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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS. 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 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 miles.

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR." TIME IS ALWAYS NEW. A CLEAN SLATE TO MAKE.

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 have excelled in efforts.

SWEET CONTENT. THE ONLY SURE ROAD TO HAPPINESS. Be Content and be Blessed.

Man is probably the only living creature who suffers from discontent. 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 unhappy.

YEAR. Turn away from the noisy, thoughtless crowds and bend your ear to the summons of life.

Last in the march of months there December, A solemn stately sage who says, "Remember, I sing, alas, the dreary dirge of death, I bear the pall; yet, with my dying breath,

A Cheerful Soul. Exchange. How different it is when one is habitually cheerful!

Here once more is the end of an old year and the beginning of the new and though I am far from approving New Year's resolutions, I can quite understand how they seem to help those who do not yet regard every day as equally sacred against waste.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. costs more than other medicines. But then it cures more than other medicines. Most of the cheap cough medicines merely palliate; they afford local and temporary relief.

For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co. Scotland Neck, N. C.

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D. C. A. WHITEHEAD, DENTAL Surgeon. TARBORO, N. C.

Hudson's English Kitchen, 187 Main St., NORFOLK, VA. Is the Leading Dining Room in the City for Ladies and Gentlemen.

Illustration of a typewriter with text: No. 335. This quarter-sized oak writing desk is polished like a mirror. It has a 9-inch beveled glass top and a deep drawer below. Artistic French legs also finished in mahogany. \$3.85

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.

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.

It does not matter that the records of some of these "Croatan" as they are called, have been unsavory, and that some of the "Croatans" have been outlaws.

Free to Our Readers.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that the eminent physician and scientist, Dr. Kilmer, after years of research and study, has discovered and given to the world a most remarkable remedy, known as Swamp-Root, for the cure of kidney and bladder troubles.

TO KEEP OFF THE GRIP.

Some people imagine there's no use trying to keep off grip, but the only people who are peculiarly liable to grip are those whose systems are run down.

A CURE FOR LAME BACK.

"My daughter when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes Loudon Grover, of Sardis, Ky.

A \$12,000,000 WILL. Philadelphia Record.

A certified copy of the will of W. L. Winnans was filed in Baltimore recently. The certificate attached to the will states that the gross value of the estate is \$2,522,005, 17s. 1d., or about \$12,000,000.

Sleep Inducer.

It is said that if two or three dandelion leaves be chewed before going to bed they will induce sleep, no matter how nervous or worried one may be.

NEW

Some of you have wasted much time the past year. You spendthrifts! Resolve and act against this for the year to come. Wake up to the fact that time spent is time irrecoverable.