Columbus, N. C.

There is a major-league bee in the bonnet of every bush-league player.

Sand is said to be a sure cure for dyspepsia. It takes grit to swallow it.

They are growing fruit on the former pine lands of the south. Pineapples?

He is a pretty poor press agent who is unable to work the smuggling sensation this fall.

A love of poetry is said to be a sign of insanity. Take your choice between rhyme and reason.

Those rich people who smuggle set a bad example to those poor people who merely steal.

Motion pictures are used to keep hop pickers from jumping contracts and skipping out.

If four-dollar rubber boots sell

abroad for 49 cents, what's the matter with going over and getting a pair? The ricksha coolies of Hong Kong

are out on strike. Evidently it's hard to keep peace where there is prog-If it is true, as a minister says,

that there is baseball in heaven, then

there must be bush league angels, also. Scarcity of chorus girls reported from New York. That dread disease, senility, gets the better of them in

the long run. How lucky the coal men are. Just as soon as they begin talking about boosting the price of anthracite along

comes a cold wave Chile is unlucky about her presidents. To lose two in six weeks is a record which other nations will be

In considering extreme fashions some moderation in criticism is to be observed. One hobble skirt does not convict all femininity of lunacy.

perfectly willing to have stand.

A recent divorcee of some sensational notoriety, denies a report that she is going on the stage. For this relief the stage should give thanks.

An Ohio man wants to wager that he can drink a pint of whisky without pausing to take a breath. How'd you like to pass your bottle to a man like that?

Pittsburg has decided that there should be more than 500,000 bacilli in one drop of milk. On thinking it over, we are inclined to side with Pitts-

Wisconsin man earns his livelihood by crocheting doilies. Um! After this, one can't see much left in woman's sphere for us young fellows to

Chicago is to have a new theater equipped with a smoking room for women. However, it won't be strictly up-to-date without an aeroplane landing on the roof.

This country consumed \$36,000,000 worth of peanuts last year. To the country's credit let it be said that this quantity was not all used for political purposes.

It is said to be dangerous to chew gum while bathing in the surf. Aside from the danger, why should any one wish to chew gum while bathing in the surface, anyhow?

A Chicago woman, while wearing a hobble skirt, fell and suffered a broken leg, but what woman wouldn't rather have a fractured leg than be out of style.

It is proposed to build an ocean steamship line to carry nobody but rich people. It is a good idea. Of late the rich, hurrying home from Europe. have been crowding the poor people out of the steerage.

A champion shorthand expert in the west has made a record of 269 words a minute. But it would be interesting to know how this record would stand if matched against the capacity of a thoroughly angry woman.

The Mayor of Boston says that the women of that intellectual center are brighter and better educated than the men, which is the reason so many of the girls do not marry. Boston ought to come down to the level of other towns where little Cupid doesn't care a rap about the intellectuality in the atmosphere if a girl happens to be pretty and lovable and a young man knows how to tell her so in a way to be appreciated.

A telegram from Minocqua, Wis., says a big muskellunge pulled a fisherman from his boat, and had to be shot befor it was captured. If it hadn't been for the bullets it is likely the fish would have swallowed the fisherman.

A lace smuggler, who had concealed on his person 350 yards of lace, was detected because the inspectors noticed him perspiring, although it was a cool day. He should have foreseen this natural consequence of excessive raiment and packed a few icebags about him with the lace.

The Polk County News. TAR HEEL PUBLIC TALK

Cream of Current County Events Clipped and Condensed

in a Column. AN INTERESTING REPORT.

Commissioner of Labor Shipman or Farm Conditions.

A summary of the chapter of the report of the Department of Labor and Printing devoted to farms and farm labor is just issued by Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman and contains many features of special interest, the report being made up from special reports procured by the department form every locality in the State.

The reports indicate slight difference in wages or in cost of producing the various crops in different sections of the State. It is ascertained that sixty-seven counties produce cottan at a cost of \$33.37 per bale; that eighty-one counties produce wheat at a cost of 72 cents per bushel; ninetyseven grow corn at 52 cents per bushel; ninety-five grow oats at 35 cents per bushel; fifty-tree grow tobacco at an average cost of \$7.40 per hundred pounds.

Increase in farm wages is reported in thirty-three counties, a decrease in one county and no change in the others. The highest average wages paid men for farm work is \$25.11 and lowest \$15.28, this being an increase of \$1.00 per month and 49 cents per month respectively. The highest average for women is found to be \$15.53 and lowest average \$10.11, an increase of 62 cents per month over the averages for last year's reports. Children are reported to have average wages of \$8.76, an ncrease of 32 cents per month over last year.

As to the financial condition of the working people the reports from seventeen counties show them to be good, thirty-three fair, twenty-one poor and one bad, with no report from another. Ninety-two counties report improvement in this respect.

