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Gentlemen—Two years ago I was attacked with a severe cough. The many remedies I took only aggravated it. Last fall a new trouble began with a terrible itching of the skin. All that I suffered in the past was not much as I endured from this. I was advised to try S. S. S. After using three bottles the itching ceased. There was no cough. I am happy to say that it has not returned in the present time with no return of my former troubles. I cannot say too much for S. S. S. A. H. Sparks.

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In Effect 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1888.

Going East		Schedule		Going West
No. 51.		Passenger Trains.		No. 50.
Ar.	Lve.	Stations.	Ar.	Lve.
p m	4 55	Goldsboro	11 27	a m
5 40	5 44	La Grange	10 39	10 42
6 21	6 43	Kinston	9 55	10 03
8 24	8 35	New Berne	8 00	8 25
10 50	p m	Morehead City	a m	5 37

Daily except Sunday.

Going East.		Schedule		Going West.
No. 1.*				No. 2†
Mixed Ft. & Pass. Train.		Stations.		Mixed Ft. & Pass. Train.
a m	6 10	Goldsboro	2 28	p m
6 46	6 51	Best's	1 48	1 52
7 11	7 21	La Grange	1 13	1 28
7 45	7 50	Falling Creek	12 44	12 49
8 14	8 24	Kinston	12 02	12 20
8 50	8 55	Caswell	11 41	11 46
9 15	9 22	Dover	11 16	11 21
10 00	10 05	Core Creek	10 43	10 48
10 29	10 34	Tuscarora	10 09	10 19
10 45	10 50	Clark's	9 52	9 57
11 20	a m	Newbern	a m	9 20

*Freight Train daily except Saturday. †Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Train 5 connects with Wilmington & Weldon Train leaving Goldsboro 4 a. m., and with Richmond & Danville Train leaving Goldsboro 4 p. m.

Train 51 connects with Richmond & Danville Train leaving Goldsboro 4 p. m., and with Wilmington and Weldon Train from the North at 9 a. m.

Train 2 connects with Richmond and Danville Night Express leaving Goldsboro at 4 a. m.

Train 2 connects with Wilmington and Weldon Passenger Train North leaving Goldsboro at 4:25 a. m.

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THE JOURNAL.

PARAPHRASE FROM BERANGER

Good heavens how beautiful is she!
Is she for whom I sigh
Love larks within the light and light
Of that dark dreaming eye.
Sweet airs of youth around her breathe,
And flutter in her train.
Good heavens how beautiful is she
And I, so old and plain

Good heavens how beautiful is she
As fresh and fair as day
Dark as the night her shining hair,
Her lip—a bud of May.
Yet all unconscious of her power,
Though hundreds sigh in vain.
Good heavens how beautiful is she
And I, so old and plain

Good heavens how beautiful is she
Can I her heart have won?
I, from whose cheerless destiny
All hope and joy had flown
Before her soft eyes smiled on me.
Love seemed a vision vain!
Good heavens how beautiful is she
And I, so old and plain

Good heavens how beautiful is she
And yet she loves me now
She brings the flower of maiden grace
To lock to the furrow'd brow
She comes to gild my evening day
To smile my every pain
Great heavens how beautiful is she
And I, so old and plain.

—Temple Bar.

FARMS AND FARMERS.

Short Talks With the Men Who Guide the Plow.

THE HARROW.

Southern farmers have not yet fully learned the value of the harrow. We break and then bed land perhaps, and that is all the preparation it receives. But this does not fine the soil, if it all is disposed to be hard or lumpy, as most old lands are. Land broken before the first of March is almost sure to be beaten down by hard rains—the air is then excluded, with all its ameliorating influences. One cannot afford to break it all over again with an ordinary plow. It takes much time. At this point the harrow comes in. With its five or six feet cut land may be gone over rapidly and quite thoroughly pulverized to a depth of three or four inches. No buried grass or weeds are brought to the surface again. No harm is done, only good. We have been doing such work today on a field turned over some weeks ago, which had on it a heavy coating of crab grass, and which had been rather packed and crusted by the recent heavy rains. A disc harrow did the work most satisfactory, pulverizing the surface nicely, and opening up the soil to the air again. Other harrows like the Thomas or the Shares might be made to do the same thing. Run the harrow in same direction that the plow went. This settles down and levels off the land very nicely. One hand and two mules will go over six to eight acres a day. Could time or labor be better spent than to break the crust after every hard rain, from the time the land was broken till it was planted? Keep the harrows going up to planting time; plant a part of the crop without bedding, and let us know how you like it, at the end of the year.—W. L. J., in Atlanta Constitution.

