Sumorous Department.

She Had Something to Say.

"There is something," said the sweet though rather plain girl as she moved a little nearer to the young man, "that I have for a long time wished to tell

"Great heavens!" he thought. "This is leap year! Why was I fool enough to answer? This is horrible." Then, drawing himself up rather proudly and assuming an air of reserve that was hardly natural to him, he replied:

"You cannot have wished to say anything to me for so very long. We have not known each other long, you know. "Not long as some people reckon time perhaps, but long enough, don't you think, to be perfectly frank with each other? I hope you will permit me toto say"-

She paused, apparently in doubt as to the propriety of continuing, and he drew a deep breath, hoping his frigidity might have caused her to recon-

"That is," she went on, "I hope you may accept in the proper spirit what I have to say. I know I should, if I were in your place, take it as a great kindness. Still I hardly dare go on, for there is not among all the girls I know one who would-who-that is-whowould"-

He looked about for a chance to escape, but no way seemed to be open, and, shutting his lips tightly, he waited for her to continue.

"who would," she went on "have the courage to tell you. But, really, Mr. Faris leaves to mourn his death don't you think you ought to quit plastering your hair down over your forehead as you do? You would look so much more intelligent than you do if you fluffed it up a little."

With a glad cry he caught both of her hands in his and assured her that she was the best friend he had in the world.-Chicago Record-Herald.

THE SCHOOLBOY BRAIN .- One of the most substantial and genuine of delights for those of humorous appreciation consists in a study of the answers made by school girls and school boys in examination papers. A writer in the current Harper's Weekly has collected. a new batch of these, of which the following specimens are among the most choice:

"Blood consists of two sorts of corkcorkscrews and white corkscrews."

Asked to explain what a buttress is one boy replied: "A woman who makes butter.'

One pupil defined primate as "the wife of a prime minister." "Gravity was discovered by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the

autumn, when the apples are falling monarchy?" this answer was returned: "A limited monarchy is government by a king who, in case of bankruptcy, for the Fifth congressional district, would not be responsible for the entire

was at an informal session, after one ter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McGowan, of of the regular meetings of a religious the Springstein mill village, died Friconvention, that the New Hampshire day, February 14, of ptomaine poison-

avoid the extreme length of this good but he is better and it is thought now man's remarks at prayer meeting we that he will recover. might make a five minute limit.

"This I inaugurated at the next meeting, and it was cheering to us all rose to speak he held his open watch ty, died Monday night of dropsy, at his

I have only a few seconds left in which and reared in the Haile Gold Mine secthrow the rest of my remarks into the children. The burial will be at Buffalo form of a prayer."

HE LIKED IT .- Down in Georgia the Saturday by the derailment of some citizens of a thriving town of about freight cars between Rock Hill and 6,000 people arranged for a Chautauqua Yorkville....Miss Lula Hinson, daughassembly last summer. They held the ter of Mr. John Ben Hinson, of the cotmeetings in a big tent about a mile ton mills community, died Sunday from the town, and the attendance was night, after a lingering illness. She large from the first day. An enterpris- was about fourteen years of age. The ing circus man heard of the large remains were buried in West Side cemcrowds, and landed in the town on the etery Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock second day of the Chautauqua with a steam merry-go-round, which he locat- ger of the News company, who has been ed about half-way between the town confined to his home with grip about and the Chautauqua grounds.

from the country districts was accosted that he killed a large copper-head snake by a citizen of the town.

the Chautauqua."