The reports from ninety-three counties show change toward greater diveristy of crops and ninety-eight report improvement in methods of cultivation. Every county reports increase in the cost of living. Increase in the value of lands is reported from ninety-three counties and the fertility of lands maintained in ninety-three, with general tendency toward smaller farms. Labor is reported scarce in ninety-five counties and negro labor unreliable in ninety-five counties and reliable in

Reports show road improvements through taxation strongly favored in ninety-two counties and not favored n six counties.

Low Rates to Mecklenburg Fair.

All the railroads within 100 miles of Charlotte, including this year for the first time all branch lines, will give rates of only one and a third fares for the round trip to Charlotte luring the big Mecklenburg fair, according to an announcement just made by Railroad Commissioner Fitzgerald. Besides giving the reluced rates from points on branch ines as well as on the main lines, reluctions will be allowed this year from as far as Wilmington, Greenville and Columbia, S. C., on these respective lines. Tickets will go on sale Monday, October 24 and be good for the return trip as late as Saturlay, the 29th.

Approximately 3,000 16-cadle--power incandescent lamps and about 100 are lights of the street lighting type will be used in the various buildings and on the grounds.

More than 500 merchants, manufacturers and other business men and employes have signed an agreement to close at noon on Wednesday, October 26th, which is Charlotte day.

Patents Granted.

Washington patent attorneys, report the grant, this week to citizens of the following patents: G. C. Bugus, Fletcher, speed indicator; P. W. Eskridge, Rutherfordton, fire alarm switch; J. Fletcher, Brick school, adjustable bench dog; H. Rotha, Waynesville, pully block; F. P. White, Shallotte, combined can and ookeer.

Condemnation proceedings with a riew to compelling owners of property adjoining the present postoffice building at Winston-Salem to sell ertain land to the government as site for a larger postoffice building ias been started, by District Attor-1ey A. E. Helton in the United States listrict court at Greensboro.

The Carolina & Northwestern milroad people regard with a favorable eve the Ridgeview cotton mill propetry at Newton as a location for the new shops of the railroad.

Thomasville is shipping daily from fteen to twenty carloads of freight from her manufacturing plants, and just at this season from ten to thirty arloads of fertilizer is being sold rom this market.

Better regulations safeguarding policyholders in mutual and assessnent life insurance companies issung policies for \$500 and less are o be urged upon the next general asembly by Commissioner of Insurance lames R. Young, who is already harged by the State law with approving the policies and conditions.

SUFFERED FIFTEEN YEARS.

How Chronic Kidney Trouble Was Permanently Cured.

F. P. Semmel, Sr., 236 N. 6th St., Lehighton, Pa., says: "For over 15 years I suffered from kidney trouble. My kidneys were weak; the secre-

tions contained sediment and passed with a smarting sensation. Sharp pains shot through my body and bent me almost double. I became so bad I could not drive to my work. After doctoring without benefit, I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills and soon received relief.

Remember the name-Doan's. For sale by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. ply to them all.

Continued use cured me. I believe

Doan's Kidney Pills saved my life."

Love him and keep him for thy friends, who, when all go away, will perish at the last.-Thomas a Kempis.

teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

It is never quite polite to contradict a girl, except when she says she doesn't want to be kissed, and then it can be done silently.

For COLDS and GRIP Hicks' CAPUDINE is the best remedy-relieves the aching and feverishness-cures the Cold and restores normal conditions. It's liquid-effects immediatly. 10c., 25c., and 50c. At drug stores.

News to Her.

He-Concerning love, everything possible has been said and thought. She (coyly)-But not to me.-Fliegende Blaetter.

The Way It Looked. Mrs. Benham-How do you like my

the mayonnaise dressing?

Poor Prospects. "Yes," said Miss Passay, "I found Fruit Damaged-Waves Leap Over a very nice boarding house today, but the only room they had to offer me had a folding bed in it, and I detest

those things.' "Of course," remarked Miss Pert, "one can never hope to find a man under a folding bed."-Catholic Standard and Times.

Just Guessed.

"Mrs. Wadsworth, I am very glad, indeed, to meet you. But, haven't I bumper crop. The trees are loaded had the honor of being introduced to you before? What was your name formerly, if I may ask?"

"My maiden name?" "No; your name before you were divorced."

"How did you know I had been divorced?"

"Why, hasn't everybody?"

"Thank You's."

The man who is not thankkful for the lessons he learned in adversity didn't learn any. There must be plenty of thankful-

ness in the world if those who have loved and lost could know just what they have lost. "Why are you giving thanks? They

took \$10,000 from you in Wall street a little while ago, didn't they?" "Yes; but I got out with \$20 they didn't know I had."-Judge.

He Knew.

