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My sacque's a perfect fit. A holy fervor penetrates . My soul's remotest nooks, An earnest, chastened, fervid joy-How sweet that ribbon looks! The good man tells of Christian peace,

The organ's anthem swells,

I bathe in streams of pure delight

My dress cost more than Nell's!

O, holy rest! O, Sabbath calm (), chastened peace serene! feel thy deep abiding spell— How dowdy is Miss Green! I feel a pure, religious glow, O, rapture undefined I know my bonnet looks so nice To those who sit behind! -Yankee Blade.

An Important Discovery.

From the News and Observer.

A communication was published in the News and Observer a few days ago from Ringwood, Halifax county, stating that a paint mine had been discovered on the farm of Rev. Geo. E. Hunt of that county. The paint consisted of a deposit of iron oxide and was said to be of a beautiful red color. Dr. H. B. Battle, State Chemist and Mr. T. C. Harris, of the State museum, received specimens of the paint vesterday, and consider its discovery a very valuable one. Dr. Battle will make an The paint is a soft, brittle, chalky substance and is of bright red color. It will require grinding and purifying and mixing with oil to render it ready for use. In our communication it was stated that the paint had been tried and had proven very satisfactory; even superior to other paints. The deposit is practically inexhaustible, and the indications are that thousands of tons of the oxide can be procured The varied resources of North Carolina are truly remarkable. No State in the Union, and no section of country in the wide world can boast | tion is promised. There are people, of natural resources so numerous, so dearly beloved, who are diligent in varied and so valuable. Here is a everybody else's business and have, new discovery which in all probability is not known to any other part of the world, and which prom-

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Rockingham Rocket.

you mistake. It isn't hard to be

good. It's hard to be bad. Ah, yes.

my boy, it's hard to be bad. Not

right at the time? Oh, no. The

wine is sparkling, the songs are stir-

ring, the stories are brimming with

humor, and the air is full of laught-

er. You are just as bad as you

know how to be, and it is lots of fun

to be bad, and you never want to be

good-oh, yes, it seems to be very

easy and very delightful to be bad

at night. But the next morning,

my boy? Where is the difficulty

then? Who feels serious in the

morning? Whose head can't be cov-

ered with a tub? Who is afraid and

ashamed to go out on the street and

meet people? Who doesn't want to

Who wonders where he was last

night and whom he met, and who

saw him, and what he said, and

where he went, and how he did?

Not the boy who went to the socia-

ble and ate cast-iron pound-cake and

washed it down with faded lemon-

ade. Not the young man who pass-

to be "good"-very easy indeed .-

treacherous memory, to have a sense

of shame, to have a dread of sun-

shine and a horror of daylight, to

faltering speech, to have a raging

a gnawing hunger that loathes food,

mother, my boy, and a fear of see-

"bad." And-look me in the eye,

Telemachus, look me in the eve-

honestly, now, honor bright, do you

really think this is easier than being

"good?" My dear boy, you may

call your "good" friend a milksop

and a "mammy boy" if you will,

and you may in your better mo-

ments sometimes say you would like

to be "good," but it is so hard; but

just weigh the "good" and the "bad,"

weigh them honestly, and tell me,

tell me honestly (and I am not now

the "funny man," but rather the se-

rious adviser), which is the harder,

me that it is easier to be "good."

THE RIVER AND THE BROOK.

The shallows murmur, but the

H. C. WALL, Editor and Proprietor.

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BURDETTE ON LIFE

The Genial Humorist, Waxing Elequent, Preaches.

