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BY MISS ANNIE EDWARDS.

partners."

you over!-if I got a thance of better

were in love with me that evening?"

a full grown officer, sir, and I a part-

nerless, neglected girl of eleven."

tial advantage to me.'

ridiculous to deny it."

ment to 'Severne."

married, and----'

"Clementins, can you deny that you

"How could I help myself? You were

CHAPTER XIV. Continued.

"I may have said many things ten years ago that would be misplaced now." she murmurs, "Misplaced-yes. And untrue also?"

"Naturally." He carries her across the water, sets her down in safety upon the firmer

sands, and they proceed along their way in silence. Miss Hardcastle breaks it first. "Mrs. Chester is undoubtedly a most

amiable and meritorious person. She reminds me always of one of Thackeray's good women, poor thing, and there can be no manner of doubt that she has a pretty face That kind of red-and-white complexion is so pleasing, before time renders it coarse. and, though not one of the features would bear criticizing, the white teeth and general animation give you the impression of beauty. Never were good looks more of the beauti di diable order: still-"

"Ah, that 'still' brings us to text. The rest is marginal."

"To think of Felix Broughton, the most difficult of spollt human creatures, passing the remainder of his days with her-Felix Broughton, in reality unamusable, yet who constantly expects that every woman he approaches shall be a nineteenth century Mme, de Maintenon and amuse him! Tell me, Felly, for you have had a good many hours' experiences, does

Daphne ever originate an intelligible remark on any subject whatever?" "I have not the slightest recollection," answers Felix promptly. "That

Mrs. Chester has under all circumstauces looked charming, I am positive.' "And you think the art of looking

charming, even in a woman who had no friend of the soni, and who could remember the dinner hour, would render a life-long tete-a-tete endurable." "I think nothing would render a life-

long tete-a-tete endurable." is Mr. Broughton's reply. "A tete-a-tete of any kind is the very last thing I look and every day that I have seen it since forward to in marriage."

"Not when you live upon mutton other. Don't be afraid; I shall not chops in the farm house, give up ices and Monte Carlo, and grow your own roses ?

"Ab, that farm house-is in Spain! Abandoning metaphor, let us talk. cerns ourselves, and ourselves alonenow. of your marriage."

She winces under the

interval! Daphne-genus monogynia, class ortundria. How good it is to feel that one need never call anything by its Latin name again." And in another minute Clementina, her face brighter than the October sun-

shine that riots on it, is walking up the path, full in view of the parlor windows, Sir John Severne at her side. Her voice, I said, has become attuned. Her smile is weart-whole. Clem-

entina's very step seems to have grown lighter, more youthful, since the evening when last she visited Fief-de-la-Reine. The newness perceptible in every detail of her attire would suffice to stamp her as a bride, in feminine eyes, even were her soft hand, with its shining wedding ring, not ungloved. And feminine eyes are watching her, eyes within whose clear depths tears of exceeding bitterness are hardly kept from overflowing!

"Well, and afterward, when I came Rigidly Daphne has steeled herself to grief, and had to give up my scarlet against this hour, the cruel, inevitable jacket, trimmings, and all (and Enghour of meeting Severne and his wife: land, too, for the matter of that), who vet now that it has abruptly come of all my friends wrote me the kindest upon her, the fierceness of the ordeal letters? My dear," says Mr. Broughseems beyond her strength to bear. ton, tenderly, "I have those little let-During the three past months she has, ters of yours now, a vast deal too well spelt and written for a child of elev- in some measure, been kept up by the en: that was not your fault, but brim- remembrance of her self-sacrifice. In ful of love and pity, and offering- the hour of passionate temptation, when immediate personal happiness ves. Clem. it is a fact-offering to save might have been attained, had she held your pocket money, if I thought sixpence a week would be of any substanout her hand to grasp it-in that hour Daphne Chester found strength, was able to stand between the man she

"All that is past and over," she says, under her breath. "I loved you, 1 loved and her own weakness. And the know, with a childish love. It would be consciousness of duty bravely held to has upheld her even while her pillow "Then there came a long lapse. has been nightly wet with tears, while her eves have lost their lustre, her Through good-natured relations, anxious to settle me as far away from cheeks their bloom.

