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NOT THE SMARTEST FOLKS.

You may notch it on de pailin's, You may mark it on de wall. Dat de higher up a toad frog jumps, De harder will be fall.

And de crow dat fly the swiftes' Am de soenes' in de corn, And de fly dat am de meanes' Get up enriest in de morn.

De brook dat am de shallo'es! Chatters most upon de way, And de folks dat am de sillies Ar de ones have mos' ter say.

And de rooster dat am younges' Am de one dat crow de mos' And deman what am de coward Always make de bigges' boas'.

And he am not de greates' man Who totes de bigges' muscle; Nor am she de fines' gal Who war de bigges' bustle.

You cannoi jedeo de kin' ob man By de namer ob his walkin', An dev are not de smartes' folks Who do de femles' talkin'. -- UNCLE ZERE

#### SAVED BY A WIRE.

BY CLARA O. DOLLIVER.

HS morning I saw the oun rise; there were herders, broad stripes of velvet as chain which links our present to

iours, but the sans and storms of more then twenty years have failed to dim those sensations of despair with which I once saw the sky painted in brilliant olors by the rising sun.
I was about seventeen at the time, a

tomatic, visionary boy, with only one very marked taste, and that was a decid-ed dislike for hard work. In fact, when i remember myself, I am unable to judgo any lad barshly, however preposterous in his ideas, or foolish in his conduct.

When my father died he left me, a penniless, friendless orphan, to the cara f his brother, my uncle Jabez, whose great rauch in California had been for ome time one of my "brags" among my

school-fellows.
I had had a lonely, cheerless child hood, so monotonous that I greeted with lively delight the prospect of a journey by sea—no "Overlands" in thosa days—with its promise of tropical scenery and fruit, perhaps of romance and adventure. With still more rapture I looked forward to meeting my cousin Tyler, who was about my own age, and with whom I was quite ready to sweat eternal friendship; indee I, unable to re, strain my ardor, I sent him a long let, ter, which I considered extremely elegant, having composed it with the greatest care; it was signed: "Your-brothers," after knightly fashions; it w hardly appropriate, for at the time I did not know a rifle from a shot-gun; a pistol I had nover seen until I purchased one in New York as a preparation for my journey, and then I never dared to ad it for fear it would go off in my

All my golden dreams of adventurous corney and knightly brotherhoood er destined to fade to very dull tints I was desperately seasick and mortally afraid of the great rats with which the vessel swarmed and which disputed with me the possession of my cabin; no pirate appeared, no storms blew; I cared nothing for pineapples, and I was glad

As for my consin Tyler, he did not y. He was a short, muscular fellow, unclineated, his face burned by the sun to the color of a brick; and his manners were extremely uncouth, not to say re misive. His only idea of civility was a broad grin, but when he meant incivility be had a wide variety of accomplish-

I well remember the shock of our first meeting; though somewhat repelled by his grinning face, I was determined to like him, and advanced with my hand stretched out, saying cordially: "Cousin

Without noticing my proffered grasp, he said in a voice about as mellifuous as that of a buzz saw;

"Yer biggern I thawt yer was,"
"Why!" I asked, dropping my hand,

"Cos ver said u yer letter yer was in sums," he replied, with a loud guffaw, that brought the blood to my face with

His laugh was echoed by another al most as barsh, but in a somewhat higher key, and glancing up I saw before me a counterpart of Tyler, only smaller and

, and in her hand she carried a shot- justy distressed.



"Hullo!" she said. "You've got along

With her free hand she grasped one horn, with her heels she dug hard into lage.

the yard, the great hat flapping and the small articles. shot gan swinging, that my breath was fairly taken away with astonishment, and I did not realize until some time after that Tibby, in a moment of inspiration, had nicknamed me Boston. To the ends with a broad blue ribbon. this day the name clings to me in the family, as nicknames are apt to cling when they hit the mark; no doubt my prim manners and formal speech, my soft hands and city-made clothes, made

"Boston" seem peculiarly appropriate. I watched Tibby out of sight, and then looked at Tyler in blank amazement, as much at a loss what to say or do as if I had been suddenly landed in the midst of savages; at this juncture I was thankful to hear my uncle's voice; calling to me from the door of the kitchen to come and have something to

Aunt Jane greeted me with some-show of kindness, which seemed like-tenderness after Tyler's reception, and instantly won my lonely and homesick)

