Humorous Department.

WHAT IS A BREVET?

As Captain Smith walked off parade
Sam Green inquiringly said:
"Pray tell me, Cap, and tell me true,
Why all those officers in blue,
Walk up and touch their hats to you?"

"Why, Sam, you must be green!
The reason's planly to be seen.
My bars, so humble in their place,
Are worth the symbol on their face,
Whilst leaves and eagles pay no debts,
Those officers, Sam, are all brevets."

"Well, that gets me, you bet!
Pray tell me, Cap, what is brevet?"
"Well, Sam—to get it through your pate,
You listen while I illustrate.
You seen yon turkey on the fence?
He's turkey, Sam, in every sense.
Yon turkey-buzzard on the tree,
He's brevet turkey—d'ye see?"

MORAL.

"A turkey has some value, Sam,
Buzzard isn't worth a d—n!"

(Note.—The above poem was written by a captain in the Eighth United States infantry prior to the war between the states—1861-'65.)

JACK ENTERTAINS VISITORS.—Jack is the genius of the family. He is 10 years old, an omniverous reader, and always on the hunt for information. Occasionally he breaks out with questions when visitors are around and causes consternation in domestic ranks, although to Jack, it seems he always puts things with a fine impartiality. Recently a neighbor dropped in to spend the evening. Jack's mother said that she would "be down in a minute," and meantime Jack took it upon himself to entertain the company.

"There is one thing that I would like to know," said the quaint little fellow.

"Well?" smiled the visiting lady.

"Were you considered handsome when you were a young woman?"

"Er—well, Jackie," hesitated the visitor, "I don't know that I was. I think probably no one but Mr. Brown considered me beautiful, and you know he married me."

"Well, I just wanted to know were you skinny then?"

"Not very."

"I don't think you could have been so very fat. Now you're old and ugly and look like 30 cents. There's mamma—I hate to say it, because I like her first rate; but she's not pretty and looks about what she is—50, or some such. Then Mrs. Smith—she makes good cream pies; but she surely could never have been handsome. Well, this is the way it goes with all the women I know. I asked mamma what she thought about it. She said that little boys were to be seen and not heard, and that she would have to give me a spanking before the day was over. So I thought I'd ask you.—Exchange.

WHY THE ENGAGEMENT WAS BROKEN.—"So your engagement is broken," said the girl in gray.

"Yes," replied the girl in brown, frowning at the recollection.

"What was the matter?"

"He basely deceived me," answered the girl in brown. "You see, it was this way: I asked him one day to promise me that he never again would smoke cigarettes, and he promised. Then I asked him to refrain from the use of tobacco in any form, and he promised to do that. Later I told him I had a horror of any one who touched liquor, and he agreed never to touch it. After that I suggested that I thought clubs should expect him to give them up, and he said he would. I also took up the subject of gambling, and made him promise he would stop playing poker and buying pools on the races."

"Well, you didn't demand anything of him did you?" said the girl in gray. "I suppose he deceived you in the matter?"

"He did."

"Broke his promise, did he?"

"Oh, no; I could have forgiven that. But just when I was congratulating myself that I at least had reformed one young man, I found that he didn't need any reforming. He wasn't addicted to a single one of the habits I made him promise to break. It was a terrible shock, and I broke the engagement right away. There was no longer anything in it to make it interesting."—Chicago Post.

FREQUENT.—Mabel must have been visiting in some large city and her sister Anna was at the train to greet her upon her safe return. They hugged each other with fond delight and immediately began to discuss various topics of mutual interest.

"And, oh, Mabel," exclaimed Anna, suddenly, "why didn't you let me know when you got that $15 mother gave to me to send to you?"

"Why, dear," answered Mabel, with surprise, "I didn't get it."

"Didn't get it?" cried Anna.

"No, dear."

"Well," exclaimed Anna, indignantly, "I sent it by money order. And," she continued, "I have the receipt right here for the money."

And then the dear girl fumbled in her purse and drew forth the order which the postal clerk had given her for the money and which she thought was the receipt.

The girls kissed each other once again and decided at once to proceed to the postoffice and demand satisfaction of Uncle Sam.—Exchange.

