The ripe corn rustled its yellow blade,

The field-poppies woke from their swoon,

Theodore Fulton Davidson

Through all time there has been this ap-

prehension of the generations of men when

their leaders fell and when their guides

were taken away; yet this apprehension is

far apart, are illustrated by some prodigy

of valor, of generalship, of eloquence, of

poetic genius, of excellence in art, that lifts

them far above and beyond the reach of

ambitious emulation. These stand alone,

and will stand alone, through all time,

without equals or rivals, set up as the ex-

of existence, may be the common property

of all. But in dealing with the race gen-

erally, Nature is just and generous and

equable, and sustains with equal average

the fair allotment of gifts and talents; and

career will be distinguished by such acts of

public service as will attract to them their

round, in their turn, when they pass away, the inevitable lamentation and despair.

march of Time, the eye turns to the young

and who have improved those gifts by as-

siduous cultivation, and who have adorned

their gifts with moral worth and social

graces, will be found those who are to

affairs, those who are to animate in time

of public troubles, those who are to

cheer in times of public calamity, and

these, moreover, who are to adorn so-

cial life and demonstrate that public inter-

ests are best advanced by high social

Among those whose promise to shine in

Mr. DAVIDSON is the son of Colonel Allen

T. Davidson, now a prominent lawyer of

ville, where he received all the scholastic

training he ever enjoyed. It had been re-

solved by the father that his son Theodore

should enter the Navy, and he held an ap-

pointment to the Naval Academy at An-

napolis. But meanwhile the war broke out,

and with youthful enthusiasm he joined a

company raised in Buncombe, the first company from west of the Blue Ridge, and

went to the field, his company being at-

tached to the First (or Bethel) Regiment.

He was afterwards transferred to the

Thirty-ninth, of which Colonel David

Coleman had the command. In 1863 he

was placed on the staff of General Robert

B. Vance, where he remained until the

After the close of the war Mr. Davidson

applied himself to the study of the law,

and was admitted to practice in 1867.

His rise was steady, if not rapid; though,

his nature, pronounced in his opinions, it

no neutrality. Mr. Davidson was too

brave and candid a man to covet obscurity

and he ranged himself as one of the bold-

est of those who knew the Democratic

party, to be successful, must be aggressive. He developed noted qualities for leader-

ship, and in his capacity of chairman of

the Democratic Executive Committee of

Buncombe county, which position he held

for eight years, he did more to create and

perfect a thorough local organization of the party than had been before, or has

since been attained. He was also, as his

capacities became more largely known and

recognized, for six years the chairman of

the Democratic Executive Committee of

the Eighth (now the Ninth) Congressional

It was not possible that a man so thor-

all these varied qualities is the subject of

look upon their like again."

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A PROSPERING COUNTY.

forests abound in all the trees known in to show, the kind inquiries, the kind

rich at it, will be the frequency with face is broken, though gently undulating, came to the gate and we were made welwhich he will make a fool of himself. He being of easy cultivation, and along the come. We went in and sat down to hear will, often against his own judgment, buy or sell property or advance money for speculative purposes or the like, having at fine crops are raised without any manures to make a roof of interest that and sat down to hear streams there is a great deal of bottom of our old friends. The younger of the speculative purposes or the like, having at the time an uneasy consciousness that in doing so he is making a fool of himself, but doing it, nevertheless, in the hope of gain; or he will do it with confidence at of fine yellow tobacco, for which the coun- to her bed upon this, and died in ten days the time, losing sight entirely of something ty is noted, though in some portions the thereafter. After her death the family which will appear to his apprehension only simultaneously with the conviction that he ing large crops of wheat. All the land "eating cancer" in her breast, a thing that has made a fool of himself. The fact is produces wheat, oats, clover and the no one had any suspicion of, either in her grasses, and in portions there are fine own home or elsewhere. The surviving meadows of natural grass.

Good farming land, (especially for fine known it, as they had shared the same tobacco) unimproved, sells at from \$3 to room and bed for some time, but if so, \$5 per acre; improved with houses, wells, she had carried the dismal secret to her It is the one universal ignis fatuus which barns, etc., sell at from \$7 to \$10, while grave. Miss Sally had dressed herself to all persons at some time, and some persons at all times, pursue, as if it was a lamp that lighted the way to Heaven, instead of river bottoms are held at from \$20 to \$50 within two or three days of her death, per acre; land rents readily at one-fourth and then becoming delirious could no for uplands, and one-third for bottoms. longer do it, but she resisted every attempt being, as it too often is, a mere jack-o'-lan-The usual yield per acre of tobacco is made to change her attire, and was very tern which causes its pursuers to make from 500 to 1,000 pounds, according to emphatic in her charge that no one should themselves ridiculous in the eyes of others, whether the tobacco is fine or heavy and do it. They humored her, and so, not common; fine yellow tobacco sells at from | till they went to dress her for the grave If, instead of devoting himself to any of the pursuits already mentioned, the man \$30 to \$40 per hundred pounds around did they understand. The Doctor, who should resolve to make it the business of (that is for lugs and all), while the heavy was present, said from appearances the his life to instruct the youth of the coun- and common sells at from \$3 to \$10 per cancer was probably four or five years old. try, the chances are that there will be fremuch as \$150 to \$250 for the tobacco sick-nurse in all those years, and given no hearted person to repeat the droll apology from a single acre of land that they hint of the fire that was burning into herbought at \$5. The bottom lands are usu- self. She knew what to do, and knew too, ally devoted to corn, of which there is no doubt, that it was hopeless from the generally enough raised to supply the beginning-had dressed it herself-and in needs of the county and a good deal is her trunk were found medicines, plasters lore. He reads himself full of divine quiry into every profession and calling in exported to Danville, Va. Potatoes, cab- and other things necessary. I asked her bages and all vegetables are raised in great | sister what could have been her motive for life, even in the very general way in which abundance, as are also all the fruits, ap- concealing such a thing. The sister re-

