Selected Poetry.

THE CLOSING SCENE.

BY T. BUCHANAN READ.

The North British Review pronounces this poem the best that has ever been written by an American author:

Within this sober realm of leafless trees,
The russet year inhaled the dreamy air,
Like some tanned reaper in his hour of ease,
When all the fields are lying brown and bare.

The gray barns, looking from their hazy hills
O'er the dim waters widening in the vales,
Sent down the air a greeting to the mills,
On the dull thunder of alternate flails.

All sights were mellowed, and all sounds subdued,
The hills seemed farther, and the streams sang low;
As in a dream, the distant woodman hew'd
His winter log with many a muffled blow.

Th' embattled forests, erewhile armed in gold,
Their banners bright with every martial hue,
Now stood, like some sad beaten host of old,
Withdrawn afar in Time's remotest blue.

On alam'brous wings the vulture tried his flight;
The dove scarce heard his sighing mate's complaint.
And like a star slow drowning in the light,
The village church-vane seemed to pale and faint,

The sentinel cock upon the hill-side crew;
Crew thrice, and all was stiller than before—
Silent till some replying wanderer blew
His alien horn, and then was heard no more

Where erst the jay within the elm's tall crest
Made garrulous trouble round the unfledged young,
And where the oriole hung her swaying nest
By every light wind like a censer swung;

Where sang the noisy masons of the eves,
The busy swallows circling ever near,
Foreboding, as the rustic mind believes,
An early harvest and a plenteous year.

Where every bird which charmed the vernal feast,
Shook the sweet slumber from its wings at morn,
To warn the reapers of the rosy east.
All now was songless, empty, and forlorn.

Alone, from out the stubble piped the quail,
And croak'd the crow through all the dreary gloom;
Alone the pheasant drumming in the vale,
Made echo to the distant cottage loom.

There was no bud, no bloom upon the bowers
The spiders wove their thin shrouds night by night.
The thistle-down, the only ghost of flowers,
Sailed slowly by—passed noiseless out of sight.

Amid all this—in this most cheerless air,
And where the woodbine sheds the porch
Its crimson leaves, as if the year stood there,
Firing the floor with his inverted torch—

Amid all this, the centre of the scene,
The white-haired matron, with monotonous tread,
Plied the swift wheel, and, with her joyless mien
Sat like a Fate, and watched the flying thread.

She had known sorrow. He had walked with her,
Oft supped, and broke with her the sabbath crust,
And, in the dead leaves, still she heard the stir
Of his black mantle trailing in the dust.

While yet her cheek was bright with summer bloom,
Her country summoned, and she gave her all,
And twice war bowed to her his sable plume;
He gave the swords to rest upon the wall.

Re-gave the swords—but not the hand that drew
And struck for liberty the dying blow;
Nor him, who to his sire and country true,
Fell 'mid the ranks of the invading foe,

Long, but not loud, the droning wheel went on
Like the low murmure of a hive at noon
Long, but not loud, the memory of the gone.
Breathed through her lips a sad and tremulous tune.

At last the thread was snapped, her head was bow'd;
Life dropped the distaff through his hands serene;
And loving neighbours smoothed her careful shroud,
While Death and Winter closed the autumn scene.

THE CREATURE CALLED A BOY.

"A very uncertain, mysterious, inexplicable creature is a boy—who can doubt it?"

I will try. A boy is the spirit of mischief incarnate. A perfect tornadoes spending herself everywhere at once. He invariably gets through the process of keeping clear every chair, makes faces behind the chairs, sits on the hard bottom of the chair, and then jumps up with a yell, as if he had sat on a tack, or a pin, or a sharp piece of slate, or something else equally sharp and unyielding. He will go to dig worms for bait, and loose them; hunts up the molasses cask, the sugar barrels, scrubes for all the pies and preserves left from supper, and eats them; goes to the apples every ten minutes; hides his old cap in order to wear his new one; outs his old boots if he wants a new pair; tears his clothes for fun, and for ditto tracks the carpet marks your furniture, pinches the baby, worries the nurse, ties fire-crackers to the kitten's tail, drops his books in the gutter while he fishes with a pin, pockets his schoolmaster's specs, and finally turns a sober household upside down if he cuts his little finger.

