A Future Financier.

There is a six-year-old West Philadelphian who already gives evidence of possessing the necessary qualifications to place him at the head of some great trust. For some weeks past he has been troubled with toothache, and his mother has coaxed, threatened and Mr. Charlie Hoffman was nearly killed hired him to go and have the tooth extracted, but the small boy could not get his courage to the necessary point.

Finally one morning when mamma had been making bids, like the crowd at an auction, "One dollar, one and one-half," and at last had reached "three," the small boy broke in with: "Say, mamma, would you give me

The mother hesitated a moment and then said: "Yes. Anything to have it

"I'll do it, then," said the small boy. So away they went in a hurry before he could repent of his bargain. Arrived at the dentist's, the operation was so painless and so soon over that the small boy didn't realize that the tooth was out until they told him.

On the way home his mother said, "Now, Harold, don't you think that give you \$5 for?"

"Yes, mamma, I do," said the young financier. "But I'll tell you what. We'll call it \$4.75, and you give me the \$5, and I'll give you back the 25 cents some time when I have another tooth pulled."-Philadelphia Ledger.

BOUTWELL'S CLEVER REJOINDER. George S. Boutwell of Massachusetts, secretary of the treasury under General Grant, was a most efficient executive officer and won the good will of the employees by his generous treatment of his subordinates. He was a great enthusiast on baseball and on almost any fine afternoon after his work at the treasury was over could be found work of the home team. He encour-

place to new blood. One clerk who his position because he was a Democrat. He appealed to Secretary Boutwell for restoration.

"Mr. Secretary," he said, "I am killed. Bystanders say she started afraid that I have been removed because of my politics."

the secretary. "I think I was dropped because it

"Indeed! And what are you?" "I am not a Democrat-at least not

now."

"Well, Mr. Secretary." was the re-

when I was there never was any doubt about it, and there seems to be some

one of the telephone operators at the ture sent the engineer's strong hands Hotel Cadillac received a severe shock swiftly to the lever and brakes. But to her nervous system, which even it was too late. When across the often have very funny questions ask- crew searched under the cars and along er lines calls for a larger number of me," he said, "I can't explain it." Mr. ed them over the 'phone, but the oper- the track. They found his coat on ator says this one was the limit.

minutes ago?"

"No. I haven't seen it."

"You're in the wrong house." said the

could understand pigeon English only, Me likee washee Thursday. Why you

not convenient."

After that frost, so the teller of the story says, nothing but the most irreproachably correct English of the university type was spoken out to that Ce-

nut. For aught I know it may have been going the rounds of the vaudeville stage ever since Cain killed Abel

Two of a kind met in Hester street. and wan.

"Vy. Aaron, vat iss de matterv it u?" he asked.

"I have choost come from de hos-pital."

"I vas sick, very sick, und dey took "Your sick, very sick, und dey took
my appendix avay from me."
"Vot? Dey took it avay from you
ven you vas sick? Vell, dat's a tam
shame. But say, Aaron, how does it
come you didn't have it in your vife's
name?"—Willis Brooks in Brooklyn

The readiness of repartee of the late Thomas B. Reed was never better

FROM CONTEMPORARIES. News and Comment That Is of More or Less Local Interest.

GASTON. Gazette, February 9: Near Begonia last Thursday a little child of by an accident which happened while he and an older boy were in the woods getting pine. Mrs. Hoffman and her little four-year-old son, Leonard, were spending the day at the home of her brother, Mr. Nathan Jenkins. Laban, the six-year-old son of Mr. Jenkins, carried the axe and the two were below the barn getting pine. struck a knot with the back of the axe, and as the knot was rather solid it caused the axe to rebound with considerable force. Little Leonard was gathering the knots and raised up just in time for the axe-blade to catch him across the upper lip. It knocked him unconscious, and Laban ran to the house calling for the child's mother saying "Get a rag and go down yonder: Leonard's dead." The sight of her child's motionless form and bloody face caused the mother to faint and was a very little thing for mamma to fall. Walter Maxwell, a tenant, was near by, and seeing the commotion, ran up and rendered timely aid to the little boy while Miss Ferrie Jenkins assisted her aunt. Both of them soon came around all right, but the little boy's lip was swollen so much that sewing up the gash was out of the question. At the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. S. Huggins, in east Gastonia Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Mr. John A. Payne and Miss Esbie Huggins were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J.

