

CURIOUS ILLUSTRATION OF RED TAPE.

About fifteen years ago it happened in a certain country in Europe that the inspector general of garrisons, while visiting a provincial town, observed a sentinel stationed at a distance outside the wall keeping guard over some ruined buildings in the suburbs.

With awakened interest and curiosity the general returned to the capital. He there set on foot a more elaborate investigation among the State documents of the minister of war.

WHO MAKE THE BEST GENERAL.—"It is a remarkable circumstance," says Macaulay in his Review of Nugent's Memorials of Hampden, "that the officer who had studied tactics in what we considered as the best schools—under Vere, in the Netherlands, as under Gustavus Adolphus, in Germany—displayed far less skill than those commanders who had been bred to peaceful employments, and never saw a skirmish till the civil war broke out."

A very remarkable case of cure of a stiff joint was recently effected by the surgeons in one of the hospitals of this city. The knee joint of a soldier had been for several months altogether unbendable and he had been for that reason assigned to post duty.

"John Halifax, Gent." solved a problem of the greatest moment, and sent it from "Camp" to the Charlottesville Daily Chronicle. Here it is:

Quoth Meade to Lee,
"Can you tell me,
In the shortest style of writing,
When people's will
Get their fill
Of this 'big job' of fighting?"

Gen. Scott's Autobiography.—Gen. Scott, has nearly completed his autobiography, tracing his personal history downward from the earliest period to the latest public acts of his life.

MISCEGENATION.

This is a word of recent Yankee manufacture, and means nothing more nor less than white people marrying niggers, and niggers marrying white people. White men—Yankee white men, taking odoriferous sable wenches to share their bed-and-board; and white women,—Yankee white women, taking big, black, reeking Samboes and Pompeys and Bucks to become the fathers of their children.

Miss Anna Dickinson, a pretty young girl of Philadelphia, not a sour old maid with a winter face, has visited Washington, has had the council chamber of the nation placed at her disposal, has been handed to the rostrum of that chamber by Seward, and has there delivered an eloquent and burning discourse upon this and other hly-white subjects.

OLD BUCK.—The New York Evening Post has been shown a bundle of thirty-eight five dollar notes on the Potomac bank, which have James Buchanan's portrait engraved upon one corner and in thirty of the notes the word "Trator" is written across Buchanan's forehead.

CRITICISM ON PRAYER.—The following resolution was introduced in the Yankee Senate a few days ago by Mr. Sausbury, of Delaware: Resolved, That the Chaplain of the Senate be respectfully requested hereafter to pray, and supplicate Almighty God in our behalf, and not to lecture Him, informing Him, under pretense of prayer, of his, said Chaplain's, opinion in reference to His duty as the Almighty, and that the said Chaplain be further requested as aforesaid, not under the form of prayer, to lecture the Senate in relation to questions before the body.

Mr. Howard objected to the resolution, and the Senate went into Executive session.

A VOUCHER.—A man once went to purchase a horse of a Quaker:
"Will he draw well?" asked the buyer.
"Thoe will be pleased to see him draw."
The bargain was concluded, and the farmer tried the horse, but he would not stir a step. He turned and said:
"That horse will not draw an inch."
"I did not tell thee that he would draw, friend; I only remarked that it would please thee to see him draw; and so it would me, but he would never gratify me in that respect.

The gunboat Chenango exploded at Brooklyn Navy Yard last Friday, and proved a total loss. Thirty-five persons were injured, of whom twenty-two are dead.

POST OFFICE, CAMDEN, S. C. MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.

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CIRCULAR. HEAD QUARTERS, DEPT. OF SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA AND FLORIDA. CHARLESTON, S. C., April 4th, 1864.

IN order to expedite the forwarding of packages to the soldiers in this command, Lieutenant J. J. Mellon, in addition to his general duties, is hereby announced as agent for the reception of packages forwarded to the troops in this Department by their friends.

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE.
Ext. Logwood, Calomel,
Blue Mass, Ssp. Carb Soda,
Spanish Brown, Sps. Nitre,
E. I. Castor Oil, Black Pepper,
Best Spanish Sweet Oil, Essence Peppermint,
Sps. Camphor, Sulphur,
Quinine, Borax,
Salt Petre, No. Six.

HEADQUARTERS EN. OFFICE. CAMDEN, S. C., April 19th, 1864.
PARAGRAPH 1. The Captains of Best Companies in Kershaw District, will furnish me, at once, with a list of all persons in their respective Beats between the ages of 17 and 18 and 45 and 50 years of age.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS. MY books will positively be closed on the first day of May, and all defaulters double taxed. WM. McKAIN, T. C. K. D.

HEADQUARTERS EN. OFFICE. CAMDEN, S. C., April 13th, 1864.
I. ALL persons between the ages of seventeen and fifty years of age, will report for enrollment in my office forthwith.

