selves, up faces at the baby, slam doors and break windows. I ate cotton, peppermint, camphor and opium until I got black in the face, and that old song kept right on. I put bags of hot ashes to my cheek, applied mustard, held my head in the oven, took a sweat, and the ache still ached.

After the third week neighbors didn't desire to let their boys pass my house, and book canvassers went round another street. I was becoming a menageric, and at last I decided to have my tooth out. I decided to, and then I decided not to. I changed my mind four times in one afternoon, and at last I went.

The dentist was glad to see me. He said that if he could not take the tooth out without burting me he would give me a million.

It got easier as he talked, and I concluded not to have it pulled. started down stairs, but a jump eaught me, and I rushed back. He aid he would look at it; perhaps it did not need pulling at all, but he could kill the nerve.

By dint of flattery he got me in the chair. Then he softly inserted a knife and cut away the gums. booked up and said I would kill bim, but he begged me not to -said the cutting was all the pain there was in it. He finally got me to lie back and open my mouth, and then he slipped in his forceps, and closed them round the tooth.

"Obserderdenbereseferser!"

to it. He drew a full breath, grasp- erpillar. ed the forceps tightly, and then he

and said:

any more aching."

the baby a dozen rattle-boxes in a heap, and it seemed to me as if the world was too small for me, I was so happy.

A correspondent of the Courier-Journal succeeded in getting up an interview with Spotter Tail on religious topics. The noble redman

" Most Indians believe in the Great Spirit, in a heaven and in a hell. But some are undelievers, and think that, when theydie, they are no more, just like the dog and the horse. There are but wo worlds, the one where the Great Spirit dwells. The spirit world is more than ten thousand times larger than this, its hunting fields have no end, and the game there is inexhaustible. Its flowers are more beautiful and fragrant than my we have ever known, and its maidens are lovely as the color of the clouds before a setting sun, and never grow old. The land does not have to be cultivated there, but every kind of good fruit, and in the greatest abundance, hangs upon the tees and vines continuously waiting to be plucked. Nothing ever dies here, and the wants of all who go there are constantly and forever supplied with- the home stretch and came in a out the necessity of aly work. All clean winner. Such are the simple good men, whether tley are white but heathful amusements of the or red, go to heaven but a great difference will exist between the individuals,"







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#### How to Begin.

" Lend me a postage stamp, Hal," said Nicholas, as he was folding a letter to send home. "I am out of stamps and change. I will pay you so pleasant about advising him to back when my next allowance

Hal handed over the stamp and then went on with his writing, and beams, Nicholas mailed his letter, and I have been there-had an aching thought no more of the stamp. Hal bright. snag, and I know just how it feels. did not care, so you think there was It used to wake me up at night and no harm done. He had defrauded right. make me mad at noon, and sat me his schoolmate out of three cents. and he added another link to the I didn't meet man or woman but chain that was binding him. Evil what they advised me. One said habits are so easy to form, but so that a hot knitting needle pushed hard to break up. The next time down on the root was excellent; he borrowed ten cents, "just till toanother said that opium was an ex- morrow, when I will get a bill cellent thing; and others said that changed." Then he made himself will. it must be dug out by the den- noted in school for borrowing pencils, pens, knives, and such like free. If I sat down to dinner that old schoolboy possessions, and several tooth began to growl. If I went to of the most obliging boys had lost hed, or got up, or went to a party, considerably by him. At last it or stayed at home, it growled just grew to be the custom to decline when he wished to borrow. But It wasn't always a growl. Some- there were generally new boys com-

> If you had called Nicholas a thief, I suppose he would have repelled the idea with scorn. But he was for all that. The habit was growing upon him daily. He grew very reckless of the rights of others. He strong. was always borrowing as a boy and a young man. His acquaintances wrong. grew shy of him, and crossed over to the other side rather than run the risk of being importuned for a "short loan." He obtained a situ- keep cool. ation in a bank, and in an evil hour was tempted to enter into a speculation "that would surely make fifty thousand dollars." He borrowed twenty thousand from the bank secretly, intending to return it the same way as soon as his fortune was realized. But the scheme failed, and the wretched young man fled to avoid exposure. He was aran act must overwhelm them. It was the natural end of the habit of borrowing and not returning small amounts. Boys, let the strictest honor characterize your dealings, down to the smallest particulars .-Schoolday Magazine.

