They Two.

They are left alone in the dear old

After so many years, When the house was full of trolle and

They are left alone, they two-once Beginning life over again. Just as they did in the days of yore.

Of childish laughter and tears.

Before they were nine or ten. And the table is set for two these days: The children went one by one Away from home on their separate

Ways When the childhood days were done. How healthily hungry they used to be! What romping they used to do!

And mother-for weeping-can hardly

To set the table for two.

They used to gather around the fire While some one would read aloud. But whether at study or work or play 'Twas a loving and merry crowd And now they are two that gather there

At evening to read or sew. And it seems almost too much to bear When they think of the long ago.

Ah, weil-ah, well, 'tis the way of the Children stay but a little while

Where other homes beguile; But it matters not how far they roam Their hearts are fond and true. And there's never a home like the dear old home.

Where the table is set for two.

A GILDED SIN. BY CHARLOTTE M. BREAME.

CHAPTER X. Crushing the green leaves and sweet olossoms under his feet, trampling down the smiling flowers, beating aside the trailing sprays, his heart beating, his brain on fire, Sir Marc hastened across the park. It seemed to him that the whole world had suddenly crumbled to ruins. He muttered bitter, terrible words to himself. If the stars had fallen from heaven it would have surprised him less than the fact that Veronica had done wrong-his ideal, the one pure, noble, gentle soul in whom he had placed all his trust. All that was beautiful, poetical, maidenly and charming seemed to be vested in her; and now his ideal had

been rudely destroyed.
"I will never believe in any human being again while I live," he said to himself—"never! So fair, so beautiful, so loving, so tender, yet so lost to all sense of what is right! I will never look again at woman's face!" He reached the railway station at Hurstwood and there, half hidden by a long black veil, he saw Clara Morton.

She rose as he came up to her. proofs, name your price, and never let your shadow fall across my

Dealing with a man was different from frightening a delicate, refined the news; and at first she refused to girl, Clara Morton found. She began believe it. a whole string of excuses.
"Not one word," he said. "Simply

details, and then give me your proofs and name your price She told him the story, and then

Jasper Brandon.'"
What do you want for it?" he asked cannot understand it, mama.

contemptuously. 'It is not for myself, Sir Marc-it is

"You are modest in your demands certainly, and you have ruined-But rine impulsively. why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you Lady Brandon. "She will only be more name, you must not on'y surrender what you are pleased to call your proofs, keep the secret and leave England. If you return—listen to my threat—if "My you dare to return and address by let-cried." ter or by word of mouth that hapless ady, I will have you indicted for conspiracy, and your sentence will probconduct, it is so utterly, horribly base, I have no patience to speak of it."

He did not even listen to them. 'I have no wish to hear more, give me your proofs and take the required oath. Tremble if you dare to break it—tremble if your false wicked "Yes," she said drearily, "we have

face is seen here again!

ing into one of the station offices, made hands, and she gave him the packet the will, and took the oath upon which he had insisted. Silently he pointed Katherine. to the great open gates, and she passed out of them. They never met again. As she passed out of the gates, so she passed out of his life. Whether the punishment of her wickedness came in this world he never knew. Then Sir Marc went away to Lon-

could not tell. He felt that it was before me, and I took it. You will impossible for him to take up the ask me nothing more?" broken thread of his life. In the first hot angry flush of his disappointment is, unless you like to trust me more he had not realized what life without Veronica would be. Now that it "I cannot," said Veronica, with a stretched out before him in all its shudder; "he has gone, and we shall even when he almost wished that he had forgiven her. Then he recoiled kissed him for the last time." from the thought. How could he love a woman to whom the word "honor

was an empty sound? Sir Marc was most unhappy. read with a stony face all the para- looked up at Katherine. graphs which said that there was no oundation for the rumor of the apto himself that his life was ended. He do so. would close Wervehurst Manor, and spend the remainder of his days where nothing could remind him of the love resist. he had lost. There was to be no angel in the house for him. He knew that he must love Veronica until he diedthat no one else could ever take her place—that no one else could ever be to him what she had been. died, it seemed to him that his grief happy love." She took the young would have been easier to bear. That heiress caressingly into her he would have retained all his love: now his love must go, while he was your are-it will comfort me a little.

He had freed Veronica from her bondage-of that he was pleased to It seemed to the lonely He locked away the charred fragments; sacrifice had he did not detroy them-he could never knowing that Katherine would gain Bereas, Ohio, missing Cebu, murdertell why: and that one simple proceeding altered the whole destiny of his life. Had there been a fire in his room happiness while you are so sad, Veroniwhen he reached home, he would have | ca. tossed the little packet into the flames: as it was, the door of his iron safe was open, and he flung the packet into it.

could not leave England until after Christmas without neglecting duties paused. that his conscience would not allow him to neglect. He said to himself that he must be content. There was

Veronica's sweet face would never Time would pass when once he was over the seas - he would live on exeitement. Anything would be better than staying in England. Yet by night and by day-despite all his stern resolve to forget Veronica-he was always asking himself why she had what she had gained by it? Was it Veronica. possible that the will took from her

some legacy or gift? I never thought that she even cared for money," he said to himself over and that does not begin and end in Alton? over again. "She seemed so free from Now, has that comforted you?" thought about it the more he was puzzled, the greater grew the mystery. He

