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LAURENS, 3. C., Dec. 17, 1902,

Shall We Raise Tobacco? A number of business men and farmers in Laurens are considering the advisability of attempting to produce tobacco for market. THE ADVERTISER could not risk an opinion as to whether or not the experiment ought to be made Such an experiment was made on an elaborate scale in Spartanburg county 15 or 20 years ago. It failed. Later the people of the Peedee planted tobacco. Many of them lost money. Some lost a great deal. Nevertheless, the Peedee people persevered. Now and then a man would be successful. Several succeeded from the first. At last these Darlington; Florence and Sumter farmers mastered the business and now it may fairly be sad that the Peedee is a flourishing tobacco region with the industry fairly established. This year the tobacco planters have received handsome prices for their crops and they are "on velvet." However, one of the best informed gentlemen in Darlington told THE ADVERTISER last summer that probably the aggregate losses in tobacco in Darlington county would equal the gains up to that time. The experimental period is past now, the farmers have "learr I tobacco" and there are only such losses as are incidental to bad seasons, poor prices, sto., which are incidental more or less to all crops.

The tobacco crop is a source of great wealth. The Darlington farmer who made twenty bales of cotton this year cultivated four acres of tabacco and out of its proceeds paid the whole expenses of his farm and bad his cotton as profit-at least such stories are common in the Peedee and must be true. Additionally, the tobacco crop comes on the market in the summer. Put money into circulation at the dullest period of the year and merchants, bankers newspaper men and all sorts of business men are helped.

We have only to say that our farmers need not attempt this experiment unless they are prepared to be disappointed and to suffer loss temporarily. This must be their fate even if they succeed in the end. If they are ready to spend some money and to stick to the trial four or five years they may succeed as well as the Peedee people or they may disocver that the Piedmont is no place for tobacco growing.

On the whole we are inclined to think that the farmer in Laurens who raises the many crops and many animals that can be raised easily and cheaply in Laurens and who follows good business methods can come out better at the year's end than the cotton and tobacco man of Darlington. We believe that Mr. Robert Abercrombie will find that his red polls are a paying investment in spite of the ruinous freight that he had to pay on them, because beef cattle always command a good price and good beeves can be raised in Laurens. Beef is better than tobacco, even in this country of ours. Hay, grain, many fruits, even rice, dozens of grasses, goobers, peas, are all safe crops in Laurens and all bring wealth. Hogs are worth eight cents the pound on their feet today and we have in mind a lady not a mile from this office who lives on a little farm and who has fifty dollars worth of bacon which cost not over eight dollars to produce.

Mind, we do not advise against the tobacco experiment. We should like to see it made, especially by the men who are talking about making it, because we know they will make it thoroughly. The tobacco industry in this county, once established would make "the July grade" a vast deal easier for THE LAURENS ADVERTISER - indeed, we think the July grade would be leveled by it. But we think it right to say that the mastering of the details of producing and selling so difficult a crop as tobacco will cost time and pa-'tience and much money-and it may be that climatic and soil conditions will prelude the possibility of success. Meanwhile, tobacco is not a last resort and opportunities are plentiful for the ambitious farmer who is up and doing.

Wasted Compassion.

Every day or two some South Carolina newspaper weeps an editorial about the town of Charleston. The latest to emit a groan about Charleston's condition is the Spartanburg Herald. Now THE ADVERTISER knows something about Charleston and The Spartanburg newspaper is giving itself needless pain. There are also voices in Columbia that cry out in misspent com-

passion concerning Charleston. The truth is that Charleston is the happiest and most flourishing town in the world. The most expensive luxury a town can have is a daily paper and Charleston supports two twice as well as any other South Carolina town supports one. We have never seen any poor white folks in Charleston. The Charleston merchants apparently all make money. They are mostly rich. Outside of Charleston in this state a mercantile house over ten or twenty years old is uncommon; they are plentiful over fifty years old in Charleston. We suspect that more business failures have occurred in Spartanburg in the last five years than in Charleston. Nobody ever "breaks" there. Fires are very rare. A prominent insurance man of Louisville, Ky., told the writer that Charlestonians missed a wonderful opportunity when they did not let their town burn up at the time of the earth-quake and collect from the insnrance companies, "but," said he. Mt. Bethel, Second Sunday at 11 "they were such-fool honest people o'clock, a. m.
they put the fires out after they had Mt. Bethel, Fourth Sunday at 3:30