THE WORLD OF WONDERS .-This world of ours is filled with in question. The fish was a mackerel, chapters in the Bible each day, and wonders. The microscope reveals and all who comprehended the mean- drank eight gallons of ale during them not less than the telescope, each at either extreme of creation. The fly-spider lays an egg as large as itself. There are four thousand But he didn't pay any attention and forty-one muscles in the cat-

sand minnows in the eye of a drone, the hands of the law. Great spoons! but didn't it seem and to effect the respiration of a as if my head was going! I tried carp, thirteen thousand and three to shout, grasped at him, kicked, hundred arteries, vessels, veins, and then he held up the old snag, bones, etc., are necessary. The body of every spider contains four little "There, I guess you won't feel masses pierced with a multitude of imperceptible holes, each hole per-I leaped down and bugged him. mitting the passage of a single I promised him ten millions; I thread; all the threads, to the told him to make my home his amount of a thousand to each mass, house forever; I hugged him again. join together when they come out, I shook hands with everybody in and make the single thread, with the street, kissed my wife, bought | which the spider spins its web; so that what we call a spider's thread consists of more than four thousand united. Lemohenock, by means of microscopes, observed spiders no larger than grains of sand, and which spun threads so fine that it took four thousand of them to equal, in magnitude, a single hair.

A PECULIAR FOOT RACE.-The festivities incident to a marriage at Christianburg, Va., seem to say stated that a venerable preacher of man 60 years of age accepted the challenge at once, and preparations dropping of the hat the parson and the bride started off together at a tremendous rate of speed, amid the enthusiastic applause of the bystanders. At first the young woman fairly flew, leaving the veteran considerably in the rear, but later in the race the old gentleman's admirably staying qualities told in his favor. He passed the bride on but heathful amusements of the good people of Christianburg, Va., conditions of the races of men and when two hearts which beat as one are joined.

Keep. Keep to the right as the law di-

themes.

thee pain.

stand.

Keep from the snares the tempt-

Keep faith with each you call a Keep full in view the final end.

Keep from all bate and malice Keep firm thy courage bold and

Keep up the right and down the

Keep well the words of wisdom's

Keep warm by night, by day

### Revenge of an Actress.

A Paris correspondent tells of an amusing theatrical seandal that is just now occasioning some excitement in Bordeaux. Mr. Blume is the theatrical he lately took Mme. Paola Maria, sister of Mlle. Irma, to task for not changing her costume in the last two acts of the piece. He said that she would never rested and confined to a felon's cell, think of committing such a piece of negleaving a stricken household to the ligence before a Parisian audience, and grief and shame with which such | did not see why she should treat a Bordeaux audience with less respect. The years, who had been in the habit of in it-high and low, rich and poor, and not worth while when acting for the Bordelais. The critic's remark was therefore legitimate and just. Mmc. Paola, on the following night, avenged herself by carrying a tish upon the "L. Blume," the name of the journalist | more remarkable. He read eight French will comprehend the depth of the insult. M. Blume says a man pays for such things with his blood, in France, but a woman can only be made amenable to the laws, and so he has brought a suit against her, but does not demand Hooke discovered fourteen thou- any money from her, leaving that in long loved a certain big Mr. Little;

> A fearful suicide occurred in Paris the other day. Gerard Anthoine called his little boy, aged six, to him and said: "Little one, you have often wished to play with this pistol," showing the child an old pistol. "Oh,yes, papa." "Well, we will play with it now," and loading the weapon the father handed it to the boy. Now, look," he said, "I will get down on my knees before you ; you will point at me right between the eyes and pull the trigger; you'll see how funny it is !" and he knelt down. Aim well, in the head, between the eyes," he said again; " but first embrace me," The poor child embraced his father, pointed the pistol as told, and fired. Gerard fell back dead, and the boy seeing the terrible result ran out of the room sobbing.