So the time were away: he bore patiently all comments and remarks. It was supposed by the world in general hat he had been dismissed by Miss di yntha; no one had even an inkling of the truth. He grew pale and thin during those few months; but they passed Two days before Christmas at last. day all his arrangements were made and he was ready to sail. He bethought himself then that it would only be right to destroy the charred fragments of the will, for if they fell into other ands there would be danger; and one And then into other scenes are whirled. wild day in December, when the wind was wailing and roaring round the house, he went to the safe and took from it the little parcel. The snow was beating furiously against the window, great masses of cloud darkened the heavy skies; then came a lull in the storm. Never until the day he dies will Sir Marc forget the hour and the With some curiosity he went scene.

words-"The last will and testament of Sir Jasper Brandon."

down by the snow and wind; it there fluttering, gasping with its little to Venice to die,' life almost gone. He was tender of heart, this man so stern in morals; he could not endure the sight of the little bird's agony. He droped the parchment and opened the window. He took the little helpless creature, he warmed it and fed it, and then bethought himself of the will. He hastened to pick it up: it had opened as it fell, and as he raised it he saw words that he had not seen befere. He took it to the window, and as he examined it his face grew white, great dark shadows came into his eyes, and he cried-

"Great Heaven! How is it that I her nearer death. have never even thought of this before?

CHAPTER XI.

Great had been the consternation at Queen's Chace when Lady Brandon, in few curt words, said that Miss di Cyntha's wedding was postponed indifinitely. The worst of it was there "It is well," he said, "that you are a came no solution to the mysterywoman; if you were a man I would horsewhip you." There was such fierce, hot anger in his eyes that she known was that Sir Mare had left quite suddenly one day, and that two shrunk back. "You need not fear." quite suddenly one day, and that two he added scornfully. "Give me your or three days afterward those interthen ested had been told to cease all preparations for the wedding. No one was more astonished than Katherine when her mother told her

> There is some mistake, mama," she Let me hear all the that Alton did dot care for me."

Unfortunately there is no mistake, said Lady Brandon sadly.
"Whose fault is it?" inquired Kath-"Not Veronica's?" I am quite life. It cannot be Sir Marc's for he loved the very ground she stood on. What

does Veronica say?" not to talk about it."

"It is useless, Katherine," returned miserable than ever." But Katherine would not be controll-

but you must take an oath to call your ed. She hastened up to Veronica's take advantage of the necessities of proofs, but you must take an oath to room and found her favorite standing the unfortunate. Look habitually on

"My darling, you have been ill:" she ied. "Mama says that you fainted." Then she started, for Veronica had turned round to greet her, and the change that had come over her was so ably be hard labor for life. As to your terrible that the young heiress was The woman murmured some words. there was in them a look of fathomless

woe. said. "I will give you a check for five true then! I can see from your face hundred pounds on condition that you that it is true; there is no need to ask a types come make the best of them

He took out his check-book, and goday, or a year, but forever.

"I will not believe it! What has world. A job will always be waiting "I cannot tell you," replied Veroni-

could not live and know that you were any boy that follows it.

yet I may tell you this. He asked me to do something for him, and I refused says:

"No," she replied musingly-"that

that I have stood by him dead and Her voice had in it a ring of weary

despondency, her eyes were fixed with a strange dazed expression, her hands were folded and lay on her knees. She

the beautiful face was broken. quested: Had she me-of you and your bright life, your Some and tell me, dear, how happy Life had lost all its attrac- You are all the world to me-it will comfort me so much to hear that you are really happy; talk to me about it."

> -Veronica's-sorrow. "It seems so seltish for me to talk of

"It will comfort me," she pleaded-'you do not know why, but it will comfort me.

change it for any other life." 'Go on," requested Veronica. I am rich." said the young girl, "and-I am like a child-I love my Then Velbuica raised her head and faint smile came over her white "You are sufe of that." she question-

ed eagerly-"quite sure?" "Yes, indeed I am,", replied Kathe-"No one could even guess how rine. dearly I love the Chace. "Now tell me about your love," said

"What can I tell you, dear, save that my love and my life are one-that I have no thought, or wish, or desire

all mercenary taint. Why did she "Yes, more than anything you could destroy the will?" The more he have said. You could have thought of nothing that would comfort me one drove himself almost mad with conjecturing; and he never even faintly ling, dear—and when me ment are in the better for your comguessed the truth, it never dawned all will be forgotten, except that we love each other.

"It had not been all in vain then: ed no more. She tried to bear her life. She never complained. She was like a devoted daughter to Lady Brandon. She was the most loving of sisters to she young heiress. But day by day the grow more and more sad; she grow Heaven would take pity on her and close attention than any other can- Charleston Exposition of proper let her die soon. So the wintermenths didate and there was no leaving the from the secretary of state's office. came round, and at Christmas pre- grounds or shifting about during his parations were begun for the marriage of the young helress. Lady Brandon had invited a large circle of guests, and one of them, not knowing of the recent contretemps, having just returned from Spain, spoke of Sir Marc take up his residence abroad,

Veronica overheard it. She did not will carry Spartanburg County. to the window to examine the charred fragments; quite distinctly he saw the a mist of unshell tears dimmed the beautiful eyes: but soon afterward she went to Lady Erandon's room, her "Poor child!" he murmured to him-if, "What could have prompted her She stood before her with a look that Lady Brandon never forgot.

lay not bear it. You must let me go home tion as to the candidates for the minor county has endorsed him.