structs a theory of the universe which week to get through; but there are one or ples, peaches, plums, cherries, etc., coming plied that she supposed she must have to great perfection. very marked injustice. Indeed it is but lific in illustrations of the theme proposed, than any which have been heretofore men-Suppose that the gentleman who is

HIS AFFLICTED COUNTRY, entirely abandoned to the selfish occupa-

less informed about His works than some | find no irreconcilable antagonism between other folks. The natural tendency of this | the two things. He enters the political arena, to use tellectual modesty into his composition, classical phrase, or, as it is expressed in which is always a healthy process, and then | the vernacular, he goes into politics; and, some good old-fashioned preacher, with a in order that his beloved country may rehead full of brains and a heart overflowing ceive his undivided attention, he neglects with human kindness, gets hold of him, and or sbandons his former occupation, if he makes him a christian. He may not have had one. The result is, that in a short such good luck, however, and, if not, the | while, if he is honest, he finds that in adlast state of that man is worse than the dition to being the victim of a liberal and are destined to make it one of the said, "she had not only all she needed, first, and he never does realize that he has, supply of misrepresentation and abuse, his patriotism constitutes the chief, if not the Let us take another case, and suppose only, capital left on hand wherewith to meet the demands of his creditors and the souls, our hero should devote himself to large and interesting family with which, as one of the professions whose business it is | in duty bound, he has provided himself; and then, during the abundant leisure of which he is the possessor, another thought which has frequently before suggested itself more

MONEY CAUSES MORE PEOPLE

and miserable in their own.

tioned.

are greater, and where the probabilities making an elaborate and finished fool of that he will do so amount to almost abso- himself. This is apt to be the experience of the poor and honorable public man, and is his method of making a fool of himself. There are other sorts of politicians, who pursue different methods, and make fools of themtion to immediately sweep the enemy like selves in a different way. For instance, chaff from his path, and before the ink on the wealthy ignoramus often buys his way it gets dry to find himself running as if to public position, and, after securing it, admiration for his character and ability, and accepts with screne complacency, as nothing more than his just dues, the most graver responsibilities. Equally amusing is the conduct of the would-be statesman. who is forever disclaiming a desire to hold the office which his fellow-citizens, he men because, so far as my observation has terrify some anxious mother by informing which, by some perverse combination of when the opportunity presents itself. If, goguery, he manages to secure an office, he is at once transformed into a veritable Sir Oracle, and is firmly persuaded that the failure to earlier recognize his persons who happen to know something exposes his ignorance, to the great amuse-

> dawn on him-that he is not an overshadowing figure in the drama of public life. Suppose, finally, that the man should A NEWSPAPER EDITOR, and-Well, let us rest awhile; and, during the pause, permit me to observe that if knowledge of a subject is derived from experience, I consider myself amply qualified to discuss the different ways in which a man can make a fool of himself, but am

entirely willing to defer to any one who knows more about it than I do. Suicide of Br. Seigle.

[Charlotte Democrat.] At Lowesville, Lincoln county, on Sunday last, Dr. Edwin H. Seigle, formerly of Newton, committed suicide by taking

ROCKINGHAM.

Rockingham county was formed in 1785 from Guilford, and was named in honor of Charles Watson Wentworth, Marquis

make fools of themselves than false pride, or ambition, or anything else in the world.

for the sale of all their products in the have liked to have her with a cancer," city of Danville, Va., which is only about She would have been out of employment, twenty-five or thirty miles from Went- and would have had to stay at home, and worth and is easily reached by the farmers | be a burden, while she died by inches, as of the eastern and southern portions of an older sister had done with the same disthe county by way of the Richmond and ease, years ago. She was resolved not to Danville Railroad, while those of the yield to the same fate, and went on nurs-northern and western portions find easy ing the sick to within a few weeks of her access through the Danville, Mechanics- death. "After Matilda died she seemed ville and South Western Railroad. The to wilt right away and never even tried to

its entire length though the county. for all country produce and is fast becom- of courage and of spirit, and who knew are alive to the interests of their town maining at home-so that, as her sister cities of the State. Leaksville, Madison, but she had what she liked." Stoneville, Wentworth and Ruffin are all And so the two sisters passed quietly small towns with a population of from 200 out of life together, leaving behind them

stores, etc., and afford good markets for maids, and the last of their name. They those immediately around them. watered counties in the State; the Dan be undistinguishable. Yet their lives running through the northern portion of the county, with its tributaries, the Smith | table and valuable in a high degree. They and Mayo Rivers, with Wolf Island, Lick- had carried themselves with discretion, fork, Sauratown, Jacobs, Hogans, Buffalo, prudence and kindness, and filled their Matrimony and other numerous creeks, form a complete net-work of water courses. Each and all of these streams have most fort in its prayer-book and services, but excellent water powers, suitable for the largest mills and factories. The Leaksville cotton mills, upon Smith River, has ference among good people, whatever one of the finest water powers in the there might be in their churches." Peace State. The southern part of the county to their memories!