A. Hoyle, pastor of the Second Baptist church, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The bride and groom will reside at Stanley, the home at the ball ground applauding the good of the groom..... The Southern's fast mail train No. 97 struck and instantaged the employees of the department ly killed Miss Lula Allen at King's to take plenty of outdoor exercise. He Mountain Friday evening at 6.30 o'clock pointed out that it would fit the men while running at a speed of sixty miles for a better discharge of their duties. an hour. Her body was thrown fifteen During his term of office some of the feet into the air and hurled fifty feet less efficient men were removed to give distant. Miss Allen was thirty-two years old and was an employee of the was dropped averred that he had lost Dilling Cotton mill, which is located about half a mile east of the depot.

some of the car-rigging. A hand with

from Charlotte to Belmont. At Bel-

mont he took the track afoot and walk-

death.....Tom Long, aged about six-

and an operative in the Avon Cotton

mill, was severely injured on the rail-

road at Lowryville, a small station

north of Chester, at 10 o'clock Saturday

in the accident. Long in company with

tonia Sunday morning and brought

the news to the boy's father who went

after him at once. The injured boy

was brought to Gastonia on the C. &

N.-W. yesterday morning and was car-

ried to his home. The shock seemed

to have partially paralyzed the body as

he was unable to use any of his limbs.

His condition is serious, though his in-

juries will not necessarily prove fatal.

CHESTER.

Lantern, February 9: Mr. S. M. Mc-

Watters of Fort Lawn, who was in

town today, told us about something

of a cyclone which demolished a negro

house on Mr. Frank Smith's place near

killed and two badly injured....In the

oratorical contest between members of

the Preston and Calhoun societies of

mother. They were caught in the

storm, which almost amounted to a

Bon Dalton, another operative at the

ed to the bridge where he met his

to run across the track when the train was almost on her, which would indicate that she saw the train coming.... "What makes you think so?" asked At the South Fork bridge beyond Lowbelieved that I was a Democrat." at the Holland farm. Mr. Will White,

"Not now!" was the amused comment, with a shake of the head. "Not now, eh?"

joiner, with a little show of courage, "I know the time that you were a Democrat.'

"Yes," was the emphatic reply, "but doubt in your case."

THE WRONG HOUSE.-The other day rails about middle way of the struc-

The bell rang and she answered. "Hello!" came the voice. "This is Mr. - (the name of a prominent Detroit broker). Did you get that \$100 .-000 draft I sent over to you a few

Dreams of Pierpont Morgan flashed across her brain as she tried to say "What?" but it was no use. After getting her breath she said:

"What!" roared the broker. "Didn't get it? Say, is this the First National teen years, a son of Mr. John Long Bank?

operator. "This is the Hotel Cadillac." The broker made a certain remark as he slammed up the receiver, which night, and came near losing his life the operator says was "just mean of him."

Avon, boarded a southbound freight on the C. & N.-W. here about 8 o'clock THE RETORT COURTEOUS .- A Balti-Saturday night with intention of beatmore girl who has been living in Caliing his way to Chester. As the train fornia for several years and who has neared Lowryville, Long, who was ridrecently returned home has brought ing on top of a box car, fearing that he with her a number of stories of the would be discovered by a brakeman, way of the "heathen Chinee" as he started to climb down the side ladder appears to the dwellers on the Pacific on the car. As he did so, the car came coast. Thinking that her laundryman alongside a shed or ware house, and the space between the car and the shed the girl from the effete east addressed being very narrow, his body was him on one occasion thus: "Me no caught between them and rolled over likee my washee blought home Fliday. and over. His body was bruised and he probably received internal injuries. no blingee washee Thursday?" His companion, Dalton, came to Gas-

And the Chinaman, to her complete discomfiture, replied, "Madam, it was

lestial.-Baltimore Sun.

to Now, don't tell me this is a chestfor telling it.

