They are left alone, they two-once Beginning life over again,
Just as they did in the days of yore, 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 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, well-ah, well, 'tis the way of the

Children stay but a little while And then into other scenes are whirled, Where other homes begulle; But it matters not how far they roan 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 blossoms under his feet, trampling down the smiling howers, beating aside the trailing sprays, his heart beating, his brain on fire, Sir Mare 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 women's free!" look again at woman's face!"

He reached the railway station at
Hurstwood and there, half hidden by

Hurstwood and there, half hidden by a long black veil, he saw Clara Morton. She rose as he came up to her.

"It is well," he said, "that you are a woman; if you were a man I would horsewhip you!" There was such ficree, hot anger in his eyes that she shrunk back. "You need not fear," he added scornfully. "Give me your proofs, name your price, and then never let your shadow fall across my path again."

Dealing with a man was different

Dealing with a man was different from frightening a delicate, refined girl, Clara Morton found. She began a whole string of excuses.
"Not one word," he said. "Simply repeat the story. Let me hear all the

repeat the story. Let me hear all the details, and then give me your proofs

He did not even listen to them.
"I have no wish to hear more," he said. "I will give you a check for five hundred pounds on condition that you give me your proofs and take the required oath. Tremble if you dare to break it—tremble if your false wicked

face is seen here again!"

He took out his check-book, and go-

had forgiven her. Then he recoiled from the thought. How could he love a woman to whom the word "honor"

a woman to whom the word "honor" was an empty sound?

Sir Marc was most unhappy. He read with a stony face all the paragraphs which said that there was no oundation for the rumor of the approaching marriage of Sir Marc Caryll—that he was going abroad. He made no complaint, no moan; but he owned to himself that his life was ended. He would close Wervehurst Manor, and spend the remainder of his days where nothing could remind him of the love he had lost. There was to be no angel in the house for him. He knew that he must love Veronica until he died—that no one else could ever take her place—that no one else could ever take her would have retained all his love; now his love must go, while he was stranded. Life had lost all its attraction for him.

We would have been easier to bear. That he would have retained all his love; now his love must go, while he was stranded. Life had lost all its attraction for him.

We would have retained all his love; now his love must go, while he was stranded. Life had lost all its attraction for him.

We would have retained all his love; now his love must go, while he was the normal day on her knees. She were folded and lay on her knees. She had lay on her knees. She were folded and the that you will

he would have retained all his love; now his love must go, while he was stranded. Life had lost all its attraction for him.

He had freed Veronica from her bondage—of that he was pleased to think. No one could frighten her now. She was quite safe, and the terrible secret was dead and buried. He locked away the charred fragments; he did not detroy them—he could never tell why; and that one simple proceeding altered the whole destiny of his life. Had there been a fire in his room when he reached home, he would have tossed the little packet into the flames; as it was, the door of his iron safe was as it was, the door of his iron safe was

open, and he flung the packet into it.

Then he set about making arrangements for going abroad; but he found that it would be impossible—that he could not leave England until after Christmas without neglecting duties that his conscience would not allow him to neglect. He said to himself that he must be content. There was no help for it. He must shut himself up in the old Manor House, where

Veronica, s sweet face would hever shine. The would pass when once he was over the seas—he would live on excitement. 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 burned the will—what her motive was —what she had gained by it? Was it Veronica. —what she had gained by it? Was it 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 over again. "She seemed so free from all mercenary taint. Why did she destroy the will?" The more he destroy the will?" lestroy the will?" The more he hought about it the more he was puzzled, the greater grew the mystery. He drove himself almost mad with conecturing; and he never even faintly guessed the truth, it never dawned

cross him. So the time wore away; he bore patiently all comments and remarks. It tiently all comments and remarks. It was supposed by the world in general that he had been dismissed by Miss di Cyntha; no one had even an inkling of the truth. He grew pale and thin during those few months; but they passed at last. Two days before Christmas 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 hands there would be danger; and one wild day in December, when the wind hands there would be danger; and one 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 scene. With some curiosity he went

cene. With some curlosity he went of the window to examine the charred to the window to examine the charred fragments; quite distinctly he saw the words—"The last will and testament of Sir Jasper Brandon."

"Poor child!" he murmured to himself. "What could have prompted her to do this most evil deed?"