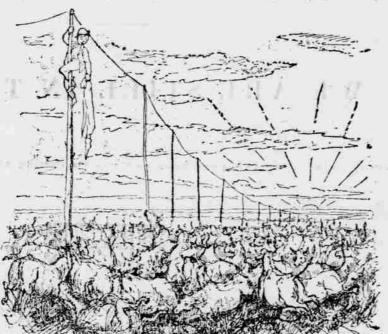
This affection was afterward modified, though not destroyed, by the discovery which I made, that, being a Missouri woman, my aunt "dipped"—that is, rubbed snuff on her teeth with a toothbrush; her expression at such times; was so idiotic that I always fled from the room, fearing that disgust would destroy

the only link that bound me to my new home.

With such surroundings it may be believed that I was anything but happy; I who considered myself so superior, who considered myself so superior, in the surroundings it may be believed that I was anything but happy; I about ten o'clock the moon rose. They retired early on the ranch, and its soft be ame a mark for the uncouth wit of light cheered my drooping spirits, mak-the family, the butt of rude jokes, the ing me feel less like an escaped convict. laughing-stock of the Mexican sheep-

My little store of high-school learnand carmine across the custom sky which fad ed into a golden haze that reached to the Rancho. I could not shoot duck on the The dusty road—it was the middle of wing, dip sheep, or lasso a steer. My smattering of Latin and Greek went for point its beauty, I was silent, for I felt nothing; unable to speak Spanish, I was under the speak spanish, I was a steer of the speak spanish, I was a speak spanish of the spanish of were as familiar with that tongue as shrubs, or by telegraph poles which that tongue as shrubs, or by telegraph poles which the suns and storms of more thirds of the "hands" spoke nothing like gaunt reminders of a distant civil-

In spite of all rebuffs, however, I con-



inued to assume a great many airs of Ely, and observing that they had no superiority. I shirked work, were my good clothes, used needlessly elegant language, and behaved generally like a prig. I hated my cousin Tyler, while should have traversed by daylight. I kindly upon me; he had a good heart— we are excellent friends now—and took | with my life, and had few regrets for the fortune which I fancied I was leaving. no end of pains to teach me the use of fire arms, in which he excelled.

my feeling toward him was mild compared to what I felt toward Tibby, I tharp, vixenish tongue, her marvelous sight of me, talent for ill-natured ridicule, kept mo I knew that wildcats made their in a state of constantanxiety; moreover, the could do everything I could not do. and I was constantly being taunted with sibility; for the herders not infrequently

My position became daily more and more unendurable; what real trials I ranch. lacked, my imagination supplied; I began to believe that they were all in cague to drive me to suicide,

When my father died he left his afits in the utmost confusion. Uncle nim, and labored faithfully to rescue from the estate a little remnant of forone for me to begin life on, intending give me a home with him until I was

believe that I ought to have al annelred thousand dollars; that my mele was next of kin formed a sufficient reason to my romantic fancy for his de

siring to get me out of the way. Poor Uncle Jabez! in the silent land, whither he has gone, these words canyounger, who was at once introduced to not wound him; that boyish delusion

me as "Consin Tibby, I believe.

Her sunburned face was crowned with an abundance of red hair which was hat every trilling event was distorted to ts support. My appetite failed, my disturbed, and I became so sannot pain him. ing coat, which was anything but spot him and pole that Aunt Jane was seri-

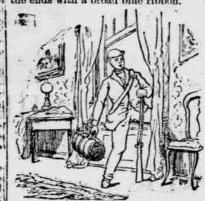
Finally I made up my mind to run

Corralitos Rancho was thirty miles from the nearest neighbor's, and sixty rom Soledad; but the distance did not beter me. I had often seen men at the anch who had spent weeks in the open iir with no other baggage than a shotgun and a roll of blankets. The air is into which I had fallen, the absolute o dry in that part of the country that stillness, and my abstracted thoughts, shelter at night is quite unnecessary, lailed me into a sort of doze; if sleep is and game of all kinds was then very dentiful.

have her? I'm a going down to the when Uncle Jabez compelled me to booming sound, at which I paused and marsh after rail. Want to see me spend the whole day with the Mexican listened with puzzled unconcern, more ount?'
And without waiting for an answer work, the smell of tobacco in the wash. It was then about three in the mornshe ran into the barn, reappearing in a | nade me sick, and the sheep gave me a | ing; the moon shone brightly, and nothmoment mounted astrice on the back of a brindle cow.

reat deal of trouble, while my awking higher than bunch-grass grew by the a brindle cow.