One noticed that the other looked weak Cedar Shoals. Two of the family were

"Vat vas you doing there?" E. K. Hardin, son of Dr. E. K. Hardin of Batesburg, won the medal. This, as we understand it, makes him Wofford's representative in the inter-collegiate

illustrated than on one occasion when he went to visit a friend who lived at rooting and fell to the bottom. His friend, hearing the racket, rushed to the door and shouted down the semi-darkness of the hall: "Who is that?"

"Tis Eiser rolling rapidly" drawled ing. Mr. Crowder's friends where they spent the night, and arrived at home early yesterday morning. Mr. Crowder's friends where they spent the night, and arrived at home early yesterday morning. Mr. Crowder's friends where they spent the night, and arrived at home early yesterday morning. Mr. Crowder's friends where they spent the night, and the reverse process. The customer desiring to sell, puts up similar margins, which he loses in the event of cotton rising a sufficient number of the cotton rising a s rolling rapidly," drawled he picked himself up.—New York Times.

Miscellancous Reading.

his son....Saturday night about midnight the last visitors and the janitor of the Commercial and Manufacturers club rooms left the building, and about o'clock fire was discovered in the bathroom, where the principal damage was done. It burnt through the floor into the telegraph office below, and was climbing into the tower. Considerable damage was done to other parts of the building by water. About the only damage in Robinson's jewelry store was to the papering. The fire was soon quenched after it was discovered......Lula, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bussel died yesterday from some stomach and liver trouble. Mr. and Mrs. Bussel and little daughter Minnie, left this morning with the corpse on the Southern, for Troutman, N. C., their old to rest. Mrs. Bussel will spend several days with her father's family before returning to this city....Mrs. Rebecca Crowder, wife of Mr. T. A. Crowder of Crosbyville, and mother of our townsman, Mr. R. W. Crowder, died early Saturday morning and was buried at Antioch Baptist church, Fairfield coun-Wells. She was a daughter of Mr. Uriah Wright and would have been sixty-nine years old the 18th of this

expects to make his home here with

COTTON PRODUCTION.

Vast Extent of Land Yet Undeveloped. The era of improved lands in the United States is increasing at a more rapid rate than the national population, even though the urban population is increasing more rapidly than that of the agricultural districts. The last census shows that had the area of improved land increased at no greater rate than the population, it would have been 42,915,891 acres less than it ac-

tually is. The fact is due to use of improved twenty. The south has felt the influence and effects of this machinery less than any other section of the country. But under the teachings of the agricultural colleges, the experiment stations and the farmers' institutes, this condition is being rapidly changed, and it is only a question now of a few years stroy this dispensary iniquity. There She was returning home after the day's when the cotton farmers will be using work and was crossing the track when plements as any class of farmers in the

With a few more improvements that are sure to be made, the cotton picker will be an entire success. Several train No. 36 yesterday morning. This pickers have been in operation this good faith, when it was first introduced is the bridge beyond the sharp curve season, and our textile school has de- but who now see that it was a make monstrated that the cotton mill machinwho was a passenger and returned from Charlotte at noon, says the man was at the bridge lying down when the engineer saw him. Whether he was get down between the ties so the train might pass safely over him the engineer was unable to say. The train at plows that are now being made, by its usual speed at that place had swept around the downgrade curve and was straightening out its long length to cross the bridge when the sight of a man's body prostrate between the

