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THE EDITORS'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future. You know all

1s the consumption of intoxicating | One of The Best Crops of The South. worry, the liquors decreasing? This is a question that commands answers both affirma tive and negative. One day you read by one man's statistics that the drink bill of the nation is decreasing and the next day you read by another man's statistics that it is increasing. Whethquestion about the enormous cost to the country. If what is spent for drink were put into schools, there ould be no need of extra taxation anywhere to raise the money for securing good schools. The very life of the children of the land cries out against he traffic and the eyil.

> There will be a mid-winter exposition in Charleston, S. C., this year, and the News and Courrer of that city bea some nice things to say about North Carolina's exhibit to be given there. Among other things it says:

"North Carolina is one of the richest States in the Union, and will make an exhibit at Charleston that will cost from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The exhibit is already nearly available, the State Department of Agriculture having devoted for years a great deal of intel! gent attention to the establishment of a State Museum in which is assembled specimens of nearly every mineral, wood, crop and manufactured product in the State. Mr. Bruner, who has been engaged in the work of making these collections for the last 20 years, and Prof. Holmes, who enjoys a nattonal reputation in his special field, have the slips which will be used later on for certainly not nearer. already gone into the work with en-Baltimore and the Northern and Wes-Office hours from 9 to 1 o'clock; 2 to as to the richness of the Southern field.

> "A Christian theatre" is what Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kansas, author of "In His Steps," thinks the country ought to have. It will be remembered that Mr. Sheldon about a year ago took charge of the Topeka Capital, a daily paper in Topeka, and illustrated to the world how he thought Jesus Christ would run daily paper. His paper was watched with scrutiny by the people of the whole country; and for our part, begging his pardon for the presumption in saying it, we could not find anything in Mr. Sheldon's paper much more Christ-like than may be found in THE COMMONWEALTH every week

be beaten on its own soil by the other,

and in some respects, the greater Car-

and in a number of other good, clean, R. C. Brown's old stand, Tarboro. moral secular papers we know.

As to the theatre, we believe that all plays and performances that are not perfectly clean and hightoned ought to be kept out of all our playhouses any Cure Impotency, Night Emissions, Loss of Memory, all effects of self-abuse or excess and indiscretion.

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Of Mr. Sheldon's idea, Dr. Way-

land Hoyt says: "I am not able to judge whether or not the scheme is practicable. If it is four inches for fear of overbeating. I am quite sure the idea would be a playhouses of our churches and stimulate the study of dramatic art in our

Use nothing but Macnair's Blood theatre let him induce all church ed, particularly if a patch is wanted of members to withdraw their support small potatoes for the pigs in the early until 'plays sweet and clean and whole- fall. But it is not advisable to prune Scotland Neck N. C. some as anything to be found in the the vines too closely, as it will injure

theological seminaries. He concludes

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine. All clean, sweet and wholesome lives of druggists refund the money it it fails the best Christian men and women' in to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on the world are offered, and he will be in the way of accomplishing something."

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SWEET POTATOES. HINTS ABOUT THEIR CULTURE.

Harvie Jordan, in Atlanta Journal. Sweet potatoes are one of the most important crops grown on southern farms, and stands second to none in usefulness among the smaller side crops. In 1890 Georgia stood a close second to North Carolina, which held the lead in potato production at that time. The er decreasing or increasing there is no census of 1900 will doubtless place this State ahead of all others, as the acreage in sweet potato culture has been largely increased in Georgia within the past ten years. In 1890 the yield of sweet potatoes in Georgia amounted to 5,616,000 bushels

tivated with any degree of success.

In Europe the sweet potato is almost unknown, and there are efforts now being made to ship our sweet potatoes to England and France to be sold as a vegetable luxury to the people on the other side of the Atlantic. It is believed a good export trade could be make the list, and on the ridge so in the Southern States life was not built up, and if present efforts are suc- formed set out the slips. The list secure and property was not protected. cessful a tremendous impetus will be should not be high, because heavier given the sweet potato industry in the yields will be made when the potatoes The South itself has for some time South for export trade. The only se- are cultivated as nearly on a level as been taking steps to show how false rious trouble now is to get them across possible. It is preferable to transplant the general inference is. As a matter the ocean without damage and to secure | the slips on freshly plowed ground, and | of fact people live as securely in the a reasonable rate of water freight. to transplant in dry weather, pouring a Southern States as in any other section With a heavy foreign demand, coupled with good home markets, many farmers the slip, rather than wait for a rain. ing are horrible, but they do not porwill be able to profitably enlarge their After a rain the ground is apt to be too tray the actual conditions of the difsweet potato acreage and thereby cut down unprofitable increased cot- wet the tramping on clay lands is apt ton acreage.

