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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

THE COMMONWEALTH does not take o fads very often, but the one-acre crop is to be a fad with Texas farmers next year; and we should like to see it prevail in Halifax county. The idea is to do all that can be done for one acre and keep account with it. It is worth try-

reassuring. The advices form Jackson. Miss., of 4th said : 'With heavy frosts the past two mornings the fever germs are dead. Nearly all refugees except State officials have returned. Sixty cases and eleven deaths is the total recorded."

It has been given out that John Wannamaker has made a contract to pay the Philadelphia Record one million dollars for one page of advertisements in that paper a year. To be sure, there must be some mistake about it; for such figures for advertising just make a country editor's brain spin in bewilderment. But Mr. Wannamaker, who is the pioneer advertiser of the age, long ago demonstrated the wisdom of a iberal use of printer's ink. All wise and successful business men do like

Wireless telegraphy is perhaps the oremost wonder of the age just now. Plans are being matured for more thorough experiments about Washington by the signal corps of the army. The experiments are to be very exhaustive, and the Scientific American says that an attempt will be made to duplicate and even exceed the perormance of Mr. Marconi, who rece communicated between British war-

ships engaged in maneuvres which were at the time eighty miles apart. There is no forecasting now what will yet be the utility of wireless telegrephy.

A fairly well informed farmer in re-

marking recently on the improved condition of the farmers and others, said one of the reasons for it is the economy which the people generally have been practicing for the past year or two. He said especially of the farmers that they have learned to save more and make more for themselves. This is true and the farmers who have made their own supplies are everywhere in easier condition than those who have depended upon some money crop with which to supply their tables and their farms. The South is a great country, North Carolina is a great state, and this ought to be one of the most independent sections of the State, and we believe it is.

It is a great drawback to any community for the general public to get the impression that the people of that community are careless about discharging their financial obligations. People who will not, and do not try to pay their honest debts, are everywhere at a discount; and however attractive a community may be by reason of climate and other advantages, a stranger is slow to cast his lot where the people are not careful to pay their just debts. Every community, to be sure, has more or less of this element of population, and while we always prefer to write complimentary things, candor compels us to say that Scotland Neck community has its share of just those persons; for we think there are some persons in this community, both black and white, that pay their debts as grudgingly as any such people in the

A NIGHT OF TERROR.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow the braye General Burnham of Machtas, Me., when the dectors said she could not live till morning" writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from Pneumonia, but she saying it had more than once sayed her on; it as inevitable as the coming of life, and had cured her of Consumption sunshine to dispel darkness. After three small doses she slept easily being for them please give age of de- all night, and its further use completely cured her." This morvelous If your child has croup or bronchits. medicine is guaranteed to cure all Waste no time; delay may be danger-Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and \$.00. Trial bottles free at E. T. Whitehead & Co's drug store.

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Let us be fair to Great Britain. She As it Relates to Others. SOME COMMENTS ON SLAVERY. BY G. GROSVENOR DAWE.

Written For The Commonwealth. The news of the stamping out of yel-senative, a government that can be stands for "the open door." She is an you may, far or near, you will find but they make a specialty of solving the ow fever by reason of the frost is quite rebuked by a vote and cast out by a advance agent for American products the same acquiescence in the will of among the nations by blood, and lan- Those men are quick to see what the that is our own condemnation; for if it our own. It is not therefore timely wise enough to criticise. I do believe prosent existing in the world. in having sonse enough to go in when it rains, but I also believe in the wislom and the gain that come from looking on the bright side of things Let us believe with our whole heart that the nation that carved its way to freedom, that dared almost to disrupt

itself for the sake of a fuller freedom that has had courage to be untrue to its declaration of independence in order to do away with Mormonism and that has the name the world over for energy, for progress and humanity will be true to its higher purposes and aims According as our heart beliefs are interpreted into action, so will the nation

Speaking of the slavery of men and women and also of the necessary effort made by the United States to have one style of government throughout, reminds one of the war being now waged in South Africa. Because England gets scant treatment from some of our papers, perhaps a lew words may be permitted regarding some features of the struggle between the Boers and British. Practically the Boers are the only white people in the world who defend and practice slavery. With a sort of moral obtuseness that is peculiar at times to those who are verbally religious, the Boer prates of his nearness to God and then by his harsh brutality to the flesh and blood of his brotherman he demonstrates his nearness to the devil. For two centuries he has been out of step with progress and lives his patriarchal life in conditions far inferior to

our own Cracker whites. The Mormons went west beyond all fear of future interference. They were mistaken. Civilization caught up with them, ran beyond them, surrounded them, assassinated them-this last not without difficulty and distress. The United States could not permit within itself a region utterly foreign to the forward trend of things, hence the Edmunds law and demonstrations by soldiery and now the opposition to

