Thrilling Story.

THE AERONAUT;

The Fate of Count Ludwig Paulder.

On the 10th of June, 18-, an announce ment, stating that an aeronant would ascend in a balloon, startled the inhabitants of Mu-

The first-in fact, the grand triumph which Montgolfier achieved, had given to the idea an impulse which, through the medium of

public journals, had spread over Europe. This impulse was the great ruling principle which had always governed mankind, and which is called curiosity. The excitement caused by this first great success in aeronautics, had set half the world as much in a ferment as the assumed discovery of the load-

or of California had or has done. expositions. It was talked of in the college and the cloister. Fashion made it a subject of conversation, and those ignorant of the laws of nature were in a state of the most profound astonishment.

Young ladies and young gentlemen who could make silk balloons, and aerify or rarify them, from the soap-bubble blower to the more profound amateur in the art, were sending up their flimsy fabrics into the heavens, when this astonishing act of daring was first announced as a thing that could be attempted and done, as it were, by sound of trumpets. It aroused the whole city, and by the appointed time, and indeed long before, a vast concourse of people had assembled.

Much admiration was bestowed upon the gaily-colored and elegant machine, whose very peculiarity of construction elicited their nishment, and whose strange interlacing and wild purport roused every passion for the wonderful and the surprising in their breasts. It was one of the largest then made, and its improved car, deep and wide, capacious enough to hold two or three persons with ease, became a source of much conjecture with the curious. They fancied themselves borne aloft into the space beyond the clouds, and shuddered with dismay at the contemplation of trusting life to so appalling a height in so frail a machine, subject to accidents as it was; and yet to him who could keep his brain cool. and collect his faculties of observation and watchfulness, nothing could be more secure,

Ideas and thoughts such as these were exchanged among the groups of well-dressed. The stranger spoke so calmly, so decisively, people whom an overpowering sentiment had drawn in large numbers. The professor of the stranger spoke so calmly, so decisively, and with such force of conviction, that the astronger numbers. The professor of tonished and half offended aeronaut draw back. something more than human; and as the time approached when he should appear to conduct the process of inflation, expectation had raised itself on tip-toe, and the passion of the crowd

was at its utmost height. A disappointment, however, or what was feared would ultimately prove to be such, now began to offer itself. The noble gardens laid out in beautiful walks, above which arched and overhung in many places the branche of stately trees, and which now held half the population of Munich, one would have at first thought had assembled to enjoy music and dancing instead of a balloon ascent-these The bright and glorious sunshine was succeeded by a broad bank of threatening clouds gathering in the horizon, which gradually overspread the heavens, and made the change, by contrast, sad and dismal in the extreme A storm of wind and rain was expected, and almost all came to one very unsatisfactory conclusion, namely, that there could be no

The storm, however, did not appear, but The storm, however, did not appear, but meantime taken his seat in the car, and was the long-expected professor did. He was a gaily bidding some of his friends "good bye." man of keen eye and intelligent face, with a calm expression of concentrativeness about his mouth, which indicated a command over to the professor, whispered something in his the nerves that must be wonderful, considering | ear, to which the other replied assentingly, and how they were at times tried. There was no pretension in dress, person, or manner, of the | ing his cloak still closer around him, he had slightest kind. He merely bowed his acknowledgment to the spectators, who saluted count, who, momentarily surprised, glanced him warmly, and in a quiet, unassuming way, first at one and then at the other. knowledgment to the spectators, who saluted went on with the business of preparing his

In the meantime, there appeared going from group to group a remarkably handsome young man, whose light, easy, and lofty air, elegant dress, and the somewhat haughty expression on his fine features, indicated one of some rank and pretensions. Such, indeed, was the fact, for he was named Count Ludwig Paulder -the descendent of an ancient family, very wealthy, young, handsome, a libertine, and powerful at court. No wonder, then, that as as he gaily went from one to another, nodding familiarly to one blushing beauty, and bowing lowly to another of more aristocratic pretensions—no wonder, we say, that with the prestige of his name he should have suddealy become a subject for conversation among the assembled crowd. The chief reason of this was, that he was going to ascend in the balloon with the professor; and rash and dangerous as the determination was, his daring and coolness commanded admiration.

Leaving Count Ludwig to swagger from one to another, the groups to distract themselves with apprehensions about the storm, which yet seemed undecided, or to speculate stil! more upon the presumptive fate of the bal loon with its designed cargo-leaving, also, the professor to regulate the filling of the machine-we must beg the reader to retrace his stess with us for a new hours, in order to relate to him what took place between the professor and an unknown individual, more important to our story, during the past morn-

The professor, who was staying at one of the principal hotels, while perusing the news-paper after a late breakfast, was informed that

a stranger was without desiring to see him. Men, in the position of the aeronaut, have often experiened the amoyance of imperci nent curiosity. Thinking that this was some such matter, the professor was about to plead business or a particular engagement, when he

suddenly altered his mind, and desired the waiter to show the stranger in. A tall man, clad in a vast cloak, with face and fea ures the most remarkably striking of anythe professor had ever beheld, was then ushered into the room. There was such

an air of majesty and command about him. that the aeronant received his unexpected guest with the most profound respect. We will endeavor to sketch him as he appeared. He was not more than five or six and twen tv. but looke ! in reality forty years of age. His hair, which must have been magnificent

at one time, was dry and matted, and sprinkled with gray locks. His broad and massive forehead was ploughed with furrows, his cheeks white and sunken, the angles of his finely chiselled mouth contracted, as it with oft repeated spasms of agony, and a sadness-a deep unutterable despair-was so visible above all, that he looked like a noble and majestic ruin. Ilis great apparent grief commanded

"I mean," added the stranger, hastily,

"No, sir," replied the aeronaut, with a but my experience of the weather tells me there is nothing to dread."