In Minnesota they are paying the least somewhat peculiar. It is one dollar and sixty cents a bushel for grasshoppers-after they are that place recently married a couple | caught and killed, of course. Little when, upon the conclusion of the boys and girls get ten cents a quart; ceremony, the bride challenged the two boys made six dollars a day on preacher to a foot race. The old grasshoppers, and Blue Earth county twelve years, he said: "Well, you has paid already over fifteen thousand dollars for the extermination were made for the contest. At the of this plague. An ingenious Minnesotian has contrived a trap, run by horse power, which catches from five to twenty bushels a day, and the catchers bring them to town in wagons, wheelbarrows, and even in bags on their backs. When paid for they are buried in deep trenches, and it is said that by next week Minnesota will be rid of grasshoppers. - Herald.

> "Are these soaps all one scent ?" inquired a lady of a juvenile salesman. " No, ma'am, they're all ten cents," replied the innocent young-

A NEW THEORY OF THE \$45,000 TRESAURY ROBBERY.—In 1871 a printing office has indeed proved a restrict that body by the imposition Keep from the world thy friend's the City National Bank of New Or- graduated more useful and con- above named -a tacit acknowledgleans, and was never accounted for spicuous members of society, has ment, by the way, of the excellence Commissioners are few in number, Keep all thy thoughts on purest until a few months afterwards a brought more intellect out and noted thief was arrested for some | turned it into practical, useful chan-Keep from thine eyes the motes offence, convicted and sentenced to nels, awakened more minds, generthe penitentiary at Nashville. Af- ated more active and elevated Keep true thy deed: Thy honor | ter conviction he made a general | thoughts than many of the literaconfession, implicating himself in ry colleges of the country. Keep firm thy faith in God and the celebrated Scotch diamond rob- boy who commences in such a bery at New Orleans, and confessed school as The printing office, will Keep from every sin and to taking the \$50,000 package above have his talents and ideas brought use will it be? Of course, if we are Constitution and has grown into mentioned by means of a fine wire out; and if he is a careful observer, Keep from the ways that bring with a steel hook at the end passed experience in his profession will over the screens at a time when the contribute more toward an educa-Keep free thy tongue from words cashier was within less than five tion than can be obtained in almost feet of the money. The theory is any other manner. Keep right thy aim and good thy that the Treasury robbery was done by this means from the gallery | A Quaker, intending to drink a Keep all thy acts from passion running around above the cash glass of water, took up a small tumroom. It will be remembered that | bler of gin. He did not discover Keep strong in hope, no envy see. | the day of the robbery was dull and | his mistake until he had swallowed Keep watchful care o'er tongue cloudy, and the robber might (by the dose, when he lifted up both over, the propositions for Amend. the suspension of the privileges of

### Marriages.

Star.

dies have become Catholics in order | is never likely to. All success is a to become wives; and Col. Smith, series of efforts in which, when came a member of the Church of shadow the hill, but the hill is a Rome, at the solicitation of his reality nevertheless. If you fail flancee. Then a niece of W. B. As- now and then, therefore don't be tor married a Catholic; so did Miss discouraged, but press on. Appleton, daughter of the publisher; Miss Niles, who married Consul General Badeau last week, and Miss Morgan, who married a Spaniard. Love, they say, is blind, and Cupid knows no religion. Never- of you who are opposed to radical theless, these convert marriages have caused the corner stone of society to shake perceptibly, and the critic of one of the local journals, and rejoicing among archbishops and priests is only surpassed by the chagrin of ministers and rectors.

BEER DRINKERS, - During a sanitary survey recently in Lincolnshire, a man was found, aged 95 last act demands a totally different cos- drinking a gallon of beer before those in official station and those in tume, but she would not change her breakfast, another during the day, dress because it was too much trouble, and a few extra pints at night to as well as their future prospects. A top off with, and who had never subject so important is infinitely been ill a day in his life. To cap this, the experience of William Lewis, who died while drinking a stage, having upon it, in large letters, cup of ale in 1793, is quoted as still and was lowered into his grave by the crane which lifted him to his

A tall Western girl, named Short, while Little, little thinking of Short, loved a little lass named Long. proposed to Long, and Short longed to be even with Little's short comings. So Short, meeting Long, long, which caused Little, in a short time, to marry Long. Query-Did tall Short love big Little less, because Little loved Long?