Charleston is highly prosperous The enting and drinking there is particularly good. One can buy a far better olgar for a nickel in Charleston than elsewhere in the state. Perhaps the population is not increasing but that is no matter. We say the people

of Charleston are "in good fix" and all moaning for them is ridiculous. Some of them talk poor but they don't mean it. They have a melancholy pleasure in talking poor. It is true that the surplus sons of Charleston men, finding nothing to do, sometimes leave Charleston when they grow up but they are useful elsewhere. Meanwhile, "poor old Charleston" is getting on better than any community we know of anywhere. There are no "unemployed" in Charleston. At least 1000 men in Charleston are employed in political industries and when a man loses a job in any other line, a place in politics is waiting for him.

HUNTINGDON TIDINGS.

Nimrods Succeeded in Bagging Many Rabbits and Birds.

Thanksgiving was spent very quietly. Crops are about all gathered and the

armers are finishing up sowing grain. Hunting is the order of the day. Two squads of hunters on Thanksgiving killed 50 rabbits and about the same number of birds.

Mr. J. P. Saxon has been very unwell for some time but is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Saxon and little Sarah of Laurens have been at their father, Dr. C. A Saxon's. The former has been quite sick. Mr. R. R. Glenn was in Laurens on

Saturday to meet the United States Mail Inspector to ask for a rural delivery route from Clinton to Hunting-

Mr. D. A. Glenn and family spent Thanksgiving with his mother. Mr. A. E. Cleveland spent several

days in Cross Keys last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. 1. Sanders spent several days with relatives in Union last

BUCK.

OWINGSVILLE.

Our farmers are about through pick-

Sowing grain is the order of the day. Rev. J. O. Martin of Irby was in this ection a few days ago.

Mrs. Dr. Boland and Miss Esther Goddard visited relatives in your city

Mr. Daniel Balentine has moved near Brewerton for another year. Pete.

IN THE CHURCHES.

\$6566 #556665556666666666 Church of the Epiphany, Laurens, S. C., W. Edward Callender, Minister in charge. The following services are held in the above church every Sunday. 10:00 a. m. Sunday School; 11:00 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon; 4:00 p. m. Evening Prayer and Address.

The first series of addresses will be on the Prayer Book. A cordial invitation is extended. All seats free.

First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. Watson B. Duncan, A. M. pastor. Preaching at 11 o'oclck a.m. and at 7.30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday at 7.30 p. m.

Sunday School, Hon. C. C. Featherstone, Superintendent, at J0 o'clock at Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. S.

D. Garlington, President, meets on Tuesday after First Sunday, at 4.30 o'clock p. m. Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. J. F. Bolt,

resident, meets on Tuesday, after Third Sunday at 4 80 o'clock p. m. Church Conference every Third Sunday after the morning service.

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Robt. Adams, Pastor, services at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m., each Sabbath. All are welcome.

Sunday School, C. W. Tune, Superntendant, Sunday Morning at 10 a. m. Todd Memorial Presbyterian Church, East End, -- Pastor. Preaching in Factory Hall every

APPOINTMENTS FOR NORTH LAURENS CIRCUIT.

