disagreeable is our north Georgia mud

We have apples and peaches, and here

are oranges and lemons and pineapples

and bananas. They have no winter here,

and we have the blazing hearthstone and

the old back log as a set off. They can

catch more fish here in half a day than

we can in a week, but we have more fun

in trying. They have lovely lakes and

the salt sea breeze, and we have springs

and gushing streams, and the snow the

beautiful snow. Take, it all in all I

reckon it is best for folks to be content

with their lot, especially if it is their lot

An Interesting Letter from Florida.

MR. EDITOR: According to promise I

will try to let the readers of your paper

have a look at Florida as I see it, and as

it really is. Only a short while ago I

in open air the year around, and the

some points, and not enough on others.

The fruit crops seem to be all that most

writers think Florida soil is capable of

oroducing, but not so. It can grow near-

ly if not all the crops that other States

do, though all of her lands are not as

fertile as a Western prairie. With dili-

supply ahead. This can only be attri-

buted to ignorance, because if people

would only observe the official reports

they would see and be surprised at the

rapid strides she is making, which could

not be done if she did not possess a solid

must need come to Florida to fully ap-

country coming here would see and un-

derstand as he wrote. Her resources are

almost wholly undeveloped and present

new fields for extensive operations, for

idle capital to be employed, and many

capitalists are taking advantage of them.

She is the oldest State in the Union, and

izing that she is on the back seat of ad-

vancement, she has set lively to work

it was \$30,000,000; in 1885, \$60,000,000.

Her population in 1880 was 269,000;

LENO, FLA., Dec. 17, 1885.

[Original.]

to live in north Georgia where I do.

THE FLORIDA TOWNS. Bill Arp on the Progress of Settlement Atlanta Constitution It takes a good while for a new settlement to get straightened out. These Florida towns are novelties in their ways. Cartersville, where we live, is but little larger than Sandford, but Cartersville is old and settled. You can find a hundred fine cows in Cartersville, but you can't find any cows at all down here. Everybody uses condensed milk. We wanted some fresh cow's milk for our sick boy. but it was not to be had in the town and we had to beg it in the country. It is not because they can't raise cows here but because they haven't begun. A druggist here has sent off for ten and says he is going to supply the town with milk. Merchants come here and there are much finer stores and stocks than in our Georgia towns, for these people are rich and dress fine and buy first class goods. Most every other house in town is a hotel or a boarding house or a real estate agency. Livery stables do well of course, for these people are moving but they don't care for anything. They haven't got to buy wood nor blankets and they can fish and whenever they want to do a day's work they can get a dollar and a half or two dollars for it. The darkey is not willing to work ahead of his wants. Nothing but necessity drives them to the use of their muscle. A very common cook woman gets from ten to fifteen dollars a month. I know a family that pays a man twenty dollars and a cook sixteen and a nurse twelve, and they are just average negroes-and the washing is all done outside. The washing for one person is a dollar a week. A heathen Chinee arrived yesterday and says he will reform all this laundry business if the Melican man will let him stay. Florida lives on canned goods. If you want anything outside it costs you dear. I priced chickens to-day and was asked a dollar a pair. Eggs are forty cents a dozen. Now why does not somebody go into the chicken business. A few do. and make money. Two farmers here make money selling milk, but there are only two. One man raises hogs, lots of hogs, they say 500 a year. They fatten on the crawfish and shell fish on the borders of the lake and grow to 300 pounds, but there is only one man at it. Some few who have hammock land raise vegetables for market and make money, lote of money. But most adventurers and get absorbed in that, not so much for the future profit in the oranges as for the increase in the price of the land after a young grove has been planted. They

plant and sell out and plant again. Most

everything is for sale, but not the beauti-

ful homes that the wealthy have estab-

lished on the lakes. These Florida

newspapers are crowded with lands for in 1885, 342,000; a gain of 76,000 in five sale. New towns spring up so fast they years, or an increase of about 27 per are hard run for names for them. Real estate agents are busy. Major Marks is the pioneer, the old reliable land man. Florida is thought also to be very unand does things on a big scale. He went healthy. To prove that it is one of the to Europe and has got lords and counts healthiest States, I will quote the mortuinterested in Florida and you can run ary statistics, which show that of 342,000 against one on the sidewalk and not persons, of all classes and ages, only 2.777 know it. Most of them are young and die. Rather a small ratio for a sickly sociable, and our boys don't say "Me Lord" nor "Your Grace," but hello Jack | country. This much is a little queer: that one in good health coming to Floror good morning Johnny Bull. Major Marks believes in advertising. On his ida is more than apt to be sick, more or less, till he becomes acclimated. On the return from England he called at the other hand, one in poor health improves office of the World in New York and from the date of his arrival. For conbargained for one day's issue of that sumption there is no safer harbor of great paper, and said he wanted every refuge if they come in the early stages. column in it devoted to Florida. They asked him ten thousand dollars, and he said he would give it and now he is as-

