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-THE JUCKLINS-

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"What!" He took a step forward,

there, lasting himself with the switch.

My father tells me that you are a

"But you are not striving, sir, to

entieman, ' he said.

make that opinion good."

now-to set myself right."

mentalities with you, sir. I am a

tle it as far as you are concerned."

foolish love, but because she would be

proud of my success. Well, I may not

wertake her, but I will write to her.

want to knew how things are getting

me her letter. What are you laughing

ot? Haven't you got any sense at all?"

that you are not a scientist, by a d-d

He had me there, and it was his time

the merit of his joke. I was not dis-

posed to be surly and I shook hands

with him, and he clapped me on the

"I am glad you are so much pleased,"

"Why, don't you think it's good, eh?

"You are not too much of a scien-

tist to be a philosopher," I said. And

deduction and to say that I was too

much of a philosopher to be a scientist.

but he did not; he sobered and gravely

I expected him to continue his line of

Of course, you do. Well, it's better to

his fellows with it.

part laughing, anyway."

"Yes, I worship her."

im until he had ridden out of sight.

felt that his overtaking the wagon

liked him as an oddity, as something

thelly different from myself or from

ny impulsive being. He was not cruel

CHAPTER XVIII.

I walked about the old place until

shaking of his scheming head, and I

he simply had no heart.

end I was pleased that he went to-

remarked:

scientist that I am a fool"

sight.

y asked you a civil question."

out out of regard for the feelings of

CHAPTER XVII-Continued

The old man was waiting at the foot of the stairs. "Bill, we are goin' over to the station right after we eat a bite," "we can take but a few tuings, and we'll leave the most of our trumpery till we git settled somewhere. Take care of that horse you've been ridin-he don't belong to us; was lett nere by a man some time ago, feiler that had to go away off somewhere to see his folks. So, you jest keep him till hes called for; and I've left you plenty of corn out there to feed him on.

can study your books here about ell as you can in town, and I wish ou'd sorter look after the things. Parker will drive us over to the station." "And am I to go also?" I asked.

"No. I believe not. It's Guinea's arrangement and not mine. Let her have her own way. All women have got their whims, the whole kit an' b'ilin' of 'em, and you might as well reason with a weather cock. Wait a minit half way settled Guinea will write to you. I have no idee where I'm goin', but it will be away off somewhere. It makes me shudder every time I meet a man that I know, and I'd bet a horse that if I was to meet a cross-eyed feller I'd fight him. If Alf gits clear he can come to us. And you-I'm sorry you have decided to go in with Conkwright, for I wanted you to come with

"I will come. Nothing shall stand in the way. Mr. Jucklin, have you no-

"Yes, I've noticed everything. An it's all right. And Susan has noticed everything and it's all right with her. There never was a prouder human than Guinea, sir; the old general's pride is rain water compared to her'n. And she's got an idee in her head-I don't there and we'll have to let her keep it till she wants to throw it aside. was over to the general's before sun up this mornin'. He swore that he ome away. Well, everything is settle, and all I can say now is, God bless

We were silent at breakfast, and we dared not look at one another. A wagon came rattling through the gate, and Parker shouted that he was ready. No one had said a word, but the old man struck the table with his fist and "I insist on everybody showin' common sense. I don't want anybody to speak to me. I'll fight in a minit. Git in that wagon without a word. Hush, now."

I wanted to lead Guinea to the wagor to feel again her dependence upon me, but she pretended to be looking away when I attempted to take her hand, and so she walked on alone; but I helped her into the vehicle, and I kissed her hand when she took hold of the seat. She gave me a quick look and a smile; and the wagon ralled away. I stood on the log step, watching it, and as it was slowly sinking beyond the hill I saw the flutter of a handkerchief.

I went up to my room and sat down sad that I had seen her going away from me, yet happy to know that she until now, and for a time I felt toward his drollery could soften. Gradually, however, the truth came to me that Alf had drawn the plan, and with my arms stretched out toward the hill-top that had slowly arisen between me and the fluttering handkerchief I foolishly apologized to the old man. I did more foolish things than that; I improvised a hymn and sang it to Guinea-a chant that, no doubt, would have been immeasurably funny to the cold-hearted and the sane, but it brought the tears to my eyes and rendered the rafters just above my head a work of lace, far away. And at these devotions I might have remained for hours had not a sharp footfall smote upon my ear. I hastened down stairs, and at the entrance of the passage stood Chyd Lundsford looking about, slowly

lashing his legs with a switch. "Hellca! Where are all the folks?" "They are gone, sir," I answered, stiffly bowing to him.