Agricultural.

SENSIBILITY OF PLANTS.

Certain motions are observed in plants, which as they are not to be referred to the operation of any mechanical laws, must be be attributed to the existing vitality under the influence of peculiar conditions, or to the presence of a certain sensibility, which plants as well as animals inherit by virtue of their life. But the latter being destitute of muscular fibre, have nothing in common with that property in animals which has been defined as voluntary motion; yet they often exhibit movements which have certain correspondence with it. These are two kinds, general and special. The first belong to all plants; the last only to certain orders, Tribes, or Individuals. Among the first may be reckoned the universal determination of the Root to descend, and of the stem to ascend in germination, the triming of the upper surfaces of leaves to the light, and the tendency to exhibit as much of the plant as possible to the influence of that highly vitalizing power, in the position both of leaves and branches, which evidently seek to expand themselves to the light always, and are especially directed towards it in obscured situations. To the second class may be referred the closing of flowers at particular hours of the day, the folding of both leaves and flowers at night, or in cloudy weather, the many curious movements for the dispersion of the seed and pollen, and various other phenomena.

The leaves of many plants, assume certain positions with the decline of day. Plants with very delicately winged leaves, appear more sensible to this influence of light, such as the white Locust tree and Wood sorrel. The sensibility appears to reside in the joint of the leaf—stalk, which is usually bent down in the natural position. These habits, collectively, were by Linnæus poetically denominated the "Sleep of Plants."

Many flowers expand their wings to the air and light in fine weather, but many of the tribe close their petals at night, and in cloudy weather. The white pond Lilly, rises and expands with the sun; but on the approach of night, closes its numerous petals and sinks below the surface of the water, to rise and re-expand them on the following morning; and, this it continues to do until the germ is fertilized, and the flowers fall. The Evening Primrose begins to unfold its flowers directly after sunset. The leaves of the calyx burst and fly open with an audible report, emitting at the same time an agreeable odor. The straw colored petals open more deliberately, and the flower fades during the next day. The Morning Glory and some of the Portulucca tribe, open with the early dawn, and close at evening; the Mirabilis is generally out about the middle of the afternoon, whence its common name of four-o'clock; while the flower of the Goats beard regularly, expands in the morning without regard to weather, and close about twelve o'clock—for this reason it is called go-to-bed at noon. Many species of Clover fold their leaves on the approach of a storm, while the Sun Thistles opens them.

One of the most remarkable instances of motion caused by touch, is the Sensitive plant, if one of the leaves be touched, it seems to spring from the hand, and rises with the corresponding leaflet, each closes on its mid-vein, and the pair being folded together the motion is communicated to the adjacent pairs, until the whole leaf is folded, when it sinks down on its stalk. The Venus Flytrap exhibits a very remarkable instance of irritability, if an insect alights on the blade of the leaf, which is thickly fringed with strong bristles, the two sides of the leaf suddenly doubling together, the bristles meet and intertwine each other, like the teeth of a steel trap, the fly is imprisoned, and by its struggles to escape is only bound more closely; nor will the prison open until the fly is dead. The stamens of the Barberry, in the mature stalk, are so exceedingly irritable, that if you touch their base with the point of a pin, it instantly springs towards the pistil, and discharges its pollen, in this manner the last of insects contribute to the work of fertilization.