I ate read for two or three miles; yet I stool ny supper and went to bed in a great still quite two minutes, blinking my the animal's sides, yelling hearsely, -a gift from Uncle Jabez leaded allow something dark extending beyond the "Get up, Josie! Get alone! Show suffides, and stowed away as much read on both sides and moving rapidly communition in my clothing as I thought toward me. The court was so gradesque as the Logard conductable only, buildes pro-1. Althous another minute passed, when,



As soon as the family had retired 1 rolled them up and bound them with a stout strap; for I intended to walk all the first night in order to get a good start, for I did not doubt but that I would be pursued.

I slipped steathily from the window, unnoticed even by the dog, and walked briskly until I struck the San Luis road,

I rested once or twice by the roadside, and wished more than anything else that I had something to eat or drink;

I remember glancing up at them plac-

ne, with all his boorishness, looked rather thought myself happy to have escaped

As the distance between myself and Corralitos gradually increased, an inex-I profited by his lessons but felt no pressible feeling of loneliness and isola gratitude; if he bad saved my life, it tion crept over me, aided by the desolate would have been with that insufferable silence of the open plain; not a living manner that made me detest him. But creature did I see, and the only sounds that I heard were the rustling of leaves in the undergrowth, as some shy wild was afraid of her; her sharp eyes, and thing crept back to its hiding-place at

homes under the stanted mazanitas, and a panther was within the bounds of posreported the sheep raided by them, and Tyler even killed one while I was at the

I cannot say that I felt any fear, but my hearing was on the alert, and I car, ried my gun ready cocked on my shoul-

der. I was brave enough in those days-Jabez had piles of papers sent out to far more so than I am now. I am inclined to think that most of the reckless courage of youth comes from ignorance. We do not know the value of life, there fore we risk it; we rush into danger because we can see neither its length nor

When excitement is less alluring, and we learn to count the cost, we shudder in anticipation of the crippled life or the uscless death, as the beggar who has found a diamond trembles lest he meet his comrade, the robber.

But, though I experienced no physical fear, my thoughts were tinged with melancholy. I felt that I was alone in the world, having cut the last tie of kindred left me. I had the confidence of youth as to the future; but I saw it only as a pilgrim sees fair gardens, when he smells the flowers and hears the fountains splash on the wrong side of a blank, hopeless wall.

I began to forbode that some hard experiences were before me. I was also forced to fortify myself against sundry qualms as to the past, and the manner of my flight, by the most violent inward executions of everybody at Corralitos, except my aunt.
Gradually the monotonous dog trot

possible under such circumstances I should say that I slept. From this state The climax of my woe was reached I was slowly awakened by a strange,

The next day I cleaned my gun near sighted eyes, before I discovered

the truth-it was a drove of Spanish cat-

From an unreasoning impulse of de-fending myself, I did the most insane act possible. I swung my gun to my shoulder and discharged both barrels; with horrible distinctness the shots pealed out on the still night air, and the fierce drove, which a moment before had been intent on water or pasturage, now rushed forward with a roar of rage that

almost paralyzed me.

It was a terrible situation, a moment of despair, a glance into the face of a frightful death. There seemed to be no refuge; neither tree that I could climb, nor bush where I could hide, only the telegraph pole, beside which I stood, reared itself above me. I threw down my gun and began to climb; a few knotty protuberances at the base favored me, and though I had little skill in exercise of this sort, some strange power seemed to give me intelligence and address far beyond my nature. Great drops of sweat stood all over me. I felt a ringing in my ears, as though a thousand gongs were beating; time no longer existed for me; every thought, breath, sen-sation was crushed into an agony of ef-fort, until at last I reached the top of my frail refuge and clutched the wire

in my hand. I tried to steady my nerves amid the horrible uproar, and at length forced myself to look down. Through a cloud of dust I saw a sea of wide, branching horns, heads tossing, tails lashing, huge

bulks bending and rearing.

I had hoped that when they saw that
I was out of their reach they would move on, instead of which their anger seemed each moment to increase, and they fairly foamed with rage.

