relieve one single pang of the pain which his brother was suffering.

It was the latter reflection chiefly which drew his dark brows together as he seet his face cityward again, leaving the docks and shipping, the tossing waves and vanishing ship behind. "God grant that all the suffering she has caused may be returned upon her before she dies!" he said to himself; and it is not difficult to tell to which one of all the daughters

with the desolation already mentioned

but with the thought of his incapacity to

of Eve his wish referred. Turning his thoughts from Bertie, i became a serious question what he should do with himself during the next month. It was true that certain affairs of business demanded his attention, but at the most they would only claim a part of his time, and how he should dispose of the re-mainder was an enigma. He might travel; but to travel alone is a dreary undertaking, unless the traveler has some definite object in view, or is so wrapped up in an absorbing feeling as to stand in no need of companionship. There were summer resorts; but the idea of lounging with a newspaper and a cigar on an hotel-piazza, listening to watering-place gossip, or floating on the tide of watering-place dissipation, required more fortitude or more frivolity than. Thurston possessed. He thought of his relations, for there occasionally comes a time in a man's life when he feels inclined to seek those of his own blood; but such length of absence, such difference of association, intervened between himself and all of his kindred, that there was not a single door to which he could go certain of a welcome or of congenial society. He sighed slightly, and dismissed the thought. If the worst came to the worst in the matter of ennui, he could follow Bertie's example and go abroad as soon as his busi-

ness would permit him to do so.

It happened oddly—as things sometimes do—that an hour later, as he stood by the counter of a bank which he had entered, a gentleman, after wat hing him closely for a minute, came up with outstretched hand.

"I hardly think I can be mistaken," he said. "Are you not Philip Thurs-

"The same," Thurston answered, turn ing quickly. His glance had scarcely fallen on the face before him when a laugh came into his eyes. "You are Cameron Jennings," he said, shaking hands warmly. "I should have known you anywhere."

"You ought-if only by this token, said the other, touching a slight scar on his forehead. "You gave me this with a hatchet when we were both about five years old. When did you come back to America? I did not know you were in Thurston replied by a brief detail of

the why and wherefore of his presence. he said. Mr. Jennings looked a little surprised when he heard of Egerton's departure for Europe; but he was a man of sufficient tact to make no further comment than to say: "I saw Bertie at the Mardi Gras in New Orleans last spring, and I thought he was not in quite his usual health and spirits. No doubt he needs change of air. We all need it more or less, especially in summer. Have you seen none of your old friends? Why, this is shameful! You shall go home with me, and my wife will kill a fatted calf for you with the greatest pleasure. Don't you remember her as Lucy Denmead? She is a cousin of yours."

"I remember her," answered Thurston conscious of an absolute theill of regard for Lucy Denmead, whose existence up to that moment he had forgotten. "She

used to be very pretty." "She is very pretty yet," said Mr. Jen-nings, with commendable pride, "and gay as a lark. She fills Sans-Souci-that's the name of my country-placewith company every summer, and makes things as pleasant as they can be made. Sans-Souci is the place for you, my dear fellow! Can't you leave the city with me to-morrow? I am only here on business, and I find it excessively hot."
In Thurston's present frame of mind it

did not require much persuasion to in-duce him to entertain this proposal very favorably. He dined with Mr. Jennings, and the next day found him by that gentleman's side in the train which bore them away from the place where he had last seen poor Bertie's haggard face. Sans-Souci was several hundred miles

distant-but what are hundreds of miles when steam annihilates time and space? On the evening of the second day they disembarked at a way-station, and found a landau drawn by two black horses waiting for them.