Trinty, First Sunday, at 11 o'clock Trinity, Third Sunday, at 3:30

'clock, p. m. Shiloh, First Sunday, at 3:30 o'clock,

Shiloh, Third Sunday, at 11 o'clock

Dials, Second Sunday, at 11 o'clock,

Dials, Fourth Sunday, at 3:30 o'clock,

Graycourt, 2d Sunday at 3.30 o'clock,

Graycourt, 4th Sunday at 11 o'clock

Sunday Schools at each appointment one hour before preaching. Prayer meeting Thursday nights at

Graycourt, at 8 o'clock. All are alike invited to attend these services, for it is here, as it is in Heaven, "the rich and the poor meet together."

J. K. McCain. Pastor.

Langston's Church, Baptist, preachng 11 t. m., Fourth Sundays, and Saturday before, by Rev. E. C. Watson. Hurricane Church, Baptist, preaching 11 a. m., First Sundays and on Saturday before by Rev. E. C. Watson. Dorroh Presbyterian church, Gray

Preaching on 1st Sunday at 11 a. m. 3rd Sunday 4 p. m. Sabbath School on 1st and 2nd Sundays at 10 a m., and on 3rd and 4th

Court, S. C., T. B. Craig, pastor.

Sundays at 3 p. m. . T. PEDEN, Supt. Lanford, Baptist preaching 11 a. m. Second Sundays by Rev. E. C. Watson; Preaching at Cedar Shoal Church on same day at 3 o'clock p. m.

Padgett's Creek, Baptist preaching at 11 a. m. on Third Sundays by E. C. Warrior Creek Baptist Church, Rev. O. L. Jones, supply. Service every 4th Sunday at 11 Colock and Saturday be-

S. W. Henry, Pastor. Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Rev. R. B. Vaughn, Pastor—Service on the 1st Sunday of each month at 11 o clock a. m. and on Saturday before at 2 o clock

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer.

CASE By...
Emile
Gaboriau
Gaboriau

Raoul if he would extort money from

Mme. Fauvel in sufficient quantity to

embarrass ber. Raoul consented and lived recklessly on the means furnished

by the woman who supposed she was

his mother. Finally, having no more

to give him, she was persuaded to sur-

render her diamonds, a present from

her husband on the day he became

worth a million. When Mme. Fauvel's

jewels were gone, Madeleine's were

to marry Madeleine while her heart

was given to another. He determined

to ruin Prosper, that she might lose her

respect and her love for him. One

night at a supper at which Raoul and

Prosper were present Raoul heard Prosper, under the influence of wine,

name the word (Gipsy) that would un

lock the safe in M. Fauvel's bank.

This he communicated to Clameran.

also telling him that when M. Fauvel

went out he always left the key to the

safe in the drawer of his secretary in

"Clameran then arranged that 300,-000 francs should be kept in the bank

over night ready for him to draw in

the morning. That night Raoul, hav-

ing been coached for the part by Cla-

meran, went to Mme, Fauvel, told her

that he was ruined and must have a

large sum of money at once, threaten-

ing that if he did not get it he would

blow out his brains. . He told her that

she must give him the key to the safe,

which he would open, take what he

needed and restore it on the morrow.

Mme. Fauvel, in terror lest he should

commit suicide and thinking that he-

did not know the word which, with the

key, was necessary to open the safe,

in order to gain time, gave him the key.

Raoul went down the stairway, Mme.

meran, affecting to make a noble sacri-

fice for the two women, offered to re-

store the stolen money through them to

M. Fauvel, but Madeleine, suspecting

some hidden motive, declined the offer.

of the extortionists and vindicate Pros-

she was followed by M. Verduret and

Prosper. Madeleine's effort was fruit-

less, though she finally forced Raoul

by threats of exposure to surrender

"At last Clameran and Raoul found

in the clown at the Jandidier ball an

CHAPTER XIII.

taken Prosper under his protection, M.

Reaching Paris at 9 o'clock in the

evening, not by the Lyons route, as he

had said, but by the Orleans train, M.