A little robin-redbreast fell with flut-

ering wings on the window-sill, beaten lown by the snow and wind; it lay down by the snow and wind; it lay there fluttering, gaspling with its little 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 than 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 raised it be saw words that he had not seen before. He took it to the window, and as he examined it his face grew white, great dark shadows came into his over and he cried—

wedding is over.

So for the sake of the woman who had influenced her so strongly she waited, but it seemed to her and to every one else that those days brought the candidates themselves through an plied to his organization, which, they maintain, estated the his eyes, and he cried—
"Great Heaven! How is it that I her hearer death, have never even thought of this be"Do people eye

the news; and at first she refused to believe it There is some mistake, mama," she cried; "I would more readily believe that Alton did dot care for me." "Unfortunately there is no mistake,"

and name your price."

She told him the story, and then added:

"My proofs are charred remains of the parchment that I took from the fire, on which you will plainly see these words, 'Last will and testament of Sir Jasper Brandon.'"

"Unfortunately there is no mistake," said Lady Brandon sadly.

"Whose fault is it?" inquired Katherine. "Not Veronica's? I am quite sure that Veronica loved Sir Marc more dearly than I can tell. It always seemed to me that her love was her life. It cannot be Sir Marc's for he loved the very ground she stood on I loved the very ground she stood on I Jasper Brandon.'"

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

"Veronica," cried the girl, "it is true then! I can see from your face that it is true; there is no need to ask a question. You and Sir Mare have parted!"

The without sincerity. If misfortunes come, make the best of them and don't cry over spilt milk. If you

kissed him for the last time."
Her voice had in it a ring of weary

comfort me so much to hear that you are really happy; talk to me about it." It seemed to the lonely desolate soul and the aching heart that there would be some little support, some little comfort in hearing that her great sacrifice had not been in valn—in knowing that Katherine would gain from her—Veronica's—sorrow.

garding the school teachers who have been missing from Cebu, P I, June 10th John E Wells, 209 Montgomery avenue, Providence, R 1, and his cousin, Louis A Thompson, same address; Earnest Heger, 1413 Vine street, Cincinnati; Clyde A France, Bereas, Ohio, missing Cebu, murderform her—Veronica's—sorrow. rom her—Veronica's—sorrow.
"It seems so selfish for me to talk of

happiness while you are so sad, Veroni-"It will comfort me," she pleaded-'you do not know why, but it will

comfort me."

"Then," said the young heiress, "I am happy, Veronica. My life is so bright, so beautiful, that I would not change it for any other life." She

Veronica.

Weronica.

"What can I tell you, dear, save that my love and my life are one—that I have no thougat, or wish, or desire, that does not begin and end in Alton? Now, has that comforted you?"

"Yes, more than anything you could have sa.a. You could have thought of nothing that would comfort me one half so much. You will leave me now, Kate—I am the better for your coming, dear—and when me meet again all will be forgotten, except that we love each other."

"It had not been all in vain them."

"It had not been all in vain then; the sun of her life had set in darkness and gloom, but she had made one at least happy. So the past was mentioned no more. She tried to bear her life. sed 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 grew pale and thin she began to hope that lie are round, and at Christmas preparations were begun for the marriage of the young heiross. Lady Brandon had invited a large circle of guests, and one of them, not knowing of the recent controtomps, having just returned from Spain, spoke of Sir Marc Caryll, and said that he was going to take up his residence abroad.

Voronlea overheard it. She did not will carry Spartanburg County.

She mas the rife to bear her life. She never complained. She was like a devoted daughter to Lady Brandon. Although he spoke in the afternoon and returned from spain, spoke of the meeting the crowd and all the grounds or shifting about during his speech.

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J. Thomas Austin of Greenville said nis ancestors were buried in Spartanburg County. He discussed education. Attention derived a large part of their incomes solis, insects and improper cultivation in derived a large part of their incomes solis, insects and insposing to state's office. That office in this state to

Veronica overheard it. She did not will carry Spartanburg County. speak; the lovely face grew paler, and a mist of unshed tears dimmed the the speeches of the candidates for the Confederate army. When he beautiful eyes; but soon afterward she went to Lady Brandon's room, her marvelous soll control gone at last. She stood before her with a look that Lady Brandon never forgot.

The speeches of the governor being given.

About 1,000 persons state campaign meet mier's grove on Ke About 1,000 persons attended the state campaign meeting in Trim-

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 indilinitely. The worst of it was there came no solution to the mystery—whether there had been a quarrel or not no one could say. All that was known was that Sir Marc had left quite suddenly one day, and that two or three days afterward those interested had been told to cease all preparations for the wedding.

