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ner manner: 2 2 ---Let this be as it may we have neither ime nor space to dwell upon political people a right to change their representatives in the legislative halls, but they also have a right to change the place where they have been trading in past years, when they find that the man with whom they have been trading is imposing upon them by charging high prices for inferior goods; and at this very time when the so-called "King" Cotton is low in price, it is every one's duty to get full value for his hard-earned dollar.

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SUMTER COUNTY. IN THE COMMON PLEAS.

John J. Brunson, Administrator of J B. Brunson, deceased, Plaintiff, vs. Eliza Haywood, Elizabeth Haywood, Samuel Haywood, Et al, De-

DY VIRTUE of a decretal order made in the above entitled cause and dated February 19th, 1881, I will sell at public auction in front of the Court House in the Town of Sum-ter in said State, on Monday, December 7th, 1885, (or day following, V between the hours of 11 o clock in the forenoon and 5 o clock in the afternoon, the following premises:

"All that treet of land situate in said County and State, containing one hundred and two (102) acres more or less bounded on DEAR FRIENDS—For the past the North by lands of Benj. Boyce and Theo-dore Kinney; on the East by lands belonging to the Estate of James B. Brunso ; on the South by lands of Robt. C. McFaddin, and n the West by lands of Miss Mary Brunson." Terms of Sale-Cash.

The purchaser to pay for tittles: JOHN S. RICHARDSON, Master. Nov. 9th 1885:00 .smail 5 4-12

#### MASTER'S SALE State of South Garolina.

SUMTER COUNTY. IN THE COURT OF COMMON PERAS. J. B. E. Sloan and Louis F. Sloan. copartners, doing business under the firm name of J. B. E. Sloan & Son, Plaintiffs; vs. Johnson Wilson, De-

the above entitled cause; and dated or twice. But one's ideas change; I am now let 24: 1885, I will sell at public Auction in a good bit older, ride some two stone which is likely to take place in front of the Court House in the Town of Sum- heavier, and have been married ever so er, in said State on Monday December 7th, many years. Perhaps, after all, as I look our political affairs, and we say, 1885, (or day following.) between the bours back I can find some excuse for being such All the right, title and interest of the said that little village inn

land conveyed by T. J. Coghlan, Sheriff, to combe must give some reasonafor doing so. resentatives have not managed Daniel Miller and Johnson Wilson by deed My estensible reason was hunting. I had a our affairs in the right and pro- dated the 17th day of October, 1871, and de- horse with me, and a second-rate subscription scribed in said deed as follows, to wit: "All pack of slow-going mongrels did meet some that tract of land in Sumter County contain-ing, by survey of John T. L. Gourdin, (dated gainsay my explanation. But if hunting in 1876,) one hundred and forty-nine (149) acres, and is designated on said plat as No. 3, few days after my arrival a bitter, biting (three) bounded Northeast by lot No. 4 of frost set in-a frost as black as your hat, and affairs at present Should you desire a said plat; Northwest by lands of — Han- as hard as nails. Yet still I stayed on. change you can assert your rights when rock; West by lot No. 1 (one) of said plat From private information received no change you can assert your rights when and South by No. 2 of said plat, said deed matter how, when or where I knew that clection time comes. Not only have the (to wit, the deed last above referred to) being some people in the neighborhood had organrecorded in Register of Mesne Conveyances ffice for Sumter County in Book T Tat page

> Terms of Sale-Cash. Purchaser to pay for necessary papers.
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> JOHN S. RICHARDSON, Master. November 9, 1885. --

## master's sale

#### State of South Carolina. COUNTY OF SUMTER.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. William B. Corbett, Plaintiff, vs. Edward White Defendant.

