

A patent medicine man says:—
"An excess of animal food and a partial closing of the pores of the skin, during the winter months, cause the system to become filled with impurities. These can be removed and the blood purified and invigorated by taking" his medicine. We say, if people would use the bath tub and water often enough they can keep the pores of the skin open, and they will be likely to avoid catching so many colds.

The Durham Plant says: The county commissioners of Wake have ordered an election on the local option question for Raleigh township to be held on June 6th. This election will settle the question of bar-rooms or no bar-rooms in our capital city for the two succeeding years, and if the "wet" ticket should win the city license tax will be \$300, instead of \$100, as heretofore, the late legislature having amended the city charter to that effect. This fact will have the effect of keeping out some of the lower class of rum hells, but the Plant trusts that enough votes will be polled on election day to keep them all out.

When some of our Southern editorial brethren, following the lead of some Mugwump Northern papers, predict the renomination of Mr. Cleveland, the moss politicians assert that the ticket will be Hill, of New York, and Gray, of Indiana.—*Agusta Chronicle, Demo.*

We ask, why not change the color to Green? He, as acting Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, has kicked up about as loud a rumpus as any other man. And he was put in a position to show the pluck that is in him. He was where he needed pluck, and he exhibited it. If he was right in his position he deserves recognition from the Democracy.

John Erwin, of Onslow county, has five fine ewes which brought him ten lambs last week. We once knew nine Cotswold ewes—all the owner had—which dropped eighteen lambs, each one having opposite sexes. This was the most extraordinary circumstance we ever heard. Next to it was stated in these columns the other day, where five ewes brought each, one black and one white lamb.

And here is another extraordinary statement; it comes from Fish Dam, Durham county:

"Mr. J. D. Fletcher has a ewe that had two lambs early in February, 1886, one the 27th of the following June, and two on the 8th of March, 1887, making five lambs in 13 months."

The Hickory Press truly says that "Western North Carolina is well adapted to the production of cabbages, especially the mountain region. There are no finer cabbages than those raised in Watauga county. Yet cabbages brought from Europe are sold in our sea-ports," and then asks, "Why is this?" We answer, because Watauga has no way out

for quick and cheap conveyance to markets. North Carolina ought to raise cabbages for the Northern markets, rather than for Northern cabbages come down here for consumption. But, say many: We cannot keep cabbage over winter, so that they can be furnished to home consumers. We know better. Give Mitchell and Watauga quick outlets to market and they can furnish all the cabbages the people of North Carolina will be willing to buy at a fair price. It is time for North Carolina to hold another Mecklenburg convention and issue a second Declaration of Independence and declare herself independent of other states for spring cabbage.

A Query for Mr. Brock.

[Richmond Whig.]

The *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1772 in a brief paragraph states that the brig Defence, Captain Wilder, had returned from the Arctic Ocean, where she had been engaged in an unsuccessful quest for the North West passage. The expedition had been fitted out in Virginia by subscription, and had passed the sixty-ninth degree north latitude, being the first American vessel to pass Davis' Straits and enter Baffin's Bay. This brief account has been published several times subsequently, but has now been almost entirely forgotten. Such a notable enterprise is most deserving of a fuller record, and the readers of the *Whig* would be greatly obliged to Mr. Brock for any information in regard to it. It may be well to note here that while no other vessel has been fitted out in Virginia for Arctic exploration, some of her best and bravest sons have taken foremost parts in expeditions for this purpose. Lieutenant William Preston Griffin, U. S. N., (whose sister was the wife of Albert Sidney Johnson), commanded a little ship in one of Kane's voyages in search of Sir John Franklin, and was one of those of whom the English commanders of much larger vessels spoke in amazement of the daring of the 'little Yankees' who went forward when the English ships went back. History has never depicted, nor can imagination, paint a scene more full of pathos than that of Dr. James M. Ambler, of Virginia, watching over the bodies of his comrades in the far off Lena Delta. All but he were dead. There was no hope for rescue for himself. The northern lights glittered on the eternal snow; yet there he stood, protecting those noble bodies from profanation, and calmly awaiting death. What thoughts passed through his mind God only knows; but we may be certain that he thought nothing and did nothing unworthy of the gallant Virginia gentleman and soldier
W. G. S.

Hereditary Nervousness.

The Czar is naturally nervous about these little explosions here and there. His father—but suppose we begin back. Since Peter the Great no ruler of Russia has died a natural death, except Catherine II. Alexis, the son of Peter the Great, was killed by his father. Peter II. was the victim of a palace conspiracy, as was the Empress Anne, who was poisoned. Ivan I. was killed in prison while a mere child; Elizabeth was poisoned; Peter III. was strangled, and Catherine II. died a natural death at the ripe age of eighty-four. Paul I. was strangled, and Alexander I., his successor, poisoned; Nicholas I. committed suicide, and Alexander II. was blown up by dynamite.

The trial of Robert T. Jones, who is charged with having murdered all his wife's male relatives two years ago, is in progress at Edgefield, S. C.

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Political gossip has been quite active during the week discussing the possibilities of the Sherman "boom," and the friends of the Senator claim that the evidences of his growing popularity with the people indicate unmistakably their preference for him as the most available candidate in 1888. His trip through the South, upon which he has just started, while ostensibly of no political significance, is thought to be to enable him to meet personally the people of several States from which he expects support in the National Convention, and for the general purpose of giving his "boom" a chance to mature quickly under the influence of that tropical climate. Sherman and Blaine are now the acknowledged leading candidates on the Republican side. The friends of the "plumed knight" say that he is not pushing himself to the front, but that he is there, and is going to stay. He is represented as being specially desirous of heading the Republican ticket if Cleveland is to be the Democratic candidate. The general impression here is that Blaine and Cleveland will again contest for the national honor, and the opinion is that Cleveland's chief accession of strength will come from the "Mugwump" vote; while he will lose in his own party, and that Blaine will be supported and antagonized by the same elements as before with some additional support, the extent of which is problematical, from the disaffected Democrats. This latter class may be more formidable than is at present imagined, if the dissatisfaction now existing in the Democratic ranks is a basis for calculation. Perfect peace and harmony do not dwell in the Democratic household and Mr. Cleveland's policy has not received the cordial approval of his party. Whether this opposition, in the event of his renomination, would go so far as to withhold from him the vote that it carries remains of course to be seen. The Democratic party may bolt upon local issues, unlike the Republicans in a national campaign they always swallow the ticket whether it is entirely palatable or not. Perhaps this time they will not break their record.

Cleveland is evidently shaping his course for a renomination, and as he is regarded as the man of destiny, such an event is very probable. Blaine wants it, and though Sherman will prove a dangerous rival for the nomination, it is the belief here that the plumed knight will "get there." Senator Allison, of Iowa, is frequently mentioned as an available candidate whose clear record, and services to the party and the country would secure for him the full Republican vote, and the vote of almost the entire "Mugwump" element. The only other Democrat who is spoken of here in connection with the nomination is Gov. Hill, of New York, who is greatly admired for his simon pure Democracy and for the principle to which he has repeatedly expressed his adherence that public office is a public trust for Democrats only. Such a policy would be far more popular with the rank and file than that to which President Cleveland is devoting himself.

Coal miners frequently find curious formations in a vein of coal. An Annot, Pennsylvania, miner took out a piece of sulphur a few days ago, which was a perfectly shaped ear of corn, the kernels and rows being very distinct. It was under twenty feet of solid rock and in the middle of a coal vein.—*Boston Budget.*

Capt. James B. Eads, the celebrated engineer and leading spirit in the proposed ship railway across the isthmus, died last week of pneumonia.

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