No one was more astonished than Katherine when her mother told her the news; and at first she refused to even ever so little? I shall send for Lee and Jackson and was fully comyou 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 followng plan as the best to bring good He says: Go to sleep at ten, wake at six, and get up when you wake. Eat what is set before you and don't grumble. Do the work that contemptuously.

"It is not for myself, Sir Marc—it is not indeed. I want five hundred pounds."

"You are modest in your demands, certainly, and you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you? If I give you the sum you have ruined—But why should I waste words upon such as you waste of you and between the work that does Veronica say?"

"I will go to her myself," said Katherine why why why should I waste words upon such as you waste while thinking how you can do it better. Until you are forty do more than you ask pay for; after that you will get pay for more than you do. Don't wobbie either in your walk or your purposes. Don't waste waste waste waste waste while th lies before you in the very best way as you? If I give you the sum you name, you must not only surrender what you are pleased to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but you must take an oath to call your proofs, but Katherine would not be controlled. She hastened up to Veronica's take advantage of the necessities of the bright side of things, but don't fear to look on the dark side when it is turned toward you. Believe that furned round to greet her, and the change that had come over her was so terrible that the young heiress was shocked. Veronica's face was pale and worn, the dark cyes were tearless, but there was in them a look of fathomics woe! means, for no one wants to employ hrewdness without honesty nor diplo-"Yes," she said drearily, "we have parted, Katherine—not for an hour, a day, or a year, but forever.
"I will not believe it! What has

face is seen here again!"

He took out his check-book, and going into one of the station offices, made out a check for the sum named. On returning he placed it quietly in her hands, and she gave him the packet containing the charred fragments of the will, and took the eath upon which he had insisted. Silently he pointed to the great open gates, and she passed out of them. They never met again. As she passed out of this life. Whether the punishment of her wickedness ever came in this world he never knew.

Then Sir Marc went away to London. What to do with himself he broken thread of his life. In the first hot angry flush of his disappointment he had not realized what life without Veronica would be. Now that it stretched out before him in all its shill, terrible reality, he was at a loss how to endure it. There were times even when he almost wished that he had forgiven her. Then he recoiled from the thought. How could he love from the thought. How could he love.

He took out his check-book, and go and to be lieve it! What has one between you who loved each other so well?

"It will not believe it! What has one between you who loved each other so well?"

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"It will not believe it! What has one between you belie so well?"

"It will not believe it! What has one between you wish loved each of the so well?"

It wan to left you. I cannot live and know that you were any boy, that follows it.

It was an all tenses of the safe any boy, that follows it.

It was worthy of his her. You will have and know that you were any boy that follows it.

It was an all tenses of the care any boy that follows it.

It was the late in the first and the long, declarred that he he all the safe and bring him back."

It was for the same and paying ten cents for despondency, her eyes were fixed with a strange dazed expression, her hands were folded and lay on her knees. She its storage over night. It was to go right the next day; but the damage speaker of the house. He stood on estimated the injury to his feeling at ago. one cent less than \$2,000. The jury He said no member of his family had

ed by Ladrones; bodies recovered; four murderers killed; eight others captured by the constabulary Killed Near Greenville.

Bud Thomas shot and killed Will "Go on," requested Veronica.

I am rich," said the young girl,
"and—I am like a child—I love my
position. I love my grand, beautiful
inheritance."

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Candidates for State Officers Speak at Spartanburg.

HEYWARD HAD THE CROWD.

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Spartanburg boys in the Spanish war.

cent voice and made himself easily

Col. Jno. C. Boyd of Greenville said

he was not a graduate of any military

academy but was in the civil war with

petent to fill the office. He enlisted

in the war at 13 years of age. He

stood before the people of Greenville.

Colonel Boyd interested the crowd and

caused some amusement. He invited

the veterans to come to Greenville to

said he had never held public office or run for one and did not know how to

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

railroad laws were not enforced and

for that reason he was a candidate.

Wilborn had compared himself to Cal-

houn and McDuffie but had done noth

H. J. Kinard of Greenwood had

married in Spartanburg County. He

had had experience in the legislature

A. C. Jepson of Florence said he

references to the other candidates.

ever been untrue to a trust reposed

on him. He would not abuse or vil-

lify his opponents. He was a candi-

date on his own merits and fitness.

