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"So, so, TISE, you had a dream, eh ? pray tell it to me. And the Old Boy is dead at last, and buried,' said I to him, playfully ; 'dead and bu ried,' emphasizing where he did; 'and so you think we'll have good-luck to day ?'

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'Well, Mr. Sheriff,' answered he, 'I was cum fably fixed in my room last night 'bout ten o'clock, doin' something for my head-for you know I've been sufferin' de last day or two with a cold in my head-1 woun' a stocking round my throat--noth n' better for a sore throat than that, you know-and Mrs. Biggum, my landlady, telled me dere was nothing better for me den a gin punch made hot, and I musn't be ve ry particular 'bout how much gin I took, only don't let it be too small; so I followed her ad vice, and I made it good, and hot, and strong [and emphasized 'strong;'] and I got in bed afterward, and I fell asleep soon, like a gentle little baby, I did; and I slept like a top, I did; and I dreamed, I did : and ----' 'You ----

' Dou't stop me, Mr. Sheriff ; you'll spile it .--I can't tell you the dream if you interrupt me. I was on a good string, and would let you have it an road as it come to me. Now don't do th ag'in ! bless you, don't do that ag'in.'

I knew that he could not bear to be stopped in the recital, yet I was indisposed to hear his nonsense ; nevertheless, as I had given him en couragement to listen to his dream, it would be provoking the very Old Boy to come forth whom he had declared was dead and buried. and thus ignore the morale and the pith of the dream.

'I won't interrupt you any further. Tise: come, go ahead.

'Well, as I was saying,' continued he, dreamed I was in a beautiful little cottage clus by a running stream of water-a brook, like, on'y dere wasn't much water,' [a slight allusion, I thought, to the gin-punch, strong with gin, and very little water, | ' and the weather was ve ry hot,' [gin-punch hot, too,] 'and I thought I heerd beautiful music : it wasn't like a band of musicianers' music ; it come over me so da. when I heerd it fust, it made me all over so happy and delighted, dat I ris right up-at least I tried to; but I couldn't; the music was so delightful it kept me down,' [the gin-punch, good and strong, kept him down ;] 'and I listened ; oh ! it was so 'chanting like, for I couldn't git up: and the music-it come, and then it went, and then it come ag'in; and then I looked, and then the pootiest little creturs, female creturcome around me, all dressed up so fine ; and they danced to the music, and they tripped, and they hopped, and they jumped, and they skip ped, and dev patted me on de chin and on my cheeks, and dey played with my gray hair, the little rogues, dey did, and I couldn't move a bit, on'y I kept my eyes and my ears open - my eyes to look at the pooty little people, my ears to hear the sweet music-and I was aggerwated when I found I couldn't move; and den dev would go off from me, and dance, and hop, skip jump, so graceles-ly,' [gracefully :] ' never was sich seed by me afore; and den I seed a old man, a Quaker-looking man, I thought ; and see he had an a cross thought, under his coat, on'y de handle was sticking out from under his arm, and I didn't like his looks : he come to de door of the cottage, and he looked in, and he said something about the little people coming down with him, but dey wouldn't heed him : o'clock, was uttered. and den I think the Quaker-looking man wasn't so savage-looking; and den he went away; he didn't like the music they was dancing to, for he was a Quaker, and ou'y liked simple music : and den (all de time I was 'parently 'wake) come other kind of music ; it wasn't sweet at all ; and then the little folks who was a dancing, they I a'n't sure, but I think there was about as ma ny of the little creturs.' changed, it 'peared to me, and dev begin for to skimper and jump onto the others' backs; and den the music it changed worser than it was, o'clock, my old friend ?' said I to him, 'as I dedidn't soun' like music at all ; and den I feel as Could move, and I tried, and I did move; and your dream, and what will come of it.' what should I see then but the little folks had changed into a whole batch of cats ; and they skimpered, and they jumped, and they mewed. and their mewing was the horriblest music; and I then turned over, and I ris up, and I jumped up out of the bed, and the whole but three on 'em run away, leaping through the window, up with me. the chimbley, and out of the door : dem three what was staving behind was regular mottled cats ; dey wasn't white, nor was dey black, but dey was ugly-looking ones. I tell you. So I got beside me and Mr. Factotum.' up quick, for de gin-punch made me feel so good ; and I looked roun' for something to strike with, and I found the junk-bottle what I had my gin in, on the table : I seized it : and would you believe it, two of them who seed it, run pardon for misnaming him. away right off, (dey thought it was a gun.) jumping through the window, and not taking it genteel at all, by going out of the door; and then there was on'y one left, and he was the ugliest-looking cat of 'em all ; I thought I shoud other gentleman ; for it's an old saying that ' too have a lot of trouble with him. I guess he was many cooks spiles the broth '' the general of the brigade of cats ; so he 'peared to me : but thinks I. Who's afeard ? I a'n't ! lowed him, Mr. Largo, and one of the plaintiff's And I moved to the fire place; the cat he ris his back, and he began for to sputter and spit; I got hold of the poker, and I poked right and the defendants; and when I had got within a left at him ; and he warded off once or twice ; block of the place, I saw two or three men on and he ris hisself ag'in ; and he mewed loud, one corner of the street, as many on another and once ag'in louder; and I lunged him a sure corner, several more leisurely walking on one blow; and I pierced his flesh; and I banged

