

### Thanksgiving Casualties.

Lexington, Nov. 26.—Coy Crotts aged about 17 years, son of James Crotts, a well-known contractor, was killed late this afternoon, about two miles from Lexington by the accidental discharge of a gun. Young Crotts started to push the gun into a rear end of a wagon, butt foremost, and in some manner it was discharged and the entire load entered his stomach. He lived only about three minutes. Just one year ago a young man was accidentally killed while out hunting less than three hundred yards from where the tragedy occurred to day.

Special to the Observer.

Maxton, Nov. 26.—This afternoon while out hunting Doc McLean, 10 years old, accidentally shot and instantly killed Lacy Barnes, 14 years old. McLean claims that he was fixing to shoot a lark when Barnes got in front of the gun and received the load just a few inches above the heart. McLean was arrested and locked up immediately, awaiting the coroner's arrival and an investigation.

Special to the Observer.

Maxton, Nov. 26.—A Croatan girl named Brewer, living on Mr. M. C. McNair's place near town while burning trash in the yard this afternoon allowed her clothing to catch on fire and she was burned almost over her entire body and is expected to die at any time.

### It Is a Wonder.

Chamberlain's Liniment is one of the most remarkable preparations yet produced for the relief of rheumatic pains, and for lame back, sprains and bruises. The quick relief from pain which it affords in case of rheumatism is alone worth many times its cost. Price, 25 cents; large size 50 cents. For sale by J. E. Shell Druggist and Dr. Kent, Druggist.

The crooked bank cashier certainly believes in taking the things that is nearest his hand.

### Fine Arts of 8,000 Years Ago.

New York World.

In an interesting and extraordinarily complete collection of ancient Egyptian amulets which has just been placed on exhibition in the Brooklyn Institute Museum are some works of art which would do credit to the most skillful of our modern sculptors. When it is considered that many of these were made as early as 3,000 B. C.—before even Abraham was born—one cannot but wonder what sort of civilization must have existed in those days. There is the face of a lioness carved in stone that would do credit to Barye, there are tiny bronze figures of Isis, Osiris and Horus that are as perfect in their proportions and as strong in their conception as any of the masterpieces of Rodin; there are alligators, turtles, cats and other animals which resemble nothing so much as the best work of the Japanese, and there are carved jades and turquoise, which Boutet de Monvel or any of the present day designers of jewelry in Paris might take as their models.

In arranging this probably unique collection Prof. W. H. Goodyear wisely placed in the very center of one of the cases a pair of the chisels with which such carvings were made, chisels that are 8,000 years old and they are made of copper! The metallurgist of today who could so temper copper as to make a chisel of it would not only earn a fortune but would hand its name down to posterity alongside of Bessemer, yet he would but be reviving an art which was a commonplace one to these ancient Egyptians, and probably to the ancestors of our own American Indians.

### Credit and Idleness.

Preachers who read the newspapers carefully will once in awhile run across a good subject for a sermon, not to say a good sermon in itself. Here we find the Newbern Journal giving out some sound talk on credit and idleness, that paper holding that one begets the other, "Take the cigar, fruit and soft drink trade," it says: "Go to any stand, almost, and see how much the book account is compared to the cash payments. A single cigar, a few apples, a soda fountain drink an ice cream, five cents each, not more than ten cents, 'please charge.' Any merchant doing business knows that it is just as hard to collect the accumulated accounts of cigars, fruit, candy, soft drinks amounting to fifty cents, as it is to collect for a suit of clothes." The Journal suggests that the cash register he made the feature, the clerk to make the sale, and as only the register shows the receipt of the nickels and dimes, then how many young boys and men will be hanging about the stores where now the proprietor has no nerve to refuse to hand out the cigarettes, cigars or soft drinks, and "charge" them which he knows means indefinite payment. Our Newbern contemporary thinks that if the credit system is cut out, "the idle boys will have to work for their cigarettes, and many a man will get to steady work and pay for his own and his family wants, instead of dodging from store to store, and actually preying upon retail merchants, by running accounts, that never will be paid." That is good logic. The more active the cash register, the less idleness will be observed in our towns. Loafers and credit go together and that is one of the greatest of all the evils attending the credit system.—Charlotte Chronicle.

### He Got the 'Possum.

George Coulter, colored, who drives for the Lincoln Livery stable is a great 'possum hunter and he and his two dogs are in great demand with the "white folks" when they want to go 'opossum hunting, and he has been out on numerous hunts this fall with good success usually, but there was one section in which he failed to get his game, notwithstanding that every time he went there the dogs ran old Mr. 'Opossum but the sly old fellow had his den in a hole under a big tree where he could not be dug out. The other night George went out with both dogs and tying one dog at the root of the tree he circled around and let the other dog strike the trail of the old fellow who as usual headed for his den and when George got there the dog that he had tied had killed the 'possum, and they say George laid down on the ground and rolled and laughed and hollowed for half an hour over how he had outwitted the old fellow.—Lincoln Times.

### Good Cough Medicine for Children.

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starcher, of Ripley, W. Va., says: "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotics and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by J. E. Shell, Druggist and Dr. Kent, Druggist.

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### "Workingman's Friend." THE RACKET.

## Christmas Coming!!

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### TURKEYS, CRANBERRIES, CELERY!

Come in or 'phone your order for them. We have bought 25 Nice Turkeys—all sizes from 8 lbs. up.

### Tropical and Domestic

Fruits always on hand. Our grocery department is complete. Let us serve you. We have a large and reliable delivery force, and will be glad to deliver your order.

## H. T. Newland.

"Everything to Eat and Wear."

A Billville Jury, slow in arriving at a decision, and feeling the keen demands of appetite, sent the following note to the Judge: "If you don't send us something to eat quick we'll have to find the defendant guilty; but if you'll send us three meals a day we'll stay here until he's innocent."—Argonaut.

The world could struggle along without genuiness, but it would be in a bad way without workers.

Don't neglect to keep the water vessels clean and full. Yes; it's easy to put off, but harder to dig chicken graves.



## LAST CALL FOR WORDS!

All lists for the "Buck's" Junior Range contest must be in our hands on or before 3 o'clock, DECEMBER 16TH.

### Follow These Directions

Write on one side of paper only. Write your name, age and number of words plainly at the top of your list. Be sure and have them in on time. . . . .

The awards will be announced on Dec. 19th by a card in our window, and by an announcement in the newspapers.



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