

The first Wash Shows



The first makes ordinary wash muslin look far worse than new. The first wash makes LILEDOWN MUSLIN look far better than new. It washes the starch, china clay and muckage out of ordinary muslin, leaving it thin, and loosely woven. The only change it makes in LILEDOWN is to wash out the name which is lightly stamped on every yard, and to help bleach the goods.

LILEDOWN MUSLIN

It is not bleached at the factory, because factory bleaching weakens muslin ten or fifteen per cent. It is all cotton, thoroughly cleaned and carded, hard twisted, closely woven, and finished with a soft, smooth and downy finish. Ask your dealer for LILEDOWN MUSLIN and take no other. If he does not keep it we will send it direct from the mills. It is made in rolls of 50 yards or more. A Liledown lotter has iron on request. **STOCKING EVERYWHERE. LILEDOWN, Taylorville, N. C.**

The Entertainment Thursday Night. Regardless of the mud and rainy weather, a medium sized audience was on hand Thursday night to witness the entertainment in Cato's hall.

Recitations, tableaux and solos filled the evening's program. It was good, too. Mr. C. T. Colyer, of Asheville, who is spending some months here, treated the audience to some violin solos. His touch is excellent and his tones are harmonious. His accompaniment was played by Prof. Keesler on the piano. One of the best tableaux of the evening was "the new woman," where the men diligently washed the clothes and tended to the "kid" while the ladies of the house "enjoyed themselves" in worldly sport. The troubles of married life were excellently rendered by Mr. Keesler and Miss Stoner in responsive songs first they were lamenting the day of their combining then all was love to end with. It was splendid and the program was of good length.

Nearly \$30.00 was made from the entertainment which goes towards an improvement in the First Presbyterian church.

Appendicitis Caused by Sitting Cross Legged.
Another eminent physician has come to the front. He says that appendicitis, the dreaded disease that so often occurs now, is produced by the habit now of sitting cross-legged. This he says restricts the action of the digestive apparatus, and especially the lower intestine, causing stagnation and the stretching of the opening of the appendix. As proof he cites the fact that women seldom have the disease.—Monroe Journal.

That Unlucky 13.
The number 13 seems awfully unlucky for Senator Quay. He lacks that number of votes to keep in the United States Senate and he can't make it till he gets rid of that 13.

More Changes at the Depot.
One can hardly realize where the old waiting rooms stood now since the side-track has been put in on that side. The station is torn away entirely. The railroad bridge is being lengthened somewhat in order to give ample room for cars on the new side-track. A large part of the back on the west side of the track has been torn away also.

At Work On Another Long Case.
The court commenced Wednesday afternoon on the case of Ed G. Lips, executor of Wm. W. Bost, vs. Alice Bost, executrix of L. C. Bost. This is a case of considerable length.

Attorneys Caldwell and Means are employed by Mr. Lips while Miss Bost (now Mrs. Parlier) has obtained Attorneys Montgomery and Parryear. Before adjourning for dinner Mr. Caldwell closed his speech, which was the first of the pleading.

This case has been on the civil docket for one year.

THE BEST PRESCRIPTION FOR CHILLS
and fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. Never fails to cure. Then why experiment with worthless imitations? Price 50 cents. Your money back if it fails to cure.

A REFORMATORY

For North Carolina. Needs—Argument in its Favor by a Lady Brooke—Read at a Meeting of the Julia Magruder Book Club.

The following original paper was recently read by a member of the Julia Magruder Book Club, the subject for the meeting being "Living Questions."

"Among the living questions of the day I think there is scarcely one of more vital importance than this. Perhaps not, apparently, one immediately interesting to a woman's book club, but certainly interesting to women in general.

