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When the lark is singing carols from its viewless place on high, as the sun-hine hange its banners crimson tinted o'er the sky: When the hum of busy insects answers

back the linnet's song, When the mists have veiled the morningand the lovely days grow long; When the leaves are all a-tremble 'neath the passion of the breeze.

And the grain fields change their shad ows like the billows of the seas: from its refuge in the grass. And the blossomed boughs are nodding to the pilgrims as they pass:

Summer's come! When the dragon flies are darting like winged jewels through the air, When the birds are singing sweetly to

companions everywhere: When the mountains blend their grandeur into softly moulded lines. And the rocks peep out in gladness from their drapery of vines;

When the streams laugh very softly to the willows as they pass. Where the flowers cluster gayly in their many-tinted mass.

While the velvet moss is spreading there carpeting of green, And a fringe of bushes furnish perfect framing of the scene,

Summer's come! When the forest's cooling shadows tempt to rest at sultry noon.

While the marmute of the leaflets tempt to slumber with their tune; When the clouds are fleecy whiteness, stone stairway leading from lower unseed. and the at nesphere is bland.

And the season spreads its gladness and its plenty o'er the land. Then the lakelet arinks the sunshinewhile its mirrored gold is still-As it waits to clasp the streamlets dance

ing gavly down the hill, Vhile God's beauties, tike soft blessings, permeate the earth and air And unspoken benedictions meet our vision everywhere.

Summer's come! Vhen the air is perfume-laden through the watches of the night:

When the monnight on the meadew is a glorified delight. as it glides the lake and river, as it sof-

tens rugged scenes. With its lights and shadows shifting through a million leafy screens; Every pool a shining wonder, every tree no tudied art.

vel-work a part: Every day a dream of beauty." every

night a new surprise; Sumber Commission Merchant Every hour a tempting picture for our wonder-haunted evest

When all these are spread before us each a gen without alloythe earth is drunk with joy,

While the heart intones its anthem iolaing nature in her praise. And periection wheels perfection in thousand wondrous ways. Summer's come.

-- Chicago Inter-Ocean.

### MARBLE STAIRCASE

A NEW WONDER.

marble staircase at Natural Bridge, without suffering ourselves. Va., recently appeared in the Richmond Dispatch :

The marble staircase called "Isaoella Stait way" was opened here today with appropriate ceremonies and to the midst of public festivities. I'ms staircase leads into a cave and the descent is the only natural onterground stairway in the world. The grottoes have been thoro ghis Humisted and afford abundant ops cruel acts we permit them to do portanity for studying the beautiful what is likely to injure not only and wonderful interiors. The enthemselves but the community in trance is shout five minutes' walk fr m the bottom of the Natural Bridge.

THE EXERCISES.

The ceremonies of the day were n-zun with religious exercises, after lives of the lower animals happier which a procession of over 200 school children, followed by the students of Washington and Lee the Military Institute and the publie in general, entered. The archwas i 500 feet in length and reacher from the Caupon river to the plains a ove.

THE DISC .VERY. a round well upon the mountain buman race would perish. we him a short de tance of the Natural Bridge, in Virginia. They, ma . their way into a deep cavern, from 5 29 12 32 Hobgood 2 54 7 19 which her returned with difficulty and reported that they found a series of rooms with arched cailings, hung with beautiful stalactites and conn-cted, until they reached a large body of water at the bottom. More No 103 connects at Hobgood for all ropes showed a general descent to the level of the streem. A reward was offered to the person who should find an outlet and the boys undertook the task. The ore who was within the cave at last fired a pistol J. R. KENLY, that was heard on the outside, and

driven and the passage was opened to-day and named the "Isabella Staircase." The opening of the out. let started a strong current of air from the large caverns that has dried and whitened the arches until the name first given-the Marble Stair case-was not inappropriate.

