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TEACHERS'GOLUMN

1. G. CLINKSCALES, EDITOR.

Miss Carrie Watkins is doing a good work at Denver. Her school is not large, but is well managed and thoroughly taught. Her patrons are fortunate in securing her services, and would do well to keep her as long as possible.

We are glad to know that Miss Olivia Newton has again taken charge of a school near her father's home. She has almost entirely recovered from her severe affliction, and will doubtless do as faithful work as she ever did in the school-

Miss Nannie Harkness, after a sojourn in Texas, returns to Aderson County, S. G.; and is ready to take charge of some school in the county. Miss Nannie i well educated and did first class work as a teacher before she went to Texas. Any soldiers fought so bravely. But it will community would do well to employ her. take up too much time and space to

Last Monday many of the teachers returned to their school-rooms with anxious hearts. They will be anxious to know how their pupils passed through the trials and temptations of the Christmas holidays. What have you done to prepare your pupils for the pleasant rereation of the holidays? Did you warn them of the guicksands? You will find it hard for the first two or three days to get them to fix their minds on lessons. See that your patience is equal to the emergency. Don't forget that you were once a child. You may utter a word now that would start some boy on an upgrade with momentum enough to take

work. The once stubborn preference for male teachers is fast giving way in this country. Occasionally one hears the remark. "I want a man teacher; I don't want to send my boys to a woman teacher." We do not hesitate to repeat what we have often said : The best work done in the schoolrooms of Anderson County is done by females. Our readers may believe us, or not, as they like, but we know whereof we speak. Many persons, especially those who classify teachers according to their number of pounds, avodupois, think a lady is unfit for the scool room because of her inshility to whip hard enough. Without reasoning at all, they conclude that for that reason alone the boys will disrespect and disobey her. Facts do not warrant such a conclusion. The best not warrant such a conclusion. Ine best regulated schools are not always taught in man fat or lean strong or weak "it is as follows: I am as likely a negro at or lean, strong or weak. The rod is absolutely necessary in its place and sometimes is indispensable . the rod, indeed, may awe's boy and secure into slavery. I am worth \$1,500. You compliance with Medo-Persian rules and regulations, but it is only the tender symsell me and I will do what is right with von." pathy and magnetic touch of a woman that can secure that obedience which is His proposition took my breath away at first, it was so startling. worthy of the name-that which springs "Do you want to go back into slavefrom a love for the excellence of the v ?" I asked, astonished. spirit in anthority. Give a lady the support of the patrons and she will control "And yet you want to be sold ?" the school. A child that is controled at "Sure, sir, but I'se a likely nigger, and home, that obeys his parents because he I'll soon be back on your hands again." loves them; will seldom give the teacher I reasoned with the fellow in vain. trouble. If many of those parents who He knew no way of making money so are constantly objecting to "woman easily as being sold. I hesitated to apchers" would teach their children the pear in the role of slave dealer. I was great lesson of obedience at home before opposed to slavery in every form, but as they reach the school age, the demand I thought over the subject I concluded for "man teachers" would cease. In the there would be nothing wrong in selling North, the female teachers so far outthe man, and at the last moment yielded number the males, that all the school to his wishes and took him with me. journals, in speaking of teachers, inva-Upon arriving at New Orleans I at riably use the pronoun "she" and "her." once proceeded to the slave market. Patience is the one element that more which in 1847 was one of the principal than any other insures success in the business places of the city. I made my school-rooms : where do you find that object known, and the next afternoon I element more distinctive than among was informed the sale would take place. famales? I gave Charley-that was his first name

BILL ARP and I think, made a lasting impression on us all. He closed by saying to the Discourses on the Day we Celebrate. children: "You have splendid advan-

ing the children."

tages here and should make good use of well supplied with everything necessary. and have a good teacher." That, of course, was encouraging to me, and I intend to make myself worthy of the compliment. I spent my holidays in the City by the

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Sea, but words and pen are insufficient to express my enjoyment of that trip. especially my visit to Sullivan's Island on the water. When I beheld the grand way, but when he got tired of me, his Africans come down to crocodiles and make their marriage vows. When made

old ocean, my heart was filled with inexpressible awe and reverence, and I felt ike bowing in adoration to the Great Being who presents so many grand and as though I wasn't there. sublime objects for the human eye to

look upon. We went to the summit of Ft. Moultrie. where our great and noble Jasper acted his part so faithfully, and where our own

that I visited.

On next Monday"I expect to resume my duties in the school-room with renewed vigor and determination. I bincerely hope that this may be a year of unusual prosperity and success to you

Normal Institute. With best wishes I am, respectfully, LELIA BROWNE.

Sold Himself as a Slave.

Sitting at the Grand hotel last evening I heard one of the strangest romances of him through the year, or you may speak modern times-strange because it was one word that will spoil a whole year's true, says a writer in the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette. How do I know it was true? Well, the man who told it is

one of Ohio's wealthiest citizens and a man who does not tell what he is unable to substantiate. But to the story. As near as I now remember, it ran as fol-In 1847 I was a steward on the Golden Age, one of the finest passenger boats that plied between Cincinnati and New

"No, indeed. I does not," he answered.

