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these shares really belong to me?"

"Well, every stockholder should

know what he's doing, shouldn't he?"

"Then why won't you tell me for

"Because it isn't necessary, Leslie-

because you ought to trust me. Real-

to speak about this for some time.

I've heard so much about this com-

The words were snapped out angrily,

them. But those few words told Les-

had faded from her cheeks a new reso-

"Not one word from him," she an-

"I don't propose to discuss the mat-

ter with you any further at this time,

"Why not, dear? It's not merely

MR HARLAN.

"But I don't know what you wan

to do, so I can't possibly be criticis-

with you when you tell me. Surely

Mr. Harlan shot a swift glance at his

"Leslie, are you interested in this

She might easily have gained time

though her cheeks crimsoned again,

"I've always been it terested in Mr.

Kennard's work, dae as I always

thought you were. He seemed earnest

the best welfare of those under him.

have disagreed. But, dear old dad, I

can readily understand that his theo-

ries, however honest or sincere, may

not be good from a business stand-

point, and I trust your wise head. But

I can't understand why you won't ex-

plain the difficulty and want me to act

blindly in the matter. It isn't like

dence in me. You may sign the pa-

per or not, just as you prefer, Lesile.

shall certainly not condescend to ask

"Now you're offended. Have I ever

with your plans? Didn't you tell me

everything about the Crotation com-

pany and the Milling Companies, and

the big fight in the Partition railroad?

me for whom I'm voting, you speak to

me in a tone I've never heard before.

There was a little tremble in the

Mr. Harlan did not answer for a few

moments. Then he slapped his maga-

vine down upon the table impatiently.

claimed, "that I won't discuss the

situation further until you display

proper confidence in me. I only re

Leslie rose from her seat and

"Dad dear listen."

"I've told you before, Leslie," he ex-

half-jesting, half-serious question.

you again."

her voice never falte ed as she an-

man?" he inquired suddenly.

and criticism, Leslie."

what I'm voting for."

daughter's face.

general attitude of distrus

lution had come to her.

"From Kennard, I suppose!"

"Don't they absolutely?"

"Yes, I suppose so."

"Yes, theoretically."

ly, you're quite annoying."

whom I'm voting?"

pany, and-

management?"

Leslic."

"Um-yes."

(Copyright, 1902, by Frederick A. Stokes & Co.) "Well?" he asked good-naturedly.

CHAPTER XXX. But Miss Harlan's face suddenly as-"There, I've told you all the useless sumed an earnest, serious expression things I've done up town to-day, now "You've always told me, dear, never tell me all the worth-while things to sign anything ignorantly, and I you've accomplished down town, Mr. don't quite understand this. You say

Vice President." Leslie perched herself on the arm of her father's chair in the library, and held out a lighted match for his after-dinner cigar.

"The only thing-thank you, lassthe only thing I did down town that was worth while," he answered between puffs, "was to come up town. There's an Irish answer for you." "With a strong flavor of blarney in

"By the way, speaking of Irishmen, I was given an invitation to-day for a private musicale of Irish folk-songs." "Good! Let's go. When is it?" "I've forgotten. The tickets are in

my overcoat. Bring me the papers in my coat pocket, Perkins," he directed the butler, as the latter entered with the coffee.

Leslie took a cup from the tray, dropped in a lump of sugar, stirred it, and offered a spoonful to Mr. Harlan. "Go on, sir. Tell me the rest of the news," she commanded.

"I don't think there's anything else to tell. Yes, there is," he added, as Perkins handed him a bunch of papers; "here's an announcement of Granville Phelps' marriage, and a card to ask you about it for a long time. You remember you told me about Mr. for the opening day at the Water Color exhibition-and-March 15, that's the his factory; so, of course, I know how date for the concert- By the way. successful he was and how interested Leslie, before I forget it, just sign this, in the employes. And now every one please. says he resigned from this new com-The girl glanced at the paper with

evident surprise. Then she slipped pany because the workmen's wages from the arm of the chair, and sitting down at the library table, turned up the lamp and read the document through carefully. It was a printed form, headed "Proxy for Stock," and worded with legal phraseology.