I could see them look up at me with glaring eyes as they pawed the earth, bellowing with baffled fury.

jostling that I feared each moment that it would fall. Fifteen or twenty minutes had passed before it occurred to me that my red blanket, plainly visible in the moon-

light, was the exciting cause of their animosity. It was no easy matter to unfasten it with one hand, but at length I succeeded, and allowed it to drop to the ground. I would have thrown it some distance among the herd, but in my insecure position that was impossible.

They plunged at it and tossed it with horrible ferocity, and in a few moments

it was bitten, torn and trampled into indistinguishable fragments. And still they did not move on. They became somewhat quieter after time; many of them wandered from the road and made short bites at the brown grass; but the majority stood wedged about the pole, looking up at me with relentless hatred, as patient as if they knew the limit of human suffer-

ing, and were content to wait, being sure of their victim. I lived years of torture in each hour that crept by; the thin wice cut into my hands until they were torn and bleeding from the wrist to the fingers; to relieve them I occasionally rested my elbows on the top of the pole (there was no cross-

At first, I was conscious only of terror and of suffering, but as time dragged and long since forgotten, recurred to they were wholly trifling and disconnectively by Mrs. Susan Hall, of Charleston, ed, but they came back with every tone only \$600 above the amount of the mortions and distinct as if they had just only \$600 above the amount of the mortions. as clear and distinct as if they had just been uttered, sometimes followed by light laughter, which I recognized as

that of childish playmates.

One peculiar hallucination took possession of me. When very small I had seen a boy punished at school until his hands bled freely; he had cut himself with his sharp knife, and the blows of the rattan reopened the wounds; it impressed me very much at the time, though I had not thought of it for years. Now, however, I could not skake off the impression that I was that boy, and that with my bloody hands I was chinging to the rattan, which constantly cut deeper

Occasionally I would start and realize my situation, looking down with despair on the long, branching horns below, and endeavoring to relieve my rigid muscles by such slight change of position as was possible; then all would grow dim, and again I was the truent, with bleeding hands, grasping the rod of punishment. I could hear plainly, as I heard that day, the hum of the school room, the third Gaines's lisp when she miss tan, and then the sudden hush as the blows fell on his hands -my hands.

At last, in one of my starts of con-sciousness, I saw a broad streak of purple in the east, while the moon overhead was almost faded out in a thin, pink haze that had spread over the sky. I watched the light grow and the colors change for some minutes, too numbed and hopeless to think; shudderingly, I

glanced downward, I grap at, looked at the glowing sky again, and forced my senses to awaken; again I looked down, half doubting-the

herd was gone?
During those two hours of unspeakable agony not a sound had passed my lips; now I uttered a loud cry, and slipped to the ground. I remember no

When, days after, I next had a feeble perception of what was going on about in session at Greensboro, N. C. All me, the first thing I saw was my aunt lodges were represented. The new consti-Jane's pale and careworn face.

## The Power of Language.

"And so Tom has got home from college, Mr. Bigbeel I understand he is quite a linguist."
"He's the boss linguist," remarked

old Bigbee, but not proudly; "he lingers down town till two o'clock in the morning, and he lingers in bed till noon, and he lingers at the table long after everyone else has gone away foundered, and there's going to be a reform in this linguist business or you'll hear of a case of felo-de se in this family by wearing of a young man out with a hickory gad," and the old man looked resolute, then melted into thoughtfulness, and said that was the first Greek he had used in thirty years, since he clerked in a drug store and studied the old masters un the bettles and jara - Hurdette,

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

News Collected by Wire and Mail From All Parts of Dixie,

Orders have been given to largely in-crease the working force on the new railway from Shelby via Morganton to Cranberry, N. C. The Suffolk and Carolina Railroad is completed to Chowan river. It is an

important connecting point between Virginia and North Carolina. Rev. A. R. Hunter, late of the Diocese of Colorado, has accepted a professorship in St. Augustine Normal School, at

Raleigh, N. C. The residence of Atlas Jowers, in Anson county, N. C., was burned a few nights ago with all its contents.

