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BECHER'S LAST WORDS.

An Article on Youthful Dissipations and their Effects—The Great Preacher's Opinion on Dancing—A Preacher.

The following article, from the pen of the late Henry Ward Beecher, was written by him only a fortnight previous to his death.

"Every man belongs to an economy of which he has a right to calculate, or his friends for him, on his life years as a fair term of life.

"Men are accustomed to look upon the excesses of youth as something that belongs to that time. They say that of course the young, like colts unbridled, will dissipate themselves.

"I do not object to mirth or gaiety, but I do object to any man's making an animal of himself by living for the gratification of his own animal passions.

"For this reason I deprecate late hours, irregular hours or irregular sleep. People ask me frequently, 'Do you think there is any harm in dancing?'

THE BLUE GROTTO OF NAPLES.

Some Unfortunate Explorers who ventured there Rashly.

A terrified English matron insisted on relating to me her all but fatal experience in the grotto, but having started from Naples with the hope of seeing the cerulean tint represented in the art magazines at Naples, I would not be discouraged.

With both hands against the mouth of the rock, the Capriote boatman watched his opportunity, and with a tremendous wave we were carried into the spacious grotto, which is fifty-three metres in length, thirty-two in width and thirteen in height.

The first iron steamer to cross the Atlantic was the Great Britain, screw steamer. She sailed from the Mersey July 26, 1845, and arrived at New York on the 10th of August following.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Small have had much to say about reformation of character. They have repeated again and again, in modern phraseology, the cry of the Baptist, 'Repent!'

A few days since a well-known negro man, who was the fortunate possessor of a fine lot on one of the leading residence streets of the city, sold his property for \$10,000 cash.

JOHN'S LAST LOVE.

How a Brave Confederate Officer was Shamed in Early Life.

General William W. Loring, the distinguished officer of the Confederate army, who was buried in St. Augustine recently, the home of his youth, with high honors, recalls to memory the days of young manhood, when he was a lawyer.

The lack of potash is in many old orchards the cause of their unfruitfulness. A dressing of wood ashes will, often give old trees a new lease of life.

Having seen many inquiries, of late, in regard to raising peaches, their methods, profits, etc., I will give you a brief description of my experience.

Omaha Dame—Have you any good girls. Employment Agent—Hundreds of them.

Wanted Some on Account. A few days since a well-known negro man, who was the fortunate possessor of a fine lot on one of the leading residence streets of the city, sold his property for \$10,000 cash.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

Hon. Thos. D. Johnston, our member in Congress, informs us that on the 23d of April, 1887, a competitive examination will be held at Asheville to select a cadet to attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

The free schools in this district will be opened on next Monday morning, and, as the term will be short, all pupils should enter on that day, in order to get the full benefit of the fund.

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LAST WEEK IN THE STATE.

HAPPENINGS SOCIAL, POLITICAL, FINANCIAL AND OTHERWISE.

Dr. W. G. Pool, of Pasquotank, brother of the late U. S. Senator Pool, is dead.

The town authorities of Hickory, offer a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the person who set the Reformed church and the Mayor's office on fire Sunday Morning.

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SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE PALMETTO STATE ARE DOING—A BUDGET OF NOTES ON MATTERS IN GENERAL.

An artesian well has been successfully sunk at McCormick.

Greenville's city council have determined to have the houses numbered at the resident's expense.

There are two veterans of the Mexican war in Pickens county, Messrs. J. B. Southerland and James A. McKee.

It is stated that a number of intelligent ladies in Greenville have formed a society which meets weekly to discuss woman suffrage.

The president has appointed Mr. A. H. Mowry, of Charleston, postmaster of that city, selecting him from among half a dozen candidates.

THE NEW ERA.

THE BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM IN THE PIEDMONT REGION, AS IT CIRCULATES IN EVERY COUNTY OF THAT SECTION.

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