LITTLE MOUNTAIN.

The Desolate Grave of the Man Who Wrote the Declaration of American Independence—Where Two Presidents

Petersburg (Vu.) Index Appeal.

Owing to the inability of the Government to acquire a perfect title to the ground under the act of Congress, specially passed in the Forty-fifth Congress, the erection of the monument which was authorized over the grave of Thomas Jefferson, at Monticello, has been delayed, awaiting additional legis-lation. The State Department has this week addressed a letter to the proper committee, submitting the defects which the Attorney-General has found in the title, and asking for such legislation as will remedy them and permit the United States to proceed with the erection of the monument. Monticello, by which the serveta of Jefferson is known has the estate of Jefferson is known, has been in litigation for a great many years, and has only been settled within the past few months have level select to the principal of the past of the principal of the past and has only been settled within the past and has only been settled within the past few months by a legal sale to the principal heira. For a long time it was abandoned, and the mansion remained wholly doned, and the mansion remained wholly have it will be at last a mathematical transfer of the love borne by her son, Thos. Jefferson Randolph." The latter, the first grandson of Thomas Jefferson and the principal few months by a legal sale to the principal self-sacrificing in all her duties. This is a slight mark of the love borne by her son, Thos. Jefferson Randolph." The latter, the first grandson of Thomas Jefferson and the principal heira. It is a slight mark of the love borne by her son, Thos. Jefferson Randolph." ter of pride to the people of the entire country that the private estate has been was President in 1872 of the National reclaimed through private efforts, and that the grave, so long desecrated, of the author of the Declaration of Indepen-ferson died, and furnished Mr. Randence is to pass under the control of the

Government he was pre-eminent in form-The proposition to erect a new monu-ment over the grave of Jefferson prompt-that his interment should be private and ed a visit to Monticello. The route is without parade of any kind, and no one of some six hours over the Virginia Midland Railroad from Washington, through Manassas, Culpeper, across the Rapidan, by Orange Court House and Gordonsville, mile-stones that mark the shocks of battle—to Charlottesville. At this season of the year it is a most ing rain to pay their last tribute of effecting the shocks of the total results and neighbors had gathered in a drench-this season of the year it is a most ing rain to pay their last tribute of effecting the state of the course of the hour of interment nor invitations were issued. His body was borne down the mountain side from his residence of the hour of interment nor invitations were issued. His body was borne down the mountain side from his residence of the hour of interment nor invitations were issued. His body was borne down the mountain side from his residence of the hour of interment nor invitations were issued. His body was borne down the mountain side from his residence of the hour of interment nor invitations were issued. His body was borne down the mountain side from his residence by a little procession of his family and servants, but at the grave his friends and neighbors had gathered in a drench-through the procession of his family and servants, but at the grave his friends and neighbors had gathered in a drench through the procession of his family and servants, but at the grave his friends and neighbors had gathered in a drench through the procession of his family and servants, but at the grave his friends and neighbors had gathered in a drench through the procession of his family and servants. shocks of battle—to Charlottesville. At this season of the year it is a most charming journey. May in Virginia is a lovely month. The rich green foliage of the receding spring-time is softened by the balmy air of the coming summer. The meadows are luxuriant, and the wild flowers bloom in the valleys and the meadows are luxuriant, and the wild flowers bloom in the valleys and the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of mente and the elem wave on the hill-tons. maple and the elm wave on the hill-tops.

As the train rolls around the edge of the valley of the Rivanna, just before you reach Charlottesville, Monticello may be seen on the "little mountain" on the left through the opening in the old through the trees which nearly surround it. Montical and be assured I shall leave with you my cello (pronounced as if spelled Montical last affections." Although Mr. Randall chello) is an Italian name, meaning Little Mountain. The ascent, which is about six hundred feet above Charlottesville, is over an excellent road, overshadowed with wooden folds, through which now and then you catch glimpses of the beautiful country beneath that stretches for miles till it meets the pic-Little Mountain on the left and Carter's The location is desolate; the graveyard while the monument has been defaced beyond recognition. For half a century the vandal—who would defy "the pesti-lence that walketh at noonday" to carry of the grave, till it looks as if it had been from any one and levied admittance to

Born April 2, O. S., 1743. Died July 4, 1825.

The full epitaph which Mr. Jefferson nine feet, and to bear the following inscription : William

HERE WAS BURIED THOMAS JEFFERSON, OF THE DECLARATION OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE,

THE STATUTE OF VIRGINIA FOR RELI-GIOUS FREEDOM, AND FATHER OF THE UNIVER-

The inscription for the base was to be:

black in the last line having been filled of verdue "stretched out like a map

with "July 4, 1826."
In an old pocket account-book of 1741, among other memoranda in Jefferson's hand-writing, was the following selection | a dwelling place.