"I am glad to hear it. You are engaged

At this moment a spasm crossed his face, and and writhed it for a single instant, till it took a dark and sinister aspect.

"Yes," was the reply. "A young noble-man of this city, Count Ludwig Paulder." "Ah!" said the stranger, "I knew him once; an old friend, sir, till we were parted, and-and years severed us. I should like to

"It is almost, I may say utterly, impossible," was the quiet answer.

"I never accept that word as an answer indicating to me any meaning at all," was the half-fierce and moody reply. possible, sir; and I must repeat what I said." " It cannot be done."

"Sir! do not deem me insolent or rude. Anything-everything can be done;" and he proceeded with amazing coolness to take out heavy purse of money from his vest, "What is your charge?"

The aeronaut shrugged his shoulders, and smile at the absurdity of the demand played

myself, in the car, and that one seat is engaged, as I have said-and as you know." "What did the Count Ludwig pay for his orivilege?" demanded the stranger.
"Do you not think, sir, that this is going a

little too far?" asked the professor. "Your pardon, sir. I will give you double." The professor shrugged his shoulders again, miled, and turned away. "Come," said the stranger, "I must not

lose my object thus—" "But, sir," interrupted the other. have so intense a desire to ascend, do so with me to-morrow or the next day."

The stranger shrugged his shoulders in turn. No time like the present," said he. "I have an absorbing, a devouring thirst to go up, and my desire must be gratified." "I have no objections, sir, to your having

what you require. "Good," cried the stranger, his face lighting up with a gleam of intense delight. "But I must repeat, and I do it with regret, that to day, and with me, it would be impossible. I say impossible! because I myself

"It shall be done-it must be done! and

know a word which implies that a thing can-

way which I propose to arrange the difficulty : I will give you your own terms to take your place. I have ascended before, and know

And he forthwith began to explain to the he balloon, in a manner so plain and perfect in its details, that it was evident the stranger was no novice in the matter.

The conclusion was, therefore, that the stranger should take the profes or's place, and ascend with Ludwig Paulder, the whole being left to his care and guidance. We now return to the garden.

The noble machine was fully dist-nded, and little more preparation was nece sary before it would be loosened to sour lightly aloft. The crowd turn now and then an anxious and even a hopeful eye towards that quarter of the sky which seemed to threaten most, and trusted by a few faint indications that all would blow over, and that the pleasure would not be marred. Count Ludwig Paulder had in the when the stranger, in his dark and ample cloak, strode out of the crowd, and advancing before any could recover their surprise, taken his seat opposite the handsome young

"I am to have company, then it seems? asked Ludwig half haughtily.

The stranger turned his head. The professor at the moment, all being in readiness, oosened the balloon, and having made a feint to leap into the car, failed, as a matter of course. Away it darted upwards like a vast and brilliant rocket, amidst the applause of thousands upon thousands of spectators.

Those who were nearest, however, and beneld the professor left behind, looking after his fugitive balloon with a sort of drily humorous surprise, were blind with dismay, as they anticipated nothing but an instant and horrible caastrophe, arising from the assumed ignorance of those in the car, and the strange manner in which the aeronaut himself had been left.

When the excitement of the moment had subsided, when wonder was greater than curiosity, when every one thought and wondered, marvellous mode of traversing through space, and defeating the denizens of the air in their own element-to all the eager questions of the crowd, the aeronant only replie I that "all was safe, that there was nothing to fear, the stranger had proved himself to be perfectly calm and col ected, and that he had been able to give one or two hasty pieces of advice, as regarded the working of the machine, the using of the ballast, and the regulating the ascent and the descent-that is to say, the manage-

nent of the gas within the body of the silken than the management of these things. When properly constructed, balanced, fitted and proisioned, there is no reason to fear whatever. n ascending higher, all the aeronaut has to do and he offered it to him. to pour out his ballast in the shape of said, which obviates danger to those below. In dewhich by degrees, restore to the machine its

ig swiftness; Count Ludwig had barely reovered his surprise at b holding the bal oon

bounding away, and the professor abs nt. At the first few moments, a terrible dismay seized quite as ignorant. He ventured to ga e clow, and his brain reeled and his heart sickmed at the thought of an accident which As the balloon, however, went onwards and pwards with an easy and gentle, though still apid motion, he became a little more at ease. rough he still felt misgivings about their descent. It appeared easy enough to ascend; there not something awful thrilling, stupend- the eye by turns. Nature, in the repose of crossed his lips, but no word farther did he but how were they to descend? He knew very

well that the gas within the balloon was highly "What may be your pleasure with me, sir?" come in contact. He shuddered as he thought | death so horrible?"

demanded the professor, after an awk and pause of a few moments, during which he handed his visitor a chair, who declined it. and remained standing.