sessing the towns and railroads that want the West, and not half what the people to come into the pool, and I hear that day. Well, that is business and it pays. bere on a schooner from up North. But to 70 bushels. Rye averages about 25 division at Gettysburg the entire force sions are clonic or remittent, while in brick can be made here and that is bushels per acre. Wheat doesn't grow was decimated long before they got tetanus they are tonic or continuous. have always worn in battle I promised to another unoccupied field of industry. Insurance is high, very high, about six | yield from 8 to 25 bushels per acre. The per cent. notwithstanding they have a weevils eat it to a dust before it can be liar bearing of the men in the battles man suffering from tetanus, which was "While I sat by his side the sound of good system of waterworks. I was sur- worked. Sea Island cotton and upland wherein my regiment was engaged. For caused by sawing his thumb accidentally cannon outside the city was heard. He prised to find firewood so expensive. I do well. Upland yields a bale on from instance: When after the battle of with a woodsaw. He was attended, if turned to me eagerly and inquired what paid one dollar for one-eighth of a cord, 1 to 2½ acres. Sea Island is as much at Gaines' Mill (the second day of the the writer's memory is correct, by Dr. it meant. I explained that Gracy's bribut it was sawed up short for stove wood. home here as on the islands in the South seven day's fight in front of Richmond) McKim. Twelve hours before he died gade and other troops had moved out The surrounding lands are full of scrub. Sea. Its yield is from 350 to 550 pounds there were numbers of the Union dead the writer saw him in a spasm which against the enemy's rear on the Brook by pines but the owners make the timber per acre, or one bale to 3½ or 4 acres. and wounded around and about our was emphatically clonic—remitting after turnpike, and that Fitz Lee would ensell the land, and so wood is high. But Rice does almost as well here as in the bivouac, we did what we could for them a certain interval to such an extent as to deavor to oppose their advance at Meadafter all, living is not expensive, for a swamps of South Carolina and Georgia, in the way of giving water and medifamily can do without chickens and eggs yielding as high as 80 bushels per acre. cines, etc., but, as far as I can recall my The boy had never been bitten by a dog and exclaimed earnestly, 'God grant that on week days, and it takes but little wood | Pinders, or ground-peas as they are betto do them. Vegetables are cheap and ter known, should grow, I think, only in them than is usually done by spectators of hydrophobia. beef and venison are reasonable and fish Florida. Chufas and sweet potatoes are to a herd of slaughtered bullocks. cost nothing hardly. The people are grown for hogs, and are seldom market-

raising his boy as a model of juvenile propriety. Well, she stood it pretty well papers, Florida is a young heaven, but for them. for awhile, and then fired up and said: let it be remembered that there is bitter "Well, sir, you are not the first man I've | as well as sweet here. The advice I gige seen who knew exactly how to raise other to all is, if you are doing well enough, I have this much to say, that I never people's children. You just wait a few let well enough alone. If you have a saw more profanity than in the standing years and see which is the best boy, mine good home, stay there, for you wont bet- up of a regiment anywhere. A missionor yours. Now, take that, Mr. Smarty." ter yourself go where you will. This is ary would have but small chance for a Well, that is just so. I have itched all a good country for a poor man, a young conversion. It is distinctly in my memover to raise other people's children, and man or rich man, if he comes with the ory, for instance, that at the battle of I reckon other people wanted to raise expectation of working, for these words Williamsburg, and the battle of the mine. What will raise one child will hold as true here as elsewhere: "by the Seven Pines thereafter, the men in my perfect rule to go by we have not found

kind indulgence, I am, very respectfully, bulls of Bashan," and the file-closers, of

it out at my house.

Now, the older I grow the more I won-

der at the beneficent wisdom of Provi-

dence in scattering the good things of

this life all over the inhabitable world;

not all in one place, but a little here and

a little there, and all adapted to the place

and the people. There is no Eldorado.

- In this country a young man who made his living father a present of a coffin would get bounced out of the house, but in China it is the proper thing to do. Every father expects his son to give him as fine a coffin as he is able to no paradise, on the one hand, and on the

other no clime so miserable but what has buy. some blessings attached. We think this - Well-ventilated bedrooms will pre best action of our whole force. Florida sand is awful, and forget how vent morning headache and lassitude.

BRAVERY IN BATTLE.

How it Feels to Stand up and be Shot At.

From Washington Republican Many a time I have been asked, "How does a soldier feel when in actual combat?" From my personal experience I can only say that it depends upon circumstances. The feeling of vengeance is utterly absent in a close contest beduring our civil war the men never approached within twenty yards of each other-one side or the other giving way When it is considered that our rifles carried a ball nearly a mile, and that the tactics were to advance firing, it may be

I don't mean to say that there were no bayouet fights or actual personal encounters, but they were few and far between. them back. When they did occur it was with blind was in a snow-bound land. Now I am fury (for instance, on the occasion of in a sunny clime, where the flowers bloom. Pickett's charge at Gettysburg), where crossed bayonets and clubbed muskets were brought into play. There neither birds sing as merrily as if it were not winter : strange this seems, but nevertheside asked quarter nor gave it. It was a simple knock down and drag out fight, which may spread all over the country. in which the Virginians had to give way The newspapers of these localities teem because of the overpowering numbers and artillery brought against them.