Choose some unfrequented vale in the park, where is 'no sound to break the stillness but a brook, that bubbling winds among the weeds; no mark of human shape that has been there unless the skelaton of some poor wretch, who County, Va., about four miles from sought that place out to despair and die Orange Station, on the Virginia Midland evergreens. Appropriate one-half to the use of my own family, the other to obelisk over Madison's grave is visible through the fields half a mile to the right through the right through the right through the right through through the right through the right through the right through thr venerable oaks; intersperse some gloomy Monticello. Some minutes before the the exit look on a small and distant part of the house. It is located in a large

spersed" with a solitary evergreen, but no sound of running brook "that bub-bling winds among the weeds," breaks the stillness. A tall pine waving in the

was the only sound. The graves, of which there are thirty besides that of Jefferson, are partly surrounded by an letters old brick wall about one hundred feet base: square and eight or ten feet high, with high, rust eaten iron gates, wide enough to admit a carriage, on the north and west sides. On the south the entire wall west sides. On the south the entire wall is level with the ground, and on the west a portion has fallen. Within the inclosure, as stated, everything is the picture of desolation and decay. With the exception of two or three marble slabs, which mark the graves of some of Jefwhich mark the graves of some of Jef- ble over the grave of Mrs. Madison, covered with rank weeds and lo se stones President Madison. out of the place belove they put on the actual, and it local to the land which ters."—The Parents.—Telegram. MOVED THEODIES YELL HOLD

other side of the obelisk the slab covering the grave of Jefferson's oldest daugh-

Democratic Convention, which met at

dolph, his biographer, an interesting account of Jefferson's last moments. From him it is learned that Mr. Jef-

people to save from further desecration this "temple of silence and reconcilia-

Monticello itself, at the time of our visit, was in possession of a tramp. When we reached the hill top from the turesque summit of the "Blue mountains." After crossing the notch between graveyard and walked to the front of the mansion, an old man in rags sat half Mountain that rises above it on the right, the road leading to Monticello is steeper.

Two-thirds of the way up and a few fed dog, and greeted us gruffly with: "Do yards to the right of the road in a thick you want to see old man Jefferson's growth of woods is located the grave of house, gentlemen!" We answered.—
Thomas Jefferson. The condition of the "Then it will cost you twenty-five cents grave and the monument that marks it spiece." The money was paid, a chain swung open, and we entered a spacious ante-hall. The appearance of decay in dilapidated, and the decay all but complete. The grave mound has been these many years leveled with the ground, as we had been led to believe, but was not the desecration in keeping with that of Thomas Jefferson in possession of a tramp! Who could believe this unless on his work of destruction—has chipped and hewn the edges of the shaft from base to apex, which now locates the heap sat himself down there without authority placed there rough from the quarry. It was originally a coarse granite obelisk, about nine feet high, on a base three feet square, designed with its inscriptions by Jefferson himself, and erected soon after his death. The legendary tablets of and was formerly surrounded by ornametric translations.

the past" were utterly obliterated by the mental grounds and is now half embowdefacement with the single exception of the words in block letters at the base: of a lofty balustraded single story, surmounted by a dome with porticos front and rear. One of Mr. Jefferson's idiosyncracies was a fondness for architecture. While the hall was large and the rooms spacious, the stairway was so narwrote, and a rough pen and ink sketch of a monument for himself, were found in a private drawer shortly after his death. It was to be an obelisk of granite, eight montpelier. The hall opened into an feet high (it appeared to be a little over octagonal dining room with sliding glass folding doors with a finish that looked The second floor was cut up into all kinds of inconceivable bed rooms owing to the form of the house. In the dome there was one room used for dancing-room. In all of the bed-rooms there were dark, narrow alcoves for the beds, which were partly a fixture in the walls. There were here and there odd places of furniture, and an old carriage, which be-longed to Jefferson; but "the marble and brescia tables, French mirrors and handsome sofas" which adorned the

have gone long ago.

The view from Monticello is magnificent. For fifty miles on the left, till the scene is melted into the haze of the Blue His wishes were fully carried out, the forty miles distant, there is one vast sea under the feet." There may be more beautiful views, but they must be rarevery rare from an eminence suitable for

The condition of the grave and monument of James Madison is quite in contrast with that of Jefferson. The county Let it be among the ancient and Railroad, and about sixty miles from Monticello. Some minutes before the grand old mansion is reached, the granite neral march and such other appropriate of the Blue mountains."

field, and inclosed with a substantial brick wall, quite one hundred feet square quented slope of the mountain, "among and five feet in height. On the east side there is a small plain iron gate with the words in iron letters:

MADISON 1820.

twenty feet high, resting on a pedestal of four pieces, there is no other inscription than this, in large, plain, sunken letters on the width of the shaft at its

the bloom of a single bush of agiantine have been handed down from generation only relieves the decay which meet one to generation, than the former residence of the "expounder of the Constitution." There is no trace whatever of the Though the scenery is not so grand nor grave of Mrs. Jefferson, which was about | so extensive as at Monticello, Montpelier the first interment, and which was lo- is nevertheless a most attractive place. cated by the side of the obelisk of Jef- The house is large and plain, though ferson. He survived her forty-four flanked with handsome columned porvears. In 1841 this grave and its slab of white marble were visible with the simyears. In 1841 this grave and its slab of white marble were visible with the simple inscription: "Martha Jefferson, born in 1747 O. S. Intermarried with Thomas Jefferson January 1, 1772; torn from him by death September 6, 1782: this monument of love is inscribed." On the other side of the obelisk the slab coverage of hill be one where nature has shed, in great the American Colonies to sell white persons into slavery for a limited number of years, but it was not common to term this sort of servitude slavery, although it was sort of servitude slavery, although it was look her back to Maryland to serve out onto only the remainder of her time, but also an additional number of years, which was again in the hands of Duvall, who took her back to Maryland to serve out onto only the remainder of her time, but also an additional number of years, which was always a part of the penslty for at the person sold was called a servant, and the indenture that bound him or her during of bondage were over the storm of the person sold was called a servant, and the person sold was called a servant. the horizon as if to form another and