Orleans. It was in the days before railroads and telegrams and when slavery was at its prime. Well, one day a strapping negro entered my office, just as we were about to sail, and asked me how I would like to go into a speculation with him that would make us a good deal of money. I was young then and willing to do most anything to make money that was honest, and I told him to proceed.

houses, and stayed there for twelve days. covered with dew drops, but Loki, that Nations have superstitions just like mean old hussy, wouldn't shed a tear. individuals have them. The Persians The poor, innocent mistletoe shed floods When I was a little boy, I had a great them. You have a good school-room deal of curiosity. There was a kind, had their genii and fairies; the Hindoos of tears that were so full of pity the tears good-hearted blacksmith who kept a their rakshar; the Greeks and Romans turned to white, pearly berries, and so shop on the street, and I used to stop had all sorts of wonderful gods and god- the mistletoe has for centuries been rethere and look at him work, and if he esses, such as Jupiter, and Juno, and garded as an evergreen of love and pity,

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would watch him as he heated and ham- they built temples for them to dwell in. rel in our Christmas decerations. For a mered, and heated again, and then put The more learned and enlightened a long time it was believed that a promise borax on it and hammered again, and at people are the more sublime are their made under a mistletoe bough was sacred every chapge I would ask, "What did superstitions. The uncivilized Indians and would certainly be performed. And you do that for ?" For awhile he hu- are mystefied and "see God in clouds, so it was a common custom for lovers to mored me and would explain in a simple and hear him in the wind." The native stand under it on Christmas night and

reply was sure to be, "Oh, I did that just serpents and owls for their gods. Some that way, they did not care to break to please the children," and he would of the negro tribes take a higher grade them for it was like breaking an oath hammer away and hum a little tune, just of animals and set their faith in brer fox before heaven. and brer rabbit, as uncle Remus has told

Well, he told the truth, though per- you. When I was a boy we could tell and all they could do was to bury his haps he didn't realize it, for he had a house full of little chaps and all his hard the stories they told us in their cabins at nies.

work was for them. That good old night; and good negroes always told us Now, children, these superstitions are blacksmith was next to the best man I funny cheerful stories about the tar baby, all fancy, as you know, and yet it is huever knew, and to this day I never think and the bear and the bee tree, and about hum nature to love them. We are all of him but what I call to mind that ex. foxes and wolves; but the bad negroes fond of anything that is marvelous, espespeak of the different places of interest pression, 'Just to please the children"- told us about witches and ghosts and cially if it turns out well for the good.

hammer on the anvil, it seems to me to bloody bones. I used to listen to them we rejoice with Alibaba who outwitted be saying "pleasing the children, pleas- until I didn't dare to look around and I the forty thieves, and with Aladdin who

though they don't realize it and if they But what about the evergreens, the holly although we know it never happened. did they would hardly acknowledge it with you all at the next meeting of the It is emphatically the great business of Christmas tree. That is a curious histo- umph over bad, and on this heavenly this sublunary life. We look ou with ry, too, and it all came from the poetry trait in our humanity is our goverment amazement at the busy crowds in the and romance that belongs to our nature. and our social system aforesaid.

town and cities that are ever going to Evergreens have for ages been used as You know all about St. Nicholas and and fro, and the most of them are work- symbols of immortality. The victors Santa Claus, and where that pleasant ing and struggling to please and main- returning from the wars were crowned superstition came from, but the traditain children. It is the excuse for all with them; chaplets of green leaves and tions of the Germans about the good the mad rush of business that hurries vines were made for the successful ones Knight Rubert are just as good, and, I mankind through the world. It is the at the alympic games. The poets of think, are more stimulating to the chilapology for uearly all the stealing and Scripture tell us of green bay trees and dren. In every village Knight Rupert cheating and lying in the land. One the cedars of Lebanon. Churches and comes out just after twelve o'clock, and time a man sold me a Poland China sow temples have been decorated with them nobody knows where he came from. He for \$15 and she eat up \$5 worth of chick- for centuries. Evergreens have always has a beautiful sleigh and four fine ens the day I got her, and when I asked had a poetic prominence in the vegetable horses, all dressed up in silver spangles him why he didn't tell me she was a kingdom. We all love them, for they and silver bells, and he dashes around chicken eater, he smiled and said he cheer us in midwinter when there are no from house to house and calls out the thought I would find it out soon enough. other signs of vegetation to gladden our mother and whispers something to her He spent the money on his children and longing eyes. The poet Southey wrote a and she whispers something to him, and so I had to forgive him. Sometimes beautiful poem to the holly tree, and he bows his head and wags his long gray

when I ruminate upon the meanness of tells us of something that perhaps you beard and dashes away to the next house. we grown up folks, I wish that the chil- never noticed. The green leaves have You see he is going around to find out dren would never get grown, for they sharp prickly points only about five feet from the mothers which ones of her childon't get very mean or foolish until they

Now the biggest part of all this Christmas business is to please the children. Of course there is service in the churches, and the good, pious people celebrate the day in prayer and devotion, but most of it is for the children. The stores are thronged with parents hunting something for them. The Christmas trees are

was upsetting an axe or laying a plow, I Hercules, and Vulcan, and Neptune, and and is mingled with the ivy and the lau-