Coal is found in a great many places along the line of Dan River, and iron near Troublesome creek, in the southern

The President's Canvass. [New York Post Washington Letter.] The fact that President Arthur has not had organizing force enough to secure extended, they can supply ample material her that her innocent babe, who is lifting circumstances they never do thrust, even many delegates from the States represented in his Cabinet has caused much comment by false pretences and ceaseless dema- among the politicians. One of the Cabinet officers, speaking of this to-day, said that the reason why they had not gone to their respective States to work for President Arthur was because he was opposed claim to preferment has been a serious to it. This officer was very certain that public detriment. Statesmanship involves he could have secured all the delegates no difficult problems to him, and govern- from his State for the President had he ment becomes the simplest of tasks. He visited it, but he had not; every delegate remains in this comfortable frame of mind from that State is against Arthur. It is Herald. until some day one of those unpretending learned that there has been some very earnest talk among the Cabinet on this subject, and that more than one of them ment of the public, and the fact, which desired to enter into the political canvass, has long been patent to others, begins to but the President was resolute in every instance. This utter lack, however, of organization in the Arthur forces gives his ward found his watch hanging on a small followers considerable apprehension now limb of a tree that had blown down in that the delegates are all chosen. The the yard, the chain wrapped several times coming thirty days, they say, are to be around the limb. It was ticking away as days of manipulation. What the oppo- if nothing had happened. Another man,

From birthday morning to death's evening

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HOME FROM CAMP-MEETING. excluded from the public councils of the State, and accordingly Mr. Davidson was [John Henry Boner.] sent in 1879 to represent the Fortieth Dis-trict in the State Senate, and was returned The moon shone white along the road, The summer night was still, in 1881. His services in that body were And the morning star like a torchlight glowe eminentle great and useful to his section and to the whole State. He was placed From the top of Three Oak Hill. The meadow grasses fed the air on several committees in the session of 1879, being chairman of the Committee on With a scent deliciously fine, And the spider spun his gossamer spare Corporations, and a member of the Com-From the blackjack tree to the pine. mittee on the Judiciary and of Internal Improvements. In 1881 his legal reputa-Thousands of insects faintly sung tion and his sound judgment pointed him out as worthy of higher honors, and he In the warmth of the summer night, The bat flew low, and the great owl swung was made chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, admitted to be the most im-Like a bell in the mystic light,

also a member of other committees. And the leaves of the wild grape lightly played Profoundly impressed with the necessity In the rays of the rising moon. of such railroad legislation as would hasten Down the road at a leisure pace to its completion the great work of the Rode Pete on his aged mare, Western North Carolina Railroad, begun aupiciously years before, but halting and Whose clumsy feet left a little trace embarrassed by renewed succession of dif-Of dust in the silvery air. ficulties; and also with enlarged and lib-The leather reins were dropped, and hung eral views to the relief and advancement On the saddle-horn, and a song of the interests of the whole State, he gave-Strangely pathetic the negro sung ardent attention and untiring industry to As his piebald cantered along. such propositions as involved the completion of the Western North Carolina Rail-The tune was queer and the words were odd, road. In his professional character, he But the music filled the night. gave able legislative aid to such wise and As he sung of the wonderful love of God And the shining robe of white. His black face turned to the starry sky fication of the laws, to the creation of a railroad commission, and other measures erally, including the lives of the saints. Reflected stars in tears. For Pete was happy-with seer's eye calling into action both the concern and He saw beyond the years. the ability of the statesman, in all of which

Mr. DAVIDSON placed himself in the front Pete was a preacher old and gray, rank of his compeers. He preached when he was a slave. And he preached at the dawn of freedom's da "De Lord has power to save." And many a preacher talking to-day About the heavenly goal Had better go to his closet and pray For the faith of that African's soul. large class and number of cases not capital, involving in their disposition a, weighty DAVIDSON. YOUNG MEN OF NORTH CAROLINA.

that of the Superior Court itself. Each successive generation looks with dismay at the passsing away of the great names that have illustrated it; names so associated with honors, with public services, with personal worth, that they stand | plary private character, still a young man, | who freely admits the charge against himout resplendent luminaries against the dull names that are the guides in counsel, the and bear the burden of that generation of son and orthodoxy alike pronounce this rallying points for liberty, the lights of worthies which shall soon pass away; but judgment although they call the act by social life; and their extinguishment calls passing away, to leave their places well and for the mournful sigh, "We ne'er shall honorably filled.

portant and responsible committee in

either House; at the same session he was

The Tariff Defeat.

