

SMOKING SPIRITUALIZED.

The following unique and beautiful "Meditation on Smoking Tobacco," was written two hundred years ago, by Rev. Ralph Erskine, of Scotland. It is like good wine that improves with age.

MATERIALISM.

The Views of Charles Dickens.

Mr. Charles Dickens, in the course of his inaugural address at the recent opening of the Birmingham and Midland Institute, observed: It is much too commonly assumed that this age is a material age, and that a material age is an irreligious age.

AGRICULTURAL ITEMS.

It is said that cattle around Dalton, Georgia are dying off by scores with the murrain. Gas tar, mingled with whitewash applied to the interior of a hen-house, at the rate of one gill to a pintful, it is said will dispense the lice.

A SUMMARY OF MR. PEABODY'S BENEFRACTIONS.—The following summary of his benefactions is the best and most eloquent reply that we can pronounce upon his life.

To the Institute at Baltimore...\$1,400,000 To the Institute at Danvers...200,000 To the poor of London...1,750,000 To the Southern Educational Fund...2,500,000 To the Harvard University...150,000 To Yale College...150,000 To Washington College...60,000 To other objects...3,600,000

Which will you do—smile and make your household happy, or be crossbred, and make all those young ones gloomy, and the elder ones miserable?

The Massachusetts Ploughman says: "We believe it is economy for every farmer to cultivate roots. They are very useful as a change of feed in winter. The cattle do better and they require less hay."

The following are buying rates of South Carolina Bank Notes, prepared by Gregg, Palmer & Co., Brokers: Bank of Camden...60 Bank of Charleston...85 Bank of Chester...13 Bank of Georgetown...15 Bank of Newberry...63 Bank of South Carolina...10 Bank of South Carolina old...30 Bank of South Carolina new...10

THE KING OF DIAMONDS. It seems as though, after a lapse of three centuries, Sir Walter Raleigh's dreams of an El Dorado were about to be realized. The other day we published an account of marvellous discoveries of diamonds in South Africa.

GRECIAN WIVES. The wives of the Greeks lived in almost absolute seclusion. They were usually married when very young. Their occupations were to weave, to spin, to embroider, to superintend the household, to care for their sick slaves.

There is a great demand, we are told, for a species of plaster which will enable men to stick to their business. Who has got it?