THE NEW FARMER.

Nearly Everything Now Being Done by Machinery.

New York Times.

The tired city man who turns longingly to thoughts of "the old farm" of his boyish memories and is impelled to go there or to some place as nearly resembling it as may be that, like Antaeus, of the classic fable, he may recuperate his wasted energies by once more touching Mother Earth, would do well to forget all traditions of pastoral life or prepare himself for the shock of a great disappointment.

The man with the hoe, the sturdy artist of the scythe and cradle, the sower who went forth to sow with a bag of seed around his neck, the muscular ploughman, whose strong hands kept the implement from turning flipflaps when its point struck a root, the tripping milk maid carolling a songall these and many other familiar objects which the city man inseparably associates with the old farm bear about the same relation to the modern farm that the traditional sailorman of the days of wind-propelling craft bears to the coal passer or the oiler in the shaft alley of the modern steamship.

The best education for the up-todate farmer is a course in mechanical engineering. His barn is no longer the barn of the poets, with great windswept floor spaces under fragrant mows. It more resembles a store house for miscellaneous machinery. Its pervading odor is the smell of michine oil, and one makes his way about in it with circumspection, unless indifferent to torn clothing and abraded cuticle.

Scythe and cradle hang rusting on pegs in out-of-the way places; the flail, which erstwhile made merry music on the barn floor, has become bric-a-brac, to be decorated with ribbons and stood in a corner; hee, mattock, spade-in a word, everything familiar and typical of man's contest with the soil-which still does, and always did, show greater aptitude for growing weeds than for raising useful and profitable crops—is relegated to disuse, and if still discovered, only serves to remind one that even in farming the fashion of this world passeth away.

EXIT THE OLD PLOUGH.

In breaking the soil for planting the familiar plough, which gave even a strong man plenty to do in managing it and his team, has largely given place to the reversible sulky plough, on which the farmer rides as comfortably as on a wagon seat, and which he controls by levers actuated by his foot, leaving his hands free to manage his horses, his cob pipe, or his cigarette,

With this he does much better work environment, gather the earth tenderly han with the plough of ancient times. does it more quickly and with much less energetic vociferation-not to speak of profanity. He is not nearly as picturesque when thus engaged as when holding down the plough handles, and occasionally taking an aerial flight over the heads of his horses when the old furrow ripper struck a snag and turned over; but he accomplishes more and puts his immortal soul in less im-

minent peril. But it does not realize the ideals. Imagine Burns writing his "Ode to a Daisy" while sitting cross-legged on the seat of a sulky plough! Even this, however, is menaced by the power gang plough, and perhaps within another year or two the farmer will sit on his veranda and control the movements of his ploughs by means of a switchboard. His ploughing finished, the farmer proceeds to pulverize and smooth his land. Time was when he dragged it with a harrow of scrap iron, his team straining every muscle to move the ponderous and ungainly construction, which had an inconvenient habit of coming to pieces in mid-field. If it "harrowed up" the land, it did the same to the soul of the operator To say that it "went everyhow" was to describe its motions, when it went at all, in words perfectly intelli-

gible to the farm laborer. The farmer now mounts the seat of the sulky harrow, flicks a fly off the flank of his off horse and away he goes. The machine pulverizes and smooths the soil much better than it was formerly done. Here, too, the horse is menaced with displacement as a prime motor. As a mechanical proposition oats and hay are even less economical as fuel than anthracite in strike time.

In fertilizing his land the modern farmer has the advantage of the work of the chemist who provides just what it needs in the form most convenient for application by machinery. The unspeakable operations connected with the hand distribution of barn yard compost are no longer necessary.

THE NEW MANURE.