Under the first great trouble of her themselves as possible, I got my "dipyouth, Barry Chester's desertion, she lomatic post," with nothing to do, and proportionate pay, in Vienna, and succumbed without an effort; crushed by the deadening sense of her insigduring five years, I believe, only came nificance, the feeling that she was as to London twice. And then-one fine morning I received a letter from Mrs. little able to act a part in her own destiny as could the cog in a wheel dis-Hardcastle telling me of your engagearrange the machinery in which it is "I was a schoolgirl, not eighteen placed. Love, the great educator, has

years old," says Miss Hardcastle, apollifted her to a higher plane of experience. She has learned how loss, viewed ogetically. "I thought being engaged otherwise than as the mere blind operwould take me away from the 'isms' ation of law, may, aided by nature's and 'ologies' of Fraulein Schnapper. I slow healing, turn into spiritual gain -I was a fool! Why hesitate to use the fitting word? As for you, Felix. for the loser. And yet-Yet in this moment-oh, contradictory I believed you had forgotten me long

before. More than once, remember, we woman's heart !-- in this moment, when had heard that you were going to be the abstract has become concrete. when she may see embodied the net re-"I bore the news as stoically as I sult of her virtue, of her abnegation, could. As far as birth and money Daphne shrinks with agony from be-

prospects went, I felt you could not holding it! have made a wiser choice than young Severne, and I told support it was best They might have waited, so she tells herself, as with fast-beating heart, so. Then, when I saw your face again. with ice-cold, clammy hands, she watches them approach, gay, careless, I have known, Clem, that we love each as though their own selfish happiness comprised the universe. They might transgress against moralities." adds have waited a year, six months. They Mr. Broughton, quickly. "When you need not have shown her their new life are once Lady Severne I shall be si- in its very spring. Nay, if they were lent enough, depend upon it. I have bent in coming hither. Severne, at the right, like the poor wretch who least, might fitly wear a graver coun-Clem, of the one thing that really con- will be hanged to-morrow, to speak tenance! Whatever his light-heartedness as a bridegroom, there must be

slight regret, which, though he felt it

not, he might have the common deli-

The two elder Misses Vansittart, as it

chances, are abroad, in the "barouche."

of bitterness, must pass through the

bad quarter of an hour that lies be-

"Oh, Cousin Felix." And she lifts some painful recollections, surely, conwith Flef-de-la-Reine

Many Newsy Iten Cothered From all Se

CAROLINA AFFAIRS SMALLPOX SITUATION IS CRITICAL

Experiment in Th

Beaufort, Special.-Mr. R. C. de Bruyne is a guest at the Sea Island hotel. His business here is to plant, experimentally, a considerable number of acres of vegetables on the large farm of Mr. C. U. V. Benton, on Broad river, about seven miles from this place. Ten acres will be used for lettuce alone. A certain acress will be allotalone. A certain acrease will be allot-ted to each vegetable of a variety. He will cultivate in accordance with an improved method of which he is mas-ter. Heavy fertilizing is said to be a part of the system. Recent experiments by him in Asheville, N. C., were very successful. He is a name of Holland and a graduate of Stutt of university. He has been in this could be about two years, and is a young geneman of fine appearance and cordial manuer.

South Carolina ftems.

The directors of the State dispensary held their monthly meeting last week and merely answered correspondence which has been accumulating. No matters of importance were brought up, and may not be. The directors will soon prepare their annual report to the general assembly, but this will require a great deal of time as there are about 125 dispensaries to be heard from in regard to the annual business for the fiscal year closing December 1st. Mr. H. H. Evans, chairman of the board, stated that the best dispensary will this year make the best financial showing in its history, and he is very proud of that fact, as the administration was changed this year, and Mr. L. J. Williams, who had been chairman of the board, and Mr. H. H. Crum, who had been commissioner, retired and were succeeded respectively, by Mr. Evans and Mr. Tatum. Two new members were elected on the board, Mr. John Bell Towill and Mr. L. W. Boykin.

It is not often that a trial judge voluntarily asks for a pardon for one convicted and sentenced in his court, but such a case was put on resprid yes-terday. Judge R. O. Furdy asks for-a pardon for a negto stealing a sheep. The only thing to operate against the petition being granted is that the convicted man appealed the State Supreme Court. and thus put the State to a lot of trouble in his case.