Comets.—Some comets require the circuit of their flight. In 1846 the earth passed through one comet, and cut it in halves; in 1860 we passed through the prolongation of another, causing a most beautiful auroral night. The mean velocity of the wind on land is nine miles per hour in the summer, and fourteen in the winter. At sea, the mean velocity is estimated at eighteen miles per hour.

A clergyman being applied to in less than a year after his appointment to put a stove in the church, asked how long his predecessor had never had a fire in the church during that time?" "No, sir," replied the which were not contained in the cumbersome and expensive County leaving you no option, but forcing applicant, "but we had fire in the old, which have now become famil- Courts may be reinstated-the Code a Convention upon you against your pulpit then,"

Give a child a habit of sacredly regarding the truth, of carefully respecting the property of others, of scrupulously abstaining from all acts of improvidence which can involve him in distress, and he will just as likely think of rushing into an element in which he cannot breathe as of lying, cheating, and stealing.-Lord Brougham.

No matter how long you have been married never neglect to court ary reactionists. your wife.

package of \$50,000 was stolen from better college to many a boy, has

watching his opportunity) have ab- hands and exclaimed, "Verily, I Keep firm thy feet, by justice stracted the package unseen, by have taken inwardly the balm of running the fine steel hook into the the world's people. What will Keep true thy word, a sacred seam of the envelope .- Washington Abigail say when she smells my breath ?"

THE man who never failed is a Since Easter four New York la- myth. Such a one never lived and | Gaston, then on the Supreme Court | who married a daughter of the late closely viewed, are seen more or less thority to impose an oath upon the This by no means follows, but de-Horace Greeley on Saturday, be- failures. The mountain is to over- members of the Convention, yet as pends upon whether the Conventhe people had voted for Convention and then for delegates to it,

## Address to the People of Cum-

FELLOW-CITIZENS:—The undersigned have been solicited by many changes in the State Constitution to allow our names to be announced as candidates for seats in the approaching Convention. We have yielded to this solicitation, for we are ourselves opposed to this Convention movement and desire to preserve the Constitution from spoliation.

changing their Constitution belongs emphatically to the people-the whole people. All are interested private life. It affects the interests of all alike—their present interests above and beyond the region of mere party politics, and any effort to give a Convention movement a mere party bias is reprehensible and should be discouraged, for it indicates sinister and selfish purposes, detrimental to the public good.

It is not as partisans, but as part of the people, having a common ining given to the word maquereau in the night. He weighed forty stone, terest with you all, that we desire to address you. One of us, you are aware, occupies the position of Judge of the 5th Judicial District. This circumstance does not affect his identity of interest with you all. He is no less one of the people because they have made him a Judge. His position indeed debars him from dabbling in the politics of the day, and he has strictly observed To make a long story short, Little the proprieties of his position in this respect, but it does not exempt him from the responsibilities of citizenship, or authorize him to withhold his services, if desired by threatened to marry Little before his fellow-citizens, in assisting at a Constitutional Convention. This was the view of the good people of the State in 1835, who were of the opinion that experience in any department of government was desirable in such an Assembly, and they asked for and obtained the services of two of their Judges, 110,000,000 of our years to complete William Gaston and Joseph J. Daniel; and of their Governor, David L. Swain,—all of whom were members of the Convention which

tects all alike. While it is safe we that they respect and observe the they may pursue their avocations where will be the end.

without consulting you and contra- there nothing in the Constitution, ry to your wishes, but must needs outside of these restrictions, worthy assemble; you cannot prevent that of preservation from destruction or now; still it is in your power yet to innovation? take measures for the preservation of the Constitution by intrusting it left unprotected and may be totally for safe keeping, and if need be, for changed. The Supreme Court may been there and when answered amendment, into the hands of its be abolished or curtailed-the dila-

openly assail. We refer to

Rights of married women; Taxation according to value; Restriction upon creating State

No imprisonment for debt;

ification for office or voter. able provisions not named, can only better is this than an irresponsible aright!