Then she wept as she had r Then Lady Brandon said to hered. "You shall go: I will take you. You shall go to Venice, or where you will: only wait-wait, for my sake, until the

wedding is over.' So for the sake of the woman who every one else that those days brought

"Do people ever die of a broken heart?" she thought. "A year ago I was strong and well. I had color in ADJUTA my face and light in my eyes: I had strenth in my limbs and joy in my heart. Now my strength has left me: people look grave when their eyes rest on me; life is a heavy burden that I would fain lay down-and why? What has happened? I have lost my love! The man who took my heart from me has left me, and—I may hide it as I may-I am pining for one look at his even ever so little? I shall send for nim when I am dying, and ask him to hold me in his strong arms. Oh, Marc, you might have trusted me, for you were all I had in the world!"

So she wore her heart and her life away, longing only for death, that, dying, she might see him again. [TO BE CONTINUED]

How to Secure Good Luck.

Dr. Henry Wallace gives the follow-"My proofs are charred remains of sure that Veronica loved Sir Marc ing plan as the best to bring good said he had never held public office or wake and don't grumble. Do the work that | port of General Lawton made upon | lies before you in the very best way "Nothing. She only looks unutter- you can, all the while thinking how indeed. I want five hundred ably sad and miserable, and begs of me you can do it better. Until you are forty do more than you ask pay for: "I will go to her myself," said Kathe- after that you will get pay for more than you do. Don't wobble either in your walk or your purposes. Don't learn to chew or smoke or drink. Don't allow yourself to lie or swear or the bright side of things, but don't she fear to look on the dark side when it is turned toward you. Believe that for that reason he was a candidate. God intended you to be a credit to Wilborn had compared himself to Cal-Him and that nothing really bad can happen you so long as you trust Him. shocked. Veronica's face was pale and Be economical without being stingy, worn, the dark eyes were tearless, but plain spoken but not rude. Be as shrewd as you can but honest by all means, for no one wants to employ "Veronica," cried the girl, "it is shrewdness without honesty nor diplotunes come, make the best of them and don't cry over spilt milk. If you and don't cry over split mik. If you gave figures showing the high charges congressional enactment creating a the ground are opening. parted, Katherine-not for an hour, a will be the sort of man always in demand everywhere in all this wide out a check for the sum named On come between you who loved each returning he placed it quietly in her other so well?"

The placed it quietly in her other so well?"

The placed it quietly in her other so well?"

The placed it quietly in her other so well?" want every boy who reads the above containing the charred fragments of the will, and took the oath upon which "You must tell me," declared to remark to "I want to help you. I vice, and is sure to bring success to

A Groom and His Grip.

Rather an uneque case was tried and held the closest attention. Monday at Newberry. The Observer What to do with himself he he placed the alternative of parting greater part of the day in the trial of the railroads and all the people have Alabama and Mississippi, this state few complaints of rust. the case of Rev. L. P. Boland of Beth to pay for it. He told of other ine- coming next. The average number Eden, Mississippi, against the South- qualities. He promised, if elected, of bales ginned in each ginnery of the ern railroad for \$1,999.99 damages. On the afternoon of the 29th day of May, 1901, Mr. Boland, who had just completed his course at the Luthern people were discriminated against and Carolina 175. chill, terrible reality, he was at a loss how to endure it. There were times was worthy of his love. To me it seems went to the Southern depot in that duced and secured the passage of the Carolina was for a square bale in South counties where it is greatly in need and secured the passage of the carolina was for a square bale in South carolina was for a square bale city and left his valise, taking a check Jim Crow car law. for the same and paying ten cents for its storage over night. It was to go man's charge as to bonus required by and the round bale 90 cents. The out of the city the 30th on the early the railroads. morning train, which was also to carry Mr. Boland to Springfield, Orange-'Kate, give me one promise," she burg county, where he was to get marsaid—"just one. Tell me that you ried that afternoon. In the valise roads. He made a fine impression by or 15.2 per cent. of the number reporting will never renew this subject. To re- was his wedding suit. When Mr. Bo- his speech and manner. proaching marriage of Sir Mare Caryll will never renew this subject. To re-that he was going abroad. He made new it will be simply to give me bitter land reached Springfield and presented no complaint, no moan: but he owned pain. Promise me that you will never his check to the agent the valise was not forthcoming, and he had to get that the young heiress could not the second best suit. Hence plained the duties of the lieutenant ranged farms that were good for one hundred "I do promise," she said: and then right the next day; but the damage speaker of the house. He stood on ed only 13.4 per cent. of the crop. for one minute the dreary calmness of had then been done, and Mr. Boland the dispensary as he stood two years The ginneries east of the Mississippi estimated the injury to his feeling at ago.

