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Roleich, October 16th, 1854.

The North Chrolina State Agricolunal Socie ment to advocrament, the President, R. H. above memorial to the Legislature, which was

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The N. C. State Agricultural is a eta met in hext normal ddress before the Society, R. A. the Chart. The proceedings of the last meets. The commit e to c nfor with other agricultu-

through Col E. P. Jones, present the nationarial nut J. S. Bridgers. miling the Since Agricultura Sincer to postprove the halding of the named Para, which are its asurer J. F. Hutchins, Esq., reported was on motion a ferrid to the countries to resistance the relairman, S. W. Whiting, that

H ry Elijot, L e., moved thur a constitue of fire delight much to propose a universal and the ader of the Society. res in ion to hav before the managers in one ing of the Sociate on Thursday evening, which added a to meet on Friday evening the 20th of was entrad, and the following grathemen ap- October, at 7 1-2 oclock, P. M. tols Imposed Heaty Elliot, Hon Frank R fin the, K. L vot , D. Wes, R.

H. bard R. P. Durgwin. Somey raines and Wednesh, evens the

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upon what crims shield was cortical.

W. H. Jones moved that a committee of two row ve in upon the accounts of the Treasur er of the raciety, which was sarried, and W. H. Jones, and F. C. Hill wer appointed.

There being no further business before Society, it was two of that the store of mem- Dr. E. A. Crudup to reimburse him for ex he's of the Swinty upon p actual agreening el, nonried in the discharge, of his duties, which grade, which was a normal, and the R Replaces, was corried.

ty it was moved and a conded that the Secrety was approximously carried. at 7:12 dok, p.m., wied a cariet.

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. The report being before the Legislature it could not

Maj " Wm A Eaton in ved that the re of the come i ee on dogs be adopted, which

Dr. W. R. Holt moved that two hundred Of the North Carolina State dur advant So- copies of the memorial to the Legislature be ciety, at the Second Annual Machin, held in printed and sent to the members previous to the meeting of the Legislature, which was adopted. Henry Ellists moved that J. H. Haughton, ty met in the Commons Hall in the Capital, on Han K Rayner, W. W. Whitaker and R. H. Monday evening the 16th of O paler, 1854, pur Smith be appointed a committee to present the

de egates to atten! the Fairs at Peters

I legt s to the Petersburg Fair are, C. L. elus moved to the President Beaton Esq. Dr. R. C. Pritchard, W. A. Eaton, emister of five firsting parame of Jens, Nexon, and D. L. W. Batchelor. fruit on and it a last of the Dongares to the Norf lk Fair arc, R. A. Hamiladopted, the Prof or an I v. Louis Thompson, W. S. Hill, J. S. Dancy,

W C ller, R. H. Smith was added to I be to the !lichmond Fair are, Hon, T Ruffin, H n. K. Rayner, J. S. Bridgers,

J. H Ellert and H K. Burgwin, On motion the President appointed the following committees for the next year.

Committee on Reception, L. O'B. Branch, G. W Mordresi and the Hon. K. Rayner. Committee to i vite a speaker to deliver the

Han illian, R. R. Bridge's, and Dr. R. C. Pritchrel secreties as to the best time of holding the I good IF its in the future, are, H. K. Burgwin,

The committee appointed to examine a counts vise the constitution and Ly-late of the corp. 11. rescounts were all correct and that there is at in the treasury, \$4,386 40 subject to

There being nothing further before the Socie-They, and report a three meetings moved and seconded that the Society

> FRIDAY EVENING, Oct. 20th. The North Carolina State Agricultural Socieat according to adjournment in the Comm as Hall, the President, R. H. Smith, Fsq., in the precedings of the preceding per how we are d and approved.

har hasident a pointed the following con

the Executive Committee, Dr. E. A. Crudan, Karlon W. W. Whitaler, J. F. Taylor, a lidella , Wm. R. Poo', S. W. Whiting, W. man, I. A. Hemlton, D. M. Daviel, W. H. Attent Needlam Price, J. F. Jordan and J. C.