SHE KNEW HER PART.—A London clergyman tells a moving tale of innocence in the East End. A frail little girl came into a public house with a jug to fetch her parents half a pint. When the jug was filled she nervously put down two halfpennies on the counter and made for the door. The barman, though he hardly liked to frighten the poor little thing, called after her in a gentle voice: "You're a halfpenny short." "No, you're a halfpenny short," she answered, and disappeared.—The Argonaut.

A JEWEL OF A WIFE.—"I'm afraid your wife never tidies up things about the house, John," said the husband's mother.

"And I like her all the better for it," said the son, enthusiastically. "I like her all the better for it. I can always find my slippers and hat just where I leave 'em, which I never could do when I was at home."

☞ Kind Party—What are you crying that way for little boy? Little Boy—'Cause it's the only way I know how to cry.

Wayside Gatherings.

☞ The easiest thing for a fool to do is to tell how little he knows.

☞ The German empire registers more than 1,000 weddings a day.

☞ Every man who is not bearing any burden is a burden to himself.

☞ A hypocrite's mouth has more death in it than that of a mad dog.

☞ While a man is learning mathematics a woman is learning manners.

☞ When a fly lights on a piece of sticky paper he realizes that he is better off.

☞ Twenty million acres of the land of the United States are held by Englishmen.

☞ The temperature of the planet Neptune is estimated to be 900 degrees below zero.

☞ British government expenditure is running now $7,000,000 a week beyond revenue.

☞ The French statistician, Dr. Livrier, says that half of all human beings die before they are 17.

☞ It has been estimated that it would take a man 3,000 years to read all the standard works.

☞ For every 1,000,000 inhabitants in Russia, there are only 10 newspapers and journals of all sorts.

☞ Nothing is more indicative of the selfish greed of a man than the numerous pockets in his clothes.

☞ Between the ticks of a watch a ray of light, it is averred, could move eight times around the earth.

☞ Science has produced an instrument for counting the number of dust motes that exist in a sunbeam.

☞ A California man has proved by experiment that there is 50 pounds of oil in every ton of orange peel.

☞ In Great Britian on certain streets of large cities drunken women are as numerous as intoxicated men.

☞ Without confidence, friendship is but a mockery, and social intercourse a sort of war in disguise.

☞ We must not take the faults of our youth into our old age; for old age brings with it its own defects.

☞ George Washington Walker, of Albion, Ind., walked little. He weighed 535 pounds; body and coffin, 800.

☞ Perterze Irnchzizkowskelowski is a San Francisco cabinet-maker. He is said to occasionally use his name for a saw.

☞ Above all things let us promote peace in the home, for "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

☞ Be patient—it is the only remedy against the evils of life; the best, the only alleviation to our sorrows which life can afford.

☞ There is only one debt—the debt of nature—which cannot be repudiated. We should, therefore, be always ready to pay it.

☞ The sacred Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying.—Flavel.

☞ There are more than 102,000 Free Masons in good and regular standing in the jurisdiction of the grand lodge of New York.

☞ In one of the great Paris hospitals, out of 83 patients who suffered from epilepsy, 60 were found to be children of drunken parents.

☞ Don't be discouraged by mistakes. The most successful men in the world would do lots of things differently if they could do them over.

☞ The two counties of Brewster and Presidio (Texas) having a joint area of 600 square miles, have, it is said, fewer than 3,000 inhabitants.

☞ People are too much inclined to wait until something pleases them before they laugh, and to cry without waiting for something to cry about.

☞ The famine in India extends over a territory 500,000 square miles; in other words over an area four times greater than that of the British Isles.

☞ An editor over in Missiouri having heard that drowning men remember every event of their lives, advises his subscribers to bathe in deep water.

☞ The editor of a western paper, speaking of a Lyceum entertainment, says "the hall was lighted by the smiles of fair women and by kerosene lamps."

☞ A brass plate in the Alabama capitol, in Mongomery, marks the place where Jefferson Davis stood when he took the oath of office as president of the southern Confederacy.