Decoration Day at Beaufort, S. C.

The graves of the soldiers buried in he National Cemetery at Beaufort were decorated with flowers, on May 31, with imposing ceremonies. Several visiting military companies took part in the celebration. Major D. T. Corbin was the orator of the day, and made a speech reviewing the causes of the war, which he concluded as follows:

"To you I would address a few words of admonition and advice. You have at great cost of blood and treasure been made free, and clothed with all the rights of citizens. As such you participate, on equal terms, with your white fellow-citizens in all the functions of government. When viewed, as they should be, these in a Republic like ours are high and important trusts. They involve in their exercise matters of the greatest possible concern and consequence. I have shown you to-day with what terrible consequences a mistake or wrong, incorporated into the Constitution of 1787, was attended. Let that illustrate to you how important are your privileges and duties in connection with the functions of government. Had not slavery been recognized and protected in the National Constitution of 1787, at the instance of the politicians of Georgia and South Caroina, you would probably never have been born slaves and the war of 1861

would never have been fought. "The lesson I would have you learn, first and above all others, is to be right in all your political faith and doctrine; and, second, in your selection of men to represent you in office you choose none but men of the highest intelligence and the purest and best character. You owe this to the Nation that has, at such fearful cost, freed and enfranchised you and made you citizens. You owe it to yourselves and to each other. You owe it to your white fellow-citizens, among whom you have your home and dwelling place. You owe it as a debt of gratitude to those choice spirits, who for forty years, through evil and good report, bearing all things, hoping all things, in peril by sea and land, pioneered your cause and struggled on in your behalf while you knew them a short time after the affair the Sus man shall ask a wife if she couldn't have done better by waiting for a second offer. This information is supposed to late the affair the Sus man shall ask a wife if she couldn't have done better by waiting for a second offer. This information is supposed to late the affair the Sus man shall ask a wife if she couldn't have done better by waiting for a second offer. This information is supposed to late the affair the Sus man shall ask a wife if she couldn't have done better by waiting for a second offer. This information is supposed to were free. But I have done. I have had the maid of the Hon. Miss Vernon, sisno desire to mingle politics with the ter of Lady Grosvenors and who was solemnities of this occasion, but simply to seize the moment to enforce a truth and draw a lesson, profitable to all. The little mounds and head-stones before us to death; but through the influence of

is but the ante-chamber of death." Ex-Congressman Smalls read a letter from ex-Governor Chamberlain acknowledging an invitation to be present on Decoration Day, and saying "it is impossible for me to accept, but I am much oblige! for the invitation. The day you propose to celebrate suggests the most patriotic memories. Its lesson and voice s political freedom under the Constitution and Union for all men. Till the day shall arrive when every man in our country shall enjoy the ballot without great wars should be our monitors and guides in the battles of our day."

ANOTHER CONGRESSIONAL SCANDAL. -The Washington Post charges Senator Ferry, of Michigan, with undue intimacy with a lady of high social rank, a guest, for the time, at the Senator's hotel. The account reads that the distinguished offender was discovered in the lady's chamin public with a phenomenally black eye which he attributes to a fall, but which the gossips trace to his rencontre with the indignant girl. Mr. Ferry went upon the paper in his hand, and an earnest conversation with members of the Michigan delegation ensued. At the same hour Ridge to Willis mountain on the right, of a family of reputed wealth and social

A PECULIAR WILL.-Dr. Wilson J. H. Burch, who recently died at Phillipsburg, N. Y., left a peculiar will. Among other things it provides for a monument of granite to be erected at his grave at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 or less than Phillipsburg." The sole duty of this band will be, on the anniversary of his death and on legal holidays, to march to music as the leader of the band may

less about the "rebel brigadiers" in Congress than formerly. Ben Butler once wanted to be elected to the House to meet and overthrow them but in this war he has won no victories. On the whole the "rebel brigadiers" behave very well, and are more peaceble and patriotic than others who never fought against the Union. The highest of ex-rebel officers who have entered public life since the war are Gen. Gordon of Georgia, Gen. Johnston of Virginia, and Gen. Hampton of South Carolina, all of whom went in that august body, the National Senate. We can only say we wish there were more of the same kind in the Senate.—

daughter suffered on a bed of misery under the care of several of the best (and some of the worst) physicians, who gave her the certainty that if she remained where which mark the graves of some of Jerferson's descendants, buried as late as ten
years ago, there is not one that is not
cracked or defaced, overgrown with the
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cracked or defaced. The place of the administrations of the worst) physicians, who gave her
disease various names but no relief, and
now she is restored to us in good health
by a simple a remedy as Hop Bitters,
hoped that she would be lost in a crowd. weeds, or out of its place. It is half in the days of the administrations of that we had poohed at for two years, before using it. We earnestly hope and and bricks. On the west wall the "Virginia creepers" are struggling to grow ginia creepers" are struggling to grow out of the place before they are struggling to grow out of the place before they are struggling to grow of the place before they are struggling to grow of the place before they place before they place before they are struggling to grow of the place before they place they p Montpelier is in pleasant contrast with pray that no one else will let their sick