THE PRINTING OFFICE.—The calling the Convention professes to of an oath upon its members from interfering with the provisions such requirement and urge that it county affairs.

either to disregard or evade the

This Convention movement has

been persisted in and forced through

in spite of every protest, although

representing you faithfully.

Your whole Judiciary system is

tory and costly Courts of Equity

and in England, simple, direct and

and delays of Special Pleading. Your Courts of Probate, so conven-

ient and useful, may be closed. You now have a bonded officer of your

own selection to attend to all pro-

caught up at random, as was for-

inserted in the Act.

to take the required oath, and to destructionists?

mitted to the people and voted on

# berland County.

even asked to say by their vote any warrant from the people exapprehend, may be found the loopgation, should the majority be

The business of making and

met that year.

The Constitution, as it now stands, is framed in the interest of the whole people of the State, its broad shield is spread over us all, and pro- the Convention, and even suppose all feel safe, but let it be put in jeop- Legislative restrictions, what is to in peace, and build up their fallen ardy, and we all feel insecure; for become of the rest of the Constituno one can tell what will follow or tion, around which no safeguards of dreadful War-they want sec-

The Convention has been called | will be quite at their mercy? Is friends, and not of its enemies.

Our present Constitution contains may be restored—the Superior certain wise and popular provisions Courts may be suppressed—the old iar and dear to the people, and of Civil Procedure, that greatest will. It is in your power new to which political agitators dare not improvement in modern jurispru- speak out your wisher, and to have

Mechanics' and laborers' lien law;

Ratio of taxation between land and polls;

remain secure so long as they are County Court, meeting four times a kept beyond the grasp of revolution- year, and composed of Justices it is true that the Legislative Act | merly the case!

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You are indebted to your present Constitution for the best, most expeditious and economical system for dispatching county business ever devised. Your Board of County of these provisions and a marked selected by yourselves from the tribute to their merit,-but we al- body of the county because of their ready see that leading presses in fa- experience, fitness and identity of vor of the Convention movement interest, and to them is safely inscout the idea of the validity of any trusted the whole management of

be disregarded. Suppose a majority | The system of Township governof the members, when assembled, ment for the management of little refuse to put on the legislative muz- local matters, at your own doors, is zle, what becomes of it, and of what likewise the offspring of the present

elected as your delegates, we intend favor more and more with use. Are these useful systems to be observe the restrictions, for our pur- abandoned to prejudice and clamor? pose is to preserve and not to de- Are you willing to surrender to the stroy; but who will answer for the Legislature the appointment of all your officers-from Governor down The Legislative Act which called to Justices of the Peace. We tell the Convention of 1835 required you, this is in contemplation and that the question of Convention or | will have its advocates in the Con-

No Convention should first be sub- | vention. You are indebted to your present in the affimative before an election | Constitution for that section in the should be held for delegates. More- Declaration of Rights which forbids ments were distinctly stated in the the WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS, for Act itself; and the people were it did not exist in the old. Will it plainly informed in advance, by a be allowed to remain if the new section of the Act, that a vote for revolutionary counsels are to pre-"Convention" would be construed vail; or, will it, like the oath to to mean an assent to the proposi- support the Constitution and Laws tions, and a vote for "No Conven- of the United States, be considered tion" would mean a dissent to the objectionable and a proper subject

same. Hence it was that Judge for abolishment? It may be urged, that if the Bench, who was elected a delegate, amendments adopted by the very reasonably argued, that while | Convention are not satisfactory. the Legislature had indeed no au- that the people can reject them. tion sees fit to submit its work to the approval of the people: We they had ratified the Act and made know that the Secession Convenit their own, and their delegates tion of 1861 would not submit its were bound to take the oath which | work to the approval of the people, it prescribed. Unfortunately, in but attempted to take them out of the present Convention movement, the Union without consulting them; the sanction of the people has not and we know what followed: the