Four Teachers Murdered.

The war department Wednesday received the following cablegram regarding the school teachers who have been missing from Cebu, P I. June John E Wells, 209 Montgo-10th think. No one could frighten her and the aching heart that there would mery avenue, Providence, R 1, and now. She was quite safe, and the be some little support, some little his cousin, Louis A Thompson, same terrible segret was dead and puried compart in heaviling that the segret was dead and puried compart in heaviling the segret was dead and puried compart in heaviling the segret was dead and puried compart in heaviling the segret was dead and puried compared to the sound that the segret was dead and puried compared to the sound that the segret was dead and puried compared to the sound that the segret was dead and puried compared to the sound that the segret was dead and puried compared to the sound that the segret was dead and puried compared to the segret was dead and puried to the segret was dead and the terrible secret was dead and buried, comfort in hearing that her great address: Earnest Heger, 1413 Vine not been in vain-in street, Cincinnati: Clyde A France, ed by Ladrones; bodies recovered; four murderers killed; eight others captured by the constabulary

Killed Near Greenville.

Bud Thomas shot and killed Will Then he set about making arrangements for going abroad; but he found that it would be impossible—that he bright, so beautiful, that I would not south of Greenville. The two negroes She had been attending services at the church, but on their return became and favors education. involved in a quarrel. Burton floored Thomas with a stick, and as Thomas

A GOOD MEETING.

He introduced his competitor. W. F. Stevenson also spoke of the Candidates for State Officers Speak friendly relation between Mr. Gun- How the Crop Looks as the Harvest ding, and the date when picking will at Spartanburg.

HEYWARD HAD THE CROWD.

One Thousand Or More Voters Lis-

tened Attentively to What the Candidates Had to Say.

Heyward had the crowd at the meeting Wednesday. He received much the sun of her life had set in darkness | more applause both at the beginning least happy. So the past was mention- speaker and was several times interrupted with loud applause.

crowd was larger during his speech speech.

ceded that he had the crowd and all the office, if at all, without attacking advanced to make an average crop. the papers will so state. His cordial his opponents. He discussed educa-Caryll, and said that he was going to tions even of his most sanguine friends ties. and it is generally conceded that he

The lateness of the hour prevents governor being given.

offices. As soon as they had spoken the candidates descended from the platform and mingled with the voters in her life before, as one wil a platform and mingled with the voters the crowds with some jokes. He had hope—wept until Lady Brandon was for the real work of the day. The been engaged in public school work alarmed, and she herself was exhaust- speakers have been speaking for about for 16 years. He had supported Mr.

presided and introduced each speaker in a courteous and happy manner. text-books. had influenced her so strongly she in a courteous and happy manner, waited, but it seemed to her and to The order of speaking is arranged by the candidates themselves through an organization which they maintain. Rev. W. A. Rogers offered a fervent of books. Books had to be adopted in

ease and facility.

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL. said he had been associated with 225 made the book adoption in many Spartanburg boys in the Spanish war. cases in opposition to him and he is He told of his record and qualifica- not responsible for it. A year was tions. Colonel Frost has a magnifi- given in which the change was to occent voice and made himself easily cur. The legislature could have

he was not a graduate of any military for new ones. All books had to be sold heart, could you not have trusted me academy but was in the civil war with at the lowest price and lower, if the Lee and Jackson and was fully com- price ever went lower. A new adoppetent to fill the office. He enlisted tion was absolutely necessary in order in the war at 13 years of age. He to have a uniform series. He was saw service in the days of radicalism. disappointed at Mr. Martin's style of He spoke of the regard in which he campaigning. He hoped that the stood before the people of Greenville. schools could be improved, Colonel Boyd interested the crowd and caused some amusement. He invited the veterans to come to Greenville to

the reunion. Capt. J. M. Patrick of Anderson received. Eat, what is set before you as a military instructor and read a re- place. He gave his record. the Patrick Military Institute at An- he had saved the the state \$50,000 by

derson. RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

J. C. Wilborn of York thanked his hearers for previous support. He could not reply to his nine opponents as he had not sufficient time. It was not good practice to turn men out of office. He told of reductions in railroad rates made during his term of office.

J. G. Mobley of Fairfield said the railroad laws were not enforced and houn and McDuffle but had done noth-

ing. H. J. Kinard of Greenwood had was taken. married in Spartanburg County. He

on fertilizers.

on the board. tertained the crowd with humorous mation. references to the other candidates. He brought out uproarious laughter

business of the office. B. L. Caughman of Saluda said the Georgia 293, Mississippi 308, North

J. G. Wolling of Fairfield made an \$2.30 for square bale and \$1.75 for earnest and effective speech on the round bale. troubles the people have with the railhis speech and manner.

Frank B. Gary of Abbeville exthis suit. The valise came in all governor and told of his record as numbers of the United States, handl- from a mere sprinkle to a good rain. bushels to the acre before the flood. He favored annual sessions. "Kate, come and sit by me," she re-uested; "let us talk of you—not of gave the plaintiff \$130 damages. He said no member of his family had ever been untrue to a trust reposed on him. He would not abuse or villify his opponents. He was a candidate on his own merits and fitness. now go hand in hand working for the 1901. Here are some of the facts as to best interests of South Carolina.

