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## A SERIOUS CASE.

**Simon Peter Fink Arrested and Condemned to Jail for the Abduction of a Thirteen Year Old Girl—Arrested Below Charlotte and Brought Here for Trial.**

On last Sunday afternoon a man named Simon Peter Fink, whose name seems not to be very good, left Harrisburg with Minnie Lee, the 13-year old daughter of Mr. W T Lee, who lives on Mr. Linn Ervin's place.

Determined to marry, the couple went to Charlotte Sunday afternoon and spent that night. On Monday they left Charlotte going toward South Carolina. By this time notice had been given Chief Orr at Charlotte and the couple was arrested when they reached Pineville. Ex-chief of Police Boger, who is now doing detective work, went down on a freight train that afternoon and brought Fink back here. He was confined to jail until today (Tuesday) when he was given a trial before Esq. Hill.

The charge brought against the man is abduction, and is a serious charge. This man was once married and his wife secured a divorce from him at the January term of court of 1898.

The case will be tried at the next term of court here. Mr. Fink was bound over to court on a \$100 justified bond. In default of this he was taken to jail.

## Two More to the Chain Gang.

Policeman Goldston had a lively chase Monday night at the depot after a negro who came in on the train. The negro gave him a chase around and under box cars and about but at last the run ended and the negro was given a chance to overcome the fatigue from the run by being given quarters in the upstairs of the Hotel de Townsend. A white fellow was also captured next morning and the two went on trial facing each other, seeing the other's faults. Both were sentenced to the chain gang for twenty days and the costs, which will keep them there for thirty-five days.

## Lawn Party Thursday Night.

On Thursday night the ladies will serve refreshments in the yard of Mrs. J. S. Fisher on North Main street, the proceeds of which will be given to St. James Lutheran church. Ice cream, sherbets, cakes and strawberries will form the menu.

## Profitable Berry Crop.

The town of Chadbourne, which, after the great war, was a place of insignificance and the land regarded as hardly worth owning, is now a veritable garden spot for vegetables and berries. The express agent at that place estimates that the berry crop this season will net to the people from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

## AN EPIDEMIC OF WHOOPING COUGH.

Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe coughing spells. We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for croup and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure. John L. Clifford, Proprietor Norwood House, Norwood N. Y. This remedy is for sale by M. L. Marsh & Co.

## GUN WITH A HISTORY.

**Is It the First Rifled Cannon Ever Made?**

As we were strolling down Meeting street in Charleston on Wednesday, the 10th, we saw some men taking out a medium sized field piece from its depository. Quickly the wheels and other parts came and the cannon was mounted. It occurred to the writer that there was something in that cannon beside a rifle bore and a vent. He disturbed the busy men with some questions. He was told to call at the headquarters of the Washington Artillery at 192 King street and some history would be gladly given. The place was found next day and here is the history.

Archabald Cameron, a native Scotchman, was a loyal citizen of Charleston who was carrying on an extensive iron manufacturing business. At the outbreak of the war, when all arms were in great demand this genius took the wrought iron tires from locomotive wheels and made them into this gun.

One Mr. Weston bought the cannon from him and presented it to the Confederate government and it did good service during the war, handled by the Washington Artillery till late, when it was captured by the Federals on James Island.

The same Mr. Cameron, who made the gun, bought it in a lot of old iron when sold by the United States after the war. Mr. Cameron found that efforts had been made to destroy the gun. Dents showed that heavy strokes had been made on the ornamental knob at the breach end. Failure seemed to exasperate the destroyers and by the use of gads the muzzle had been slightly split.

In this condition Mr. Cameron presented the gun to the survivors of the Washington Artillery. The company had about one foot out of the end of the gun, which made it ready for service again.

Later the Washington Artillery Company presented the gun to the Daughters of the Confederacy in Charleston. It was being brought out from their headquarters when we espied it.

It was early in the morning and the survivors of the company were taking the gun down on the battery to test it.

In the evening after memorial services when a committee was depositing flowers on the soldiers' graves in Magnolia cemetery this gun fired 13 minute gun salutes from Marion Square.