In his letter to Governor Heyward. Judge Purdy says: "I have for some time thought that I gave too harsh a judgment, and following this up so ote to Solicitor Davis months ago, saying that I was thinking of bringing the matter to your attention and asking for, a pardon. Mr. Davis answered, concurring with me."

The Situation in South Carolina Said to be Serious, Especially in Column

Columbia, Special.-The smallpon situation in this State is daily becoming more alarming, and Columbia ta one of the points where conditions are most serious. The health board's physician, Dr. D. S. Pope, branded as false the statement given out from the recent meeting of the State board of health that there are over 50 cases in Columbia; he says the local health authorities have been able to discoved but six cases, and that since the recent epidemic started six weeks ago not a case has been known to originate from any case the board had charge of here, that all of the cases have come from the outside. He said, however, that the present type was the most virulent he had ever come in contact with. In six weeks out of only 18 cases there have been six deaths, three white and three colored. This is a death percentage of 33 1-3, whereas Secretary Evans, of the State board, considered a record

for the State of 31/2 per cent. since the lst of January extremely alarming. Dr. Pope said that all cases were being treated in the pest house, barring one or two isolated cases which were being carefully guarded. The deaths of the three ladies were to be deeply regretted, but these ladies could not be removed to the pest house for treatment. He considered the situation well in hand, if the authorities could shut off the cases coming into the town from other places. The board is now, he said, caring for half a dozen cases several miles from the town. Although the board was not responsible for these out-of-town cases it preferred to treat them in self-defence. Every physician in the town is vaccinating. Dr. Pope estimates that there have been over 2,-000 vaccinations within the past six weeks, he himself has performed over a thousand of these operations in that time. Over two-thirds of the town, according to Dr. Pope, had been successfully vaccinated before the epidemic started.

Stock Firm Suspends.

New York, Special .- The suspension of Frederick F. Reichner, a measure of the Consolidated Stock exchange, was announced. He had an office at 52 Broadway, where, it was said, he had not been seen during the last three days. He had been a member of the exchange but three years. Officials of the exchange say that Mr. Reichner was involved in a dispute over a stock exchange transaction with another member. He was directed to pay over certain sums in settlement of the dispute.

Convention to be Held In Columbia of the 28th Exciting Mach Interest. A special from Columbia says: The convention which is to be held

FOR INLAND WATERWAY

here on the 29th for the purpose of developing the matural water transportation routes along the Atlantic coast is arousing great interest throughout this and neighboring States, as the scheme has in view a profound change in the freight rate situation throughout this section of the South. The strictly inland towns which cannot hope to be reached by any of the inland routes are appointmg delegates and otherwise showing a lively interest in the matter; inasmuch as they will be affected greatly. it is confidently believed, although their benefit will of course come in an indirect way through being closer to towns enjoying a water rate. The cotton mills in the up-country are par-

he convention, though of course such cities as Charleston, Georgetown, Savannah, Wilmington, Augusta, Colum-bia and the like will not get the greatest benefit, as their advantages will come direct.

ing the Great Lakes at their eastern end with all the narbors on the Atlantic coast by the Eric Canal, and connecting those lakes at their ern end with the whole Mississippi valeys by the Chicago drainage canal and other available routes.

avoiding Cape Hatteras and all other langer points will provide a safe jour ncy for barges or canal boats from the northern ports to all ports on the South Atlantic coast, as far South as Jacksonville. If this route were open and free, Newbern, N. C., would te about the same distance from New York that Buffalo is by the Erie Canal, and she would move her heavy products of the forest and the farm as cheaply as Buffalo can. Georgetown, S. C., would stand in about the same relation to New York city that Cleveland. Ohio, now does, and ought to get the same rates by water. Barges taking the mside route to Georgetown can carry lumber much cheaper than the more expensive vessels that go outside of Hatteras. Nature has given us a wonderful system of water ways, which if properly used by development of boat traffic to the heads of navigation, would start in our Southern States an era of prosperity inparalleled in history. Many points in this State by the completion of this

tate inland water route weight the in closef teach with the great and of the North. It is a great scheme, and when right-ly understood, will secure the hearty cc-operation of the immense and daily

interest dependent upon its comple-tion. These interests, though diversed and widely localized in several States, will sure unite to form the coclition required as the only means of gaining this great mutual benefit.

