

Too Much Knife.

The use of the surgeon's knife is becoming so general, resulting fatally in such a large number of cases, as to occasion general alarm.

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The Messenger.

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Wilmington Markets.

COTTON REPORTS.

Wilmington, N. C., February 4. Receipts of cotton today—313 bales. Receipts corresponding day last year 123 bales.

This season's receipts to date—234,427 bales. Receipts to same date last year—121,809 bales.

The quotations posted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange: Cotton firm. Ordinary... 4 1/2. Good... 4 3/4. Low middling... 4 1/4. Middling... 4 1/2. Prices same day last year 7 1/2.

NAVAL STORES. Spirits turpentine—Machine barrels firm at 25c; country barrels firm at 25c.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH. New York, February 4.—Money on call 1 1/2. Prime mercantile 1 1/2. Sterling 1 1/2. Exchange 1 1/2.

STOCKS AND BONDS. Am. Oil... 11 1/2. Am. Sugar... 10 1/2. Am. Tobacco... 10 1/2. A. T. & S. P... 10 1/2.

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