gricultural work. crease her cotton production not only he said it would never vote for the disa short piece of forearm and a scrap arm stripped of clothing, and a yellow by more intelligent selection of seed, pensary. The measure that he protravel stained shoe were found. The not only by improving the fertility of posed is democratic, and however the rest was mere bits and shreds scatter. her soil by every scientific and availed along the track for a long space. It able method, not only by the improvewas a white man. Nobody knew him ment of the inteligence and skill of will finally sweep away the dispensary her laborers, not only by the use of more and more improved agricultural machinery, but by the opening up of new lands to give employment to thou-In his pocket was a receipt for car fare sands who are coming from other sec

population.
To realize the vast possibilities for To realize the vast possibilities for expansion along this line one has only to examine the census report, that shows that less than 50 per cent of the farm lands of the south are improved. The report shows that in Mississippi only 41.6 per cent of the farm land is improved; in North Carolina only 36.6 per cent; in South Carolina only 37.6 per cent; in Georgia only 10.3 per cent; in Alabama only 41.8 per line and the south carolina only 41.3 per cent; in Georgia only 10.3 per cent; in Alabama only 41.8 per line and the south carolina only 36.6 per cent; in Georgia only 10.3 per cent 40.2 per cent: in Alabama only 41.8 per cent; in Florida only 34.6 per cent; in Louisiana only 42.2 per cent; in Texas Louisiana only 42.2 per cent; in Texas only 15.6 per cent: in Arkansas only 41.8 per cent; and in Tennessee only 50.4 per cent. By opening up this undeveloped territory, almost every acre of which is good cotton land, the south's ability to indefinitely expand her cotton production cannot be questioned, and therefore the alarm about a sufficient cotton supply in the future should be permanently dismissed.—J. should be permanently dismissed.—J. C. Hardy, In Southern Farm Maga-

HOW IT IS DONE.

Modus Operandi of Cotton Future Speculation.

The general system under which the cotton market is conducted is familiar to those who study the market situation, but to the man who never deals in cotton very little is known of the

The buying and selling of cotton and produce futures is done on a basis of "margins," the customary margin on a cotton transaction being \$1 per bale.

As to salaries, he said, members got \$400 and mileage and worked on their or one-fifth of a cent per pound, the standard bale being fixed always at 500 pounds. The customer makes his contract through the dealer, who may ac as broker, or who may himself become the party of the second part to the contract. In the latter case the dealer operates what is known as a

operates what is shown that is one shop." The usual cotton trade is one hundred bales.

The customer places say \$100 with the broker to a margin of twenty "points," the point being one-one-hunguishes is dredth of a cent. The purchase is made at the market price at the time. Wofford college last Friday night, Mr. and if the market advances the pur chaser wins. An advance of 20 points, or one-fifth of a cent per pound means a gain to the customer of \$100. An a gain to the customer of \$100. An advance of one cent a pound means a gain of \$500 and so on. Vice versa representative in the inter-collegiate gain of \$500 and so on. Vice versa contest......Mr. W. R. Crowder and family went over to Crosbyville Saturday to attend the funeral of his out. He is then called upon to put up more margins to protect his purchase and in the event of a failure to do this, he loses the original margin placed on

cyclone Sabbath evening, as they were the contract. The selling of cotton futures is pracarrived at home early yesterday morning. Mr. Crowder's father accompanied him home. He will spend only a few days in the city at this time, but Greenville Herald.

THE DISPENSARY DEBATE.

Brice Appeals For the Right of Local Self-Government.