Popular Superstitions—Their Explanation.

Popular superstitions, if not indestructible, are at least very hard to kill. We know full well that the miracle-working pagans of antiquity were scientific jugglers, who imposed upon an ignorant laity, and that the supernaturalisms of the middle ages were tricks that any accomplished mountebank, with the aid of a smattering of natural philosphy, can now exhibit to admiring audiences without the slightest assistance from the other world. And yet, even in this era of general education, half the people one knows have their pet superstitions.

Set a ladder up on any public thoroughfare in New York, and mark how many of the wayfarers will step into the mud to avoid passing under it. Thousands, who would be ashamed, perhaps, to own it, would much rather see the new moon over the right shoulder than the left. The howling of his dog or the accidental stopping of a funeral before his door, gives many a brave man an inquiet feeling, and journeys and serious enterprises are often "held over" for a day, in order that their commencement may not fall on a Friday.

The fracture of a looking-glass, the upsetting of a salt-cellar, and fifty other incidents as inconsequent and trivial, are looked upon as "ill omens" by multitudes of civilized and Christian folk, and the horse shoes nailed over the doors of barns and byres, in various parts of the country, prove the dread of witchcraft did not die out with the witch persecution in New England.

Some of the common superstitions of the day are, in their origin, as old as history itself, and most of the modern "spiritual phenomena" by which the credulous are astonished and bewildered, are really only revivals of the humbugs of antiquity.

Superstition is, as we have hinted, a hardlived monster. A tendency to believe in what is *physically* impossible seems to pervade most of the human species; nor can education extermidate, though it may, modify and control, this tendency. The [simplest and most logical explanation of our proneness to credulity is this: there are so many things *physically* impossible which *must* be true—there is so much in the origin of man, his fall, his preservation on the earth, his redemption, his eternal destiny, which he knows and feels to be independent of all the principles of cause and effect of which mere *reason* can take cognizance, that he is apt to forget his duties have been fixed, his course laid down, his life-lesson so written that he who runs may read, and all the consequences of his departure from the "straight path" to happiness here and hereafter, so clearly expressed and defined, as to render the interposition of signs and wonders in his behalf or for his guidance unnecessary and useless. Let him rest assured that the Master of the supernatural world never employs its mighty powers for unnecessary or useless purposes.

"Really, girls, I'm too badly rattled by the honor conferred upon me to give you much of my gaff. It's the first time I ever tumbled to anything of this sort, and I hardly know just how to catch on. However, I'll try to be sufficiently up to snuff not to let any flies light on me while doing the president of this society act. I'm with you in this move, and don't any of you forget it. All over our land slang words and phrases are multiplying like flies in sorghum time, and it is our duty to help knock this crying evil as silly as possible. Let our motto be "Shoot the Slangist!"

Give Us Better Roads.

There [illegible] of keeping up [illegible] State is an eight-horse [illegible] gross [illegible] not be successfully rebuted. It be true, as some maintain, that a good condition of public highways of a country is an index to the progress and civilization of the people, then, indeed, it can truthfully be said that North Carolina has made but little progress in advanced civilization. The almost impassable of our roads during the winter inflicts upon the farmer one of his greatest hardships.

Now, the surest way to accomplish a desired reform is by constant agitation.

It is my purpose in this article to call attention to and briefly discuss the [illegible] of the systematic working [illegible] roads in N. C. [illegible] there is anything that [illegible] impliedly [illegible] government [illegible] time in the [illegible] roads, do not [illegible] The [illegible] taxes a [illegible] much as it does [illegible] thousands, especially [illegible] of means is [illegible] be benefited [illegible] system operates [illegible] or respect for [illegible] a section of road that requires little labor to be kept in [illegible] condition, and yet there are [illegible] a large number of hands, while there is another section, adjoining it—as is frequently the case—that is exceedingly difficult to keep up and has but few hands.

But the injustice of the system is not the only thing that merits consideration. If it secured good roads, it might be submitted to with some degree of toleration. A system deserves contempt and repudiation that so completely fails to accomplish the object of its existence.

I trust, Mr. Editor, that this important subject of better roads will be agitated until a proper settlement is built up that will deal out better, more just and a more successful system.

