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New Bern, N. C., Jan. 5, 1899.

Hon. Jeremiah Lamentation Ramsey still pursues the humble but noble task of telling the farmers how to prepare subsoils and avoid the cold weather.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot still insists that this country is not prosperous. The esteemed V.-P. would be very miserable if it had to acknowledge the arrival of good times.

One of the New Year's funny things, is the Baltimore Sun's serious discussion of and violent dissent to Hon. Henri Watterson's Presidential ticket for 1900.

AN INCREASE OF CONFIDENCE. A careful examination of business matters, sounding of various local trade interests and the local sentiments to the future, reveals an improvement and revival of confidence among the citizens of New Bern, which would be surprising to the uninformed.

This statement does not mean that there is any boom movement going on or in contemplation, for there is none.

But since the election there has been an ever distinctly increasing wave of better times and firmer confidence in New Bern and its future prospects of trade and industrial development.

The holiday trade in this city, the local retail trade this year, was the best and largest in years.

In real estate matters, while no important trades have been consummated, yet there exists today more inquiry for property in this city than there has been for a long time.

Even in industrial affairs, there is a disposition to start enterprises which is likely to result in some developments.

The natural advantages of New Bern are such that its claims can easily be proven as a most favorable point for the establishment of industries of any kind.

In healthy location, in the ample supply of good water, in the streets and general prosperous surroundings, New Bern is attractive to every one who comes here.

What New Bern needs more than anything else, is more determined "push" on the part of its citizens.

There should not be a mere quiet, slumbering feeling among those here that they have a "good thing," but they should proclaim it, and let the outside public into the "good thing" and make it better.

There is nothing against New Bern today, which can make its people hesitate for a moment to boast of their city.

It is all right geographically, financially, socially and politically, therefore push its growth and development, and invite others in, who can and will assist in the work.

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The Absent General.

"The Absent General" had brought a small piece of land and a farmhouse, more good, but falls into decay, on the Great road to Boston, a mile east of Concord.

A Literary Coincidence.

Plagiarism is a literary crime the charge of which should not be made too freely, especially when a very eminent person is concerned.

"Never by lover my lips be kissed," and Dr. Holmes wrote, "Lips that lover has never kissed," is rather an extraordinary coincidence, as we have said.

Effective Reflecting.

"It is so sudden!" exclaimed the fair haired girl, who had just received a proposal to merge her identity in that of a would be protector.

"No, no," retorted the diplomatic young man, "One whose dazzling beauty makes a mirror ashamed of itself should never go into the reflecting business."

And the records of the license clerk show that it was even so.—Chicago News.

La Grippe Successfully Treated.

"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexia, Texas.

Which girl to love I can't decide.

My weary soul it vexes— The one who has the big blue 'x' Or she who has green 'x's.

Horrible agony is caused by Piles, Burns and Skin Diseases. These are immediately relieved and quickly cured by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve.

Awkward Pause.

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Prenatal Symptoms.

Gertrude—Papa, will our new dress go after a while? Father—What a question! Why do you think so, child?

Gertrude—Well, I heard her tell the cook yesterday that she got badly bitten when she married you.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

Nystic Cure for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious.

Sold by Henry's Pharmacy.

Love Ditty.

'Tis said, woman loves not her lover So much as she loves his love of her; Then loves she her lover Far love of her lover, Or love of the love of her lover?

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is inactive, you have a bilious look.

Baltimore's Splinters.

No large city in the United States has a surplus of splinters. Baltimore comes nearest, with only sixty five more barrels than old mals.

To the Public.

We are authorized to guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be as represented and if not satisfactory after two thirds of the contents have been used, will refund the money to the purchaser.

Cashmere Shawls.

Cashmere shawls are made of the hair of a diminutive goat found in Little Tibet.

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STUCK IN THE SNOW.

Dangers of Travelling by Stage to Siberia in Winter. The traveler by stage to Siberia in winter has the peril, as the experience of Mr. Robert L. Jefferson and his friends has illustrated.

We had obtained six very looking horses to drag us to the next stage. It was night when we started. The driver, manifestly drunk, had us help him to his seat, and we set off along the narrow roadway at the usual gallop.

The driver's perch was empty, and just then I stumbled over one of the horses, which was lying buried up to its neck. It was clear that the driver had fallen from his seat, and that the horses had wandered from the track.

The other horses were nearly encumbering. They lay flat on their stomachs and nibbled at the snow. We cut the dead animal adrift, and, using the spare rope as whip, we stood on either side of the living and lashed them till our arms ached.

All this in pitch darkness in a raw, cold wind and in momentary expectation of one or all of the horses dropping dead.

It was a terrible experience, but we regained the road and finally reached the village.

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Is for women's diseases and irregularities. It cures everything that is commonly called a "female trouble." It acts directly upon all the distinctly feminine organs of generation, driving out weakness and imparting strength, stopping unnatural drains, and regulating the monthly flow in every instance.

The "Letter Case."

The leader of psalmody, or precursor, in the church of Scotland read from his desk in front of the pulpit the successive lines for congregational singing.

It was a "letter case"—i. e., he had that let go or started the psalm—and his desk was called the "letter" (lectern) "Pitching his voice to the first note of each line, he proceeded to chant the words in a slow, drawing monotone, prolonging the last syllable for a little and then breaking at the head of the congregation into the music set to the words thus delivered.

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