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TATTLING.

This is the meanest vice that steals into good society; alienating friendships, poisoning the peace of families, and fill ing communities with groundless stories, rumors, prejudices, and suspicions; so that the fung of the serpent is not more baneful than the breath of the tattler, nor his appreach more to be avoided and shunnod. And prudent families are as wary of the one as of the other. If the door is not shut in the face of the recognized tattler, she is received with such cautions reticence, such severe reserve, such careful avoidance of any communication that is not utterly trite and commonplace, and such grave and significant silence when at any time. she has communicated something that

nine is ever found in the whiskey of she thinks new and piquant, and expects commerce would silence, though not some confidences in return; that she must convince me, for I have not interest be singularly deficient in discernment if enough in the subject to persue it furthshe does not perceive the light in which | er. Or a note addressed to any eminent she is viewed, and yet more destitute of scientific journal which has a column sensibility if she does not get away as for inquiry and answers, would settle the question in a week ; for they have facilquickly as she can. ities for unlimited references which

Happily, nature is not to be taxed with the production of this monster .--on such a subject in half a dezen We have never known a born tattler .-The vice is cultivated, or rather, grows up unwarily in the character; and we could not render our fair readers a better service than to teach them how to discern so noxious a weed, before it has taken root too deeply. As for the coarser sex. the horse whip, eudgel and pistol suffice to keep it down in them, though we doubt not the soil is more congenial to its growth.

Tattling rarely springs from malevolence of motive, but rather from the genial and social impulse to talk, when the of my memory, or rather of my hearing mind is too sterile and empty to supply of your testimony. You heard, instead legitimate food for conversation, and the judgment too weak to restrain it within proper limits, in its quest for something to talk about. Gossip is the ready and common resource; and all the friends and acquaintances of the prattler, and all of their friends and acquaintances that she shew wit, she tells jokes about them that might not be objectionable as railery if they were present; but railory against the absent is stupid or illuatured. However, some of her auditors are perhaps prattlers too, and they remember the story, forget that it was a dull joke, and tell it presently as a fact; and thus the public are presently in possession of a vile slander, without a shadow of foundation, but seriously damaging the reputation of nover reach, so as to afford them a chance tained in the whiskey of commerce from innocent prattle to loathsome and his word far better than ordinary print ; criminal tattle. My Lady Prattle incau- from such a source, rather than you

tiously drops her initial and becomes My read in any ordinary publication. , and My Lady Rattle incau tiously changes hers and becomes My Lady Tattle. Nothing can save the social in .ztenso : gossip from running through this deplorable transition. Before she speaks of one who is absont, let the prattler bethink hur for a fiends, the temperance societies, has ever demonstrated strychnine among the poisenand whether what she is about to say may not be misconstrued or misrepresented by some of her hearers. She has no more right to take up and recklessly tamper with the same than with the watch or purse of an absentee. Would she have it do this last thing? All the graces forbid ! not satisfy you, I presume none can. Let her then as scrupulously avoid the first, which is as base and criminal, and which, though it may not send her, like the last, to the jail or penitentiary, may send her to--Coventry. Young Misses of the South ! Ye whose youthfal minds are not yet taint. ed with this loathsome vice, avoid it as you would a deadly poliution ! Happily your mamas can teach you how; for there is no country under the sun whose mat rons are freer from it. Our climate is too warm for it. But ft is like many other most noxious woeds, extremely hardy, and will grow, even in our latitude unless carefully repressed.

purposes of our contraverprivious article to see if I had used the ise words in both. I never assame precise words in both. I never as serted that more than a trace of strych nine is found in the whiskey of commerce though doubtless in rarer instances more