Confederated Machine Companies at the annual meeting of stockholders of The Confederated Machine Companies, to be day of adjourned meeting thereof, according to the number of votes I should be entitled to vote if then personally present. witness whereof I have hereunto se day of my hand and seal this , one thousand nine hundred

Sealed and delivered

The first glance at the paper recalled to Leslie every word of the conversation with Mrs. Parsons. She had been waiting for the proper moment to speak to her father about the Machine Companies, but now the opportunity had come, she shrank from taking advantage of it. She could ask herself why: she would not allow herself to answer. She wanted time to think it over. But Mrs. Parsons had said that whatever was done would have to be done promptly. If she let this chance go by, it might never come again. But she could not let it pass. The paper conferred authority to vote for her in the very company in which she had been asked to influence her ing. I have no doubt I shall agree father's vote. This was a new situation, and one which she had never before contemplated. However the occasion introduced the subject naturally, and that was perhaps more important than time for reflection.

"Is all that legal verbiage too much for you?" It must have been the third or fourth

reading which Mr. Harlan's question

"I never saw a paper like this before," she answered. "It gives the sweredright to vote at a meeting of stockholders, doesn't it?" and sincere, and, as far as I understand

"But how can I give any such right? I'm not a stockholder." "Yes, you are. At least I hold stock

name, which is the same in your "Why did you put it in my name?"

"Oh, because-well, just for a change.' "Wasn't that a strange reason?"

"No, everything I have is yours. So it doesn't make much difference whose name is used. In this instance it was more convenient to use yours." "Why?"

"For goodness' sake, Leslie," he laughed, "you're worse than a crossexamining lawyer!" "But I don't see how it could be more convenient to use my name when

I'm so seldom down town." "I can't explain all that now, my

Mr. Harlan's tone indicated weariness, and Leslie did not press the in-

quiry. "Tell me, what are you going to vote

for, Mr. Proxy?" she demanded, jestingly. "Merely for some new directors. It's

what they call the annual meeting." Leslie dipped her pen in the ink and touched a blurred letter before she spoke again. "Isn't this the company where Dad, dear, what is the matter?"

"Yes."

"Will this election stop the strike?"

"Whom are you going to vote for?" "Now, don't you think we've discussed this long enough, my dear?" Mr. Harlan replied, with a shade of annoyance in his voice. "The whole thing's merely a formality. Just sign

how he will vote?"

"Nonsense, Leslie! Mr. Harlan's exclamation was sharp and irritated. Leslie made no reply, and Mr. Harlan picked up a magazine and began reading it.

Mr. Harlan continued reading. "Mr. Vice President." Harlan looked up, and his lips rechanged before the election, so let us even a bubble of excitement, and the nd this foolish talk."

"Won't you tell me-" "I will not answer any further questions or talk any more at all about this subject. When you are ready to sign the paper-"

"But, father, don't you understand," her voice was so serious that Mr. Harlan looked up suddenly as she hesitated-"don't you understand, dear that I shall not sign-"

"Do you mean to say-" "I mean I cannot take responsibility without knowing what my proxy is to

"Then you can get your information rom-from any one in whom you have more confidence than you have in

CHAPTER XXXI.

happened before. It measured the magnitude of her offense in his eyes.

refused to vote at all, her action would embarrass her father, without, perhaps, serving the cause she desired to were cut, and not at all as the newspa- favor. Chance had placed in her pers say. Don't you approve of his hands a technical right which she feared to exercise practically.

plain the whole matter fully and fair LESLIE OFFERED A SPOONFUL TO

you don't wish me to sign this paper, or any paper, without knowing the empty blackboard.

his right hand, wiped off the drip pings, squinted at the slip of paper in his left, glanced absent-mindedly up failed to be interested or sympathetic the street and painted a large white B. Having performed this feat, he paused to examine his work, assuming the critical attitude that proclaims an

any one? Was I ever so dull that I was coming?" couldn't appreciate your reasons for "Big," muttered some one in the things? And now in the proud congroup, and the others regarded him sclousness of my newly discovered rewith something like surprise. sponsibilities, when I ask you to tell

The brush paused once or twice before this word was completed, but it suggested nothing to the prophet, who relapsed into silence. The artist re-

Leslie gazed at the words as though fascinated by them and the scene be-

Miscellaneous Beading.