"This is pleasant," said Mr. Jennings, in a tone of relief, as they rode along a shade-flecked road, with fresh breezes coming to their faces, green hills on all sides, and breadths of rich meadow-land making a pastoral foreground. "I think you'll like the country, Thurston, and I hope you'll like Sans-Souci. Lucy had the house full when I left, and we are pretty sure not to find it empty now." A drive of five or six miles brought

them to this home of hospitality-a picturesque villa crowning a gently-swelling hill, with a winding stream and fertile valley below. On the piazza as they drove up stood a very small lady very elaborately dressed, who welcomed Mr. Jennings affectionately and Thurston

"Of course I remember you," she said to the latter, when he hazarded the expression of a fear that she did not. think we had a flirtation before you went away, and five years is not such an age in this part of the world, whatever it may be in Egypt. I am charmed to see you, and I hope we shall keep you with us

some time. Yes, Cameron, I received your telegram. Cousin Philip's room is ready." As Cousin Philip was conducted to his room he felt that, after all, relations had their uses. This bowery chamber, so tastefully yet inexpensively furnished, with a background to all its windows of green foliage touched with low-slanting, golden sunbeams, was very different from any apartment in which he had found himself for a long time. He made his toilet with an old sensation of satisfaction, and then sat down by one of these windows to watch the sunset, while wait-

ing for the sound of a bell which he felt sure would presently ring below. Instead of the sunset, however, he soon found himself observing a very different

Immediately below the ground sloped commanded a bird's eye view of it, and when he glanced down the first thing which he perceived was a woman's dress thrown into relief against the deep-green back-ground. Something about this dress—perhaps the grace of its fashion, or the manner in which it was worn—attracted his attention, but he could not see the face of the wearer for a broad straw-hat which effectually concealed it. She was sitting on a rustic bench, and by

her side was a man talking eagerly, as tive—that they deserve no credit for em-was evident from his gestures, though no bracing it." word reached Thurston's ears.

He watched the scene for some timeamused, as trifles will amuse one under certain circumstances. There is an expression of figure as well as of face, and attitudes. often betray as much as the countenance. The attitudes in the present instance betrayed a good deal. "The man is in earnest, the woman indifferent," he said to himself. As the is more than a mere sentiment. It is thought research through himself. thought passed through his mind, he saw hands and raise it to his lips. The significant little action made Thurston draw back with a sense of playing the spy. He rose and left the window.

room, full of sunset light and gay with a ripple of voices and laughter, his hostess met him with the same cordiality which made her welcome so charming.
"You have no idea what a lion we are

often that we have a genuine nineteenth-century free-lance in our midst, and if

tunity to ask my questions first."

Needless to say what Thurston replied, and when a few minutes after he found himself by Mrs. Jenning's side, over-looking a dinner-table round which a company of eight or ten were gathered, he began to feel more and more that Fate me strong-minded if I say that I often had been kind to him. Before leaving the drawing-room he had been introduced to the majority of the guests, but, glancing now over the assembled faces, he noticed two which he had not seen before, and which instinct assured him belonged to the figures which had played a bit of that I am a very discontented woman? comedy below his window.

I have written "two faces," yet in truth

was feminine. Not a strictly beautiful face, but a face that he felt at once might | you, Miss Loring. I think that in many hold a fascination deeper than mere beauty. A pale complexion, clear-cut features, odd limpid eyes under dark ashes, dark, straight brows, and a Greek | clamoring for new careers, and aiming at forehead, from which rich masses of dusky hair waved—these things made up whole which wakened not so much admiration as interest. The mouth was cold and almost disdainful when at rest,

smiled, their play of expression was singularly winning.

The man by this woman's side—evidently the same who had kissed her hand—was dark, slight, and handsome, with something of French grace in his manner and bearing. Thurston watched the pair with a good deal of interest, and presently under cover of an animated onversation near by, asked Mrs. Jen-

"Those," said she, "are the most noted members of our party. I fancy you may have heard of the young lady: she is Miss Loring, a famous belle and beauty."

She uttered a low, sweet peal of laugh-

Thurston's brow lowered. "Do you mean," he said-and unconsciously his voice grew stern-"that she is Agatha Loring?" Mrs. Jennings shot a significant glance

at him. "Yes, that is Agatha Loring," she an-vered. "You have probably heard of wered. her from poor Bertie, who was one of her victims. No one can deny that she is a heartless coquette, and yet one cannot help liking her. Even you will find yourself fascinated by her before you wrath which he felt that his voice soundknow what you are about." He smiled a little grimly.

