

Dressing the shopkeeper. A gentleman dressed in a loose coat entered at a time when the proprietor was alone in the shop.

The Substitute. By WILL N. HARBEN. Author of "Abner Danahy," "The Land of the Changing Sun," "The North Walk Mystery," Etc.

CHAPTER XXXIII. THE next morning George's mother returned to Darley and came directly from the station to his room.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

NAGGING PAINS. Newport News, Va., July 22, 1903. Last summer while recovering from illness of fever, I had a severe attack of Inflammatory Rheumatism in the knees.

SSS. The Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga. Rheumatism is caused by uric acid or some other acid poison in the blood.

Shocks From Big Naval Guns. It is a disputed question whether the men on modern warships serving the big guns inside the casement or those serving the gun on the upper deck suffer the more from the effect of the firing.

COLORING FLOWERS. Simple Method by Which Beautiful Effects are Obtained. We know that horticulturists create almost at will flowers of varied colors.

When you've got a bad cough just say "Murray's." If a druggist gives you anything but Murray's Household Mullein and Tar you're not getting the best and surest cough remedy.

Menzel and Meissonier. A pathetic scene occurred between Meissonier and Menzel in 1807. Menzel's reputation had already been spread through the world.

Speedy Relief. A salve that heals without a scar is DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. No remedy effects such speedy relief. It draws out inflammation, soothes, cools and cures, burns, bruises, etc.

A Persevering Mouse. Here is a story of a mouse which was persevering in overcoming its difficulties as was King Robert of Scotland's spider.

Fatal Etiquette. The rigid etiquette of courts has more than once come near making a martyr of the person who has been prevented from adding a word of protest to such an extent that Philip III. met his death in direct consequence of them.

A Telling Rebuke. The privilege of the family of De Courcy, barons of Kinsale, to wear hats in the presence of the English kings was well established, though not always exercised.

Her Definition of Sin. A little girl was called to court one day to be a witness. She was so small that the lawyers thought she might not know what an oath was.

Brutally Tortured. A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equalled.

Notice to Farmers. Until further notice our ginning days will be Friday and Saturday of each week.

We wish all our friends and customers a happy and prosperous New Year. May you all get 10 cents for the cotton you are holding and spend the difference of 10 cents and the present price with us.

Levi Block. J. W. McLEOD, S. I. TULL, Manager. We wish all our friends and customers a happy and prosperous New Year.

S. R. VENNING, Jeweler. Dealer in WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SPECTACLES, EYE GLASSES AND ALL KINDS OF FANCY NOVELTIES.

Hardware-Implements-Stoves. L. B. DURANT, SUMTER, S. C. Being in close touch with the very best markets, I am better prepared to handle the trade than ever before.

Hardware, Stoves, House Furnishing Goods, Harness, Saddles, Leather, Belting, Etc. My Store is headquarters for Guns, Pistols, Powder, Shot, Shells and the very latest in Sporting Goods.

Devco's Paints. I also handle large quantities of other Paints and Oils, and Window Glass For Engine and Mill Supplies there is no better place to buy.

Christmas Holiday Rates. 1904-5. ATLANTIC COAST LINE ANNOUNCE RATE OF One and One-Third First Class Fares.

THE INDEPENDENT COTTON OIL CO. C. R. SPROTT, Resident Manager. George made no answer. They were both silent for several minutes.

The Clarendon. Now Open. We invite the community to call in and inspect our new enterprise, and would especially ask the housekeepers to call.

GERALD & THAMES Proprietors. It is our purpose to cater to the delight of the family table. Very respectfully,

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Start The New Year Right. Don't brag about the new leaves you turn. Let the leaves take care of themselves. Don't make a change if you are buying your Furniture here.

For January. During this new month we offer some very special price inducements. The holiday trade was great, but naturally there are some few small lots by odd pieces, Crockery, Lamps and other novelties that we wish to sell right now.

We Need Room. Specially low prices are offered on all our goods now because we want to make quick sales. We need the room and we need it right now.

For Your Office. Start the new year right in your office. You'll make more money by using improved filing systems and modern office Furniture.

S. L. KRASNOFF, THE FURNITURE MAN, Furniture and Coffins, Manning, S. C. My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism.

WE CORDIALLY INVITE The public to come and inspect our stock of Fancy & Staple Groceries. We carry this line and will cheerfully give you prices, as it is to your interest to keep in touch with them.

FLOUR. Yes, we have the best Full Patent and if you are somewhat dissatisfied with your flour, try our 100 per cent. and we feel reasonably sure you will be pleased.

COFFEE. We carry both parched and green, and if you want a first class article, something nicely flavored and containing good strength try some of our Coffee.

Walker & Eichelberger. ISN'T IT Natural that one who manufactures can give you more for your money than can one who first has to buy before HE can sell YOU?

LELAND MOORE PAINT & OIL CO. Manufacturers of "Pure Mixed Paints," 211 East Bay Street, Charleston, S. C. Genuine Peruvian Guano. Sells itself—none better. Ten thousand tons now offered for sale.