been obtained—they have not been | war and all our woes. All experience teaches that the whether they desired a Convention | true time to oppose an evil is at its or not, but they have been perem- commencement, and not after it has torily ordered to elect delegates. So got under headway. Our expethe imposition upon the delegates | rience of forced Conventions is not of an oath to obey orders is the act | encouraging. The people were apsolely of the Legislature, without pealed to in 1861 for leave to call a Convention. Leave was refused by pressed or implied: and herein, we a direct vote of the people, yet the Legislature called the Convention without their leave. We are still hole of escape from taking the oblisuffering from the consequences of averse to it. There is indeed great | that fatal act. In 1871 leave was danger that means will be devised again asked by the Legislature to call a Convention, and leave was Legislative restrictions, which def- again refused by the people. It is erence to the people caused to be now called without consulting them. Are we to learn no wisdom in this matter by past experience and suf-

Fellow-citizens, we appeal to you it was well known that the people to stand up for your own rights as at large were opposed to it, and that | secured to you in your own Constitheir members of Congress had ad- tution. This charter of your rights vised against it earnestly. It was and liberties is vastly better than against your wishes, fellow citizens, any previous one, for it not only of the county of Cumberland-in retains all the old features, which spite of the opposition of your are desirable and suited to the presmembers in the last General Assem- ent order of things, but it also conbly and the remonstrances of your tains other new features, which Press—that this objectionable meas- | change of circumstances has renderure has been put on foot. Speak ed necessary and which experience

out your wishes once more in has proved desirable. regard to this matter. If others | Whatever was deficient or found have yielded, we will not yield; unsuited to your wants was, by and if, in August next, you confide common consent, corrected in 1873 to us the sacred trust of represent- by Legislative Amendment, ratiing you, no threat shall frighten us fied by the people. The Constitu--no blandishment seduce us-from | tion as it now is, will compare favorably with any in the whole The clamorers for Convention do country. If not quite perfect—as not themselves agree upon what no human institution is-still there changes shall be made in the Con- is no just cause why any body of stitution, and none are indicated men should lay violent hands on it in the Legislative Act-that merely and overthrow it. Nothing but directs what changes shall not be trouble, confusion and distress can

made. Upon so serious an occasion, follow such a course. involving the alteration of the or-Already has the prosperity of the ganic law of the State, ought not | State and of this community been the people to be informed, by pro- retarded by the factious conduct of posed reformers, upon what sub- political agitators and disaffected jects they are invited to take ac- politicians. The people want retion? Silence here is ominous of pose—they want a settled State govill—it partakes of the nature of ernment—they want an alleviation secresy, and secresy is reprehensi- of taxation, not an increase, such as ble when the rights of the public will inevitably follow from incesare concerned. Such was not the sant law-making and Constitution course pursued in 1835. Not only mending—they want no more diswere the people then consulted as franchisement—they want no speto whether they would have a Con- cial privileges to favored classes vention, but the subjects were men- they want no recurrence to barbartioned in regard to which a change ous punishments—they want political disabilities imposed upon no one Suppose that they get control of |-they want this interminable political agitation to cease, so that fortunes and obliterate the ravages are thrown, and which, therefore, tional animosities to die out, and peace and harmony and prosperity and good will to prevail throughout

The best way to secure these desirable objects is to administer a rebuke to Constitution-disturbers by sending men to the Convention who will make short work of the Convention and let the Constitution

Your servants of the Legislature require you to obey their behestsdence, growing more and more in them carried out by sending men to The homestead and personal prop- favor and use both in this country | the Convention who will hand you back your Constitution whole and unimpaired. This will be a lesson expeditious, may be done away; unimpaired. This will be a lesson and a return had to the intricacies to politicians, which is much needed at this time; you now have the opportunity to teach it in a way not readily to be forgotten.

Fellow-citizens, we have laid before you this brief exposition of the bate business without delay, either grounds upon which we rest our No educational nor property qual-in Term time or in vacation, with claims to your support. It is now fication for office or voter. These, together with other valu- the Judge at Chambers. How much Providence direct your decision

Respectfully yours, RALPH P. BUXTON, JOHN C. BLOCKER,

Fayetteville, N. C., July 1, 1875