If this material is used the labor of spreading it is performed automatically by a machine which effects a desicention and distribution unattainable by hand implements. The quarter acre of rocking quagmire, once known as the barn yard, through which one must wade ankle deep in crossing it, has disappeared from the modern farm, for which every one having occasion to visit it, and who brings with him some respect for his shoes, may devoully give thanks. Composting and ensilage conserve the nitrogenous components of barn yard ooze much better than was done when they were left to "weather."

yor planting there is a machine for every kind of seed, cunningly designed, well built and perfectly adapted to the work for which it is intended. It makes no mistakes, never skips an gang disposed in echelon, and whose inch, sows no more thickly in one compensation was gauged by the place than in another, and does its "lick" he could maintain, now hangs ficats and take the places of the the world has seen. For 37 years you showed your women of that country to obtain certiples and take the places of the places "stunt" with an intelligence which over the fence and makes sarcastic re- nuns recently expelled.

For grain and grass the "broadcast man co-operation it requires is keeping its hopper full. It will distribute and will put them just where they will do most good.

A mechanical grain drill is provided for such grains as need to be planted by machinery. systematically in rows or hills. It is infallible in its operation and would plant corn, for example, in the middle of a macadam road if this was required of it. Among other attachments it has a land measure, something like a cyclometer, which records the acreage planted and would calculate the yield if it were not for the element of uncertainty introduced by weather vicissi-tudes, and the variable industry of crop destroying birds and insects. To cover the seed it has planted it is provided with a system of boes which are adjusted to work straight or zigzag. THE NEW WEEDER.

A variant of this apparatus weeds as well as sows. Still another is the bean planter, which is quite remarkable in position of the next row at one operaer has the intelligence to adjust it.

The potato planter would make a

rub his eyes. It requires that the from the milkmaid's pail. potatoes be supplied, but will do all Should he wander to the well to exthe rest of its own initiative. It picks plore its crystal depths, look for the the potato up and looks it over-or great frog which should be there, and seems to-cuts it into halves, quarters, or any desired number of parts, separates the eyes and removes the seed interesting than a flat stone surmount-ends. It plants whole potatoes or ed by a cast-iron lift pump with an parts thereof as desired, as near togeth- anti-freezing attachment, and realizes er or as far apart as the judgment of that the aforesaid bucket has been the farmer on the driving seat sug- metamorphosed into a lead pipe lead-

put to bed, and paces off the next row with mathematical accuracy. With a phonograph attachment it might even thirsty for water. tuber.

Certain vegetablef, notably tomatoes cabbages, cauliflower, celery, lettuce and some others, need to be started in cold frames, and transplanted for the practical business of growing. For this purpose there is a plant-setting machine, which will handle a sprout as if it loved it, establish it in its new about its roots, give it a copious drink of water from a tank it carries, and cover from four to six acres in a day. The transplanting is done so quickly that the plant is said to be established in its new position before it realizes the fact that it has been moved or has time to become homerick.

MORE MACHINERY.

The various operations generically cnown as "cultivating" were once the bane of the farmer's existence. For them he needed a hickory back with sole follows : leather hinges and frequent stimulation from the switchel jug. The hoe was his implement of greatest general With it he destroyed the weeds, loosened the soil, shaped up the hills, and did many other laborious and extremely monotonous tasks.

It was, moreover, discouraging work. He could only do it by daylight, where as the weeds kept growing night and day, and by the time he had finished the last row of his field, behold, the weeds were a foot high at the point where he had begun and he must do it all over again.

Now he has a machine for each and every operation of crop tending, with a driver's seat as comfortable as that of a buckboard. These machines seem to know a weed from a crop plant intuitively, and while they will snake the former out by the roots without compunction, they pass the plant un-harmed—provided, of course, it is growing in its proper place. Some of these machines will do almost anything except entertain the farmer while at conversation; but they have been highly specialized, and for every operation connected with the tending of every kind of crop there is some one machine which performs it a little bet ter than any other.