A SLAVE PRINCESS.

The Strange Story of a Remarkable Adventuress-Sarah Wilson's Wanderings-How

New York Evening Post.

It was a common practice in some of the American Colonies to sell white per- was again in the hands of Duvall, who embowered; while on the other side, in offence, or to hunt him down if he attempcurred the displeasure of his master. The source from which many servants

f this kind were obtained was the courts of England, where it was customary to ber of years, usually seven. An announcement like that which follows, which appeared in the Pennsylvania Gazette as late as July 28, 1784, was at one time very common: "Just arrived from Londonderry, in the brig Peggy, Capt. Stewart, a number of fine, healthy men and women servants, and some small boys, whose times are to be disposed of to the best bidders by the capain, on board, or by Campbell & Kings-

A convict sent to this country in 1771 created a sensation, and so extraordinary twenty lines given to her in Doran's at 32, but he must stop right there. He House of Hanover," shows that her ad- the grandmothers of this country have ventures in America were the subject of discussion, perhaps of mirth, in the draw- | der to you. ing rooms of Queen Charlotte. In that brief outline there are a few errors. The story, as I have been able to gather it August, 1770, a woman who had no business there found her way, by means of of Queen Charlotte. Entering the room in which the Queen and the Duchess of Ancester were sitting she took a survey of everything there with the greatest composure. The Queen and the Duchess were too much alarmed to expel her; but at length the Duchess had the presence of mind to ring the bell, which brought a page, who with difficulty forced the intruder to retire. But little more was thought of this piece of presumption; but a short time after the affair the probably the same woman who had pre-viously entered the apartments. She was A hahv admonish us that life, at most, is short— her mistress the sentence was commuted to transportation to America, there to be sold for a period of seven years—a step that created some stir in London, for there were persons who complained that in this way the gallows had been cheat-

In 1771 Sarah Wilson, sent out in a

convict ship, landed in Maryland, where she was exposed for sale and was bought by William Duvall, of Bush Creek, Frederic County, to whom she was legally bound for the stipulated term of years. Duvall took her to his residence, where she remained in his service apparently contented, till an opportunity offered named Blank; no style about 'em; he to make good her escape. From Bush Creek she found her way into Virginia, her hair until 3 o'clock p. m.; they have and passed through North Carolina to a carriage, but I don't believe it's paid South Carolina, where she felt that she for; they allow their children to throw had put too wide a strip of country between herself and her master to render a return to slavery probable. With no the title of the Princess Susanna Carober by her daughter, a spirited girl of fifteen, and submitted to a cowhiding at her hands, supplemented and backed by a revolver held by a male friend. Certain it is that the Michigander appears statement, which was generally believed. Having gained a footing, she travelled from plantation to plantation, assuming the air of royalty, and with so much dignity that many persons thought they were honored when they were permitted to kiss cious, and liberal in the promise of favors from her own hand and from that of her the editor of the Post was observed hovering in a neighboring lobby. The issue place near her person; a man was to be is a serious one, as it involves not alone at the head of a regiment; some persons Mr. Ferry's morals, but the good name | were to be honored with preferments in the treasury, while others were to be assigned to prominent positions in the army and navy. There was no end to her lib-erality, and her newly-found friends were equally obliging; for they placed consid-erable sums at her disposal. For a season she lacked nothing-nothing till her fame reached the more northern colonies, where Duvall, who had heard these re-\$40,000. It also provides that \$10,000 | markable stories, recognized in the debe invested for the establishment and maintenance of a brass band, to be called the "Burch Cornet Band of the Town of the Town of the Princess Matilda his runaway bond woman, and forthwith sought to recover her. The first step was to advertise her, which he did in the follow-

ing manuer: "Bush Creek, Federick County, Maryland, October 11, 1771. Ran away from the subscriber, a convict servant, named Sarah Wilson, but has changed her name to Lady Susanna Caroline Matilda, which made the public believe that she was her Majesty's sister. She has a blemish in her right eye, black rolled hair, stoops in the shoulders, and makes a com-mon practice of writing and marking her clothes with a crown and B. Whoever secures the said servant woman, or will take her home, shall receive five pistoles, besides all cost of charges.

WILLIAM DUVALL. "I entitle Michæl Dalton to search the city of Philadelphia, and from there to Charleston, for the said woman."