Verduret hurried to the Archangel,

where he found Prosper impatiently

"You are about to hear some rich de-

velopments," he said to Prosper, "and

see how far back into the past one has

to seek for the primary cause of a

crime. All things are linked together

in this world of ours. If Gaston de

Clameran had not taken a cup of cof-

fee in a little cafe at Tarascon twenty

have been robbed three weeks ago.

lected or forgotten. Listen."

years ago, your money safe would not

"Valentine de la Verberie is punished

in 1866 for the murder committed for

The fat man smiled. "When I under-

take a task," he said, "I devote my

whole attention to it. Now, make a

note of this: When a man of ordinary

intelligence concentrates his thoughts

and energies upon the attainment of

an object, he is certain to attain that object. Besides that, I have my own

method of working up a case. To be

sure, one needs some light to guide one

in a dark affair like this, but the fire

in Clameran's eye when I pronounced

the name of Gaston ignited my lantern.

From that moment I walked straight

Prosper's look showed that he would

like to know the secret of his protect-

or's penetration and at the same time

be more thoroughly convinced that what he heard was all true-that his

nnocence would be more clearly prov-

"Now, confess," cried M. Verduret,

'you would give anything in the world

system. There is nothing marvelous

to find out how I arrived at the truth!

"I admit it, for it is marvelous,"

ing, no matter whence it comes.

to the solution of the mystery as to a

some of the pawn tickets.

Verduret.

expecting him.

proofs attached.

had finished.

beacon light.".

"Madeleine, believing that she and

a long, deep scratch.

prayer book.

his chamber.

"Louis de Clameran was not satisfied

given up. All were pawned by Raoul.

agreed to settle a large income upon

CHAPTER XII. HE following is the statement as he wrote'lt out for the benefit of the judge of instruction, knowing that it would doubtless secure an indictment against the accused:

"Two leagues from Tarascon, on the left bank of the Rhone, stood the Chateau of Clameran. Here lived in 1841 the old marquis and his two sons, Gaston and Louis. A near neighbor was the Countess de la Verberie, with one

daughter, Valentine, a lovely girl of eighteen. M. de Clameran detested the countess, and Mme, de la Verberie execrated the marquis. It was said that under the reign of Henry IV. a La Verberie had betrayed the affection of a fair daughter of the Clamerans. This misdeed led to a duel, which in turn led to bitter hatred between the two

"Gaston de Clameran met Valentine de la Verberie at an evening entertainment, and the two fell desperately in love. Gaston would often plunge into the Rhone at Clameran and rise out of the water at Verberie, where he would have a secret meeting with Valentine. In order to facilitate these meetings Gaston would place a light in his win dow immediately before starting which could be seen by Valentine at her home. The two lovers, despairing of permission to marry, kept up a secret intimacy, which led to Valentine's becoming a wife without the sanction of the church or the law.

"One evening Gaston went into a cafe for a cup of coffee. Later, while playing billiards, hearing Valentine's name coupled with his own to her dishonor, he demanded a retraction, became embroiled and killed two men. He fled to the chateau, where he confessed to his father his intimacy with Valentine, declaring that he wished to marry her. His father urged him to fly from the consequences of the murders he had committed and, having no money to give him, supplied him with the family jewels. Meanwhile the police were coming to arrest him, and it was arranged that the gates should be suddenly opened, a servant should flee in one direction, Louis in another and thus misleading the police give Gaston an opportunity to escape. Gaston would have got away had not Louis purposely tripped and fallen. The police, thus discovering the ruse, pushed on after Gaston, who, to save himself. jumped into the Rhone. The current was at the time so swollen that his

pursuers gave him up as drowned. "Escaping almost certain death, Gas ton, who before leaving the chateau had placed the signal for Valentine in his window, reached La Verberie and had an interview with his beloved. She informed him that she would soon be come a mother. Before parting he left with her the jewels given him by his father, then fled the country, going to South America. That night the old marquis died, Louis, assuming that his elder brother had been drowned, took the title and the estate. He left Clameran immediately and began a life

