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WILL GIVE PROMPT ATTENTION to all Professional calls, and hopes to merit a continuance of his long established practice. Has constantly on hand a full supply of PURE DRUGS at his office in Rutherford. Office in the Andrew Moore House, first door above J. W. Clarke's Store.

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I HAVE just received from New York and Charleston, a very large and desirable stock of GOODS, consisting of
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POETRY.
Written for the Star.
THE BAKERSVILLE FROGS' SONG.
PART SECOND.
About our song was all in vain,
For soon there came a heavy rain,
Our hole it filled right to the brim,
In which an elephant might swim.
The villagers a fuss did raise,
As in the hole they all did gaze,
Our children in the pond will fall,
The deep enough to drown them all.
Well, well, says Joe, to stop a row,
I'll let the water out right now,
So coming up little darlie Bill,
Said he it raining like a mill.
Great consternation did prevail,
As we poor frogs did weep and wail;
But Joe had taken it in hand,
He'd let it out or he'd be—d.
Prayers and entreaties did no good,
For Joe was in a surly mood,
He left our backs so much exposed,
That half of us or more got froged.
Tad poles too and not a few
Lay in the mud and perished too,
The saddest thing that I have heard,
For things their tails they never shed.
Now we think that Joe did us great wrong
For cutting short our happy song;
For this we hope he'll have his trouble,
As long as frogs can make a bubble.
Parson Aton came up one day,
And unto Joe began to say,
I should, says Joe, s-d—n my soul.
At this poor Aton began to sigh,
It seemed as though he'd almost cry,
And looking earnestly at Joe,
Says to Joe, you'll pardon me?
We frogs heard what the parson said,
Thought it the mud and almost dead,
But looking up right then and then,
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General Items.
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Fine crops and no caterpillars in South Georgia.
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