With a document like that in circulation, backed by tl : efforts of her master to run her down, Sarah Wilson could make no longer continuing in any one place. She went "from pillar to post;" lend her money and help her on. But the field was becoming more and more circumscribed. Realizing this, and with made a bold push for New York, where she hoped that she would be lost in a crowd. Pacific Railroad, in Texas, was destroyed But New York proved to be equally dan-gerous ground, and she took passage for Nineteen stores, a depot and twenty

of the day, under date of November 29, 1773: "Last Tuesday arrived here from New York the lady who has passed through several of the Southern Colonies under the name and character of Caroline Matilda, Marchioness of Waldegrave,

This was almost the last move of Sarah

Orange and Albemarle, on whose south- the period of servitude gave the master Revolution broke over the country, and eastern edge of nodding woods and green fields Montpelier lies embosomed and the right to punish him severely for any trace of the woman and her history. Remarkable as were her adventures, they the airy distance, beyond that vale, ted to escape from bondage. Some of tower in fantastic lines the blue peaks the old laws of Virginia under this head she was wanting in personal attraction, of the long Apalachain range, breaking were harsh in the extreme, and if they that she had a blemish in her right eye were rigidly enforced, as we may presume and stooped in the shoulders; but the was the case, hard, indeed, must have curious part of it all is that a convict was been the lot of any bond-servant who in- able, after her conviction, not only to retain in her possession the jewels and the miniature she had stolen, but also to bring away dresses that were in keeping with her assumed position; and yet the transport to America prisoners who had story that she did so can scarcely be been convicted of offences not punishable questioned. The jewels, when they pass-been convicted of offences not punishable questioned. The jewels, when they pass-been convicted of offences not punishable questioned. The jewels, when they pass-been convicted of offences not punishable questioned. The jewels, when they pass-been convicted of offences not punishable questioned. be kept at home in overcrowded jails. of, but what became of the miniature? They were accordingly shipped to the colonies and were sold for a limited numfind it difficult to solve.

More About the Census.

In a few days more the the census man will take his book under his arm and start out to make his mark on this decade. Under the new law they have a legal right to ask about 500 questions, but there is such a thing as a census man going too far. It is well enough for deis drawn.

No census man has a right to dispute was her career that her name has found a place in history. It is true that where it appears in the records of the times it is but a hare mention; but the dozen or ut a bare mention; but the dozen or male supposed to be 45 returns her age Lives of the Queens of England of the may wonder to himself where on earth suddenly slipped to, but he musn't won-

No census man has a legal right to ask a woman if she is living with her first, second or third husband, or whether from different sources, is as follows: In she quarrels more with the third than the first. The law supposes every family to be living in peace and harmony, and the the private stairs, into the apartments United States government never takes the hired girl being kissed in the dark. Under the law, no census-taker has any right to ask a wife how many evenings in a week her husband is out after 11 o'clock, or what is the subject of her remarks when he slips in at the sidedoor. This great and glorious government has always been conducted on the principle that clubs, lodges and societies were a part of its foundation.

The law does not specify that the cenwith a big red "X" to signify the offi-cial's belief that if she hadn't accepted the offer she did she would have died an A baby with the measles counts just

as much in law as one galloping around barefooted in the front door-yard. The law requires the census taker to remark that your baby is the handsomest one in the ward. If he neglects to do so he should be called back. For the benefit of wives who do their

own housework and are ashamed to have it known, blanks are furnished with a heading which reads: "Is generally in the habt of keeping four servants, but has just given her help a vacation."

another matter. The census-taker may legally inquire who lives next door, but is supposed that most women will out and sign the following: "Family wears a shabby hat, and she never combs stones at our dog and permit them to play on mouth organs; 'they say' she has diamonds, but I don't believe it; lots of callers, but I presume they were there to collect bills. To all of which I subscribe myself," etc-Detroit Free Press.

Woman's Softening Influence.—
"It's astonishin'," remarked the old
forty niner this morning as he nodded over his glass to our reporter, "it's astonfellers that's goin'. But at home I'm a kyote. Afore I'd let the old woman know that her hot biscuit wasn't A 1 when it's as a retort. I've done it lots o' times. Most o' my teeth is gone from tuggin' on beef-steak that the old woman cuss when I go over a chair in the dark? No, sir. While I'm rubbin' my shins and keepin' back the tears, I'm likewise sweatin' fur fear the old woman has been woke by the upset. "I didn't use to be so," sighed the poor old fellow, thoughtfully rubbing his shining scalp. "When we was first hitched I thought I was the superintendent, but after a year or two of argyin' the pint I settled down to shovin' the car at low wages. I kin lick any man o' my age an' size," cried the old gentleman, banging on the saloon table with his wrinkled fist. "I'll shoot, knife, stand up or rough-and-tumble for coin, but when I hang my hat on the peg in the hall and take off my muddy boots, an' hear the old woman ask if that's me, I tell you the starch comes right out o' me.