thing nine times." THE ALTERNATIVES .- They had not

George had made it apparent that the pound of meat in twenty-three years, salary of a junior shop assistant did and only twice in that length of time not admit of an ecstatic existence amid has he bought any corn, and on one of a sea of diamond rings, theater stalls those occasions the corn he purchased

that life would be better worth living when she had an opportunity of reviv- his purposes. He fattened some hogs ing herself with tea and hot scones. George hesitated outside the only at a good profit. When more of our restaurant in the place, and she smiled farmers adopt the Sims plan of avoidhopefully. His hand stole to his trous-

muddy, the wind bitter, and Daisy felt

ers pocket. He fumbled nervously of them are gradually doing, the cry of there for a moment. "Er-Daisy," he said at last, "will you have something to eat now and

walk back, or shall we have nothing to eat and go back by train?"-Pear-

traveling in Virginia last summer had we. We hear of all sections of the occasion to take a stage ride over a county suffering from the epidemic and portion of his journey. Riding on the many whole families are down unable seat with the driver he fell into conver- to help each other, but this is not to be sation, and found the native to be a wondered at when we consider the veteran sportsman. Passing a stream weather of the past two weeks, which the traveler inquired if it contained has given way however to sunshine at

"Lots on 'em," was the reply "What kind?"

"Mostly trout," said the driver.

next remark. "You jest go up to the mountain and the patrons of the school are very sorry ketch half a dozen trout about twelve that it became necessary to suspend. they beats ham."

Miscellaneous Reading.

WITH NEIGHBORING EXCHANGES.

News and Comment Gleaned From Within and About the County. ROCK HILL.

ip, accompanied by his bride returned o the city Saturday after a very pleasant visit to Jacksonville, Fla.....A Mrs. Spencer was accidently shot Saturday afternoon at the home of a Mr. Spencer near the Arcade mill. A little girl was projecting with a parlor rifle which in some way was discharged, the oall taking effect in the young lady's body. The ball penetrated the breast bone and ranged leftward and has not been located as yet. The ball was of 22-calibre. Dr. J. E. Massey, Sr., was progressed. summoned and was soon on hand to administer to the suffering one. The wound is in no way serious but within a few days the X-ray will be applied The Door of Trade In the Orient Closed when an attempt will be made to locate the ball....Mr. J. I. Faris, one of York county's most substantial citizens, died Saturday afternoon at his home in the after which the mortal remains were interred in the burying ground at Confeeble health for several weeks, but his

church, and served in the Civil war.

of friends CHESTER. Lantern, February 19: Miss Addie Scoggins of Smyrna, York county, spent from Saturday until yesterday with her aunt, Mrs. B. E. Wright, on her way to Columbia to take a business Yorkville, returned to his home yesterrelatives here Mr. S. B. Lathan has received information that his youngest brother, Mr. David Warren Lathan of Troy, Tenn., died on the 9th instant. He had been in poor health for several years. He leaves four or five children,

wife died several years ago. Mr. Lathan went from the old home near Blackstock to Tennessee in 1876. He was about 54 years old.....Miss Emmie Boyce of Rock Hill, who has been to spend a few days with Mrs. W. F. Marion and Mrs. J. W. Cowan The ther perfect their organization and atpurchase of fertilizers. Mr. M. S. Carroll of York county, who is organizer was present. He expects to remain in

national debt. You have the same the county until "locals" are organized thing in private life in limited liability in every neighborhood. There are only seven as yet. Mr. Ashe of York county, also attended the meeting yesterday A PARLIAMENTARY STRATAGEM .- It Annie May, the 2-year-old daugh-

minister told some of his best stories. ing, supposed to have been caused from "There is one man in our church," he eating frozen bananas and potted ham. said, "who is as good as gold, but so The burial was in Evergreen cemetery long winded that he tires everybody at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, after funeral services conducted by Rev. D. "At one time it was suggested by M. McLeod. A little brother about four one of the deacons that in order to years old has also been desperately ill,

LANCASTER.