A NEW EXPERIENCE. Now, I recollect distinctly (without naming the battles) that during the seven days' battles in front of Richmond in 1862 we were on the offensive. Before gence, however, one can acquire a good that we had been strictly on the defenaffluents) was densely wooded with scrub disease developing in the bitten person order regiments, and even companies, would be separated from each other in avoiding the obstacles to an advance. That sort of thing was very trying to mishers were out of sight of the main preciate all its qualities. There are no advance, and even when they met the two that come that see it alike. It seems outlying posts of the enemy the infantry line was not notified. Now, there was writer can describe so as one in a foreign a situation in which the best troops

It is of the subsequent battles, including all the battles of the army of Northern Virginia up to the campaign of 1864 that I can deal with. I recollect the preliminaries of two or three battles as distinctly as I do the events of yesterday, battle. There are three battles in which the last five years she has more than fighting was fierce and the loss on both doubled her taxable property. In 1880 sides heavy-those were Frazier's Farm, second Manassas and Seven Pines-I mean to state that in these battles our regiment lost most heavily. Before the latter of these battles some of my comrades were immediately behind the fight-

their blankets they were called into the fight by their officers. THE PASSION OF BATTLE. boys learn in the columns of the such as made by a sabre blow. The con-"Eneid"-when speaking of the soldier olement-"furor iraque mentem precipitant," had no exhibition in the contest of the war between the States, or between in lock-iaw. Any blunt instrument is these men in line of battle. The men calculated to give a wound liable to bring as a rule stood off and shot at long range on lockjaw. A rusty nail is an elegant at each other. When they got to close tool for that purpose. A dog's tooth is quarters, and they were fighting body to just as good as the nail. Now a singular gray horse, and you take the bay.' body and man to man, then of course, as confirmation of this theory is found in I have above stated, there were angry the remedy for traumatic tetanus, first passions developed by the contestants proposed, we believe, by the celebrated Agriculture doesn't pay as well as in which did not apply to the body proper Brown Sequard. He recut the lacerated of the armies on both sides in any occaought to make it pay them. The corn | sional engagement. In the old days it was shield to shield, and spear to spear, almost magical. and some lands produce upwards of 100 and sword to sword. The best man was who are there of their chimate and all average lands will produce. Oats make looking this way. They make right good average lands will produce. Oats make a singular noise in the flag was found this affection make a singular noise in the flag was found this affection make a singular noise in the flag was found the flag was flag was found the flag was fl bushels, but the first figures are what the he who was the strongest and most skilldemocrats when they get here and are a good yield. I believe they can be yards range. I don't know that I can their throats like the barking of a dog. grown better here than in any other joining the solid South. Sanford is a grown better here than in any other better give an idea of the improved They cannot swallow because of the wooden town. There is only one brick State. The yield per year is 20 to 40 methods of modern warfare than when I globus hystericus. The sight of liquids building in it an those brick were brought bushels per acre, and very often from 60 state that in the charge of Pickett's throws them into spasms. The convul-

I recollect well the bushing and crowdbright and cheerful and seem as happy ed, though if they were, would pay well. ing attendant upon an advance over the so called hydrophobia, the writer "The thought of duty was always upas they do anywhere. The ladies meet | Fine cigar tobacco is also grown, but not | rough ground. It was almost impossible | (with all due deference to the medical permost in his mind; and after listening on the sidewalks and stop at the gates extensively. Chewing tobacco cannot be to keep the alignment of a dress parade, fraternity, who are not yet a unit in to the distant cannonading for a few moand chat merrily and have a good social grown scarcely at all. Sugar cane, from and under the fire of the artillery gaps acknowledging there is such a disease ments, he said: 'Major, Fitz Lee may time, and the landladies are just as good which sugar and syrup are manufactured, were constantly being made in the ranks. and who invariably fail to cure it) that need you.' I understood his meaning, as their guests. There is no stiffness is grown by almost every farmer. In Friend and foe we pushed over, disre- in such cases the excision did not cleanly and pressed his hand in a last farewell. here. An old friend who called on us fact, almost every thing that is needed garding all appeals for help until we had divide the already lacerated nerves, but "As I left his chamber President before. In 1875 Mr. James A. Watson, was telling a lady how to raise her boy, for home consumption can be grown attained the summit of that which we still further tore and jagged them. At Davis entered. Taking the general's of Clover, whose family then resided in and was hinting that her boy needed here; but over one-half that is used is had been ordered to drive at by our all events, as the resources of surgical hand, he asked: 'General, how do you Yorkville, lost a child, aged three or four more raising than he was getting, and brought from the North, simply because generals. It is certainly a fact that, as a learning and the drugs of the pharma- feel? advised a little more of Solomon's pre- people are too lazy and indolent to grow rule, the men on the other side when they were drawn up to fight had a pretty pose in trying to cure alleged bydropho- die, if God and my country think I have er in the Bryant Sadler Commercial Judging from what one reads in the good inkling of the work mapped out bia, it would be worth the experiment of fulfilled my destiny and done my duty.' College, and he could not conveniently

