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A most wonderful phenomenon has taken place in the heavens. For ages and ages Venus has been revolving around the Sun in her orbit, but now she has disappeared and another star has taken her place! Has anything more extraordinary ever happened during the history of man? For some time people have been rising quite early in the morning to see a very a brilliant star, which the newspapers say is the "Star of Bethlehem." As the Salem Almanac locates Venus in the exact spot the "Star of Bethlehem" occupies, we have concluded that Venus has been struck by some mighty meteor and been demolished, and this new star has taken her place. Wonders, we know, will never cease, but this is the most wonderful of all the wonders we have ever wondered at.

## Signal Items.

The Signal Flags are getting to be so correct that they can be depended upon. When you see the cold wave flag up you had better get your overcoat ready, for it's sure to come.

Mrs. Wm. Ramsaur, of Chester, is visiting at Mrs. G. T.

Hoke's.

Misses Eva and Emma Munday, Fannie King, Emma and Nannie Kaler, and Sallie Nixon, all of Catawba Springs, spent a few days with Sheriff Nixon and wife this week. It is the first time we have ever known our Sheriff to have so many fair prisoners.

Master Lafayette Creighton, of Elm Grove, near Charlotte, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Pharr.

The Lincolnton Hotel is being refurnished and repainted. It will be the endeavor of the proprietor to make it one of the best hotels in the state, and we hope he will succeed in doing so.

Mr. R. H. Templeton, who has been in Cary, N. C. for some months, returned home on Saturday last, for a few days' visit.

Said the editor to his devil, "Put those sinners in the hell-box."

The first snow of any consequence this season fell on last Saturday evening. People were quite surprised to see it, as rain had been falling steadily all day,

Quite a pleasant little dance was given as Capt. Geo. Phifer's on last Wednesday night.

Mr. Vivian Lawrence, of —, Va., made a short visit to relatives and friends in Lincolnton this week.

Mr. Thos. McBee, of the W. N. C. Ry., spent X-mas with his

parents in Lincolnton.

Mrs. D. Crawford, (formerly Miss Kate Johnston) of McConellsville, S. C., is visiting her parents here.

Mr. Saml. Lander has taken charge of the Lincolnton Hotel; Mr. W. T. Massey has opened a Furniture Store.

Mrs. Avery and son, Mr. Irving Avery, and Mrs. Gilmer, all of Morganton, were visiting at Capt. Geo. Phifer's this week.

Mr. Albert Haynes and sister, Miss Julia, of Charlotte, spent some days with their aunt, Mrs. A. M. Wingate, this week.

Women are the dearest, cutest creatures in the world, but they can't tell how a shoe fits till they see the number.

Epitaph on an editor's tombstone in Maine:—

"Within this town he lived and lied  
Forty years, and then he died."



*Because Christmas is past, you must not forget that A. W. Reedy always keeps on hand a full line of Choice Groceries and Confectioneries.*