"You must allow me to doubt that," as said. "Nevertheless, I will ask you to present me to her after dinner, and, if you will be so kind, I should prefer that | you did not mention my relationship to

Bertie." take a hint or suggestion. "No one here dies of the heart." knows of the relationship except Cameron, and I will request him not to mention it. Do you observe that handsome his line as she is in hers. It was a case of Greek meeting Greek, but I think Agatha has vanquished him already, ago. His name is Virien, and he is from New Orleans."

After dinner, when the ladies retired to the drawing-room, Mrs. Jennings sat To mar your masterpiece?' down by Miss Loring's side. "You were so late in making your ap-

was not able to present my cousin, Colonel Thurston, to you," she said. "I shall do so, with your permission, pres-ently—but mind! he is not to serve as ood for powder."

"On what ground is he to be exempt?" asked Miss Loring, with a laugh. rather like his appearance, if you mean the sunburned man who was talking to you at dinner."

"He has a right to be sunburned." said Mrs. Jennings. "He is in the Egyptian army.

"Indeed! Well, I did not question his right, you know; and I have often felt that if I were a man I should go to Egypt or Spain, or somewhere else where fighting was to be done and honor won, instead of sitting down in the old, old routine of social and agricultural life. I am tired to death of the ordinary men one meets. If your cousin brings a fresh element into my life, I shall be profoundly grateful to him."

"I doubt if he will be profoundly grateful to you in the end; but I have warned him, and I can do no more."

"You were very unkind, then. you imagine that with a man like thata simple, straigthforward soldier, I have no doubt-I should be the same creature that I am with Antoine Virien, for instance?

"You are like Cleopatra in your 'infinite variety,' I know very well, my dear; but I have never heard that you were less dangerous in one form than another; and 'a simple, straightforward soldier' is just the person you will take pleasure in

beguiling."
"You do me injustice—but hush! here he comes. Introduce him, pray."

Mrs. Jennings beckoned with her fan, and, in obedience to her summons, Thurston crossed the drawing-room. A

moment later he had been presented to Miss Loring, and when, after a few more words, his hostess moved away, he sat down in her vacant chair.

It was with a very deliberate purpose that he did so. In all his life he had never felt a deeper, more bitter enmity oward any human creature than he now felt toward this fair, graceful woman. As he looked at her face, the vision of poor Bertie's haggard countenance rose two figures and the glow of two cigars at before him and blotted out all its beauty. An almost savage desire to return upon her pang for pang the suffering which she had caused took possession of him. 'If I can find some means to strike her, I this way? The girls are all anxious to shall not hesitate to do so, in memory of Bertie's wrong," he said to himself; and she added, turning to Thurston, "what Bertie's wrong," he said to himself; and she added, turning to Thurston, while these thoughts were in his mind, did you think of Agatha Loring? Agatha Loring looked at him and felt instinctively that there was something strange-something to which she was not accustomed-in the steady regard of the

dcep-set eyes. "Mrs. Jennings was just telling me away in a depression, and, as shrubbery had been set out thickly, and grew lux-uriantly here, the dell thus inclosed was alternative marked to her that, if I were a man, it is altogether concealed from the lower win- where I should like to be. Women are so great that she would ensuare every dows of the house. Thurston's casement perforce born to live in a social tread- man who approaches her if she could; commanded a bird's eye view of it, and mill; but I cannot imagine how a man but it strikes me with wonder that such a the crop is to be turned under as a manusons of color" to citizenship—and the

"I should belong to that class if I were a man," she said. "I have always had a passionate longing for adventure, novelty, conquest. No doubt," with a smile, "you think that I am talking like a romantic young ledy who was to be a martin young ledy who was to be a martin young ledy who was to be a some than the same than the same transfer of the same transfer or th sometimes so strong that I feel as if I the man suddenly take one of the lady's were possessed by a power urging me to be something, to do something, to achieve something; and then I look round and ask myself—what?"