A LABYRINTH. The passage is winding and one point a perfect labyrinth, but While each cricket chirps its challenge always ascending, is between 400 contained the most fertile soil; and 500 feet in length under a beau tiful series of arcnes shaped like the interior of a borse-shoe magnet from 10 to 20 feet in height. At be middle way there is a side roon with a waterfall of stalactites about 20 feet in length hanging over the cavern below. Upon nearly all the walls are crystallizations, an the Whole off-et when lighted is orilliant beyond description. It is almost impossible to believe that this is a natural passage created by water and gases through a flesure of limestone rocks so perfect are the grained ceilings, so polished are the walls, and so adapted to use, that the beholder can hardly escape the impression that it was cut with but peruaps nowhere else in the world has there beef discovered

## ABOUT DUMB ANIMALS.

levels through a mountain and open-

Geo. T Angel.

ing to the eky.

To those who believe the Bible Divine revelation no argument night to be needed. "God made ue cattle." "God remembered the "title." "He caused grass to grow for the cattle " " fue cattle on nousand aills are his."

If the cattle on a thousand hills are God's cattle entrusted to our are, if He cares for the lives of Hi attle, and we depend on His mercy for our lives here and our welfare sereafter, then no other reason is Every tall and valley making of its max needed for protecting God's cattle from unnecessary cruelty.

If on the other hand there were go God, no fature life- if the thouands of millions in past ages who have founded their hopes of heaven on the Cornstian Bible were all mis-When the soul responds in gladness and taken-if the wise power that create i and governs the universe has or d sined that there shall be no punishm at bereafter, for crimes committet here, and no compensation for innocent suffering -that boly mothers and saints who have given their lives to save others simply chare with pirates and murderers a common annihilation-what then?

I snewer, even then we are so linked to the lower orders of creation The following description of a that we cannot make them suffer

Their meats, through cruelty, be come poisonous.

We cannot inflict suffering even apon the fish of the sea without en dangering human health .

When we destroy the birds we in are agriculture.

When we do cruel acts we do a Liure to our own souls.

When we permit others to de which they live.

On the other hand when we make the lives of the lower animals bappier we make our own lives happier: when we teach others to make the we teach them what will not only henefit the lower animals but the

If there were no other reason, the d ty of gratitude should be enough to secure them kind treatment.

What services they render us! Michelet says that if only the bird- were destroyed, the wonderful increase of insects would de-What happiness they bring into

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### THE PRESS AND the crevice. A short tunnel was THE STATE.

At the late press convention the following able essay was read by Mr. W. F. Burnank, editor of the

MEANS OF DEVELOPMENT

Winston Sentinei: "Many years ago there was a coun try peopled only by savages. It had a variety of climate, including most genial; its mountains were of ing loveliness; its scenery was the In its forests were the most orna- and civilization has another firm of woods; among its rocks the most milestode in the path of progress. precious of minerals; there was gold and silver, coal and iron, granite the progress, the development of s and even precious stones.

profuse wealth of nature while the peting of the press, country was peopled only by savagest Since the dawn of creation it had vielded nothing of permas way of developing the resources of nent value; the winter snows and our State? We have much to do, the summer sons saw little change, for our State is not sufficiently Compared with the present uses of known in other sections of this design. Other caveras there are, men these fertile fields were as Union or abroad. Moreover, it deserts, for all their products were is safe to say that if our newspaas flowers that are born to blush pers do nothing, nothing will be

mained to be advertised, and its make note of a new enterprise, to first advertiser was Christopher Co- convey through our columns such lambus. In its natural resonices information as will lead to a better the America of his day was the America of our day, but, behold | thorough exploration and develophow changed! The art of printing | ment of our natural recordes. Nor had been invented a little while be should we be loth to praise the adfore the discovery of this new vantages of other portions of our world, but the press, as that word | State than our own, for we are all s now significant, was not yet born. "It was some three and a half centuries before the gold of Califor. face of every part of it is our nia, the silver of Nevada, the conper of Montana, became known to

United States had an enormously ple to think about it. rapid development-so rapid and in a year has American enterprise it brings success.' transformed a pasture into a city with paved streets, banks, achools, churches, and electric roads. One city in the South is said to have doubled its population five West increased its population some

five thousand per cent. newspaper as an essential aid, a necessary adjunct, of their entervantages of their own particular lo- sincerity."

