

### A Timely Publication on South Africa.

A South African War Supplement, just from the press, and a revised to date two-colored map of the South African seat of war, announced by the New York World Almanac. The large demand for the 1898 World Almanac Spanish War Supplement has prompted the present enterprise.

The supplement is a veritable compendium of information about South African affairs. It contains a complete resume of important events leading up to the war between England and the Boers, with a description of Cape Colony, Natal, and the Orange Free State and South African Republic, showing area, population, production, railways, telegraphs, transportation routes, foreign commerce, religion and climate; also the fighting strength and resources of the combatants in the struggle for supremacy in the greatest gold producing country in the world.

The 1899 World Almanac, a substantially bound book of over 500 pages, the South African War Supplement and the War Map will be sent by the New York World, postage paid on receipt of 25 cents in silver or in stamps. The publishers of the Liberty Register will send this Almanac, the Thrice a week World, and the Liberty Register all one year for \$ 1.60.

### Courtship in Puritan Day,

"An ancient maid," people called a seventeenth century girl who had come unwedded to her twenty fifth year; and they sighed as they spoke, for one who had reached a marriagable age (which was then a very early age indeed) and was still on the hands of parents, was an object of sorrow, pity, and derision. Men who remained unmarried after a certain time were taxed, and if their indignation "broke through language and escaped," they were sold for a term of service.

There could be in those days, no sly, shy wooing. A Puritan lover's failure to acquaint his kinsfolks with the fact that he was about to "make a motion of marriage," and all the particulars

concerning the desired one was punished by a whipping with a cat-o'-mine-tails.

A young man caught in the act of kissing a lady to whom he was not known to be engaged, was brought before a council of the wise men of his neighborhood, and forced to give a strict account of himself, and to hear sentence.

Only widows and widowers might keep their courtship affairs and marriage intentions to themselves. A widower was usually preferred to a young man, because of his experience, and the more times a man married before he was eighty, the more he was respected.

Every inducement was offered by circumstances for a young man to hasten his wedding day, and, if he became a widower, there remained for his loss decided compensations.

Make all the money you can honestly; do all the good you can with it while you live; be your own executor.

### The Fever Epidemic.

Results in the suspension of the State Normal and Industrial College until January, 2, 1900.

The cause of this epidemic was a leakage in the drain pipe that receives the refuse from the closet and the kitchen. Three deaths are so far announced. Among others, Prof. Massa, of Raleigh came up and offered his services to Dr. McIver to inspect the grounds and ascertain the cause of the epidemic.

The report of the situation has been greatly exaggerated by some of the people who have been to and from Greensboro. In Dr. McIver's letter to the Board of Trustees, he says: "Naturally many exaggerated statements in regard to this matter have gained currency. I take it that the public is specially interested in the following facts: First, there are 48 sick students still here. Second, I am unable to say how many of these 48 cases will prove to be typhoid fever. Third, In addition to our regular resident physician, we have the assistance of other leading physicians of the state. Fourth, Three deaths have occurred. Fifth, permit me to express my

grateful appreciation for the brave, loyal, and helpful spirit exhibited by the students during the past week. I also appreciate thoroughly the sympathetic and cordial offers of help from hundreds of people in Greensboro and the expressions of sympathy and encouragement from patrons and others throughout the State.

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