But Baldur's soul was not released, the difference in the negro character by body with great and imposing ceremo-

and every time I hear the clank of a Jack o'-lanters, and raw head-and- We love to read the Arabian Nights and

got up closer and closer to the fire, and found the wonderful lamp. Just so we Pleasing the children is about all that when my brother called me I had to be rejoice with Cinderella for marrying the the majority of mankind are living for, carried to the house in a negro's arms. prince, and we take comfort in it, and laurel and ivy and mistletoe and the It is human nature to want good to tri-

> ove the ground and above that there dren have been good and which ones. are no prickly points to annoy you. have been bad so as to know what pres-These barbed leaves near the ground are ants to bring and how many. If the

to protect the beautiful tree from the cat good mother says sorrowfully, "Well, tle. Above the reach of the cattle the Knight Rupert, my Tom has not been a leaves are pointless and have beautiful good boy ; he is not kind to his sisters red berries clustered among them. and he is selfish and has fights with other boys, and he won't study at school, but I "But as they grow where nothing is to fear" "Smooth and unarmed the pointless leave hope he will get to be better; so please

Charles Dickens wrote a pretty song bring Tom some little thing, wou't you." the disaster is as yet unknown. She is obliged to tell the truth on all her "A dainty plant is the ivy green Creeping where no life is seen." children, and it goes very hard with her sometime. So after Knight Rupert has But the strangest history is about the been all around he drives away about dark and nobody knows where he went to. That night he brings the presents directions on the same track caused a while the children are all asleep, and telescope as clean and disastrous as has sure enough Tom don't get anything. ever been witnessed. The engines were Now that is what they pretend to believe, run into each other as one stove pipe fits but of course Knight Rupert is some good jolly fellow about town, and he is was a mass of brass, iron and steel. At bundled up and disguised and cuts up just such a figure as old Santa Claus does in the pictures. The year is almost gone and all of us

caves and hollow trees and deserted wept, and the earth and the grass was An Awful and Fatal Crash of Trains. Religion in War Times. At the banquet given Saturday night BALTIMORE, Jan. 4 .- The officials of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad state in honor of Judges Key and Trewhitt, that a collision occurred at two o'clock Col. Lewis Shepherd made a request his morning between the passenger train seconded by all of the gentlemen present. which left Baltimore at nine o'clock yes- that Mr. Templeton, of the Knoxville erday morning and a freight train com- bar, who was present, an incident which ng east. Engineers and firemen of both occurred during the war in north Geortrains were killed, and a number of gia. Mr. Templeton kindly consented, passengers in the forward car were and related the following in a most effecinjured. The collision occurred at Re- tive and touching manner, elicting the public, a village a few miles from Tiffin, most generous applause at his conclus-Ohio. The headquarters of that divis-

ion is at Newark. Ohio. The accident is "My faiher." said Mr. Templeton attributed by officials here to a misun-"resides in Chattanooga, but about the derstanding of orders for the regulation time that Sherman made his way into of one or other of the trains. the South he refugeed in Georgia, and TIFFIN, OHIO, Jan. 4 .- The fast train stopped in Gordon. He was a preacher, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at and wherever he went he always preached

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au early hour this morning collided with whenever an opportunity afforded. the east bound freight train near this "About the time that Sherman wa city, wrecking both trains. Nineteen driving Johnston toward Atlanta, some bodies have been taken from the wreck. time in the early part of August, 1864

More are injured. Three coaches de. my father was conducting a revival at a stroved. Physicians have gone to the little house called Pine Creek church. scene from here. The weather is very about ten miles from Calhoun. Th cold. The thermometer is about two de- times were most terrible about then : murder, robbery and rapine were of dai rees below zero. TIFFIN. OHIO .- A fast train on the ly occurrence, and the whole country was

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad which left subject to visitations by marauding par Newark yesterday for Chicago with five ties from both armies. One day the old coaches and four sleepers, all well filled gentleman was preaching a sermon of with passengers, collided with the east unusual power, and before he had gotton hound freight seven miles east of this well under way a gang of Confederate city about 4 o'clock this morning. The soldiers rode up and, dismounting out fast train was about fifty minutes late back of the church, asked if they might and was running at the rate of nixty be admitted to the church. Of course Dr. Logan's wife died before 1820-the miles an hour. Passing Republic, a they were cordially invited in, and took small station, like a flash, they rushed prominent seats in the church.

exact date is not known-and he subsequently married Elizabeth Jenkins. "Not long afterward a cloud of du General Logan was the first child by the own, when suddenly the engineer saw a way seen in the road from the opposite second marriage. Dr. James Robarts, of freight train under full head way within direction to what the Confederates had Carbondale, a warm friend of Gen. Loone hundred yards of him. He at once come, and pretty soon the tramp of horgan and his father, and an old-time applied brakes and reversed his engine, ses' hoofs was heard, and it was soon political opponent of Dr. Logan when he but it did no good, and the next instant discovered that it was a squad of Federal was running for the State legislature in the crash came, telescoping the coaches troops, and before the Confederates in the thirties, comes into the story at this and piling them upon each other. To the church could be apprised of the point, for Dr. Robarts is authority for the add consternation to the horrible scene approach they had ridden up to the curious tale. fire broke out in the smoking car and door. Perceiving that religious services "It is a physiological fact," save Dr.

