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Grandmother dear, it's time for tea." opened her eyes and looked at me. And said a Wby, Pet, I have just n dreamed Of a little angel who came and seemed To kiss me lovingly on my face.' She pointed right at the very place !

I never told ber twas only me; took her hand, and we went to tea." -Sydney Dayre, in St. Nicholas. From Random Recollections

of a Long Life. SUMTER - AND - MANCHESTER 1806-1811.

The extract published below, take from the Southern Presbyterian, is from the manuscript of a book written by Mr. Edwin J. Beott of Columbia. The anthor says: "The book is intended mainly to describe the habits of living and doing business among our people from 1806 to 1876, and the advance and improvement in their condition during that period. It includes notices of remarkable and dishinguished men, and triding as well as important events.

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me at Sumterville, where my father kept a tavern in 1806; when I was about three years old. To get me out betanghtinany other house was full of queste I way. It has a large the home of my grandfather, Wm. Anderson, some ten miles east of the village, beyond Black River, between it and the Brick Church, (Prosbyterian.) which then stood nearly if hot exactly on the beautiful spot occupied by the present Salem Presbyterian Brick Church. Black River. The river swamp where we crossed it, was half a mile wide, crowded with large trees and had a high bridge over the main current of the stream, which was reached by a causwayed road through the black and sluggish, water on either side, so parrow and crooked that a passenger could see but a few yards ahead; always looking gloomy and threatening, often bazardous and sometimes impassable. Now, it has a broad embankment, above the highest freshets. through which the river flows under three or four substantial bridges, with strong hand-rails that give a sense of perfect security to the traveller. This valuable improvement is due to the skill and energy of my deceased friend Matthew E. Muldrow, formerly Commissioner of Roads.

Indigo was then raised in all that region for sale and for domestic use. grew wild in the woods, attained the height of one and a half to two feet and had bluish green leaves. At the proper season, the plants were cut off near that Kendall's Spavin Cure has extract the coloring matter, which sank by its own weight to the bottom of the wonders in thousands of such illustrated catalogue, giving vat, when the water was drawn off, the sediment left to dry and harden, and then cut into squares, forming the finest blue dye known to the world. have seen the vats or tanks when in

