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who rulest over me, unhappy, art a

slave to others, and art guided as

whom neither poverty, nor death, no

chans frighten, brave in responding to

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his free movement; against whom for

He who fears poverty is without liber-

ty ... Tell me, what matters it to the

man who lives within the bounds of

nature whether he ploughs a hundred

or a thousand acres !.. They who cov

et much want much... I shall more

wisely extend my humble income by

contracting my desires ... True wisdom

dissenting from the mob, teaches the

people to renounce false names for

things, conferring sovereignty, the

secure diadem and the unfading lau-

rel, on him alone who can look upon

vast piles of wealth with a steady eye.

.. For neither royal treasures nor the

lictor of the consul can remove the

harassing anxieties of the mind, nor

the cares that hover around the splen-

did ceilings of the great ... Why do we

whose strength is of such short

jects. Why do we change our native

have been, you may say that you have

lived content. For if reason and pru-

the wide-spread sea-remove cares,

those who traverse the ocean change

Such are, literally, a few of the many

es the acquiescence of the mind in the dence-and not a place commanding

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indeed lag a little and our violent hands for others is a wondrous salve.

TIME IS ALWAYS NEW.

A CLEAN SLATE TO MAKE.

Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

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come near murdering him sometimes

but as soon as we get definite purposes

in life, the rascal takes to his heels

thing but his twinkling feet in the

Father Time, forsooth! Those who

lived in them; and our day is in ad-

vance of theirs, and theirs was in ad

progress in some form has been the

order since the beginning. All who

nine with backward looking eyes miss

the present; for each new moment is

as bright as any that have gone before

It is full of new opportunities, strug

gles, disappointments, triumphs. A

charm lingers around the new; new

chances have not been spoiled, new

toys have not been broken, new knowl-

edge has not become trite, new hopes

year and the beginning of the new and

though I am far from approving New

Year's resolutions, I can quite under-

idea of a clean slate helps the mind by

taking out of sight the confusing fig-

ures that have misled. Our problem,

any body; it is to take one short life

so divide it that results shall be mul-

tiplied, and nothing be left over save

HAPPY

Happy indeed is he who has no mis

worked, and strained is inevitably to

he of unreflecting spirit whose memory

carries him ever onward toward some

future imagined good without stopping

to estimate how that good is to be

reached. His is the happiness of

child. But thrice happy is he who

has lived and erred and risen again

who looks backward with eyes not suf-

fused with tears but alive with ques

tioning as to how to avoid such mis

takes in the future, getting wisdom

from the experiences of the past, from

mistakes plucking courage, and from

disappointments wrenching free; who

that what the spirit of a man has done.

the present is based on the deeds

of the past and the deeds of the

Some of you have wasted much time

the past year. You spendthrifts! Re-

e still full of buoyancy

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1898.

THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS. A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The railway statistics make the number of miles of railway built in this country during 1897 a little more than in 1895 but not quite so much as in 1896. The new railway built in 1897 was 1,938 miles, in 1896 it was 1,997 miles and in 1895 it was 1,922 ever be represented as an infirm oid

The old tolks of long ago-the very best and best educated by reason of plans are as many as our minutes and travel-would feel their heads swim if our whims innumerable, then he does they could bodily come back and see the whirl of travel of this last decade of the nineteenth century.

It has been three weeks since we left in this column any foot-prints of our wanderings-around in "leisure hours." The financial statement of the county monopolized our entire front page two weeks before Christmas, for there was so much rush of work just before the holidays that we could not put in an extra with our force. Then skipping days were the new days to those who last week to give printers a little rest, made up the three weeks that our readers have not known anything of our "leisure hours."

So far as we now see we shall be able to keep up our accustomed work for this column and we may continue to call it "leisure."

The French people are said to be very fond of the Marseillaise, that wonderful air of their home land.

One writing about it says that in an audience of 6,000 people the chorus was led by young men who did not look at the notes; and so familiar was it to them that many did not even have notes.

Americans do not pay a great deal of attention to our national air; and we believe that during the past year we had occasion to make mention of fact in this column, and also to contrast this with the fact that the English are quite fond of their national air.

While it is not probable that the South ever will drive the North out of the business of manufacturing cotton it can not be denied that there is a growing strength in this industry South. The manufacture of cotton is of course, a gigantic business and touches the interests of other countries than ours, but the South's chances for great improvement in the business are

A dispatch sent recently from Charlotte to Boston says that the question of mixing the races in cotton factories will not trouble the cotton manufact urers in the South for quite awhile vet; and if ever it does come the natural drowsiness of the negro will be so much added to by the din and hum and beat of machinery that he will not be a desirable operative even in mills where only colored labor is employed.