To-day! We stand on the threshold! We stand there! Waiting To be asked in. Life! Is a river We meet it boldly. Hope, courage and high purpose thrill our hearts We cannot tear aside the veil that hides the future from our view. The future! Is before us. The past! Is behind us. The present, however, stays right by us. We do not fear it. We press bravely on. Onward and upward! The hour strikes the noontide of the world. With resolute hands we grasp the shadows on the dial. Behind us, is the school. A long ways behind us, the most of see anybody? Who wants to hide? it. Before lies the world. We accept it. Grave are the responsibilities of the trust; especially the trust fund. We accept them. Life-long will be the labor of reform. We have put our hands to the plow and we will never look back, until we get to Canady, whence we may look back in safety, and become lions and ornaments in Canadian society. As the good-goody at the debating sothe years roll on, which they will ciety. Ah, no! He didn't hear the probably do, we will never forget rollicking songs that you heard, my our alma mater, but we will shake boy, and he didn't hear the racy things up on the Street ourselves, stories that "broke you all up." But and if there is any rehypothecating to be done, inquire within. Hoc are this morning. He finds it easy tempore the world is in bad form. Vice rules the world. Bones viros take back seats in the convention. Lupus sits in the high places and to have uncertain eyes, to have a judges the people in the gates, while Agnus ekes out a precarious existence in the wool business. Our rulers wallow in vice. The temples of have a set of quivering nerves and a commerce are as dens of thieves .-Mistrust, guilt and suspicions stalk thirst that water cannot appease and through the land, nudus membra. All this has come to pass while we were at college.

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

"Diligent in his business!" It is

the man who is diligent in his own

therefore, no time to attend to their

business to whom this exalted posi-

own. They do not stand before kings; they more frequently stand ises to prove valuable in its practi- before the police judge. Their diligence is not commendable. A workman is known by his chips; so, alas, is the faro banker. Do you be diligent in your own business and be content with its rewards. You may in danger. Consumption always not walk so many miles in six days seems, at first, only a cold. Do not as Fitzgerald, but you can sleep a to be "good" or to be "bad?" Ah, got 'em, all sizes, and they can tell great deal more in that time; and if my boy, I think you will agree with you do not get so much money for it, neither do you get so many blisters. On your little salary at the suspender counter, you cannot clean up \$300,000 on Wall street this week. But then neither can you be cleaned out of \$452,000 next week. You may not be able to set the fashions in male attire, but you can fill your soul with nameless joy and exaltation of celestial birth, and climb to the top of high Olympus, and lean back and pile your feet on the sofa, and make yourself easy with the immortal gods by paying your landlady every Saturday and keeping even with your tailor. You may never be the Washington correspondent of a society paper, but then your hair won't turn white in the agonized effort to explain what it is about a Senator's wife, who has red hair, freckles, no upper teeth, a hair wart on her nose, and a twang in her shrill voice, that "makes her so bewitchingly beautiful and universally of Summer" stop, but it always gets there. And don't pay more for the it is so true, so true! reward than the reward is worth. A man who lives on 29 cents a day

will be apt to die wealthy, but he who recommend any other article as mind. His lovely basso can be the cultivable strata of the soil, and hills; it was too silly a thing to make Philadelphia Press. won't die very fat. It is the liberal "just as good," and take nothing else heard from "early morn till dewy the longer the drouth and the great-soul that shall be made fat.

"just as good," and take nothing else heard from "early morn till dewy the longer the drouth and the great-eve." I believe he committed his er the heat the farther down extends soul that shall be made fat.

THE WAY OF THE TRANSCRESSOR. My son, you say it is "so hard to horse at an auction sale. The horse going to jail, eating the county's ra- moisture and vapor. was lame and bruised all over. A be good!" You say it is easier to bottle of Salvation Oil costing twenty break all of the Ten Commandments five cents was used; he is now valthan it is to keep one of them. Well, ued at \$200.

Items About Rockingham.

Written for The Rocket.