It is a question which has, or will, come before our State Legislature now in session, and I for one earnestly hope that a bill may be passed requiring and providing for the establishment of one at the earliest possible time. We are all eagerly interested in the improvement and extension of our educational system, and most justly so, for education is the foe of ignorance which is so productive of lawlessness and vice. But our schools do not furnish all we need for the prevention of crime. And our jails and penitentiaries, however indispensable they may be as a punishing agency, do not, I think, furnish the only, nor in many cases the best, mode of correction. In the case of old and hardened criminals there may be no other or better means of punishment as a measure of prevention. But would not a reformatory, wisely planned and judiciously managed, greatly lessen the number of old and hardened criminals. I am no sentimentalist in regard to criminals. "As ye sow so shall ye reap," is a law not only inevitable but just and good. I believe it is right that punishment should follow wrongdoing. But even as the Divine Ruler tempers justice with mercy, and offers to his erring children renewed opportunities of repentance and reformation before the last stern, irrevocable fiat of condemnation is pronounced, even so I believe the sovereign State should deal with trespassers—against her just and beneficent laws. In how many, many cases is the offender, young, thoughtless and misguided, rather than deliberately wicked? It is right and just that some penalty shall be meted out even in the least aggravated of these cases. But should not the State seek to reclaim rather than to severely punish these comparatively innocent offenders? Should she not make a strong effort to win them back to good citizenship and upright lives? But is there any rational hope of doing this under our present system? The common jail, the convict's camp, the penitentiary, all filled with criminals, more or less debased and hopelessly hardened—ready to lead them on in the paths of wickedness, to encourage by word and example in the downward path—these furnish a weak agency indeed for the correction and improvement of a poor, thoughtless, it may be, naturally, weak boy, who in a moment of temptation, perhaps even of sore provocation, committed a rash act, to recall which he would give all in his power to give. But sentenced to daily association with men worse than himself and subject to the hard, tyrannical discipline of our county and State prisons, with little or no influence for good, it is little wonder that he comes out at the expiration of his term far worse in heart and feeling than when he went in. And feeling himself branded with the indelible stain of disgrace he more readily falls into evil associations and reckless habits. Surely there must be some means by which these terrible results may, in some cases at least, be prevented. And if there be one, the law-makers of the State are responsible before God for their neglect or misuse of it.

"My object in writing on this subject is to try to arouse attention to and interest in it, and to suggest that we as individuals, or as a club, may endeavor by some effort to assist in this good work. We might appeal to our own representatives in behalf of it, and doubtless there are other members of the Legislature on whom we might call to give voice, influence and vote to secure for North Carolina an institution so greatly to be desired."

BOYS HAD A GOOD TIME.

Sergeant Hope Barrier Says He Enjoyed the Trip.

Sergeant Hope Barrier, in a letter to his mother immediately after their return from their march last week, writes that he enjoyed the trip very much save a little tire like that of marching for ten miles in a path so narrow that they had to go single file. The grass was higher than their heads in places. He writes that they visited four or five towns whose names he could not remember and could not spell them if he did remember them.

Some of the scenery was very attractive, for instance a river runs through a town and then dips into the earth and is invisible for six miles where it bobs up again. They camped two nights at San Antonio de las Banos.

Now any old veteran can imagine these sitting round in groups rehearsing their experiences and recalling points of interest.

Saved by a Tube in His Brain.
By a surgical operation unique in American medical science Joseph Sepie, a butcher, has been relieved, at Mercy Hospital, of an insanity-producing tumor on his brain just over the right eye. Sepie has heretofore "seen double," suffered from awful headaches and attempted suicide. By trephining his skull and inserting a tube that drained off the tumor the doctors have cured him.—Chicago Dispatch.

Nominations for Directors.
We see that the Democratic caucus nominated as directors for the penitentiary, as follows: J. H. Weddington, of the 11th judicial district; W. H. Osborne, of the 5th; Dr. M. A. Morphee, of the 10th; James P. Lee, of the 7th; E. L. Travis, of the 2nd; J. W. Perry, of the 4th, and A. B. Young of the 9th.

They Quarreled in the Court Room.
Rather unusual was the case of Thursday afternoon, when the jury on the case of Mr. Ed Lips vs. Mrs. Alice Bost Parlier, after hearing the pleadings of the attorneys, and before receiving their charge from Judge Shaw, asked that they be allowed to stay together during the night. Their request was granted, and Judge Shaw ordered that their meals be furnished them. They stayed in the court room Thursday night.

Not yet having been charged by the judge as to the different points of law, nothing was before them for the night. Discussions of different kinds, mostly religious, interspersed with some side-splitting jokes, were held.

The charge was given them as soon as court opened next morning, the case having been given them about 11 o'clock today (Friday).

Lips-Bost Case Ended.
At the afternoon session of court today (Friday) the jury returned to the court room with their verdict in regard to the case of Mr. Ed G. Lips, executor of Wm. W. Bost vs. Alice Bost, executrix of L. C. Bost. The following is their answer:

Is the plaintiff the owner and entitled to the possession of any of the articles of personal property specified in the complaint? Answer: "No."