TOY WIRTUB of a decretal order made i B the above entitled cause and dated Oc-tober 17th, 1885, I will sell at public anction body is advocating a "New Deal," not in front of the Court House in the Town of one of our friends and customers has Somter in said State, on Monday, December 7th, 1885, (or the day following, ) between the vet said in our hearing, "I am tired hours of 11 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 trading at DUCKER & BULTMANS, o'clock in the afternoon, the following prem-

All that parcel or tract of land situate in the contrary, we can safely tell you our Sumter County and State aforesaid, conveyed business is increasing day after day, and Plaintiff, William B. Corbett, on the twensell all of our goods in accordance with Bridge-Branch and Rucky Bluff Swathp, containing three hundred and eleven acres, more We have made it a rule, and hope by lands of Estate of Geo. W. Lee, deceased; South by lands of J. Barton Lee and John Durant, and West by lands of Joe Caldwell, but always go forward, and let the past Jany Durant and Estate of Geo. W. Lee, de-

> Terms of Sale-Cash. Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers
> JOHN S, RICHARDSON, Master.

## MASTER'S SALE

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF SUMTER. IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

A. Sidney Smith & Son, Plaintiffs, vs. Isaac Cato, John F. Cato, Jergentha Hatfield, Mary Burgess and Celia Cato, Defendants.

DY VIRTUE of a decretal order, made in the above entitled cause and dated Oct. th, 1885, I will sell at public auction in front of the Court House in the Town of Sumter, in said State, on Monday, December 7th, 1885, (or day following) between the hours of 11 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the following premises: All that tract, piece or parcel of land, situ-

ate in Sumter County and State aforesaid, because the people buy our goods fast containing one hundred acres, bounded on the North by lands of Isaac Cato, Sr.; on the Rast and South by lands of Isaac Cato, Jr. and West by lands of Scipio Chapman. Terms of sale-Cash. Purchaser to pay for necessary papers.

JOHN S. RICHARDSON,

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#### County Commissioners, SUMTER COUNTY.

SUMTER, S. C., November 10, 1885. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL to exercise my free, unbiased choice, a at their meeting, Dec. 7th, 1885, elect a privilege I would willingly have dispensed Superintendent of the Poor House, for the prices, according to market, and we next year. The duty of said Superintendent will be to take care of any Paupers, whether of sound or unsound mind, provide suitable Well, remember that we carry the food, make up necessary clothing, &c. The Clerk of Board will further explain to any one calling on him. Applications can be banded in at any time previous to December 7th. Bond required for faithful discharge of

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CARRISTON'S GIFT.

FTOLD BY RICHARD FENTON, OF FRENCHAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE, ESQUIRE.1

CHAPTER LAL A K As my old friend Phil Brand has asked me to do this, I seppose I must. Brand is a right good fellow and a clever fellow, but has plenty of crotchets of his own. The worst I know of him is that he insists upon having his own way with people. With those who differ from him he is as obstinate as a mula. Anyhow, he has always had his own way with me. This custom, so far as I am concerned, commenced years ago, when we were boys at school to ther, and I have never been able to shake off the bad habit of giving in to him. He has promised to see that my Queen's English is presentable, for, to tell the truth I am more at home across country than across foolscap, and my fingers know the feel of the reins or the trigger

bet er than that of the pan.

All the same I hope he won't take too many liberties with my style, bad though it may be; for old Brand at times is apt to get-well, a bit prosy. To hear him on the subject of hard work and the sanctity thereof appreaches the sublime!

What freak took me to the little God-forsaken village of Midcombe in the depth of winter is entirely between myself and my conscience. The cause, having no bearing upon the matters I am asked to tell you about, is no one's business but mine-I will only say that now I would not stay in such a place at such a time of the year for the sake of the prettiest girl in the world, let DY VIRTUROL'S decretal order, made in alone the bare chance of meeting her once night all the discomforts heaped upon me in

ized a party to go skating on a certain day at Lilymere, a fine sheet of water some distance from Midcombe. I guessed that some one whom I particularly desired to meet would be there, and as the skating at Lifymere was free to any one who chose to take the trouble of getting to such an out-of-theway place, I hired a horse and an apolory for a dog-cart, and at 10 in the morning started to drive the twelve miles to the ond. - I took no one with the I had been o Lilymere once before, in bright summer weather, so fanciel I knew the way well

The sky when I started was cloudy; the wind was chopping round in a way which made the effete rustic old estler predict a change of weather. He was right, Before I had driven two miles light snow began to fall and by the time I reached a wretched little wayside inn about a mle from the Mere, a film of white covered the whole country. I stabled my horse as well as I could, then, taking my shates with me, walked down to the pond.