The disdainful expression which he

A moment later the bell for which he had noticed lurking in the lines of her mouth came out as she uttered the last down-stairs. As he entered the drawing-

ceased speaking.
"From what I have heard of you, Miss
Loring," Thurston said, with a directness made her welcome so charming.

"You have no idea what a lion we are prepared to make of you, Cousin Philip," she said, smiling brightly. "It is not offen that we have a genuine properate."

Loring," Thurston said, with a directness of manner very different from the gallantry with which many men would have uttered the words, "I should not judge that you have been greatly in doubt what to do and achieve." what to do and achieve.

"I have achieved a certain degree of we bore you with questions about life in social success," she answered, carelessly Egypt and the court of the khedive, you must excuse us. You shall take me in even imagine—the weariness and littleto dinner, and then I will have an oppor- ness of the life which it represents, you

would feel inclined to pity me."
"What an actress!" he thought.
Aloud, he said, "Women generally do not seem to be oppressed by the weariness and littleness of such a life."

look at them in wonder? A new dress, a new lover, a flirtation, or a ball-these things are enough to satisfy most of my sex. They don't satisfy me, and in that sentence you have the secret of my dis-content; for I own, Colonel Thurston, "So you belong to the class of women who take part in what is known as the he saw for some time only one-and that | modern revolt," he said, with a slightly sarcastic laugh. "I cannot congratulate respects the old ways are best. It is even better for women to be content with dresses, flirtations, and balls, than to be

heights of which their mothers never dreamed.' "Men of your class always feel that way, I believe," said she, without any sign of discomposure. "The more distinctly feminine a woman is, the better you but, when the mobile lips spoke or like her-is it not so? I suppse I do belong to the class of women who revolt, but not exactly in the manner of which you speak. I do not clamor for a career which is closed to me, nor aim at heights beyond my reach. I only feel that I have a fund of power and energy within me which, for want of a proper outlet, often finds an improper one, and will continue to do so to the end, I suppose."

"You mean to imply, in other words," said Thurston, bluntly, "that you break

"That is a terse and epigrammatic way of summing the matter up; and perhaps it is a true one. But do you believe in broken hearts, Colonel Thurston? Hon-estly, I do not. Fancy may be disap-pointed and vanity mortified, but a broken heart is a phenomenon I have

never seen." ed as never man's voice had sounded before in Agatha Loring's ears.

and slender that he was constrained to observe it. "Perhaps you are right," she said, after

a moment's pause. "Sympathy is some-"If you-desire it, certainly not," said times necessary for comprehension, and I Mrs. Jennings, who was very quick to confess I have no sympethy with mala-"And yet you are a Thurston, indignantly.

"A woman !" she repeated. "Well, man sitting by Agatha? He belongs to yes, I cannot deny the fact; and yet I the genus lady-killer, and is as noted in often feel inclined to echo Clytemnestra's words:

Why did you fashion me in this soft mold? though they only met three or four days Give me these lengths of silky hair? these Too delicately dimpled? and these arms Too white, too weak? yet leave the man's

Now if you think me ridiculously mockpearance before dinner, Agatha, that I was not able to present my cousin. Col- flatter myself, Colonel Thurston, since Clytemnestra was not an estimable character?'

"I think that you may find woman's heart some day, Miss Loring," he said, "and then you may learn a better appreciation of the suffering you now regard so lightly."

He rose as he spoke, for he felt that he had had enough of this, and Virien was approaching with his eloquent eyes and finely-outlined face-the most irresistible of heroes of flirtation.

Thurston gave a glance at him as he walked away-a critical glance, which the creole naturally failed to understand, since he could not possibly be aware that the other was wondering if he was the man destined to teach Agatha Loring that she had a woman's heart." "Mrs. Jennings says that he is a noted flirt.' the soldier grimly thought. "I would give all I possess if he would flirt with this woman and make her feel what she has inflicted so mercilessly on others."

