

**POETRY.**

TO MY OLDEST FRIEND.

BY GEORGE N. FIELD.  
Old friend, you never have forgot  
The vows we made together,  
When you were Jim, and I was Jack,  
And life ran smooth, though fast, alack,  
Through days of childhood's pleasure.  
We vowed that where'er we'd be,  
When leaves from death were springing,  
We'd sing some old familiar song,  
While back our thoughts would wander long,  
To where we joined in singing.  
And so one month, at least, each year,  
Would fill with old-time pleasures,  
And memory dance with merry tune.  
To days that died, alas, too soon,  
Those days of hidden treasures.  
I left the home we both had known,  
And Westward sought a blessing,  
But with me took your sister Grace,  
Of gentle mind and sweetest face,  
But gave you sister Helen.  
But now again we meet, old boy,  
Not dimmed by age or troubles,  
The old, old years come floating back,  
And my young Jim and your wee Jack  
Appear our very doubles.  
We'll see them grow, as year by year,  
They pull in life's strong traces;  
And when death calls for you and me,  
I trust they then will able be  
To better fill our places.

**AGRICULTURE.**

DEEP CULTURE,

In Relation to the Retention of Moisture in Arable Lands.

Deep digging, trenching and subsoil ploughing, says the Edinburg (Scotland) Farmer, are the means for preserving the moisture in the soil during heat and drought. There are not wanting many evidences that the several acts of husbandry stated under this head are advantageous on every description of land, even the most water-logged fields. But, draining is a *sine qua non* in such fields, an operation that has been descriptively defined by Major McInroy as "underground irrigation." "I consider," says he, "the most perfect system to be that which allows air and water to pass freely through the soil with their dissolving and fertilizing properties. Previous to draining and deep stirring, chemical action is very much confined to one stratum of soil—namely, where the air is neither excluded nor free, and where it is neither dry nor wet (speaking in common-place words.) Subsequently the laws of composition and decomposition have full play, and their effects are diffused throughout the whole mass of soil. In an essay published several years since, a gravelly, open subsoil.—The subsoil plough, which was drawn by two horses in the track of the common (for which the Marquis of Tweeddale offered a prize,) it was said "that in every instance drainage gave a decided advantage in the increase of temperature, except only in Summer, when a heavy fall of rain was found to lower the temperature of drained land more than undrained," which is evidently an advantage to a hot, parched soil.

The writer subsoiled nearly 100 acres of a light, thin, incoherent soil, consisting of a small portion of black earth, with gravel and sand resting on plough, stirred the ground to the depth of twelve or fourteen inches. The weak point of the land so treated was its dryness, for even moderate heat and drought scorched whatever crops were grown; but we found the process beneficial, the crops more abundant and less liable to suffer from an arid atmosphere. The rain water did not pass so rapidly away, and we ascribe this to the subsoil ploughing shutting up the grooves and channels through which the water has descended for untold ages.

For this explanation we have been several times taken to task by intelligent agriculturists, who affirmed that subsoiling opened interstitial places for the more rapid descent of water. Such, we believe, is the result of the operation in retentive bottoms.

The pulverizing of the soil also contributes to the retention of moisture.—We were in this point a follower of Jethro Tull, and it was the perusal of his writings that set us to work. He pronounced the opinion that pulverization was the one great idea of successful farming. When large cavities abound in land, plants suffer more in dry weather than with minute pores. This proposition seems to be self-evident, but it has often been disputed, as contending a law of capillary action that the ascent of the water is in the inverse proportion of the diameter of the tube. Now, it cannot be denied that a fine division of the soil is analogous to small capillary tubes; but one fact is fairly overlooked in this reasoning, namely, that the fine, small particles of soils compacted together, exclude largely the air atoms, and thus prevent the full evapora-

tive powers that would otherwise rule and operate. It is said that, in digging a hole in the soil in dry weather, pounding down the excavated earth, and afterward returning it to the hole, more moisture is absorbed and retained in the surrounding ground. This process we have brought to the proof, and found its truth amply verified in soil holding something less than their normal quantity of water, but in cases where moisture was redundant, it was otherwise.