The Boers trekked northward beyond all imaginings of future British extension. They, too, were mistaken. The steady tramp of commerce, of trade, of development has surrounded them and already stretches northward of them hundreds of mlles. Even within their own bounds their riches have arisen from those came in and developed the country, while the Boers merely squatted on it. They forbid Catholics or Hebrews from holding office; they grant monopolies; they despise the people who pay the taxes. Even a slight knowledge of history would tell us what to expect under such circumstances. The groups or the states, or the countries that will not keep step get their heels trodden

has a huge task all over this world standing out bravely even more bravely than we Americans do, for an equality of chance. Where the English flag goes there goes commerce and she makes no unpleasant inquiries as to where goods are manufactured. She wins peace with her sword and progress with her maxims, and then holds Though this is written two weeks in the door wide open for other nations to elections of the country will have tainly more than we do, and let us not seif been held before it is read, and we shall forget that! That sturdy little land have realized once more the advantage whose men never know when they are alone, and is easily the most popular it. of having a government that is repre- defeated is almost the only nation that resort in the world. Travel where yote. The quietude with which an and she is the best friend that America election passess off is in itself a proof has in foreign fields and markets. Yet munity, and is a promise of future sential to the carrying out of her proquietude. To know that practically gram we who are the nearest to her the majority preyatls all over the guage, and literature have been crycountry is to know that Americans are ing out about her land-grabbing and capable of self-government. Whatever her greed and her lustful cruelty. She apparent temporary departure there desires no more land: every square may be at present, while we are in a mile that she adds increases her responraise the voice of lamentation and say human servitude. She stands also for and says nothing, if he gets fleeced. that these new possessions merely more than we do; for we are not slow mean more office holders, more thiev- to take advantage of an open door, ties, however; it is not totally bad, as in on each side by a succession of dance ery, more self-benefit is to utter a wail while we think it wise to partly close be true that thievery and wrong doing nor kind, nor generous for us to cal exist in public office it means that we her a marauder when in matters of who boast of our freedom and inde- force she has done and is doing just pendence are ourselves to blame and what we have done; nor to call her ern and certainly, at the same time not commerce is the most unselfish at

Bewitched The Steak.

Charles E. Tripler, the famous experimenter in liquid air, recently went to Boston to visit his friend, Elihu Thompson, the electrical expert. He took him a can of liquefied air. It was a quart of the coldest thing on earth that Mr. Tripler had in this tin ean, and he took it with him to luncheon where he put it on the floor by his chair. They lunched in a hotel cafe and ordered a steak. After it had been brought in and while the waiter's back was turned, Mr. Tripler lifted it from the platter, opened the can and exposed the meat to the liquid air. When he put it back on the platter it was as hard as a rock.

"Waiter," called Mr. Tripler, "come ere." The waiter obeyed.

"What's the matter with this steak?" ie asked, anxiously.

And he lifted it from the plate by two fingers and struck it with his knife.

The frozen meat rang like a bell.

"I d-d-d-on't k-n-ow, sir," he faltered and he started for the head waiter on the run.

Mr. Tripler, by the way, is one of the fiercest looking men in the inventhead waiter approached him with almost timidity.

"Do you serve your steak like this as rule?" asked Mr. Tripler, as he struck the time of day on it.

"It's that foot chef," exclaimed the waiter as he started for the kitchen.

A few minutes later the chef appeared with the head waiter. He recognized the steak by sight at once. Then Mr. Tripler took it up and rang it again. Then Mr. Tripler laughed and Mr. Thompson smiled. A new steak was ordered and the frozen one was carried below to fool the rest of the kitchen.

'The Fourteen Mistakes of Life.