A species of Trefoil exhibits the most remarkable instance of spontaneous movement, its two small lateral leaflets, are in constant motion day and night, exhibiting constantly a series of violent little jerks, one rising while the other falls; but the large terminal leaflet is not affected by these motions, for it only changes its position, like the leaves in most of its tribe, at night, restoring itself in the morning, cold, and especially the application of cold water, will for a time arrest these curious movements, but they are renewed with the return of warmth.—*Green's Botany.*

LONGEVITY OF SEEDS

Some seeds loose their vitality almost as soon as they fall from the plant, but many are very tenacious of life. The seeds of Grasses often preserve their vitality for a long period. Maize and Rye will germinate after thirty or forty years, and Kidney Beans retain their life-principle for a century. Seeds with hard and thick covers, generally keep much longer; while those of fleshy and pulpy fruits are extremely perishable. Dr. Lindley, the great Botanist, raised Raspberry plants from seeds which were taken from the stomach of a man, whose skeleton was found thirty feet below the surface of the earth. The body had been buried with some coins of the Emperor Hadrian, and it is probable the seeds were about seventeen hundred years old. When a deep layer of earth is turned up to the air, seeds which have been buried from times unknown will germinate, and often present entirely different species from any in the neighborhood. Within a few years grains of Wheat, obtained from the Egyptian catacombs, where they had lain not less than three thousand years, have been planted in England, germinated, and produced abundantly.—*Green's Botany.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

KENAN T. MORGAN,
FORWARDING AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,
CHERAW, SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPECTFULLY tenders his sincere thanks to his friends and customers for the liberal patronage he has received in the above line of business during the past few years, and hopes, by his strict personal attention, not only to merit, but receive a more liberal share, the ensuing season. He will forward goods which may come by the Rail Road consigned to him, from the Depot, when requested, and the owners shall be notified of their arrival here.

Cheraw S. C., June 13, 1856. 2—

A CARD.

THE subscriber begs leave to return his sincere thanks to his North Carolina friends and customers, for the very liberal patronage bestowed upon him; and he will endeavor, by personal attention to business, to merit a continuance of the same, he also pledges himself to use every exertion to promote the interest of those who entrust their business to his care.

THOMAS H. TOMLINSON.
Cheraw, S. C., June 9, 1856. 1—tf.

NOTICE
TO TRAVELERS!

The FAYETTEVILLE and FAIR BLUFF STAGE leaves Fayetteville Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 o'clock, P. M., Fair Bluff Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 2 P. M.
☞ Fare $4.00.

The CONWAYBORO' and FAIR BLUFF STAGE leaves Fair Bluff Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 o'clock, A. M., and returns the alternate days.

J. W. STEAGALL.
June 10th, 1856. 1—tf.

L. BELLINGRATH,

COPPERSMITH,
CHERAW, S. C.,

WILL attend promptly to all business in his line, such as making and repairing Stills, Pipes, Smoke Stacks, &c. &c. and all work in Copper, Tin and Iron.

June 9th, 1856. 1—tf.

ON CONSIGNMENT.

FOUR Bales Brown Sheting,
Twenty Bales Eastern Hay,
Fifteen bushels Seed Peas, just received and for sale by
K. T. MORGAN.
June 16th, 1856. 2—

I AM Agent for the sale of
S. GRISWOLD'S
GEORGIA COTTON GINS,
and will deliver them here, [illegible] Factory prices.
K. T. MORGAN.
Cheraw, S. C., June 16, 1856.

DIRECTORY.

"*Merchants Bank of South Carolina, at Cheraw.*"

J. C. COIT, President.
A. MACFARLAN, D. MALLOY, J. ELI GREGG, W. GODFREY, C. COKER, HENRY McIVER. } Directors.
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J. F. MATHESON, Clerk.
M. H. H. DUVALL, Teller.
Discount day, Thursday.

"*Bank of Wadesboro',*" *North Carolina.*

W. R. BEAN, President.
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H. B. HAMMOND, Cashier.
N. BEVERLY, Clerk.
Discount day, Tuesday.

Cheraw and Darlington Rail Road Company.