'So you believe, TISE,' continued I, 'some- ness. I replied 'that I wished to see Mrs. thing in the musical way will turn up, and all Bayton.'

will go on harmoniously to day.' "Yes, yes, dat I do. I never felt better and to me ?"

slicker den now; and when it comes, it finds 'My dear madam,' replied I, ' please to open me prepared. Believe it will come ? I know it the door, and allow me to come in your house will; a'n't my dream a warnin' dat it will come !' and I will feel most happy to announce my busi-Strange that there are people who so firmly ness to you.'

believe in the reality of dreams. I thought; and 'Oh, you can do it as well here,' she replied, yet the old man might not be disappointed in his expectation. And while I was thus cogita w ll at the window as at the door.'

ting, sure enough, the expected writ, being a 'I suppose I can, my dear madam,' replied I. writ of replevin in definet for a piano-forte, rosebut it seems to me that it would be more in wood case, seven octaves, was placed in my accordance with decorum that my business. hands-the suit being brought by Fritz Von which is of a private character, should be com-Helfrich, a piano forte-maker, against Romer municated to you in not so public a manner :' Bayton and Barbara Bayton, his wife. and at the moment' relieving myself from the Counsellor Smallwood, who represented Von position into which she had placed me. I asked Helfrich, was, at the present time of communi- her 'if Mr. Bayton, her husband, was in,' precation with me, represented by his factorum, or ferring always to deal with one of the masculine man-of all-work-such as is usually maintained gender.

in some lawyers' offices, to do the 'demanding' 'He a'n't in,' replied she, snappishly, 'and part of the business, attend and be present at he was, he a'n't no body, here. I'm the boss settlements and negotiations of claims, and serve here,' laving peculiar stress on the words ' no notices in general. This class of very useful body ' and ' boss.'

adjuncts of the law office is usually composed 'l'at's de general of de cats, of my dream,' of young men; buy- case in question, Mr. whispered Thison to me. Smallwood's factotum was a man of about five- 'Well, madam,' said I, 'as Mr. Bayton is and forty, a native of the 'jim of the say :' withal, not at home, and as he is no body and you are very intelligent, active, and rather disposed, I the boss, and as you will compel me to make must say, to going it blind, and occasionally, by my business known to you at this place, and in the impulsiveness of his character, getting a this way. I now announce to you tha I am the knock-down or two for his seeming impertinence, sheriff, and that a writ of replevin against you. Mr. Smallwood's man's name was James Largo ; in which I am commanded to take a piano-forte. and about the sheriff's office, as he was Mr. wrongfully detained from Mr. Von Helfrich, and Smallwood's factorum he was called 'Largo al which piano-forte is in your possession; and I factotum.' It was undoubtedly a very appro- would respectfully ask you to open the door, to priate designation for him. allow me to come in.'

'Mr. Sheriff,' said he, addressing me, 'here's 'I won't do it.' said she, angrily ; 'I knowed a writ ready for service, Sir. Mrs. Bayton, Sir. you was a officer ; your specs showed it, and has our piano-forte, Sir, ro-e-wood case, Sir, se. this here company of Dutch pianner forte makven octavius, Sir-beg pardon, Sir, octavos, Sir- ers, that has bin hufring about, and watchin' she has it, Sir, in her house, beyant Broadway, my house all day. No, no, Mr. Sheriff, I a'n't by Wooster-street. And will you go now and no thief; I have not stole nothing, and why execute the process at once ?' should my house be watched all day ? I a'n't · Certainly, Mr. Largo, I am ready, and am at no robber. No, no, you can't come in, and you your service on the instant.

sha' n't, unless vou break down my door. Open 'Beg pardon. Sheriff.' replied he. 'I'm not the door !' continued she, 'well, would n't you

jist ready; only say the word after two hours, like to see me do it ?' and I will have assistants to accompany you to take the piano down. Will you be ready by I shall be compelled to break in." 'Sa, sa ! phit, phit !' said she, making all sorts | one o'clock to day ?'