> pensary law. Mr. Sloan's position was also criticised. He favored biennial sessions of the legislature. He discussed education and the old sol-Jno. T. Sloan of Columbia compli-

is an advocate of the dispensary law ATTORNEY GENERAL.

He said the relations between Mr. Stevenson and himself were friendly

ter and himself. He said that if all the ugly and red headed men could vote for him he would be elected and caused considerable amusement. He was a lawyer and had been elected NORMAL DEVELOPMENTS NOTED. speaker of the house. He had served on a committee to investigate the new sinking fund law. He gave some facts and statistics concerning the state finances. He told of his services on the penitenttiary investigation committee. He had helped to place Chesterfield County on a fine financial basis.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Although he speke in the afternoon from indirect sources among which caused slight deterioration. Attention and near the end of the meeting the many come from the secretary of is called to the special and exhaustive than at any other time during the had largely increased in recent years.

the speeches of the candidates for the Confederate army. When he State reports, was an unusually hot mier's grove on Kennedy street. paign of 1876 and record in politics; is it has generally been below normal.

SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

O. B. Martin of Greenville amused the crowds with some jokes. He had a month and all had their speeches McMahan in many respects, but difwell in hand and delivered them with fered as to taking the county superintendent out of politics. He replied to County Chairman Stanyarne Wilson an attack made on him in the Educational. He had opposed changing the

John J. McMahan of Columbia re-

plied to his opponent's criticisms and stated the law regarding the adoption 1900 and told of the difficulty of choosing books. The state school board Col. Jno. I). Frost of Richland was appointed by the governor and stopped the adoption, but it did not. Col. Jno. C. Boyd of Greenville said Old books are taken back in exchange

COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

N. W. Brooker of Columbia said within the next two weeks.

delay in the payment of some insurance fees. J. Laurens Walker of Greenville said he was a neighbor of Spartan- temperature in all sections. Cotton burg. He favored the assessment of property at its full value. He had been treasurer of Greenville County top and being damaged by the boll

Cotton Ginneries.

A census bulletin relating to cotton ginning has been issued covering the industry up to 1900, when the census

There has been a universal demand and in dealing with railroads and had and publication of these statistics at introduced a bill in the legislature more frequent intervals during the penalizing the railroad companies for marketing season. In recognition of not settling claims promptly. He this, there was incorporated in the permanent census bureau a provision A. C. Jepson of Florence said he for the collection and publication of had 40 years of experience in practical statistics of the cotton crop at interrailroading. He told of the functions vals during the ginning season. This of the railroad commission and of his is now being done in South Carolina very long drought continues practically qualifications for membership on it. and other cotton growing states. The A practical railroad man was needed statistics have been compiled by Mr. northern counties. Cotton continues Daniel C. Roper, of this state, and

state last year were 3,018, being a a whole, it is well fruited through condecrease of 350 as compared with W. Byod Evans of Columbia said 1899. Georgia has the largest num-The court was engaged the there were unfair charges made by ber, 4,793, being followed by Texas, shedding of leaves and bolls, and a to stay in Columbia and attend to the state were 243, while Indian territory had an average of 880, Texas 613,

> and a round bale \$1. In Georgia the Mr. Wilborn replied to Mr. Caugh- cost for the square bale was \$1.26 of a good soaking rain. Blooming to seventy miles long is added to the average cost in the whole country was full progress.

With 4,514 active ginneries in 1899, ed for the United States, Texas handled 27.6 per cent. of the entire Ameririver handled 54.9 per cent. from the although the rainfall has not been sufthe crop of 1901.

In this connection, there is a table showing the quantity of cotton ginned it is blooming to the top in many Factionalism had passed away and all in each county of the cotton states for this state: Orangeburg 53,980 Anderhad the unanimous endorsement of the largest, the other counties ranging the people of his own county. He at- from 13,000 up. Georgetown ginned tacked Mr. Gary's position on the dis- only 1,212 bales. Beaufort 2,761, Horry 6.018, Richland 9,838.

Charleston Exposition. He referred He served in the house and senate and some years ago, and also had a large fields. in the constitutional convention. He quantity of unsigned ones that in

THE COTTON BELT.

Season Opens.

ing the Month of August. The Crop Opening Rapidly.

J. T. Gantt told of the state's in tire belt, except in limited localities, and southwestern Texas, the regions Open bolls are no longer confined to

pleasing address and greatly inter- has already been marketed. While the Close attention was given each speaker, the chairman of the committee on The earliness of the crop, evidenced by cates that the crop is heavily fruited, and the plants, no doubt, already bear a fair sized crop, with a full month, or more, of time during which the plants can take on fruit without danger from | tion of the State between August 15th | frost, however early frost may occur. and September 1st. The crop is al-Whether it will be a record breaking most universally in a fine state of culcrop depends on the weather during August.