soon spread to the other cars. Many were being held, they alighted and asked Robarts, "that the first child by a second vere killed outright, while others wedged to be admitted. They were then told that marriage frequently resembles the dein among the broken cars were slowly there were Confederate soldiers in the ceased wife or husband to an extraordiconsumed by the flames. The screars of church, but insisted on going in and they pary degree. General Logan's case is were admitted likewise.

the most wonderful illustration of this ing, but no assistance could be given "Naturally the strange spectacle creat fact ever heard of. The general's father. antil a farmer, awakened by the crash, ed some consternation in the congrega-Dr. Logan, was rather dark, but not so came, and with other neighbors worked tion, and for a time it seemed as if the swarthy, while his mother was blue eyed like heavers to save the perishing. At confusion would break up the meeting, and fair haired. Yet General Logan, this writing nineteen dead bodies have But my father raised his voice and began strange as it may seem, johe: .ed the Inbeen recovered, and they lie burned and most fervently to plead a better life dian features and complexion of Dr. Lodisfigured in the snow beside the wreck. beseeching his soldier hearers to becom gan's half breed wife who died several Help was sent from Republic and this religious and abandon their sins. He years previously. The first Mrs. Logan city as soon as the news was received. It preached with unusual force and power. was beautiful, as those half breed women is a fearful sight and recalls the Ashtabula the strange scene lending him inspiration. often are, and was comparatively fair, horror of the winter of 1877. It is im-Strong men were stirred to the depths much fairer, indeed, than her daughter possible to give the names of the killed and wept like children, and the scene of General Logan's half-sister, or than the and wounded at this time. The cause of confusion was soon changed to one of General bimself. The grandchildren of

strong religious awakening.

subject.

A CHART FOR THE NEW YEAR. Some Things that should be Done in this The story of the Logan ancestry and of Year of Grace.

how General Logan inherited or acquired his appearance of having Indian Stop writing it 1886. blood in his veins has never been pub Stop whistling airs from the "Mikado," lished, never correctly, at least, and i inless by special request. quite interesting. General Logan's Stop wearing giraffe bonnets in auaunt, Mrs. Margaret Phelps, the sole surdiences.

Logans' Color.

father, often made journeys South to sel

stock in New Orleans and other cities. On

one of these trips he met the widow of a

Frenchman named Laramie, one of

was the successful one. When John

married he induced his father and family

to move to Jackson county Mo, where

and where she lived. By this wife Dr.

picked up some medical training in vari-

ous places, and, it is said got a degree

during one of his stays at Natchez, Miss.

Logan had one child, a girl. Logan had

vivor of that generation, a bright and Stop telling ultra-venerable stories. wonderfully intelligent old lady, says Stop telling fresh stories whose point that her father and family emigrated can only be apprehended by the aid of a from county Monagham, Ireland, 1793. doubleconvex !018. Her father, John Logan, was then a Stop shirking your political duties,

Stop neglecting to return borrowed child of five. Her grandfather, who was one of the Scotch Presbyterian settlers of books. Ulster, lived to be 118. The family first Stop indulging in more than one

settled in Maryland, and then moved to hundred pounds of self-conceit to the Ohio. Her father was a stock breeden souare inch. and her brother John, General Logan's Stop subscribing to the theory that a

workman is known by his poker chips. Stop tarrying at the flowing bowl or other flowing receptacle for alcoholia stimulants.

whose son Fort Laramie is named after. Stop supposing that the world could The widow was half Indian, half French not get along fair to middling without -beautiful, well educated and wealthy.

She was considered a great catch, and Stop fighting the inevitable. Stop looking at the dark side of life. suitors came from far and near, but John Stop giving way to fault-finding. Stop furnishing your friends with the minute particulars of your bodily ailsome of his wife's property was located

ments. Stop taking pessimistic views of men. things and the theory of the universe,

Stop working too hard. Stop working not hard enough. Stop going out between the acts for the romatic clove.

Stop writing to famous people for their autographs.

Stop procrastinating. Stop sending to newspapers "somethin 've just dashed off and haven't stopp to correct."

Stop informing your conscience white lies or any lies shade off from th blonde don't count.

Stop using language unfit for publication to your telephone when you are unable to catch the other fellow. Stop believing that you could give all the correspondents points on foreign pol tics

Stop telling a busy man "I know you're busy, so I'll only keep you a minute," at a prelude to an hour and a half's attemp to talk his arm off.

Stop being so engrossed in money-making as to have no time to be public spirited

Stop fiattering yourself that you the oughly understand the Irish question, Stop investing your hard earned save ngs in another man's game. Stop striving to earn your living by the sweat of race horses, lottery tickets stock gambling.

Stop laying the unction to your that you can brus snot won't show.

along to a curve one mile west of that

the wounded and dying were heartrend-

-into the custody of the brokers and While the printer calls for copy, the following cheering letter of greetings to left the market.