A small boy brought up by a fireeating father to hate anything connected with England or the English recede. was consigned recently to eat dinner with the nurse while the family entertained a genuine English lord in the dining room. The grown-ups' meal had come to that "twenty minutes past" stage where conversation halts directly, when a childish treble fell upon the dumb-waiter shaft from the kitchen. This is what the astonished nobleman heard:

"Fe, fl. fo, fum, "I smell the blood of an Englishmun."-Wasp.

COFFEE WAS IT. People Slowly Learn the Facts.

"All my life I have been such a slave to coffee that the very aroma of it was enough to set my nerves quivering. I kept gradually losing my health but I used to say 'Nonsense, it don't hurt me.'

"Slowly I was forced to admit the truth and the final result was that my whole nervous force was shattered. "My heart became weak and uncer-

tain in its action and that frightened me. Finally my physician told me, about a year ago, that I must stop drinking coffee or I could never expect to be well again.

"I was in despair, for the very thought of the medicines I had tried so many times nauseated me. I thought of Postum but could hardly bring myself to give up the coffee. "Finally I concluded that I owed it

to myself to give Postum a trial. So I got a package and carefully followed the directions, and what a delicious, nourishing, rich drink it was! Do you know I found it very easy to shift from coffee to Postum and not mind the change at all?

"Almost immediately after I made the change I found myself better, and as the days went by I kept on improving. My nerves grew sound and steady. I slept well and felt strong and well-balanced all the time.

"Now I am completely cured, with the old nervousness and sickness all gone. In every way I am well once more."

It pays to give up the drink that acts on some like a poison, for health is the greatest fortune one can have. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Rea-

SOUTHERN LABOR LAWS.

United States Government Testing Validity of Contract Labor Laws Before Supreme Court.

Washington. - Believing that nundreds of Southern negroes are being deprived of their liberty by big planters under forms of law, the Federal government will endeavor to induce the Supreme Sourt of the United State to strike a telling blow at the alleged evil. This it will do by asking the court to declare unconstitutional the socalled Alabama "labor contract" law. Similar laws have been passed by several of the Southern States and the decision is expected to ap-

The treatment of negro farm hands under this law is interpreted by the Department of Justice as the reduction of these laborers to a state of peonage. Compulsory Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children | service in satisfaction of debt is taken by Attorney General Wickersham as the object to be accomplished by the legislation.

The State of Alabama will appear in court to defend its enactment. The case comes to the court on the appeal of a negro, Alonzo Bailey, from the decision of the Supreme Court of Alabama, which held the law constitutional and punished Bailey for violating it by assessing a fine equivalent to 135 days' hard labor for the county.

Attorney General Wickersham lays stress particularly upon the argument that the natural and reasonable effect of the statute was not to stop fraudulent practices but to impose compulsory pervices on negroes, who made up the bulk of farm labor in the State, in satis-Benham-You mean the one with faction of debt.

STORM IN FLORIDA AND CUZA.

Morro Castle-Wreck Oufit Gone.

Tampa, Fla.-With communication with all points south of here cut off, wireless stations out of commission, Tampa and all that territory between Tampa and the Florida keys is storm-swept by a 50-mile an hour gale.

Unfold damage is done to the orwith fruit. It is unusually heavy and high winds did irreparable damage.

At Havana at the height of the storm the great waves reached clean over the ramparts of Morro Castle. They rolled with terrific speed up the harbor, tumbling over the sea walls, inundating the streets in the lower part of the city, carrying away many of the small craft along the shores and swamping many lighters. All the steamers in the harbor remained at anchor, the engines working and holding their

The jail at the foot of the Prado was completely surrounded by water and the prisoners, mad with fear clung to the barred windows clamorously demanding to be removed to a place of safety. It was feared for a time that the prisoners would break loose, but armed guards held them in check with rifles until the waters began to

The barge containing all the outfit of the divers working on the wreck of the old battleship Maine was carried away and stranded on the rocks of Morro Castle. Later the soldiers of the fortress succeeded in saving considerable of the apparatus but all of the divers buoys, stakes and other marks around the Maine were swept away, which probably will seriously delay the work of raising the wreck.

"Unknown Tongue" Rampant.

Goldsboro, N. C .- Several days ago three preachers pitched a small tent near the post office in this city and have been preaching a doctrine known as the "unknown tongue" religion, in which they babble in a language that words cannot interpret, and as a result of their preaching three women who have been attending the meeting were pronounced crazy. Others have danced and shouted at the meeting until they

Cotton Operator Collapses. New York.—On the exchange notice has been posted that by order of the supervisory committee of the exchange the failure of Solomon Cone of Greensboro, N. C., to meet his obligations has been announced.

Cone was formerly a member of the firm of Cone & Hedgepeth of Greensboro. He has been operating independently since July 1. He is now in a Greensboro hos-

pital as a result of an attempt to commit suicide over a week ago.