J. M. TURNER.

Lemay, N. C.

Use of Plaster.

There seems to be many [illegible] vaent with many that [illegible] or sulphate of [illegible] largely into the composition of plants, it can do but little good of a fertilizer. It [illegible] sider that there are so many [illegible] which, while they do not contribute directly to the growth of plants, have chemical or mechanical properties that play a very important part in vegetation. Plaster has both these properties. As a disinfectant and deodorizer it is one of the best, as well as cheapest, substances of our command. Any one who has kept stock of any kind stabled during the warm summer months, knows what a hard task it is to keep their apartments clean and odorless. Now, if they will keep a barrel of fresh ground plaster in a convenient corner, and every day, on sweeping the floor clean, sprinkle it freely with the plaster, it will absorb all disagreeable, noxious odors, rendering the air sweet and pure, while the value of the manure will be greatly enhanced by the retention of the ammonia. Poultry houses should also be swept clean at least twice a week in summer, and once a week in winter, and the floor sprinkled with plaster; it will add greatly to the value of the manure, and the satisfaction of having clean, sweet, odorless coops and healthy flocks, will abundantly pay expenses. Try it and be convinced.—American Agriculturist.

A Prisoner's Wonderful Invention.

Recently an electrician named S. L. Barrett was sentenced to the county jail for a period of ninety days for dealing a [illegible] in the county courthouse. While in jail he invented an instrument that he calls a microphone. When it is working properly it will weigh a fraction of a pound, and will enable a prisoner to escape by sawing, filing or using any other tool in twenty minutes. It was tested today by a number of citizens, they posting themselves in a front room in the back part of the prison, with doors closed. A clock was put in motion. Every click could be distinctly heard in the room. A saw was used gently on the bars, and produced a dead sawing noise. The instrument is worked by electricity on a single wire, the various noises of the cells coming over it distinctly. The invention is considered wonderful.—Globe Democrat.

Where Has the Water Gone?

From observations made along the entire chain of lakes the startling discovery has been made that the surface of all the great inland seas has been lowered nearly a foot and a half during the last year. The attention of vessel men was first drawn to the fact that the water was going down last fall, when numerous and inexplicable cases of vessels grounding were reported. From the middle to the close of the last season of navigation owners and masters of the larger class of boats on the lakes were troubled by the low stage of the water. Heavy bills of expense in releasing grounded vessels and consequent costly delays were borne by owners. Complaints were made of insufficient dredging, and government engineers expressed doubt in several cases where vessels touched bottom, especially in the Detroit river and in Lake St. Clair.

The cause of this remarkable state of affairs is a mystery. Whether some immense subterranean outlet has suddenly been established for the vast body of water or whether the tributary streams have been affected by drought is a matter for scientific men to determine. The opening of navigation will be looked forward to with interest.—Philadelphia Press.

Tin Can—Canteen.

As a curious illustration of the changes words undergo, that of canteen may be cited. It is, as every one knows, a vessel in which soldiers during a campaign carry water—or other fluids. When the Duke of Marlborough's army was in Flanders, they called this vessel a "tin can." The French adopted the vessel into their army, and, in accordance with the genius of their language, they placed the article qualifying the noun, making can-tin, pronounced can-teen. In this form the English again took the word from the French, and canteen it must ever remain.

The Cattle of Ayrshire.

The Ayrshires are to us exceedingly attractive on account of their broken color, the white spots and [illegible] contrasting beautifully with dark red or brown of the body, or at a time, being intersected along the edges of the white, and yet, strange to say, there is a craze for solid colors among breeders.

The breed is well adapted to make the most of short commons or the best of abundance—hardy, active, prolific, going all to milk when milking, and piling on flesh when dry—a breed every farmer and dairyman who owns one is proud of, filling the eye and filling the pail. The milk is of medium quality and abundant, making up in flow what it lacks in quality when compared with the special butter breeds, always rich in solids, hence admirable for cheese production. Were we to name a breed of cattle which would produce the greatest profit from a given area of farming or grazing land, or turn 100 tons of manure in Fodder and concentrated into [illegible] the Ayrshire.

[illegible] Ayrshire is an Ayrshire, and I may well be mistaken for [illegible] Agricultural [illegible]

A Remarkable Steam Engine.