"Monsieur le Colonel is jealous already," Virien said, with a laugh, as he sank down by Miss Loring's side. "His subjugation is accomplished, I perceive, even in this short time."

"Pray den't be absurd," she replied. 'Colonel Thurston is the last man in the world whom I should be likely to subjugate. He is-what shall I say?-simple, literal, stern, old-fashioned in his ideas that he not only disapproves of me, but

he has plainly told me so." cately-penciled brows. "I hardly know belle des belles, and-bright of audacity !-

But it is a consolation to feel that I have broken out by deep and close ploughing, your good opinion to fall back upon." Virien was too well trained for his reply to be audible at two paces distant, but it is very easy to imagine what turn the conversation took after that.

Fifteen minutes later Mrs. Jennings went out on the dusky, flower-scented piazza, and, after looking round her for a moment, perceived the dark outlines of the far end: She at once walked thither. "I thought I should find you both here," she said. "Cameron, are you not ashamed to carry Cousin Philip off in

"She has come specially to ask you that," said Mr. Jennings, with a laugh. Thurston, who had risen at her approach, answered with the quiet decision of a man who does not need to hesitate over his opinion:
"I think that Miss Loring is a prac-

tised coquette and a thorough actress. Like all women of her type, her vanity is

GRANT'S DELIGHTFUL TOUR. Letter to George W. Childs-Not Writ-

Mr. George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia Ledger, has received a letter from ex-President Grant, written from London a few days after the arrival of Grant and his family. The letter, written in General Grant's own hand, was not intended for publication, but knowing that the public will read with great interest whatever the ex-President has to say of his reception in England, Mr. Childs has permitted the publication of the substance LONDON, ENGLAND, June 6, 1877. My DEAR MR. CHILDS—After an un

usually stormy passage for any season of the year, and continuous sea sickness generally among the passengers after the second day out, we reached Liverpool Monday afternoon, the 28th of May. Jesse and I proved to be among the few good sailors. Neither of us felt a moments uneasiness during the voyage. I had proposed to leave Liverpool immediately on arrival and proceed to London, where I knew our Minister had made arrangements for a formal reception, and had accepted for me a few invitations of invest in to satisfy our wants, climate and courtesy. But what was my surprise to all considered?" find nearly all the shipping in port, at Liverpool, decorated with the flags of all nations, and from the mainmast of each the flag of the Union was most conspicu-ous. The docks were lined with as many of the population as could find standing room, and the streets to the hotel where it was understood my party would stop were packed. The demonstration was to

all appearance as hearty and enthusiastic as in Philadelphia on our departure. The Mayor was present, with his State carriage, to convey us to the hotel, and after that to his beautiful country residence, some six miles out, where we were entertained at dinner with a small party of gentlemen, and remained over night. The following day a large lunch party was given at the official residence of the Mayor in the city, at which there were some one hundred and fifty of the distinguished citizens and officials of the corporation present. Pressing invitations were sent from most of the cities in the kingdom to have me visit then. I accepted for a day at Manchester, and stopped a few moments at Leicester and at one other place. The same hearty welcome was shown at each place, as you have no doubt seen.

The press of the country has been ex-

ceedingly kind and courteous. So far I

have not been permitted to travel in a regular train, much less in a common car. The Midland road, which penetrates a great portion of the island, including Wales and Scotland, have extended to me the courtesy of their road, and a Pullman car to take me wherever I wish to go during the whole of my stay in England. We arrived in London Monday evening, the 30th of May, when I found our Minister had accepted engagements for me up to the 27th of June, leaving the formal reception at Judge Pierre-pont's was held. It was a great success -most brilliant in numbers, rank and attire of the audience-and was graced by the presence of every American in the city who had called on the Minister or left a card for me. I doubt whether London has ever seen a private house so elaborately or so tastefully decorated as was our American Minister's last night. I am deeply indebted to him for the pains he has taken to make my stay pleasant, and the attentions extended to our country than for me personally. I love to see our country honored and respected abroad, and I am proud to believe that it is by most all nations, and by some even loved. It has always been my desire to see all jealousy between England and the United States abated and every sore healed. Together they are more powerful for the spread of commerce and civilization than all others combined, and can do more to remove causes of wars by creating mutual interests that would be so much disturbed by war. I have written very hastily and a good deal at length but I trust this will not bore you. Had

I written for publication I should have U. S. GRANT.

taken some pains. Plant Peas.