A. MACFARLAN, President.
S. S. SOLOMONS, Chief Engineer.
J. H. McIVER, Secretary and Treasurer.
J. A. INGLIS, Solicitor.
E. J. WADDILL, Freight and Ticket Agent.

The Courts of Law, S. C., Sd.

For Chesterfield—1st Monday in March and October.
For Marlborough—2nd Monday in March and October.
For Darlington—3rd Monday in March and October.
For Marion—4th Monday in March and Oct'er.
Return day 15 days before each Court.

The Courts of Equity, S. C., Sd.

For Chesterfield—Tuesday after 1st Monday in February.
For Marlborough—Friday after 1st Monday in February.
Darlington—2d Monday in February.
Marion—Friday after 2d Monday in February

Superior Courts of North Carolina.

For Anson County—2d Monday in March, and September.

County Courts, of North Carolina.

For Anson County—2d Monday in January, April, July, and October.

Solicitor of Eastern Circuit S. C.,
HENRY McIVER, ESQ'R.,

District Officers S. C.

CHESTERFIELD.
W. B. HANCOCK, Sheriff.
J. C. CRAIG, Clerk.
J. C. CHAPMAN, Coroner.
J. C. CRAIG, Commissioner in Equity.
J. C. CRAIG, Ordinary.
J. S. MILLER, Tax Collector.

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J. W. HENAGAN, Sheriff.
P. McCOLL, Clerk.
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E. P. ERVIN, Commissioner in Equity.
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A. J. STANTON, Tax Collector.

DARLINGTON.
D. S. LAW, Sheriff.
E. B. BRONSON, Clerk.
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T. C. EVANS, Commissioner in Equity.
J. J. RUSSEL, Ordinary.
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R. GODBOLT, Sheriff.
E. B. WHEELER, Clerk.
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R. GREGG, Tax Collector.

County Officers of N. C.

ANSON.
A. C. MOORE, Sheriff.
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L. J. COXE & Co.,
DEALERS IN HEAVY AND FANCY GROCERIES,
CANDIES, FRUITS, PRESERVES,
SEGARS, TOBACCO, &c.
Next door South of the Brick Stores, Front Street, Cheraw, S. C.
June 10th, 1856. 1—tf.

William L. T. Prince,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND
SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY.
Practices in the Courts for Chesterfield, Marlborough, Darlington and Marion Districts.
Office at CHERAW, S. C.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to me, on last year's account, are respectfully requested to come forward and make immediate payment, as it is impossible for me to indulge them longer, and sustain my own business and credit. I also hope this advertisement will come under the observation of each of my delinquent customers, and they will respond promptly by paying up, thus saving me the unpleasant necessity of collecting by law.

JAMES I. KELLY.
Cheraw, S. C., June 10, 1856. 1—tf.

COOKING WINE, &c.

A GOOD supply of Cooking Wine, Extra fine Brandy, Blackberry Cordial, Blackberry Brandy, Raspberry and Currant Wines, German, French and American Cordials, extra Sherry, Madeira and Port Wines, Claret, &c. For sale by W. H. TOMLINSON.
June 9th, 1856.

Oysters.

JUST received, a fresh supply of PICKLED OYSTERS, for sale by the Gallon, Quart or Pint, at S. GRAFFTY.
Cheraw, S. C., June 16, 1856. 1—tf.

Pickles, &c.

A LARGE supply of Pickles and Preserves, very low prices.
W. H. TOMLINSON, Ag't.
June 9th, 1856. 1—tf.