Falls, Va. fel treatment of riagbones, still stand in the neighborhood. There being no cotton gins at the time, the cultivation of that staple was ury-craving nature is made plain by think the sound of the stage horses, done for Mr. Stephens, and he sat quite limited. Families in the country everything that surrounds her both off as the stage came over the hill, was down disgusted. Russell continued: usually spent the long winter evenings and on the stage. That she also has a one of the sublimest things in the ets, and does not blister, but it has a in social converse, while picking cotton keen eye for the beantiful wherever world, and I thought that if ever I got you were a member of the legislature from the seed with their fingers, and found is proved by her purchase of dra- to be a man I would be a stage driver in voting for a law that prohibited a seated around a big log fire, in which a peries. She has the lavish but refined if I could. Well, I come pretty near man from voting unless he was worth plenty of pinders and sweet potatoes tastes of a woman gently born and bred it, for my father had hired a man to \$500? Answer me that while you were rossting. The growth of care in and not those of an actress who has ride the mail to be a side to be a side the mail to be a side the mai all low places together with other suddenly sprung into rich success and twice a week, and the man got sick ble citizens of Gordon county." At plants, afforded a capital range for who spends vulgarly in the attempt to and so my father put me on a drome this Mr. Stephens rose again furious stock, and planters raised large num- be splendid. Mrs. Langtry's manners dary of a horse and the mail in some with indignation and screamed: "It bers of beeves and hogs for the Charles- toward the members of her company saddle-bags behind me, and I had to is false, sir-it is false; I deny the ton market, whither they were driven and all the humbler attaches of the pro- make the 48 miles in a day and kept fact.' look for more orders in every winter. They also sold their in- fession to which she has allied herself it rp all winter. I like to have froze Avertised. Your Spavin digo in the city, bribging home the are declared affable and charming, and several times, and had to be lifted off "I supposed you would—you deny at with rheumatism, reproceeds in Spanish silver coin, which with the true instinct of the woman of the horse when I got home and it nearthe fact. That is just what you have take this matter in hand without delay, e, and its action permanent. composed almost the entire currency society she takes pains to make her- lycbroke my mother's heart, but I was been doing for twenty years—going and communicate with the Commissionse exceles to see it on my horses before the Bank of the State came into self agreeable to every one with whom getting a dollar a trip and it was my about over the country denying she comes in contact She is far more money, and so I wouldent back out. facts." And the crowd went wild she comes in contact She is far more money, and so I wouldent back out. facts." And the crowd went wild sincerely admired behind the curtain The old women on the road used to with merriment, for even the whigs was a very clumsy and inconvenient sincerely admired behind the curtain The old women on the road used to with merriment, for even the whigs have generously offered to transport ble. Please send the books as soon medium of exchange, especially for than before it, and if you have any crowd me with their little commissions couldent help joining in the fun. Mr. large amounts and for merchants in doubt as to her claim to greatness con- and get me to bring them a little pep. Stephens turned to his companions for exhibition. The cotton manufacture and get me to bring them a little pep. Stephens turned to his companions for exhibition. The cotton manufacture and get me to bring them a little pep. Stephens turned to his companions for exhibition. North Carolina and other distant points suit the stage-door keeper or call boy per, or copperas, or bluing, or pins and said with a tone of despair, "Let turers have promised specimens of all Columbia on the 26th of June, 1884. Come from meetin' t'other night an' put who dealt in Charleston and were forced -who have none. - New York Letter. and needles, or get me to take along us go to the hotel," and, they went. De Bresburgh Falls, Vt. night and put back in the morning. Goods, except upon the rivers, were is to investigate a newspaper. He

Charleston. This village was settled. Josh Billings.

which was uppermost in his mind, by have been a mere piece of fun or slander : for slander and fun were as much

relished then as now. breakfast, and gambling went on all son of 'em night; winding up, now and then, The postage used to be regulated would reply to Stephens he would,

fortune and morals. into the district by the planters. I saw a countryman called for letters and receiving the congratulations of his quite a number of them bright-looking, got one he would look at it some friends, when suddenly Russell mountclean-limbed and very active. So fond before he paid for it, and very often plank in front of him, screamed out in of whiskey were they, that for a dram. they would say, "where did this let- an unearthly yell: 'Fellow citizens! a post or wall, and let a strong man for instance, "it come from Dahlone-

advent of a Yankee peddler, driving a my brother Dick. He is up there terest, inquired, 'Who is that man? visited us every winter, with bows and "No. I'll wait until I get home. some very neatly made and prettily event in the family, and perhaps it wrapped in blankets on their back, so through it and make out its contents. to do-what made you vote away that the little ones could peep out over Nine out of ten of those country let- the public lands so that yankees and may be stated that we had a bright hope these few lines will find you en- vote for a high tariff on sugar and that shad were so abundant as to sell er kept store and his country custo- poor people couldent bay it ?" Mr. by the hundred at 121 cents each, that ing, and that I had learned to play There was not more than one in five cards before I could read. It would seem that nothing but a special provibecoming both a drunkard and a gam- in full at the end of the year, and so fairer start in that direction. But my and made their mark. My father task is to relate facts, not to moralize used to say that he had known cases

Lily Langtry's Luxuriousness.

