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FOR THE PIEDMONT PRESS. A LAWSUIT.

July the sixteenth, at Old Fort Two honest Magistrates held Court, To try a somewhat knotty case, Between two men of Adam's race.

L. Y. L. of Crooked Creek, Had, in a kind of pettish freak, Attached some logs-the property Of a North Western Company Composed of Mr. C. and D. Two gallant Buckeye braves, you know From the famed State of-Ohio,

J. C., Defendant in the case, Had bought from L, some walnut logs, That grew upon a little place, Surrounded by ravines and bogs-Requiring teams, and wagons stout, With many hands to get them out. Meanwhile Defendant, Mr. C., Had bought some logs from M. and B., And paid for every good sized tree The sum, they asked, in Greenbacks down And hauled them off to Old Fort town. But L., who saw in the Tribune, The price of timber quoted high Exclaimed "I've sold my logs too soon-"Too low-but mind you, by and by, "I'll teach this small Ohio brave

"That for my timber, I must have

"The difference between each tree "He lately bought from M. and B. "Or stop the hands from work till "He comes to terms -yes, that I will !" When qualified in Court, L. said That he and C., a contract made That C. had promised, without fail, The different pile of logs to scale. And give to him the difference In dollars, dimes and copper cents. This allegation C. denied-While I., with all his powers tried To sharpen C's dull memory About the size of every tree! Some witnesses were called, who swore That C. had only promised this: To give to L. the same-no more Nor less-than he gave M. for his

But others swore, they understood The contract was with L. and C. To scale the logs, soon as they could, And L. should have for every tree The difference of the measeurements In dollars, dimes and copper cents. Amid such hot recriminations That put the crowd all out of patience, The three good, honest magistrates, (At least so my informant states)

Retired to a grove, and lost But little time-when they returned They mulcted J. C. in all the cost And said "the Court is now adjourned!" The above reminds me of a case That happened in a back wood's place. A good old Dutchman-it was said,

A J. P., merely out of fun, Two combatants of surly mien-Decided in a different way From our J. P.'s the other day.

Was qualified and made

A basket full of little pigs The good old fellow's office door. Two different claimants, understand, Each with a bludgeon in his hand, Kept all the time, vociferating First one, and then the other stating The pigs belonged to him-in turn Twelve witnesses were duly sworn. Six swore the pigs belonged to A, The other six cried out "nay! nay! "The pigs belong to Mr. B." "Stop !" cried the dutchman, "let me see "Six men swear lies all on you side,

"And six swear lies on todder: "Now in my shudgment I decide "De pigs belong to nedder "Of desc men! Coot Sheriff come "Adshourn dish court, and zend dem

·Virst make de deils bay all de cost! "Dese are de pigs mine sow hash lost ! "Shon! put dat pasket on de shelf, "By shores, I dakes de pigs mineself!"

MORAL. So should our honorable J. P.'s llave saddled all the costs and fees Upon these two disputing Elves, And kept the walnut logs themselves.

The Objects of Free Masonry.

Joseph Hartwing, of Pathagoras Lodge, delivered a lecture on Free Masonry yesterday afternoon, at the Germania Assembly Rooms. The first degree is the science of light, of creation, and of beginning of life. To the question as to how one should live, masonry replies, "know thyself; meas ure yourself by the square, and these are the duties of the apprentice. In the second, the workman is furnished with the instruments for building the edifice of his life in thought, word or deed. The third degree is the Mastership, and when the Master asks himware Can buy his stock as cheap from us self what is the end of life, he receives as he can anywhere North. Orders promptly the answer. The end and purpose of life is to die, and the man who learns how to suffer and to die is the best master. The lecturer then explained some of the differences between the Jesuits and the Masons. The former, he said, are centralized; the latter are confederated. Jesuits act under the order of a single chief; Masons abide by the decision of a majority; Jesuits seek to destroy the independence of A lot of GOOD SHOES, for both Ladies an individual; Masons on the contrary, seek to develop and strengthen it. troduced that brethren of different na- ing to catch a fly. Presently he suc-The rules of Masons were couched in mediately put into the sugar bowl,

Peck's Experience with a Coal Stove.