full of ignominy. "Valentine confessed her condition to her mother, who took her to England, where she provided for her daughter's secret accouchement under care of a physician and a maid. Mihonne. A son was born, which the countess immediately sent away to be adopted by a farmer. Subsequently Mme. de la Verberie pursuaded her daughter to attempt to forget the past, to consider it buried in oblivion and to marry. A young engineer, M. Andre Fauvel, spent some time at Beaucaire, where they lived, and fell in love with Valentine, who, urged by her mother, accepted his attentions and finally married bim. M. Fauvel afterward be-

came the famous Paris banker. The countess died in 1859. "Louis de Clameran, after an absence from home of eighteen years, returned, and from Mihonne, the maid who had been with Valentine at the time of her confinement, learned that his brother had not been drowned, that Valentine had had a son by Gaston and that she had subsequently married M. Fauvel. Impoverished by his excesses and unable to find a living honestly, Louis determined to use this information for the purpose of extorting money from Mme. Fauvel. Going to Paris, he called upon her and gave her to understand that he knew of her past. In order to better serve his purpose he told her that her son by Gaston was living, that he had been brought up in London, that his father had been there and found him, that Gaston had died in poverty and had asked him (Louis) to apply to her for means for the maintenance of their son Raoul. Mme. Fauvel at once gave Louis the jewels Gaston had left with her at their last interview to be used for Raoul. Louis soon introduced a young man to her who personated her son and received. from her large sums, which the two villains divided. All this Mme. Fauvel kept a secret from her husband. Finally Clameran, in order to facilitate his plans, demanded that she receive Raoul into her house. Mme. Fauvel had a cousin living at St. Remy of the name of Lagors, and Clameran, partly by persuasion, partly by intimidation, induced Mme. Fauvel to announce her supposed son as her nephew, Raoul de Lagors. This was done, and Raoul, having constant access to Mme. Fau-

soon extorted a small fortune, which he squandered. "Louis de Clameran now conceived the idea of marrying Madeleine, with whom he had fallen violently in love. To force her to break with Prosper ho used the power he possessed over Mme. Fauvel. Madeleine discovered her aunt's situation and in order to avert a catastrophe consented to give up Prost whom she loved, and marry Clameran, whom she detested. Breaking her engagement with Prosper, she secured his promise to take upon himself the sole responsibility of the rupture. .

"Meanwhile Gaston had made a fortune in South America and returned to France. To still the memory of his youthful misfortunes he resolved to engage in business and bought an iron mill at Oloron. Louis, hearing of his arrival, went to Oloron and greeted him with every pretense of affection. Louis took up his quarters with his brother, who soon sickened and died under very suspicious circumstances, leaving his fortune to Louis.

Jonis now turned his attention to about it. We worked together to find forcing Madeleine to marry him. He the solution of the problem. You know

had a hand in the robbery. As soon as I had acquired this certainty my task was easy. What did I do? I placed trustworthy people to watch the parties in whom I was most interested. Fanferlot as Joseph Dubols took charge of Clameran, and Nina Gipsy never lost sight of Mme. Fauvel and "I understand it all now," said Pros-

"And what have you been doing dur ng my absence, my young friend?

sked M. Verduret after a pause. At this question Prosper blushed.
'Alas," he stammered, "I read in a ewspaper that Clameran was about to narry Madeleine, and I acted like a

"What did you do?" inquired Verduet uneasily. "I wrote an anonymous letter to M

cauvel informing him that his wife vas in love with Raoul"-M. Verduret brought his clinched fist lown upon the table. "Stupid!" be exclaimed. "You have

"uined everything!" He arose from his seat and strode up nd down the room, oblivious of the lodgers below, whose windows shook with every angry stamp of his foot.

Prosper remained silent as long as e could and then uneasily said: "I am afraid I have embarrassed

you very much, monsteur." "Yes, you have dreadfully embar rassed me. What am I to do? Shall I hasten matters or wait? And I am bound by a sacred promise. We had better go and advise with the judge of instruction. He can assist me. Come

with me." As M. Verduret had anticipated, Prosper's letter had a terrible effect. When M. Fauvel opened his mail the morning after it was posted, the fatal missive fell into his hands.