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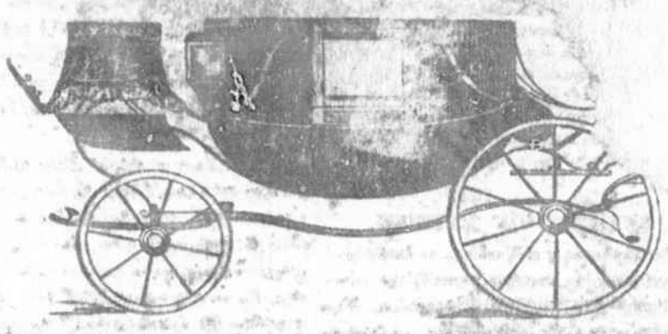
CHERAW
COACH MANUFACTORY



THE undersigned are carrying on the COACH and CARRIAGE making business in all its branches, near the Southern terminus of Kershaw street, and adjacent to Mr. W. T. Moore's Foundry, and are prepared, with

GOOD WORKMEN AND MATERIALS,

to fill all orders sent them to the entire satisfaction of their patrons.

They, also, keep on hand CARRIAGES, ROCKAWAYS, BUGGIES and SULKIES of the latest styles, which they will sell at reasonable prices.

Repairing done neatly and promptly, and all their work warranted for one year. They will pay the freight upon any Job of theirs, if the value of which is over fifty dollars, if to be delivered at any station on the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad.

RACE, DEPEW & CO.
June 9th, 1856. 1—tf.

Medical Copartnership.

THE undersigned have entered into a Copartnership in the practice of Medicine, under the name and style of

MALLOY & COIT.

They are also associated in the sale of Drugs, Medicines, &c., and will occupy the old stand of Dr. A. Malloy, where they may be found at any time, when not professionally engaged.

A. MALLOY,
D. G. COIT.
Cheraw, S. C., June 10, 1856. 1—tf.

Drs. Gulick & Robbins,
DENTAL SURGEONS,
CHERAW, S. C.,

HAVE opened an office opposite the Merchants Bank, on Market street, and will attend to the practice of

DENTISTRY

in all of its branches.

They will insert ARTIFICIAL TEETH in conformity with all the improvements made in this department. The continuous or solid Gum work after the plan of Dr. ALLEN will be executed in great beauty of style and finish.

They purpose practising in MARLBORO DARLINGTON and MARION, as well as in the adjoining Counties of North Carolina.

Communications addressed to us will receive immediate attention as one of us will always be in CHERAW.

N. B.—I take pleasure in introducing to the citizens of Cheraw and surrounding country Dr. ROBBINS, as an accomplished Dentist, he being a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery.

J. W. GULICK.
Cheraw, S. C., June 9th, 1856. 1—tf.

Court of Equity.
State of South Carolina.
CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT.

IN view of the necessity which exists of a Special Term of the Court of Equity for said District, and by virtue of the authority vested in me for that purpose—

It is Ordered, That a special Term of the Court of Equity be holden for Chesterfield District, at Chesterfield Court House, on the *first Wednesday* (being the third day) *of September next*, to continue until the business ready for a hearing be disposed of.

GEO. W. DARGAN.
May 25, 1856. 1—2mts.

I certify the above to be a true and correct copy.

J. C. CRAIG, C. E. C. D.
3d June, 1856.

Fast Away Dull Care.

A GOOD lot of FINE CIGARS, on consignment and for sale very low by
THOS. H. TOMLINSON.
June 9th, 1856. 1—tf.

Tobacco, &c.

A FINE assortment of common and fine qualities Tobacco, Segars and Snuff. For sale by W. H. TOMLINSON, Ag't.
June 9th, 1856. 1—3t.

Drs. Malloy & Coit.
DRUG STORE.

JUST RECEIVED, a new supply of Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals, Dye Stuffs, Oils, Paints and Painters articles, Varnishes, Window Glass, French and English Perfumery, Fine Toilet and Shaving Soaps, Hair and Tooth Brushes, Trusses and Supporters of all kinds, and a large supply of choice Toilet and Fancy articles.

☞ Orders promptly attended to.
Cheraw, S. C., June 10th, 1856. 1—tf.

Thomas H. Tomlinson,
Forwarding and Commission
MERCHANT,
CHERAW, S. C.,

WILL give his personal attention to all business entrusted to his care.
June 9th, 1856. 1—tf.