An Editor's Business. An editor is a mule whose business hauled by wagons, and freight on heavy writes editorials, grinds out poetry, inarticles like iron and salt was enor- serts deaths and weddings, sorts manumously high. Mr. Robert Latta laid script, keeps a waste basket, blows up the foundation of his immense fortune the "devil," steals matter, fights out by wagoning goods from Philadelphia other peoples' battles, sells his paper never told me what she wanted, and said: "I did, I did, ves, I did. to Yorkville where he did business for a dollar and fifty cents a year, and as she turned her back on me I heard will never forget that man. He got the matter will be cheerfully furnished two years. during the war. Wagons, for safety takes white beans and apple "sass" for and company, went together in large pay when he can get it, works nineteen up town boy.' numbers, and it was not unusual to see hours out of twenty-four, nose no suna dozen or more in a gang, the jingling day, gets damned bi everybody, lives

He was said to have once con- the dear creatures one must stifle ones more, and I grew up with an idea It looks like most everybody is dead. banners, and keep right along hoping officers? Why this hurry? Why force nearly so long as that," was Fogg's lafounded the two professions and shown feelings you know."

BILL ARP.

stead of short metre. But this might He Talks of the Time When his now. I told Mr. Stephens about it their wit and merriment all the same. Father was Postmaster and he was Mail Rider.

Atlanta Constitution. The school house, built of logs, had Two cents-only two cents. When stand at the eastern end, that served I look at a postage stamp it carries for a pulpit whenever a stray Methodist, me away back. Back to the time and sometimes they were very dispreacher happened to call and hold when my father was postmaster and L agreeable.' I will never; forget that divine service, which was done by at was his clerk, and had to make up night's talk. It was during the sesleast one in my time, who declared that the mails in a country town. The sion of the first legislature after the he was not ashamed to be called "old difference between now and then war. Jim Waddell took me to Mr. bawling Jenkins." He was widely shows the world's progress in a privknown as a zealous Christian, had been | ilege and a pleasure that is hardly exa faithful soldier in the revolutionary celled in any other branch of improvewar, and bore an excellent character in ment. We couldent bear to be set Beverly Thornton and Pete Strozier every respect, which together caused back again in that line to the old and Dr. Ridley and some others, and him to be elected doorkeeper of the ways that our fathers thought were everybody was in a good humor, and Senate in his extreme old age. In that pretty good. There were no stamps Mr. Stephens was reclining on his building I first went to school, my and no envelopes, and no mucilage. bed and told anecdote after anecdote teacher being a Mr. Rivers from the The paper was folded up like a thumb about the old whigs and how he met low country Many years afterwards, paper, and one side slipped in the the democrats on the stump and what when visiting my friends in Salem, I was other and sealed with a wafer. they said and what he said and how delayed several hours at the Manches- The little school boys, you know, had he most always got the advantage their products and representation of ter station on the Wilmington Railroad, to use thumb-papers in their spelling and carried the crowd with him. about a mile below the old village, and books to keep them clean where their was very much fascinated with his walked up to it, where I found but two thumbs kept the pages open. Girls conversation, but couldent help being houses remaining that formerly occu- dident have to use them, for they reminded of a circumstance that pied by my father, and the old school were nicer and kept their hands clean, transpired some years before in the house, looking both inside and out ex- and dident wear out the leaves by the town of Callioun. The whigs of Goractly as I had left it half a century pre- friction of their fingers. Boys are don county had sent for Mr. Stephens the halpit, seats and benches rough things anyhow, and I dont see to come up and make a speech and all in their places, and so it may be to what a nice, sweet, clean, pretty girl raily the boys for the next election, this day. A short distance south of wants with one of 'em. Girls they for Gordon was pretty equally bal-this tillage was a ball bettery and aftey. say are made of sugar and spice and anced between whigs and demowhere the young men played fives. all that's nice, but boys are made of crats, and the whige wanted a big sometimes at match games with those snaps and snails and puppy dog tails. from other places, as is now practised Josephus says, that when the queen the day came the crowd was tremenin base ball, with the addition of the of Sheba was testing Solomon's wis- dous. The democrats had tried to iderable sums being occasionally staked dom, she had fifty boys and fifty girls get Howell Cobb and Herschel Johnon the result. Stephen D. Miller, all dressed alike in girls' clothes and son and Absolom Chappel and others afterwards Governor, was one of the seated around a big room, and asked to come up, but they all had other best players in the State. The battery the king to pick out the boys from fish to fry, and so little Alek had it was a smooth wooden wall, perhaps the girls, and he called for a basin of all his own way. Well, not exactly forty feet long by thirty in height, with water and had it carried around to either, for there was a feller there by the alley of corresponding length and each one and told them to wash their the name of Russell, an eccentric, breadth carefully levelled tightly hands. The girls all rolled up their smart, cheeky, random sort of a man packed, and swept clean. Some of the sleeves a little bit, but the boys just who had a wonderful gift of language villagers and neighbors met every day sloshed their hands in any way and and who, like Francis Train, dident at a store, where the card table was got water all over their aprons, and care much what he said, and was no brought out into the piassa soon after so the king spotted every mother's respecter of persons. Russell swore