There was a full House and a full vote on the day which was to decide the fate never completely realized. It happens in of Mr. Morrison's bill. Eight members were paired; two did not vote or otherhuman history that centuries, very often wise account for themselves; 314 voted-41 Democrats and 118 Republicans voting to defeat the bill; 152 Democrats and 3 Republicans voting for the bill. The 41 Democrats who voted against the bill were Eaton, of Connecticut; Muller, Hutchins, Arnott, Spriggs, Van Alstyne and Wemple, of New York; McAdoo, Fiedler and Feramples of the intellectual gift imparted to rall, the three Democrats from New Jersey; the human race, which, in a future stage Randall, Elliott, Boyle, Curtin, Connelly, Dancan, Ermentrout, Hepkins, Mutchler, Patton, Post and Storm, the twelve Democrats from Pennsylvania; Converse, Foran, Geddes, Jordan, Lefevre, Murray, Paige, Seney, Warner and Wilkins, ten o in each generation arise the men whose the thirteen Democrats from Ohio; Budd Glasscock, Sumner and Tully, four of the six Democrats from California; Finnerty, full share of popular admiration and confidence; placing them in their turn in the atof Louisiana; Snyder, of West Virginia, titude of leaders and guides, and bringing and George D. Wise, of Virginia. The only Republicans who voted with the Democrats were Messrs. Wakefield, For the successors of those who have Nelson and Strait, of Minnesota. The commanded the reverent respect of the public, or of those whose career must soon be brought to a close by the inexorable MEN of the day; and among those most signally endowed with the gifts of intellect, Mr. White, of Kentucky, and Mr. Riggs, of Illinois, with Mr. Nichols, of Georgia,

the last two being Democrats. Mr. W. E. Robinson, of Brooklyn, did not vote, neither did Mr. Barr, of Pennlead, those who are to direct public sylvania.

A Squarely Honest Boy.

Two or three weeks ago a pedestrian going on, and as he looked in at the front door a boy about twelve years of age, who sat in the hall, quietly observed:

"It's only the old folks having a little row, stranger." "Do they have 'em often?" asked the Runcombe county, a member of the first

man. Confederate Congress. He was born in Haywood county in the year 1843. In the door here and charge ten cents admisearly infancy his parents removed to Cherokee county, where they remained until the beginning of the war, the subject of this sketch in the meantime having been well make a few dollars as to let the sent to the school of Colonel Lee at Ashechance slip.

The boy said he would think of it, and the pedestrian waited until the man had choked the woman as black as a plum, and then passed on. Yesterday he chanced that way again, and there was another row going on, and the same boy sat on the doorstep.

"I'll see the show," said the man as he pulled out his wallet. "Has my advice profited you?" "Stranger, I can't take your money."

Why?" "Because I'm a square boy. For a week or so every fight in there was as square as a dice and worth the price of admission, but as soon as a crowd began to come and the gate money began to run up to eighty or ninety cents, dad and mam began to hippodrome on the public. That blood on his nose was put there half an hour ago, and mam's black eye is three measured by the flight of years, it may be called sufficiently rapid, in view of the weeks' old. They want me to stand in reputation so early acquired. Ardent in with them and deceive the public, but I can't do it. Let the best man win or quit was unavoidable that Mr. Davidson should the business is my motto. Pass on, take a very pronounced stand in politics.
The condition of the country permitted of the confiding public."

Washington Territory Described.

[San Francisco Alta.] A gentleman who has just returned from Washington Territory was asked how he liked the country. "Well, sir," he replied, "every bunch of willows is a mighty forest, every frog pond a sylvan lake, every waterfall a second Niagara, every ridge of rocks a gold mine, and every'man a liar."

· Victuals and Clothes.

Dandies, to make a greater show, Wear coats stuck out with pads and puffing; And this is surely apropos, For what's a goose without the stuffing?

What better reason can you guess Why men are poor, and ladies thinner oughly equipped with all the armor and But thousands now for dinner dress weapons of political service would be long Till naught is left to dress for dinner.

"MOTLEY'S THE WEAR."

[A. M. Waddell.]

Foolery, Sir, does walk about the orb like the sun; it shines everywhere."—Twelfth Night. A favorite maxim of one of my deceased philosopher, although he was innocent of books, was contained in these words: "There are so many ways for a man to make a fool of himself in this world that

it's mighty hard to escape them all." It was doubtless a paraphrase of some-thing which an earlier philosopher said, but the author did not know it. He evolved this painful truth out of his own experience, and if he had never said any thing else would still deserve the title which I have given him. Where is the his escape is very apt to be due to the fact that Nature saved him the trouble by performing the operation herself in his case, once for all. Nothing short of superhuman wisdom on the one hand, or the most hopeless stupidity on the other, would enable a man to go through life without at some time, and generally much oftener than once, making a fool of himself. I say this, brethren, for your consolation, and feel confident that it will meet your important questions as improvement in the unqualified endorsement. I appeal, too, law of evidence and practice, to the codi- in support of the assertion to all history, sacred and profane, and to biography gen-

ADAM HAD THE ADVANTAGE of commencing life as a grown man, and Upon the creation of the Inferior Court thus of escaping every youthful indiscreof Buncombe county Mr. Davidson was before he made the biggest kind of a fool made chairman of that body. The juris-diction of this court being given to relieve mained in the family ever since. That the Superior Court of its overburdened event was really what caused the melandocket, brings to its cognizance a very | choly Mark Twain to weep so copiously at his tomb several years ago. Moses I am sure felt like kicking himself frequently degree of reponsibility, of judicial knowledge, and of inflexible firmness; and unin the wilderness, who took him to their der the administration of the present father's tent and gave him the first "square chairman, that court has attained a dig- meal" he had eaten since he left town: nity and an authority only inferior, as in-fluenced by more limited jurisdiction, to of wisdom, made a fool of himself a thousand times.