Now, whether I had mistaken the day, or whether the threatening fall of snow had made certain people change their minds, I don't know; but, to my annoyance and vexation, no skaters were to be soon, and, moreover, the uncut, white surface told me that none had been on the pond that morning. Still, hoping they might come in spite of the weather, I put on my skates and went outside-elging and grape-vining all over the place. But as there was no person in particular-in fact, no one at all-to note my powers, I soon got tired. It was, indeed dreary, dreary work. But I waited and hoped until the snow came down so fast and furiously that I felt sure that waiting was in vain, and that I had driven to Julymere

Back I went to the little inn, uttorly disrusted with things in general, and feeling hat to break som; one's heal would be a celief to me in my present state of mind. Of course, a sensible man would at once have got his horse between the shafes and driven ome. But, whatever I may be now, in those days I was not a sensible man-Brand vill, I know, cordially indorse this remarkthe accommodations of the inn was not such s to induce one to linger within its precincts; but the fire was a right good one, and a drink, which I skillfully manufactured out some hot beer, not to be despised, and proved warming to the body and soothing to the ruffled temper. So I lingered over the big fire until I began to feel hungry, and pon the landlady assuring me that she could cook a rasher, decided it would be wiser to stay where I was until the viong down it was now, and no mistake!

lence of the snow-storm was over; for com-And it kept on coming down. About half-past three, when I sorrowfully decided I was bound to make a move, it was snowing faster than ever. I harnessed my horse, and laughing at the old woman's dismal prophecy that I should never get to Midombe in such weather, gathered up the reins and away I went along the white road I thought I know the way well enough. In fact, I had always prided myself upon remembering any road once driven over by

me; but does any one who has not tried it really know how a heavy fail of snow changes the aspect of the country, and makes landmark; spares and delusions? learned all about it then, once and for all. I found, also, that the snow lay much deeper than I thought could possibly be in so short a time, and it still fell in a manner almost blinding. Yet I went on bravely and marrily for some mls. Then came a bit of uncar-Which of those two roads was the right

one? This one, of course-no, the other. There was no house near; no one was likely to be passing in such weather, so I was left with However, I made the best sciection I could, and followed it for some two miles. Then I began to grow doubtful, and soon persuading myself that I was on the wrong track, retraced my steps. I was by this tim; something like a huge white plaster-of-Paris figure, and the snow which had accumulate! on the old dog-cart made it run heavier by half a ton, more or less. By the time I came to that unlucky junction of road; at which my misfortunes b gan, it was almost dark; the sky as black as a tarpaulin, yet sending down the white feathery flakes thicker and faster than over. I felt inclined to curse my felly in attempting such a drive, at any rate I blamed myself for not having started two or three hours carlier. I'll warrant that steady-going old Brand never had to accuse himself of such foolishness as mine.

Well, I took the other road; went on some way; came to a turning which I seemed to remember, and, not without misgivings, followed it. My misgivings increased when, after a little while, I found the road grew full of ruts, which the snow and darkin ss quite concealed from me until the wheels got into them. Evidently I was wrong again. I was just thinking of making the best of my way out of this rough and unfrequented road, when—there, I don't know how it happened, such things seldom occur to me—a stumble, a fall on the part of my tired horse sent me flying over the dashboard, with the only consoling thought that the reins were still in my hand. Luckily the snow had made the falling pretty soft. I soon picked myself up and set about estimating damages. With some difficulty I got the horse out of the harness,

Alest after the manner of the two-wheel

one shaft had snapped off like a carrot; so here was I, five miles apparently from anywhere, in the thick of a blinding snowstorm, left standing helpless beside a jaded horse and a broken cart-I should like to know what Brand would have done under the cir-

