TEACHERS'COLUMN.

J. G. CLINKSCALES, EDITOR. Mr. W. A. Dickson will teach at

Cedar Grove, District No. 1. Miss Mollie Moorehead is teaching at

Ivy Hollow, and Miss Mollie Roberts at Holland's. Mr. R. W. Pickens is appointed to fill vacancy in the Board of Trustees for Brushy Creek, District No. 4.

There are more educational journals taken and read by the teachers of Anderson County now than at any time in

Mr. W. S. Lee takes charge at Sandy Springs while Mrs. A. M. Darracott "teaches the young idea" at Melton,

is business for you.

simply handing you \$1. Let us encourage our pupils to read more.

And still another of our teachers is married. Miss Florence Tate has our congratulations, but how about our list of teachers, will we have to fill vacancies with teachers from other counties?

How has your school opened? Are the people interested in the work you are trying to do? How about that house? Do you think you can get through the Winter there? Let us hear from you.

matter? We expected Mr. Langston at returned him, well escorted by Indian Honea Path, but he wasn't there. Was guides, to the trail that led direct back he too busy? His blushing face would to the English colony at Jamestown. have helped us there.

We see on our table copies of The Teachers' Institute, Southwestern Journal of Education, Normal Index, Carolina Teacher, and other very valuable school journals-call or send and get a sample copy. You can't hope to do good work without good tools!

Mr. A. J. Watt contributes the first dollar to the Teachers' Library Fund. Who next? Don't forget that we will call on you for one dollar when we see you. Have it ready. We want only one library. The library has been long needed-come up now like a man and get \$80 worth of reading matter for \$1.00: Don't forget that the fund is not complete without your \$1.00.

Now, about how much good have you dors during the past two weeks work? to tell their own names, nor even to allow Have you made any mistakes? Have them to be spoken to strangers by any you spoiled any character? Have you trifled away any time that might have reason for this lay in their peculiar been given to profitable reading? Ask superstition, which held that the speakyourself these questions and answer them thoughtfully. If you have made stranger to whom it was spoken a magimistakes remember that the successful teacher is not he who never makes a mistake, but he who never makes the same mistake twice.

How do you spend these long evenings? his little daughter's name, he hesitated, Have you a room with a fire place, and and then gave in reply the nickname by do you have a good warm fire and a good which he often called her, Pocahuntas, lamp? Do you sit with the family until the "little tomboy." This agile young bedtime around the family fire? Well, maiden, by reason of her relationship to if you do; you are in a fair way to lose the head chief, was allowed much more boss in the matter of government and of either sex is given the privilege of room with fire place and study every lage.

## FIRST LESSON IN GEOGRAPHY.

The first idea to be developed in teaching Geography is the shape of the earth. After this is comprehended, then the work may proceed from the known to the unknown. The school yard will be the first lesson. The cardinal points can be my average would be about ten a day." taught and many of the natural divisions of land and water can be seen. Afterwards the township may be studied, then known to the unknown.

Maps can be drawn of the school yard. and then of the school district. Let all the roads be marked and the residence of the pupil indicated. It will be interesting to them and they will readily understand the nature of a map. Trace streams of water. The live teacher will have no trouble in keeping up an interest | is the result of their work: among the pupils.

It would be a good idea to go with the pupils some afternoon to a stream of These terms will then mean something assist the pupils to acquire knowledge.-The Normal Index.

### PLEASANT SCHOOL HOUSES.

Most of the country schools will be in session before the next issue of the Index. Much depends upon a correct beginning. A mistake made the first day is seldom corrected. The best work is accomplished when teacher and pupils work can be made from them. By grouping love of a big boy for his mother. the various tints of forest leaves many different designs can be formed. Have | - They always talk who never think, Imperial Majesty.

the pupils help in the work. What they help to make they will not thoughtlessly

In almost every community a few pictures can be obtained to hang in the school room. Unbleached muslin will answer for window curtains. Polish the stove, sweep the cobwebs from the wall American moguls make their money. the world. Even a second-grade mandaand ceiling, and then keep the house

Don't think it won't pay. Try it. If should be ornamented for a still greater to the desks and floor would add much to the appearance of many school houses .-The Normal Index.

The "Rescue" of Captain John Smith.

"Historic Girl" by E. S. Brooks in

The Indians especially admired bravery and cunning. This device of the white chieftain and his valor when attacked appealed to their admiration, The trustees and patrons of Hunter's and there was great desire to see him. The renowned prisoner was received there at 2 o'clock next Saturday, Nov. with the customary chorus of Indian 19. Let every patron be present. There yells; and then, acting upon the one leading India custom, the law of unbounded hospitality, a bountiful feast world would have to look out for its lau-If you have a pupil, a young man or was set before him. The captive, like rels. young lady, in your school who wishes the valiant man he was, ate heartily, access to the libray, he may have it by though ignorant what his fate might be. The Indians seldom wantonly killed their captives. When a sufficient nummemory of such braves as had fallen in fight, the remaining captives were either adopted as tribesmen or disposed of as

cau co-rouse was too smportant a personage to be used as a slave, and Wabunsona grants and all. cook, the chief, received him as an honored guest rather than as a prisoner, kept him in his own house for two days. ised him a large gift of land. Then, We never hear from Mr. Langston, of ised him a large gift of land. Then, with many expressions of friendship, he