Geneal Cotton Market.

thur. The attacks began on the night Middling. of the 25th, against our left flank, near Pigeon Bay. The first was repulsed with great loss to the Japanese. The same night the enemy attacked a detachment on Panlung Mountain, but were repulsed, as also was their attack on Visokei (203-metre Hill.)

lest days in the assaults on Port Ar-

TWELVE DAY FIGHT A Vigorous Assault On The Russians

GEN. STOESSEL DESCRIBES ATTACK Dispatches From the Port Arthur Commander Relate How the Fortress Was Held Against the Supreme

ticularly interested in the objects of

This scheme contemplates connect-

The proposed infand water route by

Effort of the Japanese From Now, 20 to Dec. 2. St. Petersburg, By Cable-Gen. Stoes.

sees dispatches to the Emperor, which wers received Friday night, were given out Sunday. The first is dated November 25, and is as follows: "I am happy to inform your majes-

ty that on November 20, after an increased bombardment, the Japanese attacked one of the forts on the northeastern, front and leaged with a portion of their forces on the parapet. They were annihilated by rifle fire and. the bayonet and thrown back into the trenches. Their seserves were scattered by shrappel.

"From November 21 to November 23 the enemy violently bombarded the fort and, in spite of great losses, effected by their perseverance a passage between the two forts on the northeastern front.

"At 5:30 o'clock in the evening of November 23, after heavy firing, the Japanese suddenly hurled themselves against several works on this front and seized a portion of the tranches, but they were thrown hack by the reserves after a fierce bayonet struggle. They returned to the assault at midnight and again occupied a part of the trenches. but were annihilated by our bayonets. At 2 o'clock in the morning all was over and your majesty's heroic troops were able to rest and start to repairing the damage. The Japanese lost more than 2,000 men. All of our troops behaved as heroes. The following especially distinguished themselves: Generals Kondrake (commander of the artillery) and Gorbotowsky and Lieutenant Colonel Nacumko. (A dozen other officers in lower grades are also men-

ment of the town and harbor continues daily. A number of buildings have been destroyed and the harbor has sustained some damage. The garrisons are in excellent spirits."

In other dispatch dated November 27, Gen. Stoessel says: "The 26th and 27th were the blood-

a blow. Felix Broughton goes on calmly, and with deliberation.

"Your intended husband is undeniably a young man of ability. As time goes on, it strikes me that he has a very fair prospect of reaking a name in polities."

"Politics," echoes Clementina, drear ilv.

"Yes, Sir John and I have had one or two serious talks of late, and I am convinced (or he is convinced) that he has a future before Lim. You know Clean, the nothing-new, nothing-true creed of idle fellows like me. Severne holds the picturesque belief, not only that life should be the verb 'to do.' but that he, Severne, will infallibly leave human affairs in general straighter than he found them. He also believes in getting into Parliament and working out reforms there for a grateful country! Depend upon it, when he leaves the army he will go in for school boards or the British workman; in scentless blooms, with hollyhocks, time, perhaps, write pamphlets. There dahlias and chrysanthemums. Sumyou could help him."

"I hate pamphlets," exclaims the poor little bluestocking. "I have been stifled with books and writers, and the shortening days, the songles: cleverness of all kinds, ever since I hedgerows, you might half believe hat could run alone. It is not generous of the pulses of spring were a-beat, the you to tease me like this."

"You spoke with frankness concernsummer still to come. ing the object of my choice, Clementina."

"Your choice! Do you mean to tell me that Mrs. Chester----

"I mean," says Felix Broughton, with summary change of tone, and once more making himself master of her hand, "I mean to talk no more either of Mrs. Chester or Sir John Severne. but of you and of me. Clem, my darl. pumpkins, in rows, are laid to ripen ing, how many years is it, I wonder. since first we feil in love with each other?"

"In love!" she stammers, shrinking timidly away from him, and with a pathos in her voice to which Fellx Broughton is not insensible. "We-we have been affectionate cousins all our lives, I hope."

place.

"We have been nothing of the kind." says Cousin Felix, decisively, "Do you remember a children's ball you went to once in Eaton Place-oh, half a century ago, and when I still wore a sword in Her Majesty's service?"

"A fancy dress ball, half juvenile half grown up. My invitation came through you. Any pleasure that ever entered my life, when I was a child. came through you! Yes, I remember if all as though it were yesterday."

