

OTWITHSTANDING the extreme scarcity of nearly all kinds of Garden Seed, we want to advise our friends and customers that by taking time by the forelock and exercising our usual foresight, we have succeeded in getting one of the largest and best assortments of seed ever offered to Williamsburg people.

We have made the seed business a separate department of our business, and last fall we contracted for our 1918 supply so far as it was possible to do. However,

# THE KATMAI EXPLOSION.

Terrific Results of This Fearful Volcanic Eruption.

Science is still investigating the terrific Katmai volcano eruption of June, 1912, in Alaska, one of the most tremendous in the history of the world. This fearful upheaval, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society, ranks easily among the twelve most violent eruptions this planet has ever known.

Prior to this cataclysm of nature Krakatoa had held first place in the minds of most people, but the quantity of material thrown out by Katmai was vastly greater, and it is estimated that the whole of the island of Krakatoa could be dropped into the Katmai crater.

In order to present a mental picture of the extent of the territory affected by this eruption Professor Riggs has pointed out that if such an outburst had centered in New York city the whole of Greater New York would have been buried under from ten to fifteen feet of ashes and would have been subjected to unimaginable horrors from hot gases.

The column of steam and ashes would have been plainly visible beyond Albany, and the continued activity of the volcano would have prevented any one approaching the ruins nearer than Paterson for several months.

Philadelphia would have been covered by twelve inches of gray ash and would have groped in total darkness for sixty hours. Washington and Buffalo would have received a quarter of an inch of ash baptism, accompanied by a shorter period of darkness. Small quantities of ash would have fallen throughout the eastern states as far south as the gulf coast.

The sound of the explosion would have been heard in Atlanta and St. Louis, and the fumes would have tainted the air in Denver, San Antonio and Jamaica. No imagination can picture the destruction of life and property which would have followed this eruption had it occured in a thickly populated section of the United States instead of in a remote section of Alaska twenty-five miles inland.

#### Train Speed.

Here's how to determine how fast a railroad train is going. An old railroader vouches for its exact accuracy. Ask the conductor to tell you the length of rail you are riding over.

ing over. If it is a thirty-three foot rail the number of joints you pass in twenty seconds will be the number of miles per hour the train is going. Thus, if you pass forty rail joints in twenty seconds you will be going forty miles per hour.

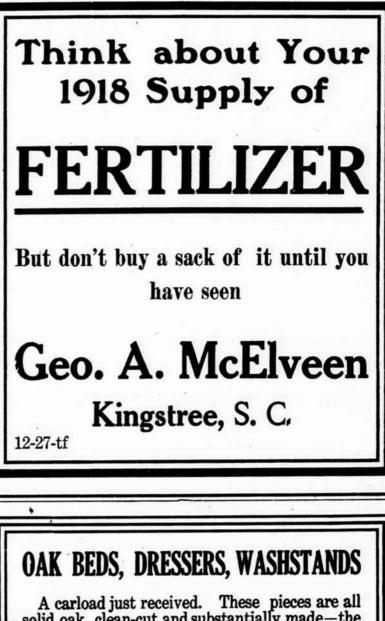
If you are on a thirty foot rail the number of joints passed in eighteen seconds will equal the number of miles per hour. See Us for Your Mules

M. F. Heller expects three cars of Mules this week. In the shipment are three big Brood Mares. Come and see them. He bought them right and will sell them right.

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there were some popular varieties that we could not get from our regular dealers and we were forced to seek these elsewhere. We have at last succeeded and shall be prepared to furnish our customers when the season for planting opens up. Below we list some of the varieties we shall have on hand in bulk:

#### BEANS

Black Valentine Red Valentine Burpee's Stringless Extra Early Refugee Golden Wax, Dwarf Kentucky Wonder Lazy Wife Henderson's Bush Lima Henderson's Large White Pole Lima Ford's Mammoth Pod Lima

## CUCUMBERS

Improved White Spine Long Green Extra Early Green Cluster

## CANTALOUPES

Wood's Netted Gem Wood's Large Hackensack Rocky Ford Emerald Gem Hughes' Early

## WATERMELONS

Cleckley's Sweet Tom Watson Rattlesnake Florida Favorite

#### SQUASH

Extra Early White Bush Golden Crook Neck

#### PEAS

Wood's Pedigree Wood's First and Best Nott's Excelsior McLean's Little Gem Champion of England, Dwarf Champion of England Blackeye Marrowfat Bliss' Everbearing Early Amber (or Ameer) Crosbey's Egyptian CORN

Adam's Extra Early Golden Dent Stovall's Evergreen Country Gentleman Truckers' Favorite Popcorn

TOMATOES Ponderosa Wood's Brimmer Stone Early June Pink Calk's Earliana

### BEETS Early Eclipse Blood Red Turnip

PEPPERS

Bull Nose Ruby King Cayenne MUSTARD

Giant Curled

COLLARDS

Georgia Creole ONIONS Silverskins Red Westerfield

#### POTATOES

Irish Cobblers Red Bliss

### MISCELLANEOUS

Sugar Drip Sorghum Rape Radish FLOWER SEED

Sweet Peas, Assorted Nasturtiums, Assorted A full assortment of package seed

Complete assortment of Wood's, Landreth's and Fairey's Package Seeds

We invite you to get our prices before you buy your seed.



lokens and a Face Ache.

Dickens wanted to be an actor before he was an author. He would have been but for a face ache. When he was a lad and a lawyer's clerk he had attained a trial of his power of reproducing "character and oddity" before Mathews and Charles Kemble. But a face ache kept him at home, and soon after he "made a great splash" as a newspaper reporter. Thereafter he reproduced "character and oddity" on paper instead of the stage.—Exchange.

#### Odd Proposal of Marriage. That celebrated painter of flower and figure subjects, William Hunt, was on one occasion commissioned by a gentleman to paint his portrait in the attitude of kneeling and holding in his hand an open scroll whereon were written a declaration of love and an offer of marriage.

The lady to whom this unusual pro-

posal of marriage was sent replied

with a chalk drawing of herself with a sheet of paper in her hand on which was inscribed a laconic "Yes." Cut According to the Cloth. "Have you any ideas on the subject of the proper income tax exemption?" inquired the loyal constituent.

"A whole raft of 'em," replied Congressman Hammfatt. "They have been sent in by my friends back home, they range from \$1,000 to \$500,000, and in each case the exemption proposed is a few dollars more than the annual receipts of the man making the suggestion."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Horse Racing In Mongolia. Perhaps the prohibition of horse racing would be more deeply resented in Mongolia than in any other country of the world. There it ranks as the favorite pastime of all classes, including the Buddhist clergy, who number fully one-third of the total population. The races are never under ten miles, and the Mongolian "Derby" is a contest over thirty miles of rough steppe.—Lon don Telegraph. solid oak, clean-cut and substantially made—the kind that lasts and looks well. We bought them before the last advance in prices; saved money on the freight, and they are exceptional values at our prices. Call and see our stock. **GWe have** good values in **Iron Beds, Springs and Mattresses, Kitchen Safes, Small Rugs** and Window Shades.

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