

MISCELLANEOUS.

For the Southern Weekly Post. A TRIP TO, AND A DESCRIPTION OF NAG'S HEAD.

In the year 1853, the author of the following sketch made a visit to this justly celebrated watering place. The name which has attached itself to this Peninsula, is somewhat peculiar.

The view which meets the eye of the traveler, as he nears the land, has nothing of beauty in it wherewith to please his fancy. One long and serene stretch of sand is all that is seen.

One feels quite solemn as one stands upon its edge, and gazes thoughtfully into mysterious depths. But should you be fond of the piscatorial art, then fling away your solemn thoughts and your train of philosophic ideas to the origin of the lake before you, and cast your baited hook into its crystal waters, and full many a bright spotted and silvery fish, not mean in its proportions either, will repay you richly for your labor.

The sportsman makes a "blind," constructed of twigs and bows, so as to screen himself from the sight of the wild birds. He has caught one before, and having driven a stake at a sufficient distance from his "blind," he attaches him to it by means of a cord.

In conclusion, we would advise all in bad health, all whose spirits are depressed by the sultry heat of summer, to visit Nag's Head, and if they do not find there the magnificent accommodations of Saratoga, the fashionable etiquette of other places of resort, they will discover their impaired health greatly benefited.

"EVERY MAN MAKES HIS MARK."—What kind of a mark will that bewhiskered, smoking drinking, billiard-player make? What kind of a mark will that noisy, scrambling "small penny" politician who makes "an experiment" for every office from that of constable upward, make?

in the walls of some penitentiary; and others still will be marked round the neck by the tight drawing of a rope.—St. Louis Chris. Adv.

THE CAUSES AND THE PREVENTION OF CHOLERA—ANIMAL DECOMPOSITION.

The cholera continues to rage in various portions of the world, and although the disease, generally speaking, is more manageable than formerly, nothing like a positive remedy has yet been discovered.

It is yet a point unsettled, whether or not cholera is contagious. That is to say, whether it can be communicated by a person, or by a region—and can only be caught while in that region.

The history of the fatal epidemic at Columbia, Pennsylvania, in September last, is curious. The cholera had never appeared before in that town.

In Rio de Janeiro, in the autumn of the same year, the writer was told that the local existence of cholera in a few spots, otherwise very healthy, might be traced in coincidence, at least, with a practice not uncommon along the shore of the sea or bays, of dragging up fish in quantities by nets, and spreading them out to rot for manure.

And, lastly, in Barbadoes, where a considerable fatality from cholera has at different times occurred, Dr. W. H. Freeman, the late United States Consul to that island, reports a similar sanitary condition to those above related, even to some extent recalling the last item mentioned.

Whatever the theory, the lesson from all the facts is one (often told, but not yet well learned) of hygiene and prevention. Cities should be built and regulated to prevent epidemics, as they should be to afford security from configurations.

MR. MINISTER MASON AND A PERSECUTED YOUNG AMERICAN LADY. From one of the recent letters of Rev. Dr. Thompson, we make the following extract: While seated one morning in the office of the American ambassador, Mr. Mason came in, and after the usual salutations, said, "Did you ever get into a profuse perspiration and have a wet blanket thrown over you?"

peremptorily ordered him never to see her. He replies that "it is impossible till I die. I cannot live without seeing you." We came to this city in hopes to escape him; but he watched our movements, and came with us.

DECEIVING A MOTHER. BY AUGUSTA MOORE. Kitty Lincoln had been running and dancing in the garden, among the beautiful flowers, till she looked almost like a blushing rose-bud herself.

MATTER INVISIBLE. If a piece of silver be put into nitric acid, a clear and colorless liquid, it is rapidly dissolved, and vanishes from the sight.

CHINESE POLITENESS.—Well, said the host at last, "since you positively cannot stay to eat rice, we must at least drink a few glasses of wine together. I should be quite ashamed if my cousin went away from my house without taking anything."

SCENE IN COURT.—Judge.—Bring the prisoner into court. Pete.—Here I is, bound to blazes, as the spirits of turpentine said he when it was all on fire.

NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN.—A few days ago "we went, we saw, we purchased" a little book with this title, and we expected to get at least a penny-worth of information out of it, as it purported to be a corrective of "mistakes of daily occurrence."

