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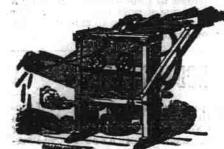
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From a letter published in the South Wales Daily News of January 16th we excerpt the following, which will be accepted as impartial coming from the pen of a foreigner and stranger.

In December, 1881, I started for America, and reached the town of Le Mars, in Iowa, a few days before Christmas, where I remained seven weeks, when, finding my health suffering from the cold, I left for the south. A gentleman farming near Le 1880, assured me the thermometer went down during the winter of 1880-81 to 40 Its pure mountain air, cold springs, grand scenery, cool summers, mild winters; a paradise for the HEALTH SEEKER and Tour. there in six weeks, and that during the summer of 1881 the heat was 110 degrees in the shade. Such a climate as this may suit the Germans, Swedes and Russians, who are used to long, hard winters, but Englishmen will do well to leave them in possession, and go to the Southern States, which offer a better climate, and just as good advantages. I am free to admit that an industrious man can make money easily in the North-Western States, yet he will have to deny himself many comforts, and in many cases be far removed from a neighbor and religious and educational advatages, both for himself and family. He will find the climate anything but agreeable, for as soon as the severe winter of six months is ended, summer comes and continues until the frost appears again, and, moreover, he will grow prematurely to the notice of the public? It is because the land has been long settled, and belouged to large planters who were broken

up by the war of North vs. South, 1861-

form an association for promoting emi-

South; for many years after the war few

breaking up their homes North and set-

iling down in the more genial climate South. I may say here, I never met a more kind-hearted and hospitable people thau in the Southern States. I desire to draw the attention of intending emigrants to one of the Southern States, viz., the western district of North Carolina, where I resided for nearly eight months of last year, which lies between the "Blue Ridge," a chain of mountains extending from Pennsylvania to Georgia, and the "Smoky Mountains," which form the western boundry between North Carolina and Tennessce; it is a high plateau or table land, very much broken up by mountain ranges and peaks, and watered by numerous streams; the la:itude varies from 2,000 to nearly 7,000 feet above the sea. The district is made up of 16 counties, the aggregate area of which is over 7,000 square miles, or nearly five million acres. The population, by the census of 1880, was 139,522, or about 20 souls to the square mile, showing large room for immigration. The sparseness of the population is largely due to the lack of railroad facilities up to three years ago, but now the Western North Carolina Railroad is being rapidly built through the middle of the district, and will by next summer be in the very heart of this mountain country. This line starts from Salisbury, N. C., and commences the ascent of the Blue Ridge at Henry's Station. the scenery of which is most picturesque and romautic, and the engineering of this part is the grandest in the United States. About 22 miles from Henry's it reaches Asheville, a flourishing and beautiful town,

of between 4,000 and 5,000 inhabitants, and much resorted to by consumptive per sons and invalids; it is only 36 hours distant from New York by rail. The soil and climate are adapted to the successful growing of maize, wheat, oats, rye, bar ley, buck wheat, tobacco and nearly all kinds of fruit and vegetables, but as a gra zing country I would more particularly recommend it; all grasses grown there horses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats and pigs land. can be raised there very profitably. By Mr. Hedden has a wide reputation as covered by the original forest, consisting of such valuable woods as walnut, ash, cherry, locust, poplar, birch, hickory, chestnut and various oaks. The whole is well watered by beautifully clear streams, from rivers down to springs, affording a vast water power not to be surpassed in any country.

variety of soil which can be bought for 4s honey from each, when they are taken tions furnished on application, or work done by the day.

J. A. McGUIRE,
HIGHLANDS, N. C.

5,000 feet above the sea level.

In regard to minerals, the mountains and valleys abound in gold, silver, copper, iron, nickel, marble, soapstone, mica and co-

For the sportsman, the country affords such shooting as bear, panther (scarce), wolf, wildcat, deer, rabbit, wild turkey, pheasant, partridge and duck; and the fisherman will find abundant sport in the mountain streams, teeming with speckled trout, besides various fish in the rivers.