An English firm have recently completed a small light compound engine, which, in point of weight, surpasses anything heretofore built. This engine is made of steel and phosphor bronze; all parts are built as light as possible, the rods and shafting and all parts possible being bored out to reduce weight. At a speed of only 300 revolutions a minute they indicate over twenty horse power, and weigh but 105 pounds all told. This engine would give fifty thirty horse power actual at a speed of 500 feet a minute. The cylinders are and three quarter inches in diameter, seven and a half inches piston and two strokes. Four thirty inch boilers can be fed from a pump driven by steam and project [illegible] of 105 pounds of steam [illegible] Experiments showing the engine is compound. A steep 2,500 tons of [illegible] day [illegible] of the [illegible] tons displacement, and engines of 2,000 to 10,000 one horse power. Several of the transatlantic lines have shown a mean ocean speed of twenty miles an hour, and make the passage in less than seven days.—Popular Science Monthly.

Questions for House Keepers.

How do you treat your household servants? "None of my business." But it is yours! and for fear you should forget it, I take the liberty to call your attention to it. Are they overworked? underpaid? indifferently fed? Do you ever give them a holiday? Do you ever lend them a book to read of a leisure evening? Do you ever give them a leisure evening? Do you care for them when they are sick? Do you remember that they, like yourself, have fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, toward whom a good word or kind action from you, might be the pivot upon which their whole life should, turn, for good or evil, joy or sorrow? Perhaps some young girl among them, dependent and oppressed, despondent and discouraged, to whose side you might step, and to whose heart you might bring that delicious joy, the sense of protection, for the want of which so many despairing feel turn [illegible]

None of my business? Are it? Yours that [illegible] heart? [illegible] Your [illegible] Your [illegible] Let [illegible] Duty. Husk [illegible]

Tests for Swords and Cutlasses.

In order to more completely insure the good quality of the swords and cutlasses issued to the British navy, orders have been given for the following tests to be applied to a large number of cutlasses which are to be repointed and reduced to a uniform blade length of twenty-seven inches. First the sword is to be subjected to a direct vertical pressure on the hilt in a machine specially constructed for the purpose, and it is required to stand a pressure of forty pounds without deviating from the straight lines.

Then additional vertical pressure is to be applied in the machine until the sword is bent so that the distance from point to hilt is reduced three inches. Finally the blade has to be bent round a suitable curved block, so that every portion of it partakes of the bend, the distance from point to hilt being reduced two and a half inches. The sword also has to be struck with moderate force, back and edge, on a block of oak to test the soundness of the hilt.—Scientific American.

To Explore Ancient Ruins.

The University of Pennsylvania is preparing to send an expedition, headed by Dr. John P. Peters, to thoroughly explore the ancient city of Sepharvaim, whose ruins are to be found above Babylon, on the Euphrates, almost directly west of Bagdad. The city is better known under the name of Persepolis. It has been estimated that $30,000 will be needed to cover the necessary expenses of carrying on digging for two or three years. Most of the sum has already been raised. The time for the starting of the expedition has not yet been determined, and some diplomatic communication with the Sultan of Turkey will first be necessary.

A Sure Cure.

"Please take this medicine, my dear, and I'll be hanged if it doesn't cure you," said a husband to his wife. "Oh, I will take it, then, by all means, for it is sure to do good one way or the other.

When Patti goes to South America on her professional tour she will take with her the finest singing voice in the world and a wardrobe filling forty-three huge trunks. Her costumes for the opera of "Traviata" alone cost $15,000.

Reading for Farmers Boys.

The character of a person is developed largely by his reading, if he reads at all. If he has an aptitude in any special direction, quite naturally his reading will be of the kind most suited to his peculiar bent of mind. Every parent should study the characteristics of his children, and help them to such reading as will most practically assist them in developing their capabilities. The farmer should put before such of his boys as are inclined to work on the farm, good agricultural papers—not those with theories which he knows to be impracticable, but common-sense papers which are edited from a practical standpoint and are for practical men. The boy who reads such a paper will become interested in it, because it treats of the work and the daily life going on about him—the work and the life he knows most about. Whenever he reads of new methods of doing things he will compare them with the method in which he is familiar, and the [illegible] method is the one he will follow, even if the new is the old. The [illegible] thought in [illegible] and what they heards, is [illegible] Food [illegible] people [illegible] thought [illegible] if you encourage him to be the own thinker. A good paper, which deals with the problems most familiar to him, is the best stimulus for thought.

