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WINTER FRIENDS.
CORALINN DANIELS.

As winds that flowerets scatter
To gain their perfect scents,
As pools that softly flatter
The gazer's lineaments:
As bumble-bees who gather
Sweets with a ruthless sting,
Then leave the bloom to wither,
A torn and bleeding thing;
As Autumn skies all smiling
Which turn to sudden frost,
As seas in smooth beguiling
Soon high are tempest-tossed!
As some false gem doth glitter,
And Folly's sparkle lends;
So—and alas!—so bitterly,
Like these are "Summer friends."

Like gifts of noble giving
Like earth and fire and sky,
Like sunshine for all living,
And peace for all who die;
Like poets' wondrous pages,
Like music's mystic power;
Like deeds of other ages
Grown greater to this hour:
Like Charity, forgetting
And loving more through pain;
Like joy with no regretting,
And sorrow not in vain:
Like some strong word that flows
Straight to the soul, transcends
All others in bestowing
True good—are winter friends.

Then hark ye friends of Summer,
Be pledged in froth of wine!
To love a trifling comer,
As lightly go from mine!
But, friends of Winter, never
From my true soul depart,
But drink with me forever
The nectar of the heart.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
WINDSOR, N. C., Jan. 2, '88.
The Board met at 10 a. m. Members present J. C. Freeman, chairman; W. A. Capelhart, A. J. Dunning, Peter Rascoe and J. B. Stokes.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
Ordered that Mrs. E. R. Gilman be and she hereby is relieved from the payment of \$30.80, it being the County part of her taxes as returned by the board of assessors as unlisted, and it is further ordered that the clerk of this Board shall furnish her with a certified copy of this order that she may have refunded the sum of \$13.69, it being the State part of said unlisted taxes.
Ordered that the following persons be relieved from poll tax for 1887, to wit: T. P. Evans, Jno. T. Perry, K. P. Hoggard, W. D. Herrick, Dolly Williams, Annis Williams, Jos. Ruffin.
Ordered that H. W. Lyon proceed to make a copy of "Record of Deeds" and that he shall receive for said work not exceeding 25 cents for each instrument copied.

Primus Outlaw presented his official bond as constable for Windsor township, which was accepted.
Ordered that the Sheriff issue to each of the persons, to wit: W. E. Mountain, C. Mountain, J. L. Bowers, Wm. Holloman, a retail liquor license for five months from date upon payment of the legal taxes.
The following accounts were audited and ordered paid:
Jarred Peele, error in taxes for 1887, land, \$ 6 50
Henry Sutton, same, county part, 45
Lewis Williams, same, 50
W. H. Tayloe, J. P. cost Insolv't. State cases, 2 37
A. B. Phelps, coffin for Daniel Hagins, 3 00
S. M. Pearce, same for Winny Jones, 3 00
J. P. Rascoe & Son, mdse for poor house, 50 57
T. J. Heckstall, mdse for and Supt. of P. H., 316 20
Norman & Everett pork for poor house, 84 80
H. W. Lyon, services as Register Deeds, etc., 163 48
John Hughes, holding inquest over M. Bond, 22 10
H. J. Godwin, jail expenses, 45 20
H. J. Godwin, conveying Saml Hall to Halifax, Edwards & Broughton blank books, etc., 44 93
47 09

Mary Ann Harris, help out-side poor house, 2 00
Fathy Ann Hall, same 2 00
On motion the Board adjourned
H. W. LYON, Clerk.

If you are suffering with weak or inflamed eyes, or granulated eyelids, you can be quickly cured by using Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Eye Salve. 25 cents a box.

THE MARRIAGE BELLS.

The St. Paul Globe says: Young men, the large majority of you are hovering around the verge of matrimony, shivering like a mouse colored terrier, and afraid to step off. The great majority of you know where you can put your finger on a girl who would marry you at a second's notice but you are afraid that you couldn't satisfy the landlords, coal dealers and milliners that a man always weds when he marries a woman. You are not men! You are simple cowards, who see a prize hanging above your heads, and have not the moral courage to ascertain if your arms are long enough and strong enough to pluck it. My advice to you is, if you have a job and earning fair wages to get married and go to housekeeping if you have to begin with an oil stove, a candle and a lounge. This may seem to you to be a small beginning, and so it is, but once married, the money that you now throw away in your endeavors to quiet your restless soul will go into furniture and little niceties, and you will soon wake up to the fact that you are the owner of a home, and that word means a great deal to a young fellow who has been swimming around in the ocean of life ever since he was big enough to shave himself, with his chin just above the water. Just as soon as a man can stand up before the world, point to a pleasant home presided over by a wife, who makes a harness of smiles with which her husband draws her daily cares, and say "they are mine," he jerks his head up in the air about six inches and goes prancing about like a yearling colt in a new pasture. Get married young man, and if you use common sense in picking out a wife you are sure to make a success of the venture. The world owes you a living, but it isn't going to press it upon you. You will find that it is just as easy to feed two mouths as one, providing the extra month is owned by your wife. * * * There is nothing this side of Heaven that can smooth out the wrinkles in a man's disposition, or knock down the obstructions that get in his path as he tramps along through this brief probation of life, so perfectly as the sympathy and affection of a true, noble, self-sacrificing woman, and I am eccentric enough to believe that the majority of women are built that way.—State Chronicle.

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CHARACTER OF IMMIGRATION.

