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THE EDITORS'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Fresent, Past and Future.

All the literary world will be interested in the following item about th great and gifted writer it mentions:

"Victor Hugo's one hundredth birthlay will be celebrated in Paris on the 26th of this month. A monument secared through popular subscription will be dedicated, and there, will be elab orate services at the Pantheon, where the author is buried."

Owing to the frequent and disastrous ires throughout the country recently i s well for the towns and cities which eel so disposed to turn attention to the ituation in Denver, Col. There seems to be an ordinance in that city against erecting wooden buildings of any kind within the city limits. It is said that you cannot build a dog house there inless you build it of brick, stone, iron ir something besides wood.

The meeting in Raleigh last week of prominent educators of the State ad represntatives from most of the olleges and larger high schools in the tale. The object of the meeting was · emphasize the importance of making .ore thorough the work of the public hools in the State. It looks like the merest in education is genuine and bope great good will grow ou

The Constantineple correspondent a Paris paper recently gave acunt of a fight between the captors of Miss Stone, the missionary, and nother band of brigands. The spe-

"The captors of Miss Stone and tadame Tsilka have been attacked by nother band of brigands, seeking to were the prisoners in order to get the nsom. Twenty men on both sides are killed during the fight but the ginal captors of the missionary were vorious. Miss Stone was not burt

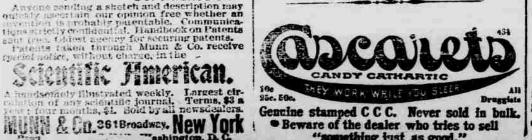
The Good Roads Congress which was ald in Raleigh last week created much mmendable enthusiasm. It was well ttended, Edgecombe county being redited with the largest delegation of the eastern counties. The addresses v the prominent men who spoxe oth North Carolinians and others, ere able and well received.

Altogether the subject of good roads eceived a new impetus which surely oust result in good to the State. We ed nothing more for the real improvenent of North Carolina than good ade, and every influence put to work improve our roads is much help tovards bringing about the best materi-I development of the State.

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Ex-Congressman T. G. Skinner made ome good hits in his speech at the Food Roads Congress in Raleigh last veek. He claimed a good deal for vorth Carolina, but we do not dere question the accuracy of his claimindeed it is pleasant to read what he said. One of the striking things that he said was that "North Carolina has settled up the whole country. Boys from this State have charge of New York everybody in Norfolk is from North Caronna. Take all the western States and all the men of .nfluence and prommence are from North Carolina."

This was a pretty sweeping declaraion, but it helps us get a better ide of the worth of our people.



PEARLS

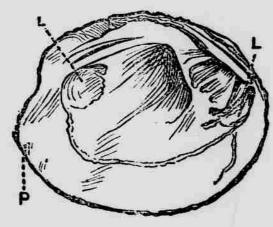
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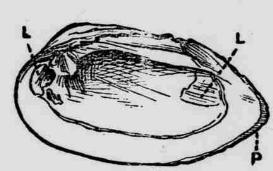
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SECTION 1.

Shell fish called mussels, and in some parts of the United States and Canada, called fresh water clams, are found in almost every river, large or small, and in many creeks, ponds and lakes in the United States' Canada and Mexico. Their shells vary much in size, shape, color and thickness. They have many different local or scientific names. variety contains pearls of some sort.

These shell fish are usually found lying half buried in certain shalow parts of a river. If the river is large, they are often very thick and lose to each other in beds. Near the source of some smaller streams hey are found crawling here and there in the water grass and weeds rowing at the edge of the river. In other streams they are found crawlng in the mud at the bottom or lying in cracks between large rocks which ompose the bed of the stream.





SHELLS OF TWO DIFFERENT SHAPES.

The inside of the half of each shell is shown. L indicates position of he ligament which must be cut before the shell will open. P is the point r part of the shell containing best shaped and brightest perals. The hell must be opened so as not to tone's this part with a knife blade, in order hat any pearl it might contain will not be damaged by the knife.

Usually the "fishermen, or boys who go in swimming, are most famil- Happenings Noted During the Week. er with the places where these shells are to be found in the greatest mentity. They can direct those who are not so much acquainted with he river to the proper places to search for the shells.

