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The Interstate Commerce Commission will take a vacation about the first of August. The Interstate Bill will, however, keep right on enriching the railroads as usual.

This heated term means gasping agony and death to hundreds of little children in the crowded dens of New York and other large cities. Now is the time for country people with big houses and ample grounds to do a blessed deed by taking some of these poor creatures out where the unpoluted breeze of heaven can blow upon them.

It is stated that the German soldier is hereafter to have rations of cod-fish. If this is true another war between France and Germany would result more disastrously for the Frenchmen than the last. Then it was assigned as one great reason for the superiority of the German arms that Emperor William's soldiers were better educated than the Frenchmen. Nourished by codfish they will now become invincible.

If a country editor is capable of only one style of expression and that style is unadulterated gush, why let him gush. It's none of our business as long as his public can stand it. But we feel it is our business and every body's business to protest in the name of good taste and common sense against column after column of "slop" from the pen of one who is capable of better things. We see every week whole columns of "personals" so silly as to make the veriest simpering school girl blush (we hope) and these too from one who has proved himself capable of worthy work with the pen.

The August number of *Lippincott's* is at hand and contains "A Land of Love," a romance by Sidney Luska, "The Truth about Ouida," by Edgar Fawcett, (will the truth perish from the land with Mr. Fawcett?), a short story, "A Life for a Life," by H. H. Boyesen, "Social Life at Yale," by Arthur Edmands Jenks of '88, "The Keely Motor Secret," by Mrs. Bloomfield Moore, "Is the Baseball Player a Chattel?" by John M. Ward, "Bed" a humorous essay, by Louise Imogen Guiney, poems by Edith M. Thomas, Wm. H. Hayne, F. D. Stickney, Kate Putnam Osgood and Kate Vannah.

Oh, yes, that would be a fine thing.—a big daily published in New York and devoted to Southern interests,—

but would it pay? Why should a paper devoted to Southern interests be published anywhere else than in the South? Why in the name of common sense must every conceivable publishing enterprise find its way to New York. The *Texas Siftings* went there and how much Southern flavor has it retained. *Our Continent* went to New York and then "went up." So with dozens of other newspapers and periodicals. Let the South make her own newspapers within her own borders.

The approaching Farmers' Institute at Mt. Holly will be a fine opportunity for the farmers of Moore county to do themselves credit by a display of products at the Fair. The leading industry of this county has been and still is the gathering and manufacture of turpentine, and because agriculture has been somewhat neglected a false impression has gone abroad that farming as a business can not be made to pay in this section. It is high time this reproach was removed. We hope, therefore, that every farmer will feel it a matter of personal responsibility to do all possible to convince not only people from other states, but the cavilers from other parts of North Carolina that Moore county soil will show itself as grateful for considerate treatment as any portion of the state. This indeed has been proved again and again, but only in isolated cases and a spasmodic fashion. Let all the farmers take hold and make some sort of an exhibit at this Fair.

At the National Educational Convention assembled at Chicago, Dr. A. D. Mayo said:

"I have traveled in every State in the South and have a strong conviction that unless National aid is speedily and generally offered to the Southern people in their heroic efforts to grapple with this great problem, the wished for consummation must be delayed for another generation. The people of the South are doing as much as they are able to do, and yet only three millions of children are receiving as much as four months education in a year."

And yet National aid to education is unnecessary and unconstitutional! It must have been unconstitutional also for the United States government to take measures to prevent the spread of yellow fever at Key West. We would like to see that same little image which some of our fetish worshipping brethren call the "constitution" and so abjectly adore. It certainly is not in the likeness of anything in heaven or earth.