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#### HEREAFTER.

When all life's storm are still And all life's noises into calm have passed, When rest and quiet comes to us at last,

What matters good or ill?

What matters love or hate? Calm hands are folded o'er a quie

And sorrow comes too late!

What matters wealth or fame? The narrow grave is all that earth can

The weary head is pillowed in sweet

The deathless soul in other worlds shall live And men forget our name.

What matters aught of earth? The passing pictures of a shadowed

The changing eddies of a turbid stream, Sure these are nothing worth.

Why, then, despond, my friend? The one thou lovest has but found a

Sweet peace and calm and rest when toil is past, And death is not the end!

#### THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

Wilmington Star.

Governor Francis, of Missouri was a successful business; man, and made a fortune by his energy and sagacity, before he became Governor. Speaking as a man of experience, he puts thus on record his opinion of the value of the local paper to the community in which it is published:

"The editor, proportion to his means, does more for his country than any other ten men; he ought to be supported, not because you like him or his writings, or not supported because you dislike him and disagree with his writing, bu all should support a local paper because it is the best investment a community can make; it may not be brilliantly edited or crowded with thought, but financially it is more benefit to the people than the teacher or preacher. Under stand me, I do not say morally o intellectually, but financially; and vet on the moral question you wil find most of the local papers on the right side. Today the editors of the home papers do the most for the least money of any men on

This is literally true, and truer of the papers published in small towns and in the rural districts, some times called country papers, which depend almost altogether on local support, than it is of the paper published in large cities.

There isn't a paper published in North Carolina, however insignifi cant it may be considered, which isn't worth more to the community in which it is published than the community pays for its support Omitting the dailies, there are weekly papers published in North Carolina, some of which compare favorably with weeklies published in any State, which are worth many times as much. The work that they do is not appreciated, but if they ceased to exist their value would soon be discovered and acknowledged.

Local papers are not always as good as they might be, but in such cases it will generally be found to be the fault of the people who do not support them as they should be supported. The better a paper is sustained the better it can be made, and the better the paper is the better it speaks for the progressiveness, business thrift, and intellit speaks. A man may subscribe for and read a half dozen papers, but the one that ought to have the first claim on him is his home paper, not altogether on account of it, but as a matter of local pride, and THE MOST POPULAR GLASSES IN THE local interest. He should take pride in having a creditable journalistic representative of the commuof this country, many of them being of nity in which he lives. It is bus:

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### BROWN AS A PUNCTUATOR.

WHAT CAME OF TRYING A NEW RAPID METHOD OF LEARNING THE

"Brown, my boy, there's nothing like it. It's better than 'French in Six Weeks,' because you can work it into yourself in a month, so that you can bardly say or think any. thing without following the rule, Take this beautiful selection, which recalls our old school-boy days The boy stood on the burning deck, comma, whence all but he had fled, semicolon; the flames that lit the battle's wreck, comma, shone around him o,er the dead, period That's grand; that's inepiring. You have all the beauty and all the sentiment, and besides you punctuate as you go along, and so mingle the artistic and the useful.

Brown was quite taken with this new plan for learning how to purctgate properly, says the Washington Star. He had often felt like brother to the fellow who wrote book without any punctuation wha ever, simply adding in an appendix a complete list of punctuation marks trom which the reader could select and punctuate as much or as little as he pleased.

The first lesson went off swimmingly. Brown so fell into the spirit of it that as he walked up the street afterwards he found himself soliloquizing: "I wonder, comma, com.na, before I go home, period. Perhaps, comma--" Then he slipped up on a piece of bananna skin and went down flat with two exclamation points and enough stars to equip several issues of a "blank-

making a dash for the miscrean lesson was still upon him, and meet frum th' 'sylum?"

"Your money or your life!"

right arm be dashed the pistols aside, two bullets perforating the hall window in instead of his head, as was intended. With two more whirls of that trusty arm he sent the burglars as surely and swiftly as one sentence follows another in the mouth of a 200 a minute speaker out through the window after gence of the community for which the bullets, remarked: "There, camma, now, comma, you can hunt your bullets at your leisure, period. Call again, comms, and I'll show you how to punctuate better, comma but you can't put a period to my existence just yet, period."