"You are going to make a balloon ascent to-day, I understand," said the other. "You are not likely to be hindered?"

"Ah! you fear then?" cried the other, dispanse of the scene below was painfully mich burned. An instant explosion—the burned and the professor, after an awk and pause of a few moments, during which he silk bag woul! follow, and the uning of the silk bag woul! follow, and the uning of the silk bag woul! follow, and the uning of the silk bag woul! follow, and the uning of the silk bag woul! follow, and the uning of the silk bag woul! follow, and the uning of the silk bag woul! follow, and the uning of the silk bag woul! follow, and the uning of the silk bag woul! follow, and the uning of the scene below was painfully wivid, inasmuch as the balloon was not a mile from their summits.

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predicament or position. He was, therefore,

A wild, terrible, utterly indescribable exultation began to fill him—to make him thrill like lead, and all the while the swinging inand tingle from the scalp to the very feet. It creased, threatening at last to fling them both was so singular that he almost felt terrified at out into the air. it. During all this time the ballon still con-

He ventured another glance at the panora- that I was, to trust myself with you!" cence of the sight was certainly striking in the more easy-it ascended again, and at last it

He beheld an immense crowd in the gardens they had just left, but diminished to the size structures and countless streets, was spread | danger, I beseech you." open to him like a vast plain; and the extended country, with its woods, fields, forests and unaccountable way-by being precipitated streams, filled the eye with a picture of which he had before no conception.

Going slowly southward, beneath a dark pall of ether which spread above them like a vast sheet, he beheld distant mountains, far off great height," continued the stranger with a cities, noble rivers, all white as snow under the ghastly smile. "I feel a desire to leap headbe did not know, also appeared, one after the | do not forget that in trilling with my own life, other, till he was dazzled and bewildered by I have no right whatever to trifle with yours.

Soon the snowy peaks of the Tyrol began to exhibit themselves, while dark chasms into which he could not penetrate revealed to him "We are approaching the Alps. which he could not penetrate revealed to him the deep valley between the mountain ranges. Feeling the air growing cold and chill, he turned to look upward, and saw the black cloud above, stretching every way as far as the eye could see, like a roof, which he could his keen eye on the count.

They were sailing in the midst of light; ment more, and they would be, as it struck Ludwig, in total darkness, floating in a horrible gloom more tenebrous and opaque than that of the blindest night of Egypt. The count, to his increased astonishment beheld his silent companion pouring out bal-

"What are you about?" he shouted. and

shrank back appalled at the sound of his own voice; for the reverberation of thunder was ing cohors which it wakened up. The next moment they had broken through the cloud, and were wrapped up in its blighting chaos. outburst, like the discharge of a thousand parks of artillery, followed and after the whole space beneath had seemed like a bilhow to take the entire management of such a lowy sea of fire-blue, coruscating, and blinding-the whole space around them became re-l-glowing; and they were circled around, professor the whole structure and working of above, and below with that sinister and tremendous outline of terror to which neither

could give a name. A furious storm of hail and snow followed. and after the unnatural heat they had experienced, they felt a cold so fi-ree and bitter, that the marrow seemed frozen in the bones. In the meantime, the balloon had began to collapse and fill in a most fearful manner. Once or twice this allowed it to fall with borrible swiftness downward until it had passed out of the cloud. The next moment, with a violent flap, the balloon distended itself almost to bursting again. This carried them once more into the horrors of the snow cloud, and once more were these portentous terrors

Ludwig could not see, in the intense darkness which followed, that his taciturn fellowvoyager was still continuing with what appeared an insane temerity to lighten the ear ov casting out still more ballast. The effect of this was to continue their ascent, till all at once they bust forth out of this hideous mass of meteoric vapors, and were in a region of such dazzling purity, beauty, and beavenly radiance, that it was like a foretaste of the blessed air which once breathed softly through the foliage and amidst the blooms of man's

Surprised and awed into silence, Ludwig gazed around him, and was struck with the scene—the almost divine tranquility which will amuse us as we travel on. Yes," reigned in that pure locality.

They were now at an altitude beyond any mount upward. They had lost sight of the earth totally, and below them they saw nothing but voluminous clouds, black and purple, sometimes yawning horribly, to show the rifts of fire that issued forth at intervals, flashing and streaming; and then came the There was at this college, also, a bold, brave, terrible sound of the thunder toiling in the handsome boy, somewhat older than my-than boundless abyss.
"For the love of God!" said Ludwig, at

last, "do not throw away more ballast. shall be in some awful peril if you do." We to wreak his hate upon him. It is almost in-"We have been in peril down below there,"

said the stranger, speaking for the first time, and giving his voice an intonation that made the other shrink. "I thought that the lightning would have ignited the gas and destroyed the balloon. In that case," he added, with
a frightful columns "and fall world, and yet hated the

ford to love all the world, and yet hated the

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some that it now is, would be to deal in fallation in the productive value of t a frightful calmness "our fall would have youth that shunned him-vowed to ruin him. been like that of Phaton, for between us and He forced him to the gaming table by an in- ed out for you !" the earth there lay at least four miles."