REAL ESTATE SALE. South Carolina—Kershaw District. BY Order of A. L. McDonald Ordinary in, and for the District and State aforesaid, will be sold to the highest bidder, by the Sheriff of Kershaw District on the first (1st) Monday in June next at twelve (12) o'clock M., a tract of land containing one hundred and two (102) acres more or less, lying on the western side of little Buffalo Creek in Kershaw District.

FACTORAGE AND COMMISSION AGENCY. THE undersigned has this day opened an agency for the purchase barter and sale, on commission, of groceries, provisions dry goods and produce and merchandise of every description, and is prepared to receive goods on consignment or for storage.

LIVERPOOL SALT & BAGGING. 100 SACKS of Liverpool Salt, 1 bale Dundee Bagging, on consignment for sale by MATHESON & Co.

RAGS! RAGS!! THE HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR WHITE linen or cotton rags, delivered in large or small quantities at this office.

"ST. LAWRENCE."

THIS Celebrated trotting Stallion, of the Morgan stock, will stand the ensuing season (1st March to 1st July) at my plantation on Granny's Quarter Creek, 9 miles from Camden, Liberty Hill road, at forty dollars payable in advance. No insurance. Groom fee \$1.00. ZACH. CANTEY, March 11

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, bearing date, December 5, 1863, as payment is stopped on the same. J. W. BUCKNER, January 8

200 DOLLARS REWARD. THE above reward will be paid for the detection of the rascal who cut the gin-band of the subscriber, on Saturday night last. Persons owning shoe shops will please keep an eye on all sole leather sent to their shops. SUTHERLAND & LEMMON, February 5

ORDINARY'S NOTICE. ALL those who have not made annual returns of the estates entrusted to them as administrators or executors, will do well to make their annual returns of the same by the last day of February, 1864, as the Ordinary's Office will not be open after that date, only on Mondays and Fridays, until the end of the year. ALEX. L. McDONALD, O. K. D. February 12

STRAYED OR STOLEN. FROM the subscriber, nine miles above Camden, on the Lancaster Road, three Milch Cows, two Dry Cows and two Yearlings, marked the figure 7 in the right ear and a swallow fork and underbit in the left. It is believed that the above cattle have been stolen, as the milch cows left their calves at home. A liberal reward will be paid for information that will lead to their recovery, or for the detection of the thief, if stolen. JAMES LOVE, February 5

WANTED. A COMPETENT Business man, to act as my agent for the District of Kershaw, not liable to Military duty in the Confederate army. Address JAMES SOWERS, A. Q. M. March 4

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS. NOTICE is hereby given that Confederate notes, of all denominations, will be received, in payment of State taxes, until the 31st inst. After that date, payment must be made either in the new bills, or in five dollar notes. W. McKAIN, T. C. K. D. March 4

HARE. THIS beautiful thoroughbred young Stallion, by Jeff Davis, dam by Putaw Shark, will stand at Hobkirk Hill the ensuing season (1st March to 1st July) at fifty dollars, payable in advance. No insurance. \$1.00 to the Groom. March 4

Dr. J. McCaw & Dr. B. H. Matheson. OFFICE—TWO DOORS ABOVE THE BRANCH BANK. DR. J. M. McCAW, DR. B. H. MATHESON, January 29

NOTICE. CAPT. W. F. HUGHSON will act as my Agent for the transaction of all business in reference to Insurance Agency, during my absence in the service. January 27

NOTICE. B. M. BROWN is my authorized agent during my absence from home. T. S. MYERS, February 12

NOTICE. CAMDEN DEPOT, March 2th, 1864. AFTER this date and until further notice, the Passenger trains on the Camden Branch, will run as follows: Leave Camden, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 3.15 a. m. Arrive at Kingsville 6.50 a. m. Leave Kingsville 4.30 p. m. Arrive at Camden 7.30 p. m. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays leave Camden at 1 p. m. E. F. ROWARTH, Supt. Transportation, March 18

MEDICAL NOTICE. THE undersigned have formed a copartnership for the practice of medicine, in Camden and its vicinity. J. M. DESAUSSURE, M. D., D. L. DESAUSSURE, M. D. April 1

SAM LETCHER. WILL be at his stable at the Hermitage the ensuing season, commencing the first of March. Terms—Fifty Dollars the Season, payable in advance. February 12

INSTRUCTION IN SPANISH. THE undersigned proposes to give lessons, in Spanish, to a class of young Ladies, if a sufficient number of pupils can be obtained. For particulars apply to Mrs. McCandless. April 8

NOTICE: NOTICE!! NOTICE!!! THE People are notified that the Certificates for Tax in Kind, issued by me, are not tax receipts and they must be presented to James Jones, Tax collector, before the first of April. J. H. DEVEREUX, March 25

NOTICE. ALL persons having claims against the Estate of James V. Lyles deceased, will please present the same to me duly attested, at as early a day as possible, and all persons indebted to said Estate will please make payment, to me of their respective indebtedness at an early day, &c. MARY A. LYLES, Adm. March 18