The climate is admirable, the thermometer rarely going down to zero, and, in the Mars, who went there in the early part of summer, 85 degrees is about the temper-

> I am not an agent for anyone in Carolina, but will gladly afford any further information on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

I hope this letter will induce intending emigrants to go to W. N. Carolina, and they will not be disappointed, as thousands are with the north-west. I am, &c., SIDNEY ELFORD.

Northampton House, Swansea, 12th January, 1883.

THE APIARY.

The following article from the Dowa giac (Michigan) Republican will serve to give our readers, who have not kept posted in'bee literature, a pretty good idea of the importance and extent of apiculture, where it is receiving that intelligent attention which it deserves:

One of the most important business inold. Many emigrants go to the Western The proprietor of this institution, Mr. a year to be a constitutional advisor of on Christmas-Day. The boys were John States of California, Nevada, Ar zona, James Hedden, begun bee keeping as a the President, so that the gentleman of New Mexico and Colorado, where they specialty in 1869, and was the first spe- the Cabinet clear \$77,000 each annually. find employment in the extensive gold, cialist in Michigan, there being but few silver and copper mines. Texas receives in this country at that time. His capital many thousands. The climate in many stock did not exceed \$500, but the busparts of that State is very fine, and it has increased steadily since, giving Every morning at daybreak he crows, and many advantages to offer the emigrant. him a nice profit, which Mr. Heddon has Some of your readers may ask why the for the most part kept in the business. Southern States with all their varied at- He has owned at one time as many as tractions and advantages are not brought three spiaries and 550 colonies of bees, having now 400 colonies in his apiary in this city. He has always produced both comb and extracted honey formerly giving preference to the latter, but of late 1865, but now belongs to a greater numyears producing mostly comb. The wholeber of people who are too poor to adversale prices having ranged from twelve tise individually, and too indifferent to and a half cents to twenty-five cents for comb, and 10 to 18 cants extracted. He gration to the South. The Yankees has always retailed at prices not exceedthemselves know very little of the sources ing, or less than the wholesale price, at of wealth which lie undeveloped down the time. His honey has always been put up in better style than any other pro-Northerners cared to go South to live, ducer we know of in the United States. fearing they would not be well received; Thefollowing is from the largest honey pound, amounts to \$25,000,000. Their this feeling having passed away, many are | dealer in the West:

"Your honey is put up the nicest of any we have seen, and is going off at wholesale at twety-five cents, faster than we anticipated. R. A. BURNETT." He sold D. D. Malloy & Co., of De-

troit, \$1,167 worth at one shipment, all put up in glass jars, and packed one and two dozens in cases.

THE LARGEST YIELD

in one area, (an area, or bee range, consists of a field whose diameter is six to ten miles) the prorata yield is quite small. has gathered together and sold something great red-hot bell. over \$20,000 worth of this produce during the last 13 years.

Mr. Heddon has formerly given employment to one or two hands, during eight months of the year, and now he employs three and four during the summer season, and one all the year round. This year's crop of honey was some over half comb, the bulk of which was sold to Colter & Co., of Cincinnati, they sending seven hundred and twenty dollars for four thousand pounds, the price being 18 cents per pound here, cash in advance. He has still some three thousand pounds of extracted honey on hand (cardied solid) which he is keeping to fill orders for regular customers, who depend upon him from year to year, and the home trade.

Applications have come in such numbers from those who wish to come here to lea n the art of properly handling beer, producing honey in the most markakable shape, rearing queens to perfect stock. etc., that last season he had three

STUDENT APPRENTICES

Selected out of over forty applications. flourish remarkably well, even on the and the coming year he expects to take highest peaks. Stock require very little as many more. Among the number is shelter or attention in the short winter; one Mr. Mebley, from Devonshire, Eng-

matters connected with the apiary.

One hundred and forty bee-hives filled with bees were shipped to Florida to York as his guest. A message has been spend the winter. They were brought received from New York military requestwhere "they could make honey every day in the year." The cost of transportation There are thousands of acres of a great was less than one dollar a hive, and the back in the spring will be worth six or trade to New York. Sharp fellows, seven dollars.