with a supper and ball, to which the by the distance that Uncle Sam car- and he would skin him alive, and let young ladies were invited and that ried the letters. It was 12 1-2 cents him ride home in his bones. Con-ding lasted to a late hour. This, with anywhere in the State and 18 3-4 cents him,' he said, 'let him stay in his own freely, was their regular habit to Charleston, and 25 cents to New district and shinny on his own side.' week after week, varied by quarter York. It was never prepaid. A races, feats of strength and activity, man could afflict another with a pista- and the crowd cheered and shouted and an occasional fist fight. The natu- reen letter that wasent worth five tumultuously as he arraigned the ral consequence followed, in a few cents. A pistareen, you know, was democracy and held them up to ridiyears they were bankrupt in health, 1834 cents—that is a sevenpence cule, and when he got through the and a thrip. We had no dimes or whigs were more than satisfied, and The slave trade was then in opera- half dimes. The dollar was cut up Mr. Stephens was satisfied, too-he tion and many Africans were brought into eights instead of tenths. When came down from the stand and was

male boy, did you?' I thought that Calhoun?"

her say, 'I'll bet he is a little stuck me completely. If I had known him by the Commissioner of Agriculture. My father was postmaster for near- but I dident know him. He cured ly thirty years. It didn't pay more me of one expression. I frequently of the bells on their horses' heads poor, dies middle-aged and often broken- than about \$200 a year, but it made used to emphasize my denial of lies making "music in the sinners' ears." hearted, leaves no munuy, is rewarded his store more of a public place. He and slander, and that was to say "I From Sumter we moved to Manches- for a life of toil by a short but free didn't know that anybody else hanter on the main road from Camden to obituary puff in the news papers. kered after it or was trying to get it, thought of it's grammatical absurdity, of convicts numbering 15.699. but all of a sudden he got his orders but that man Russell taught me and to turn over the office to another I quit it. I think he had the most the Moores, Ramseys, Ballards and A fair Pharisee: She I think it's man, an old line whig and a competi- wonderful flow of language and lies young man has married a lady whose other rich planters who owned lands on a sin and a shame to kill the dear little tor in business. It mortified him of any man I ever met." Mr. Stethe Wateree River. Besides their res- feathered songsters. If I had my way very much and made us all mad, for phens then made a pretty fair recital idences, it had a tavern kept by my I'd make a law against killing birds. there was no fault found with his of his rencounter and his "utter defather, a shoe shop, tailor shop, black- Guess people wouldn't starve if they let management, and he never took much feat" as he expressed it, all of which she to him, "help the fence!" smith shop, a school bouse and two or the birds alone." He But what interest in politics but voted for the we enjoyed. Where are they now? Naomi was 580 years old when she to capture South Carolina for the No difficult job: "I hate to see a man three stores—the principal one owned would the ladies do without hat orna- man he liked the best whether he was Old father time has cut all down but was married. This should encourage Republican party. Is it then not the hesitate a half-hour before making up by Duke Goodman, who soon after went ments?" She-"Oh, that is an entire- a whig or a democrat. When he three-Hardeman and Thornton and old maids, upon whose heads the frosts part of wisdom to wait quietly and let his mind," said Fishton, "it don't take to Charleston, where he became a lead- ly different thing. Of course when found out that Alek Stephens had it myself are here, but all the rest of of time are sprinkling their white marks, the tactics and aims of both parties be me a half-minute to make up my mind." Red ing cotton factor and Methodist exhort- there is an actual necessity for shooting done he wasent a Stephens man any that bright, intelligent crew are gone. to inscribe nil desperandum upon their developed before we nominate State "I shouldn't suppose it would take that Mr. Stephens was a political If they are not they will be before and hoping and hoping.