News, February 19: Mr. Cicero C. Broome, a worthy citizen of this coun-"When the limit was all but reached was a son of the late Abram Broom and

passenger train due here shortly before 1 p. m. was delayed several hours last

.....Mr. A. J. Clark, business manaten days, is able to be out and at his Along in the afternoon a young man post again John Hood writes us while hunting one day last week, on Mr "Well, Ezry, I suppose you are in to W. Q. Caskey's place. Snakes evidently haven't as much sense as the ground "I shore am. Just come from thar hog....."I do not owe one dollar in the world," remarked our old friend "How'd you like it?" asked the Mr. Jeff Sims, one of the best known farmers in the county, while in this "Fine ez a fiddle. I rode on the durn office the other day, paying in advance as usual for his paper. Mr. Sims hasn't so much as owed a store account in twenty-three years. He not only keeps out of debt, but raises on his farm all been engaged very long, but already of his supplies. He hasn't bought a he did not need. He made the purchase Recently they walked together to a in the spring, fearing that his supply neighboring village. The road was at home would not last until he made another crop, but his home made corn proved to be more than sufficient for on the bought corn and sold the meat

> hard times will be no longer heard in GASTON.

ing debt and living at home, as many

Gastonia Gazette, February 18: While Gastonia has suffered much with grip and pneumonia, still we have cause to be thankful that it is no worse for DELICIOUS. INDEED, -- A gentleman some sections are suffering more than last.....Sunnyside school near Ramseur and Rudisill's mill, has suspended on account of a case of scarlet fever near the school house and the bad "They must be fine eating," was the weather also. It is well to use every precaution to prevent the spread of this "Fine eatin'!" exclaimed the driver, very contagious disease, but no doubt

inches long, clean 'em without washin' ... The system of the Piedmont Tele-'em, rub 'em in some salt, roll 'em in phone and Telegraph company which Injin meal and bake 'em in the ashes. was well-nigh put out of commission Good eatin'? Why, stranger, by gosh, last week by the heavy sleet and ice, is fast being rehabilated. All the

phones in the business section of town railway. hands under the direction of Manager Babington, is now engaged in laying a temporary cable from the central office to the barbershop of Walters Brothers which, when gotten up, will connect up all the phones in the western half of town with central. As soon as this is recomplished work will be commenced Herald, February 19: Mr. W. M. Dunwith a view to connecting up all the Manager Babington is appreciative of patrons have exhibited in this trying time and gives the assurance that he is order. In view of the almost complete wreck (judging from appearances the day after the sleet) it is surprising how

JAPAN IN RUSSIA'S ROLE.

By a Yellow Hand According to a Pekin dispatch the India Hook section of heart failure, at alarmed lest the Japanese annex South the age of 71 years. The funeral ser- Manchuria outright, as they have alvices were conducted at the home by ready done with Korea. It is pointed Rev. W. A. Beckham Sunday at noon, out that inasmuch as Japan flatly violated her treaty obligations in one case cord church. Mr. Faris had been in her moral sense in the other. Only the merest fiction of nationality has been death came very unexpectedly. He was permitted to survive in the peninsular life long member of India Hook empire, and both politically and commercially the country is under highhanded domination. The poor Korean, two brothers, Messrs. Densmore and the meekest of men and accustomed William Garrison, and two daughters for many centuries to be treated like and seven sons. The bereaved relatives a dog by Chinese and Japanese alterhave the sympathy of a large number nately, has been driven almost beyond himself. His recent feeble and shortlived attempts at revolt against the arrogant little bullies were really pit iful. Needless to say, Japan monopolizes the trade of Korea. Whether or not undisguised political control will next be asserted over South Manchuit seems certain that for some been unscrupulously used in an effort to assure the Japanese trader an almost equal monopoly of Manchurian trade opportunities.