In the prevailing plan of draining soft flats forty or fifty years ago, we have undoubted evidence of the powerful action of evaporation. The shallow stone drains of eighteen inches proved an entire failure, so far as the removal of the surplus water was concerned.—The great law of gravitation being counteracted by capillarity, the soft flats remained nearly as moist as ever.—*Dixie Farmer.*

ENLARGE THE MANURE HEAP.—We have some thousands of readers who will smile at our head line—their trouble with it, it is too large, and they desire ways and means to destroy or put it out of sight; but the time will come when their descendants, or those who come after them, will think otherwise. The larger portion of our readers think otherwise now; and it is for their benefit that we discuss the matter. *Stable or barn yard manure*, we say it with emphasis, should claim the farmer's most particular attention. How to enlarge the quantity and quality of this great fertilizing agent should be his study by night and by day—he should have "manure heap" on the brain—he should not only think about it, and talk about it, but go to work and act about it. If a young man wants to get rich by farming, let him first study how to enlarge his manure heap. Feed everything in either the stable or barn yard, corn, fodder and all; haul in leaves from the woods, cut all the rubbish before it goes to seed and add it to the manure heap. Add plaster of paris frequently; this will attract and hold the ammonia, making the manure richer. If you have any swamp mud on the farm, haul it out on the bank in large heaps and mix with it plenty of lime and plaster; let it lay a year or so to sweeten, then apply it as a top dressing on your grass land.—*American Stock Journal.*

**I. H. ALEXANDER,**  
DENTIST.



CAMDEN, S. C.

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All work Warranted.  
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July 29. tf

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May 20. tf

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And Plantation Bitters  
AND all of the most popular PATENT MEDICINES. For Sale by HODGSON & DUNLAP.

**CARRIAGE.**  
FOR SALE, a handsome four-seated ROCKAWAY, as good as new. Apply to BAUM, BRO.  
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**DRUGGISTS AND APOTHECARIES.**

Have on hand and are constantly receiving fresh supplies of  
**DRUGS AND MEDICINES,**  
**FANCY AND TOILET ARTICLES, PERFUMERY, &C.**  
**KEROSENE OIL AND LAMPS, CHIMNIES,**  
**Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Window Glass, Putty, Brushes, &c.**

AND  
**ALL OTHER ARTICLES**  
Usually kept in our line, all of which are PURE AND GENUINE, and warranted to be as represented, which we will sell as cheap as they can be bought anywhere in the State.  
HODGSON & DUNLAP.  
May 6.

**NEW ARRIVALS**

**SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.**

We are now receiving and opening a well-selected stock of  
**Spring and Summer Goods,**

Consisting of the Newest Styles of  
**PRINTS.**  
**LADIES' DRESS GOODS,**  
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And various other articles. Also—a large assortment of  
**Gent's, Spring and Summer Clothing,**  
**Cassimeres and Linens, of all qualities.**

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**

Of these, we have a fine assortment. Also, Fashionable  
**ALPINE HATS.**  
WHITE AND COLORED.  
Our usual assortment of  
**HARDWARE, GROCERIES,**  
AND  
**CROCKERYWARE.**

The above Goods having been selected with great care, and bought for CASH, we offer them very low for the CASH.  
Call and examine our stock and you will find it to your interest.  
We take this occasion to thank our friends and the public generally, for the very liberal patronage bestowed on us, and it shall always be our aim to continue to merit the same by selling at the lowest possible prices.  
**BAUM BROS.**

March 18.  
**DEKALB HOUSE,**  
**J. W. Rodgers—Proprietor.**  
CAMDEN, S. C.

**INSURE YOUR LIFE**  
IN THE  
**St. Louis Mutual**  
**INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
J. W. RODGERS, Agent.  
CAMDEN, S. C.

**SHIP**  
**Your Money and Freight**  
BY THE  
**SOUTHERN EXPRESS.**  
OFFICE AT THE  
**DEKALB HOUSE:**

**Notice.**  
ALL persons indebted to or having claims against the Estate of S. H. RUSH, deceased, are hereby requested to present the same properly attested, on or before the 20th day of November, A. D., 1869.  
J. J. RUSH, Adm'r.

**ROBT MURE & CO.,**  
**COMMISSION MERCHANTS,**  
CHARLESTON, S. C.  
AGENTS CHARLESTON AND LIVERPOOL STEAMSHIP LINE.  
Advances made on shipments of Cotton, Rice and Naval Stores to Foreign and Domestic Ports.

**Final Notice to Creditors.**  
PERSONS having claims on John W. Arthur, deceased, or Mrs. Cornelia Arthur, Administratrix, will present them at once to  
WM. M. SHANNON;  
June 24.—tf. Attorney.

**Hides, Hides. &c. &c.**

HIGHEST market price paid CASH for GREEN and DRY HIDES; for FURS, CLEAN RAGS, OLD PAPER, BOOKS, WOOL, WAX, TALLOW, IRON, METALS, &c., At  
**F. GOSS'**  
DEALER IN

**PROVISIONS,**  
HEAVY AND FANCY  
**GROCERIES.**  
**SHOES, BOOTS,**  
**Hardware, &c., &c.**  
**WINES, LIQUORS AND ALE**  
of all kinds and best qualities,  
IN ANY QUANTITY.  
Workman's Building, Broad-Street,  
CAMDEN, S. C.  
April 29. tf

**SPRING GOODS.**  
I have just returned from the markets, and am now receiving a  
**WELL SELECTED STOCK OF**  
**GOODS,**  
SUITED TO THE SEASON,  
To which I invite the attention of the public.