MAKING BED FOR SLIPS.

It is now rather late to discuss the transplanting. However, it may be any potatoes by rot, either in the hill which they will find it to their interest during winter, or after bedding out in plants free from weeds and grass. to cultivate. We shall have to work the spring. I prefer the hotbed by tatoes to be bedded.

set up on end and nailed or staked securely together at the ends. Take out the earth on the inside of the enclosure to a depth of three or four inches and soil six to eight inches deeper. Spread on a thin layer of leaves or straw to essist in future drainage, and on top of the litter spread manure nicely pulverized to a depth of four inches. Level the manure and pack it down firmly, next covering it with a layer of soil from two to three inches in thickness It is best to let this stand for 24 hours before spreading on the potatoes. In the fall of the year I always select tho small potatoes for seed and bank them

If, however, the seed potatoes are large they may be split in half, placing the cut side down. Be careful in bedding the potatoes not to allow them to touch each other and put none in the bed that have decayed ends on them. Next spread a thin layer of straw over the potatoes to hold them in place later on when the slips are being drawn. Lastly cover with rich soil to a depth of at least two inches and the bed in complete. If rains are not sufficiently trequent to keep the bed moist water must be applied, preferably the soap water from the wash pot, which is usually convenient at least once a week. Fresh stable manure for the bed is best and should never be put in deeper than

Usually about 2,500 slips can be a valuable one. I cannot see why his- cured from one bushel of seed potatoes trionic talent may not be consecrated and about two bushels of small potato the Lord as well as any other talent." toes will furnish enough sets or elips Dr. E. M. Poteat, brother of Prof. for one acre of ground, provided two or W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest, thinks three drawings can be obtained. To that Mr. Sheldon's idea would make plant an acre from the first drawing this quantity should be doubled. The larger the potatoes the greater the number of bushels required for bedding.

Sometimes the growing vines are clipped off in the field and transplant-"If Mr. Sheldon wants to reform the ed and usually good results are obtainthe yield of the parent plants.

SOIL AND PREPARATION. Freshly cleared sandy soil well drain-

ed makes the heaviest yield of potatoes. Ordinarily fertile soil properly manured is preferable to very rich land. Except broken deep and close, and harrowed larly should this be done with our stiff olay lands. After good breaking, lay Lynn Roby Meekins in Saturday Evening Post. the rows three to four feet apart with a long shovel and distribute the fertilizers. It barnyard manure is used, distribute in the furrows from four to five tons per acre. It commercial fertilizers are to be used a good formula can be made up of the following:

Cotton seed meal 300 pounds. Acid phosphate 250 pounds. Kainit 300 pounds.

This to be applied to one acre. The best growth, about twice as much potash as nitrogen, and more nitrogen New Jersey is the most northerly than phosphate acid. If we know the busily at work in Europe, and have State in which this potato can be cul- plant tood constituents of any crop we operated in connection with the steamwet, or not sufficiently moist, and it too ferent States of the South. to injure the soil.

PLANTING AND CULTIVATING.

The slips should be dropped on the methods of bedding the tubers to grow ridge about eighteen inches apart.

One hand can follow behind with a ergy and enthusiasm and promise that that some have not yet bedded their long stick to press the roots in the soil. the North State will make a brilliant seed potatoes, while others may have Pour a little water in the hole beside display at Charleston. The Governor bedded and lost the seed by rotting the roots and press the earth together is heartily in sympathy with the enter- and will have to re-bed. The plan again. In this way two hands can do prise, and the money for making the which I have pursued for many years the work rapidly. In two or three exhibit is available. Philadelphia and has been uniformally successful and days after planting the middles should has always given me slips ready for be broken and the top soil around the tern States will find in the exhibit from transplanting in from ten to fifteen plants knocked off with the hoe. North Carolina much to inform them days after bedding. I have never lost Plowing and hoeing should be done often enough to keep the field and

After the first plowing in breaking very hard if South Carolina is not to first laying of the size plot needed the middles all future cultivation sufficiently large to receive all the po- should be shallow. As a rule, sweet potatoes should be plowed about four A plot three by six feet is usually times and hoed twice. If it is not delarge enough for two bushels. First sired to fertilize as heavily per acre as enclose the space with six inch planks the amounts stated, then reduce the supply, but endeavor to secure the proper proportions according to the formula. In the early fall we will discuss the best plans in use for harvestwith a garden fork loosen up the sub-ing and storing the crop. Every farmer should have at least an acre in potatoes this year.

