ble everywhere. The broad open decks of the frigate of '61, with its rows of big black guns glistening in the sunlight, give burnt the skin off his hands." place to a few of the modern highpower, small-bored naval rifles .-Their breeches set low to the deck, and to the old artillerist have a most bewildering lot of wheels, tracks, cogs, and scientific inventions, all

or graceful-a practical utility visi-

extends the gun barrel, long, slender and tapering.

covered in by a heavy bullet-proof

The great perfection and finish to which these guns have been brought is better realized as soon as the breech of one is opened. The inteas clean cut and perfect as the me chanism of a watch.

Not the least curious part of these rifles is the new system of firing .-The old fashioned style of-ramming priming wire into the vent hole to pierce the cartridge case before firing, which necessitated appreciable time and care, especially in battle, has ice.) given place to a new invention by which a curious piece of mechanism, a veritable breech loading firinglock, is screwed on to the breech ridge is fired into the main charge. The bullet from this discharge traverses a fine smooth bore cut through the main breech closer, piercing the main cartridge and instantly opening up a passage for the

flame to follow and ignite the charge. The marines of the Atlanta are armed with the Springfield rifle, while the crew have the Lee modified magazine gun, which can also be used as a single shot. These new arms require the men to carry much more ammunition than formerly, and the old fashioned cartridge boxes are replaced by broad belts carrying 80 rounds, the whole supported by suspenders over the shoul-

A Gift for All.

In order to give all a chance to test it, and thus be convinced of its wonderful curative powers, Doctor King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, will be, for a limited time, given away. This offer is not only liberal, but shows this great remedy. All who suffer from Coughs, Colds, Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, or any affection of throat, chest, or lungs, are especially requested to call at W. M. a trial bottle free, large bottles \$1.



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But now, all at once, through a

awoke one morning (as Byron did)

Two years before Launt had heard

elegant dwelling in an adjacent city.

The little patient who was to be

The surprise was mutual, and as

sprang into her eyes, Launt felt,

any hopes for him.

read his answer.

er to him.

face; but the tell-tale blood rose to

could not have the imputation of

Constance lifted her eyes shyly to

With a quick motion he clasped

"My own, at last! Oh, Constance,

"I have loved you ever since you

and though now it is you who are

is good and pleasant to possess

A Brave Act.

Under the quiet garb of a Catholic

priest beats many a brave heart. A

striking instance occurred at the

Broad river bridge, last Tuesday

across the bridge. It was in the

passengers had made their trip

was remarked by all, for it was no

"love, sweet love, is better far."

From the Charlotte Chronicle 4th

say that you love me, for I can

his, and in their blue depths Launt

ROCKINGHAM, RICHMOND COUNTY, N. C., AUGUST 11, 1887.

The Weather Liar Abroad in the Land. From the New Berne Journal.

At Wilmington steam was raised and an engine started on its own hook from the heat of the sun. At Weldon the mercury in the signalance from anything we have hither- top and the machine "busted," but running. Oh, it was a warm day. to been accustomed to. We find as to Raleigh you can read the folnothing of the graceful, sweeping lowing, taken from the News and Observer, and see for yourself:

"Speaking about being hot," said in our minds with former ships of the reporter, "the street railway expanded three inches out of line a day or two ago." vere, straight, nothing of the jaunty

the latch of a cellar door upon which othegm that "Honesty is the best the sun had been shining, and it policy," and Archbishop Whately

nervousness.

the secretary. "I saw some water is in accord with the Archbishop in exposed to the sun get hot enough | that it says: "The frouble is there From the New York Ledger.

shield, looking much like a huge in- ken a "soft boiled egg from a basin | who is merely honest for the sake of ham. Why, dear, he is the noblest verted coal scoop, from out which of water on which the sun played."

torate vigorously.

