Fragrant as the dewey south, And made for smiles,

O milk-white hands Fair doyes with golden bands Pure fluttering doves, Come to my clasp !

O starry, midnight cyest O mouth so meet for soft replies ! O dove like, gentle hands! O woman, crown my life? -Pittsberg Home

THE PRESIDENT'S VACATION. Roughing it in the Adirondack Woods.

News and Courier.

PROSPECT HOUSE, UPPER SARANAC LAKE, August 30 .- For days a bitters of the lake into ugly little waves die's cheeks to their noses. When flannel shirts, they were hard at marvelled in their souls, wondering ed when he started out to be Preswork piling logs on the fire, and all, at the strange knowledge which the ident. eyes turned longingly toward New York, with its waving fans and and black clouds which poured down a cold, drizzling rain, and the boarders here were growing very blue and miserable, when, on Monday last, the news that the Presihurst on the hotel like sunshine through the clouds, and ever one was glad and happy again.

and down in their eagerness to gaze upon a real live bachelor President, and the men anxious to see for themselves what kind of a man it was that had climbed up so high in so shere time. So when supper was over and word came that the Bresident was really on his way, the log

children watching for a glimpee of

regular bed would feel once more. soft leather, with black cloth uppers, ing coat, with velveteen trousers and dent said: leggings, and who looks such an outand-out sportsman as to induce the at those fellows. dullest coon that ever climbed to

What the ladies saw for a minute | President, and he knew it. So betold him he was simply looking balanced all right. The President didn't agree with them at all. beautiful, all in the same breath. moved neither to the left nor right-The new arrivals, who had been come. The President passed over may be walloped." straining every nerve to look per- his hook; Dave covered it with a This allusion to his happy bache- er be a midshipman than anything

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H. C. WALL, Editor and Proprietor.

forth to be made much of again.

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The Drouth, the Crops, and Politics.

DEAR ROCKET:-The "dry drouth,

as the darkies term it, is rapidly dry

ing out the bragging spirit the here-

among them that they wont turn

calculations, because many there are

in these critical days of harsh criti-

a high horse" for the sole purpose of

seeing their way clear to the sup-

plies necessary for making their

crops. But it has been awful dry

and hot here for three or four weeks.

and I don't at all wonder that each

day makes a long stretch on the elas-

tic countenance of the farmer as he

pensively contemplates his much-

cherished squares and young bolls

"tumbling to the racket" of a hun-

dred-degree sun heat. However, re-

ports of great damage to the cotton

crop in pretty much all sections of

the South ought greatly to relieve

the disappointment we sustain in

the shortcomings of our expecta-

tions, for unquestionably doverpro-

duction" is the disaster most serious-

ly threatening us this season; drouth

fust, grasshoppers and worms to the

contrary notwithstanding. It would

be most fortunate for the South if

the surplus in cotton goods and in

the raw material could be worked

down again. Another circumstance

that should have a cheering influ-

ence with our farmers is the unusu-

ally abundant food supply they

have produced. This/evening was

shower barely sufficient to lay the

dust that has been an intolerable

nuisance, the wind got north and

soon dispelled the clouds and is now

giving us a frosty breath that con-

trasts delightfully with the swelter-

ing temperature we have suffered

our conventions were to select guar-

dians for county and State affairs for

another term, was an abundant one;

and, though the field was hotly con-

tested, the utmost harmony prevail-

ed and there goes up no voice of

customed to the excitement of two

parties to a race, I feel that this has

citizen, Gen. Alfred Dockery; and

am glad to report that the Major was

re-nominated for the office in which

him was based solely on the ground

of his having held the office already

fellows that wanted it!

from so long. In surger bus onids

Correspondence of the Rocket.

