learning in his state. Western railroad has run its en- days, taught by adepts in the the Cape Fear section. For, be gine over and across and around art of tickling the palate, and down of the more of the palate, and down of the palate. gine over and across and around art of tickling the palate, and the memory of this man, whom not hampered by the rules of our sons are, I hope, learning to Mrs. Parloa, or any other proknow and honor, as they walk fessor of the culinary art. They was they walk fessor of the culinary art. They was the walk fessor of the culinary art. beneat hthe trees and through just simply did it, and that was much talked of and written about the academic groves of the Uni- all there was about it. Then, in the northern and anti-savery

after the feast, came the evenversity at Chapel Hill. earliest times, ing drive, and then the dancing. purposes of pleasure and comfort This venerable colored gentleman obstacle to entire freedom was Southport has been a resort for Duke Walker was the fiddler. and health. But there are resorts enjoyed a high reputation, first, the patrollers, who were a terand resorts, pleasure seekers and as the major domo of Major ror to wandering negroes away pleasure seekers, various in their Walker, and, second, as the fid- from home after 9 o'clock at purposes and their tastes. Of the dier at all impromptu social night. But even this did not old sort (blessed be their meme- gatherings. But, alas (for the amount to much deprivation of ries, and peace to their ashes) degeneracy of human nature) liberty, because any of them their purpose was easy, not with- having spent long and useful could get a pass merely by askout dignity, but certainly with life as above enumerated, he fin- ing for it. Many of the families genuine friendship, and a genial ally accepted a position as "boss" residing in the town for the sumhospitality. They came to South- of the First National Bank, of mer kept from ten to fifteen serport about June 1st, which was Wilmington, and went out with vants, whose principal occupaas late as it was deemed safe to that institution.

"Thus Smithville remained un- of each other's way. stay at their winter homes, for mosquitoes and malaria arrived til the tocsin of war sounded in the 10th of October frost was its characteristics varied ffrom life at that time. Every memdue, and as they did not rise time to time by its military as- ber of the family and every guest very early, they took it on trust pect. For Smithville was never had his own special servant. The that frost had come as in duty altogether Smithville was never misfortune attending this arbound on that day. So they fold- altogether Smithville. It was Ft. rangement was that your special ed their tents and departed, leav- Johnson from early Colonial times, servant was apt to be out to ing the Smithvillians in tears, for and long before Smithville was hear the band play, or see the the residents of Smithville were thought of. Indeed, it was sel- procession pass by, just when he very fond of these summer gues- dom that any of the pleasure and was wanted, but if everything ts, whose business it was to sit health seekers spoke of Smith- went on with due regularity he in the shade, where the summer ville at all. They were going to waked you in the morning at the brees zfrom the Atlantic, blow- the "Fort" always. At the Fort proper time, not too early, brushing over summer seas, could per- were the troops of the United ed your clothes and arranged meate through them with a deli- State's army, with their gay them neatly on a chair at your cious coolness. At 11 o'clock by young officers, always popular bed side, took your shoes away the watch it was in order to take at the south. And the south in to be polished, and, after a brief a toddy and bless the Lord for like manner was ever popular absence, returned with the water His goodness. This was before with the gary young officers. At for your bath. After you had the days when the devil was dis- no military covered at the bottom of the more beautiful women. cup; at any rate, they took their were they more easily compelled your host, which puts you in a toddy, and lived long and happily to surrender to the overwhelming happy mood for enjoying your power of Cupid's darts. In fact, breakfast. The ladies were the dispensers the bond of friendship and affec-

Regatta Recalls Relation- around the table of Mrs. John so firmly bound that, after four ship of Many Years Ago Walker, or Mrs. Cowan, or Mrs. years of a bloody war, they were Owen D. Holmes, and many oth- not forgotten.

ers, and partake of the delicious "One hesitates to ring down tality, generosity and a patron of viands they knew so well how the curtain and hide forever the to set forth and preside over peaceful life of these people at "The south Atlantic and North Truly, they were cooks in those the favorite and only resort in points were known to exist; and it seems now that about the only tion must have been to get out

"Not many who prosper in these An ideal resort, having doys know the routine of daily post did they find finished your toilet, he offered At none you a mint julep sent up by

"After this meal is over, you of generous hospitality, and hap- tion between many of the offi- repair to the shady veranda, were they who could gather cers and our people did become where pipes are served already

Boom of Southern Industry Aids . War Veteran, Gassed at Verdun



WAR-SCARRED Bill Holcombe of Cedartown, Ga., credits the growth of Southern industry for putting him back on the comeback trail today after he had spent hope-less years in a United States

veteran's hospital. Gassed at Verdun during the World War, Holcombe spent sev-eral years in the government hos-pital. His shattered health interfered with his efforts to eke out a living and his responsibilities were increased when a daughter, Nellie May, nicknamed "Little Star," was

The slight compensation from the government wasn't enough. However, Cedartown began to thrive-industry came to the South,