We never had a coal stove around the house until last Saturday. Have always burned pine slabs and pieces of our neighbor's fence. The fence all got burned, and the neighbor said he wouldn't buy a new onc. So we went down to Jones' and got a coal stove. It is called the "Radiant Home," and any man that says we didn't have a radiant home at our house for about four hours last Saturday night, is a republican and a villian. You see we didn't know anything about co:1 stoves. We filled the Radiant Home about half full of pine fence, and when the stuff got well going we filled the artesian well on top with coal. It simmered and sputtered about five or ten minutes and all went out, and we put on an overcoat and a pair of buckskin mittens and went out to supper. We remarked in the course of the frugal meal, that Jones was a "fraud" for recommending such a confounded refrigerator to a man to get warm by. After supper we took a piece of ice and rubbed our hands warm, and went in where the stove was, resolved to make it thraw and burn if it took all the pine fence in the First Ward. Our better half threw a quilt over her and shiveringly remarked that she never knew what comfort was until she got a coal stove. Stung by the sareasm in the stove, that was moveable, or looked like it had anything to do with the draft, and pretty soon the Radiant a new Silsby steamer. Talk about your heat! In ten minutes that room was as much hotter than a Turkish bath than Hades is hotter than Livermans ice hoase. The perspiration fairly fried out of a tin water cooler in the next room. We opened the door and the snow began to melt as far up vine street as Hascomb's house, and people all around the neighborhood put on their linea clothes. And we couldn't stop the confounded thing.

the proper diagns, and since that time it has been just as comfortable as possible. If you buy a coal stove, you ought to know how to enjineer it, or you may get roasted .- Lacrosse, Wis., Democrat.

Our Dependence on Each Other.

We are emigrants crossing over the plain together. God mixed things in this world. We are trying to select and bring things together that they shall be just alike; but God keeps

things mixed. All classes of people out the poor from the community. The rich may buy and lay out streets and build houses and keep away from corner they can do it; but in some

I go to sleep, and become rested and refreshed, and then get up and go at

The signs among the Masons were in- and found him at the table endeavortionalities may recognize each other. ceeded in intrapping one, which he imsuch terms as to be incomprehensible and shut down the cover. The gentleto the unitiated, and were, therefore, man asked for an explanation of this only object was the elevation of hu- spoke, "I wan't to ascertain if the again and taking his bride a long jourservants steal the sugar,"

The Leisure Time of Boys.

HICKORY, CATAWBA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST13, 1874.

We would suggest, to many parents who are perplexed with the difficulty of finding the wherewithal to amuse and interest their boys, to give their lads every opportunity of acquiring a mechanical trade. The industry and ingenuity of a boy of average ability, says the Scientific American, may ea sily be made to furnish him with a never-failing source of amusement of unable to find room for it. the best order. The boy who can produce or make something, already begins to feel that he is somebody in the world, that acheivement of a result is not a reward reserved for grown people only. And the education of mind, ear, and hand, which this use of tools and mechanical appliances furnishes. is of a great and real value, beyond the three times. good resulting from the occupation of leisure time. Having nothing to do, is as great a snare to the young as it is to the full grown; and no greater benefits can be conferred on youths than to teach them to convert time now wasted, and often worse than wasted, into means of pleasant recreation and mental improvement. The boy whose time and mind are now becupied with marbles and kites, may be a Watt, a Morse, or a Bessemer, in embryo; and it is certiainly an easy matter to turn his thoughts and muof her remark, we turned every dingus boys the use of mechanical tools is the duster and a couple of palm leaf hats most fascinating of all occupations. As logic and mathematics have a valne beyond accuracy in argument and Home began to heave up heat. It the correct solutions of problems, in was not long before she sputtered like that they teach men the habit of using ther, give me a piece." Son-"O, fatheir reflecting powers systematically, so carpentry, turning and other arts, are of high importance. These occupations teach boys to think, to proceed from initial causes to results, and not only to understand the nature and duty of the mechanical powers, but to observe their effects; and to acquire knowledge by actual experiment, which is the best way of learning anything. All theories called out of books leave an impress on the mind and

We forgot what Jones told us about memory which is slight compared to The only thing we could do was all who have the great responsibility to go to bed and leave the thing to of the charge of boys: Give them a burn up the house if it wanted to. lathe, or a set of carpenter's or even We stood off with a pole, and turned blacksmith's tools; give their mind a Of grown up men-and some young sprigs of boys) was brought, and placed before the damper every way and at every turn toward the solid and usean ox. We went to bed, supposing result in increased activity of their the coal would eventually burn out, thinking capabilities, and the directbut about 12 o'clock the whole family ion of their ideas toward practical rehad to get up and sit on the fence. sults; and still more obviously, in the Finally a man came along who had avoidance of idle mischeif and nonbeen brought up among coal stoves, sease (to omit all reference to absolute and he put a wet blanket over him wickedness and moral degredation) and crept up to the stove and turned which are, to too great an extent, the pastime of the generation which is to

The Play fu' Grasshopper.