Did L. C. Bost wrongfully and fraudulently convert to her own use the \$900 or any part thereof belonging to the estate of W. W. Bost, as alleged in the complaint? If so, what sum? Answer: "Yes—of \$470."

What damages, if any, has the plaintiff sustained? Answer: "470."

Is the plaintiff's cause of action barred by the statute of limitations? Answer: "Yes."

Swelling House Burned.
The largest fire since the old jail burning that Albemarle has had within her borders was the burning of Mr. J. S. Atkins' two-story residence, on Second street, last Friday morning about 1:30 o'clock. Within less than an hour after the first alarm, despite gallant work from the bucket brigade, the house was a mass of ruins. The origin of the fire is not known. Mr. Atkins lost everything save piano and furnishings in the parlor and sitting room. His loss is fully covered by insurance.—Stanny Enterprise.

Horrible agony is caused by Piles, Burns and Skin Diseases. These are immediately relieved and quickly cured by Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salva. Beware of worthless imitations.—J. P. Gibson.

Coughing injures and inflames sore lungs. One Minute Cough Cure loosens the cold, allays coughing and heals quickly. The best cough cure for children.—J. P. Gibson.

CUBAN AFFAIRS BRIGHTER

Gen. Gomez Accepts the \$3,000,000 and Co-operates With Gen. Brooke—The Cuban Army to Be Disbanded.

Like a burst of sunshine in a cloudy day comes the news that the Cuban complications are greatly simplified. The tender of \$3,000,000 to the Cubans to help them to disband and return to civil life and home permits has been accepted by Gen. Gomez and he has agreed to go to Havana and co-operate with Gen. Brooke in disbanding the army. Gen. Gomez declined to receive the money himself but wished Gen. Brooke to keep it in charge while he would aid in its proper distribution. He said it was not enough but that he would make it do in starting the men in civil pursuits again.

The \$3,000,000 in our money will be equal to over \$4,000,000 of the money there and will amount to about \$100 per man. It is understood that this amount is not a part of the wages of soldiers but only an aid to a dissolution of the army and a starter in life. Confidence in the high purposes of the United States seems to have taken a new hold on Cubans and it is hoped that new progress will be made to get the Cuban affairs in shape.

A Mad Dog Near in the Country.
On Thursday morning at the home of Mr. Jno. R. Blackwelder, about 5 or 6 miles east of here, a dog with good symptoms of hydrophobia, came to his house biting at him and his brother and several dogs on the place. After working with the dog while finding that death would better fall to its lot he shot it. The dog bit two of Mr. Blackwelder's dogs, too. Mr. Blackwelder, fearing that some trouble might result from it, also killed his two. The dog that caused the trouble belonged to Mr. Foil, proprietor of the Arlington hotel in Charlotte, having been brought over the day before. Mr. Foil had been offered a nice sum for his dog only a week or two ago.

It is feared that several dogs in the community may have possibly been bitten by the dog.

Changes About the Depot.
Mr. J. A. Kirkman, of Greensboro, has arrived here to accept the position of night operator at the depot, to take the place of Mr. Chas. Kimball, who has been promoted to chief clerk in the freight department, which position was formerly filled by Mr. Ballard.

Died at 113 Years.
Cape Wrath-m is the name of an old colored woman who died in Wilmington recently believed to have attained to 113 years. She claimed to have belonged to the Washington family and liked to talk of early life scenes in which "the father of his country" figured.

"I," said the orator, "am an American of the good old stock, rooted deep in the soil—"

"The only stock I ever heard of that rooted deep in the soil," said the farmer in the audience, "was hogs."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Collision at Sea.
The schooner George Clark was lost at Ocean View Tuesday night by a collision with the Steamer Richmond. The latter was injured but not fatally. The Clark's crew all escaped.

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A CABARRUSITE

In Texas Writes a Letter Containing Interesting News of Their Work in Those Parts.

Alsdorf, Tex., Jan. 31.—Mr. Editor I will try to give your readers a few dots from the Lone Star State, as it has been a long time since some of them have heard from me. I am now living in Ellis county, one of the finest farming counties in all north Texas. The soil here is from four to six feet deep. It seems to be better adapted to cotton than anything else, as that is about all the farmers try to raise. It seems that the farmers don't try to raise their own supplies here as much as they do in North Carolina. It's a fine country for raising hogs but the bulk of wheat is shipped from Kansas City and St. Louis and sold at a high price to farmers in the summer and fall, on credit of course.

