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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things

Present. Past and Future.

A few years ago there were consider-

this part of North Carolina. This year,

however, there seems to be very little.

goes a long ways towards lessening fam-

ily expenses. "Long sweetening"-

cently that one of the results of the

war with Spain has been the better ac-

quaintance of our northern friends

with the capacity of the negro. And

it is a fact that the people of the north

do not regard the feeling between the

races here as they did a dozen years

ago. Every "yankee" who comes down

South now soon learns enough about

political affairs to become a Democrat

The low price of cotton is by no

means encouraging to the farmers. It

may be that it will sell lower this sea-

son than for many. But let the farm-

the low price to the local buyers. They

regret as much as the farmers the low

prices; but sometimes a farmer here

and there who does not consider close-

cotton buyer in North Carolina would

blind merchant of New York, some-

time ago, it was said, offered one mil-

lion dollars to have his eyesight re-

stored. Of course there were many

to cure him. He offered a dollar a

day to any blind man who would

undergo the various experiments un-

til one should prove successful. At

last a doctor claims to have been suc-

cessful with one of Mr. Rouss' substi-

for it if Mr. Rouss does not submit to

known throughout the entire country,

ind had she lived to fuller years she

ready made some reputation as a

writer, and she was developing well in

Her remains were taken from Nar-

agansett Pier, R. I., where she died,

to Richmond for interment. Her death

has carried heavy sadness and keen

grief to many a heart, for she was great-

y beloved for her own charms as well

as for the memory of other days which

And now "they say" that telegraph

messages can actually be sent without

wire. Consul Gilbert, says the Phila-

delphia Record, sends from Leige a

letter from a professor in a San Francis-

co school of engineering who has been

investigating the matter of wireless

"The professor refers to the system

of Dr. Della Riccia, connected with the

Montefiore Institute of Electricity, at

Liege. Dr. Ricca has made improve-

ments on apparatus already in use,

simplifying it and increasing its power,

and claims that he can confine the

oscillations of the transmitter to any

special point, to the exclusion of all

others. In case of communication be-

tween war vessels and forts, the message

case of fog at sea, the oscillations would

known to another at a distance of 30

telegraph. The item says:

her name always stirred.

ton selling for 10 cents.

pretty soon, at least in matters local.

a crowd of children.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1898.

REFLECTIONS ABOUT THE WAR.

able quantities of cane syrup made in Why the American "Yankee" is Good Soldier?

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.) Some may think that making syrup It is no surprise to the English for home use is a small matter, but it speaking people that the brilliant reputation of the American Navy and Army has obtained throughout the made at home-goes a long way amongst world as an efficient fighting force; and her last book-"A Romance of Summer it is due in great part to a splendid and complete course of training a soldier and bluejacket receives when he first and bold in picturing of real life. A man of observation said to us reenlists as a recruit in the service. s true the raw material is of the finest juality, but that does not excuse them, the proper military training which

In the first place the "Yankee" has

every soldier should have.

the very best instructors, for they have had a good military training and they have proved it. I will mention a few of them: Dewey, Sampson, Schley, Shafter and Miles. They have shown the world that the old "Yankee" is not always asleep and when he is his dreams are "Remember the Maine." The results of Manila and Santiago must convince poor Spain that the American "Yankee" is far better trainresponsible for further effusion of far away—at Colorado Springs, Col. blood, so he had to surrender to the

be annexed as soon as it is found.

Respectfully, C. T. CURRIE, 1st. Sergeant U. S. S. Bennington.

Disraeli's Ambition.

tutes and demands the opportunity of curing Mr. Rouss and getting his million dollars. He says that he will sue

The late Lord Beaconsfield had a two-sided nature. When plain Mr. Brogden, who lives in the east and Disraeli and a young man, he was not- knows the situation? He is a life-long ed for "love of tinsel, glitter and flam- Republican "of the straitest sect," and boyance," and for "delighting in fine has been highly honored by his party. clothes and fine dishes." He was also He says there is danger, and writes a It was with sorrow that all the South noted for his mental cleverness and for letter to the public announcing his inheard a few days ago of the death of a certain audacious frankness as to tention of voting the white man's tick-Miss Winnie Davis, "the daughter of aims and hopes in life, which were et. He says he cannot stand negro the Confederacy." She was well

would probably have developed into a

strong woman of letters. She had al- prime minister. raeli," said Lord Melbourne. "I hear you're a very clever young man. What's your ambition?"

"To be prime minister of England, my lord," the frank young man an

The sage, good-humored statesman, who had weighed most things of public life and did not think "their metal than thirty years from that interview

Disraeli had realized his ambition. Some time after Disraeli became old travelling companion, Clay, the great whist-player, met him somewhere about the House of Commons and said

"Well, Disraeli, when you and I travelled together years ago, who would ever have thought that you would be prime minister?"

"Who, indeed?" said Disraeli. "But. as they used to say when we were in the East, 'God is great,' and now He is greater than ever."