Although

Mr. Davidson, now in the very prime of These men "acknowledged the corn" life, in the vigor of health, in the flush of and died happy, and full of confidence in well-deserved reputation, with most exem- the future. There is always hope for one may justly be regarded as one of the YOUNG | self, but for him who solemnly denies the MEN coming forward to wear the mantle | accusation there is none whatever. Readifferent names. The fact is that most, if not all, sensible people pass their lives in alternately making fools of themselves and bewailing the operation. The rest of cape the charge of partiality, and to give the work, and therefore diligently delves master." niankind, who are largely in the majority, omit the latter part of the programmewhich is the best argument that can be advanced in favor of the doctrine that most of the crowd will take the wrong road after they close business here and "Leave the warm precincts of the cheerful day."

one commonly used to express the same idea. It will be discovered not only that but that by the use of the more common phrase great injustice is done to a long suffering and much abused animal. When in the frame of mind to which I allude.

men generally say "I MADE AN ASS OF MYSELF. but they grievously wrong that patient and serious quadruped by the comparison. of Illinois; Findlay, of Maryland; Hunt, An ass never makes a fool of himself. I do not mean to be understood as intimating that seriousness is an insuperable obstacle to one's making a fool of himself.
On the contrary, that process is entirely compatible with the utmost solemnity of pairs were four-Mr. Bennett, of North appearance and deportment. I am only Carolina, with Mr. Ochiltree, of Texas; defending the ass who cannot now speak Mr. Muldrow, with Mr. Valentine, of for himself, as he once did, however elo-Nehraska; Mr. Wood, of Indiana, with quent his heels may be. The maxim of mentioned, however, was directed rather to the multiplicity of the facilities for making a fool of himself which a man finds for granted as a matter of course—that a man will make a fool of himself is assumed as perfectly natural-but that there should who was passing a house on Riopelle be such a superabundance of ways prostreet heard the sounds of a terrific struggle vided to do it was the thought that weighed upon him; and there is a humorous pathos in his manner of giving expression to it. It cannot be denied that the ways are numberless, and that, notwithstanding the danger-signals which have been set up by innumerable victims-like

"Almost every day."
"If I were in your place I'd stand at he door here and charge ten cents admisways are still daily thronged with those sion fee. It's worth the money to see a who mistake them for the ways of pleasfamily riot like this, and you might as antness and peace, and only discover their error after becoming objects of ridicule to others, or of contempt to themselves. So numerous, indeed, are those who have made fools of themselves, that if a reward should be offered for one who had not, a man would make a fool of himself to claim it, and thus add another to the number of ways in which that operation can be per-formed. There is not a pursuit in life,

or from studying the exact sciences to dealing in futures, about which men do not continually make fools of themselves. There is hardly a problem that ever presented itself to the human mind, from the origin of evil to the tariff question, in regard to which they do not indulge this inclination. It is a natural instinct, to illustrate which a bewildering maze of facilities is presented on every hand, and therefore it is not surprising that my observant

impressed with the exceeding difficulty of escaping them. Go back to the earliest records of the race—which are only the records of the lives of the great, in which the doings of the multitude have no place-and, selecting any character you please, read the achis career. You will find inevitably that he made a fool of himself, if not frequently, at least once. Human history is in a great measure but the record of human folly; and all literature, including from one point of view, only a tremendous

countryman should have been so deeply

Look at Alexander the Great, after gobbling up the last crumb of territory that he could find, sitting down like a schoolboy that had stuffed himself with the last plum in the pudding, blubbering because there was no more to gobble! Think of Socrates going about barefooted and with one thin sole on in the dead of winter. asking everybody all sorts of questions about all sorts of things, while his family were almost starving, and his children growing up with perhaps less benefit from course, therefore, is irresponsible for the tory remarks himself; whereupon, to the ing rather freely recently.

body else! Hear Antony's pitiful cry, "Would I had never seen her," when, waking from his Egyptian orgy, he realized that he, "the triple pillar of the world," had made himself a wanton's fool, and that his folly would be as immortal as fellow-citizens whom I recognized as a his fame. (Alas! how many undistin-

guished Antonies there have been since Cleopatra died!) Consider the conduct of Cæsar himself when the mob applauded his refusal of the crown; or the dismay of his murderers when they realized that with him they had destroyed the only hope of the very liberties which they professed to be trying to preserve. Picture to yourself that assemblage before whom Galileo was summoned to renounce his awful heresy, and say if there has ever been anything in the astroman who never on any occasion made a fool of himself? If there be such an one Jasper, colored, of Richmond, Va., electrified the world with the discovery that "the sun do move." Imagine Henry VIII. in the role of a religious reformer! Think of Ponce de Léon sailing three thousand miles in search of a fountain whose waters would bestow perpetual youth. Look at Sir Isaac Newton, cutting two cat holes, one for the big cat and one for the kitten; or that fierce genius Dean Swift, interposing to prevent the pardon of a condemned criminal upon the sole ground that—as he put it-he "was a fiddler and consequently a rogue, and deserved hanging for something else." Survey the pages of history and behold the number of empires lost and crowned heads chopped off as the consequence of their owners having made fools of themselves, and at the same time recall the conduct of those who overturned these