If a man is convicted and fined in our mayor's court for an offense, and he is not able to pay the money, he is made to work out the fine on the streets. It makes no difference how low or high the fine may be, he is never made to do much work the generally shovels a little or digs a while and then quits; his fine is paid, and he don't mind it. Now what we want is a good set of commissioners and then a marshal and when a man is fined and has to work it out on the streets, the marshal take charge of him and be responsible for the amount of the fine and give him pick and shovel, then work him from 7 o'clock in the morning until 7 in the evening until his fine is paid. Not work him a little-work him hard, make him sweat, blister his hands by work, make him bend to it and when night comes and his fine is paid he will recollect the street gang with its hard labor, and ne will be scared of it thereafter. ed the evening in the company of The streets have no terrors, there is not enough of hard work about them. The Democrats will put a ticket in the field ere long with good men for commissioners and one for mayor-vote for them, work hard he is feeling much better than you for them. If elected-and I think they will be-then we will have good government in our municipal affairs. But to be bad, to have the headache, Stick together, Democrats, and we to have a sour, rebellious stomach,

Our municipal campaign will soon open. I want every man-white and colored-to vote the straightout Democratic ticket. Don't, men, let anybody buy your votes, or fool you by telling you it is a "Citizens' ticket" the Radicals will put out. It will be a Republican ticket of the to have a dread of meeting your most prejudiced kind. Vote for good men; men that will do their ing your sister, and a shame of duty; men who will put a stop to speaking to your good old fatherthis is hard, my son. This is being

meanness regardless of any one. Exercise your own judgment. Where, oh where is the herse doctor gone? The boys have about quit tackling every strange horse or mule that comes to town and feeling their pulse and trying to tell how old they are. A while after the doctor had left you could see certain ones eyeing almost every species of quadruped closely, as much as to say, "I've got your eye, I'll bet I can tell when you were born, and at what time of the moon." We are now able to fur nish any civilized or barbarous country with as many graduated the difference between a jack and a mule, I suppose, but I would not

swear it. We have a musical genius in our deeps are dumb. And do you know, jail who furnishes the denizens withto put a new interpretation on an in hearing the most delicious, soulold bit of wisdom, that is why we entrancing music that was ever love the shallows. We stroll beside listened to. His instrument is a a broad, deep, voiceless river. There banjo on which he picks an accompais no song in all the silent stream .- niment to his singing. When old Its bosom bears the fleets of com- Sol raises his brilliant face every tions and having an easy time. He

bread and water, and be made to labor hard until his sentence expires : maybe then he would not relish the idea of jails, rations and an easy

time any more. It seems as if we are going to have the railroad now, certain, no "defalcation." Our town is on a "boom, a new railroad coming, which will help build her, five new brick stores and three newspapers and the Democrats at our municipal election bound to be elected; one new church on the way and talk of a new cotton factory. All ye Northern men with capital and big fortunes, we have the very place for you to invest. We have all the water power you are looking for and plenty of room to erect steam factories. We have fiften merchants and one fine drug store, all doing a lucrative business. Six barrooms and lots of other business which I could mention. Four blacksmith shops in full operation. There has been talk of erecting a fine large hotel. If some one, or company would build a fine hotel here and run it on the most improved of modern plans it would pay the owner or owners. Try it. We have five cotton factories carrying on an immense business, employing hundreds of hands, distributing thousands of dollars annually in town and county. Come! we invite you all to the marriage feast Our city is growing, we are bound to "git thar." Soon we will hear the

'toot" of the mighty iron horse as he rolls in on the South Atlantic & North Western Railroad, bringing tourists and capitalists to see our thriving city and invest in her great advantages. We have some of the best men to deal with in this country you ever saw. The majority of our people are intelligent and smart. Let's have new enterprises, stores, newspapers, merchants, factories and more religion. Our town is going to the front rapidly. We are going to beat Wilmington, Charlotte, New Berne, Goldsboro and all those cities -if we can. We don't want any more bar rooms, we can do without them. Our denominations are Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Episcopalian. We have one bakery which is doing a fair business. We have two or three doctors. Our climate is fine, not too hot in summer nor too cold in winter. Our forests abound with pine, oaks, dogwood, cedar, cypress, walnut and poplar-any kinds of timber you want, and easy of access. Why not have a planing mill and furniture factory here? It's the very place. Give us a call. Our citizens are very polite and obliging. They will show and tell you our resources with the

greatest felicity. CHARLEY WORLEY.