☞ How the baby is named in Persia. Five names are written on as many slips of paper. One of the slips is drawn at random. The name on the slip is the one the child has to bear through life.

☞ Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, is much grieved over the war in South Africa. Both she and her mother are constantly contributing funds in aid of the Boers. She is fully persuaded that the English people are in the wrong.

☞ The marriage of John and Henry Paine, twin brothers, of Claiborne, Tenn., to Misses Mary and Hannah Youcum, twin sisters, of Lee county, Va., took place at Middlesboro, Ky., last week, in the presence of 2,000 spectators.

☞ Port Tampa city, Fla., has a "curfew bell" in a new form. No male colored man is allowed on the streets of the city after 10 o'clock p. m., unless he has a pass signed by Mayor Dempsey. All others are jailed and fined in the police court next day.

☞ Ireland has 62,000 people named Murphy; Kelly, 55,000; Sullivan, 43,000; Walsh, 41,000; Smith, 37,000; O'Brien, 33,400; Byrne, 33,000; Ryan, 32,000; Connor, 31,200; O'Neil, 29,100, and Reily, 29,000. Kelly is a Kildare name, Sullivan, Cork and Kerry and Byrne, Dublin and Wicklow.

☞ At Durham (England) assizes, recently, the plaintiff in a trifling case, was a deaf woman, and after a little the judge suggested that the counsel get his client to compromise it, and to ask her what she would take to settle it. The counsel thereupon shouted out very loudly to his client: "His lordship wants to know what you will take?" She smilingly returned: "I thank his lordship kindly, and if it's no inconvenience to him I'll take a little warm ale."

Farm and Fireside.

LAMPS.

In buying lamps or oil, says a writer in the Washington Star, remember that the best is always the cheapest in the end. A well-filled, carefully-trimmed and clean, odorless lamp adds much to the attractiveness of a table. Clean burners and wicks are essential to clear light. The metal holders should be boiled in salt and soda and water every few weeks, for heated metal gives out a foul odor. The wicks become clogged by the paraffine in the oil, and if long in use, should be occasionally washed, boiled and dried. If soaked in vinegar they are said to give a clearer light. If too tight, pull out two or three threads lengthwise. When first lighted do not turn very high, as the flame is apt to increase. Never turn low and leave lighted. Never light a half-filled lamp that has been standing any length of time. Lamps should be cared for in the morning as a regular part of the routine work. Fill within a half-inch of the top, trim evenly just the charred part of the wick—using scissors kept especially for that purpose, or rubbing off with a bit of paper. The chimneys do not always need washing. By breathing lightly down the chimney and rubbing with a tissue paper, a handful of waste or a clean, soft cotton cloth, they can be kept bright and clear. Never wash in warm, soapy water, as chimneys thus treated crack easily and take on a cloudy surface that no rubbing can eradicate. Never clean with patent brushes or bristles on a metal holder, as they scratch the glass and the chimneys break. Chimneys were formerly tempered in the manufacture; but are now so low that this precaution is omitted. They may be tempered at home by putting in cold water and bringing to a boil. Then cool in water. Cold water and alcohol give the chimneys the highest polish. When the lamp is filled and trimmed, rub and dry every inch of the bowl, fixture, handle and base, that no trace of kerosene be left to soil the hands of the lamp lighter, and turn the wick very low, to avoid the capillary overflow.

USES OF COAL OIL.—A noted physician relates this little incident of his early practice. A lady brought her little boy suffering from heat and injudicious feeding. He prescribed cooling drinks, a bath and sleep. The mother, indignant, went to another doctor and got some pills; child all right next morning, but "pill doctor" got credit for the cure. We are often rich in resources we know not of, as they are too common to be appreciated. Common sense works wonders in using what we have on hand. Try the virtue of coal oil; a few drops on cloth, moistened first with water, polishes windows and mirrors, removes dust from paint and furniture. Equal parts of linseed oil (boiled) and coal oil polishes oiled furniture and floors. A tablespoonful in a boiler of clothes is equal to the best washing compound. Two-thirds milk and one-third oil, well shaken, is the best remedy for rose bugs. Kerosene removes lice from poultry and cures scaly legs. Wash perches with it now and then. Sometimes it is quite effectual in the family for sore throat, rubbing on outside with the hand. This, however, is only for sore throat from cold, as sore throat with fever and pain needs a physician every time. Best medical authority advises coal oil for hair tonic, rubbing in scalp thoroughly with ends of fingers, applying at least once a month. The odor quickly passes away. Nothing better for cleaning zinc and tin.—S. B. Bawerman.