one night at Milledgeville when we were all in a good humor and were talking about the old times of whigs TO THE PUBLIC OF SOUTH and democrats, and he smiled and said, 'yes, we had to do those things Stephens' room to hear him talk, and there was Mr. Jenkins and Tom Hardeman and Benning Moore and by all the gods that if nobody else

Mr. Stephens made a fine speech smooth-faced, and slender in form; but time and turn it over and meditate ed the rostrum and, rapping on the one would stand with his back against ter come from." Well, I would say Everybody knew him, and everybody wanted to hear him, and hushed into strike him in the forehead with his ga-don't you see Dahlonega written silence. After a sentence or two up on the corner?" Then he would Mr. Stephens was attracted to him, The occasional, and always welcome, say, "well, I reckon it's from Dick, and with curious and astonished ingood horse in a covered wagon supplied digging gold. Don't you reckon it's After Russell had paid an eloquent families with tin ware and other light from Dick?" "I reckon it is," said I. tribute to the glorious old democratic goods. And a few Catawba Indians "Why dont you open it and see?" party, and giving it credit for every good thing that had been done since arrows, moccasons, and earthenware They'll all want to see it." When the fall of Adam, he then turned to pots and pens of their own manufacture, he got home that letter would be au Mr. Stephens and, with withering scorn, said: 'And what have you colored; the women carrying infants would take them half an bour to wade and your party been doing and trying their mothers' shoulders. To complete ters began, ',I take my pen in hand furreners could get 'em and and our my reminiscences of Manchester, it to let you know that I am well, and people couldent? What made you comet and several severe earthquakes; joying the same blessing." My fath- coffee and raise the price so that our mers used to ask him to write their Stephens rose up excited and irritated for health's sake my brothers and my- letters for them, and he always sent and stretching out his long arm to the self were given a small quantity of them to me, and most of them told audience, screamed out: "I never whiskey before breakfast every morn- me to begin their letters that way did it, my fellow-citizens-I deny the fact and call upon the gentleman for that could write, but they were good, the proof." With the utmost self-posclever, honest people, and paid their session, Russell said, "You do-you dence or a lucky chance saved me from debts, but they hardly ever paid up call for the proof. Sir, if I was to go two miles from home to make a speech bler; for certainly no one ever had a they gave their notes for the balance I would carry my proof with me. I wouldent be vain enough to go without it; but, sir, I am at home-these where a man swore off his written people know me-they raised me and signature, but he never knev a man when I assert a thing they believe to deny his mark. Our big worthern it. You are the man to bring the mail used to come in a stage from proof." The crowd shouted and That Mrs. Langtry has a selt and lux- Madison twice a week, and I used to laughed as tumultuously as they had "And what was your motive when

"You do," said Russell, scornfully

some socks and sell them, and so I I thought of all this while Mr. Stewoman hailed me and said, "Are you came to a pause I timidly said: "Mr.

civil and it made her so mad she derful eyes he strengthened up and I would not have said a word in reply,

fraud. I dident understand the long, and another set will be in their science of politics as well as I do places and have their jokes and flash