This relation destroys the long familiar romance of the doughty captain's life being saved by "the King's" own daughter, but it seems to be the only true version of the story, based upon his own original report. But though the oft-described "rescue"

did not take place, the valiant Englishman's attention was speedily drawn to the agile little Indian girl, Mataoka, as they are all rea to enjoy life. whom her father called his "tomboy" or

her some trifling presents and asked her

Now it was one of the many singular of their own immediate kindred. The ing of one's real name gave to the cal and harmful influence over such

For this very reason, Wabunsonacook of his tribe, Powhatan, rather than by Many of you teachers are boarding, his own name. So, when he was asked

## Whiskey Arithmetic.

"How many drinks of whiskey do you average a day?" said one gentleman to another as they were enjoying a social glass at a well known resort on Vine street yesterday afternoon.

"Oh, taking the year round, I presume "And how long has this been going on?" was asked. "Straight along for twenty years. I

the county, state, country, and then guess; but it never hurt me any, and I Europe. It is proceeding from the can tend to my patients (he is a professional man) just as well as I ever could." "But how much whiskey, taking your own statement for it, do you suppose you have drunk during that time?"

> "I'm sure I don't know. I never thought about that."

"Well, let us take another nip and then figure on it," and they did, and here "Ten drinks a day would be seventy

drinks a week, or over 3,640 drinks in a year. In twenty years that would give it can. The only Courts in which you water, and let them see the meaning of the enormous number of 72,800 drinks, a lake, island, strait, peninsula, &c. Now, the average drink taken in this country is said to be sixty to a gallon. to them. This is much better than try- Then divide this 72,800 by 60, and you ing to illustrate them with a box of sand | will find that you have consumed 1,213 and a watering pot, Talk about the and a fraction gallons. Now, there are mountains, the rivers and the springs in supposed to be on an average thirty-six the community. What you want is to gallons to a barrel. Divide 1,213 by 36 ing his only coat for \$2 on a bleak, cold and you find that you have drunk just winter day, in order to obtain capital about thirty-six barrels of the stuff."

> then at his friend, and then remarked: "Well, let's take one more and then I day or two."

## Love Your Mother.

Next to the love of her husband, nothtogether. A pleasant school house makes | ing so crowns a woman's life with honor school government an easy task. It is as this second love, the devotion of the almost impossible for the average boy to son to her. We have never known a do good work in an old dilapidated boy to "turn out badly" who began by school house. Everything suggests to falling in love with his mother. Any evil or mischief. The old scarred desks man may fall in love with a fresh-faced are a temptation even to a jack knife. girl, and the man who is gallant to the Boys do not injure good desks, and sel- girl may cruelly neglect the poor and

THE VIEWS OF A HEATHEN. Yong Ching Foo Picks Flaws in Western

From the New York World. The thing that takes my eye the most | not eat it up, as they are, with hardly an Western civilization is the way the exception, the poorest paid officials in There's nothing small about them in abbing desires, their ability to make | President of the entire United States-at millions upon nothing, and the remarka- least twice the amount. And yet there your school room is dingy and dirty it bly civilized way in which they are are more officials in China by at least ten allowed to do it, takes the heathen's eye. | times than there are in the United States, reason. A little soap and water applied If that financiering secret is introduced and the taxation in that country is so into China-which is being done at this light that the people hardly feel the loss, moment by a missionary like Count there being no taxation upon anything Mitkiewicz, of the Chinese banking syn- in many of the provinces except salt and dicate-the entire empire will become land actually cultivated. Upon the latwilling converts in a single day. To ter there is only something less than one-

such profitable enterprise, even H. I. M. half per cent of the grains raised, and the Emperor would join in. And then upon the former one per cent. There is good-bye to the Chinese laundries absolutely no tax upon homesteads or throughout the United States, and the real estate not actually under cultivation. now troublesome social and political nor any personal property tax. Yet the problem of Chinese immigration would imperial treasury of China is one of the be a thing of the past. Down with work | richest in Asia. There is not a dollar of of all kinds. Speculation is emperor, national debt except that owed to the Financial legerdemain watering values Europeans some years ago, when the with such "business" ideas once grafted opium was forced upon the heathens for upon the heathen mind, the Western the heathens' good. Even that outra-

Another very valuable Western idea A GREAT PLACE FOR RICH YOUNG MEN. that would benefit the heathens is the "patent medicines." Our trouble with the teeming millions of Chinese, is that man" at my back with a liberal pocketber had een sacrificed to avenge the they do not take enough medicines to book, I should prefer to live in America keep their bodies and souls together. to any other place on earth. But I That's why they don't multiply faster. should take good care not to get old, for There are only 400,000,000 of them, this is a country where old men and while, by our Western patent medicine women invariably take a back seat. system, we have in the United States Sometimes they are not even allowed the alone 60,000,000 of people, with immi-