I have asserted that it is a "well known fact" that strychnine is "some-times" or "often" (which you please) found in the whiskey of commerce. It

manufacture of whiskey; and, as if to make the analogy complete, the editors of the U. S. Dispensatory, (Wood & Bache.) subjoin with apparent approval is a well known fact, just as the rotundi ty of the earth is a well known fact. Thousands have heard and accepted a recommendation of M J. F. Molyn that the strychnine be fermented to release in either proposition ; though perhaps not from the sacharine and gummy matter one in a thousand has demonstrated, or contained in the nux vomica. May 1 not here recur to the parlance of the chossboard, and cry "check! to your heard demonstrated, the truth of either. If you can refute either proposition, it would thenceforth be improper to call it chemical expert;" a check from which he a "fact," but not until theu. Hitherto, can not emerge again as 'chemical expert? you have not even ventured a peremp Or shall I proceed to the next and last tory denial of the fact concerning whis paragraph of your first communication. key, though challenged to do so ; but 4th. Lastly in order to set aside all content yourself with advancing reasons why, in your judgment, it should not be regarded as a fact. It is, therefore, loubts, and not to depend upon mere assertions as argument. I have taken occasion t rocure from five different dealears in this town, five different specimens of common whiskey. These were carefully tested by only incumbent on me to meet you with an argumentum ad hominem; and refute the same method and with the same appa all the reasons which you thus advance ratus as were used in the Hendricks case and and this I shall presently attempt to do. I failed to detect the slightest trace of In the meantime I may state that our strychnine in a single one of the speci controversy may be speedily terminated

The U. S., J.u.

mens. And cry check to your inductive philos-Your peremptory denial that strych opher ! who by the cursory examination of five specimens can demonstrate beyond "all doubt" a negative, and therefore a universal proposition concerning a whole class of substances (for whiskey is such) containing millions of specimens ? No! my dear Doctor, I will not offer you check." but I will recommend that you

refresh your reading, in the "novum or ganum," and-in the U. S. Dispensatowould enable them to shed more light ry, article, strychnia. lines

I have thus disposed -whether satis. than we can shed in half a dozen longfactorily or not. must rest with your judg winded controversial articles. without ment and that of our readers -of all the such facilities of reference. I suggest objections urged by you to the "well such a termination in case you think it known fact" that the whiskey of com. worth while to adopt it. For myself, a merce does ' sometimes" or "often" conwant of interest, and a reasonable confi. tain traces of strychnine. And, now, dence in the correctness of my conviction waiting for fresh objections, or for that upon this subject will prevent me from shorter cut to truth which I have sugapplying. I will however meekly subgested, I remain with highest personal mit to such lecision if against me.- 1 regard and esteem Yours Truly, L. W. R. BLAIR,

GENERAL NEWS.

South Carolina.

The Union-Herald has been elected the

Mrs. Felder, Mr. Robert J. Ardis and Mrs.

On the 24th inst., the district conference

f the Methodist Church will be held at

The United States troops at Columbia have

een paid off, and money circulates freely.

at Peidmont Church, near Bishopville, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July.

A rattlesnake was killed about four miles

from Spartanbug, on the upper Greenville road. He had five rattles and a button.

Miss Nannie Means, daughter of A G.

Means, of Spartanburg, was severely burn-ed on last Thursday evening by the explo-

Burglars attempted to raid on the Beaufort

The United States Marshal will sell by or-

ier of court, the building and lots in Sumter

ression was closed last week after a public

North Carolina.

Two little children of Mr. Condy of Wil-

mington who were badly scalded, are both dead.

Memorial day was celebrated with eclat

t Wilmington and many other points in this

George Dahmer, aged seventy-five, com-

mitted suicide at Wilmington. Cause, insan-

A house near the Charlotte depot Wilming-ton, was broken open and robbed of a watch and some other articles on Monday night,

During a severe thunder storm, on Tues-day, the Carolina Central depot of Wilming-

ton was struck by lightning, and several men

Major Englehard, for many years the lead-

ng editor of the Wilmington Journal, and

well known in this city, has severed his

Elins Wilson, insane, committed suicide in

Georgia.

A Monroe county cow has produced twin

The Diocesan Convention of the Protestant

Episcopal Chuuch met in Macon this week.

Bank on Monday night last, but were fright-ened off by Mrs. Lockwood, who was awa-

lines have died recently in Sumter county.

ity printer of Columbia

the editor of the Ledger.

sion of a kerosene lamp.

cened by their noise.

