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14f S. T. KELSEY, Highlands, N. C.

A DOMESTIC DITTY.

Three carpets bung waving in the breeze,

And three husbards, with patches of dirt on their knees, Whacked whacks that were heard for

miles up and down. For men must work and women must clean, And the carpets be beaten, no matter how

mean. While the neighbors do the bessing.

Three housewives leaved out of their windows raised-

Of their windows raised, where the light streamed in: And they scrubbed and scrubbed, 'till their

heads grew dazed. For their ears were filled with a horrible

Eor the pots will fall, and kettles go bang. And boilers refuse in the attic to hang, While the husbands do the swearing.

Three busbands went out in the hay mows to bide-In the haymows to hide, where their wives ne'er looked.

Each said, as be rolled himself o'er on his "I guess I will snoose, for 1 know I am

booked. For men may swear, but women must dust; blessings, and breathes life-giving air, And before I move that stove that I must I'll stay right here till morning!"

Three judges sat on their benches to judge Three cases that came from a bouse-clean-

ing row. budge,

But "wanted divorces right here and right now." So the men went off and the women wen

And hereafter will do their house-cleaning While their former partners snicker.

"HIGHLANDS" AGAIN.

MILLER. The Sanitarium of the Con-

tinent.

The facts, presented in my circular rehave resided at Highlands from its begin-

from another point, 4,400 feet.

the founder of Highlands: "As the Blue Ridge approaches its taining all the advantages of this South-

south-western terminus, it rises with its ern most elevated point of the Blue ple copies sent to the persons they desire of this point, spreads out into an undulawill be entitled to a free copy of the paper titude of about 4,000 fect above the ocean. upon a plateau 4,000 feet above the ocean Those willing to take such agencies will ly injure seasonably planted crops, has land has its own mountain peaks rising the Sugar Fork, one mile and a helf west of plish more here than elsewhere, in the valids than Colorado with is variable and We have few days in winter so cold, that California is twenty-five per cent. greater out-door labor is unpleasant. The mer- than the average for the United States. Customers can have grinding some at our Grain Mill with promptiess, and satisfacture above zero, and the ground is never fro- apoplexy, paralisis, and insanity, prevail complete victory inside of two minutes outside of the gate and lets in all who Gardener." A handy manual of in depth, and it seldom remains morethan 9,000 feet. Florida is, on the whole, in a week. The relief from severe winds consequence of combined heat and humidaffords great satisfaction to former resi- ity, and intense malarial influence, the dents of Western praries. The climate most trying of the Gulf or Atlautic climates. of Highlands is unsurpassed in the United The number of deaths from malarial dis-

of country. The town occupies a beautiful undulated plat, just at the foot of Stooly Mountain. The streets are planned miles of pleasant drives will be secured, sometimes straight and sometimes winding, but as nearly level as desirable.

There is great abundance of water power in this region, and in every direction

from the village. For good sleep, good appetite, and good digestion, we unreservedly commend this country, and whoever enjoys those and drinks the best of water cannot long remain an invalid. [Here follow testimonials from distinguished physicians.] The following is from the pen of the la-Three parties asserted they never would mented Dr. G. W. Kibbee, the inventor of the fever cot, whose heroic efforts to stay the yellow fover at New Orleans, are well known. He had traveled extensively and resided in different States including the Pacific slope, and his critical observations are worthy of a careful study; he says: Owing to its being at the Southeastern premises of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the town of Highlands, Macon county, N. C., offers natural inducements cited, verifying the statements in my Cirto the health seeker, that can be found cular, but these are sufficient. in no other part of the United States. southern California net excepted. It is situated on an undulating plain, whose general level is about 400 feet above the ocean with mountain peaks all around, some of which shoot 1000 to 1200 feet. The abruptness of the ascent to this extended elevated region, places it at once

world, as I know of no spot on earth, con-

Dr. H. P. Gatchell, formerly Professor

in the Cincinnati Medical College, states:

