

HIDDEN LIGHT.

The rain is beating sullenly to-night.
The wild red flowers like flames are drenched away,
Down thro' the gaps of the black woods, the light
Strikes cold and dismal. Only yesterday
It seems since Spring along the neighboring moor
Washed up the daises, and the barks of trees
Cracked with green buds, whilst at my cabin door
The brier hung heavy with the yellow bees.

Now all is blank—the wind climbs drearily
Against the hills, the pastures close are browned;
Snakes slip in gaps of earth—gray crickets cry,
And cease from running, and the bat is housed.
No planet throbbing thro' the dark, one beam
Of comfort sends me from its home above;
I only see the splendor of a dream,
Slowly and sadly fading out of love.

I only see the wild boughs as they blow
Against my window, see the purple slant
Of twilight shadows into darkness go—
And yet again the whistling March will plant
The April meadows—wheat fields will grow bright
In their own time—the king-cups in their day
Come thro' the grass, and somewhere there is light,
If my weak thoughts could strike upon the way.

LO! THE POOR WHITE.—The subjoined extract is from a Boston newspaper, detailing the method of reform adopted in the House of Correction for juveniles in that city:

"The girl was fogged for disobedience and insolence. The blows were inflicted with a rattan, and the Superintendent said, I struck her with all my might—she would not yield. I sent for a longer stick and then she held out her hand. After this beating and this submission she was committed to the cell and the food of the solitary, where she remained several days. The welts from the blows were distinctly visible on her shoulders when the inspectors visited the institution. In the course of the investigation they were informed that in the boy's department the punishments are sometimes inflicted by an ordinary wagon whip by the Superintendent in person."

THE FEDERAL CONSCRIPTION IN MEMPHIS.—The recent militia order has had the effect to deter travel in this direction. Many of our citizens who are absent stay away to avoid conscription, and strangers who contemplated visiting the city before, have changed their plans, and determined not to enter into the very jaws of imprisonment.

The business of picking up those who do not carry the necessary papers, is being vigorously pushed. There is no doubt that several dangerous characters have been sent through the lines into the Confederacy. It is no place for avowed enemies to be, within the lines of a city which is in imminent danger of attack. One secret foe is worse than ten in the open field.
Memphis Bulletin.

OVER NIAGARA FALLS.—The Toronto Leader relates that on the 27th ult., a Buffalo steam-tug, with two mows in tow, got too far into the current of Niagara river, just above the falls, for the head of steam on, and the captain and crew of four men becoming alarmed leaped overboard and struck for the shore. The captain and three men succeeded in getting to land, but the fourth man sunk beneath the leaping and boiling waters, and was carried over the awful cataract. Some men in one of the mows were rescued by two boatmen who put off in a skiff to their assistance. The tug and one of the mows went over the falls, but the other scow struck on a rock just before the brink, and remains there.

SORGHUM SUGAR.—Mr. J. J. Knox has left with us a small sample of sugar made from the sorghum, by a lady of this District. It is clearly granulated, and would indicate that sugar can be made from the Chinese cane, if the process is properly understood. Will any of our readers, who may make experiments, furnish us with the results and examples?—*Sun. Watch.*

GEN. McLAWS.—A correspondent of the Atlanta Register, speaking of the difficulty between Gen. Longstreet and McLaws, says: Gen. McLaws received a peremptory order from Gen. Longstreet to proceed at once to Augusta and report to the A. and I. General at Richmond. Gen. McLaws made inquiry as to the cause of this order, when he was informed by Gen. Longstreet that he (Gen. McLaws) has disapproved of the course pursued by himself ever since he left Chattanooga to Knoxville, and even all subsequent movements. That his disapproval of the commanding General's movements was creating discussion, and for the good of the service he would relieve him from command. This is to be lamented. This army parts with one of its most gallant commanders, and most efficient officers. Gen. McLaws has distinguished himself in many a hard fought battle field, and to be relieved from his command, who are so much devoted to him, is nothing less than a calamity. If the General did dissent from General McLaws, it is nothing more than what a great many others did, and that on reasonable grounds. General McLaws leaves with him the best wishes of the army. He left here yesterday for Augusta, Georgia.

CHATTANOOGA.—An intelligent lady who had just come through the enemy's lines from Chattanooga says the Yankees have gone into winter quarters, and boast of their ability and intention to make a forward movement on Atlanta in the spring. The country about Chattanooga is entirely stripped of everything upon which man or beast can subsist, but the Yankees have abundant supplies, which they bring up the Tennessee river in steam boats.