Doubtless the remark clashes against our reverence, but Disraeli probably did not mean to utter an irreverent epigram. He believed in God, "one God, and that God a mighty God," and in "the chosen race—the only race to could be transmitted to one alone; in which God has ever spoken"—we quote his own words. He was the only man can make the presence of a vessel become premier of Great Britain. of the "Chos

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About Miss Winnie Dayis.

The newspapers throughout the country have had very appropriate editorial notices of the death of Miss Winnie Davis. She was popular in the North, while in the South all the people, and the Confederate veterans, especially, adored her almost.

The consensus of press opinion is that she was a largely educated woman, and that her literary gifts were great. It is said that in this direction she was steadily developing, and those who read Seas"-will find it not merely interesting, but strong in character drawing

It has been variously stated that i vas because of her ambition to excel in literature, or because she did not wish to change her famous patronymic, that Miss Davis never married. What is the exact truth of that matter it i none of our business to enquire; but we may say that without being what would be generally called a beauty, she had much charm of person as well as of manner. Hers was a noble face and figure; hers were beautifut eyes, and she was seen at her best when her face lighted in conversation.

say of Miss Winnie, do not forget to grass. But when things go wrong, how sympathize with Mrs. Davis in her dismal everything seems! We forget ed than she thought before she tackled grief. It is remembered that mother and to enjoy the pure air, the blue sky, the them. Poor Toral at Santiago knew it daughter have been wellnigh insepara- green grass, the glad song of the birds. ers not make the mistake of charging was hopeless for further resistance ble for years. Mrs. Dayis' only other Suppose our lives do seem a weary round against the "Yankee", and felt himself child is Mrs. Hayes, whose residence is of duties, we have much to enjoy and

Whatever may have been the hostil-"Yankee," although it was quite pain- ity of the northern press to President ful. You know it is not every one Davis-and it was great-we have yet tainless rooms, seemingly with no bright ly feels inclined to blame the local who wears a human form that can to see anything from it anent this ray of light ahead, who toil on, providbuyer or his merchant for not paying claim to be a good soldier in the full death that is not tender and sympathe best they can for their loved ones. better prices. Every merchant and sense of that term, for there are many thetic; that does not show a sense of Those who have your pleasant homes who live and move among the Spanish kinship with the fine young woman and enough of this world's goods to be soldiers who are destitute of that chief who lies dead, and with the venerable comfortable, think how many there are old Uncle is not checked yery soon, I abandoned Charlotte, N. C., was trying think Spain will be the next country to make its way to the Trans-Mississipto annex to the United States. We pi Department. Some day some artist eye doctors from all quarters anxious bave a "Yankee" expedition on the will give to the world a precious possesway now to the North Pole which will sion in a picture representing that scene on the road.

What Ex-Gov. Brogden Says.

The Populist leaders tell us there is so. no danger of negro rule and that it is all a Democratic bugaboo. What have they to say in reply to ex-Governor

rule. Yet Cy. Thompson, who is get-The Hon. Grant Duff mentions in ting a salary which amounts to a bale his "Diary" that at Lord Melbourne's of cotton every day, says negro rule is Mrs. Norton introduced Disraeli to the "all bosh." Fellow countrymen, there is danger. Come over and help us "I am glad to meet you, Mr. Dis- avert the great calamity which is threatening us, our homes, our wives, our children and all we hold dear.

He Thought it Must be Poetry

lew York Herald. This is not a story of the much written of and talked about, but un readable chirography of Horace Greely worth the clink it made," must have but of one scarcely less known, but been amused at the ingenuousness of who shall be nameless. He concluded the gaudily dressed youth; but in less an important leading article with a carefully composed and brilliant peroration, but a compositor's eccentricity caused this prose to be given to the prime minister, writes Grant Duff, his world cut up into lines and posing as a poetical quotation.

The angry journalist rushed into the editor's den and exclaimed wildly: "Look at this, what that confounded

printer has done-ruined, utterly rain ed my work !" The editor listened quietly to a re-

cital of the crime. "I will see justice done you," he murmured, and walked into the com-

posing room. "Peterson, did you set this?" "Yes, sir."

"And beautiful work it is!" exclaimed the editor. "Do you know that this is some of Mr. Blank's best work and you have been fool enough to set it up disposition of his millions, his estates

piece of 'copy,' and then I read it back- other rich men's examples their own shrubs in the conservatory was almost ward and upside down, but I couldn't living executors, seeing and enjoying structive to plant life. sense out of it, and so concluded that them are noted tobacco men, too, of she liked flowers, answered, "On yes! it must be meant for poetry, str, and I this day. set it up as such."

BETTER NOT GRUMBLE.

Better Try to Help Others.

CHEERFULNESS AND GOOD WORKS.