CHARLOTTE JOURNAL. lating to this extraordinary place, were in the upper strata of air, high above the obtained, partly, by personal observation malarial influences of the low lands sur-All communications intended for pub- for several years, but chiefly, from infer- rounding it. These circumstances comlication should be received by Monday to mation given me by the baud of Northern bine to give Highlands, a mild, tempercolorists referred to, and by these who ate moisture in the atmosphere, that is Some of our exchanges are publishing a pitious, but alas! an unusual temptation paper, peculiarly soothing to the irritated serous surfaces of the lungs of consumptives, and Its altitude, according to the measure- quieting to exciting nervous systems, giv- a harrel for the purpose of slaking his had not been propped up with extra trated. In paper, ment, last summer, of Prof. Gibbes, of ing an exemption from colds, hay fever, lication must be accompanied by the Charleston, is 4,000 feet; according to catarrh, and other annoying ailments. name of the writer to insure publication. the measurement of another Professor, The healing, soothing qualities of this atmosphere are entirely unknown to de-That "flowers bloom in mid-winter," bilitated persons who remain in the ordimay be witnessed at any time, by inspect- nary atmosphere of the Unite Ltstes, the ing the beautiful flower-plot in open air, hygrometry of which is so variable. in front of the fine residence of S. P. Rav | This evenness of temperature and moistenel, Esq. ;-whence, fragrant specimens ure extends through the whole year, slaked his thirst with the bunghole, or if ing down, and putting up again. The discusses climate, the farm, stock, have been sent me, inletters, at different making the climate the best winter resort the bunghole had pulled the thirst out of like is the case of the bably-built profess- implements, preparation of soil, for consumptives and dyspeptics, from

times during this winter. The following statements are taken either North or South, that can be found

outlying spurs to the greatest average Ridge." height near the point of intersection of the State lines of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, and to the northward ting area-Highlands-embracing about they were ordered to the mountains of 200,000 acres of land, at an average al- North Carolina. Highlands is situated The climate with reference to agriculture, level. There is no other plateau this side is all that can be desired. While not so the base of Rocky Mountains, of equal sitive system, it is sufficiently moist to sustaining any considerable population. carry on vegetable growth with remarka- The soil like that of most of the flat ridges ble regularity, even in the occasional ab- and mouniain tops of North Carolina, in sence of showers. A drougth, to material- general is very fertile. This high, cool never been known, while the character of above the general suface, and contributing a lecturing tour through the country. the soil and subseil prevents damage to by condensation of clouds that often rest growing crops from excessive rains. on their summits to the numberless springs. Rains are, probably, nowhere more evenly which are sources of innumerable streams ci-tributed throughout the seasons, and of clear, cold, soft water, tenanted by myviolent storms of wind are unknown, while riads of speckled trout. The summers of sleet storms occur very rarely. Laws this region are delightful and its winters and pastures keep their rich, green color are mild, as compared with these of the during the driest seasons, -an invaluable more Northern States. The summer consideration for ernamentation or profit- mean of Highlands is between 66 and 67 able grazing. Not only is the climate degrees; its winter mean between 34 and favorable to vegetable growth, but it is 35 degrees. Highlands is the best place equally favorable to health and vigor of of resort for consumptives as yet known man and beast; the extrems of heat and in the United States. Physicians have at I'll do so." cold being avoided, owing to our altitude last discovered the mistake they made, in and latitude. And the farmer, grazier, sending consumptives to Minnesota and fruitgrower, dairyman and housekeeper, other states in a high latitude to die alike find themselves enabled to accom- Highlands is much more favorable to in-Northern, Southern or Western States. extreme climate. The total mortality for without a word of warning he waded in

States for successful fruitgrowing. The eases in Texas far exceed that of any in!" winters are so mild, that the trees are not other State, Florida excepted." injured by severe freezing and remain Prof. Guyot, who visited this section healthy and thrifty to good old age. repeatedly, years ago, states: "The cli- the poor milch and butter cows. The at that moment passing a stone fence to cloth, 12mo., There is along the slopes of the Blue mate of this elevated region is truly de- profit in a dairy comes wholly from the a meadow, over which a cow was looking. Ridge, a belt from 100 to 300 feet above lightful. In summer, the temperature good cows, while the poor ones not only "Do you know," said Wesley, "why the the valleys, where Spring and Fall frosts scarcely ever rises above eighty degrees, do not pay for their keep, but they reduce cow looks over the wall ?" "No," replied

within the limits of this zone, is untouch- that healthy, bracing air, is both inviged by frost, and such is its protective in- orating and exceedingly pleasant. Even fluence that Isabella, the most tender of in mid-winter, snow remains but a short Abroad in the breeze as the sun went all native grapes, has not failed to produce time on the ground, and the summits of abundant crops in twenty-six successive the high mountain peaks are never covyears. Nor has fruit of any kind ever ered throughout the winter with a cap of been known to be killed within the Ther- snow. While the nights and early part mal Belt. The late Nicholas Longworth, of mid-summer days are cloudless and of Cincinnati, said : "Were I young agaiu, beautiful, about noon thick clouds may on the slopes of the Blue Ridge I would suddenly mount up to the zenith, or gathplant the vice and make my fortune." er about the highest peaks, and copious There are large quantities of cheap land rain fall for an hour or two, the sky then within the no-fr st belt, that can be util- becoming clear and cloudless again. Both ized for fruit raising. Highlands is the showers and cloud-mists on the mountains natural business centre for a large section contribute to render it tile best grass region in the South, and one of the best in the whole country."