You can rest assured that I was on the teachers of this county is handed to us. In behalf of the Anderson County hand early the next day, and when teachers, we send greetings to Miss Lelia, Charley appeared I hardly knew him. and wish for her a year of unusual pros. He had been dressed up in a new plantaperity and happiness. This editor has a tion suit, and had a smart cap on his tender feeling for the grand old county head. His sleeves and trousers were in which Miss Lelia is laboring. About turned up. The bidding was lively, and the only girl be ever courted in dead you can imagine my feelings, perhaps, as earnest lived in that county, and it gives I saw a human creature sold like a horse, him pleasant feelings to hear the word and knowing I was responsible for it. Orangeburg mentioned. But here is the The auctioneers would run Charley up and down the street like a horse, and the letter :-

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and ankles to see if there were any blem-MR. EDITOR: If you will allow me ishes. When \$1,400 was bid the man space in the Teachers' Column, I will was declared sold to a prominent planter. send a few words of New Year' .; reetings who gave me \$1,000 in cash and a mortto the teachers of Anderson County. gage for the rest. I can tell you it was feasting. They sang hilarious songs, deepest interest in my own native county. started out on the return trip, after hav- songs at Bethlehem. They made pres-I prize the visits of the Anderson IN- ing sold a fellow creature into slavery. TELL.GENCER more than ever, and look Well, to make a long story short, on forward to its weekly visits with delight . the Teachers' Column and the locals, awakened one night by a tap on my kept up their festivities all night because especially, are interesting to me. It was stateroom door, and was astonished to with a heavy heart that I left my home find Charley waiting on the outside. I and county and came to dwell for a while, took him down the river with me and these annual celebrations for centuries, hate; she had hate for breakfast and at least, among those who were entire again sold him at Vicksburg. A month and the Church of England took them hate for dinner and supper. I know entire strangers to me. I am glad that I later he turned up again and I sold him up, and so did the Protestants in Germa- some people who I think must have deam contented in my new home and at a private sale on the boat. Months ny and other countries. Christians scended from her, or have a few drops of pleased with my new field of labor, and rolled on and I had sold Charley at nearhope that my toil may not be in vain, ly every port on the river, and then I and that I may see the results of my commenced to trade him off and get boot among the Puritans of New England, who licked her tongue out with satisfaction, work. I am in a splendid community money. I would then sell the slaves I where the people are kind and try to traded for, or give them their liberty, make a stranger feel at home. Have a whichever they preferred, but as my nice, new and capacious school room. conveniently arranged and well furnished to be resold. I was doing a thriving buswith necessary apparatus, all of which is due to the uncessing efforts of our good name on the river. At the end of the Italy always come down to the valleys on him and let his soul out, and he felldead pose of of attending a dance. Miss Lizfriend Dr. Dantzler, who is one of the year the mortgages began to fall due, leading men in the county. and I collected them with great regulari-It was my privilege to attend the ty. I think I sold Charley fifteen times

Conference of the M. E. C. S., while it in all, and we divided \$25,000 or \$30,000 was in session in Orangeburg, and the between us as the result of our business.

I was honored several days since by a painful. The disease can only be cured "He went to Canada for awhile, was known better if they had watched all approached the infernal regions, and he saw the train approaching rapidly and train was running on the time of the exvester will be put on the market in time visit from Prof. Mellichamp, Principal his friend. when it is attended at the very start. It for next year's crop. The price will not is not fatal, and the only bad effect is the by the first of January, has k made them tremble and shale and quake, was implored by the gentlemen to stop, press. The engineer was heard to re of the Orangeburg High School, and also School Commissioner of this coun- married, and had quite a family. His night to see, but when folks love a superis quite common among the negroes in the section they make the section gave the children a short lecture, to What he did with his money I do not old time people believed that when the Thor could make everything weep and scene just after the accident was heartwhich they listened with profound atten-they be abend and the are no times now like rooster crowed for midnight on Christ shed tears of sorrow for Baldur, she rendering. A relief train was promptly abend and the armony at full which they listened with profound atten-tion; he exhorted them to guard and feed well their youthful minds. His the old ones," and the story was the old ones," and the story was the obsorb of the danger, until an the danger d ers without children. from the habitations of men and hid in The heavens rained tears, and the tress cared for. talk was both animating and instructive, | ended.

as can be found in these parts. 1 am for them, and all the dolls and wagon free man. What I want to do is for you and tea sets and pocket knives and harps to take me to New Orleans and sell me and firecrackers and a thousand other

things too numerous to mention. Why mistletoe, that is neither a bush nor a there will be five thousand dollars spent tree, but is called a parasitic because it feeds on another plant. It is quite dainin this county this week for Christmas gifts. There will be half a million in ty, too, and has its favorite food. I the State. There will be twenty millnever saw any on a post oak, nor a white ions in the United States, and it's nearly oak, nor a sycamore, or poplar. The chestnut is its favorite in this region, but all for children. So, my young friends, you must understand how very impor- it is common to the Spanish oak and tant you are in this world's affairs, but hickory and blackgum and persimmon. you needen't get uppity nor bigoty about Once I found it on an apple tree. It is t, for that spoils all the old folks' pleassupposed that the birds transplant it by