> THE MERCENARY AMERICANS. To turn to more serious things, I confess that I do not understand why, for a among the people here to raise and supmatter of mere existence, civilized people port children as sumptuously as their so cruelly and persistently crowd each means permit and continue to support other to the wall. From day to day, them, even long after they are able to even through the night under the electric earn their own living. But when it blaze, they engage in a wild struggle for comes to the old people's turn sentiment existence, when Heaven has made the seems to dwindle down almost to zero. earth to give forth her abundance for In society the young are the centre of their comforts without the necessity of attraction. They are the blooming flowtheir killing each other to get it. Yet ers. The old people are shut up in the they don't even allow their beasts of kitchen behind the doors. burden time to masticate their food properly. No wonder they fall by the road- make of their love business! Are the side. Misery is desperate and crime understandings of the American youth rampant, and the few successful in their obtuse? It frequently takes years of financial and social aims "drop on ' just their valuable time to whisper ardent

Look at lower Broadway during busi- very last moment they suddenly find out ness hours on any day, especially in and they did not love each other at all. about Fulton street. Why, the intensity "They were simply trying to find out girl, savage or civilized; and she was so of the struggle for worldly existence as each other's peculiarities." Occasionally full of kindly attentions to the captain, manifested there, is simply enough to these courtings actually terminate in a freeze the nerves of any contemplating marriage, but as a rule the love-making heathen. Cui bono? What a life! Oh, business is then over. Therefore, the Smith made much of her in return, gave superior beings! is there no more to- only next interesting thing between them morrow! Is this the modern method of is a quarrel and a divorce. preparing for the future? No wonder your All American ladies like babies, but heart disease is common and your insane only few like to be their mothers. Even customs of the American Indians never asylums are crowded. Has civilization the richest babies will only have cows so advanced that it perpetually makes for their mothers. This is Western civmen willing slaves in a mart of constant | ilization. and cruel mental anguish?

Fashion, style and habit make it necessary for such terrible contentions, prob- ter than this. They lay down some ably! I have seen how, in the most rather iron rules to follow. Each "civilized" part of the United States, a heathen must learn the profession most family of six, poor and almost dependent, suitable to him in order to earn an honest will buy or hire an expensive music-box living in the near future. Our parents called a piano, and place it in the parlor, select us a partner for life at the proper was known to the colonists by the name just for show, and just because other time; they are for us to sanction. If we families, who are better off than they don't agree to that particular quality we have the same thing. The heathen pre- must offer a sufficient reason, and a new fers to have no piano, but to have some selection is made. We marry first and thing good to eat and wez

A HEATHEN'S VIEW OF OUR POLITICS. son we have no divorces. Love making In politics, among the civilized Amer. is always refreshing to us because we ican nation, it seems to me, everybody is have never done it before, and no youth

The presiding magistrates of the Courts of this country are very smart men and generally good men, but they lack the dignities that properly belong to a Court of justice, which, according to our heathen standpoint, is one of the most important parts of the administration of the law-to enforce obedience by awe instead of corporeal punishment and imprisonment.

Yet there is more in red-tape 'usiness in one of the least of the Courts of Amerca than in the greatest Courts in Asia. No man, woman or child can obtain redress in the Courts of justice here without money, and lots of it too, and must swallow the bitter dose as best he, she or need no money in America are the police Courts? but there only a very small portion of men's grievances can be attended to. Even there the richer citizen has invariably the winning card.

And this is a free country ! A poor, heart-broken husband, pawn that he might sell peanuts in the most The old toper looked at the figures and civilized city in the world (New York) for the support of a sickly wife and child, was arrested not long since and thrown think I'll give my stomach a rest for a into a miserable dungeon for an entire week because he could not pay to this "free country-no king, no emperor," the outrageous tax of \$5 for a peddler's license. Out of a capital of \$2 the mer chant was obliged to pay a \$5 license.

This was and still is being practiced in a free country and in the very city of WHAT THE CHINESE EMPEROR WOULD the divine original, whose glory is so has been.

the Emperor of China instead of by the judges of a free country, that honest and dom mark on a neat wall. If you want | weary wife. But the big boy who truly | industrious son of toil would not have boys to be good make the school room loves and honors his mother at his middle been sent to a daugeon because he could responsibility to God."—Hastings. pleasant. The teacher is not expected age is a genuine knight, who will love to purchase desks and furniture. Deco- his wife as much in the sere-leaf autumn would have been sent home with a full rate the walls. Take evergreens, ferns as he did in the daised spring. There is pocket of heathen gold to care for his and leaves-many beautiful ornaments nothing so beautifully chivalrous as the sick family and an extra bank account to go into heavier business than peanuts, and, besides, with a benediction from his

"STRIKING OIL." This is heathenism-in China. Now, where does all the money go that is con-BY SOPHIE B. HERRICK. sequent upon this outrageous "up-to-

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neck" taxation by this glorious Republic? The expression "striking oil" is such a Certainly the salaries of its officials do ommon, everyday phrase that we hardly stop to remember what it really means, and yet thirty years ago such a term was never used, for the very fact that gave rin of China gets a bigger salary than the

A hundred years or so ago a curious gight might have been seen in the Indians' country of western Pennsylvania. Early n the morning one of the squaws would carry a dirty blanket down to the borders of the stream. A natural conclusion would be that she was about to give her blanket a much-needed washing. But no; instead of dipping the blanket in the water and rubbing and squeezing and wringing it, she merely flings it out on the surface of the stream, and when it becomes soaked draws it toward her and begins carefully squeezing out the liquid that it has caught in its meshes into a rourd The observer begins to catch the idea. It is not a clean banket that she wants, but the disagreeable, ill smelling, greasy scum that floats upon the surface

In this simple manner and by these nueer means the Indians of that time colected oil, not to give them light, but to use as a liniment to rub their poor joints was the old savage way of "striking oil"; for this oil gathered was petroleum, which is now so commonly known as kerosene, but was then called "Seneca oil," and used only as a medicine.

by the economical heathen politicians.