"Before the town is built-while there are but stakes to mark off A year ago some boys discovered stroy all vegetation and the whole the town lots-the modern town And how little they ask in raturn! the people therein recognize the covery not only had a speedy recov-"The cattle on a thousand hills are value of their home newspaper by ery, byt escaped all of the troublehealthy, try Electric Bitters. If South-that every profession, every arl Diseases of Throat, Chest and careful exploration by the use of "La Grippe" has left you weak and bank, almost every business and Lungs, and has cured cases of Asth the home newspaper.

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ing in whole or in part the manifold advantages of this Old North Sate.

"I believe in the press. I believe it to be the chief means of developing the resources of a State, for it is the source of information, the guide of its readers, their counsels for and their friend.

"An invention locked up in the brain of an Edison is without nresent value: a mountain of iron or a bed of gold is of little conrequence it antil it is made known to the world. Then does it become valcable, and where nature has deposited her fagiant size; it had valleys of exceed- vors in much profusion there does wan build the city, adort his home, grandest upon the face of the earth. erect a school house, and a church, mental as well as the most deeful support where she places another And it is absclutely certain that community, is rext to impossible "But of what value was all this without the heralding and trum-

"Now, what have we as North Uzicina journalists to do in the done. To be practical in these "Well, this land I speak of re- remarks-we should never fail to cultivation of the soil and a more fellow citizens of a great and beautiful commonwealth, and the wel-

"In all markets of this sort I bethe world, and men emigrated to lieve in persistency. A single drop the far West, as they did to the of water makes no impression on a shores of this country when James- rock, but multitudes of drops of town was founded, and Sir Walter water will wear away a spot in any Raleigh sent his first colour to stone. So, I repeat, we can not be what is now the Old North State, too persistent. We can turn the "It is within the memory of us attention of people to a given oball-for it was during the decade ject; that may be only tempororary; that preceded the taking of the last but by our own persistence - our recencus-tnat various parts of the peated efforts -we can compel peo-

And this, to my mind, should so brief a time that even to the gover be lost sight of. It will sorprogressive modern American it ceed on the principle of the advenseemed almost incredible. Within ther that 'keeping everlastingly at

"I beseech you as North Carolinians to show your reverence and your admiration for this grand Old State-its majestic mountains that mingle with the clouds and seem at times in ten years while one in the times to reach the blue vanit of heaven itself; its many rivers as they seek the sea, sometimes dis-"Now, I submit to you that these | playing the capricious fancy of things could not have been accomp. playful nature and in some places habed without the modern press, willing to be harnessed so thet and this miracle of cities built to a their power may be transmitted to day had its foundation or main re- the needs of man; its nonle forests hance on that other miracle-the containing in greater variety than Press. Indeed, such is the necessi- any other State of the American ty of the newspaper in developing Union the masterpieces of the vegthe resources of a State or a part of etable world; its varied and delightit, that town-builders regard a ful climate; its scenery beautiful in the freshness of spring and still more beautiful, perhaps, in the prise. They establish the newspa- golden autumn time; its diversified per shortly after laying off the town products of the soil -its cotton fields lots and charge its expense account and bright tobacco, its trucking inon the books of the land and devel- dustry, its fruits, its fish and oysopment company. I'de town-build- ters-the harvest of the sea; its er, therefore, looks upon the press minerals and precious stone ; the as prior in point of necessity to the busy inves of its factories, its bink, the school-house, the church schools and coneges-and all the and the other concomitants of a other things of which we may well -I.ARGE STOCK OF FINISHEL. progressive village or town. Not be proud, and hope to be prouder only this, but these town-builders vet. Let us, then, sound the had previously paid tribute to the praises of this State with no uncerpress, and in the newspapers of the tain sound; not in fulsome ways, large cities had presented the ada but in truth, in frankness, in all

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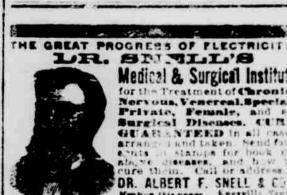
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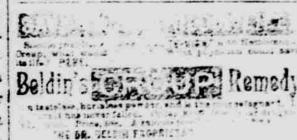
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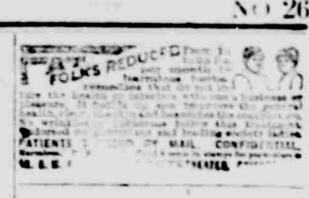


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