With every new national administration there are verily swarms of placeseekers about Washington. These calculate only for the immediate future, for the most part, leaving the tuture of even a few years to provide for

To be sure, it is a nice thing to get

into a department place. The work must not be very hard and the pay is pretty fair, and withal one teels quite comfortable in such position. But there is really a sad feature to the prospect of such fortunate ones, especially of young men; for those who have made observation at the nation's capital that is worth re- tive. garding, give it as their opinion, that when a young man once becomes identified with the department work and remains at it some considerable time

The progressive ladies of Westfield, much of it do you think you have? Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of Not more than thirty years, probably. TARBORO, N. C. the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with And if by reason of strength some rematter of interest to women, and we main effective for fifty years, what a

Thus would even rest and recreation have a purpose and a dignity.-And some of you have tried to do, but have failed to accomplish and you envy the many great and the many good who bave excelled in efforts. Cease repining and turn once more to the task; for the greatest have never had more than your own measure of time,twenty-four hours to the day. And some of you have sorrowed and buried the heart right out of your work. God It seems strange that Time should pity you! and show you a way out into some measure of sunlight during the man. Rather, he is a youth, sprightly year to come. Remember that as long and hurrying beyond all imaginings. as you live, you have duties to others Time never grows old. When childish and that the awakening of your social

YEAR.

conscience has in it the power to gath-

er up broken threads of life. Effort

and eager though we may be to catch Turn away from the notsy, thoughtup with him, we nevermore see anyless crowds and bend your ear to the summons of life. The world moves distance. And at last as our steps be-"Forward"; human growth is "Forgin to drag and falter, he circles round ward"; the mighty swing of the uniand round so fast that we are sick with verse in all its unmeasured extent is dizziness and eager for rest. Old "Forward." Let your feet fall into the marching time of imperishable concall him 'old' know not that Time is quering power, "Forward and Upever young. What we call the olden

Last in the march of months there December, vance of those who preceded them, for A solemn stately sage who says, "Remember.

> sing, alas, the dreary dirge of death, I bear the pall; yet, with my dying Another year is born, and, ere I go

A gentle cradle where the heir can And hear the soft receding strains that The final feast that speeds the fading

A Cheerful Soul

Here once more is the end of an old

year."

How different it is when one is hat itually cheerful! Wherever such person goes he carries gladness. makes it easier for others to live. stand how they seem to help those who do not yet regard every day as equally puts encouragement into the heart of every one he meets. When you ask sacred against waste. Now do many after his health, he answers you in a of us, like the boy who is puzzled in happy, cheerful way that quickens arithmetic, wipe our slates clean and your own pulses. He does not burden start again? Admittedly the problem you with a list of complaints. He does still remains to be solved, but the very not consider it necessary to tell you at breakfast how poorly he rested, how many hours he heard the clock strike during the night, or any of the details however, is more difficult than that of of his miserable condition this morning. He prefers only to speak of cheerful things, not staining the brightness of the morning for you with the recital goodness. The terms are confusing of any of his own discomforts.

enough, particularly when each one The cheerful man carries with him must cipher out the matter for himself perfumery in his presence and person-Alas! what a sorry lot of scrawlings ality, an influence that acts upon others some of us have made. We have taken as summer warmth on the fields and life as our dividened, irresolution as forests. It wakes up and calls out the our divisor, and the quotient is nothing best that is in them. It makes them and much over in the form of frazzled, stronger, braver and happier, Such a man makes a little spot of this world a lighter, brighter, warmer place for other people to live in. To meet him in the morning is to get inspiration which makes all the day's struggles and tasks takes to look back at, but his happieasier. His hearty handshake puts a ness is merely the happiness of an thrill of new vigor into your veins. animal; for to have really lived, and After talking with him for a few mintes, you feel an exhilaration, a quickenhave made mistakes. Happy also is ing of energy, renewal of zest and interest in living, and are ready for any is short for the past and whose hope

duty or service. The blessing of one such cheerful ife in a home is unmeasurable. It touches all the nousehold with its calming, quieting influence. It allays the storms of perturbed teeling that are sure to sweep down from the mountain of worldly care and conflict even upon the sheltered waters of home.

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Philadelphia Record.