Tried to Bunco the Clergymen.

"One morning a man came to me with a letter written on stamped paper of the South. Bad management made and signed with the name of a clergy- the New Orleans Exposition a failure man of my church in a town in Massa- but the other expositions that followed chusetts," writes Rev. David M. Steele | 1t had their meed of prosperity, and it of "The Lovers of a Cheerful Giver," in is quite likely that Charleston will the April Ladies' Home Journal. "His story, told in great embarrassment, was hat he had run away from home. According to the letter his aged mother was dying with grief, and the appeal of his rector was to the man to come come back at once. The minister's check for eight dollars, drawn on a bank in this same town, was inclosed with which to pay car fare. He was distressed and was anxious to go, but he difficulty was he had been in New Would I cash the check? I told bim to come back in a couple of hours, and meantime I telegraphed inquiries to the Reverend C.... The answer came, Do not know any such man.' When the fellow returned he was arrested, and in his pocket a neatly lept memo randum book was found containing the name of nearly every clergyman in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburg and Philadelphia. This had been his route. On each page of the book there were four columns, headed 'Name, Date, Amount and Remarks,' and in these were such entries as Reverend R...., \$4.00. Got after an hour's work.' 'Reverend S.... No good. Can't work.' 'Reverend T \$6.00. An easy mark.' The dates ran back through three years. When he had completed his tour be would probably either have sold his book to seme one else to use, or be would have changed his appearance, invented a time the people who were worth it."

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in soft sandy soils the land should be Coming from the North and West. to a finely pulverized tilth. Particu- THE OPENING UP OF THE SOUTH.

We are to see in the near future great change in the distribution of immigrants in this country. For a quarter of a century the tides have been flowing to the West and the Northwest, but great numbers are henceforth sure to go to the South. This rich part of our country-rich in the way of minerals and soil-has attracted far more people from other sections than it has settlers from Eusweet potato requires, to perfect its rope. Several facts explain the reason. In the first place, the trans-continental railroads have had their agents know best how to fertilize it, and this ship companies. The immigrant in can only be properly determined by buying his ticket in Europe generally practical experiment or analysis. Af- bought it to some Western or Northter the fertilizer has been applied, mix western point. Another thing was the it well with the soil by plowing in the large number of lynchings in the South furrow a time or two with a small which, being reported in European scooter. With a twister or turn plow newspapers, gave the impression that These influences are passing away.

teacupful of water in the hole made for of the world. The few cases of lynch-The industrial branches have done superb service in showing the opportunities open in the South, especially

in the way of manufacturing, and they are still adding to their usefulness in this direction. But best of all, probab- not great libraries being written for ly, in the way of the new influences, is Mr. Carnegie in America? They are the coming of practical business men from Northern and Western sections. Go to a Southern city to-day and you part of the Carnegie library of the will find these men not only making future is to be the American part of it, money rapidly but taking active part in the social and political life. Then. too, the large profits which the cotton mills and other factories are making who have money to invest and those who wish to utilize the opportunities.

It is in its way a fine thing that the Southerners are to hold a West Indian Exposition at Charleston, South Carolina. There is no purpose, so far as the managers have expressed themseles, to do anything but to encourage the commerce of the West India Is ands to trade with the Southern States. But when the exhibits are shown we predict that there will be curious result.

The South will show that it can proequal to the best of the North.

The exposition at Atlanta years ago

reap the rewards of its enterprise. The figures of the growth of the South since the Civil War seem more miracle than fact. In many States values have incressed tentoid; in some particular spots a hundred and a thous and fold. There was a time, not many years ago, when the South received a through the outbreak of speculation and Felous from its use. Infallible and the almost universal exploitation York only five days, knew no one, and of land booms. But all that has gone. Whitehead & Co's drug stors. could not be identified at any bank. The people have recovered and have settled down to the normal, and now the growth is legitimate development, old truism, that men and women are and thus all who, wanting to charge like water; they slways find their true and thus all who, wanting to charge like water; they slwsys find their true and 6:30 p.m., arrive Washington their abode, have gone there are find level. And where you live happiest, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., daily exing out that it is a goodly place, in- that is your level. There's poliuted cept Sunday. habited by goodly people.

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Could hurt nobility. But one thing Brand on our brow the mark, "De-

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Spend Other People's

Gerland Stanley Lee in "The National Magazine" for April.

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