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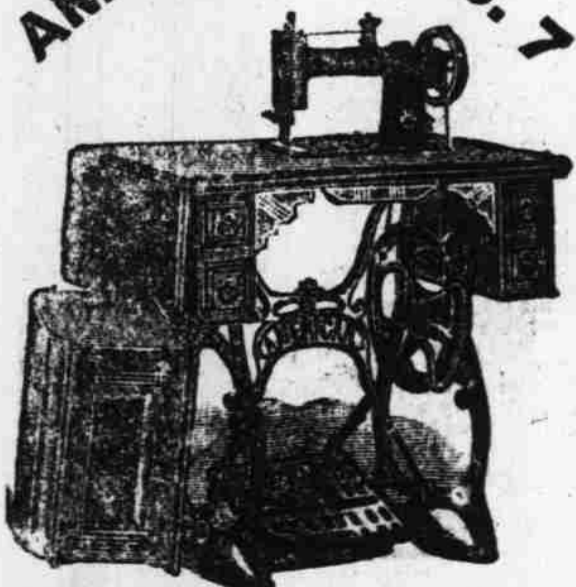
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We have been invited—"for a consideration" to say something commendatory of the *New York Family Story Paper* in our editorial columns. We are sorry to be obliged to decline, but don't believe in recommending to our readers what we would not read ourselves. While the charge of immorality can not be brought against such papers, and many better men than we are give them countenance by contributing to their pages, we think their tendency is decidedly unwholesome.

Those who maintain that the internal revenue tax should come off tobacco, talk as if the farmer would be benefited thereby. In reality it would be the manufacturer, the dealer and the consumer who would get all the benefit, and no one of the three need it, or should have it. The manufacturers and the dealer are making enough profit now, and as for the consumer,—Heaven preserve us!—if his chew comes any cheaper to him, he'll have both cheeks bulging with a quid each.

The *North Carolina Teacher* for December has for its frontispiece a portrait of Col. Wm. J. Martin, M.A. L.L.D., acting president of Davidson College, N. C. and among its leading articles "Elementary Studies in Insects," by Prof. G. F. Atkinson; "Suggestions," by Mrs. J. W. Goodridge; "Some Compositions," by Mary F. Dickson; "The Study of Latin," by Prof. George T. Winston; "Our Public School Fund," by Supt. S. M. Finger; "About Some Teachers," by A County Superintendent.

WE WEAR A MODEST BLUSH.

The senior editor of the *Times* paid the PINE KNOT office of Southern Pines, N. C., a short visit on last Monday and found in the person of its editor Mr. Goodridge, a genial, clever and intelligent gentleman, of whom the beautiful town of Southern Pines may well afford to be proud. The office is kept in good style and displays in every respect, the good taste and peculiar fitness of its manager for the responsible position he holds. And we might add the town referred to is one of the prettiest and most inviting places we have seen in the state. The buildings are all new, of modern design, and artistically finished. We no longer wonder that so many northern people come here to spend the winter and enjoy the salubrious climate, and health-imparting breezes which are ever laden with the purifying and sanitary odor of the pine trees and turpentine distilleries which abound on every hand. We are placed under lasting obligations to Mr. Chas. E. Gates, travelling agent of the PINE

KNOT office, for valuable service rendered us in obtaining our paper on which to print this issue of the *Times*. Long live and flourish the PINE KNOT, and the beautiful town of Southern Pines.—*Troy Times*.

RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT AT HARVARD.

Some Harvard students inspired by the success of the university missions in London and Edinburgh and encouraged by the visit of Professor Drummond, have undertaken to exercise a spiritual influence in Boston, and have engaged the Globe theater for five Sunday nights. The aim will be to reach the great class whom ordinary religious movements do not touch; not the slums alone, but such people as crowd the streets on Sunday evenings. The students will conduct the services, aided each evening by one of the university preachers—Philips Brooks, Edward Everett Hale, Dr. Gordon and Dr. McKenzie. The existence of the present activity in spiritual things at Harvard is said to be due chiefly to the influence of the voluntary religious system. There has been a great change in college life since the responsibility of ethical conduct has been laid directly upon the students themselves, and their manly self respect has been appealed to. They will have the strong and generous sympathy of the religious public in their efforts to reach unchurched men in Boston, and there is plenty of work of this kind for them to do.—*Exchange*.

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE.

The first thing that strikes the runner who reads the table of contents on the cover of *Lippincott's Magazine* for January is the excellence of the names. Fiction is represented by Brander Matthews, George H. Jessop, Edgar Saltus, and Albion W. Tourgee; essay and criticism by Edgar Fawcett, Charles E. L. Wingate, and W. H. Furness; poetry by Clinton Scollard, John James Piatt, Carlotta Perry, Nora Perry, and Amelie Rives. The venerable W. H. Furness, the celebrated Unitarian pulpit-ordinator of Philadelphia, draws upon his memory for some "Reminiscences" of his youthful days, including a dinner with John Quincy Adams, and Charles E. L. Wingate contributes a series of letters from Clara Louise Kellogg, Emma Abbott, Christine Nilsson, and other famous opera-singers, expressing their preferences as to operas and individual roles. "Our Monthly Gossip" has become an editorial department.

CHANGES IN THE R. & G. R. R. OFFICE.

It is said that there will be several changes in the office of Mr. F. W. Clark, general freight and passenger agent of the R. & G. R. R. system, to take effect January 1st, 1888. Mr. Fred. Bryan will take the place of Mr. H. G. Bowles, chief clerk. A gentleman from New York will take the place of Mr. R. P. Richardson, the stenographer. Mr. D. S. Cowan will become rate clerk and Mr. Newsom, at present employed in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, will take a position with Mr. Clark.