A list of "the fourteen mistakes of s certainly suggestive :

to expect uniformity of opinion in this world; to look for judgment and experience in youth; to endeavor to be remedied; not to yield in immaterial matters; not to alleviate all that needs alleviation as far as lies in our power; not to make allowances for the infirmities of others; to consider everything impossible that we cannot perform; to beiieye only what our finite minds can grasp; to expect to be able to under-

stand everything. And the last and greatest mistake of noment m ay launch us into eternity.

CASTORIA.
The Kind Yeu Have Always Bought

CONEY ISLAND. As Seen by a Tar Heel Boy.

THE VARIOUS SIGHTS AND SCENES OF A DAY.

Written For The Commonwealth.

one Coney Island.

It is a most wicked place; hence its popularity. These who patronize the more responsible for the wickedness, however, than the men who run them. lower class wants and turn their knowlpassions of the mob.

Nine-tenths of the shows are "lakes" state of war with some portions of our sibility and her burden; yet she turns goes "all fools are not dead yet" and are really kept up by almost invisible Leave Tarbore own country, all of us who stop to neither to the right band nor to the the man who gets up the biggest fraud streams of water. think feel confident that Americans left but goes forward in the grim re- makes the most money. It looks as if having been true, in great measure, for alization that one nation among all the tite people go there to get "buncoed" hundred years to the traditions of nations must lead for firmness and for and are rather disappointed if they urging the people to go in and see "the the fathers, will not now be found un-progressive generosity, and that she is don't. This is especially true of the worthy of an heroic past. If there is called to be that nation. She stands rural visitor, who wants to go home any one thing more sure than another for the things that are dearest to us :- and tell all about his maryelous exin this world it is that the dusky races freedom from religious restrictions and periences and hair breadth escapes. that have come in under our care from disabilities, equality of all before the The native New Yorker so admires the in a ferocious looking costume and a variety of causes will be better off liw, a fair distribution of the burdens audacity of the knaves who work the hired to fool the unintiated. with us than without us. For us to of taxation, the abolition of unwilling various games that he looks pleasant

wors!) on Saturday or Sunday evening is not an inch of space left. It is there during summer.

by the terrific noises, the size of the are ourselves certainly not fit to gov- selfish, when her whole policy toward crowds, and the number of leatherlunged "barkers" at every turn. The his show. But his voice avails him streets are lined with stands where they nothing on Sunday. The law forbids sell every eatable imaginable, such as him to "bark" so he stands with a most fish, oysters, tamales and frankfurters, appealing look, beckoning to the crowd | †Daily except Monday. †Daily excooked while you wait and piping hot. with his handkerchie!, and pointing to cept Sunday. Let me caution you against the last a small sign bearing the pathetic word named article, in case you should ever visit Coney. They look tempting, I know, but leave them alone! They are supposed to be sausages, and are made from the choicest cuts of the noble horse, and I have even heard it whispered that dog's meat form a goodly por- ed; the crowds sitting around the tables tion of their make-up.

innumerable ; I can only mention a few of the best ones.

First of all is the "chutes," the Mecca of all country people, the pride of the time while the boat is being rowed ground for the poor people. ashore by the sailor in charge.

After the "chute3" comes the toboggan, a rather lively affair. The passengers seat themselve in a small car and are drawn by cable to the top of a spiral structure forty feet high, and turned loose. The car starts down ing business. His mustache is of the with lightning-like rapidity, taking pirate cut, and his eyebrows bristle and a sudden drop every lap, and always meet in the middle. Therefore the gaining momentum. When it finally reaches the ground the passengers are dazed and "see things."

Next in order is the tower, a skeleton steel structure three hundred feet high, which commands a magnificent view of the surrounding land and water. From this dizzy height the scene at night is one long to be remembered. The myraids of electric lights in all directions make a picture from fairyland. The streets below are an everchanging kaleidoscope and the long white line of surf breaking upon the shore adds grandeur to the scene.

Side by side with the tower is the Ferris wheel, looking rather tame in comparison with its lofty rival. It has one feature though that is anything life" was recently given by an English but tame—the "ragtime" steps leading paper. The list is not exhaustive, but to the ticket office. They are two sets tion and shape. You may see it well own standard of right and wrong, and down like a piston-rod and playing see- linent stars being in the shape of an old ing leaves Clinton at 7:00 a.m. and judge people accordingly; to measure saw with untiring energy. It is exthe enjoyment of others by our own; tremely amusing to watch, the fat people trying to climb them. They bravely start up, and alter getting firmly mould all dispositions alike; to look for planted on the first step begin to perperfection in our own actions; to worry form a series of acrobatic "stunts" that would make even the rubber man jeal- perhaps until daybreak. Or it may ous. They hold to the railing like a drowning man and reach the top red after midnight. in the face and out of breath after en minutes of terrific exertion.

for pain cannot fail to be generally And the last and greatest mistake of appreciated, and no family should be all is to live for time alone, when any without it in case of accident, or sudble." en attack of dysentery, diarrhoea or cholera morbus. Sold eyerywhere. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain Killer, Perry Davis. Price 25c.