A Snake of the Hand.

There is good significance in hand-shaking, and forty are the methods used to perform that operation. Some seize your hand with a fervent grasp—one feel excited—and holding your eye with a [illegible] own. Such is the salute [illegible] to share "the best slice in the locket" with the stranger of the hour. Others, again, seize your hand with as much fervency, and may mean as well toward you, but they do not directly at you, but past your cheek with eyes steadily set, as if looking for some undefinded ghostliness beyond, and seeming to converse with the same. Others give too great a show of fervency the salutation, causing your fingers to tingle with pain; you involuntarily glance at the injured hand, expecting it to have been compressed into one horrid, bruised, extended dexter digger. Others, again, add to this exhibition of muscular power by swinging your hand up and down [illegible] Ay, [illegible] you the [illegible] take the whole hand. For [illegible] Other hands [illegible] Oh! [illegible] pressure, and seem to [illegible] any. We have shaken hands with such personages, and the memory of it annoyed us for an hour afterward. It was like touching a wet dish cloth, or a cold, quivering frog. An embarrassing shake of the hand is when the party greets you hastily, yet silently, as if he felt guilty of boldness, or was not quite sure that he had not been misled by a resemblance. It is as awkward as a pause in conversation—no one knowing quite what to say under the circumstances.—Ex.

Composition on "Gooses."

Gosses are the biggest bird known to the human eye, and the be one is a gander. The gander is the monark of the air, but the rooster can lik him, cos the rooster he is brave like Geo. Solomon, but the gander isent fighty, more like preachers. The goose is a sailer, but not a wicked one like Jack Briley, which chews tobacco and swears, and everything, and it has got leather between its toes for to wolk the wotter like a thing of life. Ducks they are sailers too, but the swon has got a long neck like a giraff, and when it has got a sore throte it is mighty sick. The little gooses is goslums and is green. My sister she see a goslum and she ast Uncle Ned wot made it green, and he said, Uncle Ned did, that it was cos it wasn't ripe. Then Billy, he spoke up and said wen it was ripe it would be picked.

Roman Type in Germany.

Roman type and script are making their way slowly, but surely in Germany. The society for the abolition of the old German letters, which in 1886 numbered only 2,871 members, now has 4,436 on its list, which includes teachers, physicians, booksellers and merchants. In the last year thirty-one professors joined the league—a notable fact. In the year 1886, according to Hinrich's "Bibliography," out of 6,913 books on artistic, scientific, mercantile and industrial subjects 5,316 were printed in Roman type. As is well known, Bismarck has set his face most stubbornly against this reformation, which will, when fully accomplished, be for Germany, as well as for the rest of the world, a real blessing, inasmuch as their barbarous system of type and script has, as it were, shut the world out of their domain of letters.

Emeralds.

Pliny relates that a tomb at Cyprus bore a lion carved with eyes of emeralds so bright they frightened away the fish in the sea. Nero wore an eyeglass of emerald which was supposed good for the sight, and it is said that lapidaries who cut emeralds have good eyesight because the hue of the stone refreshes the eye. The Orientals believe that wearing an emerald imparts courage, and averts disaster. It was ground down and taken as a medicine in doses of six grains as a cure for various disorders. At the conquest of Peru the Spaniards captured hundred weights of emeralds, and one dedicated to the goddess Esmeralda was the size of an ostrich egg. Cortez gave his bride a large emerald carved like a rose, which roused the queen's envy and lost him the court favor.—Wide-Awake.

The King Headed the List.

The King of Persia once ordered his vizier to make out a list of all the fools in his dominions. He did so, and put his majesty's name at the head of them. The king asked him why, and he immediately answered: "Because you entrusted a lac of rupees to men you don't know to buy horses for you a thousand miles off, and who'll never come back." "Ay, but suppose they come back?" "Then I shall erase your name and insert theirs."

Wife (pleadingly).—I'm afraid George, you do not love me as well as you used to do.

Husband.—Why?

W.—Because you always let me get up to light the fire.

H.—Nonsense, my love! Your getting up to light the fire makes me love you all the more.

THE ÆSTHETIC OWL.

The owl sits perched on the hemlock tree
As wide awake as an owl can be,
The sky is clear and the air is still,
And he hoots to the night as long as he will.
Oh! the light of the sun is no light for him,
Give him the moon and the starlight dim,
For all the hours of the garish day
Deep in the thicket he blinks away.