In North Carolina very warm, dry, sunny weather prevailed during the greater portion of the past week, and drought appears again to be causing The Destruction of Crops is Appall- Should They Come Within the Next some injury to crops, except at places in the extreme eastern and western portions of the State, where light showers occurred on the 15th. Cotton stands the droght well; it looks green has been destroyed out West by great of the condition of the weather and and healthy; has made good growth in the south portion, where the weed is of good size and plants are fruiting well: in the north portion and on stiff lands the plants are small and are shedding forms considerably; where poorest the crop is blooming to the top.

In South Carolina showers occurred in every county, but they were partial and generally light, and at a few points only did they supply enough moisture for the need of growing crops. Cotton improved in a number of localities, but generally it deteriorated during the week, depending on the rainfall distribution. Over by far the W. H. Sharp of Lexington spoke in reports of blooming to the top, of benefited by rains, should they occur ago, the penniless and homeless.

In Georgia the weather was generhis work for the sinking fund commis- ally dry during the week in the northsion. He made a complaint about a western and portions of the middle counties, and rain is badly needed in those districts. Light to copious showers occurred elsewhere, with high continues promising on the whole although it is shedding, blooming to until appointed as chief clerk to the weevil in scattered localities. In the comptroller general. - - Spartanburg majority of sections the plants made vigorous growth during the week and are heavily fruited in the northern and middle counties, with nearly full grown bolls in some fields. The first open bolls are reported in Burke and

Thomas counties. In Florida cotton on uplands is suffering for rain and there is much rust had had experience in the legislature among the ginners for the collection and some shedding. The plant is doing better on lowlands, where a fair growth is maintained, although copious rains at this time would do a great deal of good. A few bolls near

In Alabama, scattered showers were received in many central, east central, and a few southern counties. with a few heavy local rains, but the unbroken in many western middle, and clean, and, while small, it is healthy James Cansler of York County en- they convey some interesting infor- and holding up remarkably well; in sections where moisture has been re-The number of ginneries in the ceived, it is taking on new growth; as tinuing to bloom too heavily at the top; there are several complaints of

In Mississippi as a rule, the partly cloudy showery weather has kept cotton in a healthy growing condition, and although the plant is small, it is well formed, blooming freely and the top and shedding are reported from map. those counties having deficient rainfall. Laying by cotton is generally in

In Louisiana showery weather with The condition of cotton has been somegenerally small and growing very has received the best cultivation.

drought. No rain of any consequence and the worst is to come. fell during the week, excepting a few The Columbia Record says the police scattered showers on the 19th and of that city are in possession of sever- 20th. Cotton is fruiting fairly well:

begin, if not already in progress. The reports below are representative ones, and have been chosen with a view to having as many as possible of the cotton-producing counties included in the bulletin for last week. As regards the condition of the cotton plant. sinking fund and he had introduced a Much Depends on the Weather Dur- practically all correspondents east of line running through Nueces, Bee, Karnes, Gonzales, Caldwell, Bastrop. Lee, Williamson, Burnet, Llano, San Saba, Lampasas, Hamilton, Mills, and thence westward to the upper Colorado valley, thence northward to Wise The growing cotton continues to county, and from Wise northward to make normal development over the en- the border, the cotton crop is normal ly developed, making rapid growth, and gloom, but she had made one at and end of his speech than any other come and expenses and contended that distributed throughout the different with moisture ample generally for taxes were too high. Other states States, where local droughts, or poor present needs, and in nearly all inderived a large part of their incomes soils, insects and improper cultivation stances is fruiting very satisfactorily. West of this line, the plant is generally very small, is scantily fruited and state's office. That office in this state report from Texas which indicates a in many sections has not had sufficient condition seldom, if ever, excelled. moisture to give relief from the propale and thin; she began to hope that entire meeting. He received more He referred to the exhibit at the Since that report was issued, there longed drought. It seems that the Charleston Exposition of property have been heavy rains over western frequent showers of the past four weeks has developed the usual num-J. Thomas Austin of Greenville where drought prevailed, and these ber of insect pests, and in scattered said his ancestors were buried in Spar- rains may develop the plants in those sections shedding. In the lower All the newspaper men present con- tanburg County. He would win the sections, as the season is not too far Brazos valley the boll weevils are becoming more numerous and are causing considerable damage: elsewhere reception much exceeded the expectation. He told of his record in poli- Texas, but have been noted in a number of States, and the crop is opening ently large numbers to cause much J. H. Wilson of Sumter made a rapidly in Georgia where a "first bale" apprehension. Boll worms and sharpshooters have appeared in scattered ested his hearers. He had enlisted in past week, covered by the attached parts of the northern and south-central portions of the State, but have came back from the war he had to one, the temperature has been much not caused material damage. Shedplough or perish and he ploughed. He lower during the current week, and alstate campaign meeting in Trim- told of his part in the red shirt cam- though not low enough to be harmful, dents in the south-central portion of and at scattered points in the north-A little robin-redbreast fell with flut-tering wings on the window-sill, beaten said; "I cannot remain here. I canis becoming general in the southern counties. Picking will be general in the central portion between August 1st and 15th, and in the northern por-

GREAT FLOODS.

ing in Many Places.