Considered Arrangements, Dr. E A. Cruwere in characte W. A. Faton, W. W. Whitaker. a. C. Pool, Nee ham Price, S. W. Winding, Milliant W. . . Jones, J. F. Jordan, J. C. McRae, and

> Gen. J. B. Littlejohn, Chief Marshal. 1st Assistant, Col H J B Cark, 2d J Av ritt, Jr. Col. H. T. Clark, J 11. Yarborough, 5th

is charity a to office a city society which was carried.

tigs of the same he share material last he gentlemen to attend as delegates the B. Bringly on Wir Chicles L. Herbert that see a ground practing of the United States Agricolor ! Sassety in Washington city: II a. ersons There's Carlin Hon, K. Rayner, H. K. Burgain, true 4 48 - Lewis Thom see an ou motion of Col Clark

It Clocke noved that t'e thanks of the Sand wheten e ed to Jao. Hutchins, Eso, for he as I am ability in a fested by him in the a prior mila et of the builtings upon the Fair qualificating it meinbership in a Sie ety and G and which motion was unmimously car-

Jose Nixo moved that the sum of one hundied dall as be paid John Hutchins for services of arrangements, which was carried.

in: Win. R. Holt, moved that \$400 be paid

Kariston, Judge Waller, R. 41 Smith H. R. C. L. W. Humphey moved that the thanks Dangein, J. S. Baney, Dr. E. A. Crommand of the Society be tendered to those ladies who the Han, A. Vi. Ve able, until a mile are inevensaisted and orating and attending Floral propriate and legitly interesting receives, which rand its option Hals, and also that the thanks where received we if any desaits again by the So- of the Soci ty be tendered to the citizens of Raleigh and its vie nity for their hospitality and There, being a claim; in the h fire the Specie in tention to the visitors during the Fair, which

adjours until Thrusday occurring the 19th mist. Mr. Rayner moved that the thanks of the this understanding they dispersed, each one to wounded him not less deeply, for he had a sen-North Car lina State Agricultural Society are adve and are hereby tendered to R. H. Smith, be p. the Presid at of the Society, for the abili-Sun Agricul unat the hy met act y, zeal, and urbanity with which he has disconting to previous adjunction it. In Com charged the duries of his office during the past mons fat 7 -2 o'clack pan ele si m ven and fat he has our best wishes for hs Mary Energy, had gone with him. Many at and a rough, but well meaning sister. prosp tit a d happiness.

The present the first prince and and on the Society adjurned sine die. J. F. TOMI KINS. Rec. S'cr. tiry

GAVAZZI. -Fa her Gavazzi has written to his chairmen, the Han, T.o., R. Sign of Alamanus, friends, but he will embark for New York on the 25th of Jonuary ext to resome his discourses upon "Romanism," and other top es, in

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1854.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SOMBERM TOBERME

For the Southern Weekly Post. MARY ENSEUR: A TRUE SKETCH BY JOSUS RE.

A tale more strange ne'er grac'd the poet's art,

In the south western part of Kentucky wear

he Tennessee line les the beautiful and refred virtage of L --- surroun ed by a rich and popnon-country. The citizens, if not distinguish- their power to comfort the many of the comforts and luxuries of life. may strike the reader as a strange fact, but it nevertheless true, that the education of fe-

males is considere of paramount importance, while that of the opposite sex, besides the mere radiments of an English education, is for the in st part if not entire'y neglected. To is cust in naturally produces a great dissimilarity of ig. as beine in the sexes, and not unfreque the cous solomes ic proubles of a serious nature.

At he simp of which we write, there liv d an old gentleman of mane so weal han the place, ds nguished ask for his hospitality and iberal vi ws. He had an only daughter, whom he had taken the u m -t pains to educate. Not only were the best private instructors on; loved, but every thing was done to exc te berio a love of learning, and thurly as a "manus extreme," leas sent for two ears to a c lebrated for made institute in the North. Mary Enseur was districted when she graduated, and was high I becomplished. To a lovely face she ad ded all the gric's of the female chiracter.-