There Was Talk of a Personal Encoun-

This was, perhaps, the reason of her Reported by August Kohn. Decided interest centered in the liquor meeting at Edgefield last Saturday. sibly frustrated some plan by her blind fire speeches. There were neither senobstinacy. And he had kept silence sational outbreaks nor a race for recrather than urge her against her will! All her doubts and fears faded away, and much ado had been made. Some She turned without another thought, time ago the prohibitionists started and flew rather than walked to Mr. their movement. The suggestion was Harlan's office in the Consolidated made that there ought to be a discus-"Dad, dear!" she exclaimed, as the call was made and invitations sent out. door of the private room closed be- Saturday's meeting was the result.

building. hind her, "I've-I've just heard about The representatives in the house and the-the company. Why didn't you senate, Col. W. Jasper Talbert, Govtell me? I didn't understand or I ernor Sheppard, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. wouldn't have bothered you last night. Simkins, Mr. Geo. E"ans and Mr. Cal-Please, please forgive me. Here, give houn were invited to speak. All save me a pen-

the proxy from her purse and rapidly two hour speech of Senator Tillman, signed her name

it's not too late. Now kiss me and speakers. say you'll never speak to me again as you did last night."



DAD, DEAR, I'VE JUST HEARD ABOUT THE COMPANY." Miss Harlan, most inconsiderately

burst into tears.

TO BE CONTINUED. FAMOUS FASTERS.

Feats of People Who Have Gone With

out Foor For Months. Signor Succi and M. Alexandre Jacwith some of the feats of past generations, if we are to believe contemporary rench girl, Christina Michelot, after an attack of fever, was utterly unable o swallow any form of food, and from

cords. Thus we learn that a young ernor twice on other issues than libut the woman narrowly escaped suf-focation and the attempt had to be

abandoned. Harrogate girl of 12, one Ann Walsh, lived for eighteen months on a daily glass of wine and water—8 ooks; Monica Mutcheteria, a Swabian, spent swallowing either food or drink, and Dr. Willan, an eighteenth century physi ian, had among his patients a mono touch food of any description About the same time, too, we are inof Chateauroux was never known to partake of food during twelve months, and yet was able to do a good day's

story of a woman, one Mary Wasughor Wigginton, who appears have reduced the problem of living its lowest material limits. Thus, says her historian, "she does not eat in a day a piece above the size of a half rown in bread and butter, or, if mea not above the quantity of a pigeon's egg at most," while her only beverage was a spoonful of milk and water daily. And yet, although this Mary's modest fare year after year, she is described as "a maiden of fresh com olexion and healthy enough." Another century, one John Adams, lived for hirty years, it is said, on a daily crust of bread and a glass of water, and ye fortunately, we do not know what John

however, are silent as to the price he

up in a room in Edinburgh Castle

TILLMAN AND TALBERT.

ter at Edgefield.

The expectation was that there would ords. The meeting had been heralded sion before the thing went too far. A Governor Sheppard, who is in Texas She selzed one as she spoke, took were on hand, but after the more than the meeting adjourned itself withou "Opposite the seal? There! I hope hearing from four of the prospective

The incident of the meeting was the apparent resentment of Col. Talber over a remark of Senator Tillman Col. Talbert was mad all over and wanted to know whether Senator Tillman wished to make a personal matter of the incident, while Senator Tillman was amused and passed it over laughingly. Perhaps the chief interest is to know how Senator Tillman views the situation these days. Today he reiterated his responsibility for his advoeacy for the dispensary, but he also made it plain that he is not a candidate for senator or anything else on the dispensary issue. He announced his candidacy for re-election, but emchasized that the liquor question is one thing and the race for senator is entirely different and he wants no conusion. He suggested and hinted and intimated very strongly that things were not what they ought to be with the dispensary, but rather than come directly to the point he prefaced his suggestions by an "if" or "it is said" or "it is rumored."

He pointed out a long line of in ing Companies' assignment, by elab- of the investigating committee, because he and the people wanted botom facts.

Here are some of the further kernels full of meat taken here and there from Tillman's speech on the dispensary: "During the last six years and even pefore that a majority of the South Carolina legislature has been composed of those who were once anti-Tillman-

ites or conservatives." been elected to control and direct the

"I believe that there has been 'The onslaught on the dispensary is

"As founder and father of the dispensary, I have been abused and lied "The dispensary has had nothing t

never contributed in the slightest to my election as senator, and I was govquor control." "I believe now that the dispensar

law can be so changed as to preclude the possibility of corruption." "If the legislature at its next ses

sion will make such amendment and change in the law as I am prepared to offer the boldest and most unscrupulous enemies of the system will be "The dispensary authority vested in

the governor should never have been changed. He wants a dozen countles to try prohibition from now till January. I now say that if the legislature now in power does not at its next session change the law so as to reform the system I will undertake, if form it."