Millions of dollars worth of property floods of water. A dispatch from the crops, issued last week by Direc-Keokuk, Iowa, says explorations of tor Bauer of the South Carolina secthe flooded districts of the Mississ- tion of the United States Weather ippi river from Keokuk south, shows conditions beyond the appreciation or realization of any but those of long

in its most destructive mood. laws if elected. His speech was well and a few reports of rust. Generally ever known under water deep enough wave. the plants are small, but blooming to float a steamboat. People at the A. W. Jones of Abbeville explained freely, and in a few sections there are river cities give accounts of losses ag-

NEARLY TEN MILLION LOSS.

Careful estimates gathered from the statements of the best informed people indicate the loss up to today is about six million dollars, with every prospect of two or three millions additonal by the rise above, not yet reaching the lower stretches of the rivers. Most of this loss is on the Missouri side of the river between Keokuk and Hannibal. Passing the water-lapped lumber yards of Keokuk, the mouth of the Des Moines river is nearly two miles wide. Normally there are two mouths and an island delta covered with farms, which are now under raging torrents. Alexandria was protected to the last by the Egyptian levee, the breaking of which would send four feet of water all over the town. Gregory is submerged except the White church, in which service was held Sunday, the congregation from the country reaching the church by the railroad track, which is still above the flood in a waste of waters miles wide. Other towns and

danger line. IMMENSE FIELDS IN A GREAT LAKE. Immense fields are seen in a great lake with the shore visible only with a glass, where the high bluffs bound the bottoms. Islands dotting the river at its normal stage have disappeared, except for the tops of trees or fringe of high shore willows, slightly protruding like a circular coral reef. Occasionally a house on piles or stilts greatly benefitted by rains, should is seen, but generally only roofs rise to mark the center of farms of corn. In the middle of the present river the tracks of the St. Louis, Keokuk & ber of localities this year's crop is the Northwestern railroad, normally on best ever raised, while in other localithe Missouri shore, are now a few in some stretches. Shore lights for drought. Rice is threatened by salt pilots are standing in the midst of a have nearly all disappeared after fruiting satisfactorily, except in about waste of waters where steamboats can damaging young rice. Peas continue rnn over them. The river is five to to look well. The majority of reports ern counties where it is greatly in need ten miles wide, and another lake

All this territory was practically covered with corn a fortnight ago, estimated to make seventy-five to a frequent thunderstorms prevailed hundred bushels to the acre. Prethroughout the week over the greater vious estimates of the loss have been portion of the State. Some rain oc- greatly increased by the prospective can crop of 1899, expressed in com- curred every day in the week in one yield being found much greater than mercial bales, while Georgia, with 4,- part or another of the State: the show- ever before, experts telling of many The loss is total. Experience is that what improved by scattered showers, if water stays forty-eight hours even boat warehouse was well back from by the manufacturer, localities, and in places it is shedding. the river bank and stands high. A crops were seriously affected by the the immense area of 700 square miles,

The chief flood thus far is on the

al bills that look exactly like United there are some complaints of blooming Missouri side from Keokuk to Louis- have not complied with the requiremented Spartanburg's exhibit at the currency and have been passed on at the top and of shedding. Tobacco iana with Canton and West Quincy as ments of today's order. Agents, inseveral parties. The old Mechanics is checked in growth by the dry centers of the country hurt worst. On spectors and all other officers of the to the vote he received two years ago. and Farmers Loan association, issued weather; it is very irregular in some the Illinois side there are three con-In Texas on the 16th, the corres- Warsaw to Quincy above the water, rural free delivery boxes. some manner have gotten out and are pondents of this section, numbering which thus far are safe but farmers floating around the city. Signed or 700, were requested to make special are afrrid of crevasses from musk rat

condition of the soil as regards mois-\$2,000,000 to 3,000,000 worth of corn. ture, effect of the recent rains, extent The levees below Quincy are in the same situation, except that they are to which the boli weevil are prevalent, whether or not there is rust or shedower and less firm. THE DEVASTATION APPALLING. Opposite Quincy in Missouri, is still another center of special devastation. which is appalling. North 12 miles to

LaGrange and south to Holton, large prairies are well under water, reaching from the Illinois bluff to the Missouri bluffs at least ten miles. Levees hastily thrown around farms are disappracing in a fierce current rushing from above through the dam of the Burlington bridge, carrying everything before it. Lone Tree prairie, ten miles square, is deserted, the population having fled to Quincy, and the bluffs on the Missouri side from which they watch the complete destruction.

Around LaMotte, Silverton, Busch station, Clemens, and Ashburg, north of Hannibal, there is more wheat than at other places and all in the shock is washed away. The chief crop there is corn, however, and there is the same ruin as at other places.

In the vicinity of Quincy and Hannibal there is much unnecessary loss on account of the peculiar conditions of the flood. A smaller flood began to subside, when warnings from the Keokuk weather bureau observer were received unheeded, as being after the fact, when actually it was before the new and greater flood.