- "If Mrs. Hicks-Lord," says the London World, "does now revisit these shores, it will not be for want of invitations. One of these, from an English lady of title, had a simple naivete that The English lady wrote, encouraging the American lady to pay England another visit; begged of her to come and stay with her both in town and in the country; and tendered her services generally, putting the American once again an cornant with that place of modern civilihere to-day and there to-morrow, still zation which we call society. There was daughter is going to be married. If you are thinking of sending her a little wedding present, I think she would like dia-

Newport in one of the packets then ply- dwellings were demolished, only five

LE DUC'S DISCOVERY.

the Growth of the Plant Stimulated-

the South than anything that has been previously done by the Agricultural Dethe planting of cotton. A question havferred to the microscopist, Prof. Thomas Taylor. He found a series of oil cells near the outer surface, and another row immediately surrounding the chit of germinating point, evidencing the complete This fact led Prof. Taylor to experiment, with a view to ascertaining the amount of resistance offered to the attacks of agents generally supposed to be of a destructive nature to all organic life. In trying sulphuric acid, which had been previously used in a diluted form to agthe oil, he found that acid of the commercial strength completely removed this without visibly effecting the outer brown shell. To test the actual effect on the germinating property, he handed some of the seed thus treated and afterwards washed to Mr. Saunders, who planted it. To the surprise of every one except Mr. Taylor, who had foreseen this result if the germ had not been destroyed, the seed came up at least five days earlier than that in its natural state. To ascertain whether this might not be owing to the soaking the seed received, some was kept for several months and

then planted at the same time with seed of the same crop unprepared. The same results followed, showing the action of the acid in removing the adherent cotton to have been the same as performed by nature, viz: the conversion of the amylaceous or starchy cellulose into glucose. Prof. Taylor's theory as to the action of rarily on contact with the ligneous cellulose of the shell, proved to have been ton then worked his way to Virginia, correct. The advantage to planters in having five or six days start can scarcely be overestimated, whether availed of in avoiding early frosts or raising early cot- ed Winona, Miss., on the 15th of April, ton, for which premiums are offered by 1880. Peyton says that numbers of museum as several cotton boards in the South. But latto women are being constantly sold ry a sword-cane to stab cows with," observed the box as he looked across the fit conferred by the discovery. Hitherto them, take them to Cuba "on a bridal them, take them to Cuba "on a bridal way.

"My soul! but there's another cow up and there sell them as cooks "My soul! but there's another cow up hand and the seed sown broadcast, owing and fancy house servants. He saw one to the adherent cotton preventing the seed being used in the planters for corn her for \$500; and further, that as he "Yes, lots of cows around these days, any notice of a family row brought on by and other clean seed. After preparation the seed can be used in any planter, and by the regularity of growth resulting, the subsequent cultivation greatly facili tated. The mode of preparing the seed, which it is understood will be patented, is as follows: The seed is placed in an earthen or glass vessel, and ordinary sulpletely cover it. It is then stirred until

phuric acid poured over so as : the brown shell is left free from cotton. The acid is poured off to be used again, next season. The acid, after it has become saturated or exhausted, is to be experimented with to ascertain whether the glucose cannot be recovered. Experiments are also to be instituted with view to ascertain the practicabilty of the process as applied to seeds slow of

germination, such as that of the palm. which take three years to sprout. Bettsr Management.

The alarming mortality which has for years prevailed among swine; in this country, will not have been without good results to the great pork producing and pork consuming portions of man-kind, if feeders and breeders are thereby led to give more attention to the sanitary

Signs of improvement in this respect may already be seen here and there, and we venture to predict that the present year will be one of marked attention to the best methods of rearing and fattening hogs.

This, the beginning of the season, is a

very proper time for the adoption of new plans whereby greater profits may be realized and a better quality of pork products placed on the market next fall. Let every one who has the care of stock at this time look about him and see wherein improvement in management can be made. It may be in providing suitable shelter or safe pens for sows soon to farrow, and in seeing that they are from striking one single aggressive blow feed as they should be at this season; or it may be in the care of pigs already on canvass?

Bayard, prevent the Republican readers discharge, notwithstanding he was confessedly one of the most efficient and reliable officers in the service. In no single instance, so far as we have been able ishin' what a coward a man is at home—a reg'lar crawlin' sneak. I've traveled a good bit, and held up my end in all the camps on the road sence '49. fall. As a rule, spring pigs are more if I've got three bullets inside o' me. I've profitable than fall pigs; the former, if shot an' been shot at, an' never heard of good stock and well cared for from nobody say I hadn't as good grit as most the start, will average 250 pounds or a or any other candidate be nominated who or any other candidate be nominated. little more at 9 months old. To insure their health and thrift they should be fed frequently and regularly, and on a like stiff amalgam, I'd fill myself as full variety of food, and care should be taken that they are never overfed. It is better, also, to keep each litter to itself until some time after weaning, and even then not more than eight or ten should be allowed to bed together at night. In their sleeping quarters they should be well protected from rain and dampness .-They should have a good range for exercise during the day, be allowed plenty of good drinking water, and so fed as to keep them growing through the summer. They will then be in prime condition for fattening in the fall, when they will prove themselves the most perfect mameat.