debauched dispensary. A saloon will case and later was arrested upon the "I do not stand for a corrupted and never return to South Carolina again. I am opposed to private individuals selling liquor. I want this matter settled entirely apart from my personal and political fortunes. It is a much greater question for the people of South Carolina to settle how they shall wisely and best govern the sale of liquor than whether I or some one else represent them in the senate.

cause of temperance." Senator Tillman was sure Herbert Evans would gladly welcome a most searching investigation into his financial condition, and also as to H. H. Crum. There is a report that Mr. Towill, another director, accepted a fine horse from some whisky house and that Mr. Boykin represented liquor houses before elected on the board. He wants light on these. All of these was famed for his muscular strength things Senator Tillman had carefully and his ploughing performances. Unwritten out and prepared but while on written out and prepared but while on these typewritten pages he interpolated these side lines: "Do you know facts described are little more remarkable than those of our own time. In 1771 a Stamford man made a wager of £10 that he would touch neither food worth of whisky, \$400,000 scattered all his keg with the muddy river water over the state and \$400,000 in Columbia. What do they want with so much, afterwards paid for his defiance of na- It is on a cash basis and they can order liquor from any source they choose by the carload and get it here, bottled His story proved to be true and it was dale, whose fasts have survived to our and distribute it in 30 days. Then I only water, which "Gawd knows a man verse, hear, I do not know how true it is, has a right to carry.

stringent conditions, had him locked were the original stockholders, how much stock they took, and all about

friend Talbert and shout for prohibition. He went on and said: "I will never consent by my vote or Influence Mrs. Burch Said to Know About Cotto aid the re-establishment of saloon

when you were in trouble I stood by the law and said I would go to Cothe law and sai lumbia and defend you. I never ad- nation as a clerk. ocated the law, I have supported it.

While it has been expected that have a rapidly while as rapidly while as the two men, parties to the leak seeming a grade as is the case with seandal would less no the leak seeming a grade as is the case with vocated the law, I have supported it. twenty years."

pugning your motives."

supported the law because it is the cal clerk. aw and if it is a prohibition law I will support it."

here and you can get it."

said: "Now, the figures for Lawrence,

ROCK HILL TIGERS.

For the Authorities.

ing committee and talking to Col. Talrow was further enlightening his si- bert suggested that there might be made in the suburbs of the city, from need for an investigating committee which have arisen several trials and service of the government April 5, which have arisen several trials and mistrials. These have been of great interest in this community and upon them have been many discussions and comments.

Service of the government April 5, Henry Lawson Wyatt was a native of Virginia, born in Richmond February 12, 1842, a son of Isham and Lucinda Wyatt, the latter of whom had but recently died. Henry had num. October 16, 1900 her salary learned the carpenter's trade and was

churn which she was conveying from any promotion without first having Cash's house to the kitchen. The but-stood a competitive examination.

six pints on his person.

and he asked for a change of venue to suburbs of Washington. Magistrate Glenn's court. This was Wednesday the case was again tried up Mrs. Burch's testimony there man, upon whose place Cash lived, and is said to know about the departwho had been present when Cash's ment of agriculture and its managehouse was searched, made a demand ment. upon Constable Jenkins for a return to him of 20 pints of the whisky, claiming SOUTHERN'S GIANT FREIGHTERS that it was his and that he had it for on the Fourth of July. As a result he was called as a witness in the Cash same charge, that of "storing and keep-ing contraband." His preliminary was regularly and smoothly as an engine held and he also is under bond for

days ago, but his decision was not handed down until yesterday. He night when it hauled a sho found for the plaintiff. Workman. The be the best for the people and for the state appeals and the case will be heard night. at the fall session of superior court. A notorious frequenter of the court room, locally, is Jack Knox, a bright its mulatto blacksmith, horse trader, etc. The police found a five-gallon keg of lay. whisky in his house a day or two ago, Jack claims that the stuff belongs to yesterday afternoon waiting another man and the case is in statuquo until further evidence is found. Jack worked a very slick trick on the officers some years ago; in fact he is trouble, gets hot all over, and does

sold her received the following explanation:

WOMAN IN THE CASE.

ton Scandal.