There was one than, however wide, Mary had to excess—that was it love for r minor. She dev ared with as day everything of a romantic nature that fill in her way, and it was not long a free the eff of such a course was valide in her a cons. Out in the hour of midnight when every living thing in the village was a selic in shorther, did she ereep from her place fromse and wood her way to a fittle rivuler test to as the son horn boundary of the village. There she wand so for home upon its moss coveted back " remains beight drams" of the future and weeping to, she knew not what, un ales me noise from the voll go, reminded her that it was t me to hast a la me. Mary seldom stake of macriage, and when she did, it was always in such a wild and romantic way that lead for trievels to believe that she had never seri-

on it pought on the subject. One bright evening in October, four months after Many had graduated, a stranger drove up to the a blace hote. A begither he was a fine treading upon?" lo have man, and his outward apprarance be

tot el to refinel a clety. trivial circumstance famish s a fautful theme grass a child, who had accidently been knocked for conservation. The appearance of a well down in the gineral crowding and jostling, and dressed stranger is a rich har as for the good - who now by apporently senseless in his arms. pers. Every would be speaks passes from m with "W o is it !- what is it ?" inquired one and to a outh croscous in curdo ustil he is magnified anoth r. into stone extraoid may personage, and if he is "this Joe Paterson's little hunchbacked not a person of uncommon tacituralty he will Hugh" unswered the man; "and pity 'tis they he forced to divide the cause of his visit lafare couldn't have kep him out of this crowd. He hy leaves. L- v. s no exception in this res- has been knocked down and banged a out, till there Not may mannes elapsed after the I am not use whether there is any its left in We, collins moved that the Secretary send a stranger entered the barrion before he was him." he chair to ream for Home copy if the hayner's address to each member sure u d d via swarm of inquisitive individue "B ing him here, sir!" exclaimed an elegantly la's. These work ies used every means in their diessed lady, whose carriage had been deven The way - the mastern appointed the fol- power is learn something of the stea gar's but just outside of the ring which encircled the sings, but he appeared to take a secret pride in | c owd. giving them evasive answers. On subjest not 'Oh, mamma! he is dead! the poor boy! relating to time the was in the highest regree cried the y ungest of her children, with tears in social This singular conduction the part of her pitying blue eyes. the stranger threw the whole band of go sippercloses be invited to take a second or mean of Warren, the name of the President of the linux a construction. Their emissive became intens, and once or twice it was whispered such a decimed child live to grow up." among them that he was a suspiciou character. "Hush! sister," returned the first lady, " he and should be immediately approach ed and is oming to. Remember, the child probably condition in preser, well be could give a good has a mo her to love him, if he is a hunchbook ! a min dever fleen of room justice, another that he little Lil a, with a reproachful look in her half was a robber, wills a third was sure that he dred eyes. was a kiduarpet all ging as a re son for his belief that he had seen him whi per to the host- the fireworks!" for when he got out of his buggy. The hostler endered under the direction of the committee | was i mediately summ and to report what took attraction for Lla; and when her mother proexpected v, the booker disclayed some want of point I, she c n ented gladly self possesson which was furthauth construed "I de lace I never will ride with you again, as an evidence of guilt, and it is uncertain what sis er Wiestan," said the aunt, disdain ully wand have been the consequences, had there "You are always picking up some object of dis

him that nig t, they a reed to lay over that the cushio s. Hugh had heard all; but it was

tempis were made to o ertake them, but all Dorothy, the sister, came out to receive him, proved a ortive. The only information that soon after the carriage stopped at their dwelcould be obtained was from an old gentleman ling-a tumbling-down block in the direct ten miles distant, who averred that he heard a street of the suburbs. She lifted him out in o'lo k he piev ous night.

One wick of er Mar. 's elopement, a pa'e, hag- "Oh, Dol y!" mouned the boy, " please carry gard wreiched look no woman, the ervetictue me up sars?" of unsers, came into the village just as the sun | "Yes, yes, you silly child I this is what you

was smiling a sweet adieu. Her piteous voice and broken ejuculations soon drew a crowd listeners around her, to whom she related the rueful story, that she had been beaten and left in a state of ho, eless poverty by her husband. The description of her husband's person left no doubt upon the minds of any that he was the same with whom Mary had eloped. The good people of L ____, notwithstanding their propens ty for gesip, were easily moved by scenes of radors; and misery. They did every thin,

usion, however, could induce her to remain longer than one night. Early next morning she started on her way, indulging in the delusive hope that she would yet overtake and reclaim her disso'ute husband. Three days afterwards she was found dead by the wayside. The c tizens of L-, much to their houar, had her decently interred, and a marble slab placed over her grave with the inscription,