Cole L. Blease of Newberry said he

tacked Mr. Gary's position on the dis-

was also criticised. He favored blen-

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upted with loud applause.

He said the relations between Mr. Stevenson and himself were friendly, He introduced his competitor.

W. F. Stevenson also spoke of the friendly relation between Mr. Gunter and himself. He said that if all ng Wednesday. He received much

SECRETARY OF STATE.

taxes were too high. Other states 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. condition seldom, if ever, excelled. entire meeting. He received more He referred to the exhibit at the Since that report was issued, there

and it is generally corrected that he will carry Spartanburg County.

The lateness of the hour prevents ested his hearers. He had enlisted in came back from the war he had to plough or perish and he ploughed. He told of his part in the red shirt campaign of 1870 and record in politics; is

Then she wept as she had never wept in her life before, as one who had no hope—wept until Lady Brandon was alarmed, and she herself, was exhausted. Then Lady Brandon said to her—"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 way.

County Chairman Stanyarne Wilson presided and introduced each greater an attack made on him in the Educa-SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION. an attack made on him in the Educational. He had apposed changing the

John J. McMahan of Columbia replied to his opponent's criticisms and organization which they maintain. stated the law regarding the adoption "Do people ever die of a broken heart?" she thought. "A year ago I was strong and well. I had color in ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL. ing books. The state school board ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL. ing books. The state school board Col. Jno. D. Frost of Richland was appointed by the governor and 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 of good size and qualificanot responsible for it. A year was tions. Colonel Frost has a magnifi- given in which the change was to oc-Old books are taken back in exchange for new ones. All books had to be sold at the lowest price and lower, if the price ever went lower. A new adopping every county, but they were partial and generally light, and at a few points, only did they supply enough content of the price of growing crops. to have a uniform series. He was disappointed at Mr. Martin's style of saw service in the days of radicalism. He spoke of the regard in which he campaigning. He hoped that the schools could be improved.

COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

Capt. J. M. Patrick of Anderson received. ask for a vote. He told of his record

as a military instructor and read a report of General Lawton, made upon the Patrick Military Institute at Anhis work for the sinking fund commis-J. C. Wilborn of York thanked his

could not reply to his nine opponents as he had not sufficient time. It was not good practice to turn men out of not good practice to turn men out of office. He told of reductions in rail-proad rates made during his term of office. The told of reductions in rail-proad rates made during his term of office of the told of reductions in rail-property at its full value. He had been treasurer of Greenville County top and being damaged by the bolt with moisture ample generally for weevil in scattered localities. In the J. G. Mobley of Fairfield said the

A census bulletin relating to cotton

introduced a bill in the legislature penalizing the railroad companies for marketing season. In recognition of this, there was incorporated in the gave figures showing the high charges congressional enactment creating a permanent census bureau a provision.

The Alabama scattered showers were a fair growth is maintained, although copious rains at this time would do a great deal of good. A few boils near this pest has not appeared in sufficiently large numbers to cause much apprehension. Boll worms and sharpfor 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 with a few heavy local rains, but the

The cost of ginning a bale in South Jim Crow car law.

Mr. Wilborn replied to Mr. Caughman's charge as to bonus required by

The cost of ginning a bale in South

Carolina was for a square bale \$1.29

and a round bale \$1. In Georgia the cost for the square bale was \$1.26

and the round bale 90 cents. The man's charge as to bonus required by and the round bale 90 cents. The those counties having deficient rainhe railroads.

J. G. Wolling of Fairfield made an \$2.30 for square bale and \$1.75 for full progress, earnest and effective speech on the round bale.

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from 13,000 up. Georgetown ginned only 1,212 bales, Beaufort 2,761, Horry In Tennessee nearly all grow pensary law. Mr. Sloan's position 6,018, Richland 9,838.

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At Rome, Ga., on Wednesday while a jury was deliberating upon the ques-tion of his life or death, John B. Mc-Ghee, charged with murder, stopped his trial by cutting his throat. Wild excitement prevailed in the courthouse when the announcement was made that the jury in the case would be fourthwith dismissed as the defendant had committed suicide.

Dn. Harrison Randolph, president of the Charleston college, was offered the presidency of the Arkansas State college, but declined. Dr. Hartzog of Clemson has accepted it.