"Gone? I don't know that I quite catch your meaning.' "If it be illusive you have made so. I said that they were gone, which

means, of course, that they are not "I understand that all right enough. but do you mean that they are not in at

present or that they have really left "They have no home, sir." He gave himself a sharp cut with

the switch. 'It can't have been so very long since they left, for the old man was over to see father this morning. Which way did they go? I may overtake them." "That would be greatly against their

wish, sir." "I am not asking for an opinion.

want to know which way they went." "I am not at liberty to tell you that They have gone out into a world that is as strange to them as America was

anywhere than Guinea. She has read knew that again he had received oreverything and she knows the world as ders to be rigid in his discipline, but well as I do. But why are you not I was resolved that the old rascal's apprivileged to tell me which way they petite for liquor should not play a secconcerns them closely. Did they go to- ed at another bottle I told him that was glad enough to quit that wretched may for a while. Three days a week for \$25 to \$30 a month. Therefore, than \$0,000 in cash can be got out of went? I have something to say that ond prank upon me; so when he hintward town?"

away without first seeing their son?" my conscience to buy a favor with town. The business part of the place about those stories you told at the gennen you mean that they went to whisky. I looked steadily at him, and was mean, but further out there were eral's house. I hear that they were own. Why the devil can't you speak he began to wince.

out? Why should you stand as a why, to be sure.

mbling block?" "Now here, you needn't show your didn't I'm the biggest liar in the world: twilight.

wire her foot on von."

"Why, my dear sir, that's unnecesrians in this town, and if they hear of all rign.," he said. "Haven't got quite

me. Walk in, sir." I found A.f in high spirits. Conkwright had cailed and had assured him that his day of liberty was not far oft. told him that the old house was deering over the scenes of his boyhood. I let him dream, for I knew the sweet- about the enoughest enough a man out he stepped back again and stood ness of a meiancholy reverie. Someimes the soul is impatient of the body's logged hold on life, and steals away to and then you can go with me." view its future domain, to draw in "And you may safely accept your advance upon its coming freedom-now lingering, now swifter than a hawkand then it comes back and we say that we have been absent-minded. Alf "A good opinion needs no bolstering started-his soul had returned. "And weren't you surprised to see them drive

toward town?" he asked. "This bantering is all nonsense. I've ot nothing against you; I have sim-"Who, your parents and Guinea? They didn't; they drove toward the We'll go over to Atcherson's store with rai way station."

come with them, and they deceived there you are. Finest stuff you ever and the day before, and a week ago, you to spare you the pain of seeing us eat. But while you're eating you together. And I'm glad you were He dropped his switch, but he caught spared, though mother stood it much t up again, and his face was red. "I better than I expected. But this was I leave you here." ecause she firmly believes I'll be clearand that which I have failed to do is ed. They haven't been gone a great might fail in the strict enforcement of to business of yours, but I feel that while-there's a station not far from here is a measure of justice in what this town. Father played another trick about the n.ght-time movements of her you say, and I acknowledge that I have on you. Yesterday, when he came to husband, that he might break out of peen wrong. That is why I am here town to deed over the land, he left you dozing in the wagon and slipped off call on me at the tavern, I left that "In matters of business we may cor- round here. I was surprised, for I had place soon after supper and resumed positively ordered him not to come. ther, but a mark made upon the heart got in. Open that door by the order of the sheriff!' he cried at the jailer. 'Here's the order; look at it, but don't dusty, delicious smell, that reminisyou look at me. Fight you in a mint' And then he came in, and the first breaking off the engagement-you must gaffs on. He said that he had fought know all about it-was wrong. I told hard to keep mother from coming, at lear a close inspection; to be flawless my father to come, for just at that night when the rest were asleep; and it must be viewed from a distanceswore that she must not come, but

ooks forward to something a little she did. Bill, you brought me a message that sent me to heaven; and now remembered; and my happiness on narry her. But I was wrong; any liv- let me ask if you know that Guinea this night was not perfect, for a sense ing man could afford to marry her. I loves you There, don't say a word- of lone,iness curdled it with regret, ras wrong, and that ought to settle you know it. She told me, standing but here and there, as I walked along, "And I think, sir, that it does set- thing, and what a talker she is when nerves thrilled one another like crossonce she is started. But you must let ed wires, electrified. I knew that it

> seen Millie?" "No, not since that night. But I am going to see her."