If I were a young man, especially if I

were handsome and had a generous "old

love to each other, and frequently at the

THE WAY OF THE HEATHEN CHINEE.

Our old heathens pretend to know bet-

make love afterwards, and that's the rea-

A Great Man's Greatest Thought.

present, one of the guests said :

ever occupied your mind?"

inquired of one near him,

and restrains prayer before Him.

who kissed her on the nose.

do a noble thing, do it now.

A certain Colonel Drake, who had a farm in that part of the country, came to the conclusion that somewhere in the comfort of any seat at all. It is only earth was to be found a reservoir of oil, here that I find old men and women are which he could reach by digging for it servants of the healthful youth of either He believed that the oil which oozed out sex. It seems to be a common law of the rock and made a greasy scum on the Oil Creek waters came from somewhere, and that somewhere he meant to discover. His neighbors amused themselves by laughing at him and joking him. much as Noah's neighbors did when he was building the ark. Their tune was changed, however when, in the summer of 1859 Colonel Drake "struck oil." In the course of four months Drake's well had poured forth 2000 barrels of oil. Then the nation took the oil fever. What a muss the people of this country Speculators rushed in, new wells were dug, and the once desolate fields bristled with derricks.

Before Drake's well was dug, manufactories were in existence in which oil was distilled out of coal, and called coal-oil. Petroleum was found to be so like this substance that it too is often called coaloil, and supposed to be distilled in the great work shop of pature out of coal. made out of coal but it is closely connected with coal in this way, that both of coal, it would be found near the great coal beds. This, however, is not always. not even usually, the case.

We have seen how the coal beds were ormed by the great swamp forest, which, under fresh-water and by means of great heat and pressure, were turned into coal. Oil, it is thought, is formed by the softer plants, sea-weed and water-plants, which have been, under saltwater and at a lesser heat, distilled beneath the surface of the earth. The oil being formed in the water, of course floated on the top, Sometimes it soaked into porous sandstone, sometimes it ran into holes and fissures of the rocks. Usually it is found associated with the salt-water under which it was gradually formed.

I have said that oil is distilled out of much valuable time. The best teachers freedom and fun than was usually the nobody is boss, after all, except in the marriage unless morally qualified to be plants; it is also distilled in much the need to be filled once in every twenty- lot of Indian girls, who were, as a rule, matter of "boodle" business. Everybody good wives and industrious husbands. same way from the animal life of the four hours. Get you a good lamp, if the patient and uncomplaining little wants the boodle, but only a few are get. The property of our parents is ours, but past; but we probably owe most of what possible, board where you can have a drudges of every Indian home and vilrule. If the supply of these runs short a firm. After their death the property, rocks of many periods, besides that when descent is made upon the saloons and liq- without any will making, falls to the plants grew in such enormous quantities. uor divers to occupy the positions of next of kin to be equally divided, unless are full of oil. In the coal beds, you trust. Such men as the late Wendell by general consent the eldest of the remember, we found every kind of coal Phillips, Beecher, Horace Greely and heirs assumes control and the family showing the gradual change of vegetable other intellectual giants are left to die continues in the same order as before the matter into coal-from peat through soft unrewarded by a grateful people. They patient's death. Domestic order and coal to hard coal. In the same way peare afraid such men may not be shrewd happiness are the only aims of the trolcum is found in all the different forms enough to plunder them quickly enough. heathen, and should be the aims of all it takes on in its change-light oil, heavy oil, bitumen, and last, it is thought by WONG CHING FOO. some, diamond. If a great mass of vegetable matter is heaped up and left, and after a while examined, in the middle of At a dinner at the Astor House, when it is found an oily, tarry substance, like Daniel Webster was Secretary of State one of the forms of petroleum-bitumen, ashes and superphosphate is placed. under President Fillmore, after a pericd of silence which fell upon the company underground pools there is found a quan- around the box, four plants being allowed of some twenty gentlemen who were tity of gas formed from the petroleum, to the hill, the distance of the seeds from

was the most important thought that when a boring reaches the reservoir. ever occupied my mind," said Mr. Websome twenty minutes, he solemnly rose place of the water, will follow the flow it." from the tab'e and retired to his room. of water. If the power of the expanding This incident, related by Harvey in gas has gone, the oil must then be pumphis Reminiscences, serves to illustrate the ed up. If, however, the well has been attitude of great minds towards eternal | dug at C, gas comes up, and oil must be things. Great men are not scoffers. The pumped up when the gas his all escaped. Natural gas is use to a great extent to are men of small calibre and shallow light and in part to heat great cities in