"You were dressed as Minerva, poor small over learned Minerva that you were, and I-appeared in my natural character-a young simpleton of the nineteenth century in his scarlet jacket to linger ere they parted. "If ever we and gold trimmings."

"You wrote your name down for I chall assuredly come to Quernec to every one of my dances, giving me seek our hermitage. Now for Daphne's ledvo to throw you over-mo throw surprise-if she has neither emigrated where she was born.-Topeka Capital.

his. "If you had only spoken sooner, I have always, always cared---" And then Miss Hardcastle's utterance is choken by tears. Hardly learned philosophers, enlightenments of the pure reason and of Teu- paying their half-yearly round of calls

tonic governesses, you have come to on Island notabilities. Aunt Hosie, this: the flutter of a girl's heart-"the as we have seen, is at her outdoor thrill of a ganglion"-has proved work. So Daphae must drink her cup

stronger than you all! CHAPTER XV. A Bluestocking.

with legitimate lightness turns to

thoughts and songs of love.

Belle diguede.

Belle diguidon,

Eelle diguedaine,

Dondon, Dondon.

To her relief, the bride, after some futile attempts at French talk with The time of roses is gone by, the Margot, makes her entry into the pargreen and flowery year turned russet. lor alone. Severne's courage, it may be Crimson heaps of apples in every supposed, has failed, or his conscience

cacy to dissemble!

fore her, unsupported.

orchard betoken that cider making is pricked him at the last moment. at band. The cornfields are bare; the "You never thought to see us here latest harvest of vraic is dried and again so soon!" cries Clementina, adstacked. As you pass along the cottage vancing with an outstretched hand, gardens no longer greet you with home. with far more cordiality of manner y sweets of lavender or of gillyflower: than she ever displayed in former days their borders are gay with autumn's toward Daphne Chester. "The fact is, spent such happy, happy hours at Fief-de-la-Reine in the summer I could mer has got its death warrant, yet (like not resist the temptation of paying some human hearts) carries a brave you a flying visit on our way to Paris." Daphne responds to the bride's hand front to the last; so brave that but for shake with as much warmth as she can command. Her power of speech seems frozen. What form of greeting vanished delights of May and midshall she choose, what meaningless commonplace utter, remembering freshly as she does that those happy, It is a mellow October afternoon and Fief-de-la-Reine once more lies happy days were spent by Miss Hard-

bathed in sunshine; the lichened walls castle in society-not of Sir John Sevof the old farm and outbuildings, the ern, but of Cousin Felix. "I ought to have written you a line, yellowing gardens, the pearly sky, all I know, but our whole journey was, at blending in a single note of color, exquisite as transient. Among the flowthe last, planned so hastily. To begin

er pots, trimly kept as in June, the bees at the beginning." Clementina seats hum, ignorant of their doom. Golden herself by the open window, precisely in such a light that her artistic traveling costume (the latest bridal fashion, on the dairy roof. Herbs and lentils for winter use lie outspread on linen of course-was not Elsie to make the sheets before the entrance of the house dresses?), her smiling, cheerful face, Little Paul's laughter rings come into cruelest juxtaposition with merrily on the still air from the or-Daphne's everyday country gown, with Daphne's altered complexion and thin chard, where he and Aunt Hosie are busy over the last gathering of medcheeks. "To begin the romantic story lars and October pears. Through the at the beginning. I have been married open kitchen windows may be heard. a very long time. Mrs. Chester. Our wedding day was August the 15th." is of old, the warblings of Margot-

Margot, who is to be married at Christ-"We-we had never heard the mas-the tale of spoons and house news-linen completed, and whose fancy Fain would Daphne call the bride by

her own name, but cannot. Her lips, as yet, refuse to pronounce that unfamiliar "Lady Severne."

To be continued.

Had Seventy-five Great-Grandchildren.

