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LOVE'S INVOCATION. Come to me, love, with the flush of the summer, Come with its fragrance, its music, its mirth;

Or come when old holly-crowned winter is reigning Over the land where sweet summer has been;

Truth cannot change, dear, Faith cannot falter, Death cannot kill though it striketh Love dumb.

A GEOGRAPHY OF NORTH CAROLINA. I Position.—North Carolina, sometimes called the "Old North State," is situated in the southeastern part of the United States. It is bounded on the north by Virginia; on the east, by the Atlantic Ocean; on the south by South Carolina and Georgia; on the west by Tennessee.

IV. Relief.—According to height of the surface above the sea-level, the State is divided into three sections, the Eastern, Middle and Western sections.

V. Rocks.—(a). Soils.—The soil of the Eastern section is generally sandy and of moderate fertility. But along the streams, bays and sounds and extending inland the soil is exceedingly fertile.

VI. Rivers.—There are two river systems represented in the State. (a). The Atlantic system, East of the Blue Ridge, and (b) the Mississippi system, West of the Blue Ridge.

sound and is navigable to Weldon, nearly 100 miles from its mouth. The Tar empties into Pamlico sound and is navigable to Tarboro, 100 miles from its mouth.

VII. Every variety of climate from very warm to very cold exist in the State. There is no healthier climate anywhere than that which the Middle and Western sections afford.

VIII. Vegetables.—Native Growth.—In the Eastern section are found the pine, cypress, juniper and live-oak. The long-leaved pine, which covers a large part of this section, is of great value in producing turpentine.

IX. Animals.—All the domestic animals common to the North Temperate zone are found in the State. Of the wild animals, bears and deer are found in the Eastern and Western sections.

XI. Cities.—Raleigh, situated in Wake County, is the capital of the State, and was named after Sir Walter Raleigh. Wilmington is the largest city and sea-port. Other cities and towns of importance are Fayetteville, New Bern, Goldsboro, Elizabeth City, Durham, Greensboro, Winston, Salisbury, Charlotte, Statesville, and Asheville.

XII. The first permanent settlement in the State was made in 1653. North Carolina was one of the original Thirteen States of the Union, and was the first to declare herself free of the rule of England.

A new method of reducing corn to meal is now in operation up North, which is likely to supersede the old-fashioned mill-stones. The corn passes over a series of cylinders, provided with fine steel points, revolving rapidly against fixed knives, each set finer than the one in the rear.

THE RELIGIOUS CARD-PLAYER. A private soldier by the name of Richard Lee was taken before the magistrate of Glasgow for playing cards during divine services.

"Richard put up the cards; this is no place for them." "Never mind that," said Richard. "When the services were over, the constable took Richard a prisoner, and brought him before the mayor."

"When I see the five it reminds me of the five wise virgins that trimmed their lamps. There were ten; but five were wise and five were foolish, and were shut out."

"When I see the seven it reminds me that on the seventh day God rested from the great work which he had made, and hallowed it."

"When I see the eight it reminds me of the eight righteous persons that were saved when God destroyed the world, viz: Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives."

"When I see the nine it reminds me of the nine lepers that were cleansed by our Saviour. There were nine out of ten who never returned thanks."

MODERN COURTSHIP. The Rev. R. C. Gess is the author of the following on "Modern Courtship." The different circumstances of the people cause a difference in their manner of courting.

drawing on the young man. This is entirely wrong, as it may end rather in driving him off.

"If he has no thought of addressing her seriously he should let the fact be known without delay. Young men should also be careful what they say or do in the presence of these giggling girls, for they often make the best wives. Six out of ten of them marry sedate men and soon settle down into staid matrons."

Men of sober sense do not want wives of sober sense, and giggling girls do not want giggling boys. There is, however, no rule as to the manner of conducting courtship. All will court as they please in their own way.

THE GREAT MONIED MEN OF THE UNITED STATES. In the year 1845, Moses G. Beach, of the New York Sun, published a little book prepared with care, which contained the names of men in the city worth \$100,000 and upwards.

John J. Astor.....\$25,000,000 Wm. B. Astor..... 5,000,000 Mr. Lorillard..... 2,000,000 Mr. Goeltz..... 1,000,000 Mr. Stewart..... 800,000 C. Vanderbilt..... 1,500,000 Moses Taylor..... 300,000 A. Belmont..... 100,000

Of that enchanted "975" only twenty-six reached the seven figures which make a millionaire; now we are said to have five hundred such that enchanted "975" then held property, as estimated by Mr. Beach from the best authorities, \$269,450,000; and at that very time the whole taxable value of the city of New York was only \$229,329,079.

These men, personally, are as good as other men; we have no word against them as fathers, husbands, or citizens. They are spoken of as having "made money." It is evident they were not coiners or counterfeiters of money, or professional chievers; but by what secret and patent process have they got so much money?—N. Y. Justice.

HOW BROKEN OCEAN CABLES ARE FISHED UP. The machinery used for picking up a cable in both deep and shallow water is of the most simple description.

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