

LOCAL
&
OTHER
ITEMS.

Berea, N. C., May 1, 1877.

—Peaches are not all killed.
—Wheat and oats are beginning to make a little show.

—The tobacco plants, at present, look like they will be plentiful.

—This number of the Gazette will be issued a little in advance of time.

—Why is a ring given as a pledge of matrimony? Because there is no end to it but in destruction.

—An exchange says there is a limit to all things. We beg leave to differ with you, a woman's tongue is an exception. [*Tribune*.

A puzzle. Mrs. Jas B. of this place, set on sixteen eggs and she hatched out seventeen chickens. How do you account for that, Woodso? [*Torch-Light*.

Ugh! An old lady near Berea set a hen on fifteen eggs and she hatched 20 chickens. Next!

—They must have a very feeble constitution in Congress, said Mrs Hartington, if they haven't power enough to count a few votes. Why, Isaac would have done it in five minutes, by simple admonition.

—The part of the Democracy while Mr. Hayes and Mr. Blaine are settling their little difficulties is that which the bearhunter asked Providence to play when he tackled the grizzly—namely, neither to help the hunter nor the bear, but "to sit on the fence and see the biggest bear-fight recorded in history."—*N. Y. World*.

The flocks are folded, boughs are
The salmon takes the sea; [rare,
And oh, my fair, would I somewhere
Might house my love with thee.

The HOME GUARD—a neatly printed nineteen page magazine, it is the best amateur publication that comes to this office.

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New Exchanges.

Here are a few new amateur exchanges:—The Boys' Herald, Batavia, N Y, is excellent.... The Buckeye Gem, Dayton, Ohio also good.... The Temperance Tribune, Lewisport, Ky., rife and racy.... The Southern Star, Washington, D C, is a good one from

Here we give the names of persons who have paid for the GAZETTE.

- John B Duncan,..... 50cents
- J J Meadows,..... 50cents
- W Mc Clayton,..... 50cents
- T B Daniel,..... 25cents
- A N Store,..... 25
- J R Cash,..... 50
- Amos Currin,..... 50
- J T Dean,..... 25

Stealing.

There has been an unusually large amount of stealing going on of late. So much it is too tedious to mention. Hunt & Wright, Tally Ho, had the misfortune to get their store broke open and about \$250 worth stolen. Brooks & Jones, of Person, also had a misfortune to lose about \$100 worth of goods in same manner. This is the result of hard times and lazy rascals that will steal rather than work,

PUZZLER'S CORNER.

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Answers to Puzzle In No. 17

Charade—Clay—more.

Diamond.	Double Acrostic.
D	TORPOR
RED	E—L—I
RESET	DEIS—M
DESPAIR	EMBRYO
DEALT	UMBL ES
TIT	MOOS -E
R	

No. 1 CROSS WORD ENIGMA.

1st in leaf, not in tree, 2nd in wasp, not in bee; 3rd in corn, not in shuck, 4th in corner, not in nook, 5th in Carolina, not in "Sook." ASHBY.

No. 2 Half Word Square.

A long light boat; grown to maturity; pent; an imaginary spirit; a preposition, a vowel. TAR HEF.

Right Diagonal: An Asiatic island.
Left Diagonal: A Kind of wire.
BRAD ADAMS.

No 4 Word Square.

Some things are thin when they are not even; an animal; A place where animals are kept, but where bad men sometimes stay. SOL STEPHENS.

Prizes! Prizes!!

No. 1—12 sheets of note paper, for first answer. No. 2 A chromo. No. 3 "Harry's Treasure." No 4—A bundle of papers, for first Sol.

In addition to the above liberal premiums we will give two amateur books, and an "Amateur's Own Prize Package, for the first complete list of answers.

6 rare amateur papers for best batch of puzzles. All answers and batches must be in by May 15.

Brad Adams won prize for first complete list of answers, offered in No 15.