> whom I was one at that time, had hard replied, wiping away a tear, "she's dead." non commissioned, they would crowd in carpets.

one of the hottest battles of the war, in 1862, the captain of a company told a Lust Moments of the Famous Confederate sergeant that the ammunition was giving

out. The sergeant left his position and Stuart received his wound during the darted for the ammunition train. He got his cartridges and started back, but on the way a shell exploded near him and ignited his cartridges, wounding and death, Maj. McClellan wrote the follow- of Potter Palmer's cushioned seats in lacerating him severely about the face and body. When he was lifted from under the debris the first question he asked was, "Did I get 'em in all right?" upon our extreme left, attacking our Now, it has been my fortune to have concerned, approached almost to the directed the mounted charge. My horse pen before the actual grapple of the yet a man flinch from his duty. When ride in the morning that I could not say he had not engaged me to write temfalling on every side, I never saw any of Dorsey, of company K, First Virginia I've been thinking about and everybody the rest of the men drop out to carry cavalry, gave me the particulars that ought to think of it. That's the cost. half years ago. - Yorkville Enquirer.

Hydrophobia.

The people of London, of New Jersey and of New York City are now being possessed of a panic in reference to mad dogs, which amounts to an epidemic and with editorial and news opinions on the subject of rabies and hydrophobia, which illustrate to a very high degree the old adage that doctors disagree, and exemplify how unreasoning may people be

Some physicians say that hydrophobia in man may be produced by the bite of a ivelihood and lay by a snug little sum sive. It was a new experience, too, to rabid dog twenty years after the bite. us, because before that period we had | Many people believe that if a dog is is that Florida is poor, so poor that one always been on the defensive. That killed immediately after biting an indicountry (the Chickahominy and its vidual there will be no danger of the underbrush, and in marching in battle And both many physicians and many persons believe that the bite of a dog not mad will produce hydrophobia.

The most singular feature of thi whole business is the acknowledgment by physicians that they cannot cure hydrophobia-thus confessing that nature gives a disease for which in no case she furnishes a remedy-a state of things absolutely without parallel in pathology. As physicians, however, do not cure any disease, this acknowledgment on their part should not drive any layman into a

The fact is, that a truly rabid dog is rarity almost as great as a black swan in the days of Horace. The countless stories we hear every day about policehas been in the background till only a and I recollect moreover how I felt when men killing mad dogs comes from policefew years ago, and has just waked up the order to strip for battle was given. men who are not appointed to their posiconduct of a regiment when in actual of this disease. Most physicians, when carried off the field. The wound, which for the proprietor. He was not in just brought down to facts, will candidly conand is moving to the front more rapidly I was engaged that especially recur to fess that they have never seen a case of than any of her sister States. Within my memory, for the reason that the hydrophobia, while all agree it is of rare

> called hydrophobia is either tetanus or hysteria or both. The danger lies not in the poisoned saliva of a dog, but in the shape of the dog's teeth. Baron Larrey, Napoleon's chief of surgeons, examined ing line, and before they could roll up many thousand cases of traumatic tetanus, and declared that every one resulted from a punctured or lacerated wound, such as made by a bayone; or sabre The old story to the effect that the thrust, and never from a clean-cut wound, sequent deduction was that, the nerves being lacerated, such irritation of the nervous system was produced as resulted nerves with a sharp instrument, so as to produce a clean cut. The effect was and return it to her. Send it to her.'

But along with tetanus is the disease here to much profit, though the lands within reach of the opposing batteries. The spasms in hydrophobia are clonic. give to Mrs. Lilly Lee, of Shepherdstown, I wish to give instances of the pecu- But the writer of this once saw a young Va. My sword I leave to my son.'

by a dog has sometimes failed in averting | world.' copies have been exhausted to no pur- "He replied: 'Easy, but willing to Watson was living in Baltimore, a teachtetanus, combined with proper treatment | Brewer whether it was not possible for | and in his absence only temporary burial

- "What a farmer needs in this world to be successful," remarked Deacon Hayseed, "is a good wife. Then he's all right. My wife could get up in the feed six horses, git breakfast for twenty hands, and be all ready for a day's work deacon?" he was asked. "Oh, no," he

order was given them to advance they of consumption says that the disease is of your age." "No, pa, but you've Mr. Jeffreys to remove the lid covering were quiet enough; but thereafter, in often inherited because the heir has growed a heap since," spite of all orders, abjurgations, and taken for his personal use the decedent's prayers of the officers, commissioned and old mattresses, upholstered chairs and

toward the centre, and thus were ren. - Lay the green peel of cucumbers dered in a measure incompetent with the where the cockroaches will get at it. They will cat greedily of the poisonous Again I recollect that in the middle of juice and die.