LATER FROM HAVANA.—New York, Aug. 7.—The steamship United States arrived at her wharf to-day with Havana dates to the 24. Sugars were active. Molasses scarce. Exchange letter.

Pets.—Pretty well, I thank you. How do you do? Here the Judge was completely "hold," and Pets was allowed to retire without any further interrogatories as to his occupation or mode of living.

A PURITAN SUNDAY. As every matter connected with the social life and customs of the first settlers of New England is of much interest to their descendants, we propose in a few short articles, to give a correct description of a "Sunday in New England" two hundred years ago, as we can collect from our local annals.

THE POSITIVE AND THE RELATIVE. This is the golden age of opinion. We might have said of public opinion, as the result of free discussion and untrammelled thought; but a true public opinion, in the sense of a general recognition of certain general truths, is scarcely discoverable amid that endless diversity of views that everywhere prevails.

WHAT A LAWYER SHOULD BE, AND SHOULD NOT BE.—The lawyer who browbeats and badgers a witness, not to expose falsehood, but to pervert the truth, by operating on weak nerves, the embarrassment incident to every man upon the stand, perhaps for the first time, or by questions intended to perplex the witness, and shake his honest testimony, and thereby impose upon the jury—whatever may be his talents, however high his rank, in whatever popular request may his purse be in aid of procuring for a lie or fraud the sanction of a court and jury, or in knowingly screening a scoundrel from punishment—deserves himself to suffer the penalty, from which he has saved his guilty client, and ought to be thrown over the bar of the temple of justice, which he thus desecrates, and does so much, to bring into disrepute among men. The profession of the law is held in honor, for promoting, not perverting the right. Whenever it does the former, and as long as it does it, but no longer, should it be suffered to take part in the administration of justice.

THE MORMONS.—These deluded people are reported to be threatened with starvation by the devastating invasion of locusts and grasshoppers. Perhaps these invaders may settle the Mormon question for us, by driving them from the country, but their voluntary exodus is more to be expected. A forced emigration to some portion of Oceania, appears to be anticipated by many. It seems to us very unwise, however, to allow the Mormon power to become invincible, whilst we depend upon natural causes for its extinction. Far better had it been to test them from the first; their system is incompatible with the first principles of our government.

UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE.—This monthly, devoted to the interests of our State University, makes its appearance for August, containing a valuable selection of interesting matter. Walcott Avery's Biography, will be found of the greatest interest to those who are fond of reading the early history of North Carolina. The new editors make a handsome bow to the public, and promise to make the Magazine, while in their care, all that its friends desire.

NORTHERN MARKETS.—Baltimore Aug. 7.—Cotton dull. Yellow 89 a 91; white 83 a 85. No sales at Floor. City Mills and Howard Street are held at 87 1/2.

but the master of the house did not laugh; he was indignant. He asked us whether we had ever seen such an ignorant, stupid, absurd man as his cousin, and he returned always to his grand principle—that is to say, that a well-bred man will always render politeness for politeness, and that one ought kindly to refuse what another kindly offers; "otherwise," he cried, "what would come of us?"

where repose is the proper duty, for we know our treasure is not there, and that in Heaven there is one angel more.

And hushing the baby, she took a pillow from the bed, and softly and gently moved her daughter to a more comfortable position, placing her shining ringlets and her soft red cheeks upon the snowy pillow.

There may be, and often are, two or more propositions which are equally true, and may yet differ very essentially as to the degree of importance that belongs to them. In the highest sphere of morals, it is equally true that obedience to parents, and obedience to God, are both right and obligatory on the conscience; yet all must agree that, in practice, the importance of the one is superior to that of the other.

NEW PAPERS.—In another column will be seen the prospectus of a new paper to be published in this city, called the "Carolina Patriot." Messrs. Miller and Keith, Publishers.

CROPS.—Never since the recollection of man of us, have there been such crops as present indications promise. Farmers do not ask, what shall we do for corn next summer? but what shall we do with our corn? Glorious fix!

NEW YORK.—Flour dull, with a declining tendency. Southern brands 89 7/8. Corn at previous rates. Stocks better. Virginia Flours 98 1/2.

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