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DARLINGTON LEADS THE STATE In the Sale of Leaf Tobacco.

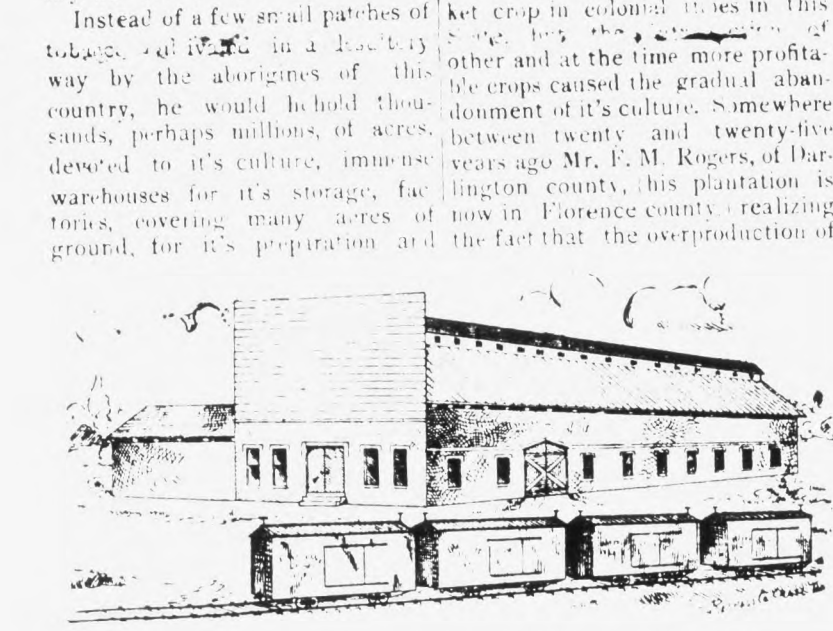
WAREHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS.

Another Prize House--Stemmeries and Warehouses Enlarged and Improvements Made.

PURE, SWEET, HOME MADE FLOUR.

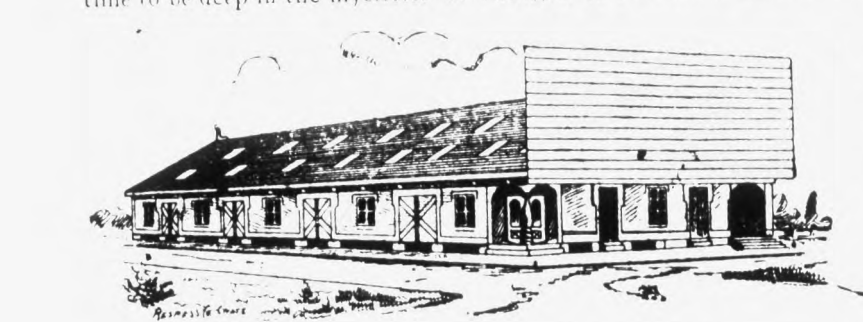
The Darlington Roller Mills Run Day and Night--Darlington Sold More Tobacco Last Season Than any Town in the State--Fine Facilities and Nice Accommodations.

If Sir Walter Raleigh, one of those galaxy of notable and brilliant men who adorned and made forever immortal the reign of queen Elizabeth, could return to life, after resting in his grave for about three hundred years, and see the immense strides made in the growth and consumption of the weed which owes its introduction into England to him, he might well doubt the evidence of his own senses, and could well be pardoned if he came to the conclusion that he had been transported to some kind of fairy land where everything seemed to be drawn on a scale of magnitude beyond the ken of a mere mortal.



THE W. A. ADAMS & COMPANY STEMMEY.

many thousands of men devoted their entire time to its cultivation and manufacture. The mere record of the stupendous growth of this industry would fill several good sized volumes, and would yield a fair return for the cost of more like a romance than a reality, its production. He began experimenting with tobacco and finding civilized world three hundred years ago, its use is now well nigh universal, and a general failure of the crop would be regarded as a deplorable misfortune by millions of people who do, or who amount to doing the same thing, imagine that they find solace and comfort from its use.



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the Black Art, had a fire concealed somewhere in his anatomy, could, if he so desired, pour out sparks as well as smoke. One of the earliest ways in which the new and wonderful weed was used was in the form of snuff, and the King on his throne, the nobles and peasants all soon became addicted to its use, and the making of the snuff boxes of precious metals and richly studded with diamonds was a recognized art among the jewelers of that time. To invite

claim the credit of having first may be a joy and solace it is not, calls by the name of profane food, and unless he has the literature. But in writing about the enter prices of Darlington it would be great to omit to mention its age, the earliest recorded whack in the part of this article was in common use for long years before the time of Joseph the beautiful story of whose and achievements are so familiar to readers of the Bible. In the days Egypt was the granary of the world and during the seven years of famine supplied the nations with food from its granaries.

