

his dame, like himself, was a native of Devonshire. They bore the character of ing villagers departed to their several a plodding, taciturn, morose-mannered mes, but not, I fancy, to sleep any more for that night. couple; seldom leaving the farm except to attend market, and rarely seen at church The deposition made by Mrs. Strugnell or chapel, they naturally enough became at the inquest on the body was in substance bjects of suspicion and dislike to the as follows: prying, gossipping villagers, to whom "On the afternoon in question she had, mystery or reserve of any kind was of in accordance with her usual custom, pro-

course exceedingly annoying and un- ceeded to town. She called on her aunt.

wished to get home." "Did she keep company with a man of name ("She had walked out with him once or twice. "When was the last time?" "She did not remember." "Did Pearce walk with her home on the hight of the murder?" Farm more than an hour before her usual "No time. She let herself in with her latch "Not part of the way?" "Yes; part of the way." key, and proceeded to her bedroom. There "Did Pearce sometimes wear a black shiny hat?" "No-yes; she did not remember." "Where was Pearce now?" shawl, when she heard a noise, as of per-"She didn't know "Had he disappeared since that Sunday sons entering by the back way, and walking gently across the kitchen floor. vening?" Alarmed as to who it could be, Mr. and "She didn't know." "Had she seen him since?" "No." "Had Mr. Wilson ever threatened to discharge her for insolence to Mrs. Armstrong "Yes; but she knew he was not in earnwas tried and a voice in a low hurried whisper said, "Mary, are you there?" She was positive it was Mr. Armstrong's voice, est." "Was not the clasp-knife that had been but was too terrified to answer. Then found always left in the kitchen for culi-Mrs. Armstrong-she was sure it was she nary purposes?"

were these :--

tile. There was not even time to send to was, or ought to be, out of the question. London, unless the judge had granted a The salient points dwelt upon and varied respite. in every possible way in this long sifting

All Saturday and Sunday I was in misery. I denounced capital punishment as a gross iniquity—a national sin and dis-grace; my feelings of course being influ-"What was the reason she did not return in the evening in question to her aunt's to supper as usual?" "She did not know except that she enced somewhat by a recollection of that unhappy affair of Harvey, noticed in my previous paper. I half resolved to give up the bar, and rather go and sweep the treets for a livelihood

The line was already thrilling and emv. trembling with that irresistible ardor special notice, is exhibited by Mr. Hid-den, a gentleman whose skill has discovwhich in battle decides the day. With a mighty shout the line moved forward at a ered the existence of these gems in North charge. A sheet of flame and a mighty Carolina, and from whose name the new roar burst from the Federal stronghold. recious stone Hiddenite derives its name. The Confederate line withered ; but there In cases ranged without the pavilion was not an instant's pause. The crest are handsome cabinet specimens of the was gained. The enemy were in flight. Gen. Johnston had passed through the Beyond the mineral section is the agri-

ent. The theory is the same but it is not ordeal seemingly unhurt. His horse was properly followed. When a manufacturer cultural display. The centre of this dishis clothes were aces: cheat the department and th a very graceful pavilion

a moment ago; they are prisoners now.

Take care of them." Yandell remonstrated

against leaving him, but he was peremp-

tory. Had Yandell remained with him,

ON AFBIC'S BURNING SANDS.

Methodists Seek the Negro at Home

[New York Sun.]

of its difficulties and perils.

and tell what he saw.

Bishop William Taylor's missionary par

the wound

All the rest dropped out, the mean things. I took another peek at my hand and raised Mr. Jack another half. 'See here, Jenny,' quietly and draw their samples in the most obscure places, so that they are sure he said, 'if it was any one else I'd think to hit on the ordinary quality of the fertilthey were giving me a bluff, but I guess izers sold in the State. None of the manyou've got the beating of me. and so ufacturers know where or when they are won't invest any more. Take the pot. I opened on three aces,' said Jack, showing going to take samples, and they risk a great deal if they send any faulty goods into the State. But in Georgia it is differ-'em down, and I drew in the money. Wasn't it sweet in Jack to think I wouldn't bluff him?"

