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### The Crippled Child.

In yonder cottage, near the whizzing mill,  
Upon the meadow drear, and wet, and chill,  
She sits in solitude, so calm and still.  
To earn her bread, the widowed mother stands,  
Besides the clattering loom; with nimble hands,  
From dawn to dusk, she weaves the carpet-stands.  
Meantime the child with chronic suffering bent,  
Endures, in undiminished trust, content,  
Regarding all her woes as kindly sent.  
Dear patient child! A rare example thou!  
Teach thankless, hopeless, sad repiners how  
A trustful smile illumines a gloomy brow!  
Amid thy scant supply of books and toys,  
No sordid care thy mental peace destroys;  
No earthly veil excludes supernal joys.  
Sweet melody awakes thine artless lyre,  
While friends, unseen, the symphony inspire,  
Till thou shalt rise to join some heavenly choir.

A. B. WYMOUTH.

—Waverly Magazine

### State Fair.

A gentleman of Raleigh hands us a card and we find what follows written on it:

"Dr. J. F. Cain and C. L. Denison, of Orange County, have a thoroughbred Durham Bull, Cotswold and Southdown Sheep, and Imperial and Berkshire Hogs, that will be on exhibition at the next State Fair. This is very fine stock, none better in the country."

From present indications the next will be one of the best Fairs ever held in North Carolina. But let us do more, make it one of the best ever held in a Southern State.

The prospect of good crops never was better, and if money is a little tight now, it must ease up before October. When, last year, it will be recollected, we were caught with the Fair right in the midst of an unusual pressure, and then it was one very far from a failure.

We received two drawings from New York, this week, with the request to exhibit them at our next Annual Fair, which, of course, we will do, and would here state that any article, forwarded either to this office or

to the office of the Secretary of the Agricultural Society, would be received and exhibited, and promptly returned or disposed of as desired.

### Crops.

Everywhere crops are reported better than for many years. Just around Raleigh a little rain may be required, but elsewhere there seems to be rain enough and farmers have no reason to complain. However, when they cant complain of making too little they do sometimes of too much, as it lowers the price of all. They think then they are as unfortunate as if they had made less and they are, if it is cotton or tobacco. But it would not be so with wheat, corn, pork or beef. Make your own support first and then you can let short or heavy crops of tobacco or cotton sell for what they may and you are safe. But you will never believe it.

MR. EDITOR:

Will you please give me the names of the best varieties of Grapes for the middle section of North Carolina. We desire a grape that will make the best wine, and also that will bear shipping when the market will justify it.

CONCORD.

We would like to hear some of those in our State who have been largely engaged in the cultivation of the Grape on this subject, and Col. H. T. Guion is one we have in view, and then we will give our opinion.

GOOD, effective remedies prove themselves. If a certain preparation is offered as a sure remedy for rheumatism and a dozen or hundred trials are made without avail, of course our faith recoils from the so-called remedy. If a person, suffering from rheumatism, is advised to try the celebrated Home Stomach Bitters for a cure, he may be skeptical at first, but as sure as he give them a fair trial his skepticism vanishes. This preparation proves its own claims.

NO MAN can be successful who neglects his business.

### Our Artists.

"Painting is a wonderful gift and exalts and refines even the purest," said a friend, while looking with us, the other day, at some paintings at Clawson's, from the brush of our own artists.

The fruit of Miss Arrington, the daughter of Dr. Arrington, of this city, is beautiful, and shows a depth of richness, and delicacy, and clearness in tints, that would do credit to one of much more experience and many more years.

Mr. Frank Womble's landscape there, is naturally drawn and exquisitely colored; and Mr. W. Garle Brown says he could make an artist, and that is more than we could say in his praise in a volume. We can fill our Fairs with such work with proper effort, and they of a class to reflect credit upon the State.

### Horses.

We are well aware that a fast walking horse is worth more than a fast running horse to a farmer, and it is just what we are endeavoring to show how to select good *walkers* and not *runners*. We have portraits of several kinds of horses, and next we will present the pictures of two imported Clydesdale stallions. Superior animals of the kind, which were selected in Europe with great care and no little expense.

### Cement.

What is the best material to fasten iron posts set in holes drilled in stone? I have been advised to use melted sulphur; perhaps there is some kind of cement that will answer. Any information on the subject will be thankfully received? D. C. [Sulphur is used when one stone is set in another, as for example with grave stones where one forms a base for the other, and has the advantage of being very easily applied, being melted at a moderate heat and poured in. It is not so strong as lead, which is best when iron posts are set in stone. There are doubtless other cement which would answer, such as the best hydraulic water lime mortar, coarse sand and tar, iron turnings and salt, &c., but as these re-

quire time to harden, the sulphur or the melted lead are preferred.]—*Ex.*

We noticed the marble and brown stone post in the Newbern Cemetary, where sulphur was used to fasten the iron rails broken by the expansion from heat in the summer, while those set with lead were uninjured.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE GRANGE, P. OF H.  
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., July 17, 1875.

The Officers of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, having been located at Louisville, Ky., Deputies and all others having business with the National Grange, will please take notice of this change in his Postoffice address on and after this date, by request of O. H. Kelley, Secretary, National Grange.  
G. W. LAWRENCE, Secretary.

CIRCULAR No. 26.]

Notice is hereby given that a year's supply of blanks for quarterly reports from Secretaries and Treasurers have been mailed to the address of the Secretary of each Subordinate Grange, required to make reports for quarter ending 30 inst., viz: Granges No. 1 to No. 512 inclusive.

When a change has been made in the office of Secretary and no report of the name of the *new* Secretary been sent to this office, the present incumbent must apply to his predecessor for these blanks, if not received within five days of the close of the present quarter, please make application to this office for them when another supply will be forwarded.

G. W. LAWRENCE,  
Secretaries.

IMPORTED TURNIP SEED—800 BUSH-ELS TO THE ACRE—THE SWEDE OR RUGA BATA TURNIP, FOR WINTER USE.—Imported from Switzerland to the province of Canada, and grown the past season from Selected Bulbs.—This Turnip grows very large weighing from 5 to ten pounds, and is a heavy cropper, remarkably juicy, of sound constitution, and perfectly hard. The seed should be sown during the month of September—three ounces of seed is sufficient to sow a quarter of an acre. I have just received a limited supply of this seed, and will send it securely packed to any part of the United States, at 50 cents per ounce, three ounces for \$1, or one pound for \$5, prepaid by mail. Send money by Postoffice order or Registered Letter. Address, L. L. OSMENT, Cleveland, Bradley Co., Tennessee. 4-2t