ed her military occupation of South Manchuria but she is turning that occupation to very practical account indeed. With Japanese soldiers and the formerly bought from the Russians. Moreover, he is given very little chance to do otherwise. Of the two railways connecting the interior with the coast one, the South Manchurian railway, is in Japanese hands, while the other, a Chinese railroad running up from Pekin, has been halted at the precise point where it began to the Russians? compete with the South Manchurian seen .- Charlotte Observer,

are in working order. The force of choose between the Japanese road with all of the unofficial obstruction that can be put in the way of non-Japanese goods shipped over its lines and the Chinese road, which can only be approached through transshipment from Tientsin and a roundabout route. "If one ships over the Japanese road," said an aggrieved American merchant is quoted in a New York paper recent-"he may be sure that his goods will be hung up at every switch along the line and delivered after competing Japanese ship destination. And until very recently all exchange in South Manchuria was on a Japanese basis. notes of the First Bank of Japan circulating subject to various rates of

discount, according to the color of the skin." It is clear enough that if cut off from South Manchuria well nigh all non-Japanese exporters except Russians are still more effectually debarred from the region still under Russian control, to which no alternate trade avenue lies open except the Trans-Siberian railroad. With the Manchurian open doors on the coas closed, there can be for the American the Englishman and the German no Manchurian open door at all.

Greatly though the Japanese have

offended against other nations, there

s still to be found for them an excuse which was lacking in the case of Russia. Here is no ambition for a conquest which can do little more than gratify the vanity of rulers and people but a yielding to the sternest and most urgent necessities. Japan's millions are crowding each other off the nar row limits of her island dominion. Markets which afford only a minor outlet for America and Europe are matters of life and death to her rapidy growing industrial population. It is also clear that even with industrial Japan prosperous there must be great numbers of Japanese who cannot maintain themselves at home even on very low plane of living. With the Inited States, Canada and Mexico closed to the Japanese immigrant, whither shall he turn his face? The Phillipines, the logical point of Japanese national expansion, are in American hands and he is not wanted there. No door of hope for any large number appears to stand open except Korea and Manchuria. Here the apparently inevitable submergence of

these countries under a Japanese tide. These matters intimately concern the south for the reason that a very large proportion of the now rapidly dwindling American textile exports to Manchuria come from this section. In assumes as a matter of course that he the face of a stagnant home demand the question assumes special importance. The Japanese, having put the Russians out of Manchuria, are making vastly harder conditions for our they are, in fact, desperately bent upon reserving that trade for themselves alone. With such conditions notoriously in existence, polite denials and asfor nothing. do with the Japanese as they did with That remains to be



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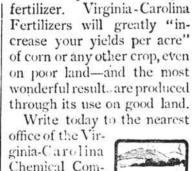
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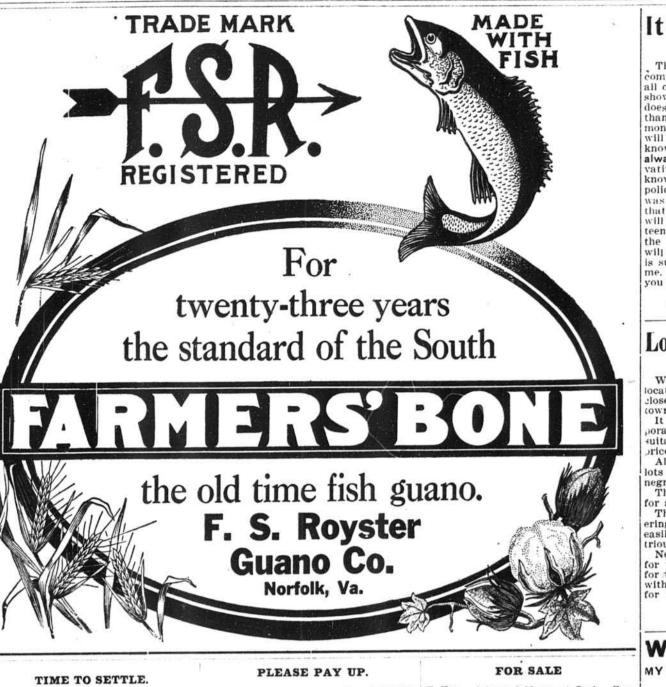
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