Kingstree.

now proceed to examine the reasons you advance against the "well known fact" that a trace of strychnine is "sometimes" or "often" contained in the whiskey of ommerce.

I am happy to accept the correctness of you read, of an "instance of poisoning with whiskey in which strychning was found by analysis." Your infor mant (as I learn from a friead to whom you mentioned his name) was a gentleman of your own profession, of equal eminence with yourself, and of greater experience. He mentioned the fact to y u without mentioning any reasons to ever heard of are made to contribute suspect that the strychnine was put into something to her stock. If she wants to the whiskey for a criminal purpose, as I have a right to infer from the circumstances under which you adduced it. In short, he mentioned the fact to you as an instance of poisoning by the strychnine contained in the whiskey of commerce. Of course, neithes you nor he could know that the strychnine was not put into the whiskey with a criminal purpose ; but, in the absence of any ground for suspicion, you had no right to infer that it was so put in. Can you desire a better instance of what you have demanded from me-the "report of an some innocent party, whose cars it may fact" that strychnine is sometimes con

On Friday last, some five car leads of corn averaging three hundred bushels each, or aggregating fifteen hundred bushels, arrived in Abbeville, and was sold out, partly for oceed with your "reasons," which cash and partly on leins, by the following For further information apply to Gen. J. B Kershaw, or to G. W. Williams & Co., Charo give you their full benefit, I quote Monday. An eight-day clock was found in the wood leston 8. C. near Lancaster court house, and no owner has appeared for it. It is well known that may10 if 1st. You have not offered any report of

time.

or examination.

reached Dalles, Texas, its population was about 1000 sculs. Now the population, at the most reasonable estimate is 17.000 There are in the city, of fine brick but incre-houtses of one, two and three stories high about 250, yet the great mass of the build-ings have been built of wood. The residen-ce are magnified wood. don. Edingurg and Dublin formula for the officinal preparation of strychnine all prescribe protracted and recented builing, evapo-ration and final distillation off of the al-cohol which has been added in the pro cess, just as the alcohol of fermen ation is distilled off from the mash or beer to ces are generally of wool, but many of then are of stone, brick concrete, and the sub urbs abound in splendid private houses. which strychnine has been added in the

In Presidio County, Texas, a quarter of a mile from the Ris Grandt, and about thirty miles below Fort. Quitorsto, among ragged meantains are situated the Hos / Springe of Texas rivaling, if not far superior to the well known hut springs of Avkansas. There are two springs, about one hundred and thirty feet spart, each about ten feet in diametre and enclosed in a untural circular rim each about three feet high. The water is clear, and of an naknows depth, since the atterp to sound them with a hundred foet of line have failed to reach the bottom. Gases are continually according to the surface. keep-ing the water in continual agitation. These waters are strongly impregnated with min-In Presidio County, Texas, a quarter of waters are strongly imprognated with min-erals, and have a temperature once of one hundred and ten degrees, the other of one hundrad and four. They are thirty-two hundred and sixty feet above the sen.

LAST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Camden post-office un called for May 13 1876 Mrs Bettiy Anderson John Flowers, Mrs Grane, An Irew, Grahm, Nancey Harrison, Jake McAllster, John S. Rogier, Philip Snipes, Mr Somes, John Ihampson, V. S. Truesdel, Bridger Whitaker, D. Y. Wurn, Samuel Whitley,

MARRIED. CARPENTER-BAXLEY-On the 11th of May, at the retrigence of the bridger mother, by Rev. H. F. Carfetzberg, Mr. E. H. Car-penter of Charleston, S. C., to Miss Virginia S. Barley of Camden S. C. No Curde.

Tribute of L'espect.

At a meeting of Phoenix Hook & Ladder company, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted : WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in

His wise providence to remove from our companionship upon earth, our friend and brother fireman R. F. Rowell, we desire o record our sense of the loss sustained by this Company, and give expression of our sincere sorrow in the death of a worthy riend, be it therefore RESOLVED, That in the death of brother

Rowell this Company has lost a worthy rother, and the community an estimab nembe RESOLVED, That we deeply sympathize with the family of the deceased, and tender

them our sincere sorrow in their deep afliction RESOLVED, That a page in our record book

be inscribed with the name, date of initiation and the date of death of our deceased brother RESOLVED, That these resolutions be published in the Kersimw Gazette and the Journal, and that a copy be sent to the fami-

ly of the deceased. E. O. McCREIGHT, W. C. PEGUES, T. S. OAKS.