DENTISTRY.

THE subscribers have associated themselves together in the practice of DENTISTRY, under the name and style of GULICK & ROBBINS. Signed

J. W. GULICK, M. D.
W. B. ROBBINS, D. D. S.

N. B. Dr. GULICK would respectfully inform his friends and patrons that he will attend as faithfully as ever to the practice of medicine, and will be found at his Drug Store or at Moore's Hotel, when not professionally engaged.

J. W. GULICK.
Cheraw, S. C., June 10th, 1856. 1—tf.

For Sale.

2000 LBS. NORTH CAROLINA BACON,
500 lbs. Lard,
50 barrels extra family Flour,
Corn and Peas.
By
THOS. H. TOMLINSON.
June 9th, 1856. 1—

Lemon Syrup.

A FEW bottles fresh Lemon Syrup, for sale by W. H. TOMLINSON.
June 9th, 1856.

FRESH MEDICINES
AT THE
New Drug and Chemical
STORE,
EAST SIDE OF FRONT STREET,
OPPOSITE THE POST OFFICE.

FRESH supplies have just been received, making a complete SPRING STOCK of genuine

DRUGS AND MEDICINES,

all of which are *PURE* and *FRESH*, and warranted, consisting, in part, of

ENGLISH,
FRENCH AND AMERICAN
DRUGS AND CHEMICALS,
PERFUMERY, PAINTS, OILS, DYE STUFFS, SOAPS AND BRUSHES OF ALL KINDS, TRUSSES AND SUPPORTERS,
GLASSWARE AND WINDOW GLASSES,
PATENT AND PLANTATION MEDICINES.

Particular attention is given to filling orders for Planters and Physicians, and the prices are sure to please.

Prescriptions and family receipts carefully compounded, and Medicines can be obtained at all hours of the night at

Dr. J. W. GU[illegible]S
Drug and C[illegible]
Oppo[illegible] Office.
Cheraw, S. C., June [illegible] 1—tf.

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THE undersigned continues to [illegible]ture

STEAM REFINED

of the very best mater[illegible] [illegible]ders for sale as cheap as [illegible] purchased in any Southern market, [illegible] keeps constantly on hand a large supply of

NUTS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,

Hermetically Sealed Fruits, Jellies, Pickles, Sauces, Toys, and all articles usually kept at such places.

Confectionary manufactured to order at the shortest notice.

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Cheraw, S. C., June 16, 1856. 1—tf.

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Architect & Builder,
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PLANS, specifications and estimates furnished at the shortest notice.

N. B.—He also deals in Hardware, Glass of all descriptions, plain and ornamental and stained—Paints, Oils, Varnish, Sash, Blinds and Doors, Iron and Marble Mantles, Counter Tops and Iron Fences, &c.

Persons wishing to purchase will do well to give me a call.

Orders left with RACE, DEPEW & CO., Cheraw, S. C., will be attended to.
June 9th, 1856. 1—tf.

PROSPECTUS
OF
"THE PEE DEE HERALD."

The undersigned proposes to publish a weekly newspaper, in the Town of Cheraw, S. C., under the above title, the chief object of which will be to aid in promoting the interests and developing the resources of this section of the Pee Dee country.

While it will be their aim to make the columns of "The Herald," interesting and attractive to the commercial and agricultural portion of our people, they will endeavor to adapt them to the interests of readers of every profession and calling.

In politics the Editors will claim the right to approve or disapprove of measures—sustaining and opposing parties, as they may—only as they shall, in each, not commend themselves to their judgment, but at all times and under all circumstances, will be found among those who are foremost in the battle for Southern rights and institutions.

The Herald will be published with new materials, on a sheet of the ordinary size of country newspapers.

TERMS—Two Dollars [illegible]
Cheraw, S. C., June 3rd, 1856.

WILLIAM L. T. PRINCE,
RANDOLPH MALLOY.

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