# A GOOD MEETING.

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 n a committee to investigate the sinking fund and he had introduced a 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

J. T. Gantt told of the state's in come and expenses and contended that report from Texas which indicates a have been heavy rains over western and southwestern Texas, the regions

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Close attention was given each speaker, but there was very little demonstration as to the candidates for the minor county has endorsed him, offices. As soon, as they had speaker.

frost, however early frost may occur. Whether it will be a record breaking crop depends on the weather during

stopped the adoption, but it did not.

W. H. Sharp of Lexington spoke in

place. He gave his record.

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

hearers for previous support. He ance fees. burg. He favored the assessment of continues promising on the whole al-

Cotton Ginneries.

ginning has been issued covering the ndustry up to 1900, when the census was taken

tertained the crowd with humorous mation. The number of ginneries in the He brought out uproarious laughter state last year were 3,018, being a there were unfair charges made by the railroads and all the people have the railroads are railroads. qualities. He promised, if elected, of bales ginned in each ginnery of the to stay in Columbia and attend to the state were 243, while Indian territory had an average of 880, Texas 613,

people were discriminated against and told of inequalities. He had intro-

was also officiated. He favored blennial sessions of the legislature. He discussed education and the old soldier.

Jno. T. Sloan of Columbia compilimented Spartanburg's exhibit at the Charleston Exposition. He referred to the vote he received two years ago. He served in the house and senate and in the constitutional convention. He is an advocate of the dispensary law and favors education.

ACTORNEY GENERAL.

U. X. Gunter, Jr., would not make a speech in his home county but would leave his candidacy with the people.

Fooled Several People.

The Columbia Record says the police of that city are in possession of several phase and the clay are in possession of several phase and the clay are in possession of several phase and the clay are in possession of several phase and the clay are in possession of several phase and the clay are in possession of several phase and the clay are in possession of several phase are in the State, fell during the week, excepting a few scattered showers on the 19th and of that city are in possession of several phase are some complaints of blooming at the top and of shedding. Tobacco is checked in growth by the dry well; there are some complaints of blooming at the top and of shedding. Tobacco is checked in growth by the dry well; there are some complaints of blooming at the top and of shedding. Tobacco is checked in growth by the dry well; there are some complaints of blooming at the top and of shedding. Tobacco is checked in growth by the dry well; there are some complaints of blooming at the top and of shedding. Tobacco is checked in growth by the dry well is checked in growth by the dry leave and favore during the week, excepting a few count file during the week, excepting a few count file during the week, excepting a few count file during the week, excepting a few count f Burton Wednesday near the Reedy Fork colored church, thirteen miles south of Greenville. The two negroes had been attending services at the had been attended to the house and services and also had a large quantity of unsigned ones that in the constitutional converted to the services at the services at the had been attended to the had been attended to the services at the services at the services at

How the Crop Looks as the Harvest Season Opens.

Much Depends on the Weather Dur ing the Month of August. The Crop Opening Rapidly. The growing cotton continues to nake normal development over the entire belt, except in limited localities, distributed throughout the different States, where local droughts, or poor soils, insects and improper cultivation

where drought prevailed, and these rains may develop the plants in those sections, as the season is not too far Open bolls are no longer confined to Texas, but have been noted in a number of States, and the crop is opening rapidly in Georgia where a "first bale" has already been marketed. While the past week, covered by the attached State reports, was an unusually hot one, the temperature has been much lower during the ourrent week, and although not low enough to be harmful It has generally been below normal. The earliness of the crop, evidenced by the fact of full grown bolls being noted in every section of the belt, also indicates 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

In North Carolina very warm, dry, sunny weather provailed during the greater portion of the past week, and drought appears again to be causing 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 and healthy; has made good growth in well; in the north portion and on stiff in which the change was to oc-The legislature could have lands the plants are small and are shedding forms considerably; where poorest the crop is blooming to the top.

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 greater portion of the State there are whether or not there is rust or shedreports of blooming to the top, of ding, and the date when picking will fine style and promised to execute the shedding, of the plants turning yellow, begin, if not already in progress. The laws if elected. His speech was well and a few reports of rust. Generally A. W. Jones of Abbeville explained freely, and in a few sections there are the nature of the comptroller general's nearly full grown bolls. The crop as office and said it was an important a whole is in a condition to be greatly the bulletin for last week. As regards benefited by rains, should they occur

he had saved the the state \$50,000 by In Georgia the weather was generthose districts. Light to copious show- thence westward to the upper Colo-J. Laurens Walker of Greenville ers occurred elsewhere, with high rado valley, thence northward to Wise nhor of Spartan- temperature in all sections. Cotton county, and from Wise northward to comptroller general. -- Spartanburg majority of sections the plants made stances is fruiting very satisfactorily. vigorous growth during the week and West of this line, the plant is generalare heavily fruited in the northern ly very small, is scantily fruited and and middle counties, with nearly full in many sections has not had sufficient

respondence of the census of the past four was taken.