carrying the berries on their bills from Now, let us all imagine we are around tree to tree, and in trying to wipe the he cheerful Christmas fire and talk sticky substance off upon the bark the about Christmas and tell what it means. seed get stuck to the tree and germinate. Of course you know that it is the anni- And this provokes me to tell you about versary of the birth of Christ, and all the Scandinavians who settled northern Christian people celebrate it. It is very Europe a long time ago. They had a common everywhere to celebrate birth- mythology as romantic and wonderful as days. Americans make a big fuss over the Greeks. They had an imaginary Washington's birthday because he was god called Wooden, and he was all powcalled the father of his country. My erful and was good to good people and folks make a little fuss over my birthday terrible to had ones. He was believed and my good wife's birthday. They to be the great creator of the heavens and don't toot horns nor pop firecrackers, the earth. Our Wednesday was named but they have an extra good dinner and for him, and our Thur-day was named fix up a pleasant surprise of some sort. for his son, Thor, and our Friday was We used to surprise the children with a named for his wife, Friga. He had little present like a pocket-knife, or a another son named Baldur, who was very pair of scissors, or sleeve buttons, or some- wise and very eloquent and very beautithing, but so many children came along ful, and he was his mother's favorite that there was a birthday in sight child. One night Baldur had a bad almost all the time, and as we got rich dream. I reckon he had eaten fried ham in children we got poor in money and for supper. He dreamed he was going to had to skip over sometimes The 4th of die, and he felt so troubled about it that July was the birthday of a nation and he told his mother, and she was greatly so the nation always celebrates that day. distressed and almost distracted. She was so much alarmed that she called all Christians began to observe Christmas about 1,500 years ago at Jerusalem and creation together, all the gods and godesses, and spirits, and all the seas and Rome. They had service in the churches oceans, and rivers and mountains, and planters would feel of his arms and legs and made it a day of rejoicing. In hills and rocks, and trees and bushes, course of time the young people rather lost sight of the sacredness of the day and all plants that grew on the ground and made them all take a solemn oath and the devotion that was due to the occasion, and made it a day of frolic and that they would not burt Baldur or allow any bad spirit to use them to Bal-Though in a remote county, I feel the not with the pleasantest feelings that I because they said the shepherds sang dur's hurt. But, alas, she forgot to swear the mistletoe. It was neither a tree nor ents to each other because they said the a bush, nor was it a plant that grew on the ground, and so she overlooked it. wise men from the east brought presents Now, there was a very powerful old the third or fourth trip after that I was to the young child and its mother. They hag, whose name was Loki, and she was

the Saviour was born at midnight. The the goddess of malice. She hated every-Roman Catholic church has observed thing and everybody. She lived on everywhere adopted them, and Christmas her blood in their veins. When Loki day became a universal holiday except saw that the mistletoe was not sworn she forbade it under penalties. They never and then hunted up a blind idiot who frolicked or made merry over anything. was tremendously strong and she gave struck a sled containing twenty young In a great painting of the nativity by him a stout branch of mistletoe and led slaves were nearly all old men they chose Raphael, the is seen a shepherd at the him to where Baldur was and made him Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago door playing on a bagpipe. The Tyro- throw it at him. Sure enough, it struck railroad, two miles east of this city, en iness in the slave :, and had quite a leese who live on the mountain slopes of Baldur in the breast and made a hole in route to a country residence for the pur-Christmas eve, and they come carroling and his soul went down immediately to zie Lepper and Miss Tina Mincker, aged sweet songs and playing on musical in Hela, who was a powerful goddese and 17, were instantly killed; Miss Lottie struments, and spend the night in inno- had charge of the souls of the dead. Her Fix had her right leg broken. Miss Lizcent festivities. A century or so ago dominion was called Hell, and that is zie Kanning had several ribs broken, there were many curious superstitions where we got that bad and ugly word. Miss Lena Haight had an arm broken. about Christmas. It was believed that Baldur's mother was awfully desperate, Miss Emma Schular, a leg broken ; Miss

it to be an earthquake and were soon at Church was our worthy School Commis- the law, and I had sold Charley fifteen an ox and an ass that were near by when and she sent her son Thor, who was the Gusta Heyne, back badly injured; Miss It is said they paid the "agents" alto- owing to the contrast with the dark skin. the scene of the wreck. In the confusion sioner, and indeed I was delighted to see times, we had to end our profitable in- the Saviour was born bent their knees in god of thunder, down to Hell to see Lizzie Weibke and Miss Belle Bishop gether \$1,500 in cash for the red strips .- The change of color is caused by the de-- Fred W. Shulor of Vances, Or of the wreck a hot dispute arose among supplication, and so they said the ani- Hela, and if possible, to persuade or were badly bruised, and suffering from struction or rather absorption of pigment. Chester Bulletin. the train men as to responsibility for the "What became of Charley ?" asked mals all went to prayer every Christmas frighten her into giving back the soul of nervous prostration. The party was him which is not formed again and is not vestment night. Of course, they might have Baldur. Thor thundered terribly as he being driven by Byron Westromb, who disaster. It appeared that the freight - It is said that the Mason cotton har-