Prof. Richard Owen, M. D., late State with reference to the surface, so that Geologist of Indiana, visited this section several years ago. He says: "From Whiteside mountain, (four and a half miles northeast of Highlands) the town of Walhalla can be distinctly seen in a clear day; indeed, there is a prospect all around, to at least double that distance, or about sixty miles where other ranges of mountains show themselves. The whole view is as fine as any I ever recollect seeing, except, perhaps, in Switxerland, even finer, I think, than from the Catskill mountains, or from the Rodky mountains in New Mexico, or from the Sierra Madre, near Monterey, in Mexico. There are no miasmatic diseases; chills and fever are unknown; physicians have but little to do, and drugs are scarce. During over six weeks of constant riding,

I was frequetly overtaken by rain, and had seldom an oppornity of getting my clothing thoroughly dry; yet, I never caught cold, or experienced aky disadvantage to health." Other interesting testimonies could be

The impudent anonymous effusion, as-

sailing the Circular, (in the New South's issue of December 31st, but not seen till to-day,) is beneath notice.

A. W. MILLER. Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 30, '83.

FACETIÆ.

Remarkable Occurrence.

An Arkansas local solih quizes thus: curious item to the effect that a horse in happened, and in a few minuted the struc-Iowa pulled the plug out of a burghole of ture would have gone to the ground if it thirst. We do not see anything extraor- hypocrisy and cunning deceit. As it is, dinary n the occurrence.

out of the bunghele and slaked his thirst later. with the plug, or if the barrel had pulled the bunghole out of the herse and slaked his thirst with the plug, or if the plug had pulled the horse out of the barrel and | What ruinous expense in putting up, takthe horse and slaked the plug with the or; his condition after his late temptation and planting, cultivation, picking, barrel, or if the barrel had pulled the by no means commands respect. To what from the pamphlet of Mr. S. T. Kelsey, on this continent and probably the whole horse out of the bunghole and plugged his purpose has been his waste of professional operations. It contains also a thirst with the slake, it might be worth zeal! What cost yet awaits him! Getting chapter prepared by J. R. Sypher, while to make a fuss about it.

Taking Advice.

There was a young man at the Central Market on Wednesday who looked the "When two members of my own family perfect specimen of the greenhorn. His were attacked by pulmonary consumptian hands were large and red, his clothes didn't fit, and his cowhide boots had just been rubbed down with fried meat gravy. He hav and stubble may be chesp at the mowas looking at everything with open mouth when a couple of young men who had damp as to be injurious to the most sen- altitude and extent; no other capable of been driven in by the rain commenced to guy him. One of them asked him if he they are whirled away in clouds of smoke, adapted to the climate, and was on a bridal tour, and the other insistwas on a bridal tour, and the other insist-ed on calling him Shakespeare. Liberal Mark how in another case the flood saps N. White, of Athens, Gasat weighed offers were made for his coat and boots, and an attempt was made to secure him for

The young man took everything in a calm, matter-of-fact way until a gentleman came along and said to him: "See here, my friend, why do you stand

all these insults ?"

"Are they insulting me?"

"Of course they are."

"And should I resent it ?" "Certainly you should."

"Then I will. I didn't know exactly what to do, but thought I'd hold on for advice. If you say go in and alam 'em,

"In the coolest kind of a way he removed his coat, rolled it up and laid it down, placed his hat on the bundle, and and knocked one off the end of the bench and the other clear over it, and then gave cury rarely falls lower than five degrees Diseases of the nervous system, especially each a lift with his cowhide. He won a that will I do.' 'Whosoever' is on the Every Woman her own Flower zen more than a few days at a time. We to an extent unknown elsewhere, and without receiving a scratch, and as he choose; 'whatsoever' is on the inside, and flower gard ming for ladies. By rarely have snow over four to six inches malarial disorders occur at an altitude of put on his coat he said to his adviser:

ger. If that's the way you do here in Detroit I'll have six months sickness on my knuckles for the next chap who asks me if they had to hire a hall to finish my boots

do not occur. Vegetation of all kinds the nights are cool, and the mildness of the profit made by the others.

RELIGIOUS. Make all Sure.

BY REV. C. H. SPURGEON.