Well, for myself, I am doing a mighty good deed—feeding the hungry. I am running the boarding outfit for Bethune-Crancy Construction Co., at one of their gumbo pits. Well I guess I'll have to explain best I can what a gumbo pit is. Well it is a place where the soil is about six feet deep and just as black as coal and as sticky as beeswax. That dirt is ploughed up by machinery. It is mixed with sleek stone coal and set on fire and it burns just as they burn brick in North Carolina and after it is burned it is taken out of the pit by steam shovels, loaded on flat cars and hauled out on the railroad and used for ballast, the same as they use gravel or rock in North Carolina. As there are no rocks or gravels in this part of the State they use this instead. I am on the Texas Midland railroad, which is owned and operated by one man, Mr. E. H. Green, son of Mrs. Betty Green, of New York, the richest man I ever saw and has his home in Terrell, Tex. Well, as I expect this will find its way to the waste basket I had better stop for this time. I would love to visit your town and see the many changes that have been made since I left there fourteen years ago. Much success to The Standard.
Yours,
J. Wesley Walter.

Free Pills
Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by P. B. Fetzler.

A Doggone Good Thing.
It is our candid opinion that a specific tax on dogs, say of \$1, would be a "dog-gone" good thing for sheep husbandry and the State's purse. And though the Legislature is doing some good work and exhibiting a tolerably stiff backbone, they might get more "doggedly" at this matter.—Windsor Ledger.

NO CURE, NO PAY.
That is the way all druggists sell Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic for chills and Malaria. It is simply Iron and Quinine in tasteless form. Children love it. Adults refer to it as bitter, nauseating Tonic. Price, 50c.

Some Forecasts.
There is no prospect that the merchants' tax will be removed and a graduated tax is imposed by the legislature instead, beginning with \$3 for a stock of \$500 or less and increasing with the amount of capital.

Mr. Clarkson's textile school bill, it is said, will not pass but there will probably be a textile attachment connected with the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

These are dangerous times for the health. Croup, colds and throat troubles lead rapidly to Consumption. A bottle of One Minute Cough Cure used at the right time will preserve life, health and a large amount of money. Pleasant to take; children like it.—J. P. Gibson.

A Local Disease.
A Climatic Affection.

Nothing but a local remedy or change of climate will cure it. Get a well known specific.

ELY'S CREAM BALM.
It is quickly absorbed. Gives relief of sore throat, croup, coughs, colds, and all the nasal passages. Pleasant to use. Full size 50c. Trial size 25c. at all drug stores or by mail.

CATARRH.
It is quickly absorbed. Gives relief of sore throat, croup, coughs, colds, and all the nasal passages. Pleasant to use. Full size 50c. Trial size 25c. at all drug stores or by mail.

COLD IN HEAD.
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CASTING PEARLS BEFORE SWINE.
A remarkable find was made at Eltham, Kent, recently. A number of pigs were being slaughtered for the Christmas market, and in the stomach of one of them a pearl of great value was discovered, in an excellent state of preservation.—London Daily Chronicle.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
ABSOLUTELY PURE
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Two Sentences Lessened by Judge Shaw.

Before closing the court today (Saturday) entirely Judge Shaw, of his own accord, after giving the matter considerable thought and fearing that the sentence might, in some way, not have the best of effect on the criminal, saw fit to lessen the sentences of two. Lem Jenkins, a negro who was tried for a forcible trespass, was given an eight months sentence instead of twelve months, as had previously been given him.

Oscar Lomax, the negro who was found guilty for a number of offences, was brought from the jail to His Honor. After talking to the negro for some time, encouraging him to amend his ways and let this be a lesson to him, he lessened the sentence in the penitentiary from ten years to seven years.

A Narrow Escape, Sure.
Tom Dooly, a negro at Spencer, got his hip dislocated, one thumb had to be amputated, and he was otherwise bruised up and cut Thursday evening, but escaped with his life after all. The Salisbury Sun says that he fell between the rails and the coach passed over him. The tender of the engine, which was backing, also passed over him, as did most of the engine.