The Richmond Dispatch says, The Temperance men of the city are arousing themselves from their torpor, and preparing to renew the fight with their old enemy. Arrangements are being made for public meetings and distinguished speakers are to address the public. Intemperance is fearfully on the increase, and can only be checked by earnest appeals to the intelligence of the people.

THE TWELVE SISTERS.

The following condensed account of Dickens' humorous description of the twelve months of the year, under the character of the twelve daughters, may be amusing to many of our readers.

The first is cold, stern and unrelenting. Her name is January.

The second is very diminutive in size, and is frequently worse than January, and always bad. Her name is February.

The third is spiteful in disposition, boisterous in temper, and passionate in the extreme. Her name is March.

The fourth is as capricious and wayward as an infant; now all sunny with smiles; then absorbed in tears. Her name is April.

The fifth is a bright and laughing virgin, whose pores of mirth are seldom invaded, and whose pleasure is the cultivation of sweet flowers. Her name is May.

The sixth is more serious and sedate; she delights in shady groves, where she reads or meditates at her leisure. Her name is June.

The seventh is hot, fiery and voluptuous; seeking in vain to quench her thirst or pleasure. Her name is July.

The eighth is a maiden, whose looks bespeak that mellowness which is also to be found in the fruits that hung over her bowers, or in the harvests, the gathering of which she loves to superintend. Her name is August.

The ninth is staid and matronly in deportment, combining the remains of the passions of youth with the discretion and reserve of mature years. Her name is September.

The tenth is uncertain and mysterious in her conduct—at one moment sportive and gay; at another, dismal and frowning. Her name is October.

The eleventh is inhospitable and cheerless; frigid and cold in her manners, &c. Her name is November.

The twelfth is a miserable and shrivelled creature; dressed in furs, and slipping at every step. Her name is December.

Sophia Condulino was the wife of an officer of distinction, who fell during the siege of Missolonghi. When the Turks entered the town, she was among the crowd who sought to escape the fury of the enemy by quitting the walls accompanied by her son and daughter. They had not proceeded far, when the mother perceived a party of Turks coming towards them; horrified at the fate which was about to befall her daughter, a beautiful girl of sixteen, she turned to the son, who was armed, and told him to shoot his sister, lest she should become a victim of Mussulman brutality! The youth instantly obeyed the dreadful mandate, drew a pistol from his girdle, and lodged the contents, four large slugs, in his sister's head, when she fell to the ground apparently a lifeless corpse. Thus relieved from a charge which the mother could not preserve, herself and son endeavored to take refuge in a cavern. Just as they were entering it a grape shot struck the boy in the leg. Scarcely had the mother succeeded in dragging him after her, than a picket of Turkish cavalry came up, one of the party drawing forth a pistol, pointed it at the temple of poor Sophia, she suddenly rising up, looked sternly at the Turk and exclaimed, Barbarian! do you not see that I am a woman? This appeal had the desired effect, and both the mother and her son were spared being conducted into slavery. The most extraordinary part of this story remains to be told. Being among the two hundred ransomed by the Continental Greek Committees they were sent over to Corfu, and placed with the others. Judge of the mother's astonishment on finding that her imaginary murdered daughter was among the number. To be brief, on perceiving she was a female, the Turks carried her back to Missolonghi, bound up her wounds, which had all the appearance of being mortal, but she recovered, and her story having attracted the attention of the ransoming agents, the interesting Cresula was rescued from bondage, and, what is more singular, thus destined to be once more restored to the arms of her disconsolate parent.

WASHING THE HAIR.—The beauty and permanency of the hair are best promoted by the strictest cleanliness. Some writers strongly disapprove of even wetting the hair and muster up we know not how many evil consequences as likely to follow the practice. This, however, is a ridiculous prejudice; no possible injury, but on the contrary much good will result from frequent ablution of the head. It is even a mistaken idea into which many have fallen, that there is danger of catching cold from this practice, unless the greatest care be observed to prevent exposure subsequently to the open air. No such fear need be entertained, especially when the practice of washing the hair has been commenced and constantly observed from early life.

M. Arago, in his late voyage around the world, remarks that the South Sea Islanders, who have fine, long hair, with a beautiful silky gloss, promote its beauty by frequently washing it.

A quaker once hearing a person tell how much he felt for another, who was suffering and needed his assistance, dryly observed to him, "Friend, hast thou felt in thy pocket for him?"