ROCKINGHAM, RICHMOND COUNTY, N. C., SEPTEMBER 10, 1885.

dent was pleased and gratified to see gave an answering jerk, and the victhem all. So he was to get back tim was hooked.

they made up for it by adding that which the President had almost fill- myself." he was just as nice as he could be, ed with fish. There were catfish and call for. Mr. Cleveland didn't troub- the enthusiasm of the women and le the cellar, but ate the trout and the envy of the other fishers, who men were boin with all the luck, For half an hour the ladies crowd- and that a man might be satisfied ed around him, showing what they with the office of President without had made for the fair soon to come wanting to catch all the trout in the ter wintry wind has been whistling off, and what they were going to lake besides. Mr. Cleveland's luck around the hotel, blowing the wa- make to help along the little log as a fisher has been so great that he church that is being built near the must belittle his own exploits in telland driving the bloom from the la- hotel. And Mr. Cleveland looked at ing fish stories, or his friends will lo, he came up on a boy trudging and studied everything, while old think he has given up the watchthe men were not hauling out more married men and young bachelors word, "Tell the truth" that he adopt which hung on a stick from his

President possessed of the female Thinking of this didn't impair the by the side of the president, who your own over here, a Republican mind, and at his ability to capture President's appetite, however, and opened the conversation by asking ring, which has disgraced this buclimbing thermometers. The wind the female heart. When a napkin at supper he ate his own trout with him who he was and where he was brought with it the sky full of gray ring made of birch bark was shown the proud consciousness of being going. He replied that his name to him his countenance and his self-supporting, and laughed and was Morgan and that he was going words expressed the greatest aston- chatted in utter disregard of the orishment that any one but an Indian | deal before him. For there was an or a professional could make any- ordeal coming and a hard one. On thing so intricate and beautiful. Saturday Tast, while the President dent was coming in from the woods And if a crary quilt were brought was away, the young girls, very pret- be?" he would say that crazy quilts had ty enes, of whom the hotel and always intereseted him, and that it neighboring camps are full, and a had been his good fortune to see rowing match, and a committee had ed until he plunged into rough and tumble camp life at Wills Pond, 9 many. But he had never seen a been organized to manage the race and award prizes. This intelligent committee wisely judged that the miles from here, and during the two pieces there were in it he could hard- prizes would be more highly valued weeks that he remained away the air ly have believed it. Thus each lady coming from the hands of a great was full of longings. The ladies who had the satisfaction of knowing that man, and waited for Mr. Cleveland had just arrived were dancing up the President admired her work to come back and distribute them. more than any one else's, and by That was the ordeal through which and by, when he went up stairs to he was to pass. All the young laget a long rest, the female verdict dies were in a flutter, and the three was that he was not only as nice as young ladies who were to receive he could be, but that he was just as prizes were in worse than a flutter.

The President wandered from the Early next morning, which was parlor into the sitting-room, and invited him into the carriage and not | pretend to be able to prove. Tuesday morning. Mr. Cleveland stood near the stair-case. The board- brought him to his journey's end, They say John M. came to Chicago fire was made to roar up twice as was drifting around the hotel porch, ers crowded round, the army of urging him to call upon him at some years ago to attend the fat fierce as ever before, and the board- breathing in all he could hold of the guides peered in through the win- Washington, promising him any- stock show, and of course put up at ers gathered around it in the site bracing air that blew in from the dows, and the three young ladies ting-room as eager as a family of lake, and praising the agility of the formed into a semi-circle close to him with a visit. tennis players already hard at work. the President.

He wore a Prince Albert coat and Mr. Cleveland began: "Young la-First Dave Cronk, the guide stuck black trousers. His hands were dies," and fixed his eye on the one his face in the door. The President, jammed down into his pockets; his nearest his right hand, remembering he said, was up stairs putting him- square Derby hat was tilted back on how, in a photographer's shop, a self to rights. Any one who had his head, and he wore a heavy blue man who wants to be composed sedidn't know the President. He had tie tied sailor fashion in the collar young lady was tall, with a lovely "Dave I guess we'll have a whack first young lady's, and her eyes were That meant that the President just as sparkling. That was not a ed look, young Morgan continued: come down without waiting for him wanted to go fishing. So Dave ran sight to compose a President's mind "There, I told you you would not to shoot. He is big and strong, with down to the boat-house, pulled out either, and the third young lady was lots of whiskers, and was gathering his long yellow boat, and steadied just as bewildering as the other two. Jefferson replied his face was familkers all vanished into the back- about the biggest guide in the eyes, and made his little speech

woods; but he was nt as big as the without once looking up.