As a matter of course this result has not been accomplished without persistent and intelligent work, and too much cannot be said in praise of the men who have been instrumental in making Darlington the leading market in the State. The warehouses are well managed, and when they undertake the business of Darlington under any circumstances they go at it in a straight forward way, all working for a common object, and not in a haphazard manner every man for himself, fashion which never accomplishes anything. As an illustration of the enterprise of the business men of Darlington when it comes to advancing their town and county, it is only necessary to mention the splendid tobacco exhibit sent to the Atlanta exposition in 1897, which was far the finest thing of the kind ever shown, and which attracted a great deal of attention.

It took some time, just as we have seen with cotton when the buyers first made their appearance in the interior towns, for the farmers to become convinced that they could do as well or better by selling their tobacco at home, but now nearly the whole crop is handled by the home market.

It is to be noted that a natural property consists in a variety of crops, then it certainly follows that the farmer's temporal salvation must be accomplished through a diversity of crops. The time was when cotton held supreme sway in Darlington county, with one in the right to dispute, but a new and strong aspirant for the throne has appeared, and king cotton which still exercises a great sway can no longer claim to be monarch of all he surveys, and the farmer no longer burns all his income at the shrine of one deity whose power and beneficence was more a matter of superstition and imagination on the part of the worshipper than anything else. Some farmers at least can say, the old King, Cotton, is dead, long live the new King, Tobacco.

But to go back to the sales of the past season and point out the immense quantity of tobacco in 1899, 1,000,000 pounds. If put into heads it would take several hundred freight cars to hold it, and about ten long locomotives to move the cars. If it were all converted into smoking tobacco and equally divided it would give every man, woman and child in the United States an ounce bag of it and there would be enough left to buy pipes for every individual in the country. It would be a novel and interesting spectacle to see all the people in the country gathered together, and all smoking the tobacco from the Darlington Warehouses, and the fact that just a few years ago Darlington had been called on to furnish a smoke for all our people, the tobacco would have had to be imported from some other place. All this sounds something like a romance, but it is the literal truth and can be easily substantiated by an examination of the warehouse books, that is as to the quantity of tobacco handled during the past season. Then, too, the quality was good and some of the farmers realized very fancy prices for their crops.

The fact of the matter is that Darlington has gotten to be such a shacco centre that the buildings erected to its sale and preparation for the market make quite a settlement of themselves, and during the season everything in the vicinity advertises the vicinity of the weed. This is the place where it is chewed, smoked, sold, packed and shipped and the very atmosphere is filled with its odor. Here the planter, seller, buyer and other folk mingle together, the farmer to exchange his crop for money and the latter ready to take it from him. When the sale is over the farmer gets his check, his money and departs for home, giving little thought to the altrust question of coinage, happy in the thought that he can bring in his pocket, and feeling that though he may not, like the man in the Scripture, have much good laid up for rainy days, he can get the comfortable thought that he will not be compelled to change the acquaintance of the day for the acquaintance of the next.

One very useful lesson learned from the growth of the tobacco business in Darlington is that it takes the classes and callings to the business interests of the section surrounding it, and the farmer to make the town work of the business in town goes for naught, the residents of the town facilities for the handling of the crop the farmer, hopelessly handicapped efforts to diversify the crop.

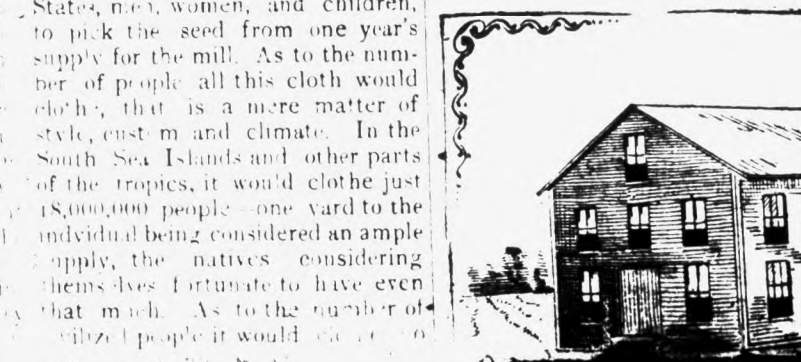
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straight line, enough to go through the centre of the earth and leave a long streamer at each end. Before the invention of the cotton gin it took good work for one hand to pick the seed from one pound in one day. If all the cotton for our mill had to be treated in this way it would take one day's work from the whole population of the United States, men, women, and children, to pick the seed from one year's supply for the mill. As to the number of people all this cloth would style, cost and climate. In the South Sea Islands and other parts of the tropics, it would clothe just 18,000,000 people, one yard to the individual being considered an ample supply, the natives considering themselves fortunate to have even that much. As to the number of people it would clothe in our own sex, for the quantity of cloth required for the many mysterious articles of feminine apparel is something beyond the computation of the mortal man, especially when he happens to be like St. Michael the poem, who was "unwilling to have it appear that even a not had entered his head pertaining feminine gear." Anyhow, it is fortunate that we have but few big leaves would be somewhat fearful to contemplate.



