WEEKLY ERA.

FAMILY READING.

A Black-and-Tan Dog Tackles a Turtle.

If anybody has seen a black-andtan 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. We are fondly attached to the dog on account of his vagabondish, Bohe-mianish habits. He knows every dog in Peoria by name, and is on speaking terms with nine-tenths of the granger dogs that come in under the wagons, and he knows more of the inhabitants of this city than the tax collector does. The turtle is a more recent acquisition. It was placed in the backyard yesterday, and the dog spent an hour and a half trying to entice it to come out of its shell and be sociable. The old iron-clad maintained his reserve, however, until the dog crammel his nose against the forward part and began to sniff. The pair seemed to come to some sort of understanding at once, for the dog made an impetuous remark on a very high key, and they both started gives the street as freely to the poor on a trip after Donaldson's balloon. When the dog jumped over Fisher's barn we thought he had struck the eastern current and would get right through, but we learn since that he landed and was seen sauntering along like a whirlwind, the turtle staying right by him. We should be very sorry to lose the dog now, as he has acquired another important and valuable quality. He knows more about turtles than any other dog in the country, and it's mighty hard to find a real good turtle dog .- Peoria Review.

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. His recommendations were first-class, and the officers of the institution were decidedly pleased with his appear-They, however, made no proposals, nor did they state their favorable impressions. A gentleman of this city was requested to ascertain where the young man spent his evenings, and what class of young men were his associates. It was found that he spent several nights of the week in a billiardroom on Main street, and Sunday afternoon drove a hired span into the country with three other young men. He is wondering why he did not hear from the house concerning that coveted position."

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 tilhable condition. It resists the frosts to a great extent during the Winter. -It is indispensible to grow grain successfully, end grass that makes good butter and cheese. It is the cure of malaria; makes a country warmer; increases the value of land. It stands the heavy rains without harm, passing off the surplus water and retaining its fertility. It will bear stock on it earlier in the season, and sooner without harm after a rain. It is a comfort to know you have it. But it must be done well, else there is a loss, of the whole labor.

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 woman could give a clear account of the connection of the thoughts in a chapter of Scripture submitted to them; in arithmetic lowing order in regard to exports the results were satisfactory. In and imports : Exports .- New York Eaglish literature the candidates \$318,000,000; New Orleans \$104,000-were pronounced very deficient. 000; San Francisco, \$93,000,000; were pronounced very deficient. The examiners characterize as prev-The examiners characterize as prevalent faults, "inaccuracy," "flippancy," and "slang." In modern languages the women came off well; only one attempted to pass in Greek, and but a few in Latin. Women fail to meet these strict tests wholly from the wretchedness of traning. The absolute necessity of thoroughness is not as a rule improved upon them by their educators. posed upon them by their educators.
The English University examinations will do much to lift up their culture in England to a higher JNO A. J. CHESWEL Spalq Postmaster General.

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. They, however, made him no proposals, nor did they state their favorable impressions. A gentleman of this city was requested to ascertain where the young man spent his evenings, and what class of young men were his a sociates. It was found that he spent several nights of the week in a billiard room, and Sunday after-noon drove a hired span into the country with three other young bloods. He is wondering why he didn't hear from the house concerning that coveted position.-Exchange.

True Gentleman.

Show us a man who can quit the society of the young and take pleasure in listening to the kindly but respectfully submit, that in their 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 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 to carry through successfully this womanly reputation; show us the great work. 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." "That locket," said the farmer bursting into tears, "had been worn by my dear, dear child." "Here it is," replied the stranger, visibly affected: "I am rich; let me make restitution. Here is \$20 for your little son." He gave the farmer a \$50 bill, and received \$30 in change. He then wrung the farmer's hand warmly, and left. The farmer has since dried his tears and loaded his shot gun. The \$50 bill was bad.

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 66 Psychomancy, or Soul Charm-that he cares but little about But ing." How either sex may fasthat he cares but little about. But what a crop of trouble springs up from the seed of debt. How many sleepless nights result from it! How many gray hairs it brings, and how often it shortens life-sometimes leading men to commit suicide or murder. And yet how easy a thing it is to keep clear of this terrible monster, Every young man should form a fixed unalterable determination, before commencing his active business career, not to incur one penny of indebtedness under any circumstances. Never borrow. Never buy anything unless JURUBEBA. you have the money to pay for it at once. Pay no attention to splendid opportunites," "bargains," "rare chances," and the like .- Such affairs | ted blood, removes vesicle obstructions are only traps which debts set to & acts directly on the Liver and Spieen. catch victims. If you see anything | Price \$1 a bottle. JONN Q. KELLOGG, that you would like to buy, or any offer is made that you would like to accept, look first at your money pile, and make the answer depend upon that. Always pay as you go. If you are short of money, you should gauge your demands accordingly. Foster habits of economy, live within your means, buy nothing that you cannot afford, and you will go on through life free from the miseries and troubles that ever beset the path of the debtor.

The great cities of the United States stand relatively in the fol-Philadelphia, \$34,000,000; Savannah \$32,000,000; and Boston, \$27,000,000. Imports.—New York, \$426,000,000; Boston, \$68,000,000; San Francisco, \$39,000,000; Baltimore, \$29,000,000; Philadelphia, \$25,000,000.

C. C. WILLARD, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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[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 committe 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. Maj. Smith, the soul of the undertaking, is very properly placed at the head of the committee. Here are the resolutions:

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, opinion the recent Act passed by the Legislature amending the charter of the North Carolina Railroad 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

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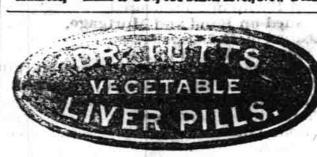
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