Ludwig shook like an aspeo. "Horrible!" he murmured; "and you are not afraid?" " 1 ?" the stranger laughed. Ludwig feared him in spite of himself, for the laugh was so mocking and prearthly "No, I don't fear," ne added, and shivering; "but I begin to fee!

the cold greatly." "There is some brantly in the flask here." said Ladwig, taking one from a sort of pocket in the side of the car: "try a little of it;"

"No, no," replied the stranger, shaking his head, and drawing his cloak closer round him not live long. scending, he must increase the weight of his as if to protect himself; "you do not know vessel by permitting a large escape of gas what the consequence would be if I drank any of that. It would make me mad. I should fing myself or you out of the car, or many a day gone by. He loved his mother, cut the cords with my knife, or do some and he loved his brother. Imagine his feeltrick still more dreadful."

Ludwig's dread was not by any means quieted by the calm candor of the confession, the the more so as they yet continued to ascend, the mother's death! It was necessary for him and were approaching a region of cold so to know the truth. He did so." severe where it might become absolutely necessary for him to have recourse to the reject- cloak for the first time fall back, and resting ed stimulant; and then thought Ludwig, his face pensively in his hand, exhibited to ne's web, and he supposed his companion to "What a position!—to be in this car, rocking view the fine though faded lineaments of his five miles above the earth, or suspended over the horrible peaks of the Alps, perhaps alone | ble impulse-a vertigo-prompted Count Ludwith a madman. What are you about? Do not throw any more out, I beg of you!" exclaimed the count engerly, for another bag of sit shuddering where he was.

ballast had been seized. "Why?" asked the stranger, paussing. "Madman!" cried Ludwig, frantically; tions, pile upon pile, of driven but snow-crown-

coward in scarcely any sense of the word; but | "Let us see what this means," and he sudden- made him think, and which did not bring | blue lips now. They were purched and dry. | value would then be fifty dollars. He would | from a more "thorough investigation of the a firm man might well tremble when in such a ly seized hold of a slackened cord which was back the color to his palled cheeks. suspended from beneath the vast globe that carried them. The car began to rock and His breathing was strangely light, free and sway most fearfully, and the balloon itself to smile: "unless it blows very violently indeed; rapid. His blood becoming more oxygenated, swing to and fro, taking at last a fearful gratbounded through the arteries with greater ra- ing motion that bereft Ludwig of all power for sidity, and increased the pulsation of the a few moments. He closed his eyes, set his teeth, and grasped the side of the car with a | indistinct.

> with terror, "take care what you do. ! Wretch ma below, and found that he could endure to stranger laughed, and loosed the cord. After look now without shrinking; and the magnifi- a short time the motion of the balloon became

> > moved on with the same ease as before. "Shall I ascend?" asked the stranger coldly st left, but diminished to the size
> > The city itself, with its white
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> > Ludwig, with his lips pale as ashes, said
> > faintly—"Oh! do not tritle with this awful "It is dreadful to die in some unusual, some

from such a heighth as this, for instance-is it not?" "I am always strangely affected when at a peculiar medium through which he gazed. long down; and you do not know with how They crossed slowly the Chiem See, a large | much trouble I am suppressing the desire I lake through which the river Inn flows. have to cut away the cords which support the Many towns which he knew, and many which | car to the balloon; but," he added gravely, "I

> Eh, count ?" look" cried the stranger, "the clouds below have all cleared away, and there is nothing to obstruct the vision. Yonder is Innspruckdo you know Innspruck?" added he, bending

"I have heard of Innsprack," replied Ludwig with a face so horridly white that it might have been supposed fresh terror had been created; but the balloon went on gently and majestically, and did not rock and heave as

True enough, almost the whole of Tyrol, with the city of Innspruck as a centre, lay beneath them. They beheld the roaring waters and the foaming cataracts of that wild land but as so many threads of silver and so many sparkthe Rhastic Alps was towering upward like a dent that there was some fatal injury done to wall of white and gleaming marble. The west | the balloon, of which the stranger seemed to now hastening towards the horizon.

"Faith, I can't tell-likely enough," "In a hurry, too, perhaps." The the reply.

stranger laughed, and Ludwig was sorry that he had asked him. "Don't you like this? 1 the car, and went to the other side, where he sat

know them?" He looked at Ludwig as he

"I don't know-I cannot see it," said Lud-

pointed to a particular spot, scarely visible.

the stranger, with a wild light in his eyes.

ded, "I remember a strange, bitter history be-

longing to that spot. There was a young and

timid boy at the college some few years ago;

was remarkable for his gentleness of nature,

this unoffending youth; and for several rea-

Count Ludwig was as pale as a sheeted

fernal plot-he beset his steps in every way-

he robbed him of his gold-he forced him, by

insulting him like a bravo, to fight a duel,

There was something inexpressibly shocking

and harrowing to this wild tale, told in that

soiemn region.
"This boy died with his heart cleft in two

He had a mother who idolized him. He could

neither kies her lips nor ask her parden; and

she went mad when she heard that her beau-

tiful, her best-beloved child had become a

brawler, a gambler, and a duellist. She did

"There was, however, an elder brother, who

was fighting in far off lands, and who knew

ings when he came bome to embrace them.

and found them departed-naught left but the

memento of the gentle boy's assassination-

The gray and ghostly Alps hegan to draw

nearer towards them. Gaunt solitudes, drear and

gion, did not move horizontally but vertically.