"What we want," he said. "is

again, and when he went in to sup- By and by the fish stopped biting, they love you. I think love was the land Leader. per his praises rose and filled the and Mr. Cleveland came back to the word (with an appealing glance at air. The young ladies said that of hotel and got his lunch, while Dave the committee,) but if it wasn't I'll course he wasn't handsome, but worked over the water-tight box take the responsibility for it upon

At this the young lady in gray and all the men echoed the senti- big suckers, with round ugly mouths, blushed; so did the next one with ment, only in words more mascu- and delicate trout that seemed thor- the rosiest cheeks; and the third oughly disgusted with the company one and the President blushed, too, For supper there were trout just they were in. Dave gave the catfish while Dr. Ward looked proud and caught, eggs just laid, and milk from to whoever wanted them and threw happy, like a fond chaperon who cows that are kept out in the woods the suckers back into the water. finds that her charge is coming out, on purpose; while down in the cel- The trout were dressed and carried The boarders smiled at this string of vacancy, where dressed and carried The boarders smiled at this string of vacancy. lar was everything that a man might in triumph to the hotel to arouse blushes, and the President wound up his speech very swiftly and distributed the prizes. There was one eggs, drank the milk, and sallied gave it as their opinion that some for the first boat, one for the second, and one consolation prize for the third boat, which was also last.

Thomas Jefferson's Young Friend.

One day when Thomas Jefferson was riding through Virginia on his way from Washington to Monticelalong with his clothes in a satchel, shoulder. He was motioned to get in, and in a moment he was sitting home from school, and continued by putting the same question to the president saying "I beg your pardon, stranger, but what might your name strode toward the door Colman

is Thomas Jefferson." and asked: "Not Tom Jefferson,

President of the United States?" "Yes," replied Jefferson, and as he did so the boy jumped from the gig and into the road, saying: "I have heard of you, Tom Jefferson. My father says you are a rascal, and would thrash me if he caught me s ridin' with you. Father knows you, and thinks you are the biggest scoun-

drel in the country." The President was so amused at the boy's charming candor that he Pearson, of Godfrey, which we do thing he desired should he honor one of the best hotels. In the night

enfant terrible.

"Not I," replied Jefferson, A year or thereabout after this oc- cooler—a new new fashioned water currence young Morgan, becoming cooler, such as he had never seen disgusted with things about home, before. Instead of a glass or cup, as thought the cold had driven him in flannel shirt, with a polka dot neck- lects one spot to gaze on. But that ran off to Washington, trudging his he had been accustomed to sceing in way with staff and gripsack, and connection with water-coolers, there felt an inclination to wash up and and fluttering up around his chin gray dress, and a bewildering assort- covered with mud, dust and clay was a neat little rubber hose with a change his clothes, and see how a with every gust. His shoes were of ment of sparkling eyes, rosy cheeks made his way to the White House nice clean nozzle. and golden hair. That was plainly and walked boldly into a room where That was why he same back to the and no linen collar or cuffs were in not a point to fasten on to if a man he saw Jefferson bending over a ta- "that's a sensible arrangement. hotel. Then came Dr. Ward, Mr. sight to remind him of the civiliza- wanted to be composed, so the Pres- ble writing. He went up to him and never did like to drink out of a cup Cleveland's physician and friend, tion left behind. By and by, Dave dent stopped, and started to fix his laying his hand on his shoulder and drabble my moustache in the who always wears a velveteen shoot- Cronk came around, and the Presi- eye on the next young lady. She shouted: "Hello, Tom Jefferson, was short, with brown hair, but her I've come after office." The Presi- is?" cheeks were even rosier than the dent looked up, but could not remember the boy. Noting his amazremember me when I came here." in a great deal of admiration when it while the President crept down to It was a dilemma, out of which jar, and on Morgan telling who he the President himself came down, the stern and leaned back at his Mr. Cleveland crawled with admira- was the President treated him kindand doctor, and leggings and whis- ease. The guide was big, being ble cleverness. He cast down his ly, and asked him to be seated. He stairs, and there was a crowd of porthen called a servant and sent the boy off to be brushed up, asking him He told the young ladies that if he had another suit of clothes, to call down the hall: was a big man dressed in black, and fore starting out, he ran to a pile of they ought to be proud. Some which he replied that he had. He then they only saw a man's face, bricks and put five of them under big and reddened by sun and wind, the seat at his end of the boat. Then learn to row, because it has a tensmiling at the half dozen acquaint- he added a heavy iron stove grate, dency to make them too muscular. to look about for a few days and see ances who clung to both his hands. which weighed as much as the five But those men were wrong, and what kind of an office he wanted. They asked him how he felt, and bricks, and rode away with the boat they deserved all they got. He This young Morgan did, and at the end of the first day told Jefferson he ed up to his room without taking terms with a faithfulness and an ef- could keep Mary from exaggerating believed he would take a Colonelcy part in the general inquiry as to ficiency never surpassed by any pub- so." "Get her to talk about her age," They crowded him into the most if he had the boat would have turn- strong women, who can look after in the army. President Jefferson comfortable chair, where fire would ed over-but held his fish pole their own rights. Plenty of rowing laughed and told him that the Cologet the best possible hold on him, straight up in front of him and matches will make them. As to this nels were always old men. He must while waiters and cooks outdid thought of nothing but trout while cowardly fear of flat-irons and take something else, but not to be in themselves in getting up a supper, his guide rowed two miles. Then broomsticks, it is altogether despica- a hurry, to look around and see the and every thing conspired to show they reached a spot where a cold ble. In my present happy condition city. He then sent a midshipman morning. how good it is to be President, out stream runs into the lake, and where I have no sympathy for those hus- with him to make things pleasant in the woods, with nothing to do. Dave said the trout were sure to bands, no matter how much they for him, and in a day or two young the girl who answered the ring. Morgan decided that he would rath-