After the Ferris wheel we have the scenic tufinel, which is like the toboggan, only the cars run through a dark tunnel filled with a choice collection of ghosts and hob-goblins.

Then the maize, a glass house with mirrors so arranged that you can see MHIS MODERN SCHOOL of Shortvourself a thousand times in as many directions. As you wander on you see Volumes have been written about a helping hand beckening to you and Coney Island, but to get a definite idea of course must follow it. You come for business careers at a small cost, and advance of election day, yet the various benefit by her prowess, which is cer- of it one must visit and see for him- into violent contact with a mirror places them in positions free. For every way you turn. Finally you As a place of amusement it stands reach the exit when you least expect

> Across the way is a gypsy tent where anotty problems of the heart.

All around are numberless swings (scups as they are called) merry-goof the general good sense of the com- when a struggle comes on that is es- eyil shows and gambling resorts are rounds, picture tents and shooting galleries. The last named are liberally patronized by the youthful sports. the majority of whom couldn't hit a bull were he as large in proportion as edge into gold by catering to the baser the circular tin is to the proverbial eye. Each gallery is equipped with a number of glass balls so arranged that Leave Weldon Ar. Rocky Mt. pure and simple. But, as the old adage | they seem to float in mid-air; but they

Everywhere you see a variety of shows with an energetic "barker" outside Cuban wild girl," "the Filipino giant" or some other outlandish freak. None of them are genuine, they are only the ordinary thick-lipped "nigger" dressed

Last but not least we have the Bowery, the main attraction of the place. The place has some redeeming quali- It is only a narrow broad walk hemmed and concert halls. During the rush "The island" is seen at its best (or hours it is always so packed that there that the "barker" is in his glory. Hour The stranger is surprised most of all after hour he stands outside the ticket booth and with stentorian voice commands the people to go in to see

The dance halls all do a rushing business, and beer flows like water be tween the dances.

the concert halls. They are always fill- Wilmington 6 50 p. m. drinking yile beer and watching vile The various forms of amusement are performances. The shows consist mainly of a lot of girls in abbreviated Mills 10 42 a. m., arrives Fayetteville costumes doing the "cake walk" and singing "ragtime" songe.

A large part of the island was des island. "Chutes" is only another name troyed by fire this summer and it has for a steep incline down which a boat not yet been rebuilt. There has been dashes at a break-neck pace into a pool much talk of making a park of the burnof water below. While the boat is in ed area, and it will prove a double Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard motion the girls all hold their breath blessing if the plan is carried out. It Air Line and Southern Railway, at and even forget to scream, so great is will wipe out the foulest part of the Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte the speed, but they make up for lost island and will provide a beautiful play-

FALLING OF THE STARS.

Will Take Place in November, Says Prof. Lanneau.

Prof. J. F. Lanneau, of the department of Physics and Applied Mathe- and 6:30 p. m., arrive Washington matics of Wake Forest College, writes a citizen of Davidson in answer to an inquiry about the falling of the stars:

"There will be a remarable shower of stars this year, very much like the ordinary 'shooting stars' we see now and then of an evening quickly shooting across the sky with more or less of bright trail, and suddenly disappearing. Only, in the shower, there will be many hundreds of them succeeding each other irregularly for four or five hours, and all seeming to come from the same part of the sky, namely from about the constellation of stars, known as,"Leo," or "The Lion."

o'clock, and may know it by its posiof steps side by side, bobbing up and up above the Eastern horizon, its prom- 11:40 a. m. and 4:15 p. m. Returnfashioned grass blade.

"The shower will occur the night of Monday, November 13th, or rather be- all rail via Richmond. fore daylight next morning. It may begin at any time after midnight of Monday, the 13th, lasting several hours, not occur until Tuesday night, the 14th.

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