W., "you didn't hear about that is honest because it is right, and "Verily," quoth Mrs. Martin, uncrate sent to a merchant here on who never lays it aside for the sake der her breath, "speak of angels and rior shines like burnished silver, and crate was opened the chirping of a time in the history of our country comes Launt now." the grooves, threads, and rifling are chicks was heard. One layer of eggs when brains and intellect were val- Dr. Launt Graham was not a way through the shells. It was so dollar" outranks knowledge and dark face possessed.

closer, in which a bullet-loaded cart- terday morning that a carp pond the many devices for speculation serve. near the city broke the day before tempt many into wrong and dishonand the owner of the pond simply est paths. This is the cause of the man was with them, and Constance her gratitude." mess of nice boiled fish."

to wash off our windows with mud- and they should be correctly trained showing her sense of his presump- and they were all in the moon-lit dy water thrown through rubber for the duties that the future will tion. hose, but the heat evaporated the bring them. water and nothing but dry dust struck the windows." (Yells for

"The weather did have quite a powerful effect on water," said the correspondent. "I saw a couple of porters throw a hundred-pound unbounded faith in the merits of block of ice towards the door of an express car and the agent like to have been drowned with water."

The reporter fainted. He recovered. He said weakly, "Did you Fowlkes & Co's Drug Store, and get | hear of Mr. --- 's scheme? He had a steam grist mill. He took the shed from over the engine and dumped into the water-box a couple of tons of ice. He had no fire, but got up steam in five minutes and ground corn and wheat at the rate of -"

"Kill him! shoot him! lynch him! go to Weldon! zip-whackswish-kwopf! We can stand the truth, but we'll be blamed if we are going to have any dod-gasted reporters around here giving out their gas.' The reporter picked himself up f.om the street and soliloquized on the incredulity and ignorance of

the masses concerning solid facts. the room like a "wild" engine! As and tobacco is a total loss."

it would pass near them they could hear a sizzling, bubbling sound which they could not account for, but soon the melon burst and explained it all. The intense heat had melted the meat in the melon and engenservice thermometer climbed to the dered steam sufficient to set it to

Hold Fast to Honesty.

From the Charlotte Chronicle. Pope has said that "An honest man is the noblest work of God." There are few in this day and time who will doubt the truth of Pope's "Yes," said the correspondent, "it assertion. Honesty is a commodity was hot; I saw a man take hold of greatly in demand. There is an apsays, with a great deal of truth, "but | The crowd began to show some he who acts on that principle is not an honest man." Discussing this "It was quite warm," remarked very question the Columbia Record is too much policy and too little Prof. F. remarked that he had ta- honesty. The man or individual Constance, that you dislike Dr. Grapolicy is not honest at all and only man I ever knew." The crowd commenced to expec- needs an opportunity to prove that It was Constance Fenton's aunt "Speaking about eggs," said Prof. only honest person is that one who came slowly up the walk.

> Remarkable Effect of the Earthquake i Trigg County, Ky.

county, Ky., since the earthquake away from you for a short time." Monday night, says:

awakened by a sharp shock, and her walk. had barely jumped to their feet when the earth, with a shaking, dizzy mo- ed her erect, graceful figure till it tion, suddenly sank five feet, carry- passed out of sight. ing the houses and terrified darkies with it. The scenes that ensued and looking up quickly, she caught | For some time Constance had unbaffled description. The negroes fell the look of pain which passed over derstood what that strange, sweet on their knees and in frenzied tones the dark face. Launt had always thrill meant which filled her heart prayed the Lord to save them. Oth- been to her more like a son than a whenever Launt was near; but now ers began shouting and praising the mere friend. She had known him she was forced to acknowledge to Almighty, ever an anon casting an from his boyhood, and of late it had herself, with a stinging sense of night, when the passengers on the the larger air passages, but the thouupward glance to see if chariots of been her pet dream to bring about a shame, that she had given her love Charlotte bound train were called sands of little tubes and cavities fire were not descending. Added to marriage between her lovely, or unsought-that Launt cared not for upon to leave the cars and walk this pandemonium was the intense phaned neice and this youth, in ev- her. That night, never suspecting darkness which prevailed, the moon erything but money her equal. She thathe was not alone in his unhappi- darkness of the night, and the noise be there, your lungs cannot half do, being completely obscured by heavy laid her hand gently upon his arm. ness, Launt fought a hard battle of the rushing torrent added to the their work. And what they do, they black clouds which hung very low, and like a pall over the doomed dis- stance never seem to get along? I or. trict. Rumblings were heard from cannot make it out." the depths below, which gradually The above stories may be true, became louder, and numerous but THE ROCKET takes no stock in springs, hidden for years, suddenly "The rank is but the guinea's stamp; statements which so tax one's cre- found an opening and began to A man's a man for a' that"dulity. It was hot in Rockingham, bubble upward in constantly increas- is it not so in real life?" as the following will show: "Sprunt" ing streams. The terrified inhabi- "No, no," the old lady exclaimed, last saw the kind old lady, Mrs. forlorn condition Abbot Haid helped Even if everything else has failed he and a friend entered the room to doomed spot, and some of them are ate you yet." cannot be sold in competition with the mul- imagine their consternation when, tween them and the sinking land as friend for her encouragement, but bell informed them that she who had titude of low test, short weight, alum or on opening the door, they saw the is possible. The loss to property is they did not brighten with any hope been such a good friend and bene-

