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The meanest man in this country is probably the writer of the "Clara Belle" letters. Under the cover of a woman's name he writes stuff that no pure woman will read. Womankind gets the infamy of it and he gets the pay. Shame on the fellow! He ought to be in the chain gang.

Our open fires of long-leaf pine are a great luxury, and a help to the sick, as well. If invalids won't take good advice and spend a portion of the summer here, inhaling the aroma of the pine, as it distills under the beams of the hot sun, the next best thing is to sit by our fragrant pine wood fires.

There is no reason why any farmer should not go to the State Fair next week, but many reasons why every farmer should go. Crops have been generally good; pressure of fall work is over; rates are low on the railroads, and, indeed, all things conspire to make this an exceptionally favorable time for a great gathering of farmers from all over the State. We want to see Moore county well represented.

Raleigh aspires to be not only the political and educational centre of the State, but the commercial metropolis as well. And why shouldn't she? Certainly her situation warrants belief in such a future, and her wonderful progress during the past few years brings fulfillment near. She is rubbing her eyes very wide open, and reaching out eagerly after all things that go to make the model progressive city of these times. Thus does she go to work in the right way to answer her own prayers for prosperity.

O DAY SO BEAUTIFUL, SO BRIGHT!

Whoever it was that originated the idea of the Editors' Lunch at the coming State Fair, he is certainly worthy of a monument more enduring than Cleopatra's Needle. When that cheering announcement went abroad over our fair State, how many a gloomy sanctum lightened! How many a worn and cadaverous editor drew up the belt around his attenuated waist another notch, and murmured hopefully "At last! at last! It comes—that bright and beautiful square meal! In the hey-day of young manhood, when first I seized the editorial scissors, I saw her lovely form—in the dim distance. She lured me on with sweet and juicy smile. Sometimes so near was I (in good "crap" years) that I could almost feel (and smell) her warm and odorous breath. But when I clasped the bright phantom it vanished in thin

air, leaving upon my empty hands a faint but sickening odor of bacon and corn bread. But, now, once more she beckons, and if these aged limbs fail not and this trusty pass doth yeoman service, as of old, this time I'll not be balked."

THE JAMES GRAPE.

Among the many varieties grown in this State none can surpass the "James" grape, a native of Eastern Carolina. The size it attains is phenomenal, the berries when cultivated measuring from 2 1/4 to 3 inches in circumference, and its flavor surpasses that of any other known grape. It is a very dark plum color, almost black. Mr. B. M. W. James, of Bethel, Pitt Co., the discoverer of this grape has written to us as follows concerning it:

"As to the grapes you want to know something about, I can only tell you they are said to be the finest in the world. I found them the year the war ended, in the woods. The vine was about a foot long, but it had one large bunch of grapes on it. The advantage of this grape is that you can have grapes five months in the year. They commence to ripen in July, and they will stay on the vines until hard frost. They do not blow off or shrivel, and they are the fullest bearers I ever saw. We can keep them until Christmas very well, but we have to spread something over them to keep them from freezing.—Raleigh News & Observer.

SEVEN LEAGUE BOOTS OF PROGRESS.

It is pretty clear that the South has no time to wrangle over battle flags and none to waste in mourning over a "lost cause." She has "a new found cause" worth a dozen of that she dropped on the field of Appomattox—the cause of industry, which is her health, plenty and happiness.

It used to be said in the old days before the war that the South looked down on the North. However that may be, if she goes on in mining and manufacturing enterprise for twenty years more as she has been going on during the last half decade the North will have to strike a new gait or the South will be looking back at her in the race.

Her progress during the last eight months makes the seven league boots of Jack the Giant Killer quite unnecessary. The capital she has invested during that time is considerably over two millions of dollars. In seven years she has established fifteen thousand new industries, and her iron mining increase has jumped from three hundred and ninety-seven thousand tons to nearly nine hundred thousand tons, with machine shops, flour mills, cotton mills, lumber mills, and in fact everything else in proportion.

The South is not putting on any airs, but she is making barrels of money. All right. She has a magnificent section of the country and is working it for all it is worth.—New York Herald.