the country a good service by its investi-The reports of the commission show that swine are subject to many different and large districts avoided, if every farmer and breeder could be induced to adopt the best known methods of management. We can not change the laws of nature, seems to entitle it to commemoration. neither can we violate them with impunity. The best we can do is to study them carefully and profit by what they teach .- Berkshire Bulletin.

is driving a heavy business on the river plantations in Stewart County by selling finding some one credulous enough not only to believe her story, but also to a three dollar clock for twelve dollars agents taking a note in payment, paya-ble in the fall. Whenever practicable the Association on the occasion of the State Fair, to be holden in Columbia,

- The Asheville Citizen, of the 27th ult., says: "It is stated that there is a positive prospect of the completion of when he heard of the nomination of Gar- great English brewer, who turns out he Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad | field, that "It is all right; I am satisfied." this summer-that a compromise of the Then he went home. Gen. Grant is not year to furnish half of the whole human

A Very Strange Story.

In 1863 General Pemberton commanded at this point. Colonel Hemingway owned a faithful slave-Peyton by name -a noted negro fiddler, known for miles A discovery destined, in the opinion of Gen. Le Duc, to be of more value to the South than anything that has been previously done by the Agricultural Depreviously done by the Agricultu A discovery destined, in the opinion partment, has been made in relation to old "Carroll Rifles," he took Peyton along shape; but follow that woman home and eral gunboats then coming down the river on Fort Pemberton. Peyton at once
undertook the mission, and representing
Friday forenoon a lady was walking himself as a fugitive slave to the com-manders of the boats was well received. Came upon a cow. The animal was feed-ling bright far beyond ordinary, he

ments to Fort Pemberton.

After the fall of Vicksburg, in July following, Peyton went with his young master again to Virginia, where he remained until the surrender of General Lee. The former being compelled to re- mouth. main a number of days thereafter, in order to comply with the formalities of the | plied. surrender, sent Peyton ahead of him to his home, near Carrollton, Miss. On same as a horse. All they kin do is to his way, however, he was betrayed to the run their horns through you and pin enemy by some Confederate as the spy you to the ground." who had deceived them above Fort Pemberton, was captured and carried in irons to New York, thence to Cuba, and sold as a slave, together with many others. The vessel on which he was taken was a Federal gunboat. In Cuba he worked as a slave in factories for nearly fifteen years, being entirely cut off from all commade seven attempts to escape from bon-dage, all but the last, of course, being 'em they go to hunting fur clover." dage, all but the last, of course, being unsuccessful. Finally he found an American vessel, commanded by a Southerner, to whom be related the history of his capture, enslavement and forced exile, and wilt right down. Cows know who's boss begged to be returned to his home and family. The Captain secreted him in hold yer parasol while you spit on yer the hold of his vessel, carried him to hands." Costa Rica, thence to New York. Peywhere a number of ladies raised the means to return him to his home after an absence of seventeen years. He reachcame through Cincinnati on his way

The law does not specify that the central representation of the seed washed until all acidity distributed by the seed washed acidity distributed by the seed washed acidity distributed by the seed washed acidity distributed by the see igent negro, and says he can hardly re- mouth organ some more them married and with children of their

above given are from one of the most re-

If any one doubts the truth of this sto- strings. ry he or she can write to Captain B. F. Jones, Winona, Miss., or to C. Y. F. Merriwether, Oakland, Yalobusha County, same State. - Washington (Miss.) Ga-

THE CIPHER DISPATCHES .- We condemn nobody and we commend nobody South to apply a little common sense to the probable situation. Does the South its future peace and prosperity on the cases the odor of the leeks and garlic has cipher issue? What may betide the presented temptation strong enough to South under a "stalwart" House elected overcome political convictions." next November! Does the South hanker cape a crushing defeat, amounting wellnigh to annihilation under "the fraud
issue," if such a man as Mr. Bayard were
the Democratic nominee at Cincinnati?
with the word Democratic, he shortly af-Could not the Democracy, led by Mr. terwards received a notification of his Bayard, prevent the Republican leaders discharge, notwithstanding he was con-

The other question is: How, upon the facts as set forth in the report of the were or would be Republicans, dismissed Potter Committee and in the Tribune could the Democracy assume the aggres is dictated by those who acknowledge Mr. Pelton a leader in 1876?-New York

A BIRD EXECUTION .- About one hundred persons witnessed a curious spectacle at Lancingburg, N. Y., recently. It mostly upon the fact that as water could was nothing more or less than a bird execution. An English sparrow had by his theory, therefore, the earth must be a some means incurred the displeasure of a pair of red breasted robins, nested in place between the sparrow and robins on the rear of the roof of the Rawson Hall building. The sparrow fought pluckily until all at once one of the robins flew off while the other kept up the fighting. The robin messenger soon returned with chines the American farmer has ever a piece of cord that was soon wound found for the conversion of corn into around the sparrow's neck and the end held in the bill of one of the execution-The national government, through the department of agriculture, has rendered the country a good service by its investition. Thus situation of the ships as a pictogation into the causes of swine disease. ted the sparrow was comparatively help- rial lie. While antagonizing the theory less and in a short time hung suspended by the neck dead. After holding their bridge and China under America, he atvictim and picking him until assured he tempted no explanation of the fact that distinctly marked diseases. The most of these might be prevented or readily controlled, and their rapid spread over robins flew to their nest in the tree singwas beyond resurrection the victorious daylight at one point beheld darkness at ing merrily as though glorying over their vanquished foe .- Troy Press.