DAINTY BUT DANGEROUS.

Distract Auto

Her enchanting little boot From beneath her jaunty suit Ventured out. That she knew its witching charm Without meaning any harm, Who could doubt?

Just a single little glance Filled my life with wild romance-I was caught! Sparkling eyes and soft brown hair, Her's was just the beauty rare I had sought.

So I wooed the charming maid, First enchanted, as I said, By her boot. Now, alas! I'm well aware Boots and tempers seldom are Built to suit. For our friendship ripened fast,

And, before a year was passed, We were wed, Now both boots and other things Recklessly she flings . At my head!

-Somerville Journal.

Pride's Barrier.

"I cannot understand why it is

he is thoroughly dishonest. The who spoke; and just then a man

consignment, did you? When the of policy or other reason. There was you will hear their wings. Here

vas found to be hatching out, and | ued far more highly than dollars and | handsome man; yet few came to in a few minutes fifteen well-devel- cents. In that epoch there were know him who did not acknowledge her. Launt chafed her cold hands whose deformity prevented him from oped orphan chickens picked their statesmen. But now the "almighty the nameless fascination the strong, within his own and called her name. wing to school.

warm, you see, it hatched the eggs." learning in the estimation of the But Constance had seen too clear- they opened, and the blue orbs they ing to themselves wings. The bank The correspondent clutched wild- the great majority, and statesman- ly through her aunt's transparent curtained rested for an instant upon which had held all her money had ly at the air. The reporter's lower ship in its true sense is a very scarce wiles to bring her two favorites to- his face. Then they closed again. failed, and Constance, too proud to jaw hung limp. (Calls for beer on commodity. Diogenes, did he live gether, and, girl-like, her heart had Raising her in his arms Launt hur-apply for aid to her friends had in the present day, would probably armed itself not to submit to be ried down the steep path in the di- quietly set to work to maintain her-Quiet was restored. The corre- experience more difficulty in finding thus led supinely into the fetters of rection of the cottage. spondent took a long breath. He the object of his search than he did a betrothal. So, though she did not said: "Speaking about the hot weath- during his existence. The great de- really dislike Dr. Graham, she had now," Launt thought to himself that lor, Launt awaited Constance's aper and its effects, a man told me yes- sire to become suddenly rich and always treated him with a proud re- night; "but if she is proud, I am proach.