How Drouths Improve Land

From the Louisville Courier-Journal Here is a scientific fact of great promise to the farmers of Kentucky merce : shallop and steamer and raft | morn he is pretty apt to be up too, and the adjacent States. Protracted drift down its silent current to the serenading with "Listen to the and intense drouths fertilize the soil. By dock and slip and bending | Mocking Bird," to the thump of that It is a costly process of fertilizing willow sweep its noiseless waters .- banjo. When I go to dinner he is this time, as the losses on all our But when we reach the winding "dreaming now of sweet Hallie," and staple crops from the effects of the brook, singing over the white, shin- at dusk, "I feel like one that is for- long and terrible summer and fall ing pebbles, murmuring around the saken." That music, how sweet! It drouths of 1887 might be reckoned mossy rocks, whispering through the is like the chime of silver belts mix- in millions of money, but all that swaying reeds, we sit down and list- ed with dish parts and the sighs is done, and settled, and we must book-keeping-could be safely done en, and the music and the charm of of an imprisoned soul. It permeates now look forward for the recompense with considerable advantage to their its incessant babble drive away ev- your whole being like an electric and not backward for a topic of useery thought of sorrow and trouble. shock when he touches the varia- less regrets. It is the operation of of discovery. Who is it that said the music of run- tion. His voice is, at first, soft and a prolonged heating of the earth's ning water produces in us a mild mellow like unto a flute, then radi- surface to draw up vapor and moisinsanity, or something like that? ates and expands like unto the mu- ture from greater and greater depths; True it is, "the shallows murmur, sic of Mr. McDonald's every half- and as this moisture ascends it brings own business and wait in patience but the deeps are dumb," and so we hour time-piece. He "feels like one with it in solution much mineral One of these boys reported the lesson for the reward of your diligence. It love the shallows. Yes, my son, yes. that is forsaken," I reckon, for when and chemical wealth which the rains, and the comment verbatim to his in-That, perhaps, is the reason why so the court gets done with him next as they fell seeped downward thro' dignant mother, who at once went may be a fittle slow in coming. The many people love you. By and by mills of the gods grind slowly, so many people love you. By and by the soil, stole from the strata which with the story to the chairman of thing about it, and everybody hopes. mills of the gods grind slowly, so does a hand organ on the "Last Rose of the "Rang-Tum-Tang" with a sledge the plough and the hoe penetrate, the committee of the school. He did she does, the coming woman with deep. Then we will hate you. Ah, hammer breaking rock for Uncle and carried beneath their reach. Sam. He seems to be the happiest Those fertilizing elements are thus man around-no business cares or brought back in suspension and re-Note .- Be suspicious of persons anything of the kind worrying his stored as the moisture evaporates to eve." I believe he committed his er the heat, the farther down extends couldn't expect anyhow, could she

itentiary and nothing to eat but vinegar trust.

"Another Clerk" Heard From.

MR. EDITOR:-I am delighted with

Correspondence of The Rocket.

your two originals last week, "Give Workingmen a Chance" and "A Lay Sermon." It does a fellow good to see thought running in the direction of mutual good. It carries me back 20 years ago, when I first canvassed for shorter hours for clerks in a city of 400,000 inhabitants, and the difficulties we had to overcome: how we held committee meetings; had public lectures; placarded the city appealing to the ladies, particularly, not to shop after 7 o'clock P. M. how, after three years of determined effort, we gained our purpose, and two years later the merchants granted a half-holiday each week, by mutual agreement; and all are perfectly satisfied with the new order of things. The social circle is much more enjoyed and churches are better attended. Can any one say I did wrong last Sunday, after leaving the store at 11 o'clock the night previous after sixteen hours of work, by taking my wife and family a walk regard to the importance of nomialong the creek and listening to the nating good men for official posiones the budding of the trees and ground that the people should take the beautiful wild flowers, occasion- the matter of making nominations, grant us this boon, I am,

Respectfully, ANOTHER CLERK. Rockingham, April 12.