The gun was under command of R J Morris and F B Backer was corporal gunner.

The men handling a gun are numbered, beginning with 1 to 8, and with slight variation this gun was handled by men in their old places.

No. 1 was Mr. A W Tharin, a gray haired enthusiast, and No. 2 was Mr. John A Kirkpatrick, of Montgomery, Ala., brother-in-law of our townsman, Dr. J P Gibson. These two gave us these points.

This, as told to the writer, was certainly the first cannon made in the Confederate States and beside was the first rifled cannon then known in the service. The rifled cannon was an experiment with Mr. Cameron and it proved a success.

Mr. Tharin suddenly stopped, and looking into the writer's face said, "I think, sir, this was the first

rifled cannon ever made. Do you know of any before that period? Did Napoleon have rifled cannon? We could not answer. Since arriving home we asked the question of others. Dr. J P Gibson says he remembers that early in the war many of the smooth bored guns were rifled by a process and this is one of the links in the chain of evidence that this notable gun was the first rifled gun the world ever saw, beside being the first gun made in the confederacy.

## MACHINERY ARRIVING

**For the Coleman Cotton Mill—Six Car Loads Have Already Been Shipped—A New Superintendent There—To Both Spin and Weave.**

For several months nothing has been said about the Coleman factory on our suburbs as there has been quite an amount of consultation on part of the officers before purchasing machinery.

Put some of the machinery is already here and more car loads are on the road, as the bills of lading have already been received. It will be remembered that the engine and boiler, together with the heating pipes, etc., have already been fixed at their places.

Mr. H A Smith, of Lowell, Mass., who purchased the machinery for the factory, has arrived and has accepted the superintendency of the mill. J A Lankford, a colored man, who bears the title of master mechanic, is also employed there.

The machinery was shipped from Nashua, New Hampshire. The mill for the present will be equipped with about 150 looms and 5,104 spindles.

## Their Complimentary Performance.

"The Little Rebel" was played Monday evening to a crowded house in honor of Miss Julia Magruder, before her return to New York. The play, though heard once before by our people, had that same pleasing and entertaining way and seemed fresh to the audience. In place of the song of the baseball boys the following verses were substituted, as an honor to Miss Magruder, the authoress:

"We are here tonight to compliment the friend we hold so dear, Her name is loved throughout our Southern lands, And e'en 'across the chasm,' in the North both far and near, Miss Magruder's fame among the brightest stands.

"When she bids adieu tonight to all the friends who greet her now She will bear away their wishes warm and true, That with the lasting wreath that fame has twined around her brow, Peace and happiness may bless her journey through."

The rolling exposition, or North Carolina on Wheels, is heading this way and will very probably be here about the latter part of the month.

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## CUBANS UGLY.

**Gen Gomez Resigns—Cabal Against Him—Almost a Riot at Cienfuegos.**

The late turn to affairs in Cuba are not of the most assuring kind. Gen. Gomez has resigned his position to act for the Cubans in the distribution of the \$3,000,000 giving to Gen. Brooke his reason that certain Cuban generals have formed a cabal against him and that his work is hindered and he is thoroughly disgusted. Gen. Brooke sympathizes with him but will proceed to pay over to the men the \$75 apiece and disarm them and will brook no fooling. The troops will be disarmed.

At Cienfuegos on Monday there came near being a riot on account of some boisterous laborers who were insulting in their demands for some back pay. The local police had a sharp fight to arrest them in which one culprit was killed and several persons were wounded including a few members of the local police.

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## PERSONAL PIONEERS.

—Prof. Jas. P Cook left this morning on a business trip to be gone for several days.

—Rev. J C Davis returned home this morning from High Point and Lexington, after spending several days.

## ATTENTION, PARENTS!

We have a full line of little Gent's Shoes, just the thing for your boy. They are made like men's Shoes and will wear like old time leather. Best materials are always used in their make-up and they will stand the hard knocks. The leathers are of tan and black vici, also tan Russian calf. The prices are \$1.25, \$1.48 and \$1.98. They are just the Shoes you are looking for, drop in and see them.

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