said I would support the law—I never did advocate it. You are mistaken and when you were in trouble I stood by

scandal, would lose no time in leav- the smaller engines. Senator Tillman was still facing Col. ing the city, possibly for the benefit here yesterday morning by cutting Talbert who had meanwhile gotten up of their health, if for no other reatit in two, as railroad men say. and was walking across the platform. son, there was, nevertheless, a gen-That is, the tender was uncouple and the engine turned first an nd was walking across the platform. Son, there was, hevertheess, a said and the engine Senator Tillman said: "I am not imit known today that she no longer Col. Talbert replied: "I have not desired to be connected with the decome here for any trouble but if you partment of agriculture in the cawant a personal controversy I am here. pacity of stenographic and statisti-The way Mrs. Burch has rises

from the ranks reads like a romance. Mr. Padgett, the chairman of the and from the time she entered the direct struggle over Secession was on neeting thought there may be trouble department of agriculture, in 1897 the Federal side at Fort Sumter, in and he went up to Mr. Talbert and as a laborer at \$480 per year she has an accidental explosion, after the fort caught him by the arm and spoke to by some unknown power been able to had surrendered, April 13, 1861. But There was no trouble. The outstrip all her competitors and yes- the first Confederate to be killed in crowd hurrahed a little and still stand- terday when she resigned she was line of battle was Private Henry Lawing near Tillman, Talbert said: "If drawing \$1,800 per annum. There son Wyatt, a soldier in Company A, you desire a personal controversy I am are many women, it is said, in the First North Carolina Regiment, indepartment as capable as Mrs. fantry. His life was lost in the battle Tillman: "You broke into my speech, Burch, and it is singular that she known as that of Big Bethel," fought has been able to rise so rapidly time June 10, 1861, near Yorktown, Va. Talbert: "You alluded to me and and again while others have been hook your finger at me which I can- forced to plod along beaten paths first land battle of the war. Though not take from anybody. If you want from year to year with but scant on a minor scale, it was a victory for if any promotion. It has been de- th southern arms. The Confederate Senator Tillman laughed and re- clared by many employes that Mrs. troops engaged belonged to the com-Burch had unusual influence with mand of General John B. Magruder, "I've been along that road many a Mr. Hyde, and that so far as the the infantry force being chiefly the time before," and turning to his table affairs of the bureau were concerned, First North Carolina Regiment, under she was known as "the power behind Mass., show."-and then went on with the throne." Her resignation comhis speech. The incident was closed, ing immediately upon the information that Hyde is now perhaps nearing the rock bound coasts of England makes the matter all the more in-They Manage to Lead a Lively Chase teresting and at the same time more mysterious, for as far as known there About the last week in June, says the is no reason why she should have As stated, Mrs Burch entered the

State Constable J. H. B. Jenkins. was raised to \$1,100. May 1, 1901, armed with a warrant to search the her salary was raised to \$1,300 per ouse, some distance below the promoted and received \$1,400 per the dasher handle stuck out of the replied that she had not received

It has also been discovered, it is bagginess of his clothes Constable Jen- said, that since Mrs. Burch came into the department of agriculture attempted to perform the duty. They that she has been in the habit of had proceeded but a short distance kins stopped him and found five or into the department of agriculture The corrected warrant came and a borrowing large sums of money search was made of the premises, re-sulting in the finding of a total of 33 and while no special significance is four soldiers dropped to the earth pints.

Costin and while no special significance is four soldiers dropped to the earth attached to this fact, it is also noted Cash's preliminary was held and he that since her entry into the bureau was put under bond to appear in York- she has managed to come into posville at the court of general sessions, session of a very fine home in one

McGraw's case resulted in a mistrial of the most prominent and refined It is expected that when the grand done and resulted in another mistrial. jury now probing this matter takes and the jury declared him "not guilty." will be some mighty interesting read- with bullets-he, I believe, was the At Cash's preliminary P. A. Work- ing, if she consents to tell all she

New Engines Pull Forty-five Cars With Great Ease.

Greenville News: Pulling forty-five cars, nearly all that had been in use for months workman, after his preliminary, vision by the Southern to handle brought a claim and delivery suit against the constable. This was tried also before Magistrate Glenn about ten grant and derivery and of Greenville at 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Atlanta. Engineer F. W. Wolfe was at the throttle. No. 774 made its first trip Friday under slow speed from Atlanta to Greenville, arriving here about mid-night. Wolfe brought the big locothe largest ever operated on the world, from the Gate City

its initial trip, which was made without the slightest mishap or de-"She is a beauty," said the engineer, as he was seated in his cab yesterday afternoon waiting for leaving orders on the return trip. "I have never met with an engin that behaved better. You know, as a rule a new engine gives a lot of a bright yellow daisy. Taking his turnout, with a keg skillfully concealed, and yet leaving a scent for the officers, ever on the alert for him, he struck out in the direction of the river.