'Yes, say one o'clock. I will wait for and of angry grimaces ; 'do it !' Sa-phit, phit-

kerool-and then a terrible crash like the sound busted-seven octavios, forty-nine creturs-axe, of thunder reverberating; and then again the axes, hatchet, lath hatchet, lath-boy-confound 'I'm Mrs. Bayton ; what do you want to say | piping notes of the piccolo, and yet again, blow bim, mp dream's busted on his account !' for blow, knock, knock, blow for knock; as 'Well, I don't care again,' continued Mrs. a 'coal-man's attachments,' or there were two if he can ! If he does, I spose I shall have to

> or more pair of arms wielding weapons of des- pay for the planner, that's all; so there's no truction upon a doomed instrument. use making a fuss about it. It's done, and can't 'Where is Largo ? where can he stay ?' said be helped now.'

very tarily, I thought ; 'you can tell me just as I, in such great anxiety of manuer, that THISON, I perceived a tear gathering in her eye, and desirons of putting an end to the question, as now I was satisfied that she regretted her hasty well as of Largo too, in this affair, strained his act; impelled by passion as it was.

> eyes by looking up and down the street, at last 'I am going,' said TISE ; 'time we were all descried him coming leisurely toward us, and off,' continued he. 'You had better not come beckoned to him : 'Hurry, hurry !' at all with your Dutch regiment,' addressing And still the strokes, knocks, blows, continu- Largo : 'you spiled all. You bu-ted my dream

> ed; still the sounds of the notes seemingly strik- Too many cooks-forty-nine lath boys-seven ing against each other, bong te ling, bosh, cring, axes-three octavios." swosh, beong tiz-z-z wang, the cadence of the 'Mr. Largo,' said I to that worthy, not at all

> notes being harsh; and still that booming and pleased with the issue of this affair, and believ hissing, that dashing, crushing, toppling, as of ing, with my old assistant, that he was the cause houses falling down ; now among the bass notes, of the failure I had met with, in not getting the then among the treble, then tenor, and now a- piano-forte, 'what shall I do with this 'wreck mong them all : and then as of some thing snap- of matter,' and this damaged case ?'

ping—whiz-te-ling !—boong, bosh-te-long !—a-mid which I heard Tisz bidding Largo to 'hurry ! hurry 1 too latel—late !! And Largo then came and produced, as the result of his journey, the smallest size of a hat- thing to do with it ; 'I might leave it if I chose chet, and he handed it to me: and then the but that the plaintiff would not take it.' noise, the blows, the knocks, all ceased, and I 'And you want me to take this case, this

made proclamation yet again ; and then the shell ?' door was opened to me from the inside. 'Yes,' he replied. 'Take it; and I think it "I think,' said TISE to me, 'that Largo must is a very hard shell for you to take, after you be a lath-boy ; I'm swon, if he a'n't bin gittin' rich anticipations of a successful day, suggested

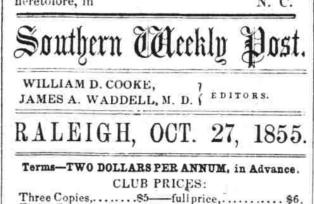
a lath-halchet-the cu-sed fool ! if he'd hurried by your old friend's dream.' -never mind !'-and the old man continued I directed THISON to superintend the remova muttering about too many cooks. of the remains, which he did to the satisfaction

'The best I could get, and the only one at of every body, Mrs. Bayton included, who, when that,' said he, in reply to THISON'S observation. she came to ponder on the events of the day, There being now no objection nor obstruc and the terrible anger she had shown, was glad tion to my entrance. I wa ked in the house, and to see the evidence of her passion removed. then to the room which had contained the arti- THISON observed to me, when the work was all cle I was in quest of; when Mrs. Bayton, see- accomplished, 'that Mrs. Bayton was n't a bad ing Largo, raised a heavy wood-cutter's axe, woman, only she got in a towerin' passion when and slung it around, and made a desperate at- she seed Largo fidgetting about. Me and you tack on him : fortunately for bim, I saw the axe | could get along very well with her. But a' n't raised, and the blow aimed : I seized her arm, she a player on that insterment ?' and he gig and the instrument of destruction fell at my gled. She played on it wid two axes and tour 'I would indeed, madam : but if you do not. feet, as he for the first time was made aware of hands. Gosh ! first I seen the lightnin' and

his perilous position. then I heard the thunder, and then thunder and 'Dangerous woman, that,' observed THISON ; lightnin' get mixed ; then the little light notes who was then engaged, with all of us, looking at the top, and then the big heavy notes at the

who are now subscribing for Northern newspapers at a cost of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars, for their children to read. Did you ever think of this ? See what a revenue you are paying to the publishers at the North --Twenty five thousand dollars spent in this State for a similar purpose would enable a man to publish a paper not inferior in any respect to

the best literary journal in the Union. Why not spend it here ? Why not give it to an editor whose sympathies are with us and whose interests are our own ? Besides the amount we by inspiration, understood this better than those should save as a State, it would open a way to who paint us so frightfully, without knowing muc bring out the latent genius which now lies dor- about us. In treating of the different degrees of mant among us. The writers we have among homicide, he had regard to the known motives or us would find an opening for their productions, and others whose minds have been trained for the higher attainments in literary science, would have a field for their improvement. In your own city lives a lady whose ability for writing "die under his hand," and thus evince that disc. is not surpa-sed by but few, and whose produc- pline was a pretence, and the killing of designed tions in a Southern j-urnal would prove far more malignity or wanton brutality. I apped to even edifying than when read in a Northern paper or one, if our experience is not in secondance wir magazine: I mean "Tenella," the compiler of the divine statute. The same motive induces to " Carolina Carols," And there are many others master to be observant of the health and morals who should contribute to our own papers, that of his slaves; to care for them, and provide to we might be able to present to our own people, them; to restrain them from baneful excesses and the operly securent around us. I hope to see the "Post" filled with original stories by Southern writers, and a greater interest manifested to be deduced from an increase in the numbers of among our people upon this subject than ever, our slave population beyond the ratio of ratural heretofore, in N. C.



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Indeed, slavery in America has faithful and pleasing portraiture of the advannot only done more for the civilization and entor. tages of soil and climate which the people of ments of the African race than all other causes our State enjoy : but it has brought more of them into the Christian "The profits and the comforts of agriculture de- fold than all the missions to that benighted contipend mainly on climate, soil, labor, and the facili- nent from the Advent to this day have, or, probaties for disposing of surpluses of production. The bly, those for centuries to come would, excepting two first, climate and soil, should be congenial to only the recent Colonies of blacks on the western products requisite for the sustemance of the hus- coast of Africa, by which one may hope and believe bandman himself, and in demand for others who that under divine direction the lights of civilization cannot produce for themselves. In both points and the knowledge of the true God may be reflect North Carolina is bighly blessed. In her position ted back on that whole land. Such are some of on the globe she occupies that temperate and hap- the beneficial effects on that race of their connex py mean, which is conducive to health and the vig- ion with us. Upon the slaveholder the impressions orous exertion of the faculties and energies of body | are not less distinctly durable, nor less beneficial and mind, in employments tending more than all He is habitually a man of employment. As others to the hospitalities and charities of life and military life, he must train his troop to their dathe other virtues of the heart, and which consti- ties, 'ay out their work, and superinter d its exetutes a climate, that, in unison with her fertile soil, cution; and by a mild and just, though firm disvields abundantly to the diligent tiller nearly all cipline, reward and punish according to their dethe necessaries and many of the luxuries required serts; and he must never fail in sympathy with by man. We do not work barely to maintain life ; them in regard to innocent e joyments at poper but, beyond that, to realise gains that may be em- times, and their needs in sickness and in health ployed in the addition of other things productive Sometimes matters, very trivial to themselves, have of the elevation and refinement of civilized man .- exceedingly great effect in improving the slave and Our winters, by their duration and rigor, do not uniting him to his owner. I know a gentleman confine us long within doors, nor cause us to con- one of the most successful planter; who produced sume the productions of our labor during the other a marked change for the better among his sizes. parts of the year; but we are able to prosecute by the small boon of a cheap looking glass betech our field operations and comfortably pursue our of their quarters. Another bound his people to productive employments throughout the four sea- him by a devoied affection, by joining with se sons. Though not of such extent of latitude as emnity in their processions at the burial of their thereby to create much variety of climate, and con- dead, in a grave yard, which he had protected by sequently of production ; yet, the dimensions of a plain post and plank enclosure. North Carolina east and west supply that deficien- "It is a great error in those who do not know ev in a remarkable degree. The proximity to the our slavery, to confound authority in the private ocean of her eastern coust, and the difference in relations, though it be that of a sincewarer, with elevation between that and the mountains of the the absolute power of a prince on a throne. A powest, with the gradations in the intermediate re- litical despot is separated from his subjects. He gions, produces a diversity of genial climate which knows them not, por loves them. He symplicities gives to North Carolina, in herself, the advantages with none of them, but their positions and feelings of many countries conjointly. By nature, too, her are in constant hostility. But authority in domessoil was as diversified and as excellent as her cli- tic life, though not necessarily, is naturally consi mate. The rich alluvial of the cast, the extended derate, mild, easy to be entreated, and tends to an and extremely fertile vallies of the many long elevation in sentiment in the superior which gen streams-the Roanoke, the Tar, the Neuse, the erates a humane tenderness for those in his power Cape Fear, the Yadkin and Pcedee, the Catawba, and renders him regardful alike of the duty and the and other rivers, which appear upon our map, be- dignity of his position. It is only when the su sides those of smaller streams, almost numberless, thority is disputed and resisted, that a conflict ocall, at a moderate expense of care and labor, return curs; and the slaves, if kept to themselves, un large yields of nearly every grain and other pro- prompted from without, will seldom give occasion duction fit for food. Rice, maize, wheat, rye, bar- in that way for rigor." lev. oats, the pea, the potato of each kind, besides The following paragraph contains a just trian endless variety of other sorts, vegetables, and bute to the memory of a great and good man: fruits, are found abundantly therein ; while higher "On the remaining point, on which the interests up the country, in addition, the grasses grow so readily and luxuriantly as to afford not little plots of agriculture, and, indeed, of all other employ on the moist bottoms of brooks, but extensive pasments depend -namely, the facility of transporta tures and magnificent meadows to the mountain tion. I have to offer to all North Carolinians heartfelt congratulations. The carriage of bulky and tops. Then, there are the great articles of cotton and tobacco, so extensively used and in such great cheap articles long distances in wagons over bad and increasing demand-to one or the other of roads, was a great draw-back on the profits of capiwhich the greater part of the State is eminently tal and labor for a long time here. Some relief in suited. Of fruits, melons of every kind and of the particular parts of the State was derived from eren best qualities, apples, peaches, pears, cherries. the imperfect improvement made in the navigation for boats on a few of our rivers. But it was far nectarines and apricois flourish almost everywhere, as do also the smaller, but most valuable kinds, as below the wants and demands of the people; and the strawberry, the raspberry, gooseberry, currants, afterwards resort was had to Railroads. The wonand, above all, our native grapes, the sweet and ders worked by steam, and railways are indeed asrolific Scuppernong and the rich Catawba, which | tonishing throughout the mature well, besides some of foreign origin. When can they be more requisite or beneficial than it to these are added the fish, with which our eastern this State, the extent of which and the want of waters abound through the year, but are alive in navigable waters at only a short distance from the the spring-our naval stores and lumber, our sea, rendered them indispensible. Every one, theremarls, our minerals, gold, silver, copper, and espe- fore, ought to commend the legislative policy in cially the extensive and rich deposits of iron ore, providing them, and in extending them from time and the coals, one may confidently ask, is there to time as the funds of the State may be found any other country which contains or produces more adequate. It will not, I trust, be going out of the or a greater diversity of things to sustain life or to way, while on this subject to say a word in honor bring money ? And then let me enquire of you, of the memory of a great and good man, who first North Carolinians, what better country do you presented the utility and construction of Railroads want than your own? I hold it is good enough- to the notice and patronage of this State; I allude too good, I am tempted to say, for sinful man. It to the Rev. Dr. Joseph Caldwell, the late eminent requires only to be dressed and tilled to give near. and zealous president of the University. Upwards ly all we want on earth, and much for our fellow of thirty years ago he visited Europe on the basiman less happily situated. There may at some ness of the college, and there saw such roads in time be a stint below our usual abundance : but use : and soon after his return. I remember, be we need never fear a famine here while we work. published a series of essays under the signature of Indeed, that calamity can hardly befall a country " Cariton," in a newspaper printed in this city, exwhere maize-which we call Indian corn-grows plaining the practicability of their construction and to perfection. There is no record of a dearth, ap- earnestly urging a central one from Buncombe 10 proaching famine, where the principal crop was Beaufort. The novelty of the subject and the maize, as it is here. Our climate and soil are so dread of the expruse, operating upon timid could congenial to the other cereals, that a failure of that sels, prevented his suggestion from being then crop from an unpropitious season is necessarily adopted. But it is honorable to his sagacity, that perceived in time to provide the others, or some of at the late session of the legislature charfers were granted for completing a line of Railroad on the them, as a substitute."

Judge R. next proceeds to discuss the cha acter of the labor we employ, and of course, in cidentally, of the relation of master and slave, and its bearing upon society. We commend his calm, judicial, and truly philosophical as well as Christian treatment of the subject to the notice and imitation of others : "Moderation in the punishment of dependent

is founded in nature; and unjust, excessive, and barbarous cruelty is not to be presumed, but quit the con rary. The meek man who led the Israe ites through the wilderness, and legislated for the the human heart, and thereon founded the presume tion, that the slaying of a slave by the master is by misadventure, " because he is his money." m less it should be rebuked by such excess in thed. gree or duration of the infliction as to make here the slaveholding portion of the country, is plainly increase in the population of any other nation which could only arise from the abundant supply of the necessaries and comforts of life, and a contented state of mind.

" But the interest of the owner is not the only security to the slave for humane treatment ; there is a stronger tie between them. Often born on the same plantation, and bred together, they have p perfect knowledge of each other, and a mutual attachment. Protection and provision are the offices of the master, and in return the slave yields devoted obedience and fidelity of service ; so that they seldom part but from necessity. The comfort, cheerfulness, and happiness of the slave should be, and generally is, the study of the master; and eserv Christian master rejeices over the soul of his slave saved, as of a brother, and allows of his attendance on the ministry of God's word and sacraments, in any church of his choice in his vicinity, The condition of a slave denies to him, indeed, opportunities of education sufficient for searching the Scriptures for himself, and working thereout his own conversion ; but God forbid that should be

meet you here at that hour, Mr. Largo, Be do n-sa, phoo, phoo-oo " and down went prompt, though, if you please. the sash : it rung and jingled so, I thought He lef. me, promising to see me at the time every pane of glass in it was broken.

appointed.

During my colloquy with the lady, Mr. Largo Now, during the while Largo was speaking, and Thisos, who were present, and in the imfrom the time he first addressed me to the end mediate hearing of all that was said, suggested of the conversation between us. Thison, who various remedies. Thison insisted that the had been seated near me, and from the first Dutch regiment, as he called the innumberable mention by Largo of a piano-forte replevin, rose- host of the plaintiff's work men, should be put wood, seven octaves, the appointed time, his eyes to rout by Mr. Largo ; that Mr. Largo himself glistened, nay, spackled with pleasure; his should go with them; that he and the sheriff mouth had a pleasant bow in it : he smacked was ekil to any 'mergency ; that 't was n't the his lips as his ears caught the sounds which fust time he had faced a woman, and that it were to make his dream a reality, and with that was n't goin' to frighten him bekase the woman assurance which was now made known to him was 'the boss,' and he would any how 'face the by what he heard, he, in a look and an occamusic.' Mr. Largo, felt in extreme doubt. He storal leer, peering right in my eyes, expressed was very fearful lest Mrs. Bayton should do him all his thoughts, at times patting his knees, rub. | bodily harm ; he thought he would go after the bing his hands, crossing his legs, rising from his plaintiff, and get him to capitulate, (to withchair, listening atientively and closely, lest he draw the writ, I supposed he meant, and he did might lose a word, until the appointed time, one mean that.) or otherwise to attend bluntly up, and do as Thison recommended : 'face the 'See, Mr. Sheriff,' said he, ' the old man a'n't

music.' 'He could n't think of going away no fool. Why, I have lived a good many years, with the Dutch regiment, as he wanted to be and I have dreamed a good many dreams. I present at the end; and as for sending away told you what would happen, and ha'n't it bethe work-men, that would n't do, as he desired gun! The little creturs in my dream was the and intended to have protection for himself, and keys; seven actavios is forty-nine on 'em; and they were here to protect him.'

vince me of the potency of his forewarnings and I saw that, as has been said of a broiled beefdreams, 'it would ha' bin, but that cussedsteak, in the words of the immortal bard,

'If 't were done, when 't is done, then 't were well it present, but let us look at the damage and ruin were done quickly befor : us.' I was apprehensive that unless I moved with 'Yes, look! ha! ha!' bellowed out Mrs

sire very much that you should see the end of alertness, great danger was to be expected, and Bayton : 'and had n't your friend, the lawyer's every moment lost was adding to the difficulties "Y. u couldn't keep me away, Gol bless you, tool, better look too? It's glorious; ha! ha! of access. It would n't do to speculate, so at One o'clock came round, and with it punctu and she seemed wild with fury and passion, once, and without farther thought, I directed ally came Mr. Largo ; but I was sorry to see him when she thought of Largo. Mr. Largo, as he was of no earthly use to me, accompanied by almost an army of assistants. I 'I'm blamed if she has n't spiled that insterto go and get an axe. With this, I intended to complained to him, and objected that so many, ment: she has knocked it all to pieces,' said or more than one, or at most two, should go cui down the door, or break it in. 'Quick! THISON : and then the old man muttered somehaste, speed, Largo -quick.' Thison, meanthing about 'a Dutch regiment-hatchet-lachwhile, stood close by me, knowing full well what ' You don't want them, Mr. Sheriff,' said THIhatchet--lath-boy : fool--dream -forty-ninewas coming ; for he had witnessed and was a son; 'take an old man's advice; you will get sharer with me in many an expedition similar seven octavios.' There the remains of the instrument were

along a great deal better, if you only take one to the one we were now engaged in. When he heard the order for the axe, his eyes distended At the mention of which word, Mr. Largo he took off his hat, brushed through his hair looked unutterable things at THISON, who, perwith his hands, and with his fingers put up the ceiving the mistake into which he had fallen, top-knot and arranged it to his notion; a favorproceeded very gracefully to ask Mr. Largo's ite operation of his when he proposed coming the bald ragle, or, as he expressed it, 'something 'I don't care nothing about it, Mr. Sheriff:

ticklish was going on or coming off.' 'All 't a'n't none of my business : but take an old hanging out of what was once a piano-forte : the neady,' said he to me; 'wanting for orders;' man's advice; con't you take no one with you cover or top was strewed in pieces on the floor, and 'he buttoned up his cost. but Mr. Fac-Largo, I mean-myself, and an-

and every part of the piano liable to destruction I mounted the stoop of Mrs. Bayton's doorby blows, was damaged, nay, destroyed-heapway, and proceeded, according to antique cused up in the centre of the room. Mrs. Bayton tom in our department, but upon what author-I thereupon, at the suggestion of THISON, almounted the pile, the axe still in her hands, ity I never could learn, to read a proclamation standing confessedly there as the genius of desthrice; the purport of which was, that I had a workmen, to accompany me. Dismissing all the truction. It almost palls my senses now, to writ in my hands, commanding me to make deothers, we proceeded to the house occupied by livery of a chattel to the plaintiff, and proclaimthink of it. ing that unless the door was opened to me, so that I could take the piano-forte, I should force what time will your husband come home ? my way by breaking down any barrier that impeded my pa sage. The proclamation was made side of the street, one seated on the stoop of a about him nine times, and nine times nine, and house immediately opposite, a number disposed summons in the suit." once, and I was on tip toe of auxiety for the return of Largo with the axe-but he didn't come he gin up; he mewed, and sich a mewing! it of in the various groceries around the neighbor--when I heard a noise proceeding from Mrs. it's all the same."

at the ruin strewed around us. bottom; and then the case: what a swashing,

THISON here came to me, and observed :

' Piano-forte-rose-wood-seven octavios, forty-

nine little creturs : axe-two axes-three axes :

three mottled cats, two women, and factotum-

'Yes, yes, my old friend,' said I, 'it is out ; it

is broken up. Is this your promised success in

the dream ? is this all smooth ? 'Gad, I think

'See, Mr. Sheriff.' continued he, anxious to con

'Stop now, Tuison ; Tise, no more for the

the cover had been broken in seven pieces ; the

keys all broken asunder; the case had innum-

been dealt, and these constant and continued

it is any thing else but smooth-successful !"

music-my dream is all out.'

man !'

'And dangerous women. I think,' said Largo : smashin' bustin'! I think,' continued he, 'there appears to be two axes, and there could laugh and a loud 'ha! ha!' preceding, 'I think n't have been so many blows, nor so much dam- she's a thunderin' musician ; that is, she don't age, in the short time I was away, by one alone.' play so fine, but then, it's so strong, very strong . No, nor there would neither been any dam- it fetched me off my feet a good many times. age at all done, if you had n't showed your ugiv tell you, she's a rouser.'

face here,' tartly replied Mrs. Bayton, walking 'But, Thison, how about the dream ? Suc up to him and shaking her fist at him : 'Who | cess smooth-no ups or downs!'

are you? what are you? Oh. if I was only a 'It'ud been all right, if it was n't for that ax -that Largo, I mean; he would fetch the 'Indeed, we wouldn't know what to except in Dutch regiment ; and what good did it do him that alternative,' replied Largo ; 'you have ac- None. If my dream is busted, I heard the same complished such unparalled feats to day. If you kind of music to-day that I heard last night in

had been any thing else, I don't know but you my dream; and that's something toward the would have swallowed the instrument at a single dream coming true ?' gulp, and perhaps the sheriff and his posse too !

COMMUNICATION

For the Southern Weekly Post. SOUTHERN LITERATURE : OUR WANT OF THE PROPER KIND.

MESSRS. EDITORS :-- There is a no more lauda ble enterprise than the one in which you, as editors of a Southern literary paper, are engaged I have been an attentive reader of your paper for a considerable time, and have had the best of opportunities of becoming thoroughly acquainted with its character, the sentiments of its ditors, particularly, your feelings in regard to the sectional questions which have so often threatened the best interests of our common country, and while I have been pleased at the enterprise, well pleased at the manner in which you, gentlemen, have conducted the "Post,"] must say, that I have been surprised that more of the fine talent which is given, as it were, to Northern publishers, could not be used to build up a paper in the South, even in our own State. I am astonished that men who profess to have such strong prejudices against a fanaticism that they help to keep alive, should be found catering for the amusement and profit of Northern men. I am surprised to see young men and ladies of genius seeking notoriety among the Northern Presses, giving their contributions to Northern publishers, while, papers at the South

berable gashes in it, wide-gaping : the legs cut friendly to our institutions, and every way meriand hacked all over: here a forceful stroke had torious, must languish for the want of support and proper contributions. blows had broken all the interior arrangements Virginia has taken a start in this matter and of the instrument. The strings were all cut, and I hope she will never flag. Tennessee also pub lishes some excellent monthlies, so does S. Caro lina and many others, of the Southern States and yet, these are not encouraged as they should

be by writers. Our men of literary tastes and pursuits, as soon as they gain the least notorie ty, seek a place in some Northern magazine of newspaper, forgetting that beside their productions may stand the productions of a vile disu-

'Mrs. Bayton,' said I. addressing her. 'at But monthlies are not what we need. We need weekly news-papers devoted entirely to re-'What do you want with him ?' she asked. fined literature, papers to whose columns we can 'I desire to serve him with a copy of the safely invite our wives, our sons and our daughters, without feeling, that, in so doing, we place 'Leave his copy, as well as mine, with me; in their hands a poison, a reptile.

nionist and fanatic.

Then, the question arises, how shall this th

I thought the Quaker-man's judgment of the music must be better than mine; he thought there was no harmony in it, while I (thinking it was delightful-p'raps it was owing to the gin punch made strong) wasn't much of a judge of concord of sweet sounds, any how. Now, Mr Sheriff, my conclusion 'bout the dream is this,: that the last cat, the stubborn cat, was the Old Boy ; and I fixed his claws, pared his nails, sif fened his carcase : he is dead and buried. And we're goin' to have successful business to-day. and I shouldn't wonder if it was in the musical way. Some folks go by contrarys in dreams : I don't. What do you think of the dream ?-It's surprisin', a'n't it !

'It is surprising,' said I in answer, determined to humor the old gentleman, 'very surprising, and very mewsical; too, TISE,' enunciating the word 'mewsical' so as to convey a sort of imitation of the music of the feline gentry; at which he burst into a loud laugh, ringing a ha ha! and a ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! he! he! hel he!' and winding up with a sudden jerk,

died off into nothing, and so did he. And then hood, and to all of whom Mr. Largo gave a nod or word, speaking first to one, to another, and then to several, which proceeding I intimated to him was out of the order of arrangements I had made with him. I remonstrate I with him, and told him that he could not expect me to be successful in the matter if he persisted in having sounding, dashing, as though scores of players such an army around me, posted by him to of the heavy and strong style were at one time watch and prevent the piano from being taken or carried away previous to my arrival. But the mischief I had endeavored and labored to concord of sweet sounds,' avoid, had been completed, as I afterward learn ed. and now it was too late.

'Will you be ready to go with me at one

'Dey have got a 'Hessian regiment' here, I think,' said Thison to me ' and you see if what to Thison. I've said about too many cooks don't spile all,' 'I don't know,' replied he tremblingly.

'I'm afraid it's done,' said I m reply. Down came those thundering blows again, at However, not despairing, I went to the house,

which he started, and the sweat came streaming rung the bell, and quietly waited with my as- down his furrowed cheeks; he closed up to me, sistant the answer to my summons. Some min and I made proclamation again. Still those utes elapsed : no answer came. I rung again, knocks, those forceful blows that made every waited : no answer at the door ; but one of the thing ring ; the echo of the sounds interrupted windows of the first floor was opened, and a by yet more blows, and whiz-z-z, bang, boong, woman looked out and desired to knowiny busi- bing, ting, brong, ti-lip, ti-lip, fizz, bang, swosh,

Bayton's house, similar to ten thousand knocks 'Mrs. Bayton, I take the liberty to say to you against a full chime of Chinese gongs. First, it that I think you have acted in this matter very sounded down among the bass notes; then strangely, very perversely; and I think that when you are cool, and come to look at it in treble, then tenor, as the Liping of a piccelo; then down low, and a reverberating, continuous your moments of calm and quiet. I am convinsound; and a continued striking, hammering. ced that you will agree with me.' 'To you, Mr. Sheriff, I would have acted en tirely different, if you had n't come with that

ergaged on as many instruments, and each playlawyer's man, that Mr. Largo ; he set a pack of ing a different tune ; it was any thing but ' people to watch my house. I a'n't no thief-no robber--l'm a honest woman. I bought the · Dat was the sort of Music I heard in my pianner honestly: I paid for it in money and dream, the last of it,' observed Thison to me. goods; and if the man I bought it of did n't Why does Largo stay away so long ? I said come honestly by it, that a'n't my fault, is it ?'

'It is not your fault, but it is your misfortune,' I replied. 'It is a pity you have damaged and broken the instrument, and made it the wreck it is; as, in its present condition, it is worthless, and now you will lose the piano-forte ; as by your own act it has been destroyed. Pity, that you acted without thought.'

'We 'd better come alone, had n't we, Mr. Sheriff ?' said THISON. 'If he,' pointing to Largo, 'had taken on old man's advice-too many cooks-beside, my dream would n't a there are ten thousand men in this State, alone,

be accomplished ? How shall we secure such a paper? Can the South afford it? To these questions I answer. 1st. such a result can be ac complished by refusing to patronize Northern journals, and 2nd, by patronizing our own journals, which will make the answer to the 3rd interrogratory an easy matter. But it may be ur ged that we have not the talent for keeping up such a paper as the "Saturday Evening Post. 'MacMakins Courier," &c. I assert that w have, and that many, very many of the bes stories of the age, are the productions of South ern writers. That we have the means, none will deny.

We will venture the assertion, that half the money, spent yearly by Southerners for aboli tion sheets, would support a good literary, fami ly newspaper in each Southern State. How much better it would be for us, if this were not the case ? There are nearly one hundred thousand voters in North-Carolina, and supposing every tenth man to have daughters who are fond of reading, (and this is a very low estimate.)