Ty Cobb Champion Batsman. Chicago.-Tyrus Cobb, by official verdict of President Johnson is the

leading batsman of the American League during the last season, with a winning percentage over Larry Lajoie of Cleveland of .0000860. President Johnson's announcement means that Cobb is the champion hitter of the country. The automobile, over which trophy there has been so much excitement and not a little criticism, goes to the Detroiter, but the Cleveland captain, will get one too.

GETTING EVEN WITH MAMMA

In This Case Child's Punishment Certainty Failed to Have Salutary Effect.

A little girl had been so very naughty that her mother found it necessary to shut her up in a dark closet-in that family, the direst punishment for the worst offense. For 15 minutes the door had been locked without a sound coming from behind it. Not a whimper, not a snif-

At last the stern but anxious parent unlocked the closet door and peered into the darkness. She could see nothing.

"What are you doing in there?" she

And then a little voice piped from the blackness:

"I thpit on your new dress and I thpit on your new hat, and I'm waiting for more thpit to come to thpit on your new parasol!"

HIS HANDS CRACKED OPEN

"I am a man seventy years old. My hands were very sore and cracked open on the insides for over a year with large sores. They would crack open and bleed, itch, burn and ache so that I could not sleep and could do but little work. They were so bad that I could not dress myself in the morning. They would bleed and the blood dropped on the floor. I called on two doctors, but they did me no good. I could get nothing to do any good till I got the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. About a year ago my daughter got a cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment and in one week from the time I began to use them my hands were all healed up and they have not been a mite sore since. I would not be without the Cuticura Remedies.

"They also cured a bad sore on the hand of one of my neighbor's children, and they think very highly of the Cuticura Remedies. John W. Hasty, So. Effingham, N. H., Mar. 5, and Apr. 11, '09."

Popularity of Thais. "Every other young actress is calling herself Thais," said Henry E. Dixey at a dinner at Mauquin's. "Thais McGinnis, Thais Endicott, Thais Schmidt-the thing is universal.

"Universal and ridiculous; for they who have read Anatole France's story of 'Thais' know that she was a very naughty little girl, indeed. I am quite anges, which gave promise of a sure that no real reader of 'Thais' would ever, under any circumstances, consent to be called such a name.

"It makes me think of a man who, taking his infant daughter to be baptised, told the clergyman to call her Venus.

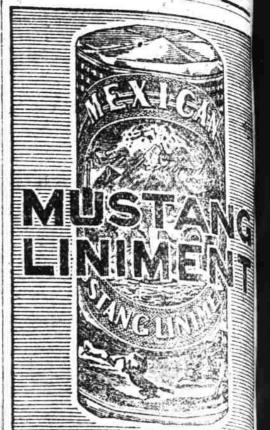
"'But I refuse to call her Venus,' said the clergyman, indignantly. 'Venus is the name of a pagan goddess." "'Well, how about your own girl, Diana?' said the man."

Prudent Bridegroom.

"The uncertainties of life in New York are reflected in wedding rings." said the jeweler. "Of all the wedding rings I have sold this season more than half were brought back after the ceremony to have the date put on. The rest of the inscription was engraved whe nthe ring was purchased, but in order that the date might be correct it was cautiously omitted until after the knot was tied."

Some men expect others to agree with them even when they don't agree with themselves.

Money makes the mare go, but we are never quite sure of her destina-



IT CURES PILES It works gently but powerfully, M. relieved cases on record. Herein

desperate one quickly cured. Mr. J. Cottle, Chinquapin, N.C., writes: "Mexican Mustang Lin cured me of piles in its been a sufferer for thirteen ve the best remedy I have eve magic. All that is necessary is to affected parts night and morning is effected. I am free the say that be called "A Sure Pile Reinedy," certainly is. I am so grateral for good it has done me and I carnestly term

mend it to others."

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a bad complexion, pimples on my face,

and my food was not digested as it should

have been. Now I am entirely well, and

the pimples have all disappeared from m face. I can truthfully say that Cascaret are just as advertised; I have taken only

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Old Lady's Advice

"If you had seen me, before I began to take Cardui, you would not think I was the same person," writes Mrs. Mamie Towe, of 102 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tenn. "Six doctors failed to do me any good, and my friends thought I would die. I could hardly get out of bed, of walk a step. At last, an old lady advised me to take Cardui, and since taking it, I can go most anywhere."

Cardui is the medicine you need, for weakness, loss of appetite, tired feeling, irregularity or distress, etc.

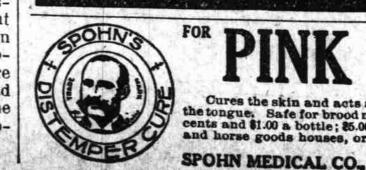
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The Woman's Tonic

Cardui is a natural remedy, and one that you can feel confidence in. Its long record of more than half a century of success, proves that it has real merit behind it, since it has stood the hardest of all tests—the test of time.

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