> Some fellow who hasprobably nothing else to do has figured it out this way: The average person trims off inch and a half every year. The average of human life all over the world is forty years. There are 1, 300,000,000 people in the world, who.

# A SOUTHERN

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1893

RULES.

RECEPTION. Thomas Nelson Page in Harper's Drawer. his eyes retrospectively.

if I had better get that paregoric,

For the first time in his life he felt like using the "dash" and also who threw that murderous peel there. He lay on the pavement long enough to denote several paragraphs, then got up with difficulty and limped down the street. But the brush. I took a survey, and saw the magic power of that first ing a newsboy, began: "Well, comma, my boy, what papers have you? interrogation point." The sharp eyed little rascal gazed at him curiously and then replied: "Com-ah? Come off. When did yer 'scape

eraily during the next two hours long and bony, with his shot-gun and getting a crowd of small boys across his arm. . What do you want? atinis heels, whom he escaped by I asked. seeking refuge in an empty school building -- a place the average boy never enters if he can help it-he took home to his dear family a somewhat battered but still large supply of punctuations.

At 2 a. m. his wife nundged him. "John there are burglars in the house!" "What-ah? Burglarsburglars!' Now wide awake, he sprang to the floor, exclaimed: Dealest, comma, I will defend you. camma, even with my heart's blood, comma if neccessary, exclamation point! He then threw open the chamber door right in the face of two masked burglars, who held pistols to his brest and demanded:

With one whirl of his strong

Thea rushing back to his wife he exclaimed: "Joy to my life, excla mation point, light of my eyes, more exclamation points, come to my arms, period." They fell weeping on each other's necks. Stars and dashes come in here, denoting a domestic scene too sacred for the eyes and ears of the vulgar public.

# Wasted Fingernaile.

# GOVERNOR'S VISIT

TO A CONVICT CAMP WHERE me march straight." HE GOT A CORDIAL

by trying to be very thorough," sald the governor, shatting his teeth dows on his Havans, and closing "When was it?" we seked.

"Not so long ago," said the governor. Does any of you think look like a felon?" he asked. The replies were not unanimous, "Well I was arrested as one within the last two years," he said. "When I came into the governorship I thought would be very thorough, and one of the first things I investigated was the convict system. The newspapers said I had made promises that would give honest labor a show. Perhaps I did. So one day I elipp ed off by myself and went up to the m nes to see how the thing was heing worked when no one was expected. The charges had been made that the lessees ran things very differently, when an investigation committee was expected, from the way they usually ran them, and that ordinarily the treatment was very harsh. I intended to go down into the mines, and I put on an old suit of clothes in which I used to hunt occasionally. They were torn and muddy, and I congratulated myself that no one would know me.

"In the pockets were all sorts of odds and ends, such as string, wire. a knife, nippers, etc. I got the conductor to let me off the train at a crossing, and walked a mile or two to the mines. As I got near them, thinking I would look over the ground before going out into the cleared space, I turned out of the path and struck up the hill through a small group of med around a fire, one or two of them convicts, one of two perhaps visitor, and one a guard with a double-barreled shot-gun across his arm. I was thinking of going down, and took a step or two, when some one behind me said, 'Hold on; come back here.' I turned, and there 30 steps from After punctuating the town gen- me was a guard, an ugly old fellow;

" 'I wants you,' he said, 'and wants you quick. Come here.' "I went over, moved rather by

curiosity. 'Well, what do you want with me?' "'I'm goin' to take you to the

warden.' he said. "But I wen't go,' I don't want to go to the warden, and I won't

"'You won't? Well, we'll see if you won't. If you don't, you'll git a load of buckshot in you,' he said, dropping his gun, and pulling back the hammer slowly.

"I saw that he had me and I determined to explain. 'I am a visitor up here,' I said. "Yes, no doubt; that's why

wants you to finish out your visit. We can't bar to part with you. Walk along thar.' "'But-' I began.

"But nothing, said he; 'you don't more service to you than it can me a crack with the butt of his gun you exercise, you develop those which nearly knocked me over. in yourself which are Godlike.