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF THE UNKNOWN

her? L no years had been added to the et rnity of the past, and yet no tidings had been trade. ec ived of the unfortunate girl! At last, when all hope was lost, and that lone parent now replied Dolly. And so, as soon as the sprained hand d him bearing several post marks. With shop. to mbling fingers he broke the seal; it was from It was a new thing to him to be imprisoned "Thang Gol!" he fell upon the floor.

eald arrange har affairs in Cuba, she would come once more to the bosom of her doting parent. She had been treated as a slave; her greatest wish now was to be treated as a dangitter. Thu wish is gratified. In the same house, where twenty years ago Mary indulged her roma tie disposition, she now finds greater pleasure in ministering to the wants of an old and orrow and separation are unknown.

CHAPEL HILL.

HUGH. THE HUNCHBACK BY MARY IRVING.

"Shame! for shame!"

"To treat a deformed child so !" "Why can't you look, man, at what you're

Such were a few of the eja ulations p used troky wealth, wiele his golutoman's manners out by a group of men, on the outskir's of a that you m to doubt that he had been accust crowd assumbled to witness a grand exidition f firewords on he eve of a fourth of July -I am land to an ik that of L --- , every The first speaker had pick d up from the dusty

"Just as well if he were," sail another lain the carriage. "It is cruel kindness to le

account of a 1 - 1. One believed, that he was "And he has a soul, too, Aunty." s, oke up

"You are a strange child, Lila! Look at

But the blizing rickets had lost half their place between him and the stranger. Arraign- posed leaving hem for a few minutes, to take ed b fore that august body of go-sippers so un the deformed toy home, as his arm was very

not be a some in to at assembly whose better tress to s o k my nerves. I shall not get this ju 'gmen's was not to be mished by an idle curi- creature out of my dreams for a month!"

Lalla g and d at the boy, whose lips and eve-Finding it impossible to learn anything about lids trimbled, though he lay perfectly still on important bus ness until next morning, when nothing new to the poor deformed child to hear they could e ter spon it with more vigor. With r dicule a d scorn heaped upon him. Yet it his home, trust ng that the "flattering eye of sieive spirit, which had grown sore in its harsh sleep" would unv i the my-tery which enwrap- contact with a selfish world. In one thing Mrs. Winstan had guessed wrong; he had no Morning came: he mysterious stranger had mother in this world, but was cared for in some gone, ud Mary, the beautiful and accomplished small measure by a boisterous, drinking father,

buggy apdy pasing his house about one her strong, red arms, thanked the lady for her kindness, in a loud, shrill tone, and then stood to watch the horses as they trotted away.

get by going to such places! How long, I wonder, before you will learn that you are not ike other folks, and can't go amongst 'em?" "Not I ke other folks!" repeated poor little

Hugh, when his sister had tucked him up care fully in his warm attic, and gone down to prepare a wash for his sprained wrist. He forgot for a moment his bod ly p in, in the pain which shot through his heart at these careless words. "Not like other folks! no indeed, I am not! ut how am I to blame for it? I didn't make these mournful, deep black eyes, which had of-

He raised the blanket from his face, and peered into the darkness with a kind of superstitious fear at the question he had involuntaril asked, for he had not forgotten what his dead mother had taught him: that God was good, by sight!" and that he did everything for the best.

"I don't know what we shall do with Hugh to k ep him out of harm's way," said his father the next morning. "He has such an mol ra ble cur os ty to see all that is going on in the world, that he'lt get his neck bok n among And Mary, the lovely Mary, what became of the e ci y boys. I'll send him to my sister's lips, that you forget to pity the speaker .-

withered with age and trouble, considered his I wrist was strong again, little Hugh was packed clild as a being of another sphere, a letter was a fit to a country cobbler's close leather-perfumed

on the poor boy's ear. If he did his work faith- upon it. This later from Mary announced that her fully, he received no word or look of encourageid, he was roughly aroused by a shake, and a man lay her white hand upon the deformed g owl to the effect that he "didn't earn-the preacher's arm, to walk down the richly carpeted salt to his victuals; should like to know what laisle, they have but to look into Lilla's face for he expected to do in the world?"