men of flippant sneers and godless jests intellect. It is not the wise man who has the coal and oil districts. It seems as years before the time of Christ, Diony-"said in his heart there is no God." It though the supply must soon give out, is not the great man who casts off fear but as a matter of fact it seems to be nearly undiminished in places where the wells have been blowing off gas for nine A great man comprehends something reather than himself, for he is but the years. And if it should give out, the rant and spoken in the most glowing image of a divine Creator, marred, pipes being all laid, it is possible to make language of the happiness of royalty, defaced and distorted by sin, yet bearing a kind of cheap gas at the mines which testimony to the dignity and grandeur of can be carried and used as the natural gas

faintly shadowed in the man whom he - If you intend to do a man a mean of fifty thousand barrels a day,

thing, wait till to morrow. If you are to coal-oil have been turned into refineries | crown.'

of petroleum. After the kerosene has

been made, a thick tarry, disagreeable stuff is left. This looks like the most hopeless sort of material for any use, but out of it are made our modern "wax" candles, "wax" matches, and even some sorts of candy and chewing gum. Another of the materials left when the kerosene is taken out is made into beautiful dyes -colors that were never seen in old times. Unfortunately these colors de not hold like the simple old-fashioned dyes but often fade out, or what is worse, fade into very ugly tints. Much of the oil is brought from the re gion where it is found in curious tank cars, but some of it is pumped through

pipes three hundred miles long, from the mines to the refineries. Besides the track of the Central Railroad of New Jersey such a pipe runs. If you ever chance to go over that road to Long Branch or Philadelphia, or to some Jer sey town near New York, notice this pipe, and you may hear the oil from three hundred miles away give a thud, thud as it is pumped into the reservoirs at Bayonne. If you look to the eastward about six miles below Jersey City on this road you will see a branch track curving off to New York Bay, where it ends in a forest of masts and factores and great oil tanks. Many a time you may see from New York the whole heavens ablaze with the fire from a tank that has been struck by lightning or has caught on fire some other way. A still more wonderful sight, however

is to see a natural oil well ablaze. One of these wells at Cherry Grove. Pennsylvania, in the summer of 1882, was sending out oil at the rate of a thousand barrels a day. By some accident it took fire and for four days and nights it shot up into the air a blazing fountain, breaking into millions of fiery drops, the great column of fire swept here and there by the pass ing winds. The fire at last was quenched by shooting off with a cannon ball the top of the tube out of which the oil was pouting, and plugging the pipe below the blaze; but some of these wells have gone on burning till all the oil which they contained has been consumed .-Harper's Young People.

# The Cumberland Valley and Unaka

We had a very pleasant call this week ought to be, and doubtless will be, dis- and shout to Frank : covered, with intelligent exploration. The following minerals are known to exist: Iron ores, including limonite and magnetic, in great quantity and of most superior quality; marble of every shade, mica, asbestos, corrundum, roofing slates, granite, gold, &c. We hope to see active

## Gardening by the Barrel,

phia Record mentions a Jerseyman's practice which enables him with very little extra outlay to secure better results, especially in a season of drouth, than from three times as much space devoted to vegetable growing in the usual way: "He procures old soap-boxes, flour barrels, kegs, or anything that will hold earth or manure, and if the boxes or barrels be somewhat rickety, so much the better. In planting melens, cucumbers, tomatoes, squashes or lima beans he places a box on the middle of the hill. which should be six feet across, fills it half full of fresh manure, and over the manure a half peck of of mixture of wood With the oil and the salt-water in the The seeds of the melons are planted And it is this gas, which is very much | the box being about two feet, as too close "Mr. Webster, will you tell me what squeezed up, that makes the oil spout up contact with the box is not desirable. When the young plants are up soapsuds When water and oil and gas exist togeth- are poured over the contents of the box. Mr. Webster slowly passed his hand er in the same crevice of the rock, the In a few weeks the roots of the plants mains for Mr. Forward, an employe of over his forehead, and in a low tone water, being heaviest, will lie at the bot- will have reached the box, and they are Fred Stevens, to furnish a remarkable and in time rise from the ranks. In any tom; on top of that will be the oil, and then freely and liberally supplied with exception to the above rule. Forward "Is there any one here who does not above both of them the squeezed-up gas, all the moisture and liquid manure they was coming down the steep hill below Now you can see that if a well is dug may need, as water is poured in the box the tool-house, seated on a large load of "The most important thought that at A, the crowded up gas will force up as often as may be desired. In dry lumber and driving a team of six mules. tter in trying to get room for itself, weather a bucket of water in the box The distance from the top of the load of ster "was that of my individual responsi- After the water has all come up, if the causes the matter in the manure to leak lumber to the ground was fully ten feet. bility to God." And after speaking on gas is still very much compressed, the oil, out, and it seaks in the ground around On the way down one of the forward wheels this subject in the most solemn strain for which has run down to B to take the box, where the plants appropriate of the wagon ran upon a rock, and the The Sword of Damocles.

to the sword of Damocles. Perhaps you have not understood what it meant. This is the story. Some four hundred sius the elder was "tyrant," or ruler, of Syracuse, in Sicily. He was surrrounded by courtiers, of whom Damocles was one. This man having flattered the ty-Dionysius resolved to teach him a severe lesson. Damceles was invited to the palace, but in midst of the gorgeous ban-The oil is certainly failing in the old | quet he happened to look upwards, when Had the above instance been sent by has made, and endowed with intellect, fields. New fields may of course be found he beheld a keen-edged sword hanging and will and conscience, and whom he and probably will; for the oil that has above his head, and suspended by a sinhas made to feel, in the depths of his been burned all over the world until a gle hair. His fear lest the hair might soul, the importance of "Individual short time ago came mainly from a strip snap at any moment destroyed all hopes A Lock of Hair.