GATHERING THE CROPS. When the crop is ready for gathering nechanism is seen at its best. The which occurred this year in Illinois. A farmer had driven his reaper into the edge of a field ready for cutting and dismounted from his seat to get a

drink of cider. While thus occupied the horses took fright at something and ran away. They tore round and round the field, cutting a full swath with every jump,

With a team of New York fire department horses a farmer could do wonderful things in the harvesting line. Mowing by machinery is no longer a novelty, and the old-time champion mower, who once led the

In the hay field sweet Maud Muller is used. This is attached to and her congeners are seen no more an ordinary wagon, and the only hu- raking or tossing. The su'ky rake an l tender will turn and spread the hav crop of four acres in an hour. Maud all kinds of dry commercial fertilizers Muller has become a typical summer girl, who no right-minded Judge would consider interesting. Even loading hay on the wagon is now done

With these accessories at the farmer's command, the city man who follows him afield to see him perform the the familiar functions of his craft would do well to go in a buggy. If he goes afoot he will not be able to keep up. Nothing is as it used to be in the good old days. It may be better, but that depends upon the point of view. IN THE FARM HOUSE.

Indoors the city man misses all that nade the farm house a museum of treasures. The sewing machine has spinning wheel, the brick oven has comrades of the Great Army: given place to the portable range, and In the name of the President the patent device which lacks every element of romance or of interest. If tion. It will even alternate corn and artificially induced vacuum and pourbeans, turn and turn about or plant ing the warm milk in a whirligig corn or beans, distribute fertilizer and spiraster, where that is removed from cover everything impartially. In fact, it which gives him an uneasy sensa-it will do anything for which the farmdiaphragm if he recalls how, in guile-The potato planter would make a farmer of a generation ago sit up and fluid dipped at about 90 Fahrenheit

contemplate sentimentally the old oaken bucket, he finds nothing more ing down to the sunless depths where Having dropped the seed it covers surface water high in nitrates and it, fertilizes it, tucks it in like a child intrites, and not free from a well-de-

Of a truth the old farm is no place repeat the familiar invocation, "Now Of a truth the old farm is no place I lay me," etc., if any advantage was for a city man who cherishes memories discoverable therefrom in the case of a of a boyhood rubricated by annual vacation visits to the homestead of his grandfather.

JAMES C. BAYLES.

GRAZING IN THE SOUTH.

Profit in Cattle-Raising in Georgia and Florida.

In a recent issue of the Manufacturers' Record Mr Charles J. Haden Atlanta contrasted the grazing potentialities of South Georgia with the grazing regions of the West. The Manufacturers' Record received a letter from a leading railroad official making an inquiry as to whether the native grasses of Georgia and Florida were as nutritious as those of the West. In reply to this question Mr. Haden, who has given the matter close study, writes the Manufacturers' Record as

"I am glad that this question has been raised. I know that in the West the impression prevails that the native nutritious, but this is a mistake. Nutritious ' is a relative term. It is possible that, pound for pound, the native grass of the Western plains has more flesh-producing power than an equal quantity of grass of the pine lands, but there can be no reasonable doubt that acre for acre the converse is true. Our Georgia and Florida grass grows taller and denser.

" For sixty years or more cattle and sheep have been successfully grown for market in South Georgia and Florida without other food at any time of the year than the indigenous grasses. I have before me a certificate of J. H. Inman, an intelligent cattleman of Argyle, Clinch county, feet drill and discipline, though by far Georgia, who states that he has been the smallest in the world in proportion in the cattle business thirty-five years to population, is sufficient for our ordicontinuously on a moderate scale, and nary wants; but when the occasion work with agreeable and instructive the wild grass about nine months in honor of country are threatened, when the year, and will live on the range the national conscience is aroused, an without other food the entire winter.' army will spring from the soil, so vast He says, however, that to supplement so docile, so intelligent, so formidable, with tame grasses is very valuable. I that it need not fear to try conclusions section for many years, and can verify earth. what Mr. Inman says.

" Last week while in Clinch county found the cattle were as sleek and perfection of the modern reaper and fat as the best I saw in my journey. Georgia cattle is small; so were the cattle in the early range days of the West. In the West they were bred up from a 600-pound average animal to a 1000-pound average, and the same can be done in the Southeast. This fault is in the grower, not the grass. " If fires are kept out of the forests for two consecutive years or more, the twice and tossing the bundles to one creased. When thus protected there side. Before the team was caught it appears a growth of very valuable had covered six and a half acres, leav- evergreen shrubs, excellent for grazing only patches here and there to be ing, and, best of all, the wild oats, the gone over. This was accomplished in finest of all wild grasses. When the something less than twenty-four white man first occupied South Georgia he found the forests covered in wild oats. They were destroyed by annual back within only one season's freedom

The Catholic Woman's Union of

from fires."