"Perfectly sweet!" exclaimed the fair

Soon after Armstrong was settled in his the Independent Chapel. After service new purchase, another stranger arrived she called to see Miss Wilson, but was inand took up his abode in the best apart- formed that, in consequence of a severe ments of the house. The new-comer, a cold, the young lady was gone to bed. man of about fifty years of age, and evi- She then immediately proceeded homedently, from his dress and gait, a sea- | wards, and consequently arrived at Craig faring person, was as reserved and unsocial landlord. His name, or at least that which he chose to be known by, was Wilson. He had one child, a daughter, was no light in Mr. Wilson's chamber, but about thirteen years of age, whom he placed at a boarding-school, in the adja-cent town. He seldom saw her; the in-ing put away her Sunday bonnet and tercourse between the father and the daughter being principally carried on through Mary Strugnell, a widow of about thirty years of age, and a native of the place. She was engaged as a servant to Mr. Wilson, and seldom left Craig Farm for several days, she gently closed her except on Sunday afternoons, when, if the door and locked it. A few minutes after weather was at all favorable, she paid a she heard stealthy steps ascending the visit to an aunt living in the town, there creaking stairs, and presently her door saw Miss Wilson, and returned home usually at half-past ten o'clock-later rather than earlier. Armstrong was occasionally absent from his home for several days together, on business, it was rumored, for -said also in a whisper, and as if address-ing her husband, "She is never back at Wilson; and on the Sunday in the first week of January 1802, both he and his this hour." A minute or so after there wife had been away for upwards of a week. was a tap at Mr. Wilson's door. She and were not yet returned.

About a quarter past ten o'clock on that evening the early-retiring inhabitants of but by Armstrong's reply she gathered that the hamlet were aroused from their slum- Mr. Wilson had lain down and did not ers by a loud, continuous knocking at the | wish to be disturbed. He was often in front door of Armstrong's house; louder and louder, more and more vehement and impatient, resounded the blows upon the you, sir; I will only just put this parcel stillness of the night, till the soundest on the table." There is no lock to Mr. leepers were awakened. Windows were Wilson's door. Armstrong stepped into stily thrown open, and presently numer- the room and almost immediately she heard ous footsteps approached the scene of a sound as of a violent blow, followed by growing hubbub. The unwonted noise a deep grean, and then all was still. She was caused, it was found, by Farmer Armwas paralyzed with horror and affright. strong, who, accompanied by his wife, was After the lapse of a few seconds a voicethundering vehemently upon the door with Mrs. Armstrong's undoubtedly-asked in a tremulous tone if "all was over?" Her a heavy black-thorn stick. Still no answer was obtained. Mrs. Strugnell, it was sup-posed, had not returned from town; but the keys of the writing-desk kept?" "In the keys of the writing-desk kept?" "In the little table drawer," was the reply. where was Mr. Wilson, who was almost Armstrong then came out of the bedroom always at home both day and night? Presently a lad called out that a white sheet or cloth of some sort was hanging out of one of the back windows. This announcement, confirming the vague apprehensions which had begun to germinate in the wise heads of the villagers, disposed them to adopt a more effectual mode of obtaining admission than knock- steps again ascended the stairs. Almost ing seemed likely to prove. Johnson, the constable of the parish, a man of great the bedstead, and remembered no more such instances. shrewdness, at once proposed to break in till she found herself surrounded by the

the door. Armstrong, who, as well as his villagers." wife, was deadly pale, and trembling violently, either with cold or agitation, hesitatingly consented, and crowbars being speedily procured, an entrance was forced, and in rushed a score of excited men. Armstrong's wife, it was afterwards re-membered, caught hold of her husband's Farm, the property of Wilson, and which arm in a hurried, frightened manner, whispered hastily in his ear, and then both fol-lowed into the house. "Now, farmer," cried Johnson, as soon ing apartment, together with nearly one

as he had procured a light, 'lead the way hundred and fifty pounds in gold, silver and county bank notes, although it was

Armstrong, who appeared to have some- known that Armstrong had but a fortnight what recovered from his panic, darted at before declined a very advantageous offer once up the staircase, followed by the of some cows he was desirous of purchaswhole body of rustics. On reaching the handing-place, he knocked at Mr. Wilson's bed room door. No answer was returned. Armstrong seemed to hesitate, but the not only confirmed Strugnell's evidence, constable at once lifted the latch; they but clearly demonstrated that the knockentered, and then a melancholy spectacle presented itself.