"In the name of God, no!" cried Ludwig. "Let me entreat you to cease forcing us up

higher, at least, if we cannot descend. My God!" he added, "we shall be perished with the cold before morning." "Why do you not try your flask?" said the stranger; "and now that I am reminded of it, let me taste it, for I too am cold." "But-b t," hesitated Ludwig, "if you say

not be endangering us both if you partake of "Shall I tell you another story about Inn-

spruck? "Why! hum! I don't know, except perhaps that the things I speak of did not occur

elsewhere. I am going to make the balloon descend now-look out!" They were at a most fearful altitude at this present moment, and Ludwig, who rememered the insecure position in which the matal terror almost choking hi n, as the stranger

the valve. There was a sudden hissing heard, a stream of white vapor seen preceding a sudden colreport, succeeded by a rending sound, which With a breathless, an absolutely appalling rapidity, the huge machine shot downwards; and while the car was rocking just as fearfully as before, Ludwig, who in his terror had closed his eyes, to avoid the sickening sight of the sounding void into which he was then, as he thought, plunging, felt himself flung out of the car, and had just time, with the instinct of desperation, to catch hold of the side, to which he clung with feelings of which it is impossi-

ble to give any adequate idea. The loosening of the cord had again perling jets. Farther south, the mighty range of mitted the valve to close, but it was too eviparachute, in some degree checked its fright-

tul speed. The struggles of him who hung without were tremendous, but unavailing. His cries sane in his remorseless impassiveness. He quietly left the place he had occupied in

prayer for his soul.

The gloom deepened below; the gray, ghastmountains grew more monstrous and spectral; the fingers loosened; a shriek rent the air.

The man knelt in the car and prayed. and bleeding, lay the dying stranger. tale we have told, and when he had uttered

The winds have blown the smoke away-Cold is the forge and hush'd the mill; The "toil-worn cotter" rests to-day-

The laboring ox rests in the shade; A holy calm pervades the scene,

And beauty smiles from hill and glade, The modest flowers that light the clod, Like drops of sunshine from the sky, Bow their sweet beade and worship God.

Beneath his fig tree and the vine. Beside the lowly cottage door, The poor man reads the precious line

The fible is the poor man's law, Biessed boon to mortals given; A ladder such as Jacob saw, With angels coming down from heaven.

that of the ancient Nemi-ts, would

gard and dreadful language written on them, would enable all our poor people, who are not

therefore, and let me be the avenging angel

the face sank-it lost hope-it was no longer seen. The fingers grasped the sides, but it its influence upon you is so pernicious, will it was evident that they were relaxing, weakennot be endangering us both if you partake of ing, and would not hold long.

> The next morning, in a rude chalet, saved brought at his earnest prayer. To him he his last word, he breathed his last sigh. The to feed and clothe negroes, and employ them

The Poor Man's Book.

Traffic is mute and labor still.

And send their fragrant praise on high.

Of promise to the humble poor.

and already policy upon the price of our great staple, we as money could be made by importing a wild

able to buy negroes at the present high prices, justly observes. Now, that there has be

upwards, " hath he not in his sufferings made It would enable the owners of the waste lands expiation and become penitent? Shall I yet in the older Southern States to reclaim and he added bitterly, al- enrich sedge fields and piney groves, say most ferociously, "with his danger would depart his fear. With his despair would go his sorrow and his remorse. Let him perish, a year? He could not afford to feed him. And indebtedness, which would now only abso b that has naught to do with pity or with hatred. | One-fourth of a man's negroes, would then take Let him die then; I can at least offer up a all that he had, and thus many small slaveholders, and 1 ot a few larger ones, would find Gradually, as the haggard eyes seemed to themselves emancipated by the Sheriff from rend all that passed in the stranger's-mind, all further concern personally in the question no one would be willing to support, unless attached by stronger ties than interest to the institution. This would strike at the very root of our slave property. The cost of raising and maintaining an infant negro, would consume of industry and labor, in which slavery has been chiefly employed and which has resulted. tached by stronger ties than interest to the inand the stranger put his hand to his ears. twice his value. This would tear up the ining of Virginia and other States which raise them for the West. It would be worse than abolition in its worst forms. It would force from being dashed to pieces by the aid of hun-ters, on a rude bed of skins, wounded, weak, croachments" of irresistible necessity. There would be no escape from the bankruptcy of it is a good institution. This developm tolding and raising slaves but universal abolities usefulness, which renders it more a