Something about the writing struck him as peculiar. It was evidently a disguised hand, and, although, owing to the fact of his being a millionaire, he was in the habit of receiving anony mous communications, this particular letter filled him with an indefinite pre sentiment of evil.

With trembling hand and absolute can get a certainty that he was about to learn some new calamity, he broke the scal and, opening the coarse cafe paper, was shocked by the following words:

Dear Sir-You consigned your cashler to prise ou did well, since you were convinced of his ishonesty and faithlessness. But even if he stole 850,000 francs from your safe, does it follow that he also stole Mme. Fauvel's diamonds?

Fauvel following him in agony. Raoul opened the safe and took the money in-This was a stroke of lightning to a tended to be paid Clameran in the man whose life hitherto had been an morning. Mme. Fauvel, astonished unbroken chain of prosperity, who that he had succeeded, begged him to shut the safe, clinging to his arm and could recall the past without one bitter regret, without remembering any sor endeavoring to pull him away. The row deep enough to bring forth a tear. key was dragged from the lock and, What! His wife deceive him! 'And, slipping along the glossy varnish, made among all men, to choose one vile enough to rob ber of her jewels and "The next day, after the robbery was force her to be his accomplice in the discovered and Clameran had been paid ruin of an innocent young man! For the amount due him, he went to Mme. dld not the anonymous letter assert Fauvel and to Madeleine and told them this to be the fact and tell him how to that Raoul had secured the word necconvince himself of its truth? essary to open the safe from Prosper, M. Fauvel determined to show the who was to share in the plunder. Cla-

letter to his wife. "But suppose it be true!" he muttered to himself. "Suppose I have been miserably duped! By confiding in my wife I shall put her on her guard and lose all chance of discovering the truth."

Mmc. Fauvel would eventually get rid There was one simple means of verification. The letter said the diamonds per, asked her uncle for 10,000 francs, had been pawned.

to be used for a charitable purpose, If it lied in this instance, he would and sent the amount to Prosper, with treat if with the scorn it deserved. If, a letter made up of words cut out of a on the other hand, it should prove to be true-"Mme. Fauvel and Madeleine, owing

Breakfast was announced. At table M. Fauvel talked incessantly, so as to to the extortions to which they had been subjected, became urgently pressescape any questions from his wife, who, he saw, was uneasy at the sight of his pale face. But all the time he ed by tradesmen and others to whom they owed money and had nothing on which to keep up their position in sociwas talking he was casting over in his mind expedients for getting his wife ety. They remained secluded for a time, but were at last obliged to appear out of the house long enough for him in public at the Jandidier ball. Made- to search her bureau without her perine went to Vesinet to ask Raoul to ceiving him. At last he asked Mme. return some of the money and jewels Fauvel if she were going out before they had given him. On this occasion

dinner.
"Yes," said she. "The weather is dreadful, but Madeleine and I must do some shopping."

"At what hour shall you go?" "Immediately after breakfast." He drew a long breath, as if relieved of a great weight. In a short time he would know the truth.

enemy who possessed the secret of their villainies and tried to murder After awhile he beard the carriage roll away with his wife and niece. Hurrying into Mme. Fauvel's room, he opened the drawer of the chiffonler where she kept her fewels. The boxes JCH are the facts that, with an almost incredible talent for investigation, had been containing superb sets of jewelry which he had presented to her were gone! The anonymous letter had told collected and prepared by the fat man with the jovial face who had

the truth! Perhaps Valentine had put her dia-

nonds in Madeleine's room, Without stopping to consider the indelicacy of what he was about to do he hurried into the young girl's room and pulled open one drawer after another. He did not find Mme. Fauvel's diamonds, but Madeleine's seven or eight