Yes, that will do as well. She will Then I told him that Chyd had come to the house-I reproduced the scene, of the dark shadow of the trees, into hibit long here, and will write to you, and and Alf's merriment rang throughout the light that burned in front of a when she does I wish you would show the jail.

"Yes," he makes no difference what he thinks. to laugh, and he did. He was so tick.ed the judge tells me that you are going that he roared, walking up and down the passage, and he was so pleased an interesting case right at once, didn't that he held out his hand to shake upon

We talked a long time and we laughed a great deal, for we were in a parathat it was a piece of wit worthy of the nim a direct word from Millie.

dissecting-room, and that he would jolt I found Conkwright in his office, with him. his slippered feet on a table. He bade me come in, and he said nothing more, cd. but sat there pressing his closed eyelids with his thumb and fore-finger. How square a chin he had and how rugged was his face, trenched with the deep ruts of many a combat. His had been a life of turmoil and of fight. He was not born of the aristocracy. I had clock peddler. But to success he had fought his way, over many an aristo-

"Yes, I am devilish sorry that this 'Judge, have you finally decided that thing came about, and I hope that may come into your office?" Guinea will not take a romantic view "Thought we settled that at first of it. I guess they'll be back after a

ratic failure.

replied, without opening his eyes while, if Alf is cleared, and from what "Yes, you may come in; glad to have hear I suppose he will be." ou, and, by the way, I've got some "May I ask how your sister is?" vork I want you to do right now. A "Certainly, She's all right; doesn't at much, but her pulse is normalould get her husband out of the penlittle excited, but hardly noticeable tentiary. I don't know but I helped Loves that fellow, doesn't she? Strong, good-looking boy, but not very practical. Hope he'll come out all right. went away I remembered how poorly th, I was going to say semething, but the was dressed, and I am afraid that t has escared me. Oh, yes, you are in ove with Guinea. Be frank, now." hould have. She lives at the south Hardly the word, but it will do, on nand side, I believe. Look in that vest n impulse. I think a good deal of her nanging up there and you'll find twenavself. I said just now that she y dollars in the pocket, right hand couldn't wine her feet on you, and l ide, I think. Take the money and slip eg your pardon. She may wipe them lown to that woman's house and give on you. You are going to stay here. h? Well, come over to the house and don't tell her who sent it. Might No reason why there should be any illtell her that the state sent it as wages will between us. Good-day." lue for overtime put in by her hus-

evening, for it's time to close up." I looked back at him as I stepped ut. He had not changed his position this was my first work as a student of the law-a brave beginning, the agent of a noble design. I found the ry, and a wretched hut it was. The more, I gave her a part of the money which Perdue had given me. I exovertime and that the state, following f his extra labor. She was not a very nearly noon, and then I went to town. The jailer met me with a doubtful good-natured woman; she said that te ashamed of ourselves for having should like to spend several days at a robbed her of her husband, and she time out there." declared that if she ever got money enough she would sue old Conkwright What good can you do me by poking and the sheriff and everybody else. I off out there in the woods? Well, you

this town that needs another ham right who lived there and he answered: in print, but not under your own name. "Judge Conkwright."

pay so heavy a price every time I en- | ter house," I mused, as I turned away; | law not because they are bright, but | he sheriff and get an order from him." and just then I was clapped upon the because they are stupid. I never see shoulder with a "Helloa, my old friend" a jackass that I don't think of a judge | What Was Done in the Stockholders -tne telegraph operator. I shook hands with him, and at once he began to tell me of his affairs. "Getting along things to do is to go over to that tailny eat.ng meat they'll hold it against as much freedom as I used to have, suit of clothes. Did I say measured? but I reckon it's better for me. Wife thinks so much of me that she's jealous of the boys-don't want me to stay 'aughing. "Yes, I think that's the out with them at night. Don't reckon vord. Well, go on now." there's anything more exacting than a To be Continued

serted, and he stood musing, looking at rag. But I had to have one. Without ne dreamily, as if his mind were hov- canco there ain t much real fun in this life. But enough of calico's society is can fetch up in his mind. Tell you what-111 run on home and come back, and I couldn't think of putting you to so much trouble."

"Won't Le any trouble. Simply don' want to surprise her, you know." "I'll call on you before long, but not

must go to the tavern.' 'All right, and if I can get off I'll come over to see you. And Ill tell you what we'll do along about 11 o'clock. seater. Just break the eggs in the iid mustn't let them tell that jug story. Couldn't eat a bite after that. Well,

Fearing that the operator's "rag"

where you are now-told me every- I found myself in an ecstasy-my her have her way, and she will come to might be a long time before I should yes, she will, not out of any you, holding out her hands. Have you hear from Guinea, but I was still drunk ne loved me.

