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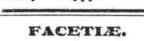
and Lincoln, the Isabella, the Scuppernong, etc. , as you may be aware, are native North Carolinians; though most of them long ago "carpet-bagged" to other States, and "squeezed into the good graces" of the "hull auiversal Yankee nation." Humbolt in "Cosmor," estimating the temperature indispensable to wine making, names Bourdeaux, in France, as nearest perfection; and we have sections identical in thermometer with that town the year round. At Fayetteville, 50 miles south of Raleigh, Col. Wharton Greene's famous Tokay vineyard produces many thousand gallons annually. In the minor fruits and berries the State is overrun. Crauberries grow wild in large sections; strawberries, whortloberries, dew berries, mulberries, black berries, etc. , everywhere. Also haws, pawpaws, wild plums, etc.

ings. INDIANA FARMER.

The Saxon and Scandinavian races, from alike the requirement of decency and good which were largely derived our English health, and though it may impose addiancestors, were celebrated for their attach- tional labor in carrying the unsavory food ment to home, and the same feature is ap- to the sty, yet the end accomplished is a parent in their American progeny though full compensation for the additional labor we must confess, in a diminished, and we required. The wood work of the house, fear, a diminishing degree. But we are and the fence in front of the lawn, should not surprised that the attachment to home, be painted, not merely for the appearance, on our Western farm is constantly weak- but as well to secure its durability. The ening. The carelessness and indifference out houses also should either be painted that are so often apparent in the comfort, or whitewashed so that everything about neatness and convenience of the house, the premises may have a cheerful and out-houses, barn and surroundings, hint homo-like appearance. This is but an at the reasons why the children of such outline sketch of our ideal of a farm home homes should have but little attachment - the details may be filled in as each to them when they compare them with one's fancy shall dictate. We anticipate neat homesteads they see in the towns the objection that all this will cost money, they visit on holidays or shopping occasions. time and labor. Yes, it will do all that, Now there is no reason why a thrifty far- but what rational enjoyment is there in mer should not have as much regard for this life that does not? If the apology is the healthfulness, convenience and even a want of taste for such things, then our the appearance of his home, as a trades- advice is, cultivate such a taste, that life man or mechanic in town. The excuse, may be enjoyed with a higher relish and that but few people see his country home, your wife and children may look on their will not cover his neglect; for his wife home with a contcated self respect, that dition. In paper, 50; in cloth, and children see it daily, and he should should make you happy. regard their approbation and good pleasure more than the admiration of strangers. And the apology of the busy farmer, that he has not time to fix up his home as he

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house and a wash-house with a substannuisance. Clover, (breast high), timothy tial cellar under it for fruit and vegetaed top, lucerue, blue grass, herds grass, bles; or if a basement or cellar under the Bermuda grass, etc., all flourish. Four dwelling house, or and part of it, be pretons of hay per acre have been cut in Bunferred, let it be well drained and kept combe; and Gen. Clingman mentions ridscrupulously clean to secure health. If ing through a field of 1,000 acres, (bought for fifty cents an acre), on Elk Mountain, ncar Asheville, where the Timothy heads privy vault. Four or five feet of the upper could be lapped over his horse's withers In Guilford, last year, an acre of orchard grass sold for \$35. I have seen many thousands of cattle ranging at will over the mountain slopes grazing on the natwaste water. Much of the sickness in ural verdure. Hundreds of thousands of hogs are fattened every year in this manthe water supply.

ner, being turned "wild to feed on the mast," or acorns, chestnuts, hickory nuts, walnuts, chinkapins, etc.-the droppings of the forests.

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DRAINAGE. If the location of the farm-house be