. "Has your husband shown encouraging signs of growth in the fear of the Lord?" asked a glergyman of a New En- lecture.—Baltimore American, gland woman, as they shared a social cup of tea. "Well," said the woman, "I kinder think he has, for I have lately It is reported that a clock company noticed that he never goes out on the been trying to hire Bismarck for a special Lord's day without a shot gun."

> - The Hon. D. W. Voorhees, United States Sepator from Indiana, has accepted the invitation of the Agricultural and Mechanical Association of South Carolina to deliver the annual oration before commencing on the 9th of November

A Boy, a Woman and a Cow.

It is now over one hundred years since and yet no one has ever succeeded in giv-ing a satisfactory answer. There is once as a trusted servant. He went with him | you will find that she kicks the dog, cuffs into Virginia and returned home in 1863. | the children, jaws her husband and knows In February or March of that year a how to sharpen a butcher-knife and use faithful spy was needed to visit the Fed- an axe. The real woman has a mortal

managed to secrete their official papers, the boy sent out to watch her sat under maps, &c., and escaped with these docu-

The cow looked up. "Lost anything, ma'am?" asked the boy as he removed the music from his

"What fur? Cows don't bite nor kick

"Oh, my! she's coming!"
"No, she hain't. She's just making believe that she wants to git at ye and

hook ye over the fence." "Oh, but I dare not pass !" "Yes you dare. Cows know when a woman is afraid just as quick as anybody. The minit you give cows to un-

derstand that you are able to catch 'em "Dear me, but I guess I'll go back !" "I wouldn't. If ye'll only spit on yer

just as well as men do. Now, then, I'll Oh! I can't—I'm going right home!"
"Well, my little brother he swears at 'em instead of spitting on his hand. See

"No-no-no! I'm going now!"
"If I was a woman and I couldn't

if you can do that,"

but I never heard of two cows attacking home he saw the man, and recognized a woman at once. I guess one generalhim, who sold her in Cuba. The facts | ly hooks 'em all to pieces first, and then the other comes up and paws at the manliable and responsible gentlemen in Mississippi, written to a distinguished mem. | gled emains. If you—"
The lady uttered a first class scream

ber of Congress from that State. Closing and made a jump for the nearest gate. It opened hard, and after one pull she "He was delighted to again meet his went over the fence and up the front wife, who had married in his long absence, though her second husband was until her husband could be summoned by

and this time a cabinet was broken open and robbed of valuable jewels and a ministure of the Queen. The thief proved be cheerfully volunteered, and is marked alize the changes that have taken place. bowie knife down the back of my neck, He left his children babes, and finds and the first cow that tried to hook me would feel that ere knife playing mumblety peg around her vicious heart-

> COERCING THE REVENUE OFFICIALS. -The Statesville Landmark says: "Within the past two or three years, as is well known, a number of Democrats have received appointments in the reve-nue service in the district. Very lately there has come 'from headquarters' a in the cipher business. We only ask the lot of blanks which are to be filled by answers to certain questions which are know or even suspect what the Tribune vice. Prominent among the questions is and the Republican leaders hold in reserve about South Carolina and Louisiana ated. Those, or several of those, who which has not yet been revealed? Does filled this blank with "Democrat" have the South think it wise or prudent to risk | been made to walk the plank, in other

> Among the officers to whom these for another possible dose of "red eyed questions were put, was Mr. John G. ruin?" There are two inquiries which we Young. He was told that the honorable wish the Southern Democracy would im- commissioner of internal revenue wished mediately and frankly meet and answer. to know the political status of every offi-One is, could the Republican party es- | cer in the service, and consequently he to learn, were any of those who said they -Charlotte Observer.

> > penter, late of London, lectured Thursday night in the Christian Tabernacle, George street, on "Zetetic Astronomy," as contrasted with the generally-accepted Newtonian system. Professor Carpenter's argument appeared to be based only occupy a level surface, according to plane. He undertook to disprove Professor Proctor's astronomical ideas, saying that he believed Proctor knew his theory was wrong, but would not ac-knowledge it. He attempted to prove the fallacy of the simple and well-known sea as illustrating the rotundity of the earth by stating that an aeronaut at the height of six miles could not distinguish a ship go down at all, but that at all times the horizon appeared on a level cated the fact that such nonsensical ideas as Newton's theory should be taught in the public schools, and hopes for complete reformation in this regard. There

> > learn that an American newspaper has correspondent with letters once a week. The story is that the proprietors offered the Prince \$2,509 an article, or \$130,000 a year, and to deposit beforehand two years' pay as earnest. It is added that Bismarck, though extremely amused, declined with the most serious courtesy, stating that he had already too many things to do.

- It takes 2,000 acres of land to raise the hops annually used by Bass, the