PROVISIONS IN THE SOUTH.—The Memphis (Yankee) Journal, of the 21st ult., says: A friend who has made an excursion tour through Eastern Dixie, returned yesterday, bringing full files of Southern papers, and communicating much interesting intelligence from Alabama and Georgia. He tells us that the people are by no means discouraged by the recent disasters to their armies. They are as plucky as ever in their determination to contend to the last for entire independence from the North. The conscript law is everywhere being enforced. Camps of new recruits are seen in all directions. Soldiers generally are well clothed for the winter, the only serious deficiency being in the supply of shoes. Food everywhere seemed abundant. His opinion from personal observation there, is that there are breadstuffs enough in the South to feed the population and armies for two years.—There is some apprehension that supplies of meat may, in consequence of the interruption of intercourse with Texas be deficient; but the abundant corn crops will increase the quantity of pork fattened. There are no fears of famine in the meat department.

NOTICE.

OWING to the high price of provender, I shall, from this date, charge Five Dollars Fare for passengers from the Depot to Hobkirk Hill or Kirkwood.
January 15
E. G. ROBINSON.

NOTICE.

I LEARN that parties are travelling over this District, representing themselves to be agents of the Government. The people are notified that no one has authority to purchase commissary stores except from this office.

Parties holding cattle intended for the army, will please drive them to Camden, where they will be weighed and paid for.

J. H. DEVEREUX, Agent
District Commissary.

January 15

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

50 BBL. SPTS TURPENTINE, FOR SALE.

Persons living at a distance can address "JOURNAL OFFICE."
January 8

WANTED,

A WASHER. Apply at
DR. D. L. DESAUSURE'S.
January 8

LIVERPOOL SALT.

30 SACKS GENUINE LIVERPOOL SALT, ON consignment, and for sale or barter, by
January 8
MATHESON & CO.

THE HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR WHITE linen or cotton Rags, delivered in large or small quantities at this office, or at the Post office.
January 1

A GOLD PIN FOUND

IN THE STREET. The owner can receive the same by describing the article and paying advertisement.
J. A. YOUNG.
January 15

ESTATE NOTICE.

ALL persons having demands against the late Charles J. Shannon, will present them to Wm. M. Shannon. Those indebted will make payment to the same.
THOS. E. SHANNON,
WM. M. SHANNON,
Qualified Exors.
January 15

The Board of Commissioners of Free Schools for Kershaw District.

CONSISTING of Wiley Kelley, William Dixon, James Teas, C. C. Halle, Jesse Treadwell, Daniel Bethune, and A. L. McDowell, are hereby required to meet at my office, on the fourth Monday in January instant, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at which time and place all applications must be made by such persons as desire to teach Free Schools in said District.
W. H. R. WORKMAN,
Chairman.
January 15

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of J. D. Wilson, deceased, will present the same duly attested, to me, and all persons indebted to said estate will please make payment to me of their respective indebtedness, at an early day.
J. J. HUCKABEE,
Administrator.
January 1

TAX NOTICE.

ALL persons having a business or profession registered, are required to take out a new registry from the 1st instant, and pay the same. Also to make returns of sales and pay on the same for the quarter ending 31st ult.

The tax on income and salaries, rents and all other occupations are now due, and returns are required to be made during the month of January. The Assessor will be found at my office every day (Sundays excepted) during the month of January. Notice will be given when the Assessor will visit the different precincts in the District.
A. M. KENNEDY,
January 1

AT PRIVATE SALE.

SEVERAL PARCELS OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE in the town of Camden. Also, several likely and valuable Negroes, among them house servants, washerwomen, seamstresses, &c., belonging to the residuary estate of the late Charles J. Shannon. If not disposed of at private sale, the above property will be sold at public sale, before the Market, in Camden, on the first Monday in February next, being the first day of the month.

—ALSO—

Two Jacks and two Jennetts. One of the Jacks six years old, very fine and sound—the other is a colt.

THOMAS E. SHANNON, } Exors.
WM. M. SHANNON

January 1

NOTICE.

PURSUANT to an order granted by Mr. A. L. McDonald, O. K. D., I will sell, on the thirtieth day of January inst., at the residence whereat Allen Sanders lived at the time of his death, all the effects of said deceased, consisting of a horse, stock of cattle, hogs, sheep, household and kitchen furniture, &c.—
Terms cash.
WM. R. TAYLOR, O. K. D.
January 8

NOTICE.

WE will hire on the twenty-fifth day of January inst., at the plantation of William Kirkland, deceased, some fifteen to twenty negro slaves—men and women. Terms made known on day of hiring. Hiring to commence about 11 o'clock, A. M.
WM. R. TAYLOR,
JOHN KIRKLAND,
JOS. R. KIRKLAND,
Ex'rs Wm. Kirkland, dec'd.
January 8

NOTICE.

To the Planters of Kershaw and Lancaster Districts.