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Be cheerful, don't grumble. How many of us are fauttless? Do not grumble at husband, at children, at neighbors, at friends, at circumstances, at so many things. Have you ever counted your blessings? Do you realize how much you have to be thankful for? Did you not take your husband fer better or worse, and have we not to take the bitter with sweet? Will there really be much bitter, if we love our neighbor as ourselves, and keep a cheerful spirit?

Can we not scatter seeds of kindness and love for our reaping by and by? When troubles and trials befall us, let us be as brave as we can, and try to be thankful it is no worse. The world is a beautiful place, there are so many good things, so many pleasures. On days when we are cheerful and happy, The papers, while having much to how blue the sky is, how green the thank God for.

How many sick and destitute there are in the land who live in bare curelement. They suppose themselves mother who has had so many trials, who are very poor and in trouble; even good soldiers and indeed they regard and now is called upon to bury her if it is only the widow's mite, lend a their course as honorable and worthy youngest child; her "cheerful baby" helping hand to your more unfortunate Charles Broadway Rouss, the great of irritation. The Spanish soldier whom she carried in her arms for five brothers and sisters, and be thankful (who is left) may yet be a "Yankee," miles, through darkness and mud, God has given you the ability to acor belong to "Uncle Sam," for if our when the presidential party, having cumulate what you have. Kind and cheerful words cost nothing.

When we are tempted to complain or to criticise those around us, we should by the leasure classes," writes Edward remember although the tongue is a Bok in the September Ladies' Home small member, it can do more mischief Journal, "is the woeful misunderstandthan all the other members of the body put together. It is worse than fire. It they would help. For instance, recent-

"Words are things of little worth, Quickly spoken, quickly lost; We forget them, but they stand Messengers at God's right band."

Rich and Poor.

There are lots of poor rich folks in mand high prices in the large cities! this world. They perhaps are over- Almost on the same day a company of looked in our sympathies for the really wealthy Ohio women formed an organpoor, poor as we might call them in ization for 'the better understanding of this world's goods. There should be the nigher moral laws by the domestics pity for the rich man, with more than in our homes!' A Chicago organizahe conveniently knows what to do with, tion, just formed, declares for its purand all he wants and craves is more pose the providing of clean and elevaand more-insatiable, that works and ting evening amusements for the girls worries to death's door to build his pile and saleswomen of our large stores.' higher, and who plays private detective All these charities are seriously entered on his property to keep others from it, upon, are well-intentioned, but they Address which he or his family has made a life show a pitiable ignorance of needed relong slave to make. There are riches forms. Our farmers' wives are not which, regardless of The question of sitting up nights looking for something questionable begetting, build an to do. God knows they need no further ice house or prison around its own burdens, no more 'industries': their created and willing victim, that he nor need is for more rest, for more forms of any one else can extract him from--a recreation, which means cessation from self-acting, automatic punishment here. labor. Our servants do not stand in Many rich men are like overland poor need of a higher morality as much as proprietors, who own more than they they do of more practical knowledge can cultivate, have use for or can ever of their work and more consideration pay taxes on, and won't part with a at the hands of their mistresses. Our toot for the release of life, mortgages, shopgirls and saleswomen are not taxes or freedom from debt or worry. clamoring for 'clean and elevating Poor in life, in deeds and in death. evening amusements' so much as that Such folks with such natures deserve women shall shop a little more intelmore pity by far than the ordinary poor. The darkest dungeon is not more punishment than utter selfishness that man often metes out to himself. Make and keep and never give is the poorest way on earth to live.

The great John Westley's motto was, "Make all you can, give all you can, save all you can," which concisely covers the duties imposed on wealth. He died poor but not without honors of the world. Philanthropists like Baron Hisrch while alive, provided by long study of the problem for the best "Prose is it? Well, I read that continuously executed. There are

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Ill-Advised Charities.

"What takes much away from the

strength of charitable work followed

ing of the needs of the people whom takes the power of God to tame the ly a body of Intelligent New York wotongue. Kind words mean much, but men formed themselves into an assowe must remember the good works al- clation 'to give practical help to farmers' wives in isolated places.' The idea was, of course, an excellent one; the field exists for beneficial work, but what were the means of 'practical help' devised? To 'furnish looms, spinningwheels and knitting-needles, with proper instructions,' to farmers' wives so that they might learn how to make 'lovely embroidery,' which would 'comligently and systematically."

"Flowers are Always Friends."

"It is surely a nobler commemoration of those we have lost to give flowers to the living than to lavish them on the coffins of the unseeing dead," writes an Englishwoman to the Spectator, appeal ing for flowering shrubs to fill the empiny onservatory of the Home of Peace to Dying.

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make head nor tail nor any kind of the truits of their labors, and some of A dying woman, on being asked it I am from the country and among strangers here, but the flowers are al ways friends !"



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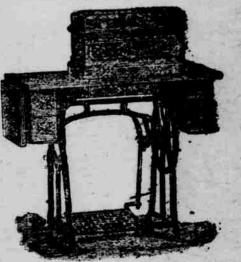
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