CAROLINA.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. COLUMBIA, S. C., April, 1884. The World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, to be held in New Orleans beginning December. 1884, under the joint auspices of the United States, the National Cotton Planters' Association and the City of New Orleans, will be an event of the greatest consequence and of vital interest to every Southern State. All the civilized nations of the world have been asked to participate in this Exposition, and many of them have already accepted the invitation and have given notice that they would make exhibition of Union will be fully represented. . As this Exposition will be held in the chief city of the Cotton States, the hibits of all their resources. In fact, capitalists, realizing the benefits to come to the South from this Exposition. and knowing that all of the prosperous and progressive States will endeavor to make the best showing, will attend the Exposition to obtain information that could not possibly be gotten elsewhere. We feel that it is unnecessary to dwell upon the importance of this matter. Why Not Give Shoes and Clothing the true maxim, but how few there are Our State Legislature at its last session, after full investigation, and appreciating the benefits to be derived from baying South Carolina properly represented, appropriated \$10,000 for the purpose, to be expended under the direction of the Department of Agriculture.

believe that the cotton gin was invent- for the negro education.

The South needs capital and immi- able. gration. This all will admit. How is she to obtain these? Just as everything else is made successful-by judicious advertising. What better advertisement can we get than the exhibition to those who control capital and those who desire to purchase homes, of the splendid products of the soil, specimens of our mineral and samples of our manufactured goods. In no way can the advantages of the South be better shown than by such evidences as such an exhibition would furnish. And what is true of the South generally is emphatically true of South Carolina. We want to build railroads and increase our transportation facilities; we want to erect more cotton factories, build woollen mills and establish all the smaller manufacturing industries; we want our mines of gold silver copper, iron, &c., developed; we want our waste lands brought into cultivation, and we want to increase our population. All of this can be done only by proper, systematic, determined and continued effort. The recent pub- To hear the politicians talk one would lications showing the wonderful manufacturing and agricultural progress of the State have attracted the attention of business men in every direction, and already men of means have been here prospecting for solid investments, and inquiries for information are coming from every section of the Union. The good impression thus made should be followed up promptly and vigorously, and we now have the opportunity to do so successfully.

The amount appropriated by the Legislature for making the exhibition is fnadequate for the purpose unless we can obtain the voluntary assistance of the people throughout the State. This we feel sure we will receive, and now confidently appeal to them for their aid and encouragement. In addition to the help that may be

employed, representatives of the Department will be appointed in every Township in the State, who will constitute a Commission for the State, and who will be requested to see that local organizations are perfected; and it is desired that these organizations will see to it that all the resources of their Townships are made fully known. This appeal, however, is addressed to the people generally, who are urged to \$70,000,000 of the taxes. er of Agriculture promptly, freely and frequently. The railroad companies free to Columbia all articles intended cratic Executive Committee has issued hisself on the pole, shore's yer bo'n he their goods without charge, and some for the purpose of nominating candi- that mule in the house an' went out an' have offered to contribute to the expense dates for electors for President and stood all night in the lot. Stranger made friends and acquaintances all the phens was telling us of his triumphs of making the exhibit; and the press of Vice-President of the United States. don't talk about fools in this neighborway. The first trip I made an old over veteran foes, and so when he the State, with characteristic public To elect eighteen delegates to the hood lessen yer want ter git floored. spirit, is giving us the benefit of its National Democratic Convention that W'y sah a feller insulted my son-in-law a mail boy?" "Why, yes, mam," Stephens, did you ever encounter a spirit, is giving us the benefit of its like the standard of and South Carolina will make, as we Governor and Lieutenant Goverwas mighty smart, but it wasent very With a merry glisten of his won- have promised she shall do, "the best nor, and the State officers, to horse, and I want you to tell me exhibit on the grounds.' Any infor- elect the State Democratic Executive whether or not you have seen him.' mation that may be desired regarding Committee, to serve for the ensuing

> · Very respectfully. A. P. BUTLER, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Help the weaker party: A timid help you over the fence ?" "No," says

What Our Editors Say.

Greenville News.