Levees protecting the Missouri bottom between Keokuk and Quincy stood the strain of today's flood which failed to overflow them. The Egyptian levee is still several inches above the Des Moines river, which is nnw stationary here at its mouth. Reports from Ottumwa show a fall of two feet. The only threatening indications tonight are heavey clouds at Oskaloosa. Unless heavy rains shall come, the Des Moines will begin to fall here to-morrow. The situation is much brighter. The Mississippi here shows a stage of 15.4 feet, the highest since 1897, and is still rising, but not as fast as it was this morning. The crest of the Mississippi rise probably will pass here tomorrow. Great damage has already been done, but the worst probably is over.

RAINS WOULD HELP CROPS

Two Weeks.

The following is the weekly bulletin Bureau's Climate and Crop service:

The temperature was above normal experience with the Father of Waters during the week ending Monday July 21st, with an average of about 84 de-The situation is growing worse grees. The highest was 103 degrees hourly and a great conflagration in a at Heath Springs on the 17th and at great city would not be more rapidly Seivern on the 18th, the lowest 6.2 dedestructive of values. There is ab- grees at Santuc on the 17th. This, solutely not the slightest chance of the second hot wave of the month, stopping this most costly flood in the was of comparatively short duration, history of the great river about St. for by the end of the week the tem-Louis. A correspondent of the Asso- perature was again normal or below. greater portion of the State there are ciated Press went over the worst dam- The winds were generally light and aged area in the steamer Crescent and dry, but without the wilting effect so fine style and promised to execute the shedding, of the plants turning yellow, found everywhere the greatest crops noticable during the previous hot

Showers occurred in every county. but they were partial and generally "My proofs are charred remains of sure that veronica loved Sir Marc ing plan as the best to oring good they were partial and generally the parchment that I took from the more dearly than I can tell. It always luck. He says: Go to sleep at ten, and at a few points only did fire, on which you will plainly see these seemed to me that her love was her wake at six, and get up when you ask for a vote. He told of his record office and said it was an important a whole is in a condition to be greatly Hundreds of farmers, rich ten days they supply enough moisture for the need of growing crops. The rainfall was heaviest in the southeastern portions, but was not general in that section. Over the greater portion of the State, crops are suffering for rain, severely in places, and in others not so much. This has caused a greatdiversity in the condition of crops, sothat now there are places in every county where they are doing well, and other places where they are partly ruined. This applies particularly to corn and cotton, while other crops are: affected in like manner, but in varying degrees. Showery conditions prevailed at the close of the week.

> clean condition, except some cotton that is receiving its last plowing, and stubble corn that is yet small. Some early corn has reached maturity and is a fair crop, but hot weather and drought cut short a large portion of early corn, while late corn is generally promising, and in a con-

Field crops have been laid by in

dition to be benefitted by timely rains. Cotton improved in a number of localities, but generally it deteriorated cities on the islands are beyond the during the week, depending on the rainfall distribution. Over by far the greater portion of the State there are reports of blooming to the top, of shedding, of the plants turning yellow, and a few reports of rust. erally the plants are small, but blooming freely, and in a few sections there are nearly full grown bolls. The crop as a whole is in a condition to be

> they occur within the next two weeks Tobacco cutting is being rushed to ties it was badly damaged by heat and continue to indicate an inferior fruit crop, with much premature ripening and dropping, except grapes which are fine where not rotting. Minor crops, such as sweet potatoes, cane, pastures, grass for hay, and gardens, need rain.

An Important Ruling. The postmaster general has issued

an order providing that after October

1, 1902, each person desiring the rural free delivery service must erect at his cost and by the roadside, so that the the carrier may have access to it withfour inches under the surface it kills out dismounting from his vehicle, a crop of 1899, 47.4 per cent. from the ficient for the needs of the crop, except corn and every stalk wet by waves mail box conforming to the specificacrop of 1900, and 53.2 per cent. from in scattered localities. The plant is perishes from rotting roots. The tion approved and published by the height of the flood is indicated by an department. Such boxes as conform slowly, but has a healtyy appearance: incident at LaGrange. The steam- to the requirements may be stamped "Approved by the postmaster general," and will The crop is fruiting well in some sec- strong current and gale caused the then come within the protection of tions, while in others it is not doing pilot to an imperfect landing and the the law passed at the last session of Cole L. Blease of Newberry said he son 40,683, Sumter 34,093. These are so well. Fields are generally clean cornice of the roof of the ware-house congress, making it a criminal offence and the crop looks healthiest where it was torn off by the forward guards of to tamper with mail receptacles on Silver Cresent. The river is rising all rural free delivery routes. The order In Tennessee nearly all growing the time, six inches during the day, in provides that the same box must not be used for more than one family, except in the case of near relatives or those residing in the same house, and rural carriers are directed not to serve those who subsequent to October 1 tinuous levees for forty miles from from becoming agents for the sale of

Dr. Harrison Randolph, president unsigned they are of no value, but report regarding the cotton crop; they holes, and every rod of the redoubt is of the Charleston college, was offered U. N. Gunter, Jr., would not make several people have been "worked." were advised to include in their re- watched day and night. The break- the presidency of the Arkansas State no help for it. He must shut himself up in the old Manor House, where the old Manor House, which was a second to the old Manor House, where the old Manor House, where the old Manor Ho