Knowing that they would be after him.

limbered up, you know."
No. 774 was a magnificent sight and protesting that there was not a thing in the keg but river water for round house. Compared with big stationary engines and those used in battleships and ocean grey large, but there is something so com pact, so symmetrical and altogether powerful about a locomotive that it draws admiration above all other machinery, and towering above the great engines that have made the Southern famous, No. 774 was inspected and praised by engineers, bectters from and everybody else. hostlers, fireman and everybody that saw it in the yards yesterday.

With the exception of the design of
the fire box the new locomotive, get which is made solely for handling the freight, does not vary materially

of its striking overhead bridges, the smokestack is reduced to a minimum, being hardly a foot in height while the sand dome is a very small affair. Even the bell is smaller that those

No. 774 was turned on the table

FIRST MAN KILLED.

L. Wyatt, of the First North

Carolina Regiment. The very first life lost in the final

The conflict at Big Bethel was the the immediate command of Colonel D. H. Hill, who was afterwards a lieutenant general in the Confederate service, and who has been quite universally regarded as the hero of the battle. The lieutenant-colonel of the regiment was C. C. Lee, and the ma-jor was James H. Lane, both of whom subsequently rose to the rank of bri-gadier-general in the Confederacy. The regiment passed into history as "The Bethel Regiment" of North

Carolina troops.

The Federal troops engaged in the action were under the immediate com-mand of General B. F. Butler.

num. October 16, 1900 her salary learned the carpenter's trade and was was raised to \$1,100. May 1, 1901, working in Tarboro, N. C., when the ber salary was raised to \$1,300 per war broke out—his father having premises of S. "Miles" Cash, went to annum. July 1, 1902 she was again N. C., in 1856.

Young Wyatt was one of the southern cause when the Governo of North Carolina called for volun teers in April, 1861, after the Lincoln proclamation declaring war agains Edgecomb Guards, under command of Captain John L. Bridgers. Fiftyfour days after he was mustered into

Yorktown, Va. Young Wyatt lost his life under circumstances of great gallantry and In the begining of the bat-These examinations, it has been of the enemy occupied a house be-learned, were prepared and held at tween the two opposing lines, blue the department of agriculture, and and gray. A call was made for volunteers to advance across the interven-ing distance, through an open field 200 yards wide, and fire the building. Corporal George W. Williams, Private Henry Lawson Wyatt, John H. Thorpe, Thomas Fallon, and Robert H. Bradley responded to the call and into the field when Henry through the entire war and are yet

> the house began, Major Winthrop, a gallant and noble son of Connecticu endeavored to lead his men into the action; but as he came to the front waving his sword about his head, the Carolinians fired a volley at in the war. His native state has long The state of North Carolina has at last determined to treasure in perpet uity the features and name of the daring and noble Wyatt, Through the efforts of J. C. Birdsong, State Liorarian, a photograph of the dead hero was secured, and at the of the Legislature of 1891 the Librarian secured an appropriation to have life-size painting made from the only existing picture of the young man, and a handsome oil portrait made from it now adorns the walls of the North Carolina State ILbrary

Very soon after the cannonading of

the dark lustrous eyes that glean out upon the speaking canvas .mond Dispatch.

Persons who had known the living

most striking degree, caught the very spirit of the daring, generous soul and fixed its expression brilliantly in

youth say that the artist

AMERICAN COTTON INDUSTRY. This Country Has Reached the Position of a Leader.

The United States record-breaking crop of 12,162,000 bales in 1904 will serve to draw attention to cotton as social and economic factor in the vorld's development and to show the important part which it plays in human society. Congress in 1793 placed of 3 cents a pound on cotton, a duty never dreaming that it would one day ecome the most important of the country's exports. When, in 1794, John Jay was in England to frame the treaty under which American commerce got its first real start, he did not know tha cotton was exported from this country or ever would be exported.

The 155,000 bales of cotton produced to 4,800,000 in 1860. In the words of lammond of South Carolina, had become king among United States products by that time. The year 1898 passed for the first time. It was neve passed afterwards, except in 1899, till 1904, when the output was 12,162,000 bales. In 1903 the farm value of the cotton crop and its by-products was the neighborhood of \$700,000,000. 1904, owing to the reduced price, the value did not pass beyond that mark. however, it ranked all In each year, the other products of the amount of money which it brought the grower, except corn.