Neither could the proprietors of those waste lands, which we desire to see reclaimed and blossoming with the cotton plant, afford with a smile utterly indescribable on his his last word, he breathed his last sigh. The to feed and clothe negroes, and employ them dreadfully dispairing face, pulled the cord of world had naught for him after his revenge in reclaiming worn lands if, when those lands are reclaimed with the cord of world had naught for him after his revenge. were reclaimed-which would require an expensive process of several years-they could expect only to reap as the fruits of the labor of their slaves such profits and income as would correspond with the above value. The be abandoned by proprieto s as a measure of self-defence. How would this state of value descendants of African barbarians are maaffect us, even here in Middle Georgia, (to say dren are now considered the best slave pro can reason upon these consequences for him- my mind, no small evidence of the wisd self. Instead of this condition of things strengthening the institution, it would pull it down with iron hooks. Instead of inducing an expansion of the basis of slave property, it would have just the opposite result. Men would not buy nor hold slaves, if they were so reduced in value as to be rather a burden than a benefit. It is well known, that there are Southern country who now make very little above the support of their slaves-their prin-

> and growth of their negroes. argued it at the point where the slave population was supposed to be doubled, and then I grow more and more useful and valuable, i have taken it at the low figure of three hunllaving now ascertained the effect of this assurance that it would stop at that? As long of other forms of labor, accompanied to

cinal accumulation consisting in the increase

"My God!" he said, casting his own eyes all would become deeply interested in Slavery. It would enable the owners of the waste lands appared, "hath he not in his sufferings made to would enable the owners of the waste lands and become penitent? Shail I yet in the older Southern States to reclaim and the early patriots, even if we have attained to "full understanding and appreciation of the been chiefly employed, and which has re in the exhibition of the wonderful fruitfulness and productive value of negro labor. The utility and value of the institution, thus ex

ed and established; has aroused us to a be its usefulness, which renders it more a bless ing "to both races," is by far the strongest agument that ever was made in its behalf. as been, both substantially and literally, the leading argument in defence of slavery; the theory and metaphysics all followed in wake. Neither is this the acknowledgment of a fact which slaveholders or the friends of slavery need be ashamed of. No stronger an gument can be had of the divine origin, and

of the moral foundation of slavery, than the result would rather be, that both the waste fact of its great utility to mankind-to the land and the wasted property of negroes would | maker and consumer of its products, and also descendants of African barbarians are made which add so much to the comfort of the world, and so much to the progress of commerce perty? It is needless to pursue this view of which itself has been the forerunner of civili the subject into further details. Every one zation, and the vehicle of Christianity, is, to the "forecast" of that mysterious Providence which transferred them hither. Nor is the argument of utility the less strong, when we take into consideration the vast, improved condition of the Southern slave morally socially, as compared to the miserable victim of the opposite course of things at the Nor many slaveholders in the older parts of the and caused them to be emancipated and ca out to perish. 1 think, therefore, that I do n injustice to the conscience of the South, ar no violence to the defence of slavery, when say that the vast increase of the use value of slaves has something to do with t hange of opinion which has

the South within the last forty years.

reaction tion upon toen, all its good qualities, and no logic sustain it. To all that can be said in its d fence, on grounds of political, moral, or religious economy, the reply would be, it is a worthless thing. That reply destroys all defences and the motives of defence. It strikes at the root of the institution itself. Thus you would weaken it in public opinion-you make

you desire to fortify.

If you would defend slavery—if you would strengthen it in the minds and hearts of Southern men-if you would have the South to be united in its maintenance against all its foes-keep the institution forever founded upon a solid basis of u-cfulness. The demand or slave labor, which is so serious a complaint in the estimation of many, grows out of its u-efulness and value.-While it is profitable, that demand will exist. Satiate that demand overstock it with such an unnatural supply as Africa would pour in upon us, if the foul-channels of the "middle passage" were opened, and you will find, when you have cured

THE NEW POSTMASTER-GENERAL-Hon JOseph Holt, the new Postmaster-General, is a native of Breckenridge county, Kentucky, and about 48 years of age. He is a lawyer by profession, and for a number of years pro-secuting attorney for Louisville city. He is a son-in-law of ex-Postmaster-General Wickliffe, and a broth rin-law of Senator Yulee, of Florida. Mr. Holt resided for about eight years in the State of Mississippi, where he accumulated an ample fortune. He was a strong supporter of Mr. Polk in '44, to whose admin stration he gave a warm support. In 1846 he went abroad, and was gone about, three years. He is a sound, able and superior ousiness man, and is perhaps the best appoint is well known in Kentucky, where he has the utmost confidence of ex Secretary Guthria and other leading Kentucky Democrats. We have no doubt he will be found a worthy successor of the able man whose plans he

A WHITE ROLLS .- We saw resterlar, & White robin, which had been seen about town for some days, and was shot last beyond this out skirts. The wings and back were of a pale cream color, the rendinder perfet ly white. We have seen it stated that white specimens of several kinds of bilds and qualcapeds have b en seen this winter, is vario is parts of the country, e-pecially in the Northern portion of it.—Cheraw Herald.