Educating to Dishonesty.

worthy a careful consideration than the following extract from a paper by Caroline B. LeSow, on "School re too careless in selecting teachers for our children. Why should we not require teachers to be earnest Christians?

"The fathers and mothers of the country who are trying to bring up their children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord," or even those who make no definite religious profession, might have been rather unpleasantly surprised if they could have had the privilege of listening to a remark with which a teacher closed a lesson the other day, before a large class of fourteen-year-old pupils. He had been gleefully show ing them how a little "crooked" own pockets and with very little risk

"You see, boys, how easy it is to be smart in business if you only keep your eyes peeled and know

not share in the indignation-quite have her own bank account. In to the contrary. The story pleased view of this announcement it will be such a hue and ery about, and she

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nicious influence. There was no school to which he could be sent so he was put to work in a wholesale grocery store at three dollars a week. "Of course it puts an end to his education," she said sorrowfully, "but I would rather he would know nothing-1 would rather see him deadthan under the tuition of such a man as that," More than one mother: -a good many fathers -would feel the same way. Are they to make no protest, to be debarred from any expression of opinion oh such vital matters? It is interesting to speculate on the probable result if each mother, not alone this poor widow, had withdrawn her son from the class at the same time and for the same cause. It is hardly likely that the salary of the teacher would have been increased two hundred and fifty dollars, as actually happened

Attend the Primaries. From the Monroe Enquirer-Express. Much has been said recently inripple of the water and the singing tions. This is a good indication; it of the birds; explaining to the little shows that the sentiment is gaining ally taking a lounge and reading in hand, and not leave this work toa while? And after dinner taking a be done by a few politicians. We similar walk in the woods, among do not mean to say that politicians the dogwood and the jessamine? have entirely controlled nominating Can any one object to such a recreations in the past, but in many tion on Sunday, after 91 hours cases a few men have exercised unof work? Our children ought to be due influence. And the people are taught and instructed in the works to blame for this evil. If they would of creation. How can it be done ex- attend the primary conventions and cept on Sunday, when one must express preferences it would be imwork from early Monday morning possible for their wishes to be disreuntil late Saturday night? It was garded with impunity. The masses not the Creator's intention that man have it in their power to say who should go from bed to work and shall be nominated for positions of from work to bed, and attend church | honor, and this power should be exon Sunday-no, sir. Let us have ercised by all good citizens to secure fewer hours in the store and more the nomination and election of good. work, and employer and employee men. It is the duty of every citizen will receive a mutual benefit, church- to give such matters enough thought es will have a better attendance, to enable him to make an intelligent, health and morality will increase, choice, and that choice should be and we will all rejoice. Hoping the heard and respected in the nominatmerchants will cogitate together and | ing convention. He should see that his influence is exerted in behalf of honest officials and good government. He should do all he possibly can to keep corrupt and dishonest men out of power. He should have the nerve to rebuke corrupt men and bad measures by casting his Among the many good things in ballot in favor of men of character the April Woman we find none more and advocating measures that are intended to benefit the masses rather than a few favored individuals .-Let public opinion condemn the Mothers and Home Keepers." We nomination of unworthy men, and all political parties will see the necessity of making their best men their standard bearers.

afflicted? If you will remember a comparatively unknown-to-day it. tended to cover what our grandfathers called Biliousness, and all are caused by troubles that arise from a diseased condition of the Liver which in performing its functions findings it cannot dispose of the bile through the ordinary channel is compelled to pass it off through the system. Bilious Fever, etc. You who are suffering can well appreciate a cure, We recommend Green's August Flower. Its cures are marvelous

If Marion Harland knows any him highly, and he advised her "not generally agreed that the coming to make mountains out of mole woman can't get here too soon

The Effect of Sleeping in Cars

A party paid ten dollars for a crime with the express purpose of the upward suction of the ascending to run the school her own way?" Is the contenting of cold, which of-No, unhappily she could not expect ten results seriously to the lungs. that, therefore she availed herself of time Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of drew her son from the teacher's per- great cough medicine.