When the federals got possession of the Shenandoah valley and repaired the street, looked yesterday morning very gressmen and officials are frequently railroad track and ran their trains, de- much like the polls used to look in the tachments of predatory bands made it a olden time prior to 1876 on election day. business to lie in ambush and fire into It was thronged with colored men who the coaches. A good deal of this work seemed anxious to see or do something. was done for a time by men belonging to At the second floor window of the prem-Imboden and Mosby's commands, and ises No. 6, on the north side of the street, finally, to protect themselves, the federals used to take along a number of the flag of our country. It was the new pelled to ride on the engine, and the established here under the command of retirement of their husbands has reduced others would be distributed through the Lieut. Hutton, and which will probably their finances below the figures of their cars, thus making the chances even that be formally opened to-day. Whether extravagant tastes. These ladies now if a volley was fired some of our own the crowd that assembled yesterday will people would be killed. This stopped make haste to enlist or not remains to be the uninitiated through the mysterious the practice of ambushing trains, but seen. not until the writer had had a very close

too old to go into the service, and I would have been received with all kindness but later I was being carried off as a prisoner.

The only good feature about it was that I was taken for a rebel deserter instead of a spy, and my treatment was, therefore, far better. In three or four days I was all right again, and then I was ordered aboard one of the trains and given half the engineer's seat. Indeed. was chained there, and when the officer was kind enough to say : "There, now, if your cursed rebel

without hitting you let them pop away !" I had a brother at the time in Mosby's command, and I knew that he had been engaged in the work of firing upon trains. I somehow felt that we should from Col. W. A. Hoskins, a prominent be fired upon, and that I should see rance policy has to go through. It is what they wore, what they said, and what gentleman of Sweet Water, Tenn., who is Frank that day, and both events quickly very searching, the questions going into was said about them. They relate the greatly interested in the building of this came to pass. We were not fifteen all the antecedents of the recruit, as well mportant road. Indeed, it was at the miles out of Winchester, and were just as those of his father and grandfathers, people think of each other, and how suggestion of Col. Hoskins that the pres- pulling out of a heavy cut into a piece and requiring the answering of some each is measured up by the whole of ent route was adopted, and he of course of woods, when I caught sight of the very delicate and difficult questions. feels a lively interest in its success. He head and face of a man above a log. Lieut. Hutton went on to say that the says the company have ample capital, We were running not over fifteen miles applicant for enlistment was first put what "society" thought of it. They dis-But that idea is incorrect. It is not that they have determined to build the an hour, and I was looking into the through this catechism, his answers cuss the engagements made, to be made, road, and he is fully satisfied of the early woods. The man in ambush was still taken down and the report filed away. and broken off. All the little bits of completion of this great line. We have ahead of us when I saw him, and we If the embryo soldier passes through this gossip, small talk, and scandal they carry coal and petroleum are made from the endeavored heretofore to show the many were not ten feet nearer when I recog- ordeal successfully he is turned over to with exact memory as to all the interplant life of the past, which in the course advantages of a road through our mounof ages has been changed into these two tain country. It is the shortest and instant I saw that he had a cavalry car- him to a room on the second floor, where patrons as well posted as if they were substances. If coal oil were made out cheapest route from the great West to bine resting across the log, and that there he is put through a course of "ablutionthe Atlantic coast, passing through a were four or five other men beyond him. ary sprouts," so to speak. In other a melancholy morning. country rich in agricultural lands and They were there to fire a volley into the words, he is scrubbed from the ground timbers, and especially in its minerals. train, and we on the engine would get it up. Emerging from the bath-room, From the geological formation of the first. I had only seconds in which to leaving his old clothes and all other country to be traversed by the Cumber- act. The first thing was to shout to the clothes behind him, he is ushered into

> "For God's sake, don't shoot! It's Ed-hold on !" face as I shouted, and we looked right room, where he is allowed to take anothinto each other's eves. In that brief er bath if he so desires, and to resume instant I saw a horrow come to his eyes, his outer shell. If he shall have passed

his face grew white as snow, and he could through successfully his papers are made work commenced on this great road at an not move his lips. His finger was pull- out, he is sworn in, neatly clad in the early day .- Franklin (N. C.) Press, No- | ing the trigger, and it was too late. A | livery of Uncle Sam, and at the proper sheet of flame leaped up at me, some- time is sent to a camp of instruction of thing burned the side of my cheek, and which there are several in the United then we had passed on. There was but States, and there put through the A B C The agriculturl editor of the Philadel- the one shot. The other men had heard of his military education. Having been my warning in time to hold their fire, licked into something like shape, a pro-For about a minute I could not tell whether I was badly hurt or had escaped scott free. But by and by I discovered regiment, and is known to the world that I had a bullet blister across my right | thereafter as Private X. Y. Z., Q Comcheek, and had lost a lock of hair big enough to divide among half a dozen

> My action in warning the engineer and fireman was laid up to my credit, but for the next four weeks I had to keep my seat on the locomotive. It was the last time any train was fired on, however, and if I did the federals all the damage I could before and after, they had to thank me for clearing a railroad line of

sweethearts.

