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THE COTTON CROP.—September 1 is the date agreed upon in commercial circles as the terminal period of the "cotton year" in the United States, and during September the very large number of persons in all parts of the world who are interested in this valuable staple, either as producers, factors, carriers, spinners or consumers, are on the lookout either for statistics of the cotton year that has just closed, or for prognostications of the year's trade that is opening.

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The Stokes Case—A Very Important Witness Secured.

Since the murder of James Fisk, in the Grand Central Hotel, on the evening of January 6, 1872, the police and detectives have been earnestly working to discover the whereabouts of a woman who was then boarding in the hotel, and who, it was said, saw Stokes throw away the revolver and picked it up.

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One of the most remarkable sales of cattle ever made in this country or in the world took place at New York Mills, three miles from Utica, New York, on the 10th instant, comprising the herd of Daeches and Oxford breeds belonging to Hon. Samuel Campbell.

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EX-PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND THE SUNDAY CASE.—It is stated that ex-President Johnson is expected, in Washington in a few days, for the purpose of examining certain documents connected with the trial of the assassination of President Lincoln, whereby he hopes to show that the statements of General Holt, Judge Advocate General of the Army, recently published, are erroneous.

Mr. D. Epstein returned, yesterday, from a visit to the Northern markets, where he laid in a heavy stock of articles in the clothing line.

ENTERPRISE.—The Murray Hill Publishing Company, 129 East 28th street, have just made arrangements with the Graphic Company for a further 15,000 of that unique chromo, "Throw Physic to the Dogs," a copy of which they present to every purchaser of Dr. Foote's most popular book Plain Home Talk and Medical Common Sense.

AN EXPEDITION TO THE HOLY LAND.—Prof. James Strong, of Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J., chief of the Oriental topographical corps, is organizing an expedition to Egypt, Asia Minor and Palestine, to start about Christmas.

DROWNING THE GIRL BABIES IN CHINA.—The "cry of the children" of the female gender in China must be voiceiferous, indeed, if, as says the Chinese Provincial Treasurer of Hapel, their parents drown them at the rate of eighty per cent.

SHREVEPORT, which is so severely afflicted with yellow fever, is situated on the West bank of Red River in the Northern part of Louisiana, about 300 miles, by land, North-west of Baton Rouge, and about thirty miles below the "Great Raft," which is the limit of navigation for large steamboats.

FEMALE MASONIC ORDER.—The "Eastern Star" is the name of a benevolent and philanthropic organization of Jacksonville, Fla., composed of the sisters, wives, daughters and widows of the members of the Masonic fraternity.

IT IS SAID THAT THE PROPRIETORS OF ONE of the principal hotels at a fashionable summer resort, has already cleared over \$40,000 on this season's business; and the season, as everybody knows, has been an exceptionally poor one.

THE NEW OPERA HOUSE.—Mr. P. M. Murray has begun working on the new opera house of Messrs. Sanders & Carson, and up to noon yesterday, had laid 37,000 bricks.—Charlotte Observer.

CITY MATTERS.—Subscribes for the Phoenix.

Take a medium, between nature and fashion, which is perhaps the best rule in regard to dresses that can be given.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE RANGE OF THE thermometer at the Wheeler House, yesterday: 5 A. M., 68; 7 A. M., 67; 9 A. M., 65; 12 M., 66; 2 P. M., 67; 5 P. M., 69; 7 P. M., 69.

THE WOODEN HURDLES over the gutters on some of the streets need attending to—they are in a dilapidated condition, and may cause a broken ankle, from the foot slipping through. We are safe.

THE SEPTEMBER NUMBER OF THE Orphan's Appeal is before us. It is an instructive little sheet, conducted by the managers of the Palmetto Orphan Home, and published monthly. Fifty cents a year is the subscription price.

MESARS. KINARD & WILEY are in receipt of their fall and winter stock of hats—and a beautiful stock it is, too. There are the Broadway, Cassimere, Tourist, (6½ inches deep.) Mount Cenis, English Dress, Fulton, Sport, Tom Bowling and a variety of other styles.

CHARITABLE.—Mr. W. R. Oathart, manager of the Western Union Telegraph office in this city, has furnished us a copy of the following order, received by him yesterday. This company have always acted liberally, where the exercise of true charity is called for:

THE WETTER THE WEATHER, the dryer the man: Advice to young writers—Say what you have to say, and then stop. What is the difference between a hangman and a gambler? One ropes people in, and the other ropes people out.

THE WIFE OF A MAN IN Paw-Paw, Mich., who left home threatening to commit suicide, will probably soon be discovered to have only been to see her papa.