" 'Look here; i'm the governor of the state,' said I, trying to look imposing.

"He looked at me quizzically, You're a pretty-looking gov'nor, ain't you's said be. 'Well, Gov'nor, I'm glad to see you; I'm gwine help you flaish out jo' term. Walk slong thar an shet up yer jaw. I'm gittin' kinder tired on it, and I'm a good mind to let you have a load of buckshot anyways, jest to teach you manhers.'

"Well, that old fellow marched me down, and made a convict go through my clothes. The things in my pockets were proof positive of my guilt, of course, and you never heard such a lambasting as he gave me in your life, all the time keeping a running fire at me, asking what ! was 'in for' etc. The circumstantial the nail one-thirty-second part of an evidence was that I was a burglar, but they all agreed that I looked like a pick-pocket, and one man even suggested that I had picked therefore, waste on an average, 28,- a burglar's pocket. That was the 400 miles of finger nails each gener- worst of all. Then be marched me off to the warden."

#### "What became of the guard?" asked one. "He's my manager on my farm," said the governor "and he still makes

#### MELANGE OF DOTS.

It is said that we should take made on Consignments. life like a man. Take it just as though it were-as it is-an earnest, "I once made a mistake myself vital, essential affair. Take it as though you personally were horn to take the task of performing merry part in it-as though the world tad waited for your coming Take it as though it were a grand opportunity to do and to carry for ward great and good schemes, to help and cheer a suffering, wearr, it may be heart-broken brother. It is not made balf as much of as should be the case. Where is the man woman wno accomplishes one tithe of what might be done? Who cannot look back upon opportunities lost place unachieved, thoughts crushed aspirations unfulfilled, and all caused from the lack of necessary and poseible effort? If we knew better how to take and we ke the most of life it would be far greater than it is. It is said that many of the disap-

pointments of life come from mistak ing acquaintances for friends. It is said that what we learn

youth grows with us, and in time be comes a part of the mind itself. It is said that they that do nothing, are in the readiest way to de that which is worse than nothing.

It is said that confidence is a thing not to be produced by compalsions. No one can be forced into It is said that religon is not

thing of noise and spasm, but of si lent self-sacrifice and quiet growth. It is said most people would cocceed in small things, if they were not troubled with great ambitions. It is said that when moral cour-

is no personal daring of which it i It is said that we should be happy f we can, but we should not despise those who are otherwise, for we know

age feels that it is in the right there

not their troubles. It is said that flattery is often ragic of meanness, where, slthouge both parties intend deception, nelther are deceived.

It is said that feelings come and

go like light troops following the

victory of the present; but principles like troops of the line, are undisturb ed and stand fast. It is said that those who are incapable of shining but by dress, would do well to consider that the

contrast between them and their

clothes, turns out to their disadvantage. It is said that generosity during life is a very different thing from generosity in the hour of death; the one proceeds from gennine liberty and benevolence, the other from

It is said that you may derive grave pride or fear. thought from others, but your way Ready for Immediate delivery, of thinking, the mould in which your thoughts are cast, must be your own intellect may be imparted, bu not each man's intellectual frame.

it is said that more aftention should be paid to bodily health than to mental growth; the tree of knowledge should be grafted to to the tree of life. Whoever has sacrificed to wiedom generally sacrifices wis-

dom too. It is said that the only service which vou reader to your fellow men is of want no but but this,' and he gave to them, because in serving others PHILANDER.

So it will be.

Charlotte Observer.

The business men of the country do not appear to be seriously alarmed about the security of their interest under a Democratic administration. On the contrary, there has been a distinct growth of confidence in every section since the 4th of March. This is evidenced in no other way so clearly as by the offer to the Treasury of gold in exchange for greenback-offers so numerous that all fear that the Treasury will not be able to meet the demands upon it for gold has been allayed. It has the shiring metal, enough and to spare, and for nearly three weeks there has been no suggestion of a necessity for an issue of bonds. The present easy condition of national finances, so far as the gold obligations of the government are concerned, is eloquent testimony to the public confidence Presiden Cleveland, Secretary Carliste and the Democratic party.

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