A certified copy of the will of W. L looks onward with calm gaze believing ly. The certificate attached to the will it can again do and more also, since states that the gross value of the estate is £2,522,005, 17s. 1d., or about \$12, 000,000. Owing to the absence of the seal of the United States Consul on the future will be possible by reason of the certified copy of the will, it will be sent deeds of the present-all ever cumulaback to England to have the seal attached, as required by law.

Sleep Inducer.

It is said that if two or three dandelion leaves be chewed before going to bed they will induce sleep, no matter he becomes unfitted for anything else. solve and act against this for the year how nervous or worried one may be .to come. Wake up to the fact that Ex.

at is time irrecoverable. How digestion will be interested in the experience of Wm. H. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Iowa, who writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the merits of SWEET CONTENT.

THE ONLY SURE BOAD TO HAPPINESS.

Be Content and be Blessed.

BY LADY COOK (NEE TENNESSEE C.

Man is probably the only livin reature who suffers from disconte: Like other animals, he undergoes hunger and thirst, cold and heat, sexual and social desires, but unlike them, when his natural wants and passions are satisfied he is still more or less un happy. If he is rich he desires to be richer; if great, to be greater; if wise to be wiser. His capacity for acquisition is limitless. He adds field to field, gold to gold, fact to fact, and privilege to privilege, and is as greedy of power at the end of life as at th beginning. Pride and ambition are his constant stimulants, and urge him to renewed efforts. Nor is it desirable that these task masters should be altogether absent. Otherwise his inherent laziness would reduce him to de privation, ignorance, and crime; or an absolute content would condemn him to vegetate meanly and passively on the margin of want. Man would not be superior to the brutes were 11 not for these much abused qualities.

worth than gold, gold than the virtues. Nevertheless, individually, pride and O citizens, money is to be sought first; most moderation. When they cease enough wishes for nothing more ... to be wholesome stimuli they become The covetous man is always in want poisonous, and may effect a whole peoseek some sure limit to your wishes ple as with a plague. Such was "la Sicilian tyrants never found out grande pensee" of the French under greater torture than envy ... Whoever the first Napoleon, which deluged Eucovets or fears, house and proper; rope with blood. "La grande nation," please him as much as pictures a blearas they called themselves, believed eved man... Unless the vessel is pure, that its destiny was to subjugate the whatever you pour into it turns sour. world. It tried, and eventually found Receive with grateful hand whatever that destiny had decreed otherwise. hour the deity has blest to you, and France was subjugated instead. And put not off your enjoyments for a year this is the fate of all who yield to ex- so that in whatever place you may

"Contentment," says Cogan, express

portion of good we possess." But no

one can be truly content without

rect, is true in this sense, that no one who starves can be happy. It is all tell these who are pinched by poverty. that they should be content with that state of life into which it has pleased God to place them. But men will be than were the cabbages when St. Anthony preached to them. And it is right that this should satisfy no one, and which requires extirpation as against the immorality and imprudience to the force of circumstances. impulses which urge man to self-prothat state should be, and thus blindly sists neither of poverty nor riches, neither of rank nor bonour, nor any other external influence. It lies with in ourselves and goes with us wherev er we may go. It enables us to rise superior to all adversity and to despise all temptation, for it is based upon sure foundation-a serene and imperturbable equanimity.

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tune always rushes to be crippled ...

continuance, aim at so many ob-They sharpen his intelligence, and give a spur to his best faculties. They lands for climes warmed by another may conduce to good or evil, may sun? What exile from his country mouid a Marcus Antoninus, or a Nero, has ever escaped from himselt? As I shed my stlent mantle of pure snow a Brutus, or a Cataline, and make any much more as any man shall deny To hide time's scars and wrinkles, and of us useful citizens or public pests, according to the method and measure of from the Gods... It is virtue to avoid their working. They may even be vice, and the highest wisdom to have private vices and still give rise to pubbeen free from folly...Silver is less

