

The Cotton
The annual report of Secretary Exchange of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, for the cotton year, 1897-8, recently ended, indicates a greater activity in all branches of the cotton industry than has hitherto been reported. The crop shows an increase of 11,199,294 bales, the crop showing an increase of nearly 2,350,000 bales over that of the previous year. The total production of the year ago, amounting to \$20,553,000, is over \$1,300,000 more than that of a year ago, owing to a reduction of about \$3 per bale.

Easy Work.
"We've got to economize, Maud," said Henry. "It's absolutely necessary." "Very well," returned Maud. "I shall give up your cigars." "And I will do without your fall bonnet," said Henry. —Harper's Bazar.

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Pains and Aches
Of Rheumatism Make Countless Thousands Suffer. But this disease is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which neutralizes the acid in the blood. If you have any symptoms of rheumatism take Hood's Sarsaparilla at once and do not waste time and money on unknown remedies. Hood's Sarsaparilla is unquestioned and its record of cures unequalled.

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Mrs. Pinkham's Advice Inspires Confidence and Hope. Examination by a male physician is a hard trial to a delicately organized woman. She puts it off as long as she dare, and is only driven to it by fear of cancer, polypus, or some dread ailment. Most frequently such a woman leaves a physician's office with a heavy heart, and a critical examination with an unpropitious result, or less of discouragement.

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REPORT OF PENITENTIARY.
The Institution is in Flourishing Condition.
10 THOUSAND DOLLARS PROFIT.
Death Rate of Prisoners Reduced, Number of Convicts Increased—Some Very Interesting Statistics.

The Board of directors of the State Penitentiary have given their report to the State printer. This contains the annual statement of the institution, and Col. W. A. Neal, the governing body, is very creditable. The institution will pay into the State Treasury \$10,000 this year, in addition to having a surplus of \$1,000,000, which is a record for the institution of the first part of the year.

Following is the report of the board: To His Excellency, Wm. H. Eddies, Governor of South Carolina. The institution has during the year 1897-8, received 1,000 convicts, and has discharged 1,000. The total number of convicts on hand at the end of the year was 1,000. The institution has during the year 1897-8, received 1,000 convicts, and has discharged 1,000. The total number of convicts on hand at the end of the year was 1,000.

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THE PAROT IN TRADE.
Used by a Collector to Haul Fertile Things About Debt.
"No use to dun 'em! No use to dun 'em! They're deadbeats!" These words, uttered in shrill, piercing tones, attracted a crowd in the vicinity of Lincoln park. A well-dressed young man emerged from the vestibule of a residence, where he had been conveyed by a woman, and rushed down the steps to a covered buggy in front of the house. "No use to dun 'em! No use to dun 'em! They're deadbeats!" "Quiet, Polly! Shut your mouth," cried the young man as he removed from the seat of the vehicle a large cage containing a particularly vicious looking parrot. After several times repeating its uncomplimentary protests the bird finally subsided and its master reascended the steps to the vestibule, from which he soon emerged with some bank notes in his hand. "It's an original scheme of my own," explained the young man a little later, "and I'll explain the scheme if you keep it mum. Some time ago I was connected with an agency that employed uniformed collectors and yellow wagon-objection being to intimidate the debtor, who would pay a just bill rather than be disgraced by having self-advertising bad debt collectors calling upon him every day. After time legal proceedings were taken by a disgraced debtor who had been persistently annoyed, and the wagons and uniforms were promptly suppressed. But are deadbeats to escape paying their just dues on that account? I thought not, and recently devised the plan I am now carrying into execution. People whose names are on the blacklist are generally shrewd enough to understand the situation and a settlement is at once made of arranged for. I have been operating for over a month, and in but one instance has Polly been called upon to repeat her well-rehearsed act. I am told that complaints have been made to the police and I must make hay while the sun shines. Good day." "By-! I'm a bird, I am!" shrieked the parrot, as the enterprising collector drove briskly away.

BEFORE THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT.
An Interesting Case Involving the Constitutionality of the Dispensary Law.
An interesting case involving the constitutionality of the dispensary law was heard before the constitutional court in Columbia. It will be some time before the decision will be filed. Last spring Charles and Lewis Holley, two brothers living in Darlington county, went up to North Carolina and bought about 25 gallons of whiskey. When returning to Darlington they were arrested near Chesterfield and their whiskey was seized. They were arrested at night and the charge against them was for violation of that part of the dispensary law which prohibits the handling of liquor after dark. They were tried before Judge Bonet and fined \$100 each. Mr. W. P. Pollock, for the defense, appealed to the supreme court, and the case was heard last April. Justices Jones and Pope affirmed Judge Bonet's decision and fined the defendants \$100 each. The case was equally divided, the case was, upon Mr. Pollock's motion, given a rehearing before the constitutional court. When the court assembled the case was argued by a number of justices and judges present, and upon lots being drawn, Judge Gage was relieved from sitting upon this case. Judge Bonet, of course, could not act, for the appeal was made from the court over which he presided. Judge Ernest Gary was absent. Those present who heard the case were Chief Justice McIver, Associate Justices Pope, Gary, Jones, and Warrick, Judges Aldrich, Buchanan, Watts, and Woodard. The case was argued by Mr. Pollock, for the defendants, and Mr. W. N. Gunter, for the State, was at what time the interstate commerce law caused the crossing of goods in transit. Pollock argued that the stock was not subject to seizure until it arrived at its destination. Mr. Gunter contended that the interstate commerce law caused the crossing of goods in transit. Pollock argued that the stock was not subject to seizure until it arrived at its destination. Mr. Gunter contended that the interstate commerce law caused the crossing of goods in transit.

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Every farmer's wife knows how necessary it is that the milk buckets, pans, churns, and other implements of the dairy be perfectly clean and free from taint. A common yellow soap that smells of rosin should never be used for washing these. Such soaps are made of materials that you would not use for any purpose. Besides, they are sticky and the soap will get into the cracks and corners and stay there. Ivory Soap is pure, it is well made, and only sweet, clean materials are used. Then it rinses readily.

The Potash Question.
A thorough study of the subject has proven that crop failures can be prevented by using fertilizers containing a large percentage of Potash; no plant can grow without Potash.

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