Were our farmers in the habit of pre paring their oat land as well as they do their cotton land, we would feel sure that the past light harvesting had barely paid the expenses of preparation; but usually the oat crop is thrown in as that much extra, and making much or little is in a majority of instance considered as just so much gain. After a while we will learn that this crop deserves more attention, and the more care bestowed upon it the

better it remunerates the farmer. There may be, however, many of our readers who sowed their oats in good land, and who prepared the land thoroughly before sowing the grain. Such men feel that they have not been repaid by the light crop just harvested To all such men we say, you need not grumble, for there is ample time to get a fine net income from that very land if you have time to cultivate it. The recent continued rains have prepared the stubble fields beautifully for a second crop, and nothing will pay better now than peas.

The speckled pea, known as the whooperwill, and the shiney pea will make a crop if planted by the middle or last of July if it gets seasons in due time after it is up. The cow pea will mature if sown by the first of July, and the red stock pea will grow an bundance of forage if it does not mature before frost. Now if the grass is pushing the cotton planter, (and doubtless they all now wish the day was forty-eight hours long,) he will not have the time to prepare the stubble land thoroughly before planting his peas, and, therefore, must "hit it a Her companion arched his dark, deli- lick and a promise," so he should simply run scooter furrows about thirty inches whether to pity his obtuseness or his temerity most," he said. "That mortal and cover with two scooter furrows. If man should venture to disapprove of la the ground is in good season, the crop will be up and ready for a working before the season is out of the ground "It does seem bad taste, does it not? | The middles ("bawks") should then be and ten days after the crop should be carefully hoed. As soon as the grass begins to show itself after that, two sweep furrows should be run between the rows of peas. Possibly the crop may need three furrows. At any rate, it should be left clean, for this is the "laying by"

> ble, the growth of the crop will astonish Some farmers prefer sowing peas broad-We do not. To sow broadcast requires too much ploughing, just at the time when it is difficult to spare the teams from the summer crops long enough even to lay off the furrows and cover the seed. And broadcast sowing will seldom produce as much forage, and rarely ever as many peas as the drilled

working. If the seasons prove favora-

culture. If it is proposed to convert this crop into "roughage," that is provender for stock, the vines should be cut with a grass blade just when the first peas begin to ripen and before the whole crop is ripe. If the peas are to be picked, or if

make, we cannot tell, but we believe it will winter a mule very comfortably. For this reason an extra effort should be made to put in this crop. It will hand-somely repay the farmer, and perhaps prevent his taking odd trips to the depot for bought corn next spring.

If any farmer has an acre or more of good land that was in oats, and has no peas, let him at once break up that land with sharp scooters, wait a week and cross plough it, and then harrow, brush or drag it until thoroughly pulverized and smooth, and then await results. It will grow him a ton or ton and a half of excellent hay .- News and Courier.

Profit in Sheep.

"We have a flock of near three hundred sheep; most of them are scrub natives, except the lambs of last year, which are the progeny of a fine Leicester buck. We wish to buy two more bucks of pure blood, because we see clearly the improvement from the first crossing. Our flock ranges on the Santee bottoms, and wool The writer of the above says he has

seen our views in the News and Courier but would rather hear from us as to his especial investment. And we regret in our replying to his particular case to say that we fear he has begun with the very worst step towards improvement. The Leicester sheep is the same as the old Bakewell; very large and lubberly, always fat, but a heavy and good feeder and the most delicate and liable to disease of all the larger breeds of sheep They are not held in high esteem any where, except in the immediate vicinity of mutton markets, where they can be pampered and highly fed, so as to produce a large carcass in the smallest possible time. They have frequently been known to dress one hundred pounds net at a year old, and sometimes three hundred pounds at a year old, and sometimes three hundred pounds at fall careth or few ways. dred pounds at full growth or four years old. Their fleece is fine, silky and very white, but not heavy, averaging not over eight to ten pounds from the choicest specimens.