NEGROES GOING SOUTH .- The Weldon (North Carolina) Patriot says that two thonsand negroes passed through that place during the month of January, and not less than fifty thousand, it is informed, went into the cotton regions during the last year.

o complete the work by a practical of the enastment

A boy had swallowed a gilyer of the faculty could devise an

The gay recklessness had a fatal innuence on Count Ludwig's hardihood. He was pale. spruck. His slumbering conscience was awa- upon the pare, and so tar as to compare the Congressional power to protect her against so stands; for an unprofitable institution nervous, and fast approaching a state of the kened, and its pangs were awful. most deplorable prostration. He had always In a voice sombre and sinister, and full of of the Stave Trade Committee, as to the effect arguments I am making against it would have been remarkable for his high spirits, his haugh impressive meaning, the stranger addressed of the importation upon the negro property ty carriage, his courage, and his numerous duels in proofs of such courage. He never felt fear before this day; but this man, who his victim thus—
"Count Ludwig Paulder," said the stranger,

was or was not insane, had at all events the of the man who hung suspended over the proadvantage over him, for he could jest grimly with the most awful kind of death, while in found abyss below, with no hope of being proportion Ludwig's terror and desire to desaved, his cold and merciless glance. "I leave yet a little matter to relate to you; and while seend were momentarily increasing. Besides he was at the mercy of his wild companion. ou can hold on there, you can listen or not, is you choose. I proceed. The history which and the value of the negro's productive labor, profitable. When, from any cause or combi-Another question arose-Were they to pass first related to you was one in which you played the principal part. You were the "How beautiful Innspruck looks," cried the nater, the gambler, the assassin-the slaver of the son, and the destroyer of the mother. Look stranger; "who would have thought that blood at me! Ah! you know me not!-well, know stains the grass which grows in the glade unme now. I am the brother who was absentder the shelter of those beeches-perhaps you

> not yet completed, for there is yet a sequel!" The man paused, and pressed his hand against his head, as though to still the throb of its fruits. And negro property partakes of of men changed accordingly. It was not abooing of his brain. By the ghastly expression of his countenance it was easy to tell the strength of his emotion, but it could not exceed the ghastliness of him who still, with the tenacity

of despair and mortal terror, yet clung to the his name was-ah!-ah!-I forget. Well, he ed God! take me in," he cried. But the stranger give his appeal no heed,

for shunning the wild riots of his companions -abhorring their debaucheries, and retiring, trembling, from their horrible gaming tables. and, in measured words, went on-"In the same town lived a fair and beautial girl, coasin to him who was slain-coesin to me who have three lives to avenge, and for which I have gone through incredible difficul. South ru Convention, who advocated the Slave victions have kept pace with the advancing sons the stronger hated the weaker, and sought beautiful girl you proposed to love-you se- cheaper negroes, was, that they denied that reduce the value of our negroes to "three hunorpse. He glared upon the stranger and had no pity, no remorse, no fear. You beasted of your work-you exulted in the rain you worked. Be brave, and exult still. Pray to at \$300, when the product of his labor is the the productive value of slave labor, you would "Yes, this bold fellow-this leader of all

do so. I leave you to whatever fate is point-So saying, he rose, a grand and mournful by which he is bought and sold, are too well Georgia, when negroes were worth scarcely solemnity overshadowing his face, and seated understood and known from exp rience. Even one fourth what they are now, there was a himself on the other side, totally out of sight an increased supply would be constantly

Down a block, groy atmosphere, darkening same, and was not itself removed be reduction and gloomy, the balloon was still descending. of the price of produce. And thus the wast than one would now. It would surprise many Looking over, the stranger found that he would profits arising from the difference in the cost who have not looked but the filstoff of this probably descend among the rugged peaks of of the Africans imported and the purchase question; to see how loose and unstable were probably the most hold and trightful mount money here; would be reaped by the ki lump the foundations of t is cherished institution minous region. Pine forests wavel far away below, and above them rose the white peaks, crested with snow, looking like the heads of so many grim and gibbering ghosts:

All this waile that awful voice from without the car rose in prayers and blasphemies, in The avenger had for many a year taught his for a negro who sells for less than other negros, and the importation of slaves, &c .:neart to become stone-crushed, one by one, the tender impulses of human nature-weaned himself from loves and friendships-dogged, day by day, and month by month, the steps of death more fearful than another; for, to shoot hoping for cheap slave labor, on the one hand, State,' concludes with this sentence: 'Georor stab was to kill him at once. Accident and high prices for their products on the other, gia claims the right, with her Southern sisters had aided him, and he was now killing him a are hugging to their bosoms a delusive phan- whose situation in this regard is similar, of thousand times over. It is dreadful to con- tom of Southern prosperity. once magnificent features. An unaccounta- template the suffering the wretched Ludwig

Collecting all his energies together, it ap peared that the count determined to make one tremendous effort to save hims. If. By the frequent jerking of the car, the avenger guessed what his victim was about. A sombre and wish to go up higher—do you not love it Is white, or black, like a bottomless abyss, met melancholy smile, but cold as a moon-beam,

must have undergone.

bending over and fixing upon the awful face of population and cheap labor, this subject in making; instead of getting more negroes,

connexion. Now the reduction of the valu-

of negro labor, by reducing the price of cotton

institution than the mere over-stocking of the | will be emancipated. They never were eman market, and it is a stroke from which it would cipated in any of the Northern States while it The price of an article is its exchangeable When that guarantee failed, the institution value. The price of those commodities which | fell into decay. When negroes were useful, it perish in the use, consists of the cost of pro- was right, religiously, morally and politically. the son who returned and found no mother to duction plus the effect of supply and demand. But when negro property became a burden The value of real estate is estimated by its instead of a benefit, and a nuisance instead of productiveness either in rents or the proceeds a blessing, the religion, morality and politics