# Saved by the Kick of his Mule.

From the days of Adam until to day the kick of a mule has been considered as dangerous to human life and limb as a ball shot from a Parrot cannon. It rewagon, made top heavy by the load, was in imminent danger of tipping over. Forward jumped to the, ground, and in alighting broke his right leg, his body falling directly in front of the forward wheels of the wagon, which were beginning to move. He was belpless, and instantly realizing his position, he shut his eyes and waited for the heavily loaded wagon to crush him to death. At the with both feet kicked Forward from un--Frenso (Cal.) Republican.

- An enterprising Yankee, who of land only one hundred and fifty miles of enjoyment, and from that time his over the water through his establishment. long, and from two to twenty miles wide. notions of royal bliss became changed. The Englishman, amazed at the quantity. - "Lower your muzzle," was the But of late years there has been a won- The same idea of the cares of the kingly of chairs that he saw in their various remark made by a girl to a young man | derful discovery of oil in Russia, where | state | was expressed by Shakespeare, | stages of completion, exclaimed: "'Ow wells have spouted the incredible amount | when he put into the mouth of Henry | can you hever hexpect to sell so many the Fourth the well known sentiment- chairs?" "Wall," said the Yankee, "I an old bachelor, "Why don't they fly break when it supplied pigs with tails. The great works that used to distil "Uneasy lies the head that wears a guess settin' down ain't gone out of fash- over the fence instead of making such a A pig's tail is of no more use to the pig ion yet."-Detroit Free Press.

### Getting Into the Army.

Beaufain street, from King to Mazyck a staff was projected, from which fluttered outhern citizens. Some would be com- recruiting rendezvous, which has been are familiar to them, but the death or Lieut. Hutton has with him a recruit-

chill about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and pected yesterday but did not arrive. then in the woods, and there I remained were several colored troopers who had nish their house, how to talk and act. until next day at noon, a part of the already served a term and been dis- how to set their tables, how to receive time out of my head. I finally got bet- charged and who seem to like army life callers and who to receive; when to call. ter, and partly by walking and partly by so much that they desire to return to it how to call, and who to call on. They crawling I reached a farm house a mile after having had a "run" in civil life for | tell them the difference between an ordiaway. The farmer was a southern man, a year or so. Most of these applicants nary tea and a high tea; between a dincame dressed up in the new army unifor the federals. I had scarcely entered They had been through the process before polite forms of speech, and tell them the house when a detachment of them and were examined without much what to talk about. They lead them rode up to the gate, and ten minutes trouble and only await the arrival of the around the circle and teach by example. "It may be as well to state," said they are the most courted of all society.

Lieut Hutton to a representative of the They are experts in Washington life. News and Courier vesterday, "that it is not as easy a matter as a good many people think it is to get into the regular army. One of the reasons for establishing this rendezvous here, I am told, is who had the matter in hand left me he that the requirements of enlistment are not furnish material enough to keep the friends can fire into this side of the cab army up to the regulation standard. For that reason this station was ordered to be

Then Lieut. Hutton handed the Reporter a kind of catechism very similar to that which an applicant for an insu-

land Vailey and Unaka Road, almost engineer and fireman to drop to the floor, the examining room very much in the every mineral known to our country and the next to wheel squarely around same state in which he was ushered into

Having undergone these examinations, mental, physical and genealogical, the Frank's gun was pointed full at my recruit is conducted back to the bathcess which depends very much on the recruit himself, he is finally drafted into a pany, 12th United States infantry, artil-

> It will be seen from the above that to get into Uncle Sam's army is somewhat like the difficulties which, according to the Scriptures, confront the millionaires of this world on their journey to Paradise. The light-fingered gentry of the city, in fact, need not apply. Of the crowd which assembled in front of the new recruiting station vesterday, and which numbered several hundred, about two would probably pass the examination. Still, if any ablebodied, honest citizen, white or black, no matter what may be his financial condition, desires to enlist and can pass the physical examination he can get into the army, and once in the army there is no reason why if he is in earnest he may not obtain an education event a young man who can find no opening here may, if he can pass the examination, enter the army, serve for five years and at the end of that time get his discharge with enough money saved up

lery or cavalry, as the case may be.