FACTS FOR THE CURIOUS.

Since 1862 there have been produced in Kentucky alone 150,280,258 gallons of whisky, as shown by the records of the Internal Revenue Department.

Tobacco is grown in sixty-four of the sixty-seven counties of Pennsylvania. The total production in 1882 was 28,750, 000 pounds, valued at \$3,450,000.

The German Empire has at present about 34,000,000 acres of forest valued at \$400,000,000, and appropriates annually \$500,000 to increase and maintain the growth of trees.

Ours is a large and rapidly growing country. No less than 712,542 immigrants landed on our shores last year. At this rate we shall not number much less than 100,000,000 by the year 1900.

Notwithstanding the relatively poor crops of 1881, the city of Chicago, which in a measure represents the progress of the West, increased her trade in 1882 by three per cent., the sum total being \$1,-045,000,000.

China possesses the longest bridge in the world. It is at Langang, over an arm of the China Sea, and is five miles long, built entirely of stone, 70 feet high, with a roadway 70 feet wide, and has 300

Cabinet ministers grow rapidly rich on a salary of \$8,000 a year. They spend their salary and about \$25,000 beside terest in this city is Hedden's Apiary. yearly. But then it is worth \$100,000

> A rooster belonging to a farmer near Thoroughfare Gap, in Virginia, has gone off to live with a flock of wild turkeys. the farmer, who knows where his rooster is, is thus enabled to go out and kill a gle of laurels and tamaracks. John Carr, wild turkey every day.

> an unknown luxury. Last year, it is esular product were prepared in the United tempted to rise her right foreleg hung States, the balk of the business being done in Maryland and Virginia, and more than and laid there. The cub stopped, and one-half found its way to Europe.

There are about 600 creameries in the state of Iowa, and the yield of butter is estimated at 100,000,000 pounds, per annum. which, at twenty five cents per cheese product is valued at \$2,000,000. making a total of \$27 000 000 from that branch of industry alone. Iowa has onethirtieth of all the milch cows in the United States.

A China letter in the Troy Times speaks of the "Temple of Horrors" at Canton, so named from the fact that there are rooms in which the torments of the Buddist hell are represented by life-like, clumsy, hor-Of honey from one hive, was 410 pounds rid-looking figures. In one room men during one season. The largest yield and women are being transformed into from one hive in one day was twenty-nine animals, according to the Buddist doctrine and three-fourths pounds. This was ex- of transmigration. In another room the tracted honey except about fifty pounds devils are grinding a man in a mill, and of the four hundred and ten. These fig- so on, from room to room, some are being ures only show what can be done, with beheaded, others thrown into cauldrons of all conditions the most favorable. With boiling oil, with devils to stir them round so many bees as he now keeps together, in the burning bath. Here a man is being beaten terribly with bamboos, and there a man is being sawn asunder lengthwise. In one room a man is pounded in

> The number of miles of main track of railroads laid last year is reported by the Railroad Age as 10,821, on 316 lines, in 44 States and Territories. The full return for the year will probably show a grand total of 11,000 miles, an increase of 1500 miles over the total construction in 1881, which was the banner year of railroad building. The capital invested during the year is estimated at \$270,000,000, exclusive of the cost of construction of the roadbeds on which tracks have not been laid. Of the 316 roads 140 are incomplete. The following shows the States, with the number of miles, in which the princi-953; Texas, 817; New York, 752; Ohio, 555; Arkansas, 529; Indiana, 529; Colorado, 500; Dakota Territory, 480; Pennsylvania, 464; Minnesota, 444.

A special to the Baltimore American from Richmond says, for the first time since the close of the war an ex-Confederate general will be the guest of New York military. On the 7th of February General Lee, the former exacting a promise from the Confederate to visit New General Lee. They have been sent.

That visit of Lee will be worth sev eral thousand dollars in southern these New Yorkers,

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Don't meddle with other people's beaux. Don't make a fright of yourself to be in the prevailing fashion. Don't engage in picking up chance ac-

uaintance on the street. Don't look on every young man as a

good natured ice cream freezer. Don't make up your mind to be sweet

on everybody's brother but your own. Don't marry a man who has no evident way of supporting you. Love and starvation are played out.