The South Down would be a far more The South Down would be a far more desirable sheep for the Santee country. They are smaller than the Leicester, round bodied, small boned, with black or dark legs, fine breeders, and at a year old will yield a carcass weighing forty to fifty pounds, and at growth about eighty to one hundred pounds. Their average fleece is not more than five, perhaps four pounds. The mutton from the South Down is reputably superior to any in the world. To this, however, we do not at-tach much importance, for if any sheep is domesticated and properly fed to prevent a wild rank taste to the flesh, we think one kind as palatable as another We have often had friends to say at our table, "Why this is equal to any English mutton!" and the choicest piece of mutton we ever tasted, and one which drew but few spare days in the interval. On Saturday last we dined with the Duke of Wellington, and last night he had never eaten anything equal to it, "compare the remark, that he had never eaten anything equal to it, "compare the remark, that he had never eaten anything equal to it," "even in the valley of Virginia," was a roast quarter of a four year old goat that had become seal fat from stealing his meals from the stable troughs. So we don't attach much value to the breed on the point of mutton. Any of them will make superior mutton if properly handled, fatted, butchered and cooked, all equally important points in growing mutton for

the table. As we have said before, however, the South Down proved a delicate sheep in our handling, and by no means equal to She gazed at him in surprise, waving a fan back and forth in a hand so white of it, that the attentions which I am refore our climate, latitude and pasturage. yes ugly shape, slow of growth, and does not mature as early as other sheep. mutton the lambs are worthless. four or five years of age when fat, the weathers are equal to any sheep we have ever eaten, and the older the sheep the better the meat. As breeders the Merino is perhaps not so prolific as the other breeds of sheep, and possibly not as good milkers, but they will reproduce rapidly enough to increase the flock amazingly it carefully handled. The bucks are as vigorous as any breed of sheep. A two year old may serve 25 to 30 ewes, and at maturity from 65 to 80, if highly fed and judiciously treated. In 1867 we weaned

56 lambs from 48 ewes and a single buck three years old. No sheep is fond of rank pasturage and all low wet lands are unfavorable for the growth of sheep. The foot rot is disease created by too wet pastures and s said te be fatally contagious, and has carried off thousands of sheep annually in Southern Europe. We do not know that this disease was ever seen in America. We certainly never saw it, but we mention it to advise our Santee friends that it may be provoked by pasturing sheep too much in the bottoms. convinced that sheep should at least have dry land to ruminate upon, and for this reason where they ramble in bottoms during the day, should be driven to higher and drier spots at night. If left to themselves they will seek these spots any way, and will never be found standing or lying in wet places. They prefer ruminating upon bald, dry spots, which don't remain so long after the sheep appropri-

ates them for a season-News and Courier. THE FIGURE NINE.-We attribute to an Englighman named Will. Green, who died in 1794, the foundation of a singular property of the figure 9. That property of the figure 9 consists in multiplying that number by 2, by 3, by 4, by 5, by 6, by 7, by 8, by 9, etc., and we find that the numbers composing the product of each of the multiplications added, will give

always 9. 2 times 9 make 18-1 and 8 make 9. 3 times 9 make 27-2 and 7 make 9. 4 times 9 make 36-3 and 6 make 9. 5 times 9 make 45-4 and 5 make 9. 6 times 9 make 54-5 and 4 make 9. 7 times 9 make 63-6 and 3 make 9. 8 times 9 make 72-7 and 2 make 9. 9 times 9 make 81-8 and 1 make 9.

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