> and decide if you can which made the BIGGEST FOOLS OF THEMSELVES. Did Charles I, ascending the scaffold and dying like a brave man and gentleman rather than surrender his fantastic notions about the divine right of Kings, make any greater fool of himself than did those who put him to death and afterwards

made laws for England?

governments and executed these rulers,

I do not await the answer to this conundrum, but skipping a century would respectfully call your attention to George III, swearing and crying over lost American colonies; or invite you across the channel to see Napoleon at the zenith of his power, with his dynasty firmly established, his name a terror to the nations, and all Europe anxious for peace, yet yielding to the silly dream of universal who made the greatest noise in the world that was ever made by one man, when he fired two hundred and fifty tons of gunpowder at one round at the astonished garrison of Fort Fisher, and heard the echo of this tremendous exploit reverberate around the world in shouts of laugh-Happy, indeed, is the man who will ter. This is sufficient for the purpose in honestly and frequently say "I made a hand, and will fully vindicate the claims fool of myself." And here let me draw a of our country. Go through the whole distinction between this phrase and the catalogue of illustrious names, ancient and in Twelfth Night says to Viola: "Fool-

orb like the sun; it shines everywhere."

(It is unnecessary, however, to cite individual cases, great or small, in proof of the fact that it is making a fool of oneself. It is true that many persons do not try to keep from it, but simply follow their natural inclination. Yet the most watchful and prudent, even when freely criticising the infirmities of others, are apt to realize that they are doing the same thing; or, what is much more amusing, do it without realizing it. The funniest thing in nature is a man solemnly making a fool of himself without knowing it at the time, or afterward. the rustic philosopher which has been And yet it is an everyday occurrence, and one which frequently seems to give real satisfaction to the person engaged in it. There is, however, a vast difference besurrounding him in this world than to his tween the effect of making a fool of one's proneness to utilize them. "There are so self, and being made a fool of by another. many ways," was the burden of his com- In the former case, however aggravated, plaint. The infirmity of the race is taken it is possible for the victim, after the first shock of the discovery, to see something in it to laugh at; in the latter, never. The best-natured man under such circumstances will find his supremest effort at hilarity result in that equivocal condition of the facial muscles described as "the dry grins." There is a consciousness of personal responsibility in the one case which serves to palliate, if not to dignify, the foolery; in the other there is only the sense of inexcusable and intensignboards marked, in plain letters, "Keep tional personal outrage perpetrated by a human right or privilege that is absolutely another—it is this of making a fool of one's self. Nay, more; the slightest invasion of this privilege is resented on the

> suit in life and no condition of society in like a serious defender of his country. which men are not continually making

EVER HEARD OF A WOMAN making a fool of herself? They may have eccentricities of various sorts, and some of these eccentricities may be developed in strange ways, but that any woman ever made a fool of herself is a proposition

that cannot be proved ---- by me. There is one class of men who, by reason of their profession and occupation, ought to be and generally are exempt, as far as human infirmity will allow, from this practice, but it seems to be known alike among them as among other folks. mean the preachers. They have a peculiar claim to the reverence and esteem of their fellowmen, and they generally enjoy it, but for this reason when one does make a fool of himself, he generally leaves no room for doubt in regard to the

SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION. Whether it be upon a question of theol-

his almost supernatural wisdom than any- mere act of making a fool of himself. We horror of the junior, the old fellow coolly can afford to let him go, however, with and deliberately proceeds to deliver the the certainty that he will furnish abunenties argument exactly as he pumped it dant opportunity, after attaining his ma- out of him, omitting nothing whateverjority, for the illustration of the maxim and then, with an air of perfect innocence, takes his seat, while the overwhelmed and

with which this essay began. He comes upon the stage at last, and at outraged junior realizes with shame and once the comedy begins. The probability indignation that he has made is that he is poor, and he commences life with the determination that he will live economically, work hard, and improve his position. Being a social animal, and, possibly, blest with some sensibilities. he naturally seeks congenial associates. In a little while he begins to think that marriage is the only natural state, and, constrained by prudential considerations, he selects a rich girl, courts her, and is reand eternal enmity against all rich people, and perhaps emphasizes it with alcohol, which gives him a sick headache and causes him to lose a day's work. Or, if poor girl, marries her, and finds himself at all. in a year or two in possession of a growing family, without a proportionate increase of income. Or, what is much worse, he succeeds in his courtship of the

emasculated player of a second fiddle for the rest of his life. It may be, however, that he is not poor, but well supplied with this world's goods. If so, he is apt to start out with the fool notion that this makes him better than his neighbors, and the result immediately is, that he incurs the pity of all self-respecting people, and the ridicule and ill-will of