At Raleigh, N. C., a cotton mill company, with a capital of \$40,000, has been organized and the necessary amount

district which has water supply. The loss is fifteen hundred dollars, Adeline Allen, a negro woman tried at Winston, N. C., for murdering her in-

mendation for mercy. At Manning S. C. Stephney Murray, a negro, while trying to steal a ride on the down train of the Central Rail-road accidently fell. His skull was bad-

The telegraph pole was stout and well set, but it shook so with their blows and At Palatka. Fla. At Palatka, Fla., -arrangements have been made for a boat race in which Tee-mer, Hamm and McKay will row on St. John's River at Palatka for a purse of

one thousand dollars. News has been received of the burning

cendiaries.

house near Excelsior, N. C. A neighbor underwriters, and at the next meeting of went to Wilson's house and found him the Exchange they will recommend that death resulted from natural causes, but a jury of inquest has been summoned to the exchange. investigate the matter.

The roaring noise in the wells in the vicinity of Glenwood, Johnston county N. C., continues. The same phenome-non is now reported in Duplin county. At nearly regular intervals, one well there on the premises of C. Byrd, is thus affected. The sound is that of boiling and trembling, and is audible at a distance of nearly a hundred yards from the mouth of the well.

At Salisbury, N. C., Johnson & Ram-say's tobacco factory was burned, with

A company, consisting of John B. Marshall, Professor C. H. Judson and George slowly on my mind began to wander. Westmoreland have bought the Green-Scraps of conversation heard in the past ville S. C. ice mills. The sale of the

The report of Dr. T. J. Roberts, super intendent of the eastern North Carolina insane asylum for colored patients, at Goldsboro, says there are on file sixty

five applicants. There are 175 patients. A reward has been offered for the disat Oyster Shell Landing, Hyde county, N. C., murdered Reddin Supton, white, in the store of J. M. Supton, his brother, and then burned the body in the building. There is no clew as yet to the men who committed this terrible crime.

At Elizabeth City, N. C., unknown persons entered the dental office of J. H. White and robbed bim of all his dental instruments and apparatus, and tried to set fire to the building by turning over the stove, after putting kerosene and paper on the floor. But strange to say it was only partially burned.

Parties who bought what is known as division droning their geography, Millie Big swamp, in Robeson county N. C. Gaines's lisp when she missed on Yuca-containing sixty thousand acres, are runcontaining sixty thousand acres, ning a canal through it. The canal is 30 feet wide, and will be used for drainage and transporting. The swamp was purchased from the state. It is expected that the extensive drainage system in aurated will reclaim large tracts of it.

> Ransom Jones and his wife, of Lancaster county, S. C., went to a mill, a few struck three times on the head with an head with an miles away, leaving at home their four ax, crushing his skull, and his threat immediately dependent upon the lungs of miles away, leaving at home their four children, the oldest aged nine years and the youngest eighteen months. Shortly after their departure the older children \$10,000 or \$12,000. The messenger is ferred into the tight receptable from locked the youngest in the house and built a fire near one corner of the building, which soon became ignited. When the Joneses returned they found their house and baby in ashes. A coroner's age, and the whole community is searchjury exonorated the children.

Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias is tution and by-laws were considered and been elected for the ensuing term: Grand chancellor, Thomas D. Mearls; grand vice-chancellor, C. W. Lambert; prelate, C. D. L. Benbour; master of exchequer, R. T. Scanlin; keeper of the records and seal, John D. Dudley; master-at-arms, D. M. Ravel; inner guard, B. J. Marsh, outer guard, E. G. Porter.

A meeting of the stockholders of the South Atlantic and Northeastern railway at Southport N. C. has renewed the confidence of the people of that section at the ultimate building of the road. Offiport is to become a coaling station.

#### TELEGRAPHIC TICKS- A BLAZE IN A BOARDING HOUSE.

Men and Women in Their Night Clothes Leap into the Icy Streets of Brooklyn-Two Men and Two Women Burnt.

Fire broke out early Sunday morning in the three story and basement frame boarding house Nes. 105 and 107 Clark street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The boarders, most of whom had not time to dress, endeavored to escape with their goods as best they might into the icy streets. Several were severely injured by jumping from windows, and were carried by am-bulances to hospitals. The place is known as the old Harper Mansion, and was kept as a boarding house by Mrs. McComb.

The flames were discovered about 2 a. m. in the basement, and burned away the stairs, causing great confusion and panic. Several women leaped from the windows in their night dresses. Oue gallant policeman, who was in the district telegraph office in Montague street, got on the scene early and rescued three At Charlotte, N. C., three tenement third story window and struck feet first houses owned by James M. Davis, were burned. The houses were outside of the burned. The houses were outside of the Clinton House in Fulton street and from Clinton House in Fulton street and from the company of the clinton House in Fulton street and from the company of the clinton that city. there to a hospital. The name of one was Mr. Gordon. He was injured by jump-ing from a third story window front and will return to Washington the following striking on the balcony. He was dan-gerously wounded. The damage is estifant by drowning it in a mill-pond, has been convicted of murder, with recom- mated at \$50,000.