> sufficiency.. Even a philosopher de- their sky- but not their mind. Strenfined happiness as "having enough to your idleness employs us : we seek on eat," which, although not strictly cor- ships and in four-hor e coaches to live happily: that which you seek is here at Ulubrae, if an even mind does not very fine for the sleek and well fed to abandon you." wise sentences that dropped from the genial pen of the ancient Roman master, who not only taught the supreme no more converted by such teaching felicity of content by moderating desire, but practiced what he preached and obtained the deepest insight into moral truth without the aid of a special revelation. The friend of Augustus much as any physical pestilence. It and the bosom friend of Maecenas, he arises, like every other disorder, from refused wealth from the one and honors past disregard for natural laws, and its from the other, preferring his indeevils are Nature's warning protests pendence with a yery moderate competency as a surer road to happiness. dence of mankind which have produc- "Live while you may, but live wisely," ed it. To be content with it argues was a favorite sentiment, and his conimbecility. One might as well profess stant motto was "Vive." He urged his Shakespeare was still a young man to'be pleased with the small pox. Con- friends over and over to "avoid extent is not the same as resignation. tremes," and to "keep within the gold-The latter denotes a submissive flyield- en mean." And very pleasantly-not ing, a melancholy and passive obe- at all in the grim Carlyleian vein-he showed that almost all of his country-Religion inculcates it as the acknowl- men were either fools or mad; because edgement of the right of a superior while striving for contentment, they power to afflict, and to which all good sought the wildest and most irrational Christians should meekly bow, wheth- means of obtaining it, and relied on er the chastisement be deserved or every method except the right. With not. But human nature does not wil- the keen vision of all true seers, he lingly kiss the rod. The instinctive perced deeper than most below the surface, and saw what is as true today tection, call upon him to resist every- as in his pagan time, that heaven and thing which he deems hurtful. And hell are not beyond but within us-not the reason so many are discontented is the shadowy extremes of a future state because they fail to understand what but the living realities of the present : s; ek for a false one. For the true con- chiefly upon ourselves. As Burns sang dy, known as Swamp-Root, for the cure referring to the serenity of mind which constitute content:

"It's no in titles nor in rank : It's no in wealth like Lon'on bank To purchase peace and rest: It's no making muckle mair: It's no in books; it's no in lear, To make us truly blest : If happiness has not her seat

And centre in the breast, We may be wise, or rich, or great,

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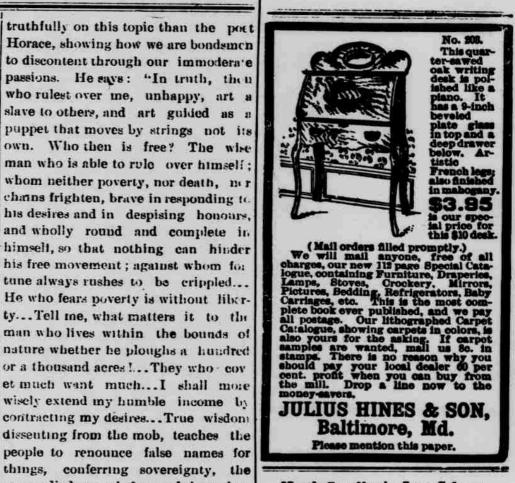
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North Carolina's Lost Colony.

Philadelphia Enquirer.

The New England families which have lately formed an association for self-glorification by claiming an American origin older and more important than that claimed by any of the Revolutionary or Colonial societies do not reach far enough back, after all. Down in Robeson county, N. C., are still living the descendants of the members of the lost colony sent out by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1587. No white settlement was made in New England until the next century, and the North Carolinians, if they choose to form a society and press their claim, are entitled to precedence by reason of their older American lineage over all similar American organizations.

An atmosphere of sentiment also surrounds the "lost colony" of North Carolina which, if properly worked, would redound to the social prestige of the colony's present day descendants. The story of the colony, as ordinarily told, is as artistic and inconclusive as Mr. Howell's tale of the Shakers' courting. The Governor of the colony was John White. Virginia Dare, the first child of English parents born in the New World, was Governor White's grandchild. The Governor sailed for England, and returning a year later could find no signs of the colony, except the word "Croatan" traced upon a tree. The wonderings, the searchings, the reflections, the moralizings that have been expended upon that lost colony would equip a great number of sentimental stories. As a matter of fact, the fate of the colony was a most natural one. It was absorbed ! y the Indians. The members intermarried with the natives, and their descendants of mixed white and Indian blood still bear the first English names ever

spoken within the United States. It does not matter that the records of some of these "Croatans," as they are called, have been unsavory, and that some of the 'Croatans" have been outlaws. It was of the Mayflower voyagers themselves that a New England Adams sald "a few were known favorably; still more were known unfavorably; the great majority were never known at all." A great majority of nearly all of the descendants of the first Englishmen to settle in the United States have never been known at all. when those Englishmen came to North Carolina. England's glory and power were still in the future. England herself was a young country, just assimilating the culture of the Continent. The North Carolinian mixed breeds who can show association with a time now so remote can have no rivals in the hereditary society line of business

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