Of the immigrants nearly nine-tenths are now unskilled laborers, and that has probably been the case from the beginning of the activity of immigration. Between 1872 and 1887, out of a total of 5,396,416, only 587,349 were skilled laborers, and nearly one-half, or 2,596,188, were without occupation, the great part coming here to pick up such work as they could at such prices as were obtainable. It is apparent, therefore, how insuperable are the obstacles to the maintenance of a standard of wages for unskilled labor satisfactory to an organization like the Knights of Labor, for not only is

there the competition of workmen already here who are outside of the organization, but there is also a steady influx of nearly a quarter of a million annually from abroad. The present indications, too, are that the stream of immigration will increase rather than diminish in volume, at least during the remaining years of this century, the prospect being that, unless checked, it will bring to us many more than 5,000,000 additional foreigners before 1900 is reached.—New York Sun.

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FOR TARIFF REFORM.

The average "Tarheel" is a stubborn piece of humanity, but neither his stubbornness nor love of "old North Carolina corn" has reduced his better judgment or broad patriotism so far as to favor the repeal of the tax on whiskey and tobacco in preference to the reform of the tariff. We are strangely and unjustly misrepresented in this matter by both Northern and Southern newspapers. The position of every loyal Democrat in North Carolina is this: He prefers cheap blankets, cheap iron, cheap plough traces, and cheap woolen goods to cheap whiskey and cheap tobacco. He is for tariff reform and "Grover." And while he considers the present system of collecting internal revenue as obnoxious and erroneous, yet in his big heart he cannot let the few burdens of his own State impede the reformation of a national evil. Such is the position of the Democratic North State, and all other statements to the contrary are false from base to base. The Blair bill has been laid at our door as being favorably entertained. This is another charge false in root and branch. We have money enough to educate our children and then can spare enough to educate poor Blair's illiterates, too, if need be. The South is not a weeping upon its mother's breast. She is able to stand alone in this matter and seeks no outside aid. Let those Senators who dare dally with their high trust, feeling secure in the ignorance of their constituents, but lend their aid and vote to passing the Blair bill, and they will awake to a sense of their mistake when a "little too late" to return to Washington.—W. H. L. McLaurin in Courier Journal.

IN A SAD LIGHT.

A gentleman who was invited out to dine at a Delaware avenue residence lately, observed that the chandelier over the dining room table was of a peculiar construction, so that there was a light over the head of each guest. The globes were of various colors, some amber, some red, some blue. "What is the object of having the globes of different colors?" the guest asked his hostess. "Why, you see, when one gives a dinner or tea, one must invite some people whom one perfectly hates. Now last Tuesday I gave a supper, and I had to invite two women whom I despise. But I had to invite them or some of the young men I wanted would not come. I had my revenge on my fair enemies, however. I placed each of these two women under one of those pale blue lights at the table. They're usually considered beautiful women, but under that light they had the most ghastly look you ever saw. They were perfect scarecrows. They seemed to have aged 20 years the minute that they sat down. The men noticed it, of course, but they did not divine what caused it. They were quite taken aback and awfully glum at first. But finally one of them with a sigh turned and began talking to a real homely little thing that was sitting under a ruby colored light. Why, she was perfectly charming under it. So, you see, that when I want people to look perfectly hideous I put them under the blue lights. It kills everything." The gentleman looked up. He was under a blue light.—Buffalo Courier.

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PARTING IN ANGER.

The morning after I lectured in Wilkesbarre there was a great colliery explosion. Hundreds of Cornish miners were killed and their corpses lay at the mouth of the coal mine for recognition. Wives were wringing their hands and children were crying and a wail of desolation filled the air. Sitting at the mouth, by a pale corpse, was a young wife. She looked at her husband, but uttered no cry; her eyes were dry. She rocked herself to and fro, her face white with anguish. "Oh, that I had spoke fair to him at the end!" she moaned. "Oh, that he would come to life one minute, that I could say, 'Jimmy, forgive me!' but nothing will help me now. Oh, I could bear it all if I had only spoke fair to him at the end!" And then at last, the story came they had been married a year—she and Jim—and they both "had tempers," but Jim was always

the first to make up. And this very morning they had had trouble.

It began because breakfast wasn't ready, and the fire wouldn't burn; and they had said hard words, both of them. But at the very last, though breakfast had not been fit to eat, Jim had turned round at the door and said: "Give me a kiss, lass. You know you love me, and we won't part in ill-blood."

"No, Jimmy, I don't love you," I said, petulantly.

"Give me a kiss, lass," pleaded Jimmy.

"No, not one! and now—" and then the tears rushed to her eyes. With awful sobs she flung her arms around the corpse.

"Darling Jimmy! Darling Jimmy, speak to me now!" she mourned. "Say you forgive me!" "Do not grieve so hopelessly," I said; "perhaps Jimmy knows what you feel now."

But the mourner's ears were deaf to all comfort, and the wailing cry came again: "Oh, if I had only spoke to him fair at the last!"

It is not an uncommon story, this. We quarrel with those we love, and part, and meet and make up again; and death is merciful and waits till we are at peace. Yet how possible is just such an experience to any of us, who parts with some dear one in anger, or who lets the sun go down upon their wrath!

But it is always the noblest nature, the most loyal heart, which is the first to cry, "I was wrong; forgive me."—Eli Perkins in News and Observer.

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