A Fine Oration From Secretary Hay at the Grand Army Reunion.

visitors was unusually large from all lay was the dedication of Camp Roose-White House grounds, which was the speeches that were made afterwards. Mr. Hay was a soldier and exhibited usurped the place of the erstwhile his patriotism in the following address:

In the name of the President and in he old blue churn has made way for his stead, I bid you welcome to Washington. I need not say that on every its intelligence, so to speak. It drills element of romance or of interest. If inch of American soil, wherever that the hole in the ground, plants the beans, covers them, and marks the hired girl goes with him. He finds a and need no formal words of welcome form band parforming the covergion by he goes to the milking not even the starry banner waves, you are at home, farm hand performing the operation by But especially in the capital city of the republic you fought to preserve, you are the children of the house : doors are always open to you.

Wherever you turn, you are reminded of the history of which you are a part. From the windows of 1 .! White House the eyes of many comrades have looked upon this field whose names belong to the ages-Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, McKinley and Roosevelt. In the beautiful square other comrades salute you from the bronze horses of the monuments where your love and loyalty have placed them. Across the winding river, the heights of Arlington show the white tents of Fame's eternal camping ground, where your friends made. And in our own time the and brothers repose. And, casting its young men who stormed the hill of gigantic shadow over this bivouac of yours, the unequalled obelisk of Washngton towers to the clouds-the loftiest structure ever reared by man in memory of the loftiest character in uman history.

A peculiar interest attends this shall the youngest and strongest of us army that has ever stepped to the tap of the past, and our vows of eternal distant days we swore allegiance. Thirty-seven years have passed since some of us, wearing crape on our arms and mourning in our hearts for Abraham Lincoln, saw the great army which he loved pass before the White louse in the grand review. Many of you marched in those dusty columns, keeping step to the rhythm of drums and trumpets which had sounded the presence an added sacredness and onset in a hundred battles. The hanners blew gaily out-what was left of them: they were stained with the weather of long marches; they were splendid in the rags and tatters of glorious victories.

There was not much of pomp or state about the solemn march. the men in the street that day-many of whom I have the honor of seeing before me-afforded their own country, and the rest of the world, a lesson which shall never be forgotten, though grasses of Georgia and Florida are not its tremendous Import was not imme diately perceived. In fact many in terences were drawn at the momen which the lapse of a few months found altogether false. One trained observe of events in the Old World said "These splendid fellows will give you trouble; it is too fine a force to be disbanded easily." He reasoned from the precedents of the past, unaware that we were making new precedents. Since then the world has learned the

lesson of that hour. The normal condition of the republic is peace, but not the nerveless peac of helplessness. We do not need the overgrown armaments of Europe. Our admirable regular force, with its perthe cattle will fatten on the range on calls, when the vital interests or the have been an owner of lands in that with any army on the face of the

But that was only half the lesson the other half was equally importantthat when the citizen army has done its work, it makes no claim, it exacts binder is illustrated by an incident across the plains. The breed of South no conditions of disbandment, but melts away into the vaster body of the nation, as the foam-crested sunlit wave melts back into the profound depths of the ocean. The great host of 1865 ceased to exist as an armed force : but in every town and hamlet of the land it lived as a part of the body politica nucleus everywhere of courage, patriotism, and self-sacrifice. This was gathering up the grain, binding it with volume of grass is very greatly in- a new product the republic might proudly show to the world, saying, "These be the peaceable heroes

breed from great wars." There were many brilliant deeds done in the war that resulted in enduring fame to fortunate individual soldiers; but the abandonment of that army flushed with victory and idolized forest fires, and cannot be brought by the country, reflected honor upon all our race, a glory in which individual claims are lost, like atoms of cloud in the crimson splendor of a stormy

have been good citizens; and who It is unnecessary in this letter to year: "The cities and towns along the