I ge of half holiday. With the village Loys he most matchless ones of earth; but she is proud could not go to play, for they had once dry. of her noble husband ! on him from their green, with shouts of scorndecrepit parent, sustaining him by her kindness if fangliter. So he turned down a shaded line, and directing his thoughts to that land where heart of this wood stole a still stream of cool water. Upon a mossy kno l, on its bank, Hugh threw himself down to cher shead thoughts. "To be a shoemaker all my days, and stay

I w -h I was dead-so I do."

g, "God made me!"

stopped and thought for a mement of late the whole audience was in a roar of laughter. la la and her mother. "But that was only He painted the distresses of the American pitu; even kind people can never 'ove me. I army, exposed almost naked, to the rigors of a My mother will I know," and his his trembled, which they trod, with the blood of their unshed " Dut I am af aid I never shall be fit to go to feet, "Where is the man," he said, "who has her, if these naughty feelings stay in my heart! an American heart in the bosom, who would cau't he'p them, either. It must be God not have thrown open his filds, his cellars, his made me for something, as well as this dear | barns, the doors of his house, the portals of his little flower! Yes he gave me a soul-the little breast, to have received with open arms, the girl said that! Perhap- my soul can do some- m- anest so dier in that little band of famished thing in the world, though my body is poor and patriots? Where is the man? There he stands crooked. I'll try!

And with these little mag'c words, Hugh in his bosom, you, gentlemen, are to judge." s, rang up from his knell, buttoned the flower. He then carried the jury, by the powers of in his vest, and made his way homeward to his his imagination, to the plains of Yorktown, the

academy, a knot of s hool-girls are discussing a der in the most glowing and noble colors of elweighty matter. The young men of the acad- oqu nee; the audience saw before their eyes the my have been delivering orations of their own humilation and dejection of the British, as they composition, fir a prize; and the result has as marched out of their trenches; they saw the

a f-llow should win the prize?"

God has given him? It is unjust, Sarah! He ticular incident will give a better idea of the efwon the prize fairly, and spoke nobly! you feet than any general description. The clerk of pught por to be so unkind!"

him. "Perhaps he vill offer his services in es- place, rushed out of the court house and threw corning you to the pc-nic next Monday, in re- himself on the grass, in the most violent paroxturn for your eloquent defence of his righ s .- vsm laughter. "The Lily of Lisbon Academy," as Pr. fessor Here he was rolling, when Hook, with very R. called her, would be honored by such com- different feeling, came out for relief into the

any mark of esteem from one whose opinion is Steptoe was only able to say, that "he could not wo th something!" replied the blue-eyed girl, help it." "Never mind ye," said Hook: " wait proudly arching her graceful neck. "Did you till Billy Cowan gets up; he'll show him the never learn those lines of Wates-·I would be measted by my soul;

The mind's the sature of the man?" "You are a most unaccountable girl, Lilla client, that when he rese to make a reply to Mr. Winstan! But, good evening!-I must not Henry, he was scarcely able to make an intelli-

stand fooling any longer." And away went Sarah, follwed by most of her mates, while Lil a returned to the school-room, to search for

" Thank you Miss Winstan!" These words, spoken almost in her ear, as she was bending over her desk, caused her to lift her head with a start and a blush of suprise. The deformed Hugh, now a young man of some seventeen years, stood by her chair, gazing at her with ten won her sympathy.