Mrs. Elizabeth McLean is dead at "Quite an Arcadian scene." remarks Scammon at the remarkable age of 107 a voice, curiously attuned and softened years. She was probably the oldest since we heard it last, as a carriage person in the State, and was the pulls up before the wicket gate of Fief. mother of twelve children and the de-la-Reine, the wicket gate at which grandmother of eighty-four grandchil-Severne and Mrs. Chester so often used dren, most of whom are living in the community of Scammon and Frondo give up this wicked world, Sir John, tenac. Seventy-five great-grandchildren are known to be living in this country, besides those in Ireland,

The one hundred and twenty-eighth annual session of the grand lodge A. F. M., convened in Charleston last week with a large attendance of officers and delegates. The only important officer being absent being Col. Charles Inglesby, the grand secretary, who is ill in Columbia. Mr. John Harleston gave way to Mr. Fred S. Dibble, acting grand secretary, upon the assembly of the grand lodge. The roll showed 185 chartered lodges and five under dispensation represented at the communication. A number of reports of officers and committees were received and acted upon. The report of Grand Master John R. Bellinger of Bamberg was read and referred.

Gov. Heyward has received numerous letters from the secretary of agriculture relative to the meeting in Washington of the American Forest con-gress, January 2nd to 6th. Secretary Wilson wants the governor to attend and to send five others delegates from this State. This meeting will be one of vast importance to South Carolina. for the Appalachian forest reservation will come up for discussion.

Tode Jones and Sam Sullivan, young negroes of the county, shot each other Sunday evening a few miles south of Laurens, while engaged in a drunken row. Jones, who was shot in the thigh, is in jail. Sullivan's condition is more serious and it will be a few days before he can be removed. He was shot in the lower right side.

Jones it appears, was the aggressor, After pluging his man ne started to retreat when Sullivan brought him down with an ugly wound in the thign.

The total amount of the dispensary profits for the month of November. which have been turned over to the treasurer of Richland county by the county board of control. Is \$3,894.90 This amount will, of course, be divided equally between the city and county.

Mr. Jesse T. Gantt. secretary of state, has appointed Col. Jno. T. Gaston of this city night watchman at the State capital to succeed Johnson Black of Barnwell, resigned.

Mr. J. E. Butler, magistrate at Sellevs, in Marion county, has moved into Georgetown county and Gov. Heyward's office is in receipt of a numerously signed petition asking for Mr. Ben B. Sellers to be appointed to succeed him.

Gov. Heyward, has received appeal for a pardon from a woman in North Carolina who wants a pardon for her father, a Confederate voteran who was sentenced to two years on the Horry county chaingang for having taken \$25 from a store to which he had access with a key which was rightfully in his possesion.

A. D. Harrison has been appointed magistrate for Highland township. Greenville county, vice J. D. Ballenger resigned.

His failure to do so resulted in his sugpension.

News of the Day.

An English educational society which declares that people ought to live in and use their "front rooms" has created a sensation. The London Express remarks: "Such a reckless suggestion is calmated to undermine the very foundations of lower middle-class home life in this country," the front room being sacred to "company" over there. Next thing it will be suggested that the British wear their "best clothes" every day.

Miss Sorabji, the famous Hindu woman lawyer, is one of six remarkable sisters. Though members of a high castle family, they broke entirely away from confining customs and went to England to get an advanced education and all have achieved prominence. One is a musician, another an artist, another has returned to India as a missionary. Miss Connelia Sorabji is, how ver, the most distinguished. As a result of her years of efforts to help the custom immured women of her country she has lately been appointed by the Bengal Government as legal adviser to Pardate women in the administration of their estates.

Great progress has been made in

protecting our coasts by adequate fortifications with sufficient guns. We should, however, pay much more heed than at present to the development of an extensive system of floating mines for use in all our more important harbors. These mines have been proved to be a most formidable safeguard against hostile fleets.

Abbeville Store Robbery.

Abbeville, S. C., Special.-Tho Abbeville Hardware Company's store of this place was entered by burglars carly Sunday morning. Several shotguns, some cutlery and silver ware were taken, amounting to about \$150. The thieves obtained a ladder used in the store, and entered one of the windows of the second story. place for the use it was later put to. So far no definite clue has been found, but the sheriff and the police are exerting themselves in the matter, and it is searcely probable that the guilty ones will escape.

Sharps and Flats.

It's a poor bargain when the head grows at the expense of the heart. A broom on earth may be better than

many an anthem in Heaven. The man who never prays except

when he petitions never prays at all. No method of raising money can be right which succeeds in debasing man-

hcod. It is more important to get people doing religious service than it is to get them attending religious services.