In one smil portion of one large river in the United States various on the platform at the depot Tuesday istraments are used to procure shells in large quantities for button mak- than was ever known to be on it before These shalls are all very extra thick and white with a smooth out- at one time. It had been left by the If such shells are found in great quantities near you and are lose to a railroid, where freight is cheap, they may have value. I will Gauge. In all there were 367 bales. xumine any puckage of shells sent me by mail or prepaid express and Fifty-eight bales came from Egypt. eport free of charge on their value for button making. Be sure that They were shorter than our bales, were ou prepay all charges. The amount is small to you, but when I re- about twice as thick, and much sive a hundred or two hundred packages a day, it amounts to a large um to me. I am sure that when I do this work free of charge for The Egyptian staple is longer than which some other people would charge you \$25, you would wish to the American and looks more like ive me any expense.

In other sections, including your locality, the shells are obtainable Of the entire lot, 123 bales were billed simply waiting into the shallow water and removing them with your hands for Clover, 50 for Yorkville and the r a rake. Then they are thrown upon the bank, if close by, or carried there balance for Lincolnton and Lenoir. a boat if distant.

After the shells are obtained, they are opened with a heavy Barlow Insert the knife blade between the edges of the nalves of shell in such a manner as to cut the two ligaments (marked in cuts) which bind the two half shells or valves together. You will 1 stice their situation in various forms of shells from the illustrations. oon as these ligaments are cut, the shell will open itself. You then examine the flesh of the mussel or clam thoroughly with your eye and lso by pressing the flesh between the shell and your thumb to feel for This hard substance is a pearl. ny hard substance.

(To be continued.)

W'y Tea is Both Black and Green.

The World's Population.

One of the scientists at the Agriculural College of Tokio has been investhe color of tea leaves, and he offers the ollowing explanation: In making green tea the leaves are steamed as soon is they are gathered. In the case of SOMETHING THAT WILL DO YOU in memory of her husband, who died the home of Mr. Whitaker and it is utdater succeeded in forming in 1884 a mack tea the leaves are allowed to fernent before drying. The result is that the finished black tea contains much ess tannin than the green. The origual tea leaf possesses an oxidizing entea by steaming. In black tea, during fermentation, the enzyme oxidizes the tannin, and gives rise to a brownish

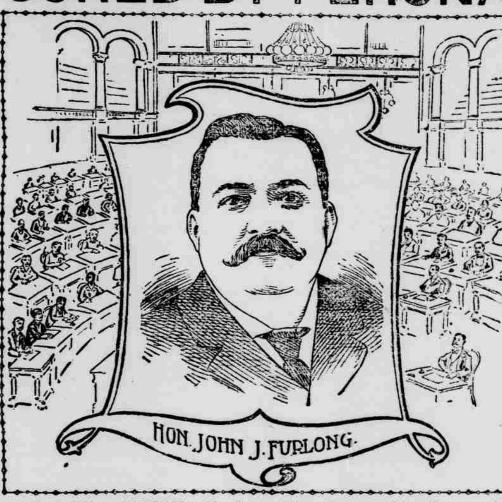
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Professor Wagner gives the total population of the world as 1,424,000, 000; Kolb as 1,250,000,000. A squaremile in Europe contains 1719, in Asia and in Australia and Polynesia 29 human beings.

GOOD.

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> \$18,164 50 worth of the yellow metal was shipped, but already almost that amount has been shipped this month

> > Philadelphia mint.

ATTEMPT AT HOUSE BURNING.

erintendent, and in the scuille he was

the other attempt. What the motive

for the crime is is not known unless it

was revenge. Some time ago Mr

made to capture the negro. Had he

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STATE NEWS.

COTTON FROM EGYPT.

Gastonia Gazette: More cotton was Southern for transfer to the Narrow heavier, weighing about 700 pounds. wool. It is spun at Clover and Lenoir.

BIG BEQUEST TO SCHOOL NEAR ENFIELD.

Associated Press: New York .- Mrs. Julia Elma Brewster Brick, who died escape after a scuille with Mr. D. at the age of 80 at her home in Brook- Andrews, who grabbed him as he ran lyn, February 3, bequests in her will, out from under the house, and then which was filed with Surrogate Church an exciting chase with blood hounds today, a great portion of her estate, followed. Mr. Andrews saw a fire unwhich is said to be worth nearly \$1,-000,000, to charities in which she had to see what it meant. A negro ran been interested for fifty years.