There has been a universal demand fering for rain and there is much rust among the ginners for the collection of the ginners for the ginners for the ginners for the collection of the ginners for the collection of the ginners for the ginners fo Thomas counties, among the ginners for the collection and some shedding. The plant is sections shedding. In the lower and in dealing with railroads and had and publication of these statistics at doing better on lowlands, where a fair Brazos valley the boll weevils are be-

In Mississippi as a rule, the partly and September 1st. The crop is alcloudy showery weather has kept cotton in a healthy growing condition, tivation. B. L. Caughman of Saluda said the Georgia 293, Mississippi 308, North and although the plant is small, it is well formed, blooming freely and fruiting satisfactorily, except in about

troubles the people have with the railroads. He made a fine impression by his speech and manner.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Frank B, Gary of Abbeville explained the duties of the lieutenant governor and told of his record as speaker of the house. He stood on speaker of the house. He stood on the troubles the people have with the railround bale.

With 4,514 active ginneries in 1899, or 1899, expressed in 1899, or 15.2 per cent. of the number reportthunderstorms prevailed throughout the week over the greater portion of the State, Some rain occurred every day in the week in one curred every day in the week in one the highest surrounding hill, overlooking deep valleys on either side, and speaker of the house. He stood on the dispensary as he stood two years The ginneries east of the Mississippi what improved by scattered showers, ed only 13.4 per cent. of the crop. The condition of cotton has been someriver handled 54.9 per cent. from the although the rainfall has not been sufcrop of 1899, 47.4 per cent. from the fleient for the needs of the crop, except erop of 1900, and 53.2 per cent. from in scattered localities. The plant is generally small and growing very In this connection, there is a table slowly, but has a healtyy appearance; 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 localities, and in places it is shedding. now go hand in hand working for the 1901. Here are some of the facts as to The crop is fruiting well in some secthis state: Orangeburg 53,980 Ander- tions, while in others it is not doing son 40,683, Sumter 34,093. These are so well. Fields are generally clean had the unanimous endorsement of the largest, the other counties ranging and the crop looks healthiest where it In Tennessee nearly all growing

crops were seriously affected by the drought. No rain of any consequence

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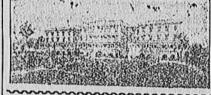
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condition of the soil as regards moisture, effect of the recent rains, extent to which the boll weevil are prevalent reports below are representative ones, the plants are small, but blooming and have been chosen with a view to having as many as possible of the cotton-producing counties included the condition of the cotton plant, practically all correspondents east of Reasonable rates. All ministers \$6 per week. Write J. B. Bramlett, Maa line running through Nucces, Bee, his work for the sinking fund commission. He made a complaint about a delay in the payment of some insur-

grown bolls in some fields. The first moisture to give relief from the pro-open bolls are reported in Burke and longed drought. It seems that the In Alabama, scattered showers were apprehension. Boll worms and sharp-

received in many central, east cen- shooters have appeared in scattered parts of the northern and south-cenof the railroad commission and of his is now being done in South Carolina very long drought continues practically not caused material damage. Shedtral portions of the State, but have qualifications for membership on it. and other cotton growing states. The unbroken in many western middle, and ding is complained of by correspon-A practical railroad man was needed on the board.

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Daniel C. Roper, of this state, and clean, and, while small, it is healthy the State and the lower Brazos valley, and at controlled by the state and the lower Brazos valley. they convey some interesting infor- and holding up remarkably well; in and at scattered points in the north sections where moisture has been re- ern portion. Cotton is opening as far ceived, it is taking on new growth; as north as Tarrant county and picking a whole, it is well fruited through con- is becoming general in the southern decrease of 350 as compared with tinning to bloom too heavily at the counties. Picking will be general in W. Byod Evans of Columbia said 1899. Georgia has the largest num-

> most universally in a fine state of cul-The Largest Brick Hotel In the

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