their great delight, and the Presi-something gave a jerk; the President time. But he smiled; it was work. ship immediately. He made a splen-"The committee," he went on," did naval officer, and he died a "have instructed me to tell you that Commodore .- "Carp" in the Cleve-

Senator Ransom, of North Carol na, recently made a trip across the green sward of the Mall to see Com missioner of Agriculture Colman.-If what has been reported really took place over there it must have been worth going much further to see. In his most affable manner the Commissioner regretted he had no

"Then I'll tell you how to make vacancy," said the Senator. "There is a cow doctor here named Salmor credited to my State. He never voted or lived there in his life. He is from New Jersey and is drawing a large salary here on the credit of North Carolina."

"But, my dear Senator, I can't." "Then cut him down to the grade ask for my constituent."

"Mr. Salmon is one of my, right hand men, Senator, and I can't do

"It is true, then, as I am told that you have a little Cabinet of

No answer. "This will be looked into. Your wretched little Cabinet should be broken up. Good morning, sir."

The Senator from North Carolina ran after him and followed him hal The President replied: "My name way down the walk, uttering profuse regrets, apologies and explana-The boy looked up astonished tions, but the Senator waved him aside with an "I'll see you later" air and went away.

> If Senator Ransom will institut an inquiry into the Bureau of Ani mal Industry, of which Salmon is the chief, he will find nuts enough to crack all winter.-Washington Cor. Phil. Times.

> > He Extinguished his Thirst.

Down in Madison county they tell a story about the Hon. John M. he was taken with a violent thirst "You'll not forget me?" asked the and started out to look for the well. In the hallway near the top of the servant's stairway he found a water-

> "There," said John M. to himsel water. I wonder where the faucet

Presently his eyes fell on the printed directions, which told him to "turn the wheel on the top to the right as far as it will go." 'Ah, that's it," said the old legis

When John M. came to he was lying on his back at the foot of the ters and call-boys congregated about our people, offering for it; and my have another pop at old Pegs!" the water-cooler at the head of the interest in it naturally warmed to The stranger grabbed his boot and stairs. John M. heard somebody

"What's the matter there?"

"Oh, some infernal idiot has turned on the Babcock tire-extinguisher.' John M. so the story goes, found another stairway, and quietly sneakwhom the infernal idiot might be .-Chicago News.

"Is the lady of the house in?" he asked as he stood on the steps of a residence on Cass avenue the other

"Which lady of de house?" asked "Why, are there two?"

"Sartin, sah. Ef you want de white lady she am out. Ef you has feetly unconscious and unconcerned, bunch of worms that would tempt lorhood made every one laugh, and were brought up and introduced, to the appetite of any fish. Pretty soon the President stopped to give them appointment, and he went on a to dewelop."—Detroit Free Press.