Prayer meeting bells were ringing, and old men and old women came out church-hearts that with age were said, "you can go over slow and heavy, praying for the blessthere all right enough. The general ing of an Infinite Mystery. I entered "I have so, but I am not so much of likes you, anyway. I don't know what the church and knelt down to pray, for he thinks of me-still sizes me as a I am not so advanced a thinker as the 'No, but you are so much of a fool boy, I suppose; and if he were to man who questions the existence of come in here now I believe he would God; but I must admit that my isk me what father was doing. But it thoughts were far away from the numbings that I heard about me, far, indeed, from the mutterings of my own to study law with him. Jumped into lips; and so I went out and sniffed the

prayer of nature, the smell of rain that came from far off down the dusty road. Early the next morning I went to Conkwright's office, to tell him that for dise, although in a jail. And I left him a time I preferred to study in the counshoulder, still laughing, and declared with a promise that I would soon bring try. The old man was walking up and down the room, with his hands behind

"Did you find that woman?" he ask-

"Yes, and I let no one see me. "Good. You gave her the twenty dollars, and-is that all you gave her?" "Why, that was all you told me t give her. es, I know, but didn't you give her

some of your own money? Speak out neard that he was the son of a Yankee now. No shilly-shallying with me." "Well, she was so wretched that I gave her five dollars of my own mon-

"You did, eh? The money you borrowed from me, you mean?" "No, money that old Perdue thinks earned. He insisted upon my taking twenty-five dollars."

"It's all right, my boy. Yes, it's all right, but you'll have to be more carewoman was in here today to see if I ful. It is noble to give, but it is no wise to look for an opportunity. It is better to give to the young than to there-believe I did, I was the old, for the good we do the youth ousy when she came in, and when she grows with him into a hallowed mempry-stimulates him to help otherswhile the memory of the aged is fitful. didn't speak to her as kindly as I Whenever you see a boy trying to amount to something, help him, for end of the street behind the jail, left that is a direct good, done to mankind. Now to business. Have you read

> "Yes, but not thoroughly. I have never owned his book." him near me. The lawyer who outgrows that book-well, I may be an

old fogy on the subject, so I'll say nothing more except to commend the and. And you needn't come back this treatise to a lawyer as I would the ress," said Philip D. Farrell of Boston, /ear we will beg'n to talk about other matters, the question of money, for and the pulp mills in 1909. nstance. Don't be extravagant-don't yoman was shabby and two ragged Oh, yes, I know you are thinking of getchildren were lying on the floor. I ting married, but it won't cost much to crews are sent in months before snow gave her the twenty dollars-I did keep your wife. We'll fix all that, and if I don't make a lawyer out of yarded on bare ground. About the you I am much fooled. You are in middle of January yarding is supplained that her husband had worked leve and are mighty sappy just at posed to be finished and hauling be- and the Seminole directors. He enterpresent, but you'll come round all gins. an old custom, had sent her the wages right; yes, sir, all right after a while." "I think, judge, that I can study

much better out at the old house, and if you have nothing for me to do "Why, is that the way to assist me

I had spent so much of my life as a and depressing scene; and in the cool for a time, eh? All right. You are as "Do you suppose that they would go temperance lecturer that it was against of the evening I strolled about the hard to break in as a steer. What began to wince.

Why, to be sure," said he, "but, my vine-clad. And in front of the most down as a story teller, for when a lawpon him as a yarn-spinner, rather self-shress in this matter. She wouldn't and I don't reckon there's a family in A boy came along and I asked him than a thinker. You might put them

-some judges that I know. Well, now. the first and one of the most important | Charlotte Observer. or and have yourself measured for a ing at me from head to foot and then

Euryeyed is the word," he added, look- of the famous Seminole Securities

A GREAT "DRY" WAVE.

Miscellancous Rending.

It is Steadily Rolling over the United

States. Washington, December 28 .- A wave pronibition has swept with such redawn of the new year opens upon a vast stretch of territory absolutely bereft of iquor, while the area where anti-pro-

and against the sale of intoxicants. Significant of the magnitude this routem has assumed is the fact that n many states pronicition looms up as a political issue of chief concern to the state questions. Other states disposed f the issue, temporarily at least, by the passage of statutory laws, whose efficiency must yet be tested. In sti.l other states, the will of the majority xpressed at local option elections has restricted the sale of liquor to the larger cities, where the liquor men generally are fortified against attack from

n the south show that more than half the south's territory is "dry" absolutey, and that in the remaining area listed as "wet' the sale of intoxicants is upon a restricted scale. It is evident trongholds for the saloons and it is unlikely that this condition will be modified, except through a radical change in political thought, through failure to enforce the laws against the em growing out of deficits in county, municipal and state treasuries from loss of the whisky tax, or inability to cope with the illicit sale of whisky and perhaps other obstacles which follow in the wake of prohibition.