New Advertisements.

Sheriff's Sale.

The Lancaster ladies were derelict on John D. Kennedy, Thurston & Holmes and R. M. Kennedy, vs., A. M. Kennedy. demorial day, and are mildly excoriated by The Sumter Union Baptist Church meets

BY virtue of the above execution. I will proceed to sell, in front of the court house in Camden, on the first Monday in June next, during the, hours of sale, the following valuable property :

The premises now occupied by. William C. Gerald, on Broad street, Camden, S. C., bounded on the North by premises occupied by Mrs. Mary Lyles, cast by J. B. Kerehaw Frank P. Beard and others, South by premises of D. C. Kirkly, west by Broad street. Levied on as the property of A. M. Ken-nedy at the suit of the above named plaintiffs.

Terms Cash. JOHN DOBY, S. K. C.

Valuable Property for Sale,

usiness portion of the town.

W. CLYBURN

F. J. Moses jr., as a homestead. WILL be sold at private sale by consen of Geo. W. Williams, & Co., mortgagees, my Brick Range, consisting of four stores and one Banking office, situated on Main Street.



Strychnine in Whiskey.

To DR. S. BARUCH. My dear sir :-To DR. S. BARCOH. My dear sir: coordially reciprocating the sentiments of kind regard and esteem which you so flatteringly profess in your socond com munication to the Gazette, I leave the tripad to offer you my right hand on these sentiments; and, as we are both "stiff in opinion," whether "ever in the wour" or not to assure you that on my wrong" or not, to assure you that on my tion similar to that asked by the fore. wrong or not, to assure you that on my part at least, our controversy shall never disturb the non-chalance and personal good will with which I would play a game of chess with a friend, provided the same spirit is manifested by you, as I doubt not it will be.

I doubt not it will be. As you do not answer my direct question as to whother you did, or not, state that your mind was not fully made up as to the personing until you found atrychnine present in the stouach of the decased, as according to my recollection you did say. I presume that that point is conceded and eliminated from discus sion, leaving only the whiskey - strychis conceded and eliminated from discus slon, leaving only the whiskay—strych mine question for further controversy. Before taking up that question I must advert to your cavil at my words. What possible difference can it make in our controversy whether strychning is "of-tem" found or "sometimes" found is the whiskay of commerce 7 In either case it would be fatal to any inference of possoning from finding a trace of strych-mine in t a stom, ch of a man who habi-temily used whiskay as a bevorage. I

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analysis made by yourself or other reliable chemist, as proof of this "well known fact," nor am I aware that any analysis made at the instance of our good and philanthropic ous substances they have discovered.

I may be excused for not making an analysis, for the reason that I have no chemical apparetus and am not "expert" The colored people of Yorkville have made commendable endeavors to secure an educa-tion for their children. They have obtained \$200 from the Peabody Fund, and the first enough to make analyses without it. As for a report of analyses, I could offer you none more directly to the point, or examination.

An entertainmont consisting of tableaux 2n1: It appears to us that if this was a well kn. wa fact," it would not have escaped and charades, is to be given at Kiogstree, in the court house, on the 18th inst, by a porthe asture and searching legal authorites who have written on medical jurisprudence, tion of the young ladies and gentlemen of Kingstree, the proceeds of which are to be and who have written on point that can pos sibly throw light upon a question of law or evidence in these ease. If there was any contributed to the Baptist Sunday school library fund, and to the painting of the fence around said church.

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connection therewith.

Bishop Beckwith presided.

available in increase. If there was any analysis extant upon this subject, it would surely be refored to by the intest and b.c. authority "Wharton & Stille," and evermore, the learned and ingenious counsel who so skillfully conducted the defense in the H ndricks case would not have waited for the foreman to suggest the question to me.