had to step out there and pick up a downfall of the great number of was replying to his words of greetblighted lives whose ruin is recorded ing with her usual formal coldness. Prof. F. groaned, but he came to almost daily in the various newspa- Dr. Graham did not pretend to who had saved her life, and who had the front. "Yes," he said, "I heard pers of the land. The youth of our notice the indifference of her man- been so gentle and kind during her about that. Right across the road country should have instilled into ner; but during his conversation illness, soothing her pain of body her very brow as his words of love from that place a man lives whose | their minds a full sense of the neces- | with Mrs. Martin, his eyes often | with his medicines, and helping her | and longing fell upon her ears. cows gave boiled milk custard for sity of being strictly honest in all rested upon the beautiful face so to pass the tedious hours of convatheir transactions, and taught, too, listlessly turned away, and a secret lescence with his companionable so- before, but pride kept me back, Prof. W. fell over backwards and that wealth is not the surest proof of pain went quivering through his ciety, resumed all that once his forasked for a fan. The reporter smiled a successful life. The business af- heart. He thought he understood it mer impassive manner. At last the mercenary laid at my door, and so I fairs of the country as well as the af- -he was poor, while she was an time came when Constance was to waited." "The weather was mighty hot that fairs of state will in the course of heiress. She had seen that he ad- return to her own home. It was day," said the secretary. "We tried events fall upon their shoulders, mired her, and in this way was evening. Dr. Graham was there,

denly rose, saying:

"Aunt Margeret, I think I will two young people together. feel the better for a stroll on the CHICAGO, August 3.—A Times spe- cliffs this sultry afternoon. You about to leave us, Miss Fenton " cial from Evansville, Ind., referring have Dr. Graham to keep you com-

Going into the house, she re-ap-"About midnight everybody was peared in a few moments arrayed for

Launt Graham sighed as he watch- difference.

Old Mrs. Martin heard the sigh, loving hearts.

"Though in poetry-

bought a large watermelon on Sat- tants, not pausing for household Though Connie is proud, it is not Martin, tended in her last illness by the ladies from the car, and taking urday and placed it in his room for goods or chattels, gathered their off- in that way. Mark my words, Launt; the young man whom she had level the children in his arms, guided the a Sunday lunch. Sunday afternoon spring and rushed away from the she will come to know and apprecias though he had been her own. whole party safely across. Passentest the quality of the melon. But still putting as much distance be- Launt's eyes thanked his kind old both rich and poor when the tolling

homeward way. His road lay along Launt in his profession, but fortune the cliffs, and as he neared them, had not been tardy in coming to high up upon a pinnacle of rocks, him. her slight form, in its white dress, clearly defined against the sky, he simple invention to ease pain, he

Even as he looked he saw her "to find himself famous." wave, and then a shriek, in a woman's voice, rang out upon the air. through Mrs. Martin, that her neice She had become suddenly dizzy, and had gone abroad; but since then, no had fallen from her dangerous posi- news of Constance had reached him.

tion. A cold thrill ran through the The invention which had made his young man's veins. How he reach- name celebrated was for a certain ed the spot he never knew. There, phase of spine disease, and it was no half way down the cliff, suspended uncommon thing for him to be callbetween life and eternity, was the ed from his home to attend cases in form of the woman he loved. In distant places. her descent a prickly thorn bush | Such a call now reached him; and

> drapery of her dress. Could she be saved?

saw Constance.

Accustomed from his childhood to instrusted to his skill was brought the cliffs, Launt was an intrepid to him in his mother's arms, and in climber; but he knew that though the young girl who accompanied he could descend to where she was, them Launt recognized, with a start, to return laden as he would be was her who was so often in his thoughts, almost an impossibility. But every and whose whereabouts he had enmoment of delay lessened the chance tirely lost. of rescue, and without further hesitation, Launt threw off his coat and he saw the expression of joy which began his dangerous task.

had caught the floating muslin one day he ascended the steps of an

with his hands cut and bleeding had not been forgotten. from the jagged edges of the rocks | He learned, after he had left Mrs. like. which they had grasped for support, Allan's house, that the girl who had Launt bent over Constance's uncon- been, when he met her, an heirscious form, as she lay on the green- ess, was now poor-earning her livesward where his arms had deposited lihood by teaching the invalid child

Her eyelids trembled and then It was the old story of riches tak-

"She surely cannot dislike me prouder. She shall not have any In another moment the young cause to think that I presume upon | tion to tell her all that had been in

strong once more, the young doctor garden together, when old Mrs. Mar-After a little while Constance sud- tin, remembering some forgotten duty, went into the house, leaving the

"Your aunt tells me that you are hardly realize my good fortune."

saved my life at so great a peril to Launt's voice was calm and steady. your own," she answered, softly to the sinking of the land in Trigg pany, so you'll excuse me if I run One would think, to hear him, that it was a matter of supreme unconrich while I have nothing, I will not cern to him.