HAVING been authorized by Major J. B. E. SIDAN, Controlling Quartermaster of South Carolina, and Major C. S. CARRINGTON, Q. M. Chief of Forage Department, Richmond, Virginia, to collect the Tax in Kind, and Forage of my entire District.

I most respectfully inform the Planters of Kershaw and Lancaster Districts, that I am now prepared to issue what sacks may be required to hold the: Tithes of Corn and Oats. My Agent, Mr. WM. D. STYRON (whose headquarters are at Camden) is authorized to receipt in my name for whatever Corn and Oats may be delivered to him, and in every instance his receipt will be a good voucher to the Assessor for the amount specified.

I beg that every Planter will feel it his duty to give the above notice his prompt attention, as our armies are much in need of corn and oats.

I am authorized purchasing Quartermaster for District No. 6, and as the price of corn has been put up to \$2 50 per bushel, I trust every bushel not absolutely required for home consumption will be reported to my agent, who is always ready to buy and pay the money for the same. Very respectfully,
JAMES SOWERS, Capt. and A. Q. M.
Florence, S. C., December 12, 1863.
January 1

LOST,

ON the cars between Camden and Claremont, a Buckskin PURSE, containing a note for \$67 50, on J. D. Dinkins, drawn payable to J. W. Buckner or bearer. The public is warned against trading for said note, hearing date, December 6, 1863, as payment is stopped on the same.
J. W. BUCKNER.
January 8

Administrator's Sale.

I WILL offer at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 23d day of January, A. D. 1864—the following property, belonging to the estate of S. D. Gibson, deceased—One mare, a stock of cattle and hogs, household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils, &c.
Terms cash.
JOS. K. KIRKLAND, Adm'r.
January 8

FINAL NOTICE.

ALL persons having demands against the estate of John S. Brown, deceased, are requested to present them, duly attested, to T. S. Myers, for payment.
January 8
B. M. BROWN.

HEADQUARTERS.

COMMISSARY-GEN'L, DEPT. S. C. }
COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 20, 1863. }

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAVING PASSED an Act to amend an Act, entitled "An Act to suppress the undue distillation of spirituous liquors in this State," authorizing and empowering his Excellency the Governor to contract with a skilled and responsible agent in each of the Districts of this State to manufacture a limited quantity of pure spirits, at a limited and reasonable price, not to exceed three dollars per gallon; said spirits not to be sold to any but regularly practicing physicians and registered druggists.

Notice is hereby given that proposals in writing, stating prices, will be received at this Department for the manufacture and sale, as above, of a quantity of pure spirits and alcohol, sufficient for the demands of the District from which the offer is made. Bond of ten thousand dollars, with adequate security, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. Early proposals are requested.

By order of the Governor.

RICHARD CALDWELL,

Lieut. Col. and Commissary-General S. C.

All papers in the State insert war times, and send bills in duplicate, with copy of advertisement attached, to this Department for payment. Bills paid quarterly.
January 1

Administrator's Sale.

BY permission of A. L. McDonald, Ordinary for Kershaw District, I will sell at public sale, on Saturday, the 23d day of January, inst., on the plantation lately occupied by John Arthur, deceased, corn, fodder, stock, cattle, mules, &c., belonging to the estate of the said John Arthur. Terms at sale.

—ALSO—

At the same time and place, the lease of the said plantation and the use of the negroes for a life estate.
CORNELIA F. ARTHUR,
January 8

KERSHAW DISTRICT TAX NOTICE.

WE will attend on the following days

At Liberty Hill,	Friday,	January 29-
" Flat Rock,	Saturday,	" 30
" Buffalo,	Wednesday,	February 3
" Lyziby's,	Thursday,	" 4
" Shrock's Mill,	Friday,	" 5
" Careton's Mill,	Monday,	" 8

To receive returns of Income and Property derived by each person, joint stock company and corporation, from every occupation, employment or business, whether registered or not, during the calendar year 1863. Also—to get returns from all mills, tan-yards and other registered business. In the interval we will be found at the office every day (Sundays excepted), to receive returns on above, and collect the same. All persons interested will attend to this, as the law will be enforced against defaulters.

A. M. KENNEDY, C. 17th C. D.
JOHN CANTEY, A. 17th C. D.

January 8

NOTICE.

IN pursuance of an order passed by Mr. A. L. McDonald, O. K. D., I will sell, on the twenty-eighth day of January inst., at the residence occupied by William M. Bullock, deceased, at the time of his death, all the personality belonging to the estate of said deceased. Said personality consisting of a horse, stock of cattle, household and kitchen furniture, &c. Terms cash.
WM. R. TAYLOR, O. K. D.
January 8