ught to stop a minute and think about the Baltimore & Ohio agents could get ow much good we have done since the to the wreck they carried out of the ast Christmas. How many times we have tried to make our kindred happy-It is believed that there were at least 22 not only our kindred, but our nabors and bodies burned beyond possible recognicompanions. As I came out of the tion. From the report of survivors it Markham house, in Atlanta, one cold would appear that a number of the unmorning, two little dirty newsboys came fortunates were so thoroughly burned running to me from opposite directions that their remains could not be gathered to sell me a paper. They are are not alfrom the debris. Only three survivors lowed to go inside the botels to sell paremain at Republic. These are Mrs. pers, and so they stand outside in the cold and watch for the men to come out. One of these boys was a stout lad aged 11 and 18, were killed. They were of ten years, and the other was a little emigrating from Belton, Wetzel County puny, pale face, barefooted chap, and, W. Va., to Chillicothe, Mo. In some although he was the farthest off, he got way, even the mother was unable to to me first. I said to the biggest boy, Why diden't you run? You could have got here first." He smiled, and away from the burning train, carrying her said, "I dident want to." "Why not ?" two youngest children in her arms, ensaid I. "Is that boy your brother?" tered the first house in which she found "No. sir." said he, "but he's little, and light. She was almost crazed and with he's been sick." Now, that was kindness difficulty her name was ascertained. that will do for Christmas or any other Express Messenger, W. Scott Price, of day. I gave them a dime apiece, and Wheeling, W. M. Frederick, of Wash they were happy for a little whileington, fireman of the express, and F Children, if you can't do a big thing you C. Barkley, of Washington, were among can do a little thing like that. I the killed. The total number of passen wouldent let the little ragged newsboys gers was 65. The smoker was entirely

get ahead of me. consumed and all the passengers in it We keep Grier's almanac at our house. were killed. All mail and express mat-We get a good many almanacs from the ter was destroyed. merchants as advertisements, but Grier's s the old standard and is the one that this morning he was awakened by being is always hung by the mantle. If you thrown violently from his berth. The have that kind at your house and will train consisted of express, baggage car, look at the bottom of the last page to see one coach and two sleepers. One coach what kind of weather we are to have this telescoped into the baggage car so com-Christmas week you will find it put down this way: "Be thanful for all the blessings you have enjoyed this year and try to do better the next." That is a urious kind of weather but it is mighty good weather. BILL ARP.

A Terrible Accident.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., January 1 .- At eight o'clock this evening the fast express bound east under high speed. people who were crossing the track of the thrown through the roof of his car escaping with a broken leg. The express messenger, who was sitting beside him was killed instantly. No one in the sleepers was injured. Among the passengers in the sleeper were Mrs. Fish, o Joliet. Ill., sister of Gen. Logan, and her son Charles. The shock was so terrific that farmers in the neighborhood took

The passenger was running sixty miles When he had concluded his sermo ing here in Carbondale, show strongly an hour. The freight eastward bound as was the custom in tho e days, he invimarked traces of their Indian descent had expected to make the siding at Reted those who were convicted to come through down to the fourth generation." public and was probably making thirty forward to the mourners' bench and pray - Chicago Tribune. miles per hour, and running in opposite and talk with him on the all important

The Chinese Diffusing Themselves Over Many Parts of the World. "Then it was that one of the grandest

and many of them are rich.

e General's half-sister, by the by, lit

sights ever witnessed occurred. Those "People have little idea," said A. B soldiers, enemies to each other, engaged into its mate and all that could be seen in a bloody war, arose as one man, friend Shattuck, who arrived in New York from Canton last week, "how rapidly the pasand foe together, and marched to the front an early hour there were hundreds of of the church and kneeled together, sion for emigrating is growing in China. The whole southern Asiatic coast and neople coming to the scene of the disas. Confederate by Federal, their muskets ter ready and anxious to do what they joining and crossing each other; their many of the Pacific islands are filling with Chinese. In spite of our prohibi could, but it appears that just as soon as revolvers touching each other as they tory laws not a few Chinese manage to kneeled; their heads bowed upon the smuggle themselves into our country, and same altar and there mingling almost in they are fairly swarming in many places county the wounded, dying and dead. their deep contrition and profound feeling. where nothing is done to keep them out. All animosities were forgotten, all strife "In 1871 only a few thousand Chinese forgotten-they were together as brothers lived in Singapore. To day the new around a common altar. China Town is the feature of the place.

"After the service they met on the Singapore has now 86,000 Chinese resioutside of the church : they shook hands. dents, and last year 150,000 Chinese pledged fraternity, and each party went landed in the city on their way to other off, taking opposite directions. They had been looking for each other perhaps with parts of the coast. Cochin Chin which is now a French province, is rapidly Mary Posthlethwaite and two young murderous intent. They found each children. Her hu-band and two sons, other, but they separated with love in- filling with Chinese. Here, as in all other parts of the south coast of Asia. stead of hate friendly instead of angry." the Chinese excel the natives in intelli-The recital of the story was listened to with marked attention and interest, gence, education and business qualifications. They assert their superiority in every one being deeply impressed with many ways, and treat most of the natives relate how, she got out of the car in which the beautiful incident, which is true in as their inferiors. In Cochin China the she had been traveling, and wand ring every detail .- Chattanooga Times.

A Gigantic Fraud.

A large number of colored people around Ft. Mill and Rock Hill have been the victims recently of a gigantic fraud. Two weeks ago, a white man and two colored men made their apperance among the darkies in and around Ft. Mill, and representing themselves as agents for the American Colonization Society, stated that they were authorized to take all the colored people to Liberia. The terms upon which the colored people were to receive transportation were as Charles P. Toll, of Detroit, says at 2:15 follows: Every family was to pay \$5 and individuals \$1.50 each. For this sum, it was represented, they would receive through passage to Liberia.