The Western papers gives the following account of the peculiarties of the playful grasshoppers:

The grasshopper has indeed become a burden in Iowa and Illinois. eats the crop, fence rails, and any old clothes laid around by accident. comes up with his vast army of fellow justified in what they had done. soldiers, going carelessly with the wind, settling down at evening spending a few days in a locality and leavare thrown together. You cannot silt ing nothing behind when he departs. Gate-Linges he desa't like but takes them as a matter of duty when they come in his way. Grindstones are his particular contempt, but he eats a hole people that are low, and not allow em- in them to show that his abstinence is igrants to come near them-in a little a matter of taste, not inability. He has been known then hard pressed to eat the shoes off a kicking mule; and way an equivalent will come up. The it is recorded in Iowa that me flock poor are indispensable to the rich. settled in a graveyard and labored The roots of the prosperity of the very effectually with a granite monurich grow among common folks. The kient. A Des Moines paper narrates life of a tree is dependent upon its that a half dozen were sent to its office roots. If the bottom suffers the top ing during a moment of carelessness. will suffer also. And so men are de- About fifteen migutes after, one of

other secrets. They differed from po- plied the miser, a triumphant grin \$25,000 for the loss of his wife by a the Legislature." litical secrets societies in that their overspreading his countenance as he railroad accident, thinks of marrying

GHASTLY GRINS.

A Wisconsin minister was dismissed from an orthodox pulpit because he

built-a fire under a baulky horse. The old lady who said of one of her house hold pets, "She's such a feelin' purr-puss-ly.

asked if he would take some pudding, to a crowd of other matter, we are

At a hotel table one boarder remarked to his neighbor, "This must be a healthy place for chickens." "Why?" see any dead ones hereabouts."

"Cast iron sinks," is written upon the sign of a city plumber. "Well, who the (hi :) said if didn't ?" chuckled an inebriated man after reading it over

When your pocket book gets empty and everybody knows it, you can put all your friends in it, and it won't "bulge out" worth a cent.

A Drunkard meets a logger, whe presents pitifully his claim to charity. Ah, sir, give me something: I am dying with hunger! 'Humph!' re torts the drunkard; 'hunger! that's nothing-of no consequence! But the thirst, you see, the thirst-that is something!

had taken his county paper for t velve you but yourself. years without paying for it. Upon the day of his burial the kind-heartest, sings into a channel which shall give forgiving editor called to see hun full scope to their faculties. To most for the last time, and stuffed a linear in his coffin. He was preparing him for a warmer climate.

The head of the family is about to eat an apple. Mother-"Say, father, give us a piece." Daughter-"O, father, I want a piece." Neice-"Won't you please give me a piece, too?" Faher (disgusted)-"Here the rest of you take the apple and give me a

self-made man." "I know he is," re-

"Is my face dirty ?" asked a your Hartford hotel the other day, "Dirty! worship is in progress, No doubt ten chances to one he will lose his thrown three under the table, and yet every time he comes around he pats another one before me."

burg the other day that there was a __Greenville Register. young lady in that city who had passed a millinery store without looking "might have known as much."

The directors of a school district in Proble county, O., recently discharged their teacher, in the midst of his term, for repeating to one of his pupils the following verse:

Over the hills a great way off, The woodcauck died with the whooping-

The prettiest girl I ever saw Was sucking either through a straw.

And at the Jane term of the county court a jury, in a suit brought by the teacher to recover his salary, decided that the directors were legally

feet to a glimering fire opens one eye fore me !" and relapses into sleep. After a while opens the other eye,

and still seeing the intruder, says: in de fire if you don't-I will shugh!" and again he stores.

His dreams not being pleasant be soon opens both eyes, and still seeing the pests, he draws up his feet for the threatened kick, but is alarmed to see the enemy advance upon him and ex-

"Wha-whar you comin to now? Humph! my own foot, by golly.