As for me, I reflected for some minutesreflection in a snowstorm is weary work. I. reasoned, I believe, logically, and at last came to this decision, I would follow the road. If, as I suspected, it was but a cart track, it would probably soon lead to a habitation of some kind. Any way, I had botter try a bit farther. I took hold of the wearied horse, and with snow under my feet, snowflakes whirling round me, and s wind blowing right into my teeth, strug-

It was a journey! I think I must have been three quarters of an hour going about a quarter of a mil. I was just beginning to despair, when I saw, a welcome gleam of tight. I steered toward it, fond y hoping that my troubles were at an end. I found the light stole through the ill-fitting window-shutters of what seemed, so far as I could make out in the darkness, to be a small farm-house. Tying to a gate the knotted reins by which I had been leading the horse, I staggered up to the door and knocked loudly. Upon my honor, until I leaned against that door post I had no idea how tired I-was-until that moment I, never suspected that the finding of speedy shelter, meant absolutely saving my life. Covered from head to foot with snow, my hat c. u.a. d in, I must have been a pitiable object.



No answer came to my first summons. was only after a second and more imperative application of my heal that the door deigned to give way a few inches. Through the aperture a woman's voice asked who was

"Lot me in," I said. "I have missel my way to Midcombe. My horse has fallen. You must give me shelter for the night. "Shelter! You can't get sheltered here, mister," said a man's gruff voice. "This ain't an inn, so you'd best be off and co

"But I must come in," I said, astounded a such inhospitality; "I can't go a step further. Oren the door at once!"

"You be hanged," said the man, my house, not yours." But, you fool, I mean to pay you well for your trouble. Don't you know it means death wandering about on such a night as this? Let me in!" "You won't come in here," was the brutal and boorish-reply. The door closed

That I was enraged at such incivility may be easily imagined; but if I said I was thoroughly frightened I believe no one would be surprised. As getting into that house meant simply life or death to me, into that house I determined to get, by door or window, by fair means or by toul. So, as the door closed I hurled myself against it with all the might I could muster. Although I ride much heavier now than I did then, all my weight at that time was bone and muscle. The violence of my attack tore from the lintel the staple which held the chain; the door went back with a bang; and I fell forward into the house, fully resolved to stay there whether welcome or unwelcome.

CHAPTER IL The door through which I had burst like battering-ram opened straight into a sort of kitchen, so although I entered in a most undignified way, in fact on my hands and knees, I was well established in the center of the room before the man and woman emerged from behind the door, where my specessful assault had thrown them. stood up and-faced them. They were a couples of ordinary, respectably-attired country people. The man, a sturdy, strong built, bull-necked rascal, stood scowling a me, and I concluded making up his mind as

to what course to pursua.

"My good people," I said, "you are behaving in the most unheard-of manner. Can't you understand that I mean to pay you well for any trouble I give you! But whether you like it or not, here I stay tonight. To turn me out would be sheer mur

So saying I pulled off my overcoat and began shaking the snow out of my whiskers. I dare say my determined attitude, my respectable, as well as my muscular appearance, impressed my unwilling hosts. Anyway, they gave in without more ado. While the woman shut the door, through which the snowflakes were whirling, the man said sul-

'Well, you'll have to spend the night on a chair. We've no beds here for strangers. 'Specially those as ain't wanted." Very well, my friend. Having settled

the matter you may as well make yourself pleasant. Go and put my horse under cover, and give him a feed of some sort-make a mash if you can."

After giving the women a quick glance, as of warning, my scowling hest lit a horn lantern and went on the errand I suggested. gladly sank into a chair and warmed myself before a cheerful fire. The prospect of spending the night amid such discomfort was not alluring, but I had, at least, a roof over my

As a rule, the more churlish the nature the more avaricious it is found to be. My promise of liberal remuneration was after all not without its effect upon the strange couple whose refusal to afford me refuge had so nearly endangered my if a. They condscended to get me some tea and rough food. After I had disposed of all that the min produced a bottle of gin. We filled our glasses and then, with the aid of my pipe, I settled down to make the best of a night spen; in a hard wooden char.