WATER DRINKING.—To keep in health a person should drink from two to four quarts of water each day. The system requires to be cleansed and its organs flooded with water. Besides its cleansing efficacy, water absorbs effete matter and carries it through the system. The purer the water the greater the power of absorption. Some diseases of the kidneys have been known to yield to generous drinking of pure spring water. Beer, tonics or alchoholic drinks cannot take the place of pure water. In many cases kidney and liver troubles have been traced to the use of beer or alcoholic drinks. It has been ascertained by the medical experts that rheumatism, local heart trouble, indigestion, painful swelling, eruptions, liver and kidney disorders are caused mainly by general or local impeded circulation. The best tonic and blood purifier is nature's own medium—pure spring water.—Rural World.

DON'T ABUSE THE EYES.—Don't think because you have good eyes they will bear all kinds of abuse.

Don't use the eyes continuously at close work, without occasionally resting them by looking off in the distance.

Don't hold the book nearer than is necessary for clear, sharp vision.

Don't make a practice of reading type too small to be seen readily at 18 inches.

Don't attempt to read in a car or other jolting vehicles. It is a strain on the directing muscles.

Don't read when very sleepy, as the accommodation and convergence are naturally relaxed, and the extra efforts necessary to force the unruly members to work may be shown by a congestion of the blood vessels of the eyeball.

Don't read facing the light.

Don't read in the twilight or in badly lighted rooms.—Pacific Health Journal.

TO SWEEP A SICK ROOM.—The best way to "sweep" a sick room is to rub the carpet with a damp cloth. Dust must be avoided. The feather duster, which should find no place in the economy of any part of the house, is particularly objectionable in the sick room. Wipe the furniture and woodwork daily with a damp cloth, adding a teaspoonful of ammonia to the water with which the carpet is to be wiped. In case of any infectious disease the carpet should be removed; but if this is found impossible, clean sheets should be tacked smoothly over it, to be changed as often as necessary, and these sheets sprinkled each day with a solution of carbolic water.—The Physician.

Miscellaneous Reading.

TALBERT AND THE PENSION GRABBERS.

The Lone Fight Against Private Bills Grows Exciting.

The proceedings of the house during the consideration of private pension bills, last Friday, were sensational. The following report is from the Associated Press:

Mr. Talbert, of South Carolina, sent to the clerk's desk and had read some letters from old soldiers in various parts of the country protesting against the special acts "ground out by the congressional bureau." One of them said the old soldiers were very "sore." Mr. Talbert said the letters read were simply as samples of hundreds he had received. Later on Mr. Talbert, who was demanding the reading of the report in each case and who several times made points of no quorum, became involved in a controversy with Mr. Shattuc, of Ohio, who expressed the opinion that opposition to pensions came with ill-grace from a former Confederate soldier. Mr. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, said a simple calculation would show that it cost $36,000 a day for a session of the house or $7,000 an hour. Time frittered away by Mr. Talbert since he came to congress, he said, would more than pay all the special pension bills passed during that period.

Mr. Norton, of Ohio, protested against Mr. Talbert's course. If he found an unjust bill and could demonstrate that it was unjust he (Norton), and many members on the floor would join him in defeating it. He appealed to Mr. Talbert to abandon his opposition.

Mr. Lamb, of Virginia, joined in the rppeal, and his remarks drew forth a scathing dununciation from Mr. Talbert. He said that the trouble was the gentleman from Virginia had claims before the house he desired to get through. The same was true of other gentlemen. It was a log-rolling combine. They dared not fight these unjust pension bills as he was doing. When he went into the Confederate army, he said, he and his had staked everything and had lost it. They were not passing the hat around now.