The Militia Board of this State acted wisely and gracefully when it fixed on gray as the color of the uniforms of our State troops. The most glorious period in the history of the South is identified with the gray; the grandest men she ever produced achieved the fullness of their grandeur in it; her plowmen became heroes in life while wearing it and wrapped their dead forms in the splendors of martyrdon; all the glory of Southern courage, endurance and devotion culminated in the ragged gray of Lee's and Johnston's veterans, and our sweetest song and most spendid rhetoric will always be concentrated around them as the years take us fur-

and elvation of our character as a people inseparable as it is from memories of Southern beroes and heroism, sanctified as it is by the sufferings, blood and glories of men who wore it. grav should always be the color of Southern arms in. They can follow the flag of shoulder with their brethren in blue, but when they forsake it they forsake the glory and honor of their own blood and their own country, and commit treason against that which all true men

to Old Soldfers?

Abbeville Press and Banner. We have several hundred convicts in the Penitentiary. In that institution take the hindwost, enuncrates, in the we have a shoe manufactory, which main, the popular and ruling sentiment, turns out a great number of the best of the day. Policy and selfishness. shoes, and which are carted off and sold. founded on the plausible fallacy of big As this is the Centennial celebration What we want to know is, why cannot I and little you, would seem to embody of the first exportation of cotton from provision be made for issuing a pair of the watchword and reply of the watring America, it is the peculiar province of those good shoes to every needy Con- hosts for place and preferment in the South Carolina to occupy the most con- federate soldier? Surely the old sol- ever changing scenes which mark life's spicuous place in the picture, as the diers may receive this much from the great battle field. We are sp engrossfirst cotton exported was sent from convicts, at a time when our people are ed with our own affairs, and so much of Charleston. We have good reason to paying a quarter of a million of dollars our time is taken up in promoting sel-

ed in South Carolina, and we are now Another matter, why cannot other little or no time left to help our beighabout to give to the world the first and machinery be put in the Penitentiary bor and look after the interests of those only successful cotton picker. These, which will enable the convicts to man- that may need our help, either in the however, are sentimental reasons and ufacture clothing for our old needy way of material aid of counsel and enappeal only to our State pride; but the soldiers? This certainly would be bet- couragement. practical reasons are even more forci- ter employment than the present foolish ble, from a business point of view, than waste of time, money and labor in the those already given are from a senti- development of a water power which is not needed, and never will be profit-

The "Business Interests." Pulmetto Post.

The protectionists in and out of Con gress have a great deal to say as to what the 'business interests' require. This is a very comprehensive term. Agriculture, for instance gives employment to 7,670,493 persons, and represents a capital of over \$10,000,000,-000. Is not this a 'business interest?' Wherein are the farmers benefited by a perpetuation of the war tariff. under which 75 per cent. of the duties are collected from the necessaries of the people, and agriculture receives no direct advantage, although it supplies more than three-fourths of all of all our exports? The merchants and traders of all degrees certainly belong with the 'business interests.' Are they more benefited by a high tariff than they would be by a reduction of taxes that would leave \$100,000,000 in the talk such nonsense. I want to know it pockets of the people that are now taken out to swell a treasury surplus? suppose that the only 'business interests' worth considering are the coal and iron mines, the lumber mills, the salt hoss you was a looking fur, but yer blocks, and the few other industries didn't az ef I'd seen him. that enjoy government subsides at the expese of both the great body of producers and of consumers. The logic nearly everywhere.' of their position likewise is that the prosperity of a people depends upon the maintenance of high taxes. These assumptions are absurd and nujust. Business of all sorts-unless gambling be called a business, as it has come to be-is no doubt benefited by stability in the revenue law. But there can be no stability except upon a right basis. st the squatter with a hard stare, but A tax system cannot be stable when it the squatter, undaunted, leaned on the produces \$100,000,000 in excess of the fence, while tobacco juice showed a needs of the government. It must be disposition to trickle from the corners reduced, and the sooner, and more of his mouth. adequately the better. If the last Congress had observed this necessity, there fool in the country, but you take the would be no agitation for a reduction lead, said the inquirer with a deliberanow. The only way to assure business tion that left no foom for mistake. I interests freedom from unsettling legis- thought that my wife's father was the lation next year is to reduce the taxes | biggest fool in the universe, but you now. To tinker and temporize is only are the captain. to make further tinkering necessary next year. If Congress wishes to protect and benefit business interests all around, let it abate \$60,000,000 or

The State Convention. Aiken Journal and Review.