Three-fourths of all the cotton grown in the world is produced in the American crop was manufactured in American mills in 1860. This propor-tion, increasing faster than the produc-tion, had grown to 37 per cent in 1901.

there's a strike going on?"

gret I put those shares in your namopposite the seal." at all. "But isn't my proxy going to tell me

laxed into a smile as he noted the mock solemnity of her eyes.

do, and why he is to do it.

Mr. Harlan rose as he spoke, and swung out of the room without another

Mr. Harlan left the house and did not return until long after midnight. When Leslie came downstairs the next morning he had already breakfasted and gone to the office without bidding her good-by. Such a thing had never

The troublesome proxy lay on her desk where she had tossed it the night "I'm sorry, but I've been intending before. She sat down and read it through once more. Was she right in hesitating to sign it? Had she not virtually told her own father that she did not trust him? Was she not about to proclaim this publicly? What did and the moment they were uttered Mr. she propose to do? Was she to attend Harlan would have gladly recalled this meeting in person and vote against her father, or, at best, vote in lie much, and by the time the flush his stead? In the one case there would be scandal; in the other ridicule and notoriety. What a story that would make for the newspapers, with picwered calmly, "but a great deal of tures of the warring father and daughhim-more of what he's done. I don't ter, and all the possible and impossible now what your position or power is inferences which would be drawn from in this company, dear, but I've wanted the facts. He would be a joke down town if she did any such thing as that. But was there any alternative? If Kennard, and afterwards I went to see she authorized anybody else to represent her, she would only add to the insult and increase the scandal. If she

How much did she know of the issues involved? On the one side was man she had learned to-to believe in. To believe in very earnestly. But and appoint to be my lawful attorney, substitute, and proxy, for me and in my name, place, and stead to vote upon all the stock held by me in The No, the men, women and children whose health and comfort were at stake formed the real issues. If she voted against them even indirectly would not the thought of it outlast her life? Her father was opposed to poor and the weak in this contest. Perhaps he did not know this. Perhaps he was altogether ignorant of the true state of affairs. She had told him nothing of what she knew. Possibly if she reported frankly everything she had heard and suspected, he might investigate and learn why she could not vote against John Kennard-against what she believed to be right. She would go straight to the office and ex-

Anything was better than this hideous chance of misunderstanding. Miss Harlan's car moved slowly along Park Row, the motorman beating furiously on his metal gong, and gradually dividing the ever-present group of people which gazes morning noon and night at the big bulleting board of the "Guardian." As the car stopped at the Nassau street corner Leslie stepped out and stood for a moment in the knot of idlers staring at

A man mounted on a wooden plat form leisurely washed the bulletin board with a big sponge, leaving wide, damp streaks of gray across its face. He seemed aware of his importance to the watchers below, and took delight by pretending not to understand, but in playing with their hungry curiosity. The board cleaned, he hitched up his trousers with great deliberation, and retired into one of the office windows with the tantalizing air of one who knows the public must await his pleasure. Presently he returned, a chalkpot and brush in his hand, which he his ideas, he is working unselfishly for placed on the platform, changing their position once or twice with the nicety Of late I've noticed you don't mention his name and that he has ceased to of an acrobat adjusting his paraphercome here, so I suppose you and he nalia. Then he turned and gazed contemptuously at the street, as though disdaining to perform for such a pitifully meager assemblage. At last he swung around, stuck his head into the window, and shouted some inaudible summons, which was answered by a small boy who handed him a slip of paper. Armed with this, he walked slowly toward the chalk-pot, stirred it with the brush, blew his nose, and rolled up one sleeve. Then he carefully dipped the brush in the pot with

artist. Then he glanced knowingly Did I ever talk about your affairs with at the throng below, as much as to say: "Don't you wish you knew what

> "F-A-I-L-" painted the artist. "Failure," interrupted the clever

> "MILLING"

noisy streams rushed by without the slightest cessation. It did not seem possible, and yet it must be. They would not dare to publish such a thing about a famous company like that unless it were true. father's silence and irritation of the previous evening. He had been anxious and in trouble, and she had worried him with idle questions and pos-



Meanwhile the artist of Newspaper lent, apathetic audience as to the Millorately printing, in generous capitals, RUMORS OF INSIDE WRECKING.