Wilson, completely dressed, lay extended subterfuge. The conclusion, therefore, on the floor a lifeless corpse. He had been almost universally arrived at throughout stabbed in two places in the breast with the neighborhood was, that Armstrong and some sharp-pointed instrument. Life was his wife were the guilty parties; and that quite extinct. The window was open. the bundles, the broken locks, the sheet On further inspection, several bundles hanging out of the window, the shiny, containing many of Wilson's valuables in black hat, were, like the knocking, mere jewelry and plate, together with clothes, cunning devices to mislead inquiry. shirts, silk handkerchiefs, were found.

The case excited great interest in the The wardrobe and a secretary-bureau had, county, and I esteemed myself profession-

this time that Armstrong went away, she was sure."

"Mary Strugnell, you be a false-sworn could not catch what answer was made: woman before God and man !" interrupted the male prisoner with great violence of manner.

The outbreak of the prisoner was checked and rebuked by the judge, and the cross-examination soon afterwards closed. Had the counsel been allowed to follow up his advantage by an address to the jury he would, I doubt not, spite of their prejudices against the prisoners, have obtained an acquittal; but as it was, after a neutral sort of charge from the judge, by no means the ablest that then adorned the bench, the jurors, having deliberated for something more than half an hour. returned into court with a verdict of "guilty" against both prisoners, accompanying it, however, with a strong recommendation to mercy!

"Mercy!" said the judge. "What for On what ground?"

and both went into Mr. Wilson's sitting apartment. They soon returned, and crept stealthily along the passage to their The jurors stared at each other and an the judge: they had no reason to give! own bedroom on the same floor. They The fact was, their conviction of the pristhen went down stairs to the kitchen. One oners' guilt had been very much shaken by of them-the woman, she had no doubtthe cross-examination of the chief witness went out the back way, and heavy footfor the prosecution, and this recommendation was a compromise which conscience dead with fright, she then crawled under made with doubt. I have known many The usual ridiculous formality of asking

the wretched convicts what they had to urge why sentence should not be passed In confirmation of this statement a large upon them was gone through; the judge, with unmoved feelings, put on the fatal cap; and then a new and startling light clasp-knife belonging to Armstrong, and with which it was evident the murder had been perpetrated, was found in one corner of Wilson's bedroom; and a mortgage burst upon the mysterious, bewildering af-

"Stop, my lord !" exclaimed Armstrong, with rough vehemence. "Hear me speak Strugnell swore was always kept in the I'll tell ye all about it ; I will indeed, my Quiet, Martha, I tell ye. It's I lord. my lord, that's guilty, not the woman. God bless ye, my lord, not the wife; don't hurt the wife, and I'se tell ye all about it. alone am guilty; not, the Lord be praised, of murder, but of robbery !" "John !-- John !" sobbed the wife, clinging passionately to her husband, "let us

die together! "Quiet, Martha, I tell ye! Yes, my Lord, I'se tell ye all about it. I was gone away, wife and I, for more nor a week. to ing at the door for admittance, which had receive money for Mr. Wilson, on account of smuggled goods-that money, my lord, as was found in the chest. When we came roused and alarmed the hamlet, was a pure home on that dreadful Sunday night, my lord, we went in the back way; and hearing a noise, I went up stairs and found poor Wilson stone dead on the floor. I

were dreadful skeared, and let drop the candle. I called to wife and told her of

old the

of getting poor people hanged who did covered with the cereals and decorated not deserve it.