I had come across strange people in my travels, but I have no hesitation in saving that my host was the sullenest, sulkiest, most boorish specimen of human nature I had as yet met with. In spite of his recent ill-treatment of me, I was ready to establish matters on & friendly forting, and made soveral attemp's to draw him into convers:tion. The brute would only answer in monospliables or often not answer at all So I gave up talking as a lal job and sat in silence, smoking and looking into the fire, thinking a good deal, it may be, of some one I should have met that morning at L lymere, had the wretched snow but kept off. The long clock—that cumbrous eight-day machine which inevitebly occures one

corner of every cct'age. Lichen-struck Tuo women rose and left us I concluded she was going to bed. If so I envied her. Her husband showed no signs of retiring. He still sat over the fire, opposite me. By this time I was dreadfully thed; every bone in my body ached. The hard chair which, an hour or two ago, seemed all I could desire, now scarcely came up to my the same coarse features, the same surly ideas of the comfort I was justly entitled to look. Young Carriston was evidently a claim. My sulky companion had been wonderful hand at knocking off a likeness. drinking silently but steadily. Perhaps the liquor he had poured into himself might the matter, a printed note at the bottom of have rendered his frame of mind more pleasant and amenable to reason.

"My good fellow," I said, "your chairs are excellent ones of the kind, but deucedly uncomfortable. I am herribly tired. If the resources of your establishment can't of delight. I laughed so loudly that I alfurnish a bed for me to sleep in, couldn't you find a mattress or something to lay down "You've got all you'll get to-night," he and then felt free to inspect the dog-cart.

"So do I say I say this If you don't like

"You infernal beast," I muttered and meant it, toc-I declare; had I not been so utterly worn out, I would have had that bullet-headed ruffian up for a few rounds on his own kitchen floor, and tried to knock him into a more amiable frame of mind.
"Never mind," I said, "but remember civility costs nothing and often gets rewarded. Howeve, if you wish to retire to your own couch, don't let your native politeness; stand in your way. Pray don't hesitate on my account. Leave plenty of fuel, and I shall manage until the morning.' "Where you stay, I stay," he answered Then he filled his pipe, and once more re-

lapsed into stony silence. I bothered about him no more. I dozed off for a few minutes-woka-dozed off again: for some hours. I was in an uncomfortable sert of half shap, crammed full of curious dreams; dream; from which I started wondering where I was and how I got there. I even began to grow nervous. All sorts of horrible travelers tales ran through my head. It was in just such places as this that unsuspecting voyagers were stated to have been murdered and robbed, by just such unmitigated rufflans as my host. 1 can te 1 you that altegether I spent a most unpleasan

To make matters worse and more dismal the storm still raged outside. The wind mouned through the treas, but it had again changed, and I knew from the sound on the window panes that heavy rain had recofound their way down the large old-fashioned chimney, the fire bissed and spluttered like a spiteful vixen. Everything combined to deprive me of what dog's sleep I could by

sheer persistency snatch. I think I tried every position which an ordinary man, not an acrobat, is capable of adopting with the assistance of a common wooden chair. I even lay down on the hard flags. I actually tried the table. I propped up the upper half of my body against the corner walls of the room; but found no rest.
At last I gave up all idea of sleeping, and fully aroused myself. I comforted myself by saying that my misery was only tempo-rary—that the longest night must come to My companion had by now succumbed to

fatigue, or to the combined effects of fatigue and gip-and-water. His head was hanging sides sys, and he slept in a most uncomfortable attitude. I chuckled as I looked at him, feeling quite sure that if such a clod was capable of dreaming at all his dreams must be worse even than mina. I filled an other pipe, poked the smoldering logs into a blese, and sat almost now and knees over the fire, finding some amusement in speculating upon the condition of the churi before me end thanking the Lord I was not like unto this inan. Suddenly an idea flashed across I had seen this fellow before. But when

ures, as I looked at them with kesner interest, seemed to grow more and more familiar to me. Where could I have met him? Somebrain to associate him with some scene, some event. Although he was but an ordinary countryman, such as one sees scores of in a day's ride, only differing from his kind on account of his unpleasant face, I felt sure we were old acquaintances. When he awoke for a moment and changed his strained attitude, my feeling grew stronger and stronger. Yet puzzle and puzzle as I would, I could not call to mind a former encounter; so at last ! began to think the supposed recognition was