To the Jos. K. Brick Agricultural, scuffle Mr. Andrews was thrown to the Industrial and Normal School, in Ed- ground and the negro ran off. Bloodgecombe county, North Carolina, the hounds were secured and followed the bulk of her property goes. The Amer- trail several hours, running the man ican Missionary Association is to take all of ten miles. Mouroe Rogers has charge of this bequest, the exact val- been working for the Buil Durham gating the subject of the difference in 1014, in Africa 368, in America 114, ue of which could not be learned to factory, of which Mr. Andrews is sup-

This school has been one of Mrs, identified and his hat secured. This Brick's particular cares. It was named is not the first attempt made to burn a generation ago, and is for the educa- supposed that the Rogers negro made tion of negro boys and girls.

ABOUT THE CHARLOTTE MINT.

Charlotte Observer: The United Whitaker ordered Rogers to stay away States assay office in Charlotte has a from his home-previous to that time good start for February, \$17,000 worth he had been courting the negro cook of gold already having been sent to at the house. This probably prompted route will be chosen. The question is Philadelphia, where all the gold from the mean act. Every effort is being the Charlotte mint is disposed of. Daring the whole month of Januar; only

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Bristian Advocate. Among the yital questions now engrossing the attention of the American people, the Istimian Canal has a preemienence. The question is not only for American people but for the civilized world. A short waterway between the Atlantic and Pacific occans has a sig. nifleance which touches the commerce of the world. Our readers will do well to keep themselves informed on the nature and progress of this great enter-

The project of a ship canal between the two occans is nearly four hundred years old. The Spaniards explored a route across the Isthmus in 1529, with a view to effecting the passageway which offers such possibilities to the civilized world. Suffice it to say that at that time the scheme was so impracticable that all efforts in this direction were abandoned for the time The interest shown by the Franiar & has not been fruitless, as what they c d has furnished a foundation for succeeding projectors to build upon.

The Is hmian Canal Commission was appointed in 1899 to determine the most feasible route for a ship canal across Centual America. After extenswe surveys, only two routes were considered practicable: The Nicaragua and Panama. If our readers will look at a map of Central America, they will plainly see the force of this statement. It will also be seen that much more work is to be done on the Nicaragua than the Panama route. Both routes lie to tropical countries, and the danger to life is greater than in any other great enterprise inaugurated by the dvillized world.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The entire distance of the proposed The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus. O. Stear gua Canal from Greyton on the Carribean sea to Prito on the Pacific is 183 66 miles. It cuts the continental device only twelve miles from the and the indications are that there will coasts. Certain attitudes constitute be large returns for the rest of the the greatest difficulties to be confrontmonth. Of the \$17,000 worth of gold ed on this route. Lake Nicaragua is the received this month about \$4,500 is highest to ut, and undoubtedly furfrom North Carolina, \$1,000 from hishes a great gdvantage in constitut-South Carolina, and \$1,500 fr m ing a part of the waterway. Four locks have been planned in passing up To make 1,000 gold dollars or \$1,000 to the lake level from either ocean in any denomination of gold coins, Au immense dam is necessary at Con-53.75 ounces of pure gold is used, chuda on the San Juan river. The which is alloyed with 10 per cent. total length of the dam would be 1, of copper and other hard metal. Al- 310 feet, and its cost is estimated at most all our gold coin is made at the \$4,017,650.

The Parama route is but 49,09 miles from ocean to ocean. Colon is the Atlantic terminus; Panama Bay, the Durham Cor. to Charlotte Observer Pacific. The summit elevations are One of the boldest attempts ever made about twenty feet less than that for the in Durham county to burn a man's Nicaragua route. The greatest diffihome and family was made last night culty in the Panama route is a place when Monroe Rogers set fire to the for a dam which will not cost an exbome of Mr. W. B. Whitaker. He orbitantant sum. The estimates of the was caught in the act, but made his Canal Comm'ssion are \$180,864,062 for the Nicaragua conte, and \$144,233,-358 for the Panama. . The difference is considerable as can be seen at a glance. The Panama route is about one-fouth the length of that of the der Mr. Whitaker's bouse and ran over Nicsragua. The estimated annual cost of operation of the Panama route is out and he grabbed him. In the but six-tentles of that required in the Nicaragua route.

Before the Isthman Canal Commission was appointed, a French corporation, of which Ferdinand de Lessens was the head, began work on the Panama route in 1883. In 1887, cper ttions were sus; ended for lack of money. In 1889, the company becan o bankrupt, and was dissolved. The liqnew company known as the new Pana ma Canal Company. This company agrees to sell its rights and property valued at \$109,141,500, for \$40,000,600. The matter is before Congress, and what the result will be is problematic. It is likely, however, that the Nicaragua complicated, and the United States has on its hands a problem which is very difficu't, but which, we have no doubt, will be solved to the welfare of the civilized world.

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