boxes, also empty. Was she, too, an accomplice? This blow broke down his courage. M. Fauvel well knew that the fact of the diamonds being stolen was not sufficient ground upon which to bring an accusation against the accomplices. Happily he could procure other proof. He began by calling his valet and ordering him to bring him every letter that should come to the house. He then wrote to a notary at St. Remy

love of her in 1840. Nothing is negto send him a telegram containing authentic information about the Lagors And he related all that he had disfamily and especially about Raoul. covered, referring to a voluminous manuscript which he had prepared, The reply was as follows: The Lagors are very poor, and no one knows my member of the family named Raoul. Mme. with many notes and authenticated agors had no son, only two daughters. The next day, among the letters "I wonder how you discovered all which his valet brought him, was one these infamies," said Prosper when he

bearing the postmark of Vesinet. He opened the envelope with great care and read: Dear Aunt-It is indispensable that I see you today. Come to me. I will explain why I give you this trouble instead of calling on you, RAOUL.

"I have them now!" cried M. Fauvel, trembling with satisfaction at the near prospect of vengeance.

Eager to lose no time, he opened a

drawer, took out a revolver and examined the hammer to see if it was in order. He imagined bimself alone, but a vigilant eye was watching his movements. Gipsy, under strict instructions from M. Verduret, stationed herself at the keyhole of the study door and saw all that occurred. M. Fauvel laid the pistol on the mantelpiece and resealed the letter, which he then placed where the letters were usually left, not wishing his wife to know that it had passed through his hands. He was only ab-

M. Verduret enjoyed Prosper's bewilderment. To be sure, he was neither a good judge nor a distinguished amateur: but admiration is always flatter-"Well," be replied, "I will explain my She descended to the bank and sent

the clerk with a message, telling him

to leave it with Mme. Alexandre for M. Verduret. An hour later Mme. Fau-

ny reasons for suspecting Clameran vel ordered her carriage and went out. M. Fauvel took a hackney coach and followed her.

are lost!"

"Great heavens!" cried Nina to herself. "If M. Verduret does not reach there in time, Mme. Fauvel and Raoul

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Aching Joints

parts of the body, are joints that are inflamed and swollen by rheumatismthat acid condition of the blood which affects the muscles also.

Sufferers dread to move, especially after sitting or lying long, and their condition is commonly worse in wet

"It has been a long time since we have been without Hood's Sarsaparilla. My father thinks he could not do without it. He has been troubled with rheumatism since he was a boy, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the only medicine he can take that will enable him to take his place in the field." Miss Ada Dory, Sidney, Iowa.

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pleased.

Executor's Land Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me b last will and testament of James H. Shell, deceased, I will sell at public outcry at Laurens C. H. S. C., within the legal hours of sale on salesday in the legal hours of sale on salesday in January 1903, being the 5th day of the month, all that parcel or tract of land, situate in Dial Township, Laurens County, S. C., containing ninety-eight (98) acres, more or less, bounded by lands of A. C. Watson, Estate of B. F. Garrett, deceased, J. R. Culbertson, W. A. Putting and others.

A. Putman and others.

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Also at the same time and place, and
on the same terms.

Three shares stock of The Bank Laurens, having a par value of one undred dollars per share. Two shares of stock Gray Court Cot-

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Dec. 1, 1902--4t.

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Mullins, S. C., March 10, 1901.

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sent but two minutes; but, inspired by the imminence of the danger, Gipsy darted into the study, rushed to the mantel and rapidly extracted the balls from the revolver.

"There!" she murmured. "This peril is, for the present, averted, and M. Verduret, whom I shall warn through Cavaillon, will now perhaps have time to prevent a murder."

She descended to the bank and sent TAKE notice that on the 20th day of December 1902, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Administrator of the estate of I. G. Lowe, decessed, in the Office of Judge of Probate for Laurens County, at 11 o'clock, a. m, and our the same date will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Administrator.

All persons having demands against said estate will please present them on or before that day, proven and authenticated, or be forever barred, TAKE notice that on the 20th day of

Nov. 19, 1902.

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