A house had been rapidly run up. It was six stories high, and built of stone, with thick walls. All had proceeded without hindrance, and the roof was being placed upon the structure. It was, however, wretchedly put together, and the foundation was bad. What mattered? It looked substantial. Plastered over it would make an attractive hotel, for it was admirably situated; and if it did not stand for ages yet it would serve for immediate use, and bring in a good return, and then it could be sold, and the new comer would have to look to repairs. So thought the builder, and he was no more of a rogue than others are who think only of them- ual of the Apiary," by Prof. A. J. selves and the immediate present. Had Cook. Enlarged, elegantly illusall gone smoothly so might it have been; but things did not go smoothly, for there interests the bee-keeper. It is not came a waterspout upon the hills above only instructive, but intensely inthe town, and the rain fell in tropical teresting and thoroughly practical abundance upon the town itself. A flood Paper, 1.00; cloth, rushed into the streets, and swept by the ment of an Apiary for Pleasure and wall of this new fabric with tremendous Profit," by Thomas G. Newman. force. It lasted scarce half an hour, but It contains 160 profusely illustratit was a torrent, four feet deep, of mud ed pages, is "fully up with the and water, driven with great velocity, ments and inventions in this rapidly and it did a vast amount of mischief in developing pursuit, and presents that space, even to the drowning of six or the apiarist with everything that more human beings. When we saw the can aid in the successful managefine new hotel that was to have been, it ment of the honey bee, and at the was shored up with immense timbers, for in its best and most attractive conthe foundations were giving way, and the dition. In paper, 50; in cloth, walls were ready to come down in a heap. Everybody said, "It must be taken A. J. King, an experienced beedown."

This is after the fashion of many a desire practical instruction in beeman's religion. It is a five pile, and prom-ises great usefulness to the man himself. "Allen's New American Farm ises great usefulness to the man himself, and possibly to others. True, it is somewhat of the kind known as "a contract condensed into an available voljob," yet it is fairly well put together. ume. In cloth, 12mo, Not much cement of grace, no solid foundation upon eternal verities-euch things are rather old fashioned; but in lieu of 30 years' practical experience at these substantial matter a good deal of the head of one of the largest nurstucco and plaster of Paris has been used, series in this country. Illustrated. composed of charity to all denominations. and broad views on spiritual subjects. The lofty edifice might have stood a lifetime at least if the weather had been pro- cook the potato, by Prof. Blot. In it will have to be taken down sooner or Now, if the horse had pulled the barrel later, and it will be better sooner than crop. With a chapter on the Chi-

> The hotel is a wretched object now, and hardly safe for those who pass by; it must come down. But what a waste of labor! up the name of a Christian man, repenting of the deceit, and clearing one's self ing the oil. In cloth, 12mo., of the falsehood, and then going to God in sincerity so as to get upon the true Profitably." No more valuable foundation; all this makes up a lengthened process. How much better for the professing man to have taken heed to his South." Though entitled "Garbuilding at the first! Solidity turns out to dening for the South," the work be economy. Truth pays best. Wood, is one the utility of which is not ment, but before long they prove to be the Union, the work will be espemore costly than gold, silver and precious cially valuable, as it gives the vastones. When the fire comes, see how rieties of vegetables and fruitem to while the poor builder loses his all. and mines the lower tiers of stone, and additions by Mr. J. Van makes the wall heave, and shift, and and Dr. James Camak. Ill bulge till great is the fall thereof. Let us learn from the follies of others. Fires and ing a practical treatise on ers floods will come to us also, and we shall propagation, cultivation and be doubly blamed if they find us unpre- agement of the rose, to whi Highlands pared; for as we are forewarned we ought added full descriptions to be forearmed. God grant that we may

Take heed to thyself, good master, and and managing fruit trees, shrubs do thy work for eternity, for anything less and plants, with descriptions of lasting will bring thee misery. Dig deep; lustrated. In cloth, 18mo., lustrated and Fruits and Fruits and Fruits and Fruits. expected. The motto of the Armorers' Trees of America." The culture, Company in the olden time is a propagation and management in wise coursel for every man among us. Leave nothing uncertain in thy soul's of all the finest varieties of fruit, affairs, but-make all sure.—Sword and native and foreign, cultivated in this country. By A. J. Downing.

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It is said that John Wesley was once walking along a road with a brother, who with 105 excellent engravings, ilrelated to him his trouble, saying he did lustrating planting, training, graft-Weed out your stock and get rid of not know what he should do. They were ing, etc. By A. S. Fuller. In the one in trouble. "I will tell you," said PRISE.

Wesley, "because she cannot look through it; and that is what you must do with your troubles; look over and above them."

My bark is wafted on the strand By breath divine; And on the helm there rests a hand Other than mine.

One who was known in storms to sail, I have on board; Above the roaring of the gale I have my Lord.

—Dean Alford.

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