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was no bad feeling engendered .-Lowery and Shands were re-nominated over very weak opposition, for the gubernatorial positions, and the balance of the ticket was made up of excellent timber.

The platform adopted declares tofore bright prospects in crops in- first of all "fidelity to the Constituspired our farmers with, and the tion of the United States," and deopinion is becoming very solid mands equal rights for all classes, with no discrimination on account out any big shakes after all. In- of race, color or previous condition deed, I am afraid the poor fellows of servitude or birth-place, and inare much inclined to apprehend that vites the co-operation of all citizens, their usual luck will follow the year's without regard to past differences. operations. I am always sorry to Absolutely devoid of any vestiges of see farmers backing down from big sectionalism.

The Rocket is much more attractive in its all-home clothes than it cisms to accuse them of "mounting used to be in its "Yankee outsides," and I am glad to observe so many clever people gathering items of interest and bright gems of thought for the adornment of its pages. May it long continue a shining light, ever growing more brilliant in scintillations of mental brightness for the entertainment, edification and instruction of thousands of readers.

Hernando, Miss., Aug. 25,

Jakey Wouldn't, and Did:

"Jakey, my angel, please don't." It was the shoemaker on Michigan avenue who spoke, and Jakey was his five-year-old son, who was playing with a revolver in the shop. "Isn't it rather dangerous?" inquired the customer, who was having a "lift" put on the heel of his

Why, I suppose so, but Jakey won't put it up." "Why don't you make him?"

"Oh, he'd cry and howl, and his mother would rush down and abuse me. He's my step-son, you see, and I have to handle him carefully .-Jakey, darling, please put up the full of promise of rain, but after a deadly weapon before you kill some one."

"I won't!"

"You see how it is," said the shoemaker in humble tones. "He'll probably shoot one or the other of us before he gets through fooling, but we are helpless."

"Say, boy!" said the customer. Our erop of candidates, from which | that thing loaded?" "Got bullet in."

"Then put, it up!"

"Come, Jakey, dear !" pleaded the step-father.

"I say I won't."

complaint from the disappointed as-"I'll be hanged if you don't!" pirants. Democracy, pure and un- growled the customer, but before he defiled, with "charity to all, malice could rise the weapon was dischargto none," has so thoroughly organ, ed, the bullet raked across the shoeized the best class of our population maker's skull, cutting out a swath of into one fold and placed it upon a hair and drawing blood. platform of such liberal and patriot "I'll brain the cub!" shouted the

ic principles that even the boldest of customer, but the shoemaker rubits old foes dared not hint of oppo- bed his head with one hand and sition either to its leaders or to its held out the other to detain him, methods. And so it is altogether and said : No. 511 / 100 or altogether probable, from present indications, 1 "Say, don't! If you lay a hand

that the race in our fall elections has on him his mother will brain me! even now been run; and I must Jakey, Jakey, dear, please put up confess that, having been much ac- the popper."

a"I won't," new but blank out tart And at that moment his mother

been an awful tame and lonesome came down stairs and shouted; lator, and he put the nozzle of the kind of one. True, our county nom- Of course you won't, and I'll stay hose in his mouth and turned the inations, in the instance of that for here and see that you have fair play. Sheriff afforded some exciting inter. The idea that my boy can't have a est by having two of the most de- little fun when he's been sick two serving and popular men known to whole weeks! Go ahead, Jakey, and

much intensity, because one of them left, and as he went out the shoewas Maj. T. C. Dockery, the eldest maker gave him a look which said : And the voice of a reporter rang son of your county's distinguished "You see how it is; don't blame '-Detroit Free Press.

> A man said to his aged mother, he has served for two consecutive speaking of his wife, "I do wish I lic official, by an overwhelming ma- responded the shrewd old lady.jority. The so-called opposition to The San Franciscan.

> Under seventeen was the French for two terms, long enough-for the girl who savagely murdered her father with a club because he would not Our State Convention is said to let her marry her sweetheart.

> have been the largest one ever held Some of the gamblers driven out by the Democrats, at Jackson; and thhough the balloting was lively of Chicago have established their