Then he learned that the National Oil Products Company of Harrison, N. J., had bought a plant in his home town as a base for Southern operations. The new plant was near the Goodyear Rubber Company plant, both far from a restaurant or refreshment stand. "There ought to be some kind of

The next day he drew his meagre savings from the bank, and was ready to begin on his day-dream aspirations for the stage, she conceived restaurant. He named it "Little Star" after his pretty, seven year old daughter, and was ready for business.

has a way with hamburgers, too. But pretty Nellie May has scored more of a hit among the men than restaurant for the workers out near those plants," Bill mused one day. school she takes orders, acts as a hostess and sometimes sings and aspirations for the stage, she

confessed. "Business is fine," said Bill. "My dream is coming true, thanks to Little Star. We are hoping to save Bill serves hamburgers and hot dogs as well as a complete line of groceries and beverages. Mrs. Holcombe does the cooking, but Bill

the practiced eye of a pilot. The it. cry of "a ship off the bar" would arouse the town to life, energy for this present writer is going and activity. In less time than to the new Southport, on the you could think, from two to a Cape Fear and Cincinnati railhalf dozen boats would put off road. Train starts at 9 o'clock from the shore, the steersman al- sharp.

to appear off the bar in a single cities. lay, and often twenty or thirty go to sea on a single tide. So with the mint juleps stormy seas, there is daring and kept silent. danger, which requires a fierce activity and constant watchful-

sympathy of all observers. orate these matters of social life, direction of Colonel and the history of Smithville a cast in the last stone which fingreater length. It would require ished the great engineering work the imagination and the pen of of filling up the new inlet. a Dickens to describe the curious old Smithville, and who have and When the trump of port, Her ways of the world.

filled, and ready to be lighted continent or any other can there from a blazing coal from the ever be such a place. The strug kitchen fire. But in a town gle for life and political liberty where most of the pilots of the and money, and social position is Cape Fear river had their homes fierce There is strife and bickwas not expected that abso- ery and new social and political ute quiet would long prevail, ambitions, which cannot be sateven the summer residents is fied. The bottom sail has got and members in good standing on top, and don't know what to of the Lazy Club, could not re- do with itself. None of these sist the excitement which natur- troubles existed in old Smithally pertains to the business of ville, where everybody occupied piloting. A white spot about the the position intended for him, or size of a man's hand will appear her, from the foundation of the in the offing, discernible only to world, and were satisfied with

"Farewell, ye happy valley,

ways in his place, the oarsmen "We pass over about twenty oulling off their coats, others years of time, which are of no learing away to set the main- consequence to our story. It is sail and jib, and before they had true that during those twenty got 100 rods from the shore all years a few things happened. yould be settled in their places such as the killing off of a few for the chase, which might be hundred thousand of our best citfive to ten miles long. Then the izens, and the manufacture of women and children alike, are recorded with more or less And so it was all the time, for truth in the pages of history, and was then entirely they are not related intimately oastwise, and transacted by sail- with health or pleasure resorts, ng vessels. It was not uncom- or even with commercial transmon for ten or twenty vessels actions, or the founding of new

the "When would hoist their white sails and Smash, who used to furnish me t is always and everywhere. An breakfast, was elected to the legntense interest and excitement islature, it seemed a little queer attached to all transactions up- at first, but on being reminded on the mighty ocean. Wherever by a distinguished politician that in pursuit or their avocations pi- it was merely a question of getlots race over smooth waters or ting used to it, I reflected and

"The new Southport ness, attracting the attention and from the time when that highly respected and faithful public "But it is impossible to elab- servant, Henry Bacon, under the

"That made Southport a harople, both men and women, bor of great excellence, with who have spent their lives in deep water inside the harbor, sufficient, after a little one to their rest. Smithville is dragging, on the bar. Then Southwith, pardonable elation war sounded she yielded up the concluded that if she was not a shost and quietly departed out commercial city, then she ought this troublesome world. Old to be one, and immediately pro-Smithville is a dream and a pres- ceeded to publish her claims to After some years doing things and her manner of of delay she succeeded in getting could no more be revived her new name of Southport now than could the institution printed upon the marine charts And never, on this of the United States, and also

was a great point gained, and in the future. The situation is ways to be intimate as soon it became known through- too beautiful to be ignored. Its ly. out the civilized world that she commercial position will comhad existence, and that Dr. Nan- mand business. New producsen, if he wished to do so, could tions of the mines and forests communicate with his Norwegian will be brought to Southport Henderson county friends at Southport and send for shipment. As a city, it will which I believe will greeting to them from the Arctic be a younger brother to Wil- bushels to the acre-

News of this kind circulates rapidly, and soon it became known that a new place had been discovered in which all the money had not been gobbled up by the gold standard capitalists, and they proceeded to promote the building of new railroads to the new port, so that, if the names and prospectuses of the new roads were published, the world itself could not contain the books which would be writ-

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"Undoubtedly there will be a

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