#### Cause of Cotton Fires.

A New York letter says: The national board of fire and marine underwriters articles of provisions during January have investigated the recent cotton fires, and have decided that the fault mult be \$8,131,442 in January, 1887. laid to the planters. The underwriters contend that the sewing of bales is so faully that large spaces are left which expose the cotton to danger from fires. The junderwriters invited a committee from the Cotton Exchange to meet them yesterday evening. They notified the cotton men of the results of their invesof two colored school houses in Chatham county N. C. All evidence points to the fact that both fires were incendiary, and the authorities offer a reward for the in-James Wilson was found dead in hi The cotton men agreed fully with the laying deal on the floor. It is thought cotton not baled according to the forthcoming rules shall not be dealt in upon

#### A Noted Ontlaw Killed.

The notorious leader of the train robbers, Captain Dick, alias "Brack Carnett," was shot and instantly killed, on Monday last, while resisting arrest, by Sheriff Allee, of Trio county, Texas, near Pearsall, a station on the Interna-tional and Great Northern Railroad, Carnett was a noted outlaw, and a few years ago organized a band of horsethickes for the purpose of robbing ex-press and mail trains in Texas. For the last two years numerous train robberies, the top of the pole (there was no cross-piece), helping the strain on my arms by pressing my knees against the wood, until every muscle in my body was wrenched to the utmost; the pains in my back, especially, were almost insupport-tile. their trail, they have heretofore evaded killing of the whole gang.

## North East and West.

Near New Orleans seven out of eight colored persons crossing the Mississippi

in a skiff were drowned. In Chicago Ralph Lee was convicted of the attempted assassination of his step-father, the banker Rawson, and sentenced to eighteen months in the county

At St. Alban's, Vermont, fire broke out about midnight in the St. Alban's he spital. The hospital was completely damages recoverable by parties made to gutted, and two out of eight patients suffer from "unint were suffocated. There was no male help | -Chicago News. present, and no special provisions had been made against fire.

jail.

The United States Senate has confirmed the nomination of Alex McCue to be Assistant Treasurer at New York.

D. R. Locke, better known as Petrolenm V. Nasby, editor of the Toledo Blade, is dead.

# A TREASURER KILLED

And the County Funds Stolen-Pursuing the Murderer. .

At three o'clock Sunday morning a was cut from ear to ear. The safe concame to Marshall for the purpose of sc cering aid from Sheriff Perry with bloodhounds to trace up, if possible, the murderer. Great excitement exists at Carthing for the murderer.

## A Strange Phenemonon.

lodges were represented. The new constitution and by-laws were considered and adopted. The following officers have the vicinity of Wood, Johnson county. are reported to be violently disturbed and to be boiling and bubling with loud noises. At a distance of thirty yards from the month of some of the wells this noise is plainly perceptible. The phe-nomenon was observed ten days ago. The soil is sandy in that section. Nothing like it was ever before known there.

## The Earth Cracked.

A remarkable phenomenon manifested itself hear Akron, Ohio, the other morning. People in the vicinity of the cers say all that remains to make it a seat of trouble were thrown out of bed, success is for the people along the line to and windows and ceilings crumbled, aid it by proper subscriptions. It is claimed that this road will open the coal being preceded by terrific reports of an being preceded by terrific reports of an fields of North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee, and as a consequence it is a is the only sign of the strange occurrence. teading part of the scheme that South- People fled from their houses and the greatest excitement prevailed,

# WASHINGTON

THE MALITIA FORCE OF THE NATION.