Georgia now holds the center of the been experimention in what as strictly a "near prohibition" law, in that it forbids the sale of liquors containing more than 4 at of alcohol. State wide proper e laws become effective on Janin North Carolina, Alabama and ary pi, in each of which a majority of counties had heretofore prohibit ed the sale of liquor. Prohbition advocates in Louisiana have suspended their fight to test the new Gay-Shattuck law for the regulation of the li-

juor traffic, which also becomes operative January 1. The anti-saloon people say they will be content if this law is enforced rigidly. Tennessee is the chief center of interest among the other states where state wide prohibition fights are in progress. The Prohibitionists assert that a state wide bid will pass the legislature which they expect to organize and control. With the backing of the state nachinery, the local option forces are

meet defeat. Kentucky, the second largest distillng state in the Union, with 119 counies, has but four in which the sale of liquor is not prohibited. Virginia presents a string of victories for the antisaloon element, as prohibition now exists in 80 out of the state's 100 coun-

ties. in Texas, where more than half the counties have accepted prohibition, the oters soon wid be called upon to vote apon a constitutional amendment for prohibition. In Arkansas, two-thirds of its area, or 75 counties, are "dry," and the question of state wide prohibition will be presented to the voters for de-

Florida is partly "dry" through loca option, and like some of the other states, the sale of liquor principally confined to the cities. The results c prohitition generally are gleaned from reports indicating a great decrease in the record of arrests for drunkenness an increase in the bank deposits of laborers, fewer cases of wife abandonment and a decrease in criminality generally. The difficulty in enforcing the prohibition laws, however, is conceded to be one of the chief obstacles to its absolute success in many states and this phase of the question, together with a falling off in revenues, is to some extent baffling to the authorities

annual iog harvest is now in progmultiplication table to a student of to a Washington Post reporter. "An Seminole. The agency still held this sort. mathematics. And now let me say army of 18,000 or 20,000 men is engag- stock and he would refuse to turn it ed in felling spruce, pine, hemlock and cedar for the supply of the sawmills met.

used to wait for snow to cover the 000. It seems Garlington assigned this ground before attempting to haul any agency stock to the Seminole for an logs," continued ...r. Farrell, who is registered at the Raleigh, "but now the nole and got busy selling this Semifalls, and millions of feet of logs are when the crash arrived.

"On the Penobscot alone this winter bout 6,000 men and 1,500 horses are mployed. Years ago, there was al- his contract for \$25,000 and all hands ways a good supply of woodsmen, but began selling at a premium. lately the natives have been seeking other employment. The young men of his day do not care to go into logging er trustees \$500 each for their services eat beans and swing axes all winter retting crews."

Golf.—Old Golf Professional—No, plied for 1,300 shares of stock but had applying is made as clean as possible. friends such as I leave behind. ell no mak' a gowffer—ye've begut, never paid anything; that Mr. Bryan but there is yet another item to be considered.

A sheet of postage stamps is hand-Why, to be sure," said he, "but, my vine-clad. And in front of the most down as a story teller, for when a law-dear sir, I didn't buy whisky with that attractive one I halted to gaze at the ver gets that reputation, no matter how led a good many times before it even with the characters and the characters are the classical down as a story teller, for when a law-led any stock and that General ing lines of ill-fated Bryon:

A sheet of postage stamps is hand-ing line of the most down as a story teller, for when a law-led any stock and that General ing lines of ill-fated Bryon:

Here's a sigh to those who "Why should I stand as a sign post?" dollar-bought a ham with it. If I trees and the shrubbery, dim in the rofound he may be, the public looks tice harrd, vera harrd, for two-three ears ve micht-Jones (expectantly)-Yes?

Billy—a great many men succeeded in r-rudiments o' the game.—Sketch.

Bill — came within one of calling you a glimmer that ye'll never ken the waited two hours on the directors, who were still in conference with the combet were still in conference with the combet was a separator and the separators and the separators and the rest. "That may be, but I can't afford to "He deserves to live in even a bet- Billy-a great many men succeeded in r-rudiments o' the game.-Sketch.