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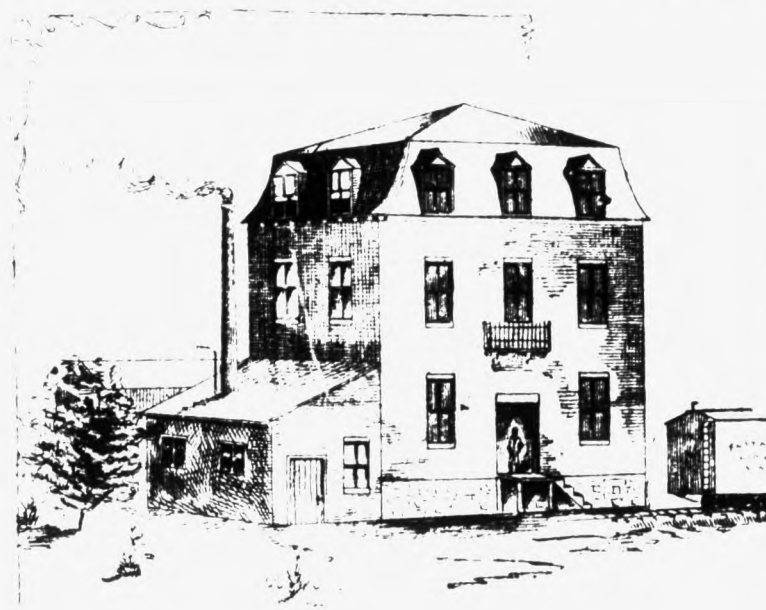
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DARLINGTON PATENT ROLLER FLOUR MILL.

use in the price of cotton, causing farmers to plant more of the fleecy staple, it demanding less attention and work than tobacco, yet up to this week there has been more tobacco sold on this market than for the corresponding period last year. This certainly shows that tobacco is coming from other counties. Darlington will continue to be the leading market in this section. It is obliged to be so from the very nature of things. All the buyers here always bid the highest figure on a pile of tobacco; that is, in their judgment, what they consider its highest value. And if the warehouses disagree with them and believe that it is worth more, they do some bidding, consequently to farmer ever leaves the town of Darlington defrauded out of a part of his hard earned labor. All the business men of the town are interested in the market, as

nature and inclination. He is very popular with the people.



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for the golden weed.

CONCLUSION.
In conclusion, we have no apology to make for telling in a condensed way just a few of the many advantages of this town. Farmers should know them. Lest you forget, "Watch Darlington."

Funeral of R. W. Boyd Esq.
The funeral service of the late R. W. Boyd, Esq., was held at his residence on Pearl street on Friday afternoon last, by Rev. C. B. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. C. W. Boyd, now in charge of the Episcopal church at Cheraw. During the service a selected choir, consisting of Mrs. C. W. Milling, Soprano; Miss Lizzie Scarborough, alto; Mr. Frank Pegues Tenor, and Mr. C. B. Edwards, basso sang "Rock of Ages", the rendering of which added much to the solemnity of the service. The coffin was borne by the following named gentlemen who acted as active pall bearers: Geo. E. Dargan, Robert Macfarlan, C. B. Edwards, C. W. Hewitt, W. E. Dargan, an I Bright Williamson. Immediately following the coffin came honorary pall bearers W. C. Coker, J. G. McCall, and H. L. Charles. The procession went immediately to the cemetery of the Methodist church where the interment was to be made. Here the rest of the service for the dead was read by Rev. C. B. Smith, and Rev. C. W. Boyd, and just before the benediction the same choir assisted by Mr. R. E. James sang two verses of "Rock of Ages." There was something particularly sweet in their rendering of the old familiar hymn, which was given a new beauty by their. There were many floral offerings from friends, and with these the grave was covered.

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