"Bless you for your words of kindness! they have done more for me than a hundred prizes could! I have learned that there is at least one in the world who will judge me by truth-not

In the pulpit of one of the principle churches of D-, rises Sabbath by Sabbath, a pa'eficed, sigh-browed man, whose deformity is the first feature to catch the eve of a stranger. It is not until you hear him speak-until you ca ch the fir from his eve, and the enthusiasm from his cons n in the country, to learn a sh emaker's You do not wonder then, that he is willing to Badges. come before the public eye weekly, even with "The b st trade in the world for such as he." the weight of his natural defects; for who can think of these, who nonce carried away by the

Yes; Hugh has gained his end. He is "measured by his soul" in the sight of all who knew him. He has striven nobly, by the help of his ask, pathetically. Maker, to fit that soul for companion-hip with illuminate this flatures, which gave place to one thing pegs, or driving them into the longin soles the spotless apostles and largels, and a ray spitefully reply; "I never wanted any. It is of in ff bl- jov, and murmuring, "Thank Gol!" of shoes, new or old. Not a kind word ever fell of their own pure light seems to have fallen your own fault."

the sciution of the mystery. Lilla not only loves One Saturday, Hugh had the unusual privi- the cripiled form at her side, better than the

> ELOQUENCE AND HUMOR OF PATRICK HENRY.

Patrick Henry was a d stinguished orator and patriot of Virginia, who lent his powerful influence to the cause of the revolution. Hook in a stived-up shop!" thought he; "I can't bear | was a Scotchman, a man of wealth, and suspected it! But what ele can I do? Who cares for of being unfriendly to the American cause. Dum -? Who is there that does not laugh at me? ring the distress of the American army, consequent on the joint invasion of Cornwallis and Hel aid his pale cheek on the soft mass, and Phill ps, in-1781, a Mr. Venable, an army comwatered it with bitter tears. As he raised his missary, had taken ten steers for the use of the eyes at length, they lighted on a clear tho-som troops. The act had not been strictly legal; of the fringed gentain. As he took the flower and, on the advice of Mr. Cowan, a gentleman n his hand, it seemed to him as though its of some distinction in the law, thought proper finged blue eve looked lovingly into his, say- to bring an action of trespass against Mr. Venable, in the district court of New London.

"God made you-yes; made you sweet and Mr. II my appeared for the defendant, and is awiful, but how did he make me?" reasoned said to have disported himself in this cause to the b willered boy, whose rebellious feelings the infinite enjoyment of his hearers, the unforhad by no me and left him. Still be looked fixe tomate Hook always excepted After Mr. Henry became animated in the cau-e, says a corres-"I don't laugh at your hunched shoulders pondent, he appeared to have a complete con-Hugh" it seemed to him again to be saving trol over the passions of his audience; at one time he excited their indignation against Hook "No-uou don't; and if there was one living and vengeance was visible in every countenance; blu eve that looked as kind as your."-he again, when he chose to relax, and ridicule him,

o der if the angels in Heaven will I ve me? win er's sky and making the frozen ground over -but whether the heart of an American beats

surrender of which had followed shortly after Five years have flown. In the hall o'a village the act complained of; he depicted the surrentriumph which lighted up every patriot face, " Is it not too bad," says Sarah, "that such and heard the shouts of victory, and the cry of "Washington and Liberty," as it rang and Why, has he not as good a right as any of echood through the American ranks, and was em ?" asks a blue-eyed g rl of fourteen at her reverberated from the hills and shores of the neighboring rivers. "But hark! what notes of "Oh, right, to be sure! but I shouldn't think discord are those which disturb the general joy, such a deformed piece of humanity would be and silence the acclamation of victory? They very forward to push himself before other peo- are the notes of John Hook, hoarsely brawling through the American camp, beef! beef! beef!" "Should be not make the most of the g fts | The whole audience were convulsed; a par-

the court, unable to command himself, and un-"I suppose you think no prize too great for willing to commit any breach of decorum in his vard also. "Jemmy Steptoe," said, he to the "She would indeed be honored, Sarah, by clerk, "what in the world ails ye mon.?" Mr-

> Mr. Cowan, however, was so completely overwhelmed by the torrent which bore upon his

gent or audible remark. The cause was decidalmost by acclamation. The jury returned with a verdict for the defendant.

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Nor did the effect of Mr. Henry's speech stop there. The people were so highly excited by the Tory audacity of such a suit, that Hook began to hear all around I'm a cry more terrible than that of "beef;" in was the cry of "tar and feathers;" from the plication of which nothing saved him but a plantate flight and the speed of his horse.