pendent upon each other. You cannot them was heard shonting up the tube Indignant.-Speaking of the Masget out of your social connections in from the press room . "Hi boys, come sachusetts law making it necessary society. We are mixed up, good and of cognetical variations of cognetical variations of cognetical variations of cognetical variations of cognetical variations. bad, honest and dishonest, just and Seriously, they are becoming almost approve of this. The hens have too lions "daily" offered to God in comhalf pounds," Max Adler says : "We cal action. Now see how the detounjust, mean and honorable. Men as great a pest as the locusts of old. long had their own way in this busi- pliance with the Lord's prayer will lical Recorder. plead that, in all the innumerable ways They strip a field of its growing crop ness of laying their eggs, and they control the life. How affectionate, in which they are brought in contact in a night, leaving it bare as if swept have constantly defrauded the public reverential, spiritual, obedient, indus ed lawyer to a pupil: "When the facts with their fellow men, they are tired by fire. Their samplers are not limited by fire are tired to a few armise; but they are test and represented the Loriste trions, forgiving, watchful, must its are in your favor, but the law opposed to a few armise; but they are test and represented to a few armise; but they are test and represented to a few armise; but they are test. of men. Well, I am tired of men, dents of but a few years, and may, for ture of Massachusetts is going to do it. er is often employed as a mere form and when the law is in your favor, and too; and what do I do? Just what aught any one can to I, extend as rap- If free American citizens are to be im-I do when I am tired of anything else, idly as the colorado potato bug, posed upon with impunity by debanch- think of its meaning; and even as if it strong on the law." "But," inquirea which started for the sea coast from ed and corrupt chickens, the govern- had a magic power because it is the the student, "when the the Rocky mountains only a few summers ago, and is now known from ocean to ocean and already consider
Massachusetts ful tailure. Hereafter, Massachusetts ful tailure. Hereafter, Massachusetts ful tailure. There is a dispute in Norton, Illiing the wisdom of a trip to Europe. hens will either have to lay two-ounce A gentleman called on a rich miser, Between ichinch bug, potato bug, eggs, or emigrate. The people will A smile costs the giver nothing, yet grasshopper, and the innumerable other submit to their tyranny no longer. It is beyond price to the erring and respectively and the innumerable other submit to their tyranny no longer. It is beyond price to the erring and respectively. They have born the yolk until it has lenting, the sad and elsections, the lost others daughters. Both have chillenger at and a submit to their tyranny no longer. It is beyond price to the erring and respectively. They have born the yolk until it has lenting, the sad and elsections, the lost others daughters. farmer stands a fair chance of having become unendurable. They denounce and forsaken. It disarms, malice, dren, and the question is what relato give up the field to superior num- present prices for present eggs as eggs- subdues temper, turus enmity to love. tionship do the children bear to each

Poor New York.

Sensible Talk to Girls.

Your every day toilet is a part of your character. A girl who lookslike a "fury" or a sloven in the morning is not to be trusted, however finely she cat," did not purr-per-trate the pun may look in the evening. No matter how humble your room may be, there An editor at a dinner table, being are eight things it should contain, viz: a mirror, wash-stand, soap, towel,hair, replied, in a fit of abstraction, "Owing | nail and tooth brushes. These are just as essential as your breakfast, before which you should make good use of them. Parents who fail to provide their children with such appliances not asked the other. "Because I never only make a great mistake, but commit a sin of omission. Look tidy in the morning and after the dinner work is over improve your toilet. Make it a rule of your daily life to "dress trp" for the afternoon. You may, of need not be, anything better than calico; but with a ribbon, or flower, or some bit of ornament, you can have an air of self-respect and satisfaction that invariably comes of being well dressed. A girl with fine sensibilities can not help feeling embarrassed and awkhair unkept, if a stranger or neighbors should come. Moreover, your selfrespect should demand the decent appareling of your body. You should make it a point to look as well as you A man in Iowa died recently, who can, even if you know nobody will see

Scribbling in Hymn Books.

It is strange that this practice should be so common, when it is well known to be so common, because one aim was a good one, and that, if the cannot pick up a book in any church without finding more or less scribbling he would have been struck. "There on its blank leaves. Usually the book contains every variety of chirography and topic from the delicate school girl hand inditing a criticism on Celia first man didn't intend to infure the Smith's new bonnet to the slap-dash window, and the window would not writes to ask his pew-mate "have you sold that cotton yet?" Some one has divided this sort of church literature second man." One of Disraeli's admirers, in speak- into four parts : Poetry, sentiment, ing about him to John Bright, said : criticism and complaint about the "You ought to give him credit for length of the sermon. We have a few unwise parent labors hard and lives what he has accomplished, as he is a specimens in our recollection that would be amusing, if we felt inclined torted Mr. Bright, "and he adores his to treat the subject lightly. But in truth it is a most reprehensible prac-

bor, but there is nothing in either ex- have done enough for him; pure ---cuse to palliate the offense. If persons als and a cultivated mind are of more are compelled to exchange ideas in Barnum has been fooled again. He God's House, let them earry a slate is ever on the alert for currosities, and and a sponge to church with them, or when he was telegraphed from Harris- sit on a back seat and hide their heads.