clay soil, it should be thoroughly dried by tiled ditches three feet deep and not to ex-A considerable traffic in herbs and roots ceed thirty feet apart. An ample back was stimulated by the scarcity of medicines yard with well constructed walks, and during the civil war. A single firm now the garden for vegetables and small fruits sells above a million pounds of medical should occupy the rear of the premises, plants, of 500 kinds, annually. Carloads while the front should have a lawn, with of gidseng are often shipped. Immense gravel walks, interspersed with beds of quantities of sumac might be gathered. flowers, clumps of shrubbery and here and A negro near Concord makes a thousand there a detached sugar maple, elm or tudollars a year in sassafras oil, often sold ip poplar for shade. The house should for 40 cents per gallon. Of mineral not be embowered in a mass of shade trees springs we have 200 or more, and very so as to exclude the sunshine and make valuable; chalybeate, lithia, sulphur, iron, it damp. Sunlight is an agent of health arsenic, etc. Silk seems especially suited and an element of cheerfulness, and the for south central North Carolina. Mr. E. farm home should secure an abundance of Fasnach, of Wake, ships a bale or more A native forest on the north and wcs'. of cocoons to Marseilles every year. A when it can be conveniently obtained. ady of Greensboro showed me a heavy acts as a screen to break the winter storms, silk shawl-big as a bed blanket-woven and as a reservoir of pure air in the sumby her own hands from silk she had grown mer heat. and spun. Fine specimens of jute come

THE BARN AND FEEDING YARDS,

Sporting men flock to North Carolina should be located on the east or north of are. from all parts of the North ; some in prithe house with its lawn and garden, so vate vachts, to shoot wild fowl on the that the prevailing south and west winds coast; others in private cars to shoot birds of the summer will blow the exhalations in the Piedmont section. Deer are to be from these away from the house. In confound in many localities; and occasionally nection with the feeding yards, a poultry in the mountains bear and catamount. nursery, surrounded by a high picket Partridges, wild duck, wild turkeys, squirfence, should be provided for brood fowls, rels, opossum, coons, pigeons, rabbits, etc., while the laying hens may have the free are everywhere prevalent. I have just range with only an inclosed house for read that two brothers from Hartford reroosting, secure from human depredators cently shot 1500 wild ducks near Beauand minks. The feeding yards, barn and this vast area are capable of being culti fort and sold them in New York for \$800. stables should be furnished with walks so

m, I don't go with a crank." enough in them to enslave a woman to

keep them in order. Let the farm-house be a neat, substantial brick or frame cotvery often, and brings in a rabbit or so. tage with a spare parlor and bed-chamber Fitznoodle is an enormous cater, and noand rooms enough for the daily occupan- body gets much of the rabbit.

cy of the family; and let the kitchen be "I wonder why nobody gets any of the arge and airy with a convenient pantry shot except me," says Fitznoodle, taking trated. In paper, and closet for stove furniture and a sink a grain of shot out of his mouth. so constructed that all the slops shall be "Because nobody gets any of the rabbit, carried to a safe distance from the house. I suppose," responded Mrs. Fitznoodle, A back porch directly connected with the with telleng sarcasm.

kitchen should have in it the pumps of General Toombs refuses to become a a rain-water cistern and a tube well, so citizen of the United States, and declares constructed as to entirely exclude surface he lives only for his native Georgia and water, if the nature of the ground is such owes allegiance only to her and her instias to admit of a foundation of this character. tutions. When asked why he refused the Convenient to this, should be a wood pard n offered him by the government, he replied ; "Pardon me! Why, d-n 'em, I haven't pardoned them yet."

A man's wife in Hart county, Ga., has given birth to twenty-one children, and water is obtained from an open well, let has been so unfortunate as to raise every it be at least forty feet from any sink or one of them. We heard one of the neighbors say he was at their house when a part of the wall should be laid in cement storm was coming up. The old lady blew to prevent insects and other vermin from the horn for the children, and she stood getting into it, and a cemented drain and counted them as they ran in. Someshould be provided to carry away the how she made the number twenty-two. This mystified her, and she declared that

families may be traced to the impurity of she couldn't remember having but twentyone. In order to satisfy herself she turned them all out into the storm and let them in one at a time. She acted as teller while the visitors kept the tally sheet.

NEWS ITEMS.

Wagner, the great German composer. is dead.

The Senate of Maine has passed the constitutional prohibitory amendment, only three voting against it.

A fog bell, struck by machinery, has been established on the east sile of the lighthouse at Wade's Point, Pasquotank river, Albemarle Sound, North Carolins. During thick and toggy weather this bell will be sounded, giving one blow at intervals of twenty seconds.

A comet is expected by Mr. RICHARD PROCTOR to take an excursion early in the garden and orchard, of fruit spring through the American atmosphere, trees generally, with descriptions and make it hot for us. It would seem as if this astronomer was more in the secrets this country. By A. J. Downing. with the stock stables, when practicable, of the comets than other astronomers Revised by Charles Downing.

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