The "agents" did a thriving business and gave each person a little piece of red card board, which, they represented would secure them a ticket to Liberia upon presentation to the ticket agent at Ft. Mill. Monday last was the day set for the exodus to take place, and before poon on that day 38 families of colored people and about 200 single individua's were camped at the depot, waiting for the train. They deluged the ticket age."-Brooklyn Times. agent with little red strips of card board, out the agent was unable to receive the strips, and could give the deluded people no encouragement whatever. In the meantime their expected excursion train failed to arrive, and nobody could tell shown a newspaper article giving the

About 1,000 of these poor people have to white and whose transformation could been encamped at Ft. Mill, and at last not be explained, said : "It is not an unaccounts were there yet. They are in common skin disease and is known as destitute circumstances, having sold out lencoderma. In white people the skin everything they had to secure money to turns a milky white, but it is more noticeable in colored persons of course, aid them on their journey.

Stop discussing Hamlet's maduess, the personalty of the XVIIth Louis, the difference between the old and new set Presbyterian Church, the probable date of the arrival of the millennium, and the best way to dress a lettuce salad. Stop casually reminding your wife of your mother's method of making min

Stop entertaining the impression the apples haven't the flavor they used

Stop boasting of how practical long enough to find out if yo merely narrow

Stop over-eating and under-exercise Stop casting motes out of the eyes relatives, friends and acquaintances you are convinced that there are beams enough in your own to start all

ber yard. Stop entertaining the impression the any year of the past was a better, yes than this year.

Stop envy, hatred, malice and all ppcharitableness.

Mr. Beecher on Probation. Mr. Beecher preached in Plymouth

Church Sunday upon the early and sp ual stages of Christ's life. "Men are up in arms," he said "over the problem o Chinese merchants have absorbed the greater part of the trade. They can beat probation after death.

What a schoolboy question ! What the natives selling their own products, quickaninny matter l We shall find after that we are all imperfect; that death a

"In Australia the Chinese are growing n numbers. They control the trade of but a step forward in the great life. Over he Gilbert Islands, and are gaining beyond the grave God is preparing refor us. We may be fitted for this ground in Hawaii. In many of the Pacific Islands, like Fiji, where there is but there are changed conditions considerable trade, a visitor is likely to which we must conform. That we see a group of Chinese before his eye be taught at some intermediary pl some half way house between this wo lights on a native. The Chinese are overrunning Bramah, and there is a large find final immortality, there is no doub colony of them in Mandalay. A large People say they want proof of this, but party of traveling Chinese merchants cannot give it. Therefore I am not who were on the road in Burmah a few theologian, for they know everything, "There is another thing that I conne weeks ago, were mistaken by the British troops for Decoits. The soldiers fired prove, but which I firmly believe. The upon them and several poor fellows were world is not the only live world. T others are not all lazy, and they will sen their people into the kingdom of God

"The increasing migration among the They will not be like us. God has hordes of China is one of the most interesting signs of the times. The Mongo- limited his fertility to the making of lians are gradually diffusing themselves But what will these multitudes of pe over a large part of the world-a fact be like? Tell me if you can that deeply concerns many nations, and "We must kill the old idea of me is also indicative of the great changes ical dying, after which a man goes going on in China, from which emigra- to heaven, perfect and angelic. Heaven tion would have been impossible years is not a place where angels stand and

like wax figures and sing hallelujah. "Death is the swelling of a seed which That Odd Skin Complaint. lay upon this earth ; it is the burn of a bud in April; it is the entering up PHILADELPHIA. December 27 .- Dr. Summer; it is the going out of a print J. V. Shoemaker of this city, when house. Christianity, after 2,000 y ought to have taught men that it is g to everlasting peace. Don't drag and woman who had turned from black hero in black, or the dead child in hues. If you know of some poor who has gone to his death, pat on bla for him; but don't wear it for your fall

or mother, or child. You say you, better in mourning. Perhaps yo but you should not."

burg County, the white man who taken from his house and thrashed so time ago for marrying a colored won and who promised to leave the County also School Commissioner of this coun-ty; he is certainly an excellent man. mame is Charles Fields, and he is now with only thirty pounds of steam, and he left the last siding; be less than three hundred and fifty nor deformity or piebald color it causes. It and skipped for parts unknown, He charmed both teacher and pupils by living at Lafayette, Ind., or at a town in ghosts they are sure to see them, in ghosts they are sure to see them, on an up grade east of Tiffin his engine harvester that will gather four thousand is a barber by occupation. He is a barber by occupation was beaution and the train a barber by occupation. He is a barber by occupation and the train a barber by occupation and the train a barber by occupation and the trai - "Mr. Jones," said little Johnny afternoon call, "can whisky talk ?" - An Edgefield parer withes a tax to my child ; how can you sak such a - A cloudless sky never produces a be levied on degs, bachelors and widow- tion?" "Oh, nothing I only ma whiskey was beginning to tell on

pletely that the two cars were crushed into the space of one. The sleepers did not leave the track. The telescoped cars caught fire from the stove and the passengers, living and dead, were imprisoned in the shattered wreck. The engineer and fireman of the treight train leaped and saved themselves before the collision. The engineer of the express, named Eastman, had a leg broken and sustained a severe wound in the shoulder. His fireman was caught between the engine and tender and died in a few minutes. The baggage man of the express wa

anything about the representatives of alleged wonderful case of a negro man the colonization society.