with cotton. The agricultural display On Monday morning I was pacing up | comprises cotton and wool, with the goods and down my breakfast-room in the next manufactured therefrom, grasses, grains assize town, in a state of great excitement, and fruits. Silk worms and cocoons fill asaize town, in a state of great excitement, when a chaise-and-four drove rapidly up to the hotel, and out tumbled Johnson, the constable. His tale was soon told. On the previous evening the landlady of the Black Swan, a roadside public-house about four miles distant from the scene of the murder, reading the name of Pearce in the specimens of the North Carolina medicireport of the trial in the Sunday county nal plants, an exhibit which has gained paper, sent for Johnson to state that that | medals at two previous expositions. The whole process of utilizing the resiperson had on the fatal evening called and left a portmanteau in her charge, promisnous sap of the pine tree is shown by ing to call for it in an hour, but had never specimens of the spouts used in tapping, been there since. On opening the portthe resin, the turpentine, the still for dis-tilling the turpentine, and other articles manteau, Wilson's watch, chains and seals, of a kindred nature. Through the exhibit and other property, were discovered in it, and Jehnson had, as soon as it was possiof medicinal plants and the herbarium the agricultural section gradually leads to the ble set off in search of me. Instantly, for there was not a moment to spare, I, in forestry exhibit. This includes very handcompany with Armstrong's counsel, sought some specimens of dressed woods and huge pieces of natural timber. The small the judge, and with some difficulty obtained from him a formal order to the hexagonal pavilion, made of natural sheriff to suspend the execution till further No-not always; generally-but not orders. Off I and the constable started. shell of a poplar tree forms a cosy office of at random for the wound, which had cut and happily arrived in time to stay the execution, and deprive the already assem-bled mob of the brutal exhibition they so which this species of tree sometimes at-anxiously awaited. On incutions they so anxiously awaited. On inquiring for Ma-ry Strugnell, we found that she had ab Having pe Having passed through the mountain and valley districts the sea is next reached.

valuable minerals.

States fisheries commission. The speci-

is a handsome structure, draped with nets

and lavish use of labels, which not only

extent of the industry in North Carolina.

A notice of the exhibit cannot be more

fitly concluded than by quoting one label,

'Income from North Carolina fisheries a

The School System.

The subject of education will receive

much attention, I think, not only in in-

creased provisions for existing systems,

but in regard to all the adjuncts which

make education of practical use and value. Mr. Jones, of Buncombe, introduced a bill

Mr. Jones, of Buncombe, introduced a bin a few days ago, involving an increase in the tax for school purposes, the object of which is to keep all the schools open for a period of five months in the year. When the State reaches the point of giving its

children instruction for six months in the

year, I think it will have gone quite far

enough. Not only is that time as much

as many parents can afford to deprive

themselves of the services of their chil-

dren, but it is better for the children

themselves, nine-tenths of whom will not

training that practical education they can

only obtain at home. Ten months at

school would unfit them for the practical

Wilmington's Death Roll.

Wilmington Star.

Wilmington, and the mortality was very

Last year was a very sickly year for

duties of almost all vocations.

[Col. Cameron.]

million dollars per annum."

sconded on the evening of the trial. All search for her proved vain. Five months had passed away; the fate

of Armstrong and his wife was still undecided, when a message was brought to my chambers in the Temple from a woman said to be dying in St. Bartholmew's Hospital. It was Mary Strugnell, who, when in a state of intoxication, had fallen down in front of a carriage, as she was crossing for taking the finny prey are also shown. This exhibit also boasts a pavilion, which near Holborn Hill, and had both her legs broken. She was dying miserably and had sent for me to make a full confession and surmounted by a ministure lighthouse. relative to Wilson's murder. Armstrong's Perhaps the most commendable point in respect to this exhibit is the systematic account was perfectly correct. The deed was committed by Pearce, and they were packing up their plunder when they were startled by the unexpected return of the fully explain the exhibit, but which sup-Armstrongs. Pearce, snatching up a bun-dle and portmanteau, escaped by the winply valuable information respecting the dow; she had not nerve enough to attempt it, and crawled back to her bed-room, where she, watching the doings of the far-mer through the chinks of the partition which separated her room from the passage, concocted the story which convicted the prisoners. Pearce, thinking himself pursued, too heavily encumbered for rapid flight, left the portmanteau as described. intending to call for it in the morning, if his fears proved groundless. He, however, had not the courage to risk calling again, and made the best of his way to London. He was now in Newgate under sentence of death for a burglary, accompanied by personal violence to the inmates of the dwelling he and his gang had en-tered and robbed. I took care to have the deposition of the dying wretch put into proper form; and the result was, after a great deal of petitioning and worrying of authorities, a full pardon for both Arm-strong and his wife. They sold Craig Farm and removed to some other part of the country, where, I never troubled myself to inquire. Deeply grateful was I to be able at last to wash my hands of an affair which had cost me so much anxiety and vexation; albeit the lesson it afforded me of not coming hastily to conclusions,

even when the truth seems, as it were, upon the surface of the matter, has not been. I trust, without its uses.

> ----Texas Love-Making.