THE SEMINOLE INQUIRY. Weeting Last Tuesday.

Columnia December 29.-Much indignant teeling was manifested at the appointment of three trustees for the company, held in the court house, toward the three local trustees, Messrs. while Jones, W. A. Clark and T. S. Bryan and President Garlington and us officers and the directors of the the company, and the meeting, which was attended by about three hundred prominent men representing five in the Andes near the Colombian borneighboring states, took action looking der. He is swarthy of complexion, not only to legal proceedings against the wealthy trustees to recover the losses of the company, but to criminal his Indian extraction. prosecution of the directors and offi-

cers of the company. President Garlington, who promoted and carried the scneme to completion through the assistance of the trustees. was called for; but nobody volunteered attempt was made to include the trustees in the criminal proceedings, but mis failed after a heated discussion.

initionists have triumphed marks the ended with adjournment for dinner after a committee of five had been appointed to nominate nine new directors to take the place of the present directors, whose resignations were accepted voters, obscuring other municipal and along with those of the trustees and

The final action of the morning sesed by ex-Speaker of the House W. F Stevenson: 'Resolved, That the board ceed at once to collect all evidence of gent, officers or employes of the Semdence justifies, criminal proceedings be give careful attention to pushing the prosecution."

sible with that concern and wind up La Victoria, not far from Caracas. deemed best, the convention listened statement, hurriedly prepared by Charles H. Heiley of Heiley & Co., whom the trustees employed to go to that he did not loot the government terested in the cotton industry will be Chattanooga and investigate the books

Cheraw; Campbell Courteney, Newry; W. Berry, Latta; E. J. Etheridge, Leesville: A. M. Kennedy, Williston: J. B. Watkins of Florida; Julian S. Carr of North Carolina; S. M. Smith of West Virginia; C. M. Snelling of Athens, Ga. These were the names uggested by the nominating commit-

During the reading of Mr. Heiley's eport inquiry was made for the books earried to Chattanooga, Mr. Heiley aid that as he was about to leave Chattanooga, Mr. Garlington told him he was sending in his resignation as resident and asked Mr. Heiley to carto the proper authorities at Columbia. On arrival at Asheville Mr. Heilev said ne missed the suit case containing the pooks, which he had placed by the side of his berth in the Pullman, and the most diligent search through the train equally confident that such a bill will failed to recover it.

"Was Garlington on the

train?" Mr. Heiley: "No; I recognized no ne I knew on the train. Fortunately had my report in another traveling ag. I immediately wired Garlington

to institute search at his end." Voice: "I understand Garlington was n Asheville today." Mr. Heiley said the officers made o pretense to keeping books. From

heck stubs, in different records co noney raid out and records of stock issued, the records at Chattanooga and elsewhere showed 270,672 shares of 130,000 went to agents for commissions on sale of stock. Among the asets, totaling \$436,076.31, the company olds 1,500 shares of Southern Life stock, \$324,985,75. The next largest item is \$75,000 worth of stock in the Carolina Agency company, which holds the general agency for this state of the Rome, Ga., Mutual Life, Mr. Clark is esident of the agency company.

Statement From Mr. Clark Called on for a statement, he said he company was organized with a captal of \$125,000, Garlington being given 75,000 stock for his general agency But Garlington was to get nothing until the company earned enough to pay dividend of 20 per cent for a period f years. He admitted that he had not this and that the market value of the MAINE'S LOG HARVEST,-"Maine's stock was hardly more than 30 cents on the collar. He said he knew nothing, as trustee, of this deal with the most over till the dividend conditions were

> Mr. Heiley's report showed the Semnele was still due Mr. Garlington \$24. equal number of shares in the Seminole stock, failing by \$24,000 to finish

The books revealed a curious trans action between Sales Agent McKinney cent commission. Later he sold at a premium and the company bought up

In answer to questions Mr. Clark admitted he was paid \$1,000 and the oth-Outside of the stock in the Southern Life, Mr. Heiley's statement shows less

the three local trustees.

mittee of the Southern Life. The committee reported that it could make no report tonight. Director Berry, who brought this message, refused to answer any further questions. Judge Watts today announced

eminole company: F. G. Tompkins, E. J. Etheridge and Huger Sinkler.