Wilderness campaign, which opened said a newspaper man, who does railroads May, 4, 1864. Soon after the general's and night police, as he dropped into one ing letter to Mrs. Stuart: "About 4 the rotunda of the hotel. Of course o'clock the enemy (at Yellow Tavern) there was a laugh. There always is a suddenly threw a brigade of cavalry vhole line at the same time. As he always did, the general hastened to the point where the greatest danger threatened-the point against which the enemy was so much exhausted by my severe himself in a small way, and he might keep pace with him, but Capt. G. W.

battery on the left of the line, and drove and collected, and among these the genexample held them steady, while the five years. I don't think the habit is

more service. Capt. Dorsey told him one. Our men were sadly scattered, and there was hardly a handful of men

had rather die than be whipped." suffering. He directed me to make the proper disposal of his official papers, and to send his personal effects to his wife. "'I wish you to take one of my horses, gleamed a gorgeous diamond. Upon his

and Venable the other. Which is the little finger blazed another. I looked at "I replied that I thought Venable was. had spent my last ten cents, and would

"'Then,' said he, 'let Venable have the be compelled to borrow to see me through "Soon again he spoke:

"'You will find in my hat a small my poor salary went to keep up this Confederate flag, which a lady of Colum- style, and how much interest I had in bia, S. C., sent me, with the request that those diamonds and furs and sleigh and I would wear it upon my horse in a battle bang-tailed horses? Then I began to

instructions, for I had never seen any drinks to the gallon of whisky, and that is in human nature to yield. In the rocalled hysteria. Patients suffering from such decorations upon his hat. But the average bar whisky cost three dollars mantic courting days the love-making is within its lining, stained with the sweat

his head aside, he said with a sigh : Now, as excision of the parts bitten " But I must be prepared for another

"During the afternoon he asked Dr. leave his business to attend the funeral him to survive the night. The doctor was given the body, awaiting his return frackly told him that death was close at home to secure a permanent burial lot in

be God's will; but I would like to see cemetery grounds, since which time he my wife. But God's will be done. has bought a lot and on last Friday in mornin' at four o'clock, milk fifteen cows, Soon after this he passed away."—Book company with Mr. J. Ed. Jeffreys and

afore six o'clock. That's what I call a by the foolish questions of his little son. burial case—a Fisk metallic—was raised "Johnny, you are a great source of an- from the grave, and a natural desire to noyance to me." "What's the matter, look upon the face of the child which pa?" "You ask so many foolish ques- died and was buried in the father's to women. It is like the practice of first whom I was one at that time, had hard whom I was one at that time, had hard work to keep them in order. Before the A recent investigator into the causes work to keep them in order. Before the would turn away colored guests on actions. I wasn't a big donkey when I was absence, prompted Mr. Watson to ask them for being spoiled.

- A dog fancier estimates the number standing near, but observing a film on of dogs in New York city and its suburbs at 500,000.

HE SWORE OFF. A Few Sensible Reasons For a Very Sensi-

laugh at a New Year's promise, and

particularly that of a New Year's man.

"No, boys, I've got some ideas on this

to give 'em to you. If either one perance lectures. But I'll tell you what Now, I've got too much sense to take up "The enemy's charge captured our the temperance racket from any sentimental idea, nor will I prate about the back almost the entire left. Where moralistic side of it. Leave that to the Capt. Dorsey was stationed, immediately platform cranks and blue ribbon idiots. on the telegraph road, about eighty men My standpoint is one of practicality. What does the tippling habit cost? eral threw himself, and by his personal have been a moderate drinker for twentyenemy charged entirely past their posi- growing on me. I know I am in no tion. With these men he fired into their danger of the gutter or tramphood. My flank and rear as they passed him, in health is perfect, my mind clear and advancing and retreating, for they were active, and, physically and mentally met by a mounted charge of the First considered, my seven or eight drinks a Virginia cavalry, and driven back some day or more on occasions seem to have had been dismounted in the charge, and poor." With this the newspaper man was running out on foot, turned as he stretched his legs and looked at his passed the general, and, discharging his friends, who were all his juniors. They pistol, inflicted the fatal wound. When hardly realized his poverty, for he was Capt. Dorsey discovered that the general well dressed and known to be a gentlewas wounded, he came at once to his man. "Fact." he said, "I am poor and assistance, and endeavored to lead him to in debt. Of course, you know the craft the rear, but the general's horse had does not get princely incomes, but they become so restive and unmanageable that get enough to save something from. The he insisted upon being taken down and difficulty is not so much lack of income. as lack of prudence in handling it. Do "When this was done, Capt. Dorsey | you know what led me into this train of thought? I'll tell you. I went into one of the best saloons the other morning to return to his men and drive back the get a cocktail. I was a little shaky and enemy. He said he feared that he was needed it. I had just twenty five cents. mortally wounded, and could be of no I got my ten cents change, and then I leaned up against the rail and looked that he could not obey that order: that around. I saw pictures that were elehe would rather sacrifice his life than gant. I saw mirrors reflecting and duleave him until he had placed him out of plicating them. I saw the most magnifiall danger. The situation was an expos- cent cut glass and silverware. I saw wood carvings, marble things, gorgeous tapestries, frescoes, and, speaking to a between that little group and the advanc- young man present, the barman said that ing enemy. An ambulance was pro- it had cost nearly \$60,000 to supply this cured and by great exertions Stuart was one place with these things. I looked was in the kidneys, gave him excruciat- then, but his magnificent family sleigh ing pain. "As he was driven from the stood outside. It bore tufted plumes and field he noticed the disorganized ranks of the horses were banged tails and Russian his retreating men and called out to arches of silver gongs. The coachman them: "Go back! go back! and do your wore a green coat with great pot metal duty, as I have done mine, and our coun- disks for buttons, and a huge sealskin try will be safe. Go back! go back! I cap that cost more than mine. And then, as I looked, I began to think. I Stuart was taken to Richmond, where, turned to the bar and said inwardly, 'I'll on the morning of the 12th Maj. McClel- put up the other ten cents and get a lan saw him as he lay dying. He was cocktail.' The young man who made it calm and composed, in the full possession attracted my attention. He was one of of his mind. Our conversation was four who was dealing out the brain's however interrupted by paroxysms of poison. He was young, strong, stalwart. His dress was immaculate, his linen faultless, his hands soft and white; his whole appearance suggested the freshness of early spring. In his polished shirt