The engineer stopped the engine while Dooly was under the pilot and he was pulled out. Had the pilot passed over him he would no doubt have been killed.

Millions Given Away.
It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call at P. B. Fetzler's drug store and get a trial bottle free. Regular size 50c. and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

Played Out.
Senator Marion Butler is not only politically dead, as he deserves to be, but he seems to be suffering from weakened mental faculties as well. His motion in regard to pensioning Confederate soldiers was strangely out of tune with the times. It was calculated to upset the cordial feeling that was steadily growing between the two great sections of this country that promise to become once more united. But Southern soldiers were not slow in making known their want of appreciation of what this renegade North Carolina Republican proposed in their behalf and he had to drop his scheme. He maneuvered, however, to allow his amendment to remain in Congress long enough to get off the labored speech he had prepared to prove that South Carolina had a right to withdraw from the Union and North Carolina did not accede until the war was forced upon her. This is about the donkey issue a dead politician could possibly hit upon. It has been settled by the highest of human courts and while the world gives the South full credit for honesty of purpose and upright intentions, it has been decided that we had no right to withdraw. A far more profitable study just now is not whether in 1860 South Carolina had the right to withdraw from the Union, but is it right, in 1899, to take into the Union a lot of uncivilized islands on the other side of the earth.—Spartanburg Herald.

Bushier's Arctic Salve.
The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale at P. B. Fetzler's Drug Store.

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The Temperature at the Bottom.
The present is an intensely cold period in many parts of the continent. At Winnipeg the thermometer registered 23 degrees below zero. In parts of Montana it has been as low as 45 degrees below and the mountains are covered with snow. At Denver Wednesday the thermometer fell 49 degrees in 24 hours, and it is still growing colder. It is believed that the mercury will get as low as 25 degrees below. Even in Texas the temperature has been below zero and some loss of life has occurred and much damage to stock is reported.

Russia possesses the largest standing army on earth. Every year some 280,000 conscripts join the Russian forces, which in time of peace number 1,000,000 men. On a war footing this rises to 2,000,000, and calling out the reserves would increase it to 3,047,000 well trained soldiers. Should necessity arise, the militia would be called out, bringing the Czar's forces up to 9,000,000.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

WINDY AND FOGGY.
The weather is very disagreeable, and yet the wind is simply and naturally. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes PURE BLOOD.

GRIP TAKES THE CITY IN ITS IRON GRASP.
Government Machinery Almost at Standstill—Epidemic Percentage of Employees Stricken With Grippe—Capitol at the Mercy of the Plague.

The Grip epidemic is raging in the Capital City, and fully one-third of the government employes are sick and suffering from the dread disease. Violent headaches, fever and chills, sneezing and running at the eyes and nose, together with some sore throats, aches and pains and a general exhaustion are the rule rather than the exception. The best way to fight the epidemic is to strengthen the nervous system by the restorative powers so as to throw off the deadly disease germs, and nothing will do this so quickly and surely as Dr. Miles' Nervine. It has been tested by thousands of Grip sufferers after every other remedy had failed. "When the Grip left me I was a broken down wreck, both mentally and physically. My nerves were completely unstrung, my appetite failed, could not sleep and became so despondent that I despaired of ever getting well. It was to improve with the first bottle of Dr. Miles' Nervine and when I had used five bottles I was completely cured. Have been strong and well ever since and weigh more than I ever did before."—SAMUEL F. PEARSON, Staunton, Va.

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A NEW BAY STEAMER

York River Line Will Have Another Vessel—The contract Awarded.

The Baltimore, Chesapeake and Richmond Steamboat Company, better known as the York River Line, yesterday awarded the contract for the construction of a new steambot, which will be the peer of any boat now plying on the Chesapeake Bay. The decorations will be artistic.

When completed and furnished on November 1, 1899, she will have cost \$350,000.

The new steambot, the name for which has not yet been selected, will be 200 feet long, 46 feet beam and 15 feet draught. She will be fitted out with the latest design of expansion engines, and will make 18 miles an hour. She will have accommodations for 300 passengers, and her dead-weight cargo capacity will be 700 tons.

Our Boys Immune.
Dispatches say that there are 109 cases of small pox in Havana. Our soldiers have been so well vaccinated though that they may be regarded as immune from the disease.

Rev. W. H. Stubblebine has resigned the Salisbury German Reformatory church.

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