To-wit! to-whoo! there's another shout,
From the midst of the forest the cry breaks out;
It comes from the heart of the doddered oak
And he knows full well the voice that spoke.
'Tis the signal shout that his mate has made.
Away! it is time for their nightly raid.
Softly and slow through the gloom they go,
Winging their way over field and wood,
While their eyeballs stare with a fiendish glare
At the thought of blood.

Woe to the mouse that is out of his hole,
One squeak and the victim is swallowed whole.
An a struggling and raw in that raven-ous maw
He lies by the side of the delving mole.

The little songsters are all at rest
In dreamy [illegible]
No [illegible] care or dream of fear,
Though their deadly foe is hovering near.

One flaw [illegible] drops with [illegible]
And [illegible] minstrel flags to [illegible]
[illegible] fear [illegible] show of sense,
Made up of feathers and sheer pretense.
[illegible] dull,
[illegible] thought in his [illegible]
What [illegible] dom's crest!
Our [illegible] is a fraud at best.

But [illegible] not his fate;
[illegible] great.
[illegible] praise [illegible]
[illegible] What a lovely [illegible]

—Harper's Bazar.

Panic at a Bull Fight.

When any accident occurs to a large number of people, the general sympathy is usually lessened when it can be proved that they have assembled for some wicked or foolish purpose. Said a young man who was thrown from his carriage on Sunday, "There! my mother told me something would happen to me if I went to ride today," and he seemed to bear his bruises with greater philosophy from the conscious-ness that they were deserved. The people engaged in the panic described below might well adopt the same view of resignation.

At a recent bull fight outside Saigon, after two animals had been killed, without any [illegible] accident, the third, an animal named Salado, jumped over the barrier into the circle before and [illegible] and killed a boy.

A terrible panic and tumult at once ensued. The spectators leaped to their feet. In the twinkling of an eye, the space about the bull was vacated, and the crowd rushed into a corner, trying to protect itself, by means of planks and sticks, from his charge.

Salado made a desperate rush for a young girl, who, with a shriek, fell to the ground, but one of the toreadors, with great presence of mind, trailed a red cloth in another direction, and thus diverted his attention from the girl, who was dragged unconscious to a place of safety.

The bull next trampled underfoot an unfortunate vender of drinking-water, and made his way into still another portion of the ring. A young man in one of the boxes tried to shoot him, but the three bullets lodged in his flesh only increased his fury.

One of the men then attempted to run him through, but missed his aim, and the bull charged him furiously. The man stepped aside, and the bull's horns penetrated the wooden paling so deeply that, before he could draw them out, two men had plunged their swords into him.

Even this did not kill him outright; the enraged animal staggered some thirty yards, and broke down a number of benches before expiring.—Youth's Companion.

Miss Blanche (speaking from experience).—"Have you made any conquests this summer?"

Miss Lillian.—"Oh, yes; Mr. Jones proposed the day before we came away."

Miss Blanche.—"Doesn't he pop the question in the most awkward manner imaginable?"

They meet as strangers.

A lady who had been abroad was describing some of the sights of her trip to her friends. "But what pleased me most of anything," she continued, "was the Strasburg clock." "Oh, how I should love to see it," gushed a sweet companion, "I am so interested in such foreign sights. And did you did see the Watch on the Rhine, too?"

A PORTLY lady endeavored to skate on the ice at Central Park, but she suddenly sat down, making a noise like an iron safe dropping from a sixth story window.

A gentleman ran to her assistance, and as he helped her to her feet, he remarked;—

"I presume you are skating for the first time?"

"No, for the last time," replied the disgusted female.

FALSE WITNESS.—The children at a Sunday school not long since, asked among other questions what bearing false witness against one's neighbor meant, a pert little girl replied: "It is when nobody haint done nothing, and somebody goes and tells."

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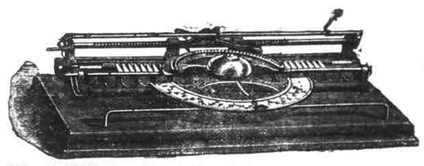

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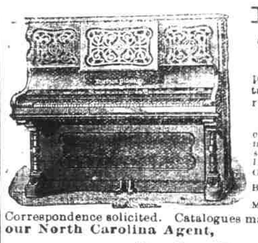

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