> of clothing, the costliest of underwear, and the intoxication of love sober into silken and cashmere; how their shoes the tranquility of friendship. It is a crook. I boots cost from \$12 to \$20 a pair, great matter to get safely through the and how I had to tramp around with soft | cooling process. The danger is that patches. And the more I thought the when it begins, one or the other, or both, madder I got, and I have made up my | ignorant that its cause lies in the nature mind to leave no more of my money with of things, may throw the blame on an these gentlemen who live so easily and innocent partner, and in his or her sweet luxuriously, and whose gorgeous liveli- heart sigh over the misfortunes of a hood costs them not an hour's worry. dreary union. This would not happen Others may and will order drinks, no so frequently as it does if, as is not often doubt, but from me the saloons and their the case, the husband and wife were to gorgeous proprietors have got their last sober down at the same rate. As a rule dollar. This is my little Christmas tem- the lady will hold on to the tender loveperance lecture, boys. Try and profit by | making much longer than the gentleman. it." - Chicago Herald.

the week. Then reflection went still

further, and I asked myself how much of

look at the profits of the business, and

A Coffin Explodes.

like of which, perhaps, was never known

years, by death. At that time Mr. the cemetery. This was not practicable "He then said: 'I am resigned, if it until recently, on the extension of the - A father was very much annoyed etery to remove the body to his lot. The the glass panel over the face. The lid

was unscrewed and removed, all three

in the house an explosion of gas ensued. shattering the glass, which was } inch thick into numberless fragments, several striking Mr. Watson in the face, cutting it severely. One piece struck the bridge of the nose, cutting entirely through it, A few pieces of the glass also struck Mr. Jeffreys, but he was not seriously hurt. expansion by the warmth of the sun of the gas formed in it. The report of the mite cartridge and was noticed by persons on Main street, more than a quarter flowers on the breast seemed to be nearly

as fresh as when buried twelve and a Judge Rice Was Solid. Mr. Randall writes the Augusta Chronicle that somebody has given him the facts of Judge Sam Rice's petition for pardon to Andrew Johnson, the then President, The judge was much alarmed and asked Mr. William Dickson to write out the document and he would sign it. Dickson, who was a good deal of a wag and perfectly acquainted with the judge's facility for being every thing by turns and nothng long, consented. The next day the ocument presented made Rice stare. It is impossible to quote it at length, but some of the salient points were these: "Your petitioner, Samuel F. Rice, now of Montgomery, Alabama, was born in South Carolina. There he, Gamaliellike, sat at the feet of John C. Calhoun, the apostle of the pestilent doctrine of nullification, and, being of a sensitive and confiding disposition, imbibed his heresies, which your petitioner now repudiates and deplores. Your petitioner, when he moved to Alabama, was a secessionist, but a peaceable one. He was prominent in talking disunion, but harmless in Southerners could whip the Yankees with cornstalks, but the Yankees would not fight in that way. While he helped send many men into the army, as an lawyer. Your excellency remembers a certain William Shakspeare declared that "the quality of mercy is not strained." The president of the republic must British gold. Your petitioner has been on and off, but more often off than on, a member of the Methodist church, and your excellency as a brother-in-the Lord, your petitioner been in Tennessee when your excellency ran for governor, he would have voted for you early and often, Your petitioner has at been at one time or another on every side of every quesright occasionally. Your excellency can select the time when you thought him right and consign the balance to oblivion and forgiveness. Your petitioner is not a singist, but sometimes joins in a chorus. If your excellency shall graciously pardon him, he will agree to assemble daily a glee club of loyal colored men and help them intone sonorously and fervently 'The Star Spangled Banner,' 'The Flag of the Union" and 'John Brown's Body.' These will be the cherished doxologies while he remains or he prethis chap, and I began to reflect that I

serves his abnormal consistency." Judge Rice appreciated the humor of this instrument, but could not stomach it. He said: "Billy, you are too hard on me, I can't sign any such document

Before and After Marriage.