**Prices Satisfactory.**  
**TERMS CASH.**  
**R. M. KENNEDY.**  
April 15. tf

**Condition Powders,**  
THESE Powders will cure most of the diseases to which Horses and Cattle are liable, also improve the appetite and spirits. They are much superior to any other in use. No Planter or Farmer should be without them.  
Prepared and sold by  
**HODGSON & DUNLAP.**

**Notice.**  
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D. P. BUSH, Adm'r.  
April 1, 8m

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**Smoking Tobacco.**  
JUST received a large lot of this popular Smoking Tobacco.  
**HODGSON & DUNLAP.**

**Perfumery,**  
COLOGNES, Extracts, Fine Toilet Soaps and Brushes in large variety and Styles. For Sale by  
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**F. J. COLLIER & CO**  
**PRESCRIPTION STORE:**  
PERSONS wishing PRESCRIPTIONS filled, will be accommodated at all hours.  
Having just received a fresh supply of  
**DRUGS AND MEDICINES.**  
we are prepared to accommodate all who may favor us with a call.  
May 13. tf.

**Corn and Bacon!**  
We are still receiving supplies of Corn and Bacon which we will sell at Charleston prices with actual expenses added.  
**HODGSON & DUNLAP.**

**NOTICE.**  
ALL persons having demands against the estate of John Kirkland, deceased, will present them duly attested within the time prescribed by law. This notice will be plead in bar of those who fail to comply. The said indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment to  
**JESSE A. KIRKLAND,**

**Sweet Oil,**  
STARCH, PEPPER and SPICES,  
of all sorts. For Sale by  
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**Stationary, &c.**  
INK, Paper, Pens, Pencils, Mucilage &c. For Sale by  
**HODGSON & DUNLAP.**

200 packages of JEWELL BROS. celebrated Self-Leavening, or Self-Raising Flour, just received. Try it.  
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**Family Supplies**

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**PROVISION STORE**

OF

**JAMES JONES,**

BROAD-STREET,

CAMDEN, S. C.

March 25.

**FINE BRANDY.**

A FEW gallons FINE OLD HENNESSY BRANDY, for medicinal purposes. For sale by  
**JAMES JONES.**  
March 25. tf.

**ALE AND PORTER.**

Younger's India Pale ALE, "Stout Porter,"  
For sale by  
**JAMES JONES.**  
March 25. tf.

**LEATHER.**

SOLE and UPPER LEATHER.  
For sale by  
**JAMES JONES.**  
April 22. tf.

**REMOVAL.**

**GROCERIES! PROVISIONS!**

THE subscriber having removed his Store to the stand next above the Market, and added largely to his stock, is now offering to the public a

**CHOICE SELECTION OF**  
**FAMILY AND FANCY GROCERIES,**

to which he respectfully invites the attention of purchasers.  
Thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to him, he promises to use every effort to secure its continuance, assuring the public that every thing he offers shall be of the best quality, and his prices as reasonable as possible.  
Terms Cash.  
**C NOELK N.**

January 21.

**Shoes! Shoes!**

THE subscriber has on hand a good stock of Ladies' and Gentlemen's

**SHOES,**

which he is selling at very low prices. He is gratified to know that his Shoes have given satisfaction to all who have purchased of him.  
Terms, Cash.  
**C. NOELKIN.**

January 21. tf

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**

LADIES, and Gentlemen's BOOTS and SHOES, of all qualities, and of superior make and finish. For sale low, by  
**JAMES JONES.**

Feb. 11. tf

**Corn! Corn!!**

THE subscriber has on hand, and will keep, during the summer, a supply of CORN, which he will sell at a small advance on cost.  
**JAMES JONES.**

Feb. 11. tf

**ROSADALIS,**

**Purifies the Blood.**

For sale by Druggists everywhere

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THE undersigned having leased, removed, fitted up and put in running order, the Steam Saw Mill formerly owned by Sutherland & Lemmond, are prepared to furnish PINE LUMBER of every description in any quantity at short notice, on moderate terms for cash or any description of country produce.  
The Mill is located on Little Pine Tree Creek, four miles from Camden, in the midst of fine timber, with a good road leading to it.  
Orders left with Messrs. Burns and Boswell, or at the Journal office in Camden, will receive prompt attention.  
**SHEORN & CROWELL.**

December 31. tf

**THE LAST NOTICE.**

ALL persons indebted to McDONALD & McCURRY by Note or Account are respectfully requested to call at once and make payment, or satisfactory arrangements or they will be compelled to put their claims in the hands of others for collection.  
**McDONALD & McCURRY.**

March 25. tf.