News and Courier: COLUMBIA, Feb. 8.—The chief forensie event in the senate session tonight was the very vigorous attack made by Senator Brice on the dispensary law his bill relative to the manner of establishing dispensaries and doing away with them by popular vote. He argued that if the sale of liquor is iniquitous on the part of individuals, as is held, how much more immoral and injurious is it in the hands of the state. It was said that the dispensary would reduce the taxes, but he defied a single sena tor to point out a single man whose taxes had been reduced. It has been said that the newspapers ought not to nome, where the little body will be laid have said anything about the number of homicides in the state. Why? Was it because it was feared that the true reason for all these murders would to free self-government. have been discovered? The dispensary corrupts and debauches all who come in contact with it. "If I had a little dispensary, ring in my county, he said, "I would not mind standing ty Sabbath. Funeral services were at trial before any court for almost any the church conducted by Rev. D. E. crime, because I would know that I black and polluting hand may be seen liams, Sharpe-8. everywhere, even in the administration of justice. It affects all branches of Butler, Carpenter, Douglas, Hardin, the government and this can be easily Holliday, Johnson, Marshail, McCall seen. At the outset it was a fraud and McIver, McLeod, Peurifoy, G. W. Ragsit has been one ever since. He called dale, Raysor, Sheppard, Stackhouse upon senators as witnesses to the fact Stanland, Talbird, Von Kolnitz-20. that the dispensary law instead of being a step towards prohibition had been many steps from it. He arraigned the dispensary system in scathing terms. He said this bill is fair and it brings up

the dispensary shall control the people or the people the dispensary. Under the bar-room system a lower element sold liquor, but under the dispensary system liquor is the god. The state's purpose is to put liquor in reach of agricultural machinery, by means of every man, woman and child. He said which one man in many instances is that the constitutional provision as to able to do the work of from five to liquor had been violated by the legislature granting authority for hotel privileges. If in Russia absolutism is the spirit, in Germany militarism, in the United States commercialism, in South Carolina it is liquor. Mr. Brice went on to say that the true people will finally rise up and de-

are thousands in this state who have as many improved agricultural im- never bowed down to the false god or worshipped at his shrine. There is a class who have fallen down before the serpent and have been stung to their bodily and spiritual death. There is class who have accepted the law in shift and fraud. Some ministers en ery has no trouble in removing the ex- dorsed it, but he didn't believe there is tra trash gathered by the picker. The one now who would. If so, he had lit cotton picking machines can run at the religion and probably no sense. He night as well as in the daytime, which said that many papers had endorsed wil enable the farmer to operate a the law, but there is not one now great loss of cotton caused by bad sary system except those under the inweather. With the improved disc, fluence of the system. He quoted a well-known proverb of Solomon, and, which one man and a team can break applying it, he said it was "too wonder six acres a day; with the improved ful for me" to understand the ways of cultivators, by which one man can do the dispensary directors. He never the work of three, and with the cotton had heard of officers who did not want Raleigh, selected the Bickford & Huffpicking machine a practical success, by more salary except these men. That which one man can pick six bales a was wonderful. There were people day, there is no limit to our increase who were willing to give up \$1,500 in the production of cotton even though salaries for the \$400 that a director our industrial development along oth- would get. This is "too wonderful for conditions as to the dispensary situa-The south can increase and will in- tion, so far as York is concerned, and senators may argue they cannot long dam the stream of condemnation which

Mr. Brice closed with a very eloquent peroration, the idea of which was that if this democratic principle was not adopted the spirits of Calhoun. Hampwell as to our fast increasing ton and other patriotic Carolinians would rise up as ghosts to haunt them and condemn them.

priations, even with the increase of the valuation of property. Our expenses have been steadily increasing, and Senator Brice was always the first to rise up and shout "great is Winthrop college," and vote for almost any appropriation in its favor. Appropriations have so increased that dispensary profits could not reduce them. He denied that the dispensary had corrupted TATE as have taken place SINCE the courts or any other department of JANUARY 1ST, 1903 by purchase or the government. The bill is aimed at one of the institutions of this government and is dangerous. The people have decided that they want the system and he did not believe in the local option feature argued for. If it was carried out there would be in certain counties prohibition, which would mean free liquor, and the state would get no benefit. He said that the bill really was an attack on the dispensary itself,

\$400 and mileage, and worked on their oath. farms between meetings or attended to any other business they might have. and the office and its salary is thus attractive. The dispensary law is under the police regulations of the state. The privilege to sell liquor on the part of individuals was never a right, but a matter of sufferance. The state, in taking charge of the business, has done what is right and in interest of the business, for the what is right and in interest of the state, in the morality of the people. As to buying 11 and 13, in York township.

