

Humorous Department.

AN INVINCIBLE HAND. THE WAY THEY PLAY POKER IN THE CREEK NATION. During the session of the United States District grand jury, a witness was called before them named Scipio Crotchet...

Agricultural Department.

MASTERS OF THE SITUATION. In every section of the cotton growing region of the South, the farmers are in a depressed state of mind. In a large number of cases, there is just ground for this depression. Year after year they toil and labor, and instead of increasing the value or amount of their possessions, these are gradually decreasing.

Reading for the Sabbath.

CAN DO NOTHING. Some people in this world are extremely contrary. Because they are not able to do great things, they will not do any thing at all. Because they cannot turn the wind, or make the sun shine at mid-night, they will fold their hands and supinely do nothing.

Children's Department.

TRY. Once there was a class of four little boys, all about the same size and of the same age. They had kind parents, who were anxious that their children should be prepared to take positions of honor and usefulness in society.

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THE YOUNG MAN WHO THINKS THAT HE CAN LEAD A RECKLESS AND PROFLIGATE LIFE UNTIL HE BECOMES A MIDDLE AGED MAN, AND THEN REPENT AND MAKE A GOOD AND STEADY CITIZEN, IS DELUDED BY THE DEVIL. He thinks that people are all fools and destitute of memory.

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