How long is it possible for man to maintain life without food of any description, liquid or solid? At the moment of writing a Vienna champion affairs of the dispensary the conservthe man who- He was opposing the faster is trying the experiment for atives of the state are responsible for three weeks; but this period falls so far it." short of existing records that the feat scarcely reaches the dignity of a fast. deep laid scheme to destroy the sys-At the Aquarium two "hunger artists," tem by mismanagement." ques, some years ago tried for premier led by most bitter political oppohonors in England by abstaining from nents." food for forty-two days; and in the 80's a man named Merlatti maintained health and spirits for fifty days on a upon as no other man in the state's Spartan diet limited to sips of water. history ever was." But even such feats as these are mere pauses between meals compared do with my political two fortunes.

November, 1751, to July, 1755, swalowed nothing at all more sustaining than water. Remarkable to say, after nearly four years of this starvation liet she gradually recovered her nealth and lived long in the land. For a year and three-quarters Katherine compelled to declare that there is no McLeod actually lived without partaking of any form of sustenance. One luring this period an attempt was made to force food down her throat

dietary on which she somehow man-aged to preserve health and good three years she never slept; while maniac who for sixty-one days refused ormed that a French peasant boy

ork on his father's farm Dr. Plot, in his "Natural History of Staffordshire," tells a remarkable

te when nobody was looking.
In the two cases which follow we ge drink for fifty-one days, and he

then renewed his work with a sudden burst of energy lest the spectators should anticipate his climax.

when he was incarcerated for not paying his creditors. So indignant was he that not a mouthful of prison fare passed his lips for thirty-two days. The fame of this feat got abroad, and the King, curious to test the man under the committee to tell us who is responsible for such a stock of unsalable stuff. I want it to investigate the Richland Distillery company, find out how it came to be organized who When the door was opened at the

The Milling Companies! That was place and that will remove any idea that I'm imposing conditions. Then we can talk as we always do."

"It's too late."

"What do you mean?"

"The milling Companies! That was placed at the faces about her, but stoll indifference was the only expression observable. Surely this could not write and the shares will have to be voted in your name. They cannot be voted in your name attent to the your tanger for his abstention. In later years Scott exhibited his and work of which they are deal larger hour of the dispensary as compared with the north of your tanger for in 1901. The south they cannot the was vice presented that a check be had and inves

to aid the re-establishment of saloons in any county in South Carolina."

Col. Taibert from his seat: "Thank God, one old sinner has come in."

Tillman turning to Taibert said: "Thursday, says a Washington dismay ago when you were declaring you would enforce this damnable law?"

The crowd cheered for Tillman and Taibert.

Col. Taibert said with feeling: "I seald I would support the law—I never lead I would support the law—I never alleged confidant of Hyde, and the words are larger, it is said to be lower than those were labeled as close to the top of the boiler as possible. The bracket supporting the headlight is made to project over the boiler and is swung below the top so as not to project above the smoke-stack. The boiler is set high above the trucks and the whole mass of steel seems to be top-heavy, though the center of gravity is said to be lower than in most other types.

While the engine and its firebox are larger, it is said to be even even than those were labeled to the top of the boiler as possible. The bracket supporting the headlight is made to project over the boiler and is swung below the top so as not to project above the smoke-stack. The boiler is set high above the trucks and the whole mass of steel seems to be top-heavy, though the center of gravity is said to be lower than in most other types. While the engine and its firebox are larger, it is said to be even even the center of gravity is said to be lower than in most other types.

personal difficulty you can get it."

Rock Hill correspondent of The News been forced to relinquish her po-

Highland Park mill. He found him at home and read the warrant. Cash re- further advanced and received \$1,600 fused the service, claiming that the per annum, and on July 1, 1904, name was not his. Constable Jenkins she was advanced to the grade sent his assistant, Wingate, back to where she received \$2,300 a year. have the warrant changed to S. M. Being asked how it was that she re-Cash. The constable stayed upon the ceived such rapid and unusual proscene and awaited developments. He motion while other employes had the service Henry Wyatt fell in halted an old "mammy" with a churn not been able to keep up with her in at the age of 20. He was buried near full of buttermilk, so full that all of anything like this style, Mrs. Burch

termilk proved to be a number of pints These examinations, it has been While this arrest was being made Cash and a friend, Henry E. McGraw, it was a comparatively easy matter went into the house and a few minutes to arrange them according to the later McGraw came out and started wishes of those interested. away, but on account of the peculiar

fight for a legislature that will re-

Knowing that they would be after him rock. and returned. Sure enough he was gathered in when he reached the city his wife's use for something or other, he was carried on for examination.

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