Galveston, quiet 7 11-16 New Orleans, easy 7 1-2 Mobile, quiet..... 7 3-8 Savannah, qulet 7 5-8 Charleston, guiet 7 5-8 Wilmington, quiet 7 1-2 Baltimore, nominal 7 7-8 New York, quiet..... 7.95 Boston, quiet 8.00 Philadelphia, quiet 8.20 Charlotte Cotton Market. These figures represent prices paid to wagons: Good middling 7- 1-2

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Palmetto Items.

J. H. Weeks, the dispenser at Elloree, whom the State board of dispensary directors made famous this eek by closing his dispensary on a majority petition of the people of the community is preparing to test the right of the State board to make such a removal under the new Brice act. which, it is claimed, limits the closing of dispensaries to 'countles. He has not yet brought action, but it is likely that he will test the matter in the courts. It will be an extremely ther victory." interesting case. affecting all dispensary communities. In the meantime the State board has wisely gotten credit for a willingness to yield a peg or so to the prohibition sentiment before the convening of the Lesislature next month, which may make such adical changes in the law as will render Weeks' testing the point entirely useless. This South Carolina dispensary situation gives promise of furnishing much live copy for the newspapers in the next few months, as it has been

424,000 last year. the United States, 1,776,00, against 1,

doing for the past ten years.

000, against 142,000 last year, and in against 101,000 last year; in India, 272, 2.050,000 last year; in Egypt, 174,000 continental Europe, 2,226,000, against and and held in Great Britain and visible supply of cotton there is now a'birow off 10. 'rear, Jear, Of the world's 3.778,312, against 3,676,314 last week al notion napirom A merican cotton is ladde: was taken out of the store Sat. 10 'Just 1sul 618'191's put yoom 1sul urday by the thieves and put in the 221,718,4 isnisas ,218,814,4 of of oldisiv the supply of cotton, shows the total Hester's statement of the world's vie-New Orleans, Special. - Secretary

> Visible Supply of Cotton. -----

Indiana Commissioner Acquitted.

Lawton, Oklahoma, Special.-Judge E. M. Payne, of Chickasha, United States commissioner, has been acquitted in the Federal Court at this place of the charge of drunkenness and permitting the sale of liquor in the Indian Territory. The charges were made public some time ago. The Attorney General of the United States was asked to call for an investigation. and the matter was referred to Judge Townsend, of the Federal Court.

"On the 26th the Japanese began to bombard and attack fiercely the forts of the northeastern front and the advanced trenches. The trenches repeat-edly changed hands. Nevertheless, on the night of the 26th we threw back the Japanese at the point of the bayonet. The enemy succeeded in blowing up the parapet of one of the forts and began building parallels there. At another fort, on the same night, they laid sacks along the rampart, but our ar tillery dispersed them. Towards 10 o'clock in the evening the Japanese attacked a battery on our left flank in considerable strength, and at first obtained possession of a portion of works, but our heroes brought bayonets into use and the Japanese retired. leaving a heap of their men. Along the whole front the Japanese re-opened a violent fire against the interior of the fortress, keeping it up until 5 o'clock on the morning of November 27. The help which God sent us on the birthday of our mother the Czarine gave us fur-

Snow Two Feet Deep.

Newport. R. I., Special.-As a result. of the worst blizzard that has visited this city in many years, all local traffic is practically at a standstill. The storm began at midnight last night and abated at noon today. On a level the snow is more than two feet in depth, while a strong wind has piled up drifts that block the streets.

Many Marine Disasters.

New York, Special.-The snow storm and gale which struck the coast Saturday afternoon and continued until the early hours Sunday morning was the most violent that has occurred for several years. Reports from the New Jersey and New England coasts and from incoming steamers, tell of furious gales and many disasters. At Vineyard Haven, over 15 schooners anchored in the harbor were blown ashore and several others were damaged in collisions. Off the Bayhead, N. J., life-saving stations, schooner Lizie H. Brayton, bound for Providence, R. L. from Baltimore, went ashore, the crew being rescued by the life-savers.

Girl's Body Found.

Colorado Springs, Col., Special-The dead body of a white woman, apparently about 18 years old, has been found on Mount Cutler by two survey. ors. An altempt to destroy the features, supposedly to prevent identification, had been made. Detectives have been unable to establish the girl's identity, but advance the theory that she was a tourist from the East. The girl had been dead a week or ten days when the body was found.