"I was at loss how to interpret these remembered that there were sixty average men expect more from marriage than it "Again he said: 'My spurs which I how few of these gentlemen had even a the warm, youthful moments. But such It is the man that cools and the wife that

> Among the causes of evil lying nearer the surface there is our system of courtship, which seems as if especially designtive to the object of one's affection is man. But, according to custom, the quences, melancholy farce. And when that they should. Yet in getting them for a time, women are taught to expect them forever. The arrangement is cruel

> - The last distinct words spoken by Robert Toombs were (turning to a relative): "Lend me one hundred dollars."

— An Indian and a Chinaman are partners in the stationery business in a material for cleaning it off. The Doctor would like to know everything, and the making it than any merchant is to be finds that, like everything else it is easy enough when you know how, and one of the most fascinating of all field sports. cloth for this purpose and while he was other thinks he can tell him.

A Chapter of Questions to Puzzle the Old and Young,

When are secrets like the sails of a ship? When they get wind.

What is that which goes when a wagon coes, stops when a wagon stops, is of no use to the wagon, and yet is what the

vagon cannot go without? Noise. Why are the stars the oldest astrononers? Because they have studied (studded) the heavens for ages.

greasy? When the rain is dripping. Why is snow more easy to be understood than any other sort of weather? Because it is the only one of which you

can see the drift Why does a chicken three weeks and wo days old walk across the road? To get to the other side.

Why are your nose and your chin coustantly at variance? Because words are constantly passing between them. Why is the letter G like the sun?

Because it is the centre of light. What is that which occurs once in ninute, twice in a moment, but not once n a thousand years? The letter M.

Why is coffee like an axe with a dull dge? Because it must be ground before

Why does a cook make more noise than a bell? Because one makes a din but the other makes a dinner.

When has a man four hands? When e doubles his fists. Where is happiness always to be found? n the dictionary.

How can a boy make his jacket last? By making his waistcoat and trousers

Why do little birds in their nests agree? Because if they did not they

Why are fowls the most profitable thing to keep? Because for every grain Why is a coal charity the best of all

charities? Because it makes the receiv-Why is the horse the most humane of all animals? Because he gladly gives

the bit out of his mouth, and listens to have, and which everyone wishes to get rid of directly he obtains it? A good

When is a man not a man? When he

Why is it an amiable and charming girl like one letter in deep thought; another on its way towards you; another bearing a torch, and another singing psalms? Because she is A-musing, B-coming, D-lighting, N-chanting.

What is the best kind of shooting in Winter? To have coals shot into your

What is the difference between a hungry man and a glutton? One longs to eat, and the other eats too long.

On what toe does a corn never come

Why is the port of Plymouth like a very wonderful phenomenon in acoustics? Because it includes a part of the sea called the Sound, and that is the only sound that you can see.

What pudding makes the best cricketer? A good batter.

How many ants make a landlord? When is it dangerous to walk in the

country? When the hedges are shooting, and the bul (1) rushes out. Why are ripe potstoes in the ground

like thieves? Because they ought to be Why is a bookbinder a most charitable person? Because he often covers a mul-

What is the difference between an apt quotation and a shut up lancet? One is

a case in point, and the other is a point Why is a cabstand like a lawyer's desk

Why are fishermen and shepherds like

Civil Rights at the North. Nobody will deny that the exclusion of colored concert company from a hotel in Troy is an outrage, and that the excluded singers are entitled to feel the resentment and indignation which they express. But it is also true that the out. chicken, this time to the left. The right. rage is one of a kind against which the hand man knocked it over, and at the victims seem to be absolutely without remedy. Neither in legislation nor in all sides. The left hand man gets public opinion is there any hope of both barrels and knocks down two bird