Mr. Fordney attacked Mr. Talbert a little later. He said that when Mr. Talbert said he was a friend of the soldier he would not believe him on oath.

Mr. Talbert, with a great show of wrath, replied that when the gentleman imputed untruthfulness to him he hurled it back, and "crammed it down his rotten throat." He grew so excited that the chair was obliged to call him to order. When quiet had been restored, Mr. Fordney raised a roar of laughter by remarking quietly; "I believe in the Biblical promise that we shall be born again. I hope to God that when Mr. Talbert's time comes he will be stillborn."

IN COUNTIES ADJOINING.

Summary of the News That Is Being Published by Exchanges.

CHESTER—The Lantern, April 13: Charlie Byrd writes his father that it is not the climate that makes the soldiers sick and crazy; but the native whisky and beer, which can be found at every house. They know its terrific effect; but he says they would drink it if they knew it would kill them. Charlie is a teetotaler, and has not been sick a day.·····H. H. Wells, a very consequential mulatto preacher, who has been cutting a large figure around here lately, has been silenced for immorality. During his stay he collected a considerable amount of money for debt and improvements on his church, which he called Brooklyn Tabernacle; but the debt is still on and the improvements are off—and he is off.·····In the case of Sarah P. Carter, reported in our Tuesday's issue, Glenn and McFadden, represented the plaintiff and A. G. Brice the defendant. The next case was R. A. Love vs. J. Frazier Hardin. A year or two ago the Chester county exhibit was awarded a premium at the Augusta fair, and a check for the same was sent to Mr. Love. He gave Mr. Hardin his individual check for Mr. Hardin's share. The fair association failed and Mr. Love was unable to get the check cashed. He then demanded of Hardin the return of the money paid him. The latter refused, for the reason, as he alleged, that the check could have been collected if it had been presented without unnecessary delay. Hence suit, which resulted in a mistrial. J. A. Marion for plaintiff, Glenn and McFadden for defendant. On Wednesday, the case of Mrs. Elizabeth Franks, of Morganton, N. C., vs. Southern railway was tried. Caldwell and Gaston for plaintiff, Major D. R. Duncan for the railway company. Mrs. Franks was thrown forward on her face when about to leave the train, at this place, owing to a sudden stop or jolt, resulting from negligence, as alleged. Verdict for plaintiff for $500. Thursday J. N. Centre, of Winnsboro, represented by J. E. McDonald, secured a verdict for $1,600 against the G. C. & N. railway company, represented by Glenn and McFadden, for damages to person received in a slight collision at Carlisle. Harry Dickson, colored, was awarded $175 in a suit against the Eureka Cotton mills. While in the employ of the company, Dickson was kicked by one of their mules, for which he claimed damages. Caldwell and Gaston represented the plaintiff, and Glenn & McFadden the company.

CHEROKEE—The Gaffney Ledger, April 13: The Victor Cotton Oil mill closed down for the season some days ago, having exhausted its stock of seed. It ran day and night through the season, and we learn that the business has been very satisfactory to the management.·····While we have had many smallpox scares in Gaffney, never until now have we had a case in the city. A few days ago, a young man by the name of Fred Guthrie, who was raised in this section, but who has recently been working at Whitney, returned to his home here a few days ago and has since developed what is pronounced by a specialist, a genuine case of smallpox. A guard has been placed at the house, which prevents any communication between its inmates and outside persons, which, it is hoped, will prevent the disease from being communicated to others. A general vaccination has again been ordered, and we hope that it, and all other precautionary, measures will be rigidly enforced.

GASTON—Gastonia News, April 13: Miss Susie S. Catchcot, sister of Principal Catchcot, of Lincoln academy, died at the academy Monday, and was buried at Pisgah. Her native home is in Michigan.·····Miss Mary Guin, of this place, was married to Mr. M. Y. Harkey, a young farmer and liveryman, of Pineville, yesterday afternoon by Rev. M. McG. Shields, at the residence of the bride's father. The young couple boarded the train for Pineville, their future home, soon after the ceremony, and went on their way rejoicing.