A young lady living in Dollas, Texas,

dismissed the young man to whom she was excessive. The total of deaths was 526. engaged because he drank. A few days after In 1883 the deaths numbered 361, an in- culture and iron working than most Afri-

pierced by missiles; his boot-sole was cut farmers he ships into the State at the very and torn by a Minie, but if he himself opening of the season a cargo of high had received any severe wound, he did not grade goods-better than he usually makes know it. At this moment Gov. Harris -and then notifies the department that rode up from the right. After a few words the lot is in such a place ready for sam-Col. Statham, which having delivered he speedily returned. In the meantime, fact does not truly meaning which in for any for any and bu alysis is made from this sample, which in gain?" knots and groups of Federal soldiers kept up a desultory fire as they retreated upon season.

"Do you know this to be so?" their supports, and their last line, now yielding, delivered volley after volley as "Yes, I do. Some of the manufacturthey sullenly retired. By the chance of ers and agents have themselves admitted war, a Minie ball from one of these did it to me. I know members of the church and Sunday-school teachers who appear to its fatal work. As he sat there, after his wound, Capt. Wickham says that Col. O'Hara, of his staff, rode up, and Gen. cusable because others do it. Some of Johnston said to him, "We must go to the left, where the firing is heaviest," and then gave him an order, which O'Hara up to the standard required by the departrode off to obey. Gov. Harris returned, and, finding him very pale, asked him, ments of agriculture, but below the standard of their first shipments. Yet, while "General, are you wounded?" He ansuch a practice exists, you can see that swered, in a very deliberate and emphatic there is nothing to prevent a manufacturer tone, "Yes, and, I fear, seriously." These were his last words. Harris and Wickwho has had an early shipment analyzed from sending into the State afterwards woods, is a true work of art and well re- ham led his horse back under cover of the goods much below the department's standpays careful investigation. A huge hollow hill, and lifted him from it. They searched

"But isn't that a very risky business? "Not as much so as you would think. There may be several samples of the same ton, lifted his head and addressed him goods drawn at different times during the with passionate grief he smiled faintly eason, but the first to be analyzed is the but uttered no word. His life rapidl deceptive one, and in all probability the The exhibit of the fisheries of North Car-olina is the largest and the best arranged of was dead. His wound was not necessaonly one which can be analyzed, because with 336 brands to be inspected there is no time for duplicate analysis to be made. any exhibit of that character in the build- rily fatal. Gen. Johnston's own knowl ing, except the exhibit of the United edge of military surgery was adequate for Some of these parties call for early analyits control by an extemporized tourniquet, ses by the State chemist, and before the had he been aware or regardful of its naseason is over have these official statements mens are arranged on screens, with photo-graphs of scenes along shore, and other views pertinent to the industry. Samples howing a high grade of goods placed in had attended his person during the most the hands of their agents throughout the of all classes of nets and other appliances of the morning; but finding a large num-State, and the poorest kind of goods can ber of wounded men, including many Fedbe sold under them " "This interferes with legitimate busierals, at one point, Gen. Johnston ordered Yandell to stop there, establish a hospital.

ness, doesn't it?" and give them his services. He said to "Certainly. A man may have good

Yandell: "These men were our enemies average fertilizers honestly sampled and analyzed, but when he tries to sell them he is sometimes confronted with the higher analyses of inferior goods, procured in the way I told you just now. The farmhe would have had little difficulty with ers look carefully to the official analyses and are guided by them in their purchases. You see the mjustice of trickery in this matter, both to the farmers and to honest dealers. Why, I have known parties to offer fertilizers for sale at retail for prices which, if the analysis was correct, they could not be bought at in two thousand ton lots in New York or Baltimore." ty of Methodists, numbering over fifty "How is it in South Carolina?" men, women and children, will start to-"Well, here you have the North Caroday for the field of work it has chosen in

Central Africa. This party is the largest lina plan, which is the only one which can band of missionary workers that has ever work well. You have the fertilizers samgone to Africa, and it is entering with pled in places where inspectors are least great apparent cheerfulness and confidence expected. Yet I think I see evidences of upon a journey that the best explorers attempts to follow the Georgia plan by early shipments of deceptive goods. But could not undertake without a vivid sense this cannot succeed to a large extent." "What do you think is the remedy for

and

The clergymen, farmers and artisans this Georgia trouble?" who with their wives and little ones com-"To adopt the North Carolina pose this missionary band, hope to penetrate a part of Africa that the bravest ex-South Carolina plan, and to have samples plorers would not tread without extreme taken of the same goods through the seacaution. According to Bishop Taylor's son and in various places, and have these plan, they expect to plunge into the Afri- analyzed." N. G. G.