The trouble is that the case is one which almost everybody judges in one way when it is presented to him as an abstract question and in a very different way when it confronts him in the con- blank," as they term it, and sometimes would have denounced the guests of any other hotel who refused to sit at the same able with cleanly and decent negroes, less denounced them when the reports of

andlord of this Troy hotel for refusing more engages in the business of keeping to "mark down" a covey and follow them a hotel than in any other business for the purpose of vindicating the rights of man. He engages in it for the purpose man. He engages in it for the purpose ing. The intelligent and admirable of making money, and it is his right, as working of the dogs, the intense exciteit is his interest, to make his hotel at- ment of the moment when the birds are who, for any reason or for no reason, are offensive to the classes upon whose favor cessful shot, give it fascination hard to he must rely for his living. There are very few landlords-it may be doubted The novice, although he may be a very whether there are any in this State—who good shot at other kinds of game, is very count of their personal prejudices against | that it does not seem possible to miss a the African race. They dislike to receive bird, and he is very apt to shoot almost such guests simply because they believe without aim. After a few misses, however, he finds that they fly like an exthat by entertaining them they will lose more than they will gain. Even sup- sights of the gun, and quickly, too. requested Dr. Allison to procure some - The difference between a "country" posing the calculation to be erroneous, a After that his luck improves, and he

blamed for acting upon an opinion with Houston Post.

he loses money. And no reasonable person will be apt to say that this particular calculation is erroneous.

There is a dispute about the facts in this case, as appears by our dispatches, but there can be no dispute about the public feeling. A hotel or a theatre in this city to which it was generally understood that negroes were admitted on the same terms with whites would be in danger of being abandoned to the negroes. This fact shows the folly of attempting to legislate against so impalpable and irresponsible a thing as a race prejudice. You may pass laws to prevent a hotel keeper or a theatrical manager from discriminating against colored persons, but you cannot bring the law to bear on their white customers. That being the case, it is an obvious injustice to coerce the landlord or the manager into defying a prejudice which he may not himself share, but which be assuredly cannot overthrow. The lot of an educa ted and refined colored man or woman in this country is very hard. It cannot be ameliorated by legislation, being a How many sticks go to building a subject appropriate for sermons. Aprow's nest? None, because they are peals to humane and Christian feeling are entirely in order. They may not be effectual, but they will do quite as much

Prairie Chickens.

Houston boasts of quite a large num-

ber of Nimrods who go out almost daily

to hunt prairie chickens and other game.

Prairie chicken shooting has the prefer-

ence over most hunting sport, for the

good as penal laws .- New York Times

reason that it requires carefully trained dogs and a sufficient practice with the gun to shoot "upon the wing" without a moment's warning. The prairie chicken is an accommodating bird and may be hunted in pleasant weather; and this fact may partially account for the ardor with which it is pursued. Chicken shooting, however, is a fascinating sport in itself, the game being very strong of wing, and exceedingly palatable. Daylight finds the hunters-for they generally, like their dogs-hunt in pairsleaving the farm house where they have passed the night. At the word of command the dogs leap into the wagon, and a few moments' drive brings the hunters to a "likely field." The hunters alight, slip a cartridge into each barrel of their guns and turn into the field. The dogs are eager for the sport to begin, and at the words, "Hunt'em up," and a wave of the hand, spring out into the stubble each side of the field. The dogs work from the edge of the field to the center cross, keep on to the other edge, return and cross again, covering the field in ever varying and irregular circles. Now and then one pauses and snuffs the wind blowing down the field, or turns quickly aside from his course and follows up for a few yards an old scent in hope of finding it grow stronger. Suddenly one of them, running at full speed in long elastic bounds, with ear and tail waving as he leaps, falls flat on his belly as if paralyzed and remains motionless as a stone. Quick as is the movement, the other dog has also crouched and is pointing at the first dog, "backing him up" with implicit confidence, though the scent may not have reached his keen nostrils. The sagacious animals turn their heads and look back at their masters with intelligent eyes, as if to say: "Hurry up: here they are!" The men move rapidly and noiselessly up to the" first dog. The intelligent animal, who has not moved a muscle except to turn his head and look back, rises slowly and crouchingly to his feet, and with nose extended steals slowly forward, intelligence and wary caution expressed in every movement of his eloquent body. His feet are lifted and put down like paws of velvet, and his progress is noiseless and as true as the needle to the pole. The hunters follow carefully close behind, guns cocked and ready for use. Down goes the dog as though shot dead, and this time he does not dare to

look back, tremor of his body giving

warning that he can go no further with

out walking into the covey. The men

take one, two steps-whiz, whirr, three

birds rise-two to the left, one to the

right. Bang! bang! bang! The man

on the right kills his bird, the man on the

left kills with the first barrel and misses

with his second barrel. Neither hunter

nor dogs stir a step. The left-hand man

breaks his gun, draws out the discharged

shells and slips fresh ones in their places.

While he is loading up rises a fourth

discharge of his gun the chickens rise on

They reload, and the dog is told to "h

'em up." If the birds are plenty and

the stubbles in good condition, the

chances are that a covey will be in each

stubble-field. Hunters often "draw a

two coveys are found in one field. The

coveys vary widely in size; sometimes as

and alone with a field all to himse The chickens in different coveys also be-

have differently. At times they will get

up singly, and in such a case two shoot-

ers will get nearly the whole covey. At

shooting to make each of the four bar-

from the field to field, unless they fly

To a novice the sport is wildly excit-

press train, and must be covered by the

into the corn, when pursuit is hopeless