even the impossible Jonas of the Rollo ferences to "new-fangled methods of FEDERAL ARMY VETERANS. shall say in which capacity you have refer to the malicious assault made line of the Southern, not touched by wrought best for the republic? Each upon us in the response of the coal other references to "new-fangled methods of FEDERAL ARMY VETERANS." wrought best for the republic? Each upon us in the response of the coal other railroads, will have to make up year you come together with thinned ranks, but undiminished spirit to feed must have been impressed with the Southern has flatly refused to haul this anew the undying flame upon the altar fairness of our proposition and the incharacter of business unless the show The thirty-sixth encampment of the your ranks are thinned, for the place Grand Army of the Republic was held of each fallen comrade is filled with a this week in Washington, D. C., and loving memory. And who can ever the attendance of the veterans and forget the faces which never had a chance to grow old-the brave young parts of the country. On the opening warriors who fell in battle and gained the prize of immortal youth? For velt, the tented city located on the them there is no shadow of struggle or poverty; no trouble of gray hairs or headquarters of the several corps dur- failing strength; no care of the presing the week. The chief address of ent nor foar of the future. The unthe opening was made by Secretary fading light of morning is forever in John Hay, representing the President their eyes; the blessing of a grateful because of his inability to be present, nation hallows their names. We salute and is worthy of reproduction on them with loving tears, from which account of its scholarly and chaste ob- the bitterness is gone. We hear their servances of the proprieties of such young voices in the clear notes of the an occasion, in contrast with other bugle and the murmur of the fluttering flags. Our answering hearts cry, "Hail and farewell, young comrades,

> Our fathers ordained that in this republic there should be no distinc tions; but human nature is stronger than laws, and nothing can prevent inch of American soil, wherever that this people from showing honor to all who have deserved well of the country. Every man who has borne arms with credit has earned and is sure to receive a special measure of regard. And it is our peculiar privilege to remember that our armies, regular and volunteer, have always been worthy of esteem. In distant generatione, under different flags in conflicts great and small, by land and by sea, they have always borne their part nobly. The men who fought at Louisburg beneath the meteor flag of England; the men who stood with Washington at Yorktown; with Lincoln in the Black Hawk war; with Crocket at the Alamo with Taylor at Buens Fista; with Grant at Vickburg; and with Lee at

till we meet again !'

Appomattox were of the stuff of which not only soldiers, but citizens, are San Juan, and have borne our dag with such honor to the forbidden city of Pekin and the jungles of Luzon, have shown that then progenitors bred true. The men of today are as good Americans as the mon of yesterday, and the men of tomorrow, with God's gathering. Never again shall all of us blessing, will be the same. The domi-meet in a camp like this. Not often nant characteristic of every American come together to renew our memories of a drum has been valor and humanity. They have-in the long rundevotion to the cause to which in those carried nothing but good to any land they occupied. As our comrade Mc-Kinley-of blessed memory-said : "The flag has never floated over any

region but in benediction." the property of the nation, are during it will require the use. They will receive from your value. In the history of the twentieth century, which is opening with such brilliant promise, not the least luminous page will treat of this meeting of the Grand Army of the Republicsoldiers and citizens whom the republic delights to honor.

Secretary Moody said he had asked Admiral Dewey how he had felt in contemplating the mines and torpedoes in Manila bay the night before attacking the Spanish fleet in the harbor of that city, and that the admiral's reply was he simply had asked himself what Farragut would have done if confronted with similar conditions. The Secretary concluded that men inspired by such traditions as these never could turn their back on the flag.

COAL STRIKE CONTINUES

President John Mitchell Har Refused To Put His Men Back To Work At Roosevelt's Request.