> labor; and the demand, as has been inti-nated. is stimulated or decreased by the value of its is the supreme law of mandkind-it is above productiveness. To reduce the price of cotton, all other law in its pratical influence. And I then, or other products of slave labor, is to am much inclined to suspect that the same reduce to the value of the negro. It is absurd principles would work out the same results to talk about cheap cotton without involving everywhere. The minds of the Southern peothe idea of cheap negro labor; and equally ple are now firmly grounded upon the quesabsurd to think of cheap negroes without the tion in a moral, religious and political view idea of cheapness in the products of their but it is fact, which the history of the question labor. The mistak: made by some in the even in the South fully verifies, that our con Trade upon the ground that it would furnis's his productive value would be cheapened when | dred dollars," instead of twelve hundred, and he was made cheap. The one is inseparable by the same process bring about that inevitafrom the other. To talk about buying negroes | ble accompanying consequence of reducing illiterate tiller of Southern soil. The elements | abolitionism in the Southern mind. It is a

of the man on whom he was taking so terrible counteracted in its depressing offects by this Georgia used to receive the resolutions of the stronger cause, if that cause remained the legislatures of free Suctes, recommending per, and not by the Southern planter who our in theirs past. In the opinion of the Supreme chased him. He would be sold here by the Court of Georgia, pronounced by Judge Lump-

rule of his productive value, and o say that kin, in the case of Cleland vs. Waters, vol. he would be some cheaper, because he pre- xvi., page 514, the following allusion to this sented "a cheaper form of slave labor," or, ia subject was made by that distinguished jurist other words, because he could do but poor while reviewing the history of our policy and work, is to misconceive the import of the term; only is proportion to his worthlessness, is no cheaper, though you should buy him at \$300. Ohio on the subject of the abolition of slavery If that is the idea, there are cheap forms of having been laid by the Governor before the slave labor already in our midst. It cannot require more argument to estab-

lish this point. It is clear that those who are necessary interference on the part of a sister Take it, then, that this is true, and let us tem of benevolent and philanthropic exertions see what would be the consequence, reasoning in consistency with her rights and interest upon the hypothesis of \$300 as the price of a shall render it practicable. Is it not appanegro, which was the amount mentioned by a rent that, up to this period, the true character

gentleman in the Southern Convention, as a of this institution of slavery had not been fully result desirable and attainable by the African understood and appreciated at the South. and Slave Trade. The three and a half million of that she looked to emancipation, in some unnegroes we now possess are worth, at their defined mode, in the uncertain future, as the present valuation, more than three times what only cure for the supposed evil? Thanks to ous in this solitary and silent flight. Up! up! horror, had taken her seat here, after having ous in this solitary and silent flight. Up! up! horror, had taken her seat here, after having say.

It has roused burst to our present lit has roused the public mind to a thorough sense of uncontrollable horror, when all at lions are added by that policy to our present It has roused the public mind to a thorough would you destroy us both-bring upon us a ed rock, which, in fact, were mountains up once Ludwig drew himself up, and the horri-number, the negro property of the Southern investigation of the subject. The resalt wards of a mile high. The stark and ruined ble face, lined and dug as with a chisel, ex- States would be worth no more than it is at a settled conviction that it was we "Ah! you fear then?" cried the other, dis- grandeur of the scene below was painfully pressed how the passions had been working present upon his valuation. Would the South ed by a forecast high as heaven above man's, was sent for,

paradoxical proposition put forth in the Report | great an evil. Long ere this, some of these | never be defended on any ground. It le of the importation upon the negro property already in the county. In reviewing the reasoning of that Report also, upon the subject that which the advocates of this policy are cidentally came to light in several points of plans would be devising to colonize them view, and some observations were made which back in Africa, or in some other way to get would be equally just and appropriate in this rid of them as a nuisance.

legislation upon the subject of emancipation

Legislature, the report which was adopted

moving this question when an enlarged sys-

the blind zealots of the North for the r un-

"In 1821, a resolution from the State of

straight in our very midst the path of the abolitionist-you overthrow an institution slavery permanent, is to keep it valuable and is a more direct strokest the interests of this nation of causes, it is rendered valuless, slaves was to their interest to keep them enslaved. the nature of realty to some extent, and its lition societies, nor abolition speeches, nor price is estimated by its productive value plus the effect of the sapply and demand of negro into free States. It was the workings of the the complaint, you will have killed the patient.

usefulness of slave labor. And if you could ment Mr. Buchanan could have made. that enter into the value of a negro, the figures | well known fact, that many years ago, even in loose state of public opinion on this subject, fills,- New York Dar Book.

emageipation, with much less indignation

Washington Scates,) that the Supreme Court inten I to uphold the laws and the Constitution by all means in its power. By its recent deeison in the case of Sherman W. Booth if finally asserts the validity of the Fugiti law and its authority within the jurisdiction It remains for the Executive and Congr.

MARVELOUS MEDICINE.—The latent most wonderful cure effected by a palent most wonderful cure eneced by icine, recorded, is the following a

Again, if a negro now is worth in Alabama fixed determination to preserve and defend it,