LANCASTER—Ledger, April 14 The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cauthen, at the cotton mill, died Thursday night and was interred in the town cemetery yesterday.····· County Superintendent of Education J. H. H. Thompson is seriously ill of gastritis at his home near Dwight. Dr. Elliott, his physician, was in town yesterday and reports no improvement in his condition.·····Rev. M. H. Poozer, pastor of the Lancaster circuit and city mission, died suddenly at his home in Cedar Creek township, at 1 a. m. last Thursday. He had been in feeble health from la grippe and indigestion all the first part of the year; but his health had so much improved that he resumed his pastoral work about two weeks ago. He retired on Wednesday night feeling as well as usual, and awoke about 1 o'clock complaining of shortness of breath. His wife, fearful of his condition, left him with his daughter, while she went to the nearest house, a Negro cabin half a mile away, through a terrible rain storm, to get someone to go for a physician. She returned home in all haste to find her husband lying in the arms of his daughter, dead. The spirit of this good man had gone to its eternal home. **Enterprise,** April 14: Mr. W. H. Burns was taken suddenly sick Thursday afternoon and has been unconscious ever since. His trouble is pronounced uric poisoning. His two sons, who live in Greenville and Washington, have been summoned by telegraph.

SUGAR AND PROSPERITY.—The theory was recently broached that the prosperity of the country may be estimated by the amount of sugar which its inhabitants consume in a year, and cetrain political economists do not hesitate to maintain that statistics bear testimony to the truth of this theory. These statistics show that each inhabitant of the countries named consumes on an average the following amount of sugar in a year: England, 91.31 pounds; United States, 59.30; France, 31.02; Germany, 30.32; Austria-Hungary, 17.34; Russia, 12.01; Turkey, 7.08; and Italy, 6.28.—New York Herald.

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1. To consider and adopt plans to change the railroad to Standard Guage, and to extend and equip the same.
2. To authorize a new issue of bonds secured by mortgage upon the company's railroad, to provide the means necessary to change the railroad to Standard Guage and extend, equip and improve the same, and to refund its present mortgage debt.
3. To increase the capital stock of the company to an amount not exceeding two million dollars, and to alter and revise its by-laws.
4. To transact any other business properly coming before the meeting.

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BY THEODORE ROBERTS

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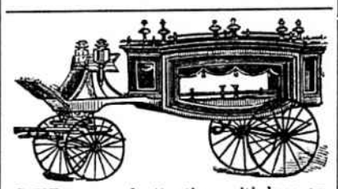

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Schedule Effective April 1st, 1900.

North Bound.	Passenger. NO. 10.	Mixed. NO. 60.	Mixed. NO. 62.
Leave Chester...	8 10 am	7 50 am	.....
LvYorkville.....	9 15 am	9 52 am	.....
LvGastonia.....	10 13 am	12 35 pm	.....
LvLincolnton...	11 03 am	2 15 pm	.....
LvNewton.....	11 52 am	3 32 pm	.....
LvHickory.....	12 15 pm	5 50 pm	9 00am
ArriveLenoir....	1 16 pm	7 50 pm	11 25am

South Bound.	Passenger. NO. 9.	Mixed. NO. 61.	Mixed. NO. 63.
LeaveLenoir.....	4 30 pm	5 30 am	1 30 pm
LvHickory.....	5 35 pm	8 30 am	4 25 pm
LvNewton.....	6 05 pm	9 18 am	
LvLincolnton....	7 00 pm	11 10 am	
LvGastonia*.....	8 15 pm	1 12 pm	
LvYorkville.....	9 21 pm	3 20 pm	
ArriveChester...	10 31 pm	*5 15 pm	

*20 minutes for supper at Gastonia.

No. 10, north bound, connects at Chester with Southern Ry., Seaboard Air Line, Lancaster and Chester Ry. from all points south; at Yorkville with South Carolina and Georgia Ex. Ry.; at Gastonia with Southern Ry.; at Lincolnton with Seaboard Air Line; at Newton and Hickory with Southern Ry. No. 9, south bound, makes close connection at all junction points.