No settlement of the coal strike is yet in sight. After the failure of his appeal to the coal mine presidents and the strike leaders, whom he had called together for a conference, President he was dead. He had been troubled Roosevelt appealed to President John Mitchell to send his men back to work, on the terms proposed by the operators, for the public good. To comply with this request would be to confess that the cause of the strikers was weakening, even if the motive alleged was to prevent a coal famine. On Thursday the reply of Mr. Mitch

ell to the President's proposition was made public and it is as follows : Office National President, United Mine Workers of America, Second Vice President Americal Federation of Labor, Hotel Hart.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Oct. 8. Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington D. C. :

Dear Sir : Hon. Carroll D. Wright has no doubt reported to you the deivery of your message to me last Monday and my statement to him that I should take your suggestion under advisement, although I did not look upon it with favor. Since that time I bave consulted

cur fully in my views. We desire to assure you again that we feel keenly the responsibility of our position and the gravity of the situation, and it would give us great pleasure to take any action which would

bring this coal strike to an end in a

manner that would safeguard the in-

with our district presidents, who con-

terests of our constituents. In proposing that there be an immediate resumption of coal mining upon the conditions we suggested at the White House, we believe that we had selves good soldiers -- equal to the best gone more than half way and had met News be true a good many South Caro-

operators. We feel confident that you their minds to do without the circus. The

Having in mind our experience with the coal operators in the past, we have ton. It is useless to add that circus no reason to feel any degree of confidence in their willingness to do us justice in the future, and inasmuch as the railroad will give them some kind they have refused to accept the decision of a tribunal created by you and due to the big smash up of Buffalo inasmuch as there is no law through which you could enforce the finding of fall. Owing to the oversight of an the commission you suggest, we respectfully decline to advise our people o return to work simply upon the hope that coal operators might be induced or ferced to comply with the recommendations of your commission.

As stated above, we believe that we went more than half way in our proposition at Washington, and we do not feel that we should be asked to make further sacrifice.

We appreciate your solicitude for the people of the country, who are now and will be subjected to great suffering and inconvenience by a prolongation of the coal strike, and we
eel that the onus of this terrible state
of affairs should be placed upon the
side which has refused to refer to a side which has refused to refer to a fair and impartial investigation. I am respectfully,

JOHN MITCHELL, President U. M. of A. Meanwhile the situation in the nining region is critical. Gov. Stone has called out the whole of the Penn-

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flict between the strikers and the

troops is probable at any time.

Kenna, a colored citizen near Lancaster, gave birth last Wednesday night to a pig with two natural sized heads. Each head had its full complement of eyes, but one head was short an ear. The pig died the next

The Winnsboro Granite Company has just been awarded a very large contract for the granite work of the The Philadelphia Press. This wednew capitol building of Pennsylvania new capitol building of Pennsylvania ding dress, with its sweeping at Harrisburg. The total cost of this train, has been the most magnifinew building will be five million dollars. The contract for the granite velt since she first beheld it as a mere work is above a million dollars. This work is above a million dollars. This is a great thing for the granite constepnoisher. It is said that Mrs. egion but in benediction."

By order of the President of the Fairfield County. It will take at least should some day have the gown, and United States, these historic grounds three years to complete this work, and during Miss Roosevelt's last visit here least 200 more skilled stone cutters. When this full force of four hundred will this winter grace a number of the or more hands is at work, the pay roll of the company will be about \$30,000 per month

> Chester County home last Tuesday. Rev. John Bass Shelton was to preach ate at the marriage of Mr. G. W. Hodge and Miss Clara Hudson. Un- gown, it will be unsurpassed for richfortunately Mr. Shelton was absent from town on that day and Mr. Hodge was almost broken-hearted as the hou approached and no preacher arrived When it was learned that Mr. Shelton would not be present, Mr. Hodge appealed to Dr. Johnson, who hap pened to be present, to get a preacher somewhere. Rev. B. G. Murphy was called in and soon had the couple in the desired condition-namely, married. Mr. Hodge is in his eightyseventh year and Miss Hudson is i her forty-fourth year.