If he should happen not to cherish an undue sense of his own importance, and should try to prove it by an unpretending and generous course of conduct, he is apt to make a mistake in that direction, and to realize that, in endeavoring to escape the suspicion of a want of liberality or courage, he has succeeded in making a fool of himself. Of course, if he should happen to be both rich and miserly, he begins at the outset to make a fool of himself, and never ceases until he finally goes into his hole in the ground. But-

WHAT THE WORLD NEVER DOES -disregarding the fact of wealth or poverty as an incident in the career of a young man, let us follow him up, and predict some of the ways in which he will be apt to make a fool of himself.

more. Shall I point to other illustrious and most unselfish motives he adopts as quent occasion in his career for some kindinstances in our own country and in later his pursuit in life what is regarded as the times? If so, there would be danger of noblest of professions, the cure of souls, in the Antiquary: "Remember that the an endless labor; and yet in order to es- He wants to equip himself thoroughly for man is mortal, and has been a schoolthe devil his due, I would indicate one in the mines of scriptural and patristic It is not my purpose to pursue this inthings; he ponders over the problems that confront the human soul, and con- I am treating it, for it would require a reconciles all difficulties. He finds his two more occupations which cannot be brethren less learned than himself, and omitted from the discussion without doing naturally pities their ignorance. He gradually glides into an ex-cathedra method of simple truth to say that they are more proexpounding his doxy, which he is fully persuaded is but a synonyme for the secret counsels of the Almighty; and, cherishing modern, and you will find in each and all a comfortable sense of his own security of them, as in the common herd, ample il- as one of the elect, honestly regrets that claiming our attention should turn his there is a wide difference between them, lustrations of the truth of what the clown most of his neighbors are bound to go to gaze towards Hell. Longing to distinguish himself as ery, sir," says she, "does walk about the a champion of the faith, he reads, solely and awake to the great truth that she for the purpose of answering them, the needs him in her councils. It is a thought essays of the scientists and philosophers, which forcibly presents itself at some stage which are supposed to be subtle attacks of existence, and generally at an early peon religion, and the result is a discovery | riod, to every American citizen, who is not on his part that he is, perhaps, after all, no more intimately acquainted with the sion of minding his own business; and designs of the Creator, while he is much there are even some of these who seem to

> discovery is to infuse the element of inon any occasion, made a fool of himself. that, instead of undertaking the cure of to kill bodies-such as the army, the navy, or the practice of medicine-or to diminish estates, such as the law. He is only entering upon a wider field, where the fa- or less vividly to him, assumes the form of cilities for making a fool of himself a powerful conviction-that he has been

lute certainty. He is liable, for instance. as an army officer, to issue from his a high-sounding declaration of his inteninalienable, which cannot, under any conceivable circumstances, be transferred to tion, with that enemy in hot pursuit trying and the civility of his associates to their

If he is an American Naval officer he instant with a fierceness which nothing less than a sense of cruel insult could water on one of our so-called war-ships, or to hanker after the North Pole, instead I have already said that there is no pur- of staying ashore and leading the german, Should he become a doctor he is almost fools of themselves. I confine myself to sure in the earlier years of his practice, to knows, are dying to thrust upon him, but

for a discussion of the subject; and, be- up his voice and wrestling tearfully with AN UNADULTERATED CASE OF COLIC, is suffering from an excessive accumulation of gas in the sigmoidal flexure of the colon; or, to frighten some man whose eyesight has been impaired by the too free

use of tobacco and the too frequent inspection of the bottom of a tumbler, by communicating to him the pleasing intelligence that he is afflicted with compound myopic astigmatism. If the person in whose welfare we are interesting ourselves should resolve to pursue the noble profession of the law, which is the very last of all in which one can afford to "get left," the chances are that he will labor agonizingly over his first case, prepare an elaborate brief, commit

his speech to memory, declaim it over and over again in private, and when the day of trial (for him and the case) comes, will learn, to his dismay and the infinite disgust of his client, that there is a fatal defect its most serious forms, is, of necessity, ogy, or ministerial authority, or the rela- in it somewhere, and perhaps that the tions of the church to the world or the statute of limitations will be a bar to his like; or upon his own personal relations | bringing a new action; or, if he has made and conduct towards others, it is not only no mistake and has really mastered his possible for him to do it, but when he case and fortified himself with abundant does it, the job is apt to be complete. It authorities, the bland old lawyer with is, thank Heaven, not a common occur- whom he is associated as junior, will flatrence, and this may account for the thor- ter him with a conference in which he will oughness of the performance when it does | manage to pump him dry, and then, when the case is called, will inform the Court And now, in regard to the mass of man- that his young friend has so carefully prekind generally, where shall the illustration | pared it that he must insist upon surrenbegin? A minor can plead his non-age to dering the principal part of the argument laudanum. He was about twenty-three the gravest contract he can make, and, of to him, and will only make a few explana- years old and unmarried-had been drink-

Tobacco-Wheat-Manufacturing.