So I drew out my case and looked at its contents. Among the weels was one of a lighter color than the others. As I took it ing, one side of his body before a huge out I said to myself, "Why, old Brand gave ing, one side of his body before a huge the form of a plumbob, weightness me that one when I was last at his house." bearthed, the draughts from door and strong cord. Then we secured the Curiously enough that cigar was the missing link in the chain of my memory. As I held it About a fortnight before, being in town, I had spent the evening with the doctor. He

was not alone, and I was introduced to a tall, pale young man named Carriston. He was a pleasant, polite young fellow, although not much in my line. At first I udged him to be a would-be post of the ashionable miserable school; but finding that he and Brand talked so much about art I eventually decided that he was one of the doctor's many artist friends. Art is a hobby he backs about on grandly. (Mem. Brand's own attempts at pictures are simply atro-

Just before I left, Carriston, the doctor's back being turned asked me to step into another room. There he showed me the portrait of a man. It seemed very cleverly drawn, and I presumed he wanted me to

"Lam a precious bad judge," I said. "I am not asking you to pass an opinion," said Carriston; "I want to beg a favor of you. I am almost ashamed to beg it on so short an acquaintance." He seemed modest and not in want of

money; so I encouraged him to proceed. "I heard you say you were going into the country," he resumed. "I want to ask you if by any chance you should meet the original of that drawing, to telegraph at once to Dr. Brand." "Whereabouts does he live?" "I have no idea. If chance throws him

in your way please do as I ask. "Certainly I wil!," I said, seeing the young man made the request in solemn earnest. He thanked me, and then gave me a small photograph of the picture. This photograph that I might refer to it in case I met the man he wanted. I put it there, went my way, and, am sorry to say, forgot all about it. Had it not been for the strange cigar in my case bringing back Carriston's unusual request to my mind, the probabilities are matter. Now, by a remarkable coincidence, I was spending the night with the very man who, so far as my memory servel me, must

Brand's bouse. "I wonder what I dil with the photo," said, I turned out my letter-case. There it right enough! Shading it with one hand, I carefully compared it with the

have sat for the portrait shown me at



Shading it with one hand I carefully compared it with the sleeper. Not a doubt about it! So far as a photograph taken from a picture can go. it was the man himself. The same ragged beard, Moreover, in case I had felt any doubt on the photograph said that one joint was missing from a right-hand finger. Sire enough, my friend lacked that small portion of his misbegotten frame.

This discovery threw me into an ecstasy answered, knocking the ashes out of his this to do any good to him. I was quite happy in the thought, and for the remainder of the pipe.

"Oh, but I say!"

widows, orpnans and disabled of our die de say. And what did you do happy in the thought, and for the remainder of the pight gleated over the idea of putting over the idea of pu

within an ace of causing my death. I retion, to send the desired intelligence to Brand, and hope for the best.

TO BE CONTINUED. What Our Editors Say.

Better School Houses.

Newberry Observer. One of the most pressing needs connection with the common schools is uncommon school houses; that is, school houses different from the average ordinary school houses now in use. And this is true whether the schools be free schools or pay schools, or partly bothto short, it is true in any event.

What is the character of the school houses now in use throughout the country places? Are they such as they ought to be ? Are they of a character calculated to inspire ambition, politeness, refinement and elevated ideas? As a rule, they are not : and no one knows this better than the parents who send their children to them-or they would know it if they would take the they will not do. They ought to. It this just and earnest appeal. Then trouble to think about it. But this is a matter of much importance.

There can be no doubt in the mind of any one that people, especially the young, are influenced by their surroundings. Let their surroundings be vul gar and rude, and their minds become so, to some extent at least. On the contrary, if their surroundings be elegant and refined, their minds will be influenced in that direction. There is a healthