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AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL. FOR THE RAPID CURE OF Colds, Coughs, and Hoarseness.

Croup, Whooping Cough, Influenza. BROTHER AYER: I will cheerfully certify your Pectoral is the best remedy I have ever known for Coughs, Hoarseness, Influenza, and all the common ailments of the chest.

Asthma or Phthisis, and Bronchitis. Sir: Your Cherry Pectoral is performing marvellous cures in this case.

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Ayer's Cathartic Pills. THE science of Chemistry and Medicine have taxed their utmost to produce this best, most perfect purgative which is known to man.

McLEAN HOUSE, Statesville, N. C. Persons passing through, or coming to, STATESVILLE, can be accommodated with Meals at 25 cents each, and comfortable Lodgings at the same rate.

10 000 Pounds Old Castings and Scraps of Iron, in any size pieces, is wanted. For which I will pay a 1/2 cent per pound, in Goods.

3,000 bushels Wheat WANTED. AT THE ROWAN MILLS, 3,000 bushels good Wheat, for which Salisbury cash prices will be paid.

MANSION HOTEL IN SALISBURY. THE subscriber takes pleasure in announcing to his friends, and the public generally, that he has taken this long established and well known Hotel, and has made every possible preparation to accommodate the public in the most satisfactory manner.

HOWARD ASSOCIATION PHILADELPHIA. A Benevolent Institution established by special Endowment for the Relief of the Sick and Distressed, afflicted with Virulent and Epidemic Diseases.

MAKING. J. W. Woodward is still at his Old Stand, on Broad street, a few doors East of the Public Square, where he is prepared to do all kinds of WORK formerly done at the Establishment.

PLAIN AND ORNAMENTAL BOOK AND JOB PRINTING, Executed with neatness and despatch, and on moderate terms.

Jenkins & Ayer, Take pleasure in informing the public, that they are now ready to do any and all kinds of Work in the BOOT & SHOE line at their Shop in the basement of the "Simonton House."

SIMONTON HOUSE. THE subscribers having become lessees of this spacious New HOTEL located near the public Square and Court-House, in Statesville, respectfully announce that they are prepared to accommodate the traveling Public and all who may favor them with patronage.

RATES OF BOARD AT THE SIMONTON HOUSE. REGULAR BOARDERS, PER MONTH. Furnished rooms, fire, and light, \$18.00. Furnished rooms, without fire, 14.00.

LIVERY STABLE. We have obtained the extensive stables connected with the Simonton House, take pleasure in informing travellers and the public generally, that we are prepared to hire horses and buggies, at reasonable rates.

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Dr. H. KELLY, Offers his Professional services to the public. Office on College Avenue, opposite the Methodist Church, Statesville, N. C.

Hayne Davis, Attorney at Law, STATESVILLE, N. C. Will promptly and diligently attend to all business, entrusted to his care.

Dr. W. S. TATE, Surgeon and Mechanical DENTIST. Would respectfully inform those interested, that he has moved to his new Rooms on College Avenue, joining Messrs Reese & Stirewalt.

STEVENSON & BOWEN, Wholesale Dealers in DRY GOODS, HAVE ASSOCIATED WITH THEM DANIEL M. ZIMMERMAN, Formerly of LINCOLN, N. C., and REMOVED to the large Store, 53 North 3d Street, below Arch, PHILADELPHIA.

J. W. DRAKE, COMMISSION MERCHANT, No. 13 St. Louis Street, MOBILE, ALA. Jan. 21, 1859.—7-1/2

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THE Express is now one of the largest, neatest, and best papers published in the State, being printed on a No. 4 Washington Press, upon new Type, from the Foundry of L. Johnson & Co., Philadelphia, and Paper of the best quality.

THE Express will advocate Whig Principles, as the true conservative doctrine of the country, and the palladium of American Liberty, outside of which there is no security for the American Union.

THE Express being the only Whig Journal published in this Congressional District, the Whigs in which are supposed to feel more than a common desire to patronize and sustain an advocate of their cherished principles within the District, we appeal to them, as well as to our friends in other portions of the country, to lend us their timely aid.

Simonton Tannery. I WILL continue the Tanning Business with John Hubbard as Foreman, and expect to keep at my Office, and the Stores in Statesville, a large lot of Sole Harness, and Upper Leathers, Cat and Sheep Skins, &c., which will be sold on reasonable terms for Cash or Barter.

Wanted, At the Iredell Express Office, 5,000 good and responsible subscriptions, for which the very best Paper will be exchanged.

Fifth Year of the Enterprise! NEW LIST OF GIFTS FOR 1859. CATALOGUES FREE TO ALL. G. G. EVANS, AT HIS ORIGINAL GIFT BOOK STORE, 439 Chesnut Street, Philadelphia.

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Poetry. Like the shadow on the dial, Fingers still our parting kiss! Life has no severer trial.

Miscellany. From the Checkmate and Chickadee Herald. An Old Story in a New Dress.

A very long time ago, in the western part of England, there lived an aged couple, whose time had passed away since early youth.

With delight the Devil heard of the success of his faithful emissary, and sent her word that if she would meet him at the end of the lawn.

At the appointed time she repaired to the spot, and found the Devil at the place. He put the shoes on the end of the long pole, and standing on the opposite side of the fence, reached them over to her.

"Are you sure that you have tried every way?" "Every one I could think of, good neighbor."

"Well," she replied, "if you will promise to make me a present of a pair of new shoes, in case I succeed, I will make the attempt myself, and see if I can't raise a quarrel between them."

To this reasonable request the Devil gladly assented. The old hag then went her way to neighbor Blueford's house, and found old Mrs. Blueford very busily engaged in getting things ready for her husband's comfort on his return from work.

"Well, Friend Blueford, you and Mr. Blueford have lived a long time together." "Five-and-twenty years come next November," answered Mrs. B.

"And in all that time you have never had a quarrel." "Not one."

"I am truly glad to hear it," continued the hag; "but I consider it my duty to warn you, that though this is the case, yet you must not expect it to be so always. Have you not observed that of late Mr. Blueford has grown peevish and sullen at times?"

"A very little so," observed Mrs. Blueford. "I knew it," continued the hag; "and let me warn you in time to be on your guard."

Mrs. Blueford did consider that perhaps she had better do so, and asked advice as to how she ought to set.

"Have you not noticed," replied the hag, "that your husband has a bunch of long, coarse hair growing on a mole under his chin, on the side of his throat?"

"These are the cause of the trouble," said she, "and as long as they remain you had better look out. Now, as a friend, I would advise you to get them off the first time you get a chance, and by so doing you will end the trouble."

"If you say so, I will," replied the credulous old lady. Soon after this the hag started for home, and made it convenient to meet Mr. Blueford on the way.

His wife, thinking this a good opportunity for cutting off the noxious hair, took her husband's razor and crept softly to his side.

When he reached home he threw himself upon the bed in great perplexity, and feigning sleep, started over the matter in his own mind.

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When directions are not given how often to insert an Advertisement, it will be published until ordered out.

If a well is sunk anywhere in Arkansas bottom, water is found as soon as the water-level of the Mississippi is reached.

When the Mississippi goes down, the water sinks accordingly in the well. The owner of a saw-mill some twenty miles from the Mississippi, in Arkansas, dug a well to supply the boilers of his engine during the late flood.

When the waters receded his well went down, till his hose would no longer reach the water, and finally his well was dry. He dug a ditch to an adjacent lake to let water into his well; the lake was drained, and the well was dry again.

Having literally drank ten acres of water, in less than a week. The inference is, that the whole valley of the Mississippi, from its banks to the highlands on either side, rests upon a porous substratum, which absorbs the redundant waters, and thus prevents that degree of accumulation which would long since have swept New Orleans into the Gulf but for this provision of nature, to which alone her safety is attributable.

In fact, if the alluvial bottoms of the Mississippi were like the shores of the Ohio, the vast plain from Cairo to New Orleans would to-day be part and parcel of the Gulf of Mexico, and this whole Valley a fresh-water arm of the sea.

Were the geological character of the Valley different, the construction of levees confining the waters of the Mississippi to its channel, would cause the rise in the river to become so great at the South, that there, no sufficient levees could be built.

Such results were reasonably enough anticipated; but the water, instead of breaking the levees, permeates the porous soil, and the overflow is really beneath the surface of the swamps.

Such, it seems to us, are the wise provisions of natural laws for the safety and ultimate reclamation of the rich country South of us.

We believe that the levee system will be successful, and that the object of its adoption will be attained. The porosity of the material used in making them has caused most, if not all, of the crevasses.

Men may deem it a superhuman task to wall in the Mississippi from Memphis to New Orleans; but our levees are the work of pigmies when contrasted with the dykes of Holland. The flood-tide of the Mississippi is but a ripple on the surface of a glassy pool, compared with the ocean billows which dash against the artificial shores of Holland.