L. T. NICHOLS, General Manager, Chester, South Carolina.
E. F. REID, Auditor, Chester, South Carolina.

SOUTH CAROLINA & GEORGIA EXTENSION RAILROAD CO.

TIME TABLE NO. 4.

In Effect 12.01 a. m., Sunday, Dec. 24, 1899.

BETWEEN

CAMDEN AND BLACKSBURG.

WEST. 35. 2nd Class. Daily Except Sund'y P. M.	33. 1st Class. Daily Except Sund'y P. M.	EASTERN TIME. STATIONS.	EAST. 32. 1st Class. Daily Except Sund'y P. M.	34. 2nd Class. Daily Except Sund'y P. M.
8 20	12 50	.....Camden.....	12 25	5 30
8 50	1 15	.....De Kalb.....	12 02	4 50
9 20	1 27	.....Westville.....	11 50	4 30
10 50	1 40	.....Kershaw.....	11 35	4 10
11 20	2 10	Heath Springs.	11 20	3 15
11 35	2 15	.Pleasant Hill..	11 15	3 00
12 30	2 35	.....Lancaster....	10 55	2 55
1 00	2 50	....Riverside.....	10 40	1 00
1 20	3 00	....Springdell....	10 30	12 40
2 30	3 10	Catawba J'c'n.	10 20	12 20
2 50	3 20	.....Leslie.....	10 10	11 00
3 10	3 40	....Rock Hill ...	10 00	8 40
4 10	3 55	..... Newport.....	9 35	8 20
4 45	4 02	.....Tirzah	9 30	8 00
5 30	4 20	.....Yorkville....	9 15	7 30
6 00	4 35	.....Sharon	9 00	6 50
6 25	4 50	Hickory Grove	8 45	6 20
6 35	5 00	.....Smyrna.....	8 35	6 00
7 00	5 20	...Blacksburg....	8 15	5 30
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

BETWEEN

BLACKSBURG, S. C., AND MARION, N. C.

WEST 11. 2nd Class. Daily Except Sund'y A. M.	33. 1st Class. Daily Except Sund'y P. M.	EASTERN TIME. STATIONS.	EAST. 32. 1st Class. Daily Except Sund'y A. M.	12. 2nd Class. Daily Except Sund'y P. M.
8 10	5 30	...Blacksburg...	7 48	6 40
8 30	5 45	.....Earls.....	7 32	6 20
8 40	5 50	Patterson Spr'g	7 25	6 12
9 20	6 00	.....Shelby.....	7 15	6 00
10 00	6 20	....Lattimore.....	6 55	4 50
10 10	6 28	...Mooresboro ..	6 48	4 40
10 25	6 38	.....Henrietta.....	6 38	4 20
10 50	6 55	...Forest City....	6 20	3 50
11 15	7 10	Rutherfordton	6 05	3 25
11 35	7 22	..... .Millwood....	5 53	3 05
11 45	7 35	.Golden Valley	5 40	2 50
12 05	7 40	.Thermal City.	5 37	2 45
12 25	7 58	... Glenwood....	5 17	2 20
12 50	8 15	.....Marion.....	5 00	2 00
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.

GAFFNEY BRANCH.

WEST. First Class. 15. Daily Except Sunday. P. M.	13. P. M.	EASTERN TIME. STATIONS.	EAST. First Class. 14. Daily Except Sunday. A. M.	16. P. M.
1 00	6 00	... Blacksburg...	7 50	3 00
1 20	6 20	Cherokee Falls	7 30	2 40
1 40	6 40	..... Gaffney.	7 10	2 20
P. M.	A. M.		A. M.	P. M.

Trains Nos. 32 and 33 connect at Blacksburg with trains on the Gaffney Division.

Train No. 32 connects at Camden with the Charleston Division of the Southern Railway for all points South.

Train No. 33 leaving Camden at 12.40 p. m., going West, makes connection at Lancaster, S. C., with the L. & C. R. R., at Catawba Junction with the S. A. L., going North; at Rock Hill with the Southern Railway going North.

Train No. 11 connects at Blacksburg with the Southern Railway from the South. At Marion, N. C., with the Southern Railway going West.

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