The same reasons would prompt these writers to notice the fallacy as to animadvert on the fact. As they do neith er, it must be ascribed to oversight. Men of science are prone to commit oversights, as is proven in your own

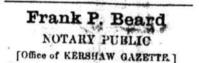
case. For, had the fact mentioned to you by Dr .---- , and commented on above, been present to your mind, the

whole community knows that you are too pure and conscientious a man to

truth from obscurities and ambiguities of evidence.

The annual convention of the Georgia 8d. Ifstrychnia is added to the fermen ting vats, for the purpose alleged by the Railroad was held in August on Wednesday Ingrais, for the purpose alogen by the learned foreman, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the process of fermentation and distillation in which it participates, would decompose it beyond recognition. Distill-ation is a process which so decomposes and last, Hon. John P. King, President, in the The great event in volunteer military cir-

there is an interesting locality in Williams-burg county, known as "Clock Town." but Look to Your Interests. Our merchants are certainly losing heavily Lancaster can now call Williamsburg to in their profits by not getting their Cigars and Tobacco from Messrs, Perry & Slawson, Mr. H. E. C. Fountain of Lynches Creek wholesale dealers, Columbia, S. C. They are ar ahead of any House in the State in this in Sumter county has discovered on his plantation, embedded a few inches beneath line. Their heavy shipments of Chewing Tobacco and the demand for those 1/4 dime the soil, a bed of marl. Mr. Fountain has ent specimens to a scientist in Charleston (Se.) eigars are sufficient proofs of this. Conumers ask for Perry & Slawson's cigars.



Business entrusted to his care will be promptly and faithfully executed. Attention given to noting protests, taking renunciation of dower, and all matters pertaining to his office.

Cigars Tobacco and Pipes. EVERY BODY KNOWS THEY C.4N always find the best articles in this D. C. KIRKLEY'S, Agent. NUTS. RAISINS, AND CANDIES, OF all kinds at D. C. KIRKLEY'S, Agent. FEW MORE POUNDS OF THAT INICE Peach, apple and Quinee Butter at D. C. KIRKLEY'S, Agent. HOICE FAMILY FLOUR, NEW OR asses; muscovado niolasse S. H. Syrup, for sale D. C. KIRKLEY, Agent. CHOILE PIG HAMS, SUGAR-ALL grades, Genuine Gilt-edge Butter, ten Butter. Pure crean cheese for alle D. G. KIRKLEY, Agent. RIO, LAGUYRA AND JAYA COFFEE, Wilmington on Saturday, by saturating his olothing with Kerosene, and then setting himself on fire. TEA, all grades. Canned goods in y for sale by D. C. KIRKLEY, Agent. mr8

> South Carolina Medical Association. The annual meeting of the South Carolina Medical Association will take place in Col-umbia on Tuesday. April 11th, 1876-HENRY D. FRAZER, Recording Sec'y.

> > Important Notice.

DIFICE COUNTY COMMISSION BRS KERSHAW CO

Canden S. C., Apl., 26th, 1876. NOTICE is hereby given to all persons holding claims segainst Forebory coun-ty, which accrued between November first, 1873, and November first, 1874, that they are required by joint resolution of the Gen eral Assembly, to register the same within ninety days, with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for Kershaw County; who will be in his office every day during this period, prepared to register the same. By Order of the Board. W. H. R. WORKMAN,

Clerk.

Itinerant Salesmen, Transient Persons and Non-Residents of the Town of Camden," as relates to persons travelling as agents or salesmen for houses of established repute. wares or merchandise, either by sample, pattern or otherwise, or who shall solicit and obtain orders for supplying others with such goods, wares or merchandise," be and the same is, hereby repealed. The remainder of said ordinance to remain of full force ap19m1 neat manner. Leave your orders at George McClain's, at the market, or with myself, and they will have prempt attention. WINYAW JAMES.

COLUMBIA, S. C.



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he sells his Spring and Summer Goods Cheaper than they can be bought elsewhere. Call and see for yourself, and get CEN-TENNIAL SILVER. H. BARUCH. may8tf

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