A MOST UNMITIGATED FOOL of himself. Nor will this be, by any means, of Charles Watson Wentworth, Marquis the last time that he will indulge in that of Rockingham. Wentworth, the county business. On the contrary, just as it is seat, is 116 miles north-west of Raleigh. possible that the worthy preacher who has The county is located in the Piedmont been for years portraying the endless bliss section of the State, on the line of the which awaits the righteous, may exhibit Piedmont Air Line Railway, which runs the liveliest aversion to entering into it himself, or the sick doctor may die rather. There is also another railroad through the than use his own medicine, so the lawyer northern part of the county, connecting fused; whereupon he swears vengeance who has all his life been counselling others with the Piedmont Air Line at Danville. as to their business, and drafting instru-ments for the distribution of their prop-area is 552 square miles. About one-third erty, may finally either leave his own of the land is in cultivation, probably affairs in wretched confusion, or may draw a little over one-third in original forest. sentiment is more largely developed in with great care a will which defeats his and the balance in old field which is being him than caution, he falls in love with a own wishes, or may die without any will rapidly improved by old field pine. The But leaving the so-called liberal profes the State, such as oaks, walnuts, pines, offers, the gifts, the messages, all too late. sions, and supposing the man to have hickories, chestnuts, locusts, poplars, adopted a business pursuit—that of a mer- ashes, gums, sycamores, willows, cedars, chant, banker, manufacturer, farmer, or etc. There are a great many saw mills in rich girl, marries her, and becomes an emasculated player of a second fiddle for just in proportion to his eagerness to grow lumber. The general character of the sur-

Dan river, running through the county to hold her head up."

to 500 inhabitants, that have good schools, no name or memorial. They were old

is watered by the Haw River and its tributaries, Big and Little Troublesome

nents of Blaine evidently most fear is a who always kept a gun at the head of his stampede to him of the Southern delegates. bed, was found shot through the body and Unfinished.

The day has ended and the sun has set, Unfinished is the task I planned to do; I sit and ponder o'er with deep regret The golden sunlight vanished from my view. And thus full oft at last when life doth close, And toil is ended for the restless feet, And for the busy hands the long repose, The cherished work of life is incomplete

Thou who knowest all from sun to sun, chill, Look on Thy children, with their tasks undone, In loving kindness; and forgive them still.

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[C. P. S. in the N. C. Presbyterian.] * * * By dint of constant inquiry we arrived at last within a mile of the house where we hoped to find our old friends living. Meeting a couple of women walking along the road we ventured upon one more inquiry. Both women were poorly clad, and only one had on "Do you know Miss Sally Wand her sister, Miss Matilda, living in this neighborhood?"

O yes, we knowed 'em both mighty

"How far is their house from here?" "Why they are both of 'em dead, but you'll find their sister at the place.' "Dead! Can it be possible?"

"O yes! they died, both of em, last summer. I know its so, for I knowed 'em both mighty well."

We went on, but the sunshine was out of the day for us. We were too late— too late. All the affection we had meant And how often it is so in this life, our best deeds are done to-morrow, our kindest actions come when there is no longer

On arriving at the house, the family sister said she supposed Matilda must have

thought it would prevent her being em-The people find a most excellent market ployed as nurse. "Sick folks wouldn't Danville, is also navigable for large boats | I thought it as remarkable and affecting an instance of resolution, of self-con-

The town of Reidsville, situated upon the trol, of reticence, as I ever met with in all R. & D. R., also affords a good market my life. I knew Miss Sally was a woman ing the leading tobacco market of the how to be silent, but I had never thought State; a few years since only a way station her capable of this. One thing at least upon the railroad, with one house and a was pleasant to know, that they who had depot, now a town of over 2,000 inhabi- always worked faithfully and given their tants, with four of the largest ware- best days to the service of other people, at houses for sale of leaf tobacco, num- the close lacked no comforts in their bers of tobacco factories, some doing humble home. The good people of Durthe leading business in plug to- ham, where Miss Sally had been chiefly bacco in the State, stores of all kinds, employed of late years, had ministered to schools, churches, etc. Its business men her during the last months of her re-

sleep side by side in a country graveyard Rockingham is probably one of the best | and the mounds that cover them will soon though obscure, were useful, and respecplace in life well. They were members of the Episcopal church, taking great com-

BASIS OF LEGISLATION.

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When there seemed a probability that the bill to extend the bonded period of whisky would pass both houses of Congress the financial managers of the two great political parties were in an enviable state of ecstasy, for they were satisfiedby distinct pledges, it is said-that the grateful liquor men would give them all he money that might be needed for use in the coming campaign. But the defeat of the bill brought gloom, and showed that something now must be done, and at once, to raise the wind. Hence the fraternal and energetic spirit with which Republicans and Democrats have united in rolling up a big River and Harbor bill. The sum already agreed upon by the House is nearly fifteen millions, with the Senate-which never is mean when there is any chance to spend the people's money -still to be heard from .- New York

Freaks of a Tornado. [Charleston News.]

A North Carolina man, whose house was demolished the other night, afterthe gun lying near him empty.

A Mother's Hint.

[Philadelphia Call.] Lillian-What a queer title for a book,

Ma-What title? Lillian-"Not Like Other Girls." Ma-It is rather odd. Is it a novel?

Lillian-Yes. I wonder what the heroine can be if she is "not like other girls." Ma-I don't know, unless she goes in the kitchen and helps her mother instead of staying in the parlor to read novels.