Mr. A. Baron Holmes, Sr., died uddenly Monday night at about 10 30 o'clock at his residence on Montague Street, Charleston. He was chatting with his family during the early hours of the evening and after going to his room about 10 o'clock he complained of feeling badily and a half hour later with heart disease for about a year and a half. He leaves a large family. Mr. Holmes was well known, not only in Charleston, but all over South Carolina. He traveled the State for the Walker, Evans & Cogswell printing establishment for the past twenty years, and he was highly regarded by all who know him. He served throughout the entire civil war in the Palmetto luards. He was a Mason and a member of the Palmetto Guard Camp

U. C. V. A New Orleans telegram of recent at that port from Honduras brings news of the death of Joseph P. Benjamin on his plantation near Ciengolfo. Honduras. This Joseph was a brother of Judah P. Benjamin, Secretary of State of the Confederacy; and one of He served in that city during the civil the most famous leaders of the Lost war. Cause. Joseph served through the war. At its close he and his brother declared they could not live in a coun-

try where the cause they loved so well had been crushed. Judah went to England, and there became known as one of the most brilliant lights of the British bar. Joseph went to Central America and bought land in Honduras. There he acquired large coffee and fruit plantations and became wealthy and powerful; and there he lived to the ond of his days. The sketches of him now published state that he was native of South Carolina, but that he was educated at the University of North Carolina.

If the following from the Charlotte lina towns will not have a circus this

people subscribe to the new-made rules laid down by the officials at Washingagree to risk their belongings unless Bill's train near Salisbury, N. C., last operator in designating the number of trains en route for the Buffalo Bill movement, one of the specials ran into a freight and was literally torn to pieces. A great number of damage suits resulted and the cost to the Southern was in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The Southern figures that it is best to steer clear of this class of business, especially as traffic is heavy, both in the freight and the passenger depart-

In a letter to Col. Joseph M. Moreup the descendants of Daniel Defoe, the author of 'Robinson Crusoe,' who lived somewhere in North Carolina. think that the great Englishman himself came over here. I think that accounts for his very accurate know-ledge of affairs in the Southern States shown in 'Captain Jack.' There is sylvania militia, which is now on duty another thing which ought to be looked in the strike country to protect the for in some old store house in Wilmines and non-union miners. A con- mington. Oliver Goldsmith, the poet, meant to emigrate to North Carolina. He packed his trunk and put it on board the ship; the ship waited for the tide, and while it waited Goldsmith changed his mind and never came to America. But the trunk came and is somewhere in Wilmington, unless Lord Cornwallis stole Goldsmith's A sow belonging to Alfred Me- shirts and stockings. Some of our young people ought to make a novel out of this. It has a much larger foundation than most historical novels

Miss Roosevelt's most attractive ball gown for the coming season is being constructed in Washington from cent thing in the eyes of Alice Roosesyment of at fulfilled her promise. It was fitted a few days ago by a local modiste, and most magnificent White House functions. It will be Miss Roosevelt's first satin gown, all of her evening dresses A unique marriage took place at the formerly worn being of soft sheer material, either silk, wool or cotton. The satin in this gown is rich and heavy, to the inmates, and was also to offici- and when the lace worn by Mrs. Roosevelt at her wedding adorns the ness by any worn in Washington.

> While the matter has not yet come up in official form, the Governor has been advised that in case application is made looking for the dismemberment of a portion of Edgefield County o form the proposed new county with North Augusta as the county seat, the people of Edgefield propose to make a vigorous fight. Edgefield has already suffered severely in the matter of territory and population by the formation of the new counties of Greenwood and Saluda, and her citizens are much averse to any further drain upon the historic old county's acreage.

Germany has been experimenting with the American system of checking baggage and likes it so well that it is to be more generally used on the railways. Under the old German system every man had to look after and identify his own baggage, as is the custom here on country stage coaches.

Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes has accepted the invitation to be the guest of honor at the inaugural exercises of President James, of Northwestern Unversity, on October 21st.

Congressman Finley raised 125 oushels of fine onions on his plantation near Rock Hill this year, and has ate states that a steamer just arrived sold quite a quantity of them at \$1 a bushel.

Policeman Thomas Markwood, of Washington, has been placed on the retired list after forty years of duty.

A summer loan exhibition of Japanese art at the Whitechapel art gallery, London, was visited by 90,000 people, chiefly of the poorer classes.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$23, 000 towards liquidating the debt of the Washington Heights Baptist church, New York city.

CASTORIA For Infents and Children, The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Cart Hillichies