### A Model Housekeeper. Mrs. Cleveland came back from Phila-

out of his pay and perquisites to give

walks of civil life .- News and Courier,

delphia on Friday morning says a Washington correspondent. The servants at the white house are glad of it, because they say that when the mistress is away, the house is dull and gloomy. "Somehow." said one to day, "her presence here instant one of the rear mules seemed to is like sunshine. She is always so lively, take in the situation, and letting drive so merry and bright. I hated to see her go away for everything changes when der the wheels and into the ditch by the she is gone and the brightness goes with roadside. Shortly afterward he was found her." Mrs. Cleveland is lovely in her lying in the ditch by passers-by and home life. She is a charming housebrought to this city, where the broken leg keeper, and while she is not a hard miswas set, and he is in a fair way to recover. tress, by any means, she is a careful and watchful one. She does not have to request a thing done more than once, because the servants love her and always owned a large chair manufactory, had hasten to do her bidding. When anyoccasion one day to show a friend from thing goes wrong, she has a manner of thrown upon an iron rod from which reproving which makes the offender ready to bite his own head off for having offended his fair mistress.

fearful awkward job of climbing?"

Experts in Washington Life. The wives and daughters of new Con-

thrown into society without previous

preparation. From the quiet of a coun-

try home this is a terrible transition.

There are ladies here in Washington

whose husbands have been army or navy officers. They have spent years in socicty and have held and still hold high rank. The mysteries of form and usage sustain their position in society leading mazes. They teach the wives of the new Senators and members from the back dising detail consisting of Sergt, Herman tricts the polite forms and pilot them I was scouting around Winchester, and Morgner and Privates Daniel Shields, safely through a winter in Washington. and just left a farm house where I had Wm. Meade and John Welby. He said The relation they hold to the novice is remained all night, when a squadron of vesterday that all the paraphernalia of that of a superior, who condescends to federal cavalry struck my trail. I was the station had arrived except the eye take part of a friendly adviser or chapehounded and dogged until mid afternoon tests, which are certain printed cards by ron. They are courted, followed-and before I got clear away from them, and means of which the eyesight of the paid! They are women who have been during this time I was put to such phys- recruit can be tested as to the distance belles in society in the past, and who ical exertions that I was seized with a they can see, &c. These tests were ex dictate its forms now. They now make The only applicants received yesterday | their patrons what to wear, how to furner party and a luncheon. They rub forms that they received when discharged. | the dust off their dislect and teach them eye test cards to complete their examina- These chaperons are not known as such except to those who employ them, and

> In the morning, when they are not circling the rounds of society, they act the part of private conversationalists. There are always a number of wealthy ladies who, on account of not yet knowing the ways of society, or of ill-health, or perso high that the regular stations could haps because they are in mourning, are not in the social swim. As conversationalists these queens and

factotums of society bring all the gossip and goings on in society in a morning call upon those wealthy victims of seclusion. They tell them who held receptions last night and who were there; latest private scandal : tell what different society. They report how long Mr. talked with Miss Millions, and repeat among the most gay. They lighted up

Some of the most fashionable women who have long been the "leaders" of society earn in this way the means to keep up their establishments and to maintain themselves in fashionable luxury. The wives and daughters of some famous men now dead are professional leaders of society, and live by their profession .- Phila delphia Telegraph.

### The Quail Question. Dr. Hammond, the distinguished med-

ical philosopher of New York, in a talk with a Herald reporter the other day, said: "There is no reason in the world. why a man should not eat twenty quail in twenty days, or a hundred in a hundred days. Unless a man has a preconceived notion that it will make him ill there is nothing in the feat to prevent his eating the birds. This talk about the impossibility of eating a pigeon a day for thirty or fifty days is all imagination. Nothing but a mental disturbance can affect the stomach and prevent its action in such a case. Any man can walk on a board laid down in his back yard, but raise the board fifty feet high into space and no matter how solid it may be one man out of ten can not walk. Yet the muscles and physical powers are just as strong in midair as on the ground. What prevents a man walking the plank? Simply fear acting upon his imagination. So it is when a man begins eating a bird a day for twenty days. He has heard that it is impossible, and the fear of failure excites his stomach and makes him sick. "I will agree," said the doctor, with a twinkle in his eve, "to eat one

### \$1,000 a quail, and I'll win the money.' To Remain on Until Death. At the breaking out of the war Mr.

hundred quail in a hundred days for

Bryant James, of Eufaula, Alabama, left for the front as first lieutenant of Colt's artillery. As he bade farewell to his young wife he placed upon her finger a plain gold ring, biding her remember him. At one of the terrible engagements around Petersburg while shelling a federhim a small capital to start him in the al battery, a shell from the enemy carried of the lieutenant's right arm, taking away as a sacrifice to the cause the hand that had so tenderly placed the ring upon the fair hand of his wife. This invests the ring with a tender pathos, and though now after nearly a quarter of a century's wear the ring has worn to a slender band of gold, it has never been taken from her finger, and Mrs. James says that it never shall.

- A terrible accident occured at a balloon ascension in St. Louis last week. Shortly after 9 o'clock the balloon, a hot air affair, was brought on the stage before the audience of 2,000. The air ship started upward quickly and had attained a height of 500 feet when there was a collapse, and the gronaut plunged to the ground holding desperately to the ropes which held the sagging canvass; the descent was very rapid, and as he came down before the audience he was rockets were being fired. Death ensued instantly. The terrified spectators rushed to the scene, but could give no help, and the place was quickly deserted.

- "If women are really angels," writes | - The economy of nature made a bad than the letter "p" is to pneumonis.