A faint flush rose to Constance's let pride come between us again; cheek; but she replied with equal in- for, dear, I know that though wealth

"Ah, how often does pride raise its impenetrable barrier between two

"Launt, why is it you and Con- with himself, and came off conquer- terror of the scene. Nearly all the cannot do well.

"Until I can offer as much as I re-"But I can," he answered, quickly. ceive I will live my life alone," he two helpless ladies and two sick head and lung obstructions, all are thought, resolutely to himself. And children, together with Rev. Abbot bad. All ought to be got rid of, so, kept by pride from understand- Haid, of St. Mary's College. One of There is just one sure way to get rid ing each other, they parted.

Three years came and went. The to get about well, and seeing their There was sincere mourning among gers who witnessed the scene say that it was one worthy to be remembered, and the bravery of the priest easy thing to cross the bridge unenfactress has passed to her final rest. cumbered, much less with two chil-

A while later found him on his Few had ever worked harder than dren in one's arms.

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Some one says the age of a politi-

ter he generally sticks to his bargain.

cal party may be told by its rings. When a man buys a porous plas-

If the sun is cooling, as the astronomers say, it has failed to show it this summer.

A novel under the curious name of "The Wasp" is just published. It must have a bad ending.

A minister may not be a brakeman, but he does a great deal of coupling all the same.

When a young man takes a glass in Burlington they say he is "mixing his red paint."

A wedding ceremony shouldn't pass off too smoothly. For instance, here should be a hitch of some kind.

A tinsmith near Exeter has a sign which reads: "Quart measures of all shapes and sizes sold here."

There has been a drop of \$500 in the price of elephants, but it costs as much as ever to see the animal.

Benjamin Franklin was only 21 It was done, and successfully; and with a sudden thrill of hope, that he when he married. He very soon after discovered what lightning was

> A Burlington policeman declares that he has to handle about as many pieces of mail matter as they do at

A Maryland lady defends herself for the size of her bustle by saying that she isn't responsible for what goes on behind her back.

A man will do almost anything to increase the happiness of the woman he loves except to leave her when she wants to get rid of him.

Thinking is useful and sleep is A week later, in Mrs. Allen's parnecessary; but the literary man makes but little progress when he thinks all day and sleeps all night. He had come with the determina-

A woman has been arrested in his heart for her the past years, and | Chicago for horse-stealing. The mer-So, as Constance grew well and once and for all learn if there were cury must be low, indeed, when Chicago can't produce some freak of Constance listened with averted nature.

A great truth: Lager beer is a better drink than whiskey on a hot day. Another great truth: Ice wa-"I should have told you this long | ter is a better drink than lager beer on that same hot day.

The man who allows his wife to inveigle him into the mysteries of the milliner's establishment, is none. better than him who seeketh to pound sand into a rathole.

The weather out West is something terrible. The other day an Illinois man went around to look at some pop corn he had planted and found it all popped.

A crank in Savannah, Mo., shot at the woman who refused him, but the ball was stopped by her bustle, made of old newspapers, and she was uninjured. Now is the time to subscribe.

A Nebraska exchange says that an enterprising citizen could make a fortune tanning the hides of the giant mosquitos in the Fremont bottoms and polishing their bills for umbrella handles.

Give Them a Chance.

That is to say, your lungs. Also, all your breathing machinery. Very wonderful machinery it is. Not only leading from them,

When these are clogged and choked with matter which ought not to

Call it cold, cough, croup, pneumonia, catarrh, consumption or any across, but in one of the cars were of the family of throat and nose and the ladies was old, infirm and unable German Syrup, which any druggist will sell you at 75 cents a bottle .you, you may depend upon this for

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anta to New York.