BIDGE AND BADGE. OR, CHILDREN vs. NO CHILDREN.

BY W. O. EATON. Mr. and Mrs. Bidge and Mr. and Mrs. Badge were next door neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Bidge had eight children-four boys and four girls;

but the Badges had neither chick nor child. Disappointment and discontent are the common lot of mortals. The Bidges were mortals so were the Badges, and discontent reigned'su preme in the Bidge house, while disappointment was the prevailing feature in the dwelling of the

The fact was, that Mrs. Bidge bated children, and in turning herself into a Bidge she had got more than she had bargained for. Sad was Mr. Bidge to contemplate the lack of maternal affection which was evinced by his wife.

"Ain't they your own children ?" he would

" No they ain't; they are yours!" she wou There was no answering a remark like that,

If any one wonders at seeing after the church and Bidge, like a Christian, put up with the husband was deal, and that as quickly as she ment. If he fell to musing as he sometimes services are over, a young, proud, beautiful wo- taunt, partly perhaps because he thought he deserved it, and at any rate because he couldn't help it. Mrs. Bidge said she couldn't help it, and of course the little Bidges couldn't-and so there they were, a family of Bidge martyrs, enveloped in a daily cloud of discontent.

Disappointment was the feeling that knocked the daylight out of the happiness of the Badges. They were an honest, frugal, straight-forward, philoprogenitive, hard-working couple, and it would give us pleasure to record that they were destined to multiply a virtuous posterity, had such been the agreeable fact; but it cannot be disguised any longer that the Badges had been married for ten years, and had appeared to pay no more regard for their country's census than if they had been foreigners, resolved to take no part in swelling the ranks of native Americans. Rut we should weither leap, jump, run, rush hop or sling ourselves at conclusions. We. should approach them carefully by a reasoning process, and when we investigate this matter of the Badges, with the scarcity of their labels, and that the sole reason why they fell short of the true matrimonial mark, was the same as that which prevents the poor from becoming rich-

The perver-ity of mortals is past all bearing, They are always grumbling at their situations. The Badges grumbled because they had no children; the Bidges because they had; and if the Bidges had been the Badges and the Badges the Bidges, no doubt they would have grumbled just as much. Such unreasonable people deserve to be made examples of, and here we do it

and expose them, right in print and in public. One of the severest trials of Mr. Badge was to sit in his parlor, with a back window open, and see Mrs. Badge looking out into the back vard of the Bidges, praising the little Bidges at play. and enjoying the good fortune of their parents n having them. It seemed to him as if Mrs. Badge did it to tantalize him. This was uncharitable in Badge.

"O, come do see the little Bidges! O. do ee! O. do see !" said Mrs. Badge, clapping her

"What is there so very interesting about a parcel of children making fools of themselves !" growled Badge, secretly wishing he had three or four to begin with.

" Fools of themselves !" said Mrs. Badge angrily. "We were all fools, once, Badge, and some of us havn't altered much since. For my part there is nothing I delight in so much as children; they are so innocent and full of little. cunning, interesting ways. How happy and proud the Bidges ought to be! O dear, how lucky some people are!"

"Bidges?" echoed Badge, contemptuously: Bidges! It is nothing but Bidge, Bidge, Bidge with you, from morning till night. Why don't you think of the Badges ?"

"Wiere are they?" retorted Mrs. Badge, significantly, looking around. "I suppose I'm one," said Badge, with offen-

ded dignity. " Well,' said Mrs. Badge. " And you're another." " And what then ?"

" Ain't we a family ?" said Badge, half pathet-Mrs. Badge burst into a sneering laugh. "A pretty family, ha! ha! We were as much

of a family before we were married. Wher's the use of getting married, if we are a family Look at the Bidges." "O. dear! There you go again!" exclaimed Bidge, and for half an hour the childless counter

engaged in a regular squabble of criminations Let us look in at the next door and see what the Bidges were doing at that precise time. "Sam's tore his trowsers, Lizzy's frock is spoilt

Tom's got a splinter in his foot and Sally's lost one of her bracelets! This is what comes of having a squalling family of young ones to bother one's life out. Dear me! I believe there's