RISE AND FALL OF CASTRO. Son of a Stock Raiser Won

and Lost Power. Cipriano Castro is a man of humble origin. His father was a stock raiser cotton experts. slight in stature, of wiry strength and has a piercing black eye. He shows

Like most Venezuelan presidents, Castro went into office at the head of of agriculture, through the bureau of successful revolution. He drove out President Andrade and entered Caracas October 24, 1899. Much has been said of President Castro that lacks the expert cotton classifiers, by fixing a confirmation of unbiased observers. He has been freely maligned by his assignated middling fair, strict good many enemies and there have been few to take up the cudgels in his behalf dling, middling strict low middling, with conviction; consequently he has low middling, strict good ordinary and een given a reputation worse than he deserved. He has shown remarkable and political skill in conducting Venezuela through nine years of stormy ife. He has had to contend with nowrful revolutionary movements at home, and at times with the combined action against him by sea of Germany, Great Britain, France and Italy. This occurred in 1902, and was for the pur- exists. pose of making Venezuela fulfill its obligation to the said powers.

Castro's quarrels with the powers have resulted in the severance of diplomatic relations between Venezuela Colombia, etc., and as long as Castro was in power there was apparently little hope of reaching any settlement of these various misunderstandings.

There have been several revolutionary uprisings against Castro during his tenure of office. The most notable was the Mates movement in 1902, backed by la. This Castro succeeded in crushing today. "At a later date it is hoped that by defeating the Matos forces on Oc- the official standards will be elaborattober 26, 1902, with great slaughter at

President Castro's strong and revengeful hand made him probably the idents, and under his control the busi- ly the possibility, by technical examness and commerce of Venezuela have public accountants of Augusta, Ga., suffered incalculably. It is said of him proving the classification that all intreasury, as has been the custom with his predecessors, but that he acquired The new directors are: R. T. Caston, the wealth which he is said to have sent to Europe before him by taking all competition some of the most profitable enterprises and industries in the country. He governed hard and for the were his favorites.

Castro is known to have been ill for everal years, but just what was the he kidneys. He has at times been so ly while there was still time.

vate citizen seeking the restoration of pends entirely on tinned and frozen his health. He stayed but a day or meats. two in Paris, proceeding at once to Berlin. There is no estrangement be- entirely to the low lying jungle on tnat of Venezuela. In Berlin Castro they ranked among the most plentiful took accommodations at one of the of the great game. leading hotels and lived extravagantly knew them in earlier days speak of until he moved to a private sanitarium. them with scant respect, but it seems where he is being treated by a famous Berlin specialist.

since this date no news has come the stirring and sensational dispatch down to a rat. sent from Caracas December 18 by teamer to Ponce, Porto Rico, and thence cabled to New York.

Potato Gum on Stamps.

Every time a person licks a United States postage stamp he gets a taste not possess. He may be grazed with of sweet potato. The gum with which the stamps are backed is made from that succulent vegetable because Un- ant from behind some clump of bush. le Sam's lieutenants consider it the All of the gum used on American

postage stamps is mixed by the govand printing, where the stamps are It is spread on the sheets after the stamps have been printed. The gum in a liquid form is forced in through pipes from the basement. where it is made. These pipes lead to surer proof of his courage than the series of machines consisting of rolers between which the sheets of

tamps are fed on at a time. A continuous stream of the liquid gum falls upon one of these rollers. The sheet with its wet coating of potato murilage passes from sweet the rollers into a long horizontal flue filled with hot air. When it emerges ed into a contract to sell stock at 5 per at the other end of the flue the gum Carolina, and to the people who have is dry.

The government makes two kinds of postage stamp mucilage. If one ould see the packages of stamps as they come to the post-office ready to nesses friends did me, of the forbearsold one would find them eled, according to season, "Summer ings, 'tis then the heart throbs strong-The former Gum" or "Winter Gum." The former est with gratitude, and beats the sad is much the harder of the two and farewell. But destiny decrees that I was devised some years ago to keep go.

"In a distant section of the country "In a distant section of the country where it is sain warm, moist weather.

While Uncle Sam tries to make the all is sunshine and clouds are unknown, lot of the stamp licker as innocuous I wander in search of health. The examination of the trustees revealed the fact that Mr. Clark had ap-whole process of gum making and hands of many and call them friends—

Already atterneys are being employed to bring individual suits against

If you must lick any of your stomps and whatever sky's above me,
pick out those from the middle of the
pick out those from the middle of the sheet. The corner ones have gone Professional—Ye might begin to hae The convention at the night session hrough the fingers of half a dozen or

TO STANDARDIZE THE GRADES.