The Chairman of the State Demo- knowed he had scalded bisself an' hang

We believe the call for nominating State officers in June a grave mistake. Before the campaign has fairly commenced, -before the people have had time to discuss the matter-before the New York has under lock and key in two great National parties have nomi- better one, do you?' and the squatter dates for State offices. At the present far as the Arkansaw men is concerned, time no one knows what may turn up the sorrel horse with the white star in in the political campaign or what new forehead, the good nag which the issues may be brought forth, issues stranger did not care to swamp for a that may bear particularly on South better one, is still at large. - Arkansaw Carolina. Being a Presidential clee- Traveller. tion year, a strong effort may be made

show its hand? It is inexplicable to us. The cry of the expense entailed is too thin to be given as a reason for holding both conventions as one in June. Fortunately we have many patriotic citizens who are willing to attend State Conventions at Columbia two or three times if necessary a in year and bear their own expenses in the bargain.

The Secret of Happiness. Palmetto Yeoman. There is philosophy in everything.

and the true philosophy of life it to pass through the world with a kind of quiet and conservative dignity which is neither aggressive nor offensive. There is no use in putting one's self to extra trouble, or going out of the way just for the luxury of stirring up strife Identified as it is with the vindication and exciting opposition. There are some people who never seem to have a pleasant word for anybody, and are never so happy as when they are tunning against sharp corners so as to have something to quarrel at. Those who live in a storm and prefer fishing soldiers whatever cause they may bear in muddy water, are not usually the ones that prove to be the benefactors of their race, or leave the world any beting it, and they can march shoulder to ter for having lived in it. More has been made by diplomacy than war, and peace has its conquests as well as strife. and they are not so costly and are much

more to be desired aim attabal salu If you would have friends you must show yourself friendly, and not stand coldly aloof and expect others to make all the advances. Live and let live, is that set up to it in the various stransactions of social and business life? Every man for himself and the devil fish ends and purposes, that we have

The Squatter's Fool.

'I am looking for a stray horse,' said a man stopping at the bouse of an Arkansawyer, and addressing a native who came out and leaned on the low

·What sorter borse?

'How long's he been gone?' 'About a day and a half.' 'Good work nag ?'

·Wanter swap him for a better

'No. I beleive not.' White star in his forehead, yet

'An' yer don't wanter swop him? 'No. I believe not.'

·Certain he's a good work nag? 'Of course I am.'

'An' yer don't wanter swap him for

better one?" Here, my friend, I haven't time to you have seen anything of the kind of

borse I described.' ·Why didn't yer say so?

'I did.' 'Yer didn't. Said that's the wad o'

Excuse me, for I intended to. got loose and I have looked for him

'Good work mag?' 'Splendid, the best I ever saw. 'Don't want ter swap him for a better one?"

'I told you no.' But that was before you sxed # I'd scen him.

The searcher after information looked

'I thought that I had seen the biggest

'Well, now, here, stranger, ef you're out lookin' fur fools, jes' git down an' wait tell my son-in-law comes from the still house. Talkin' bout fools, mister, w'y you're way behind the latest diskiveries. Tell you what that scn-inlaw o' mine done. We was killin hogs the other day an' the fast thing I

That has nothing to do with my

·Wall, tell me 'zackly what sorter loss he is.' 'Sorrel, with a white star in his

forehead. 'Good work nag?'

'As good as I ever saw, and-'You don't wanter trade him for a