

WEEKLY ERA.

FAMILY READING.

A Black-and-Tan Dog Tackles a Turtle.

If anybody has seen a black-and-tan dog answering to the name of "Judge," going down street in company with a hard shell turtle, that won't answer to anything, and certainly won't answer to tackle, as the dog can tell you if you can get him to stop long enough, please halt the eloping pair, as they are the property of the editor of this paper.

The Lost Opportunity.

A useful hint to many young men may be derived from this little story which the Springfield (Mass.) Union prints: "Not long ago a young man of this city had a most favorable opportunity to enter a business house in this State, at a large increase over his present salary, with a prospect of soon getting a place in the firm."

What Underdraining Does.

It dries the soil. It makes it porous, and therefore mellow at the touch of the plow. It makes the land work easier. It warms the ground in cool weather, and cools it in over-hot. It is earlier in the Spring, and later in the Fall, in tillable condition.

The Cambridge University examiners report unfavorably of the thoroughness of female education in England. Two hundred and twenty candidates presented themselves for examination. The subjects were divided into six groups. In divinity only two or three out of a hundred women could give a clear account of the connection of the thoughts in a chapter of Scripture submitted to them; in arithmetic the results were satisfactory.

A Hint for Young Men.

Not long ago a young man of this city had a most favorable opportunity to enter a business house in this State, at a large increase over his present salary, with a prospect of soon getting a place in the firm. His recommendations were first-class, and the officers of the institution were decidedly pleased with his appearance.

True Gentleman.

Show us a man who can quit the society of the young and take pleasure in listening to the kindly voice of the old; show us a man who is always ready to pity and help the deformed; show us a man that covers the faults of others with a mantle of charity; show us a man that bows as politely and gives the street as freely to the poor sewing girl as to the millionaire; show us a man who abhors a libertine, who scorns the ridiculer of his mother's sex and the exposure of womanly reputation; show us the man who never forgets for an instant the delicacy and respect due a woman, as a woman, in any condition or class—and you show us a true gentleman.—Exchange.

A touching incident is reported from Chattanooga. An utter stranger called on a respectable farmer recently, and asked him if his house had not been robbed during the war. The farmer replied that it had. "I," said the stranger, "was one of the marauding party and, I took a little locket."

KEEP OUT OF DEBT.—Half the perplexity, annoyance and trouble that men have in this world is in consequence of getting into debt. It seems to be natural for some men to buy and incur obligations without measure, so long as they can avoid paying ready cash. Give one of this sort a chance to buy on credit, and the question of price and conditions of payment are matters that he cares but little about.

The great cities of the United States stand relatively in the following order in regard to exports and imports: Exports.—New York \$318,000,000; New Orleans \$104,000,000; San Francisco, \$93,000,000; Philadelphia, \$34,000,000; Savannah \$32,000,000; and Boston, \$27,000,000. Imports.—New York, \$428,000,000; Boston, \$68,000,000; San Francisco, \$39,000,000; Baltimore, \$29,000,000; Philadelphia, \$25,000,000.

C. C. WILLARD, EBBITT HOUSE WASHINGTON, D. C.

[Greensboro North State.] Action of the Directors upon the Consolidation Bill.

The following are the resolutions adopted by the Directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company, in relation to the recent amendment to the charter of that corporation, at their meeting on the 31st of December. The committee appointed (second resolution) embraces the names of some of our very best men, among them, N. H. D. Wilson, of Greensboro, whose character and ability are unquestioned. It is a great pity that Mr. Wilson, or some other live men of similar financial capacity, could not have been selected by the legislature to negotiate the sale of the bonds.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company, are earnestly desirous of a speedy completion of the Western North Carolina Railroad extensions, and consolidated line through the State of North Carolina, but respectfully submit, that in their opinion the recent Act passed by the Legislature amending the charter of the North Carolina Railroad Company renders such completion impracticable. We, therefore, earnestly appeal to the Governor to call the State Commission together, and ask their co-operation before the Legislature for a charter, with such powers as will enable this company to carry through successfully this great work.

Resolved, That Wm. A. Smith, T. M. Holt, N. H. D. Wilson, R. Barringer and H. L. Holmes, be appointed a committee to lay this resolution before the proper authorities, and to take such further action as they may deem necessary.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SAMPLES sent by mail for 50c. that retail quick for \$10. R. L. WOLCOTT, 81 Chatham Square, N. Y. 20-4w

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W. N. H. SMITH. GEO. V. STRONG SMITH & STRONG, Attorneys and Counsellors at Law. 6-6m Raleigh, N. C.

OFFICE OF THE A. & N. C. R. R.

NEWBERN, N. C., Dec. 29, 1873. Notice is hereby given to holders of the mortgage bonds of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company, that Coupons on said Bonds due on the First Day of January, 1874, will be paid at the Fulton National Bank, New York, on and after the 10th day of January, 1874, on presentation. E. R. STANLEY, Pres't. 28-1m A. & N. C. R. R. Co.

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