Don't lose your heart on a Darwinian specimen who parts his hair in the middle. There are plenty of men who want wives ; wait patiently, and you will get one.

FIELD SPORTS.

Three Boys Capture a Bear.

The half-grown live black bear which was on exibition for several days recently in New York, in front of the Park Row resturant was a native of Pike county, Pa., and was captured by three boys Greiner, William Howe and John Carr, sons of employes in a saw mill in one of the back townships. They were hunting toxes, when suddenly a big she bear and a cub came out of the woods, and started slowly across an open space towards Pinchot Swamp, an almost impenetrable junaged 14, was standing by a fallen hemlock, and although the bears were within twen-Thirty-five years ago tomatoes put up ty feet of him they had not seen him. in tin cans for future consumption were His gun was loaded with buckshot, and, without waiting to consider consequences, timated from reliable statisties, that 53,- he fired at the old bear. The charge took 322,952 cans of this wholesome and pop- effect in her foreshoulder, for when she atpowerless by her side, and she fell over placing both forepaws on the body of its prostrate mother, began moaning piteous-

ly. The sound of the gun quickly brought the companions of young Carr to the spot. They, believing the old bear to be dead, concluded not to kill the young one, but to capture it alive. This they succeeded in doing, after alively fight with it. They muzzeled it with a strap from a powderhorn, and, tying its feet together with other straps, dragged it into the settlement, nearly two miles away. Two men went back with the boys to get the carcass of the old bear, but when they reached the pot she was gone. She had been only tunned. She had dragged herself into the swamp, and dissapeared. A dog was sent in, and as he didnot return, no doubt the wounded bear hugged him to death. The cub was purchased and sent to New

A Drove of Opossums.

We find the following item relating to what seems to be new. North Carolina industry, going the rounds of the papers. We have seen numerous droves of turkey headed Where nothing was gathered before, he a mortar, in another one is sitting under a for a lowland market, passing through the mountains, but the 'possum drover has not put in an appearence here yet: E. T. McCord, of Charlotte, N. C., has for years made a business of collecting

opossums, which he sells during the Christmas holidays. He started on Thanksgiving-Day for the mountains to collect a drove of 'possums. He arrived at Davidson College about the middle of December with 133 'possums, which he drove along the road as though they were so many hogs. He camped at Davidson College, securing his drove by means of poles, having ten 'possums to the pole. He keeps three dogs barking all night, and these keep the 'possums so frightened that they hold a firm grip to the poles pal railroad construction was done: Iowa, with their tails until the sun is up. This is the first time he has ever attempted the experiment of driving 'possums like cattle, and during the whole journey he has lost only two, one of which escaped by falling through a bridge. They followed their leader, which was led by a

George A. Boardman, of Minneapelis, General Fitzhugh Lee and staff will, by Minn., says, "When up in northern Dakeinvitation of Colonel Austen, visit New tathis fall. I was told by a herder of a very York, accompanied by his staff. Gener- curious eagle's nest, composed largely of al Lee now holds a commission as gener- buffalo ribs, which I want to see. It was al of the first Virginia Brigade of Volun- upon a hillock, and could be seen a long teers. When the latter were camped at distance off. There were about forty ribs, far the greater part of the country is still bee-keeper, and is good authority on all Yorktown, a year ago, a strong friendship one end of each turning up, then filled in sprang up between Colonel Austen and with nearly a cartload of turf and rubbish. It had been used this year, and looked as if it had been used many years. Saw no birds as they had left, so could not tell from North Missouri and were taken ing the loan of Virginia flags with which the species, but the large buffalo ribs in to ador- the theatre box occupied by the foundation of a bird's nest looked very strange."

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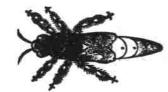
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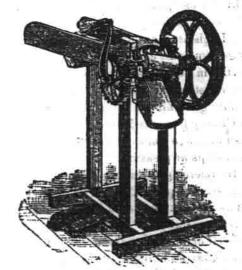
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