committee of Experts to Meet In Con-Definite steps towards the establish-

ment or a stangard for the different gades of cotton shortly will be underaken in Washington by a committee r the leading cotton men of this counry and Europe in co-operation with ne experts of the bureau of plant industry of the department of agriculure. The proposed meeting procably wal be held in January next. Secretary of Agriculture Wisson is now ensased in selecting the committee of

ine proposed standardization of the various grades of cotton, which already nas made spiendid progress, has been indertaken in accordance with a propriation act requiring "the secretary plant industry, to establish a standard for the dinerent grades of cotton, calling to his assistance for that purpose standard of nine different grades to be niggling, good middling, strict midordinary and good ordinary, which shall oe the official standard of cotton clasourage, determination, perseverance sincations. These standards are to be repared in practical form and furnished upon request to any person, the cost to be paid when delivered, by the person requesting the standard." At the present time there is a great

diversity in the method and practice of grading cotton as no definite standard

In order to secure the most reliable nformation as to the present accepted grades, the secretary of agriculture has secured from authoritative sources in the United States sets of grades under and Holland. France, the United States, seal which are now held under seal for examination by the special committee of experts.

"It is proposed to base the new official standards on the old, more or less heterogeneous standards of the cotton exchanges, departing therefrom only in so far as will be necessary to secure chief of the bureau of plant industry. ed, without alteration of their fundamental character, so as to be much much to say that we can now see clearmaterially benefited."

AFRICA'S GREAT GAME.

into his own hands and shutting out Still Plentiful, But Not So Numerous As Formerly.

Of some of the wild beasts that remain to be hunted by the sportsman benefit of the clique at Caracas who in Africa, a writer says: "The quagga, most graceful of all the horse tribe, has disappeared entirely. The millions which once inhabited matter with him never has developed. high plateau of South Africa. were It is believed he has some malady of killed off in sheer wantonness, and today not a single specimen survives ill that his life was despaired of. His unless it be between the Crocodile and going to Europe for medical treat- Sabi rivers, where, according to nanent was absolutely unexpected. He tive reports, a small herd was running made the announcement of his depart- six years ago. As with the quagga, ure twenty-four hours before he left so with the swart wildebeeste, the Caracas. It has been said that the white tailed gnu of the naturalists. idea of medical attention was a blind Once the most common of high veldt and that the president realized the way buck, as well as the most grotesque the wind was blowing in Venezuela and harmless, it is now represented and had determined to get away safe- by a few depressed looking specimens in various zoological gardens. It was Upon arriving in France there was a very easy to hunt, and as a result it question as to how the French govern- was shot down for the sake of its nent would receive Castro, as diplo- long tail which made a splendid soumatic relations between France and venir, and thus a valuable source of Venezuela were nonexistent. France food supply was destroyed, no small Enally allowed him to land as a pri- matter in a country which today de-

"The cape buffalo are now confined ween the government of Germany and the east coast, yet half a century ago as if, as they have retreated before the advance of civilization, they have The first outbreak of the populace grown more sullen and vindictive, and against Castro occurred in Caracas today they certainly take first rank December 13. This was followed by among the dangerous game of Africa. serious anti-Castro rioting on the 14th. That slinking pest, the lion, is a low coward by comparison with the bufthrough of the happenings at Caracas falo, the destructive nuisance, whose until yesterday, when a dispatch from sole title to respect is that when he Port au Spain, Trinidad, announced the can escape no longer, he turns on his enforced resignation of the Castro cab- foe, a characteristic which he shares inet. This news was followed today by with practically every animal, even

"The buffalo, on the other hand, harms no one if left to himself, but when attacked he becomes the very ncarnation of revenge. Moreover, in addition to his strength and ferocity, he has a cunning which the lion does a bullet at sunrise, and it may be evening when he charges his assail-A lion may be shot from the safety of harmless preparation of the a tree, to the foot of which he has been lured by means of a goat or calf; but to kill a buffalo it is necessary to rnment at the bureau of engraving follow him down to the fever haunted jungles, and tackle him fairly and squarely, at the risk of one's life; consequently, the mere fact of a man having made the attempt is a far actual slaying of a lion."-Chicago

THE following is clipped from last veek's issue of the Edgefield News: "Varied emotions possess me in bidding adieu, perhaps farewell, to South known me from childhood. "It is hard to say good-bye, and only

those who do so can feel its sorrow "When I think of the thousand kind ances they have shown my shortcomest with gratitude, and beats the sad

in far-off California, where it is said

the oft-quoted, but none the less touch-'Here's a sigh to those who love me, And a smile to those who hate: Here's a heart for every fate.'

th Worry is one of the most fruitful

"No, but she would wipe them on now worse than mine does."