can jungle, ford many bridgeless creeks Die That Way. and rivers, pass through tribes that are engage in professional or mercantile pur-suits, that they should combine with school reach a country 800 miles from the west [Arkansaw Traveler.] reach a country 800 miles from the west New Yorker to friend-"I don't becoast and 300 miles south of the Congo,

which only two white men have visited longer." One of these white men lived to get back Friend-"Why?" "Well, the proprietors have just refused one hundred and twenty-five thousand Lieutenant Wissman brought home won-

derful stories about the great plain that dollars for it. All great dailies in New Bishop Taylor hopes to reach. If his re-York die that way, you know." port is accurate, it is the most densely peopled part of the continent, and its friendly tribes, living in a fairly salubrious

Worth Looking At. [Brunswick, Ga., Breeze.]

climate, and more highly skilled in agri-Miss Julia Futch glided around the hall it. She screamed out, and amaist fainted away. And then, my lord, all at once the devil shot into my head to keep the money I had brought; and knowing as the

"What did you hold?' companion. "I only had one little pair of deuces Allie," said the innocent manipulator o the jack pot. "Wasn't it just too lovely for anything? So I thought I'd come over and buy the goods to-day. Isn't it a bar-

Unfortunately, however, the game is not goods shipped into the State later in the confined to the innocents of the drawing room, and more than once the law has been forced to step in and interfere with the recreation as enjoyed by others. Last Sunday the Chief of Police of this place arrested seven boys who were playing poker in a saloon. They were all members of leading families, and were fined \$5 each in the Police Court on Monday. A well-known railroad man lost all of his last month's salary in a Hornellsville saloon playing poker, and his wife forced the proprietor of the place to refund the en-tire amount-\$190-which he did to escape legal process. There are poker club rooms in every place between here and Port Jervis, and in some of the places two or three different establishments. Port Jervis has turned out a number of professional poker players, who visit other places and make it extremely pleasant for the boys. There are several railroad engineers who have a wide reputation for their skill in playing draw, and one of them scooped \$300 on one hand in a poker room in Twenty-second street, New York, a few nights ago. Goshen and Middletown have some really eminent, poker-players, and the quiet little village of Honesdale, Pa., has a club whose membership comprises a gentleman or two of whom many visiting sports have lively recollections. Elmira and Binghamton have many poker players but they are slow and old fogyish compared with the snappy and nervy lovers of the game in the small towns.

Michigan Gardening.

Fifteen years ago Lendert De Brazen a Hollander, was a poor gardener, near Kalamazoo, Mich., trying to make a living off of some marshy land he had purchas. ed. After other things had failed he experimented with celery, and is now a rich man. What was a dozen years ago swamp is to-day a vast celery field, beside which a hundred acre lot is but a garden. The shipping season begins in July, increases until the holidays, then gradually de-creases until the crop is disposed of in the spring. Fifty tons daily are now being sent out, and the crop of 1884 will reach 5,000 tons. Twenty thousand statks are raised upon an acre. It is said that 2,000 persons in that locality are engaged in this industry.

Question Aptly Answered.

Out in Xenis, Ohio, there is a bright lawyer. There is a score of them in fact, but this bright particular legal star is Henry Warrington. I call him Henry Warrington because that is not his name. His real name appears on the playbills of "Youth." Well, the Second Adventists came to Xenia one time and the preacher . did a power of street preaching. One day Lawyer Warrington stopped to listen to him just at a time when he was wanted in court, and a bailiff came to the window to call him. The preacher was just shrick-"And who will be damned ? Who ing; "And who will be damned ? Who will be damned?" Roared out the stenlieve the Daily Glue Pot will run much | torian tones of the bailiff over the way: "Henry Warrington ! Henry Warrington ! And Henry only said he would be, if he was. Only he didn't say it just that way.

Keeps His Word.

[Arkansaw Traveler.] "Yes, that's all very true," said a man in reply to a friend who had spoken well of an acquaintance, "but Jackson is so

deucedly stingy."