The following miracles comes from in the window, he sent an agent on to a Selma, Alabama, paper, and needs precure her for his show at any price. no confirmation: "Young man asked When the agent returned to New a young lady to accompany him to ister, to whose church he belonged, York and told Barnum that the young church. She replied that her hair had met a triend of the farmer, and said : was blind, the great showman said he not been curled, and that she would "Do you see any difference in Mr. P. go to the had place with her eyes wide open before she would venture to Sunday young lady went to church in lerence. Before, when he went out to full suit of curls. When church was shoot on Sanday, be carried his gon out she fell in the aisle; her clothing over his shoulder, but how he carries cracked like Chinese crackers explod- it under his coat." ing, and on examining her face it was found that her eyelids were completelygone. It took twelve strong men to lift her from the floor, and twelve to put her in her coffin. It also required order-that is, according to their no-

the united exertions of twelve minis- tions of the matter-and hide things, ters to preach bur funeral. When the lest they should be lost, where neither last sad rites were being observed, the the owner nor anybody dise can find lid of the coffin suddenly raised of its them. This is a sort of dagpie facul-An old negro slumbering with his own accord, and something about the ty. If anything is left wagre you can size of a black cat, but which was not find it, it is called litter There is a and gets a glimpse of them as they a black cat, leaped out. And as this stand in the obscurity. Mistakes them creature jumped from the coffin to the for two negroes, and cries. "Gif fum floor, it cried aloud to the petrified audience, 'wait! wait! wait until I curl my hair! 'As I expect to answer in the day of judgment, said the sable "Git fum fore me, I say! I kick you divine, I saw this scene with my own eyes, and it was just as I have told

The Lord's Prayer.

How wonderfully the Bible condenses. Witness the ten commandments and the Lord's prayer-the one the embodied moral law of God, the other the daily utterance of praise, intercession, supplication and confession.

Prayer is the expression of desire, hence there is no prayer which the of-

tortion, and hens, they demand a reform with the determination to draw darkest paths with gems of sunlight, related ?" A Mississipp man having recovered up this chicken bill, and pullet through A smile on the brow betrays a kind ate brother, a dutiful son, and a happy Victoria Woodhull is in New York. husband. A smile resembles an angel of paraoise.

A SOUL OUTSIDE THE BODY .- There has always been some speculation on the question whether a man's soul actnally leaves his body during sleep of any other time before death, but evidence to solve mysterious questions are rare. There is a story told in Louistille; however, of a merchant of that city, who, while traveling on a sleeping car in Mississippi, had a vivid experience as of visiting his home and seeing his wife and children asleep, and, noticing that the eight-day faffilt elock fraft ran down, he wound it up and set it going. He then returned to his berth, which was rattling along at the rate of forty miles an hour, in a sleeping car, saw his body distinctly and resumed its place in its well fitting encasement. On writing to his wife about it, he learned that the clock limb been mysteriously wound up on the

night of his spiritual imagination.

A SOLOMON OF A JUDGE.-The following tate comes froff Ireland. Two men had a quarrel in a liquor shop. They adjourned outside to set le the Convaught, immen being from of stone and let fly at the hear opponent, who dropped his head and missed the stone, which went through an expensive plate-glass window and did much damage. A magistrate was called upon next morning to determine which of the two should pay the cost, The evidence clearly showed that the second man had not dipped his head, fore," said the magistrate, " he must pay the damages, as it is certain the characters of the business man who have been injured had it not been for the act of dodging on the part of the

BEGINNING THE WORLD .- Many 311 sparingly all less life to lay up enough to give his children a start in the world, as it is called. Setting a young worship is in progress, and cannot be the arms of one who cannot swim; I yet desire to communicate with a neigh- your child a source legation and you value than the wealth of the Indies.

> THE DIFFERENCE .- A scotch parson had a farmer neighbor who was in the habit of shooting on Sunday. But after awnife this Sabbath-breaker joined the church. One day the minsince he foined the church ?" " Oh! yes," replied the frich l, "a great dif-

ORDERLY PROPIR.-There are persons who are never easy unless they are putting your books, and papers in Try as well pedantry in the houses Sir Walas in the gravest conces whenever ter Scott complained t his maid-servant had be alin his fibrary, he could not set mfortably to work for several days.

HOME EDUCATION, -We do not her itate to attribute greater importance to home education than to school education; for it is beneath the parental roof, when the heart is young, and melted by the warmth of fireside affection, that the deepest impressions are made; it is at home, beneath parental influence and example, that the foundations of physical, moral and mental habits are laid; it is at home where lasting opinions are formed.-School instruction can never supersede the necessity of vigilant parental lead-

nois, about the relationship of certain

One of the easiest and best ways to expand the chest is to have a good large heart in it. It save the cost of