The Secretary of War has transmitted to Congress a tabulated statement of the militia force of the United States, which shows that at last return there were 82 general officers, 1,105 officers of the gen-eral staff 1,638 officers of the regimental field, and staff and 5,385 com-pany officers, making a total of 8,210 commissioned officers. There were 18,331 non-commissioned offi-cers; 2,900 musicians, and 71,396 privates making in all 92,627 enlisted men and a grand total, of flicers and men, for th miliria force oa100,837 men. The number of men avilable for militery daty (unorganized) is set down at 5,920,768 but in some cases the figures are based upon estimates made in the War Depart

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND GOING TO FLORIDA. President Cleveland expects to leave women from the flames. Two men and Washington next Tuesday for a short two women were burnt, one man having visit to Florida. He will be accom-Washington next Tuesday for a short his skull broken and another his leg. panied by Mrs. Cleveland, the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Whitney, and third story window and struck feet first. Colonel and Mrs. Lamont. The party bones. The two men were taken to the will be made unless it be an hour at Sa-Clinton House in Fulton street, and from yanuah for a drive through that city. One day will be spent at Jacksonville

BREADSTUFF EXPORTS.

Breadstuff exports from the United States during January past aggregated in value \$8,122,277, against \$14,528,809 in January, 1887. Exports of the principal

ATLANTA'S PUBLIC BUILDING In a letter to Congress the airoraey general says that the accommodations -x Atlanta for Court officers and Garage ment business are insufficiert, and he therefore urges early action in appropriating money for the extension of the Gov ernment building at that place.

CLEARING THE COURTDON. All telegraph offices have been remov ed from the corider of the House of Representatives, adjoining the main entrance where they have clustered thickly for a long time, and where the throng that they gathered impeded the passage.

CONDUCTOR'S LICENSE. The House committee on labor after hearing further arguments on the bill to licence railway conductors, authorized Mr. Burnett, of Massachusetts, to repert

it to the House adversely. POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR APPOINTED Hon, J. L. Webb, of Shetby, N. C., has been appointed a postoffice in

spector. THE BLAIR BILL PASSED THE SENATE The Blair educational bill passed the

#### Senate by a vote of 39 for to 29 against Not a Paradise for Doclors,

The Chinese penal code provides that when an unskillful physician, in admin't tering medicines or using the acupuncture needle, proceeds contrary to the established forms, and thereby causes the cers of Texas have often been close on death of the patient, the magistrate shall call in o her physicians to examine til medicines or the wound. If it appear capture. The authorities say the killing medicines or the wound. If it appears of the leader will result in the capture or that the injury done was unintentional. the practitioner shall then be treated achomicides, and shall not any longer be allowed to practice medicine. But if he have designedly departed from the established forms, and have practiced deceit in his attempts to care the malady in order to gain property, then, according to its amount, he shall be treated as a thief; and if death ensues from his malpractice, then for having thus used medicine i hentent to kill, he shall be beheaded. There appears to be nothing in the "Celestial" code answering to the laws of 4 bubarian" nations concerning civil

#### suffer from "unintentional" malpractice. The Begpipe.

The origin of the bagpipe, like that of the instruments of the fate family, may be traced back to the bamboo reed. After flutes clarinets and similar instruments had been for some time in use, certain, disadvantages were perceived, the principal am ng them being the fact that in blowing the flute the sole reliance must be had upon the lungs of the performer, and as the supply of air in these was I mited, the music must be intermittent. In other words, no stock of wind could I be a sumulated, and the notes of a flute At three o'clock Sunday morning a must therefore be short and jerky To-messenger arrived at Marshall, Texas, remet this evil was the task to which direct from Carthage, thirty miles distant, bringing the news of the murder of and when the wind-bag came it was Mr. Hill, county treasurer of Panola naturally considered a grand inventor. county, by some unknown parties, about dusk on Saturday tast. Mr. Hill was large tached, in which a store of air may immediately dependent upon the lungs of the performer for the effect produced. In the lungs of the performer and then from this re erveir into the flute by means of the e bow of the player, the bag being held between the arm and the side and the citow used to drive out the air. In some forms of the in-truments a bellows is used to supply the air as well as to for our out, but the commonest kind is that in which the lungs supply the air and the elbow drives it out of the bag

## North Carlina Tax Collections.

The State Auditor has completed the footing of the report on taxes collected during the past year for county purpose; and for education as follows: licensed retail liquor dealers, \$82,757; tax on white polls, \$173,855; taxes on colored polls, \$80,038; on real and personal property at 121-2 cents on \$100 value, \$257,480. Total school taxes, \$605,000; total taxes for all county pur poses, \$920,000.

# He Didn't Mind It.

Laudlord (to newly arrived guests)-I can give you a room, but it only conins a single bed."

Husband-"O, that's all right. We a c used to roughing it. My wife can seep on the floor. I don't mind it in least."-Siftings.