The Auditor will be at his office for the purpose of taking returns until THE ENQUIRER was bought up? Was Feb. the Lexington Dispatch bought up?
He didn't think such broad assertions ought to be made. He personally knew diers above the age of 50 years, are

Senator McIver favored the bill. He said the bill was not hitting at the dispensary law. It is not the question in issue in the bill. The present law provides no way in which a dispensary may be voted out, although it provides how one may be voted in. This is not right. Suppose a people decide a dispensary is not to their interest? Shall they not get rid of it? Is not

that right? The argument against the bill is that the larger towns would vote away the dispensary. That is not the question because it does not affect the principle of right. He said that he did not believe Charleston or Co lumbia would vote away dispensaries because both get large revenues. As long as the dispensaries pay in certain and system. His speech came up on communities they will remain, but there is good democratic principle in this bill, and those communities who find the operation of the law objectionable ought to be allowed the right to vote

Senator Peurifoy, in speaking on the hill suggested that he would offer an amendment, that in case any town or city or county voted against the dis pensary the government should be au thorized to compel them to pay the ex penses of the constabulary necessary to enforce the law. As to the bill itself he thought it necessary to be passed Any idea to the contrary is abhorrent

Senator Hardin suggested an amend ment somewhat on the same line. Senator Sharpe moved to strike out the enacting words. This motion was lost by a vote of 20 to 8. The following is the vote:

Yeas, opposed to bill-Aldrich, Blake, would get free if I stood for it." Its Dean, Gaines, Herndon, Hydrick, Wil-

Nays, in favor of bill-Brice, Brown

Old Sores Cancers

Thin, Diseased, Impure Blood. Bu ap-Boils, Eating Sores, Scrofula, Eru-tions, Eczema, Itching and Burning Ski and all Blood and Skin Humors cured. Blood made pure and rich and all sore nealed by taking a few bottles of Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). Sold at Drug stores, large bottles, \$1. Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) thoroughly tested for 30 years. Cures when all else fails. Try it. Send 5 cents to pay postage on Free trial sottle. Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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In competitive tests the Bickford & Huffman Drills always carry off the blue ribbon. They have done this a great many times in the past and will read the past a do the same trick many times in the future.

At the State Fair, Raleigh, N. C., October, 1900, the manager of the State Agricultural Farm, located near

market.

The Farmers' Favorite—that is the Bickford & Huffman Drill, is used on the Clemson College Farm. Are these facts not enough to con

vince the most skeptical? you will give us the opportunity by coming to see us we will point out the various advantages of these drills that are not embodied in any other make. We have them for sale and prompt delivery at the right prices and on the

YORKVILLE BUGGY COMPANY, Yorkville, S. C.

easiest terms.

TAX RETURNS FOR 1904.

Office of the County Auditor of York County, South Carolina,

YORKVILLE, S. C., December 2, 1903. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, Auditor of York County, will meet the several taxpayers of said county, at the places and times stated, to receive their TAX RETURNS for 1904, of PERSONAL PROPERTY and such CHANGES IN REAL ES-

ALL NEW BUILDINGS ERECTED SINCE JANUARY 1ST, 1903 must be reported, otherwise the penalty for non-return attaches. Township assessors and special assessors are required by law to report all delinquents in this

The law requires taxpayers to list their property at what they believe to be its "market value."

A tax return, in due form, will be required, and any return which says "SAME" or "NO CHANGES" is not in conformity to law, will not be filed.
All returns must be sworn to before

auditor, his assistant, or other officer duly qualified to administer an When parties so desire, they can make returns under oath, on the proper blank, before a magistrate, notary pub-lic, or other officer qualified to administer the same, and send by registered

mail to Auditor, at Yorkville, S. C., be fore the 20th day of February, 1904. Separate returns of all property loca-ted in School District No. 33, Bethesda

29th, after which date the books

Columbia papers had not been bought mp, for they reserved the right to criticise the system.

Taxpayers, liable to poll tax, are specially requested to inform themselves as to the number of the school district in which they reside. Taxpayers are requested to examine their last tax receipt and see that the number of acres, lots, etc., are correct

y reported. meet me in their respective township in order to avoid a rush at Yorkville luring the closing days. W. B. WILLIAMS. County Auditor.

WOULD YOU KNOW HIM?

OUR READERS

BOOTH TARKINGTON'S Great American Story

THE GENTLEMAN FROM INDIANA

Will be published in this paper beginning in a few days. We are not going to say much about it and we will tell If we describe the story as it is you will say before

you have read it that we have greatly exaggerated. After you have read it you will say we failed to do it justice. It is the story of a fearless editor who incurred the

hatred of white caps and was murderously attacked by them, and-but we must not say what came of it, for that would be telling, and would take away from your pleasure in reading it.

It pictures vividly a phase of life which is too common in Ameri-

It ought to be read by every man who loves his country and by every person who loves a lover-for the hero is a passionate lover, whose love making is superb.

We know you will read it if you dip into the first chapters-and our word for it, you will enjoy it as you have seldom enjoyed



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The List Includes Buggies, Guns, Rifles, Watches, Sewing Machines, Pocket Knives, Magazines and Other Articles of Value. The Competition Is Free, the Work Easy and the Pay Good.

Raleigh, selected the Bickford & Huffman Combination Hoe and Disc Drills in preference over six other drills which were put up for selection at the same fair.

Recently the Virginia State Experimental Farm selected the Bickford & Huffman improved & disc drill to be used on the farm lately established by Virginia. This selection was made after a close comparison with every other make of drill sold on the Richmond market.

sent more careful and painstaking la-bor than do the contents of any other semi-weekly newspaper published in the state, and the time and money ex-pended in its production are also great-er. At the same time, on the basis of actual service rendered, its cost to the phecriber is less than that of any oth-

THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

The subscription price of THE EN-QUIRER to single subscribers is \$2 per annum; but in clubs of two or more we send it for only \$1.75. This reduction is for business reasons and for the convenience of the contract of the con reduction is for business reasons and for the convenience of the subscriber, and to further both of these ends we offer the following proposition

TO CLUBMAKERS.

To the clubmaker who returns and pays for the largest number of names between October 15, 1903, and Wednesday, March 16, 1904, at 6 o'clock p. m., we will give a first-class Babcock Top Buggy, worth \$85; or a first-class Columbia Top Buggy with rubber tires, valued at \$85. The clubmaker will have the option of the two propositions.

To the clubmaker who returns and pays for the second largest club, we will give a handsome Columbia Top Buggy, worth \$65. To the clubmaker who returns and Buggy, worth \$65.

The Babcock and Columbia Buggies

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can be seen at Glenn & Allison's livery

A "Yankee" Watch, a Stylographic Fountain Pen or a Three Bladed Pock-et Knife of good quality; or a 15-String Zithern.

For Five Names A year's subscription to either one of

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An Ingersoll "Triumph Watch,

Columbia Repeating Air Rifle—works like a Winchester—a fine Razor or a Pocket Knife, a Rapid Writer Fountain Pen—plain case; or a Hopf Model Vioin or an 8-inch Hanjo. For Ten Names.

One year's subscription to THE EN-QUIRER, a "Quaker" Watch, valued at \$2.50; a Hamilton 22-calibre Rifie-model 11; the Youth's Companion, one year; or a gold mounted Fountain Pen; a good Banjo, Violin or Guitar. For Twenty Names. Crack-Shot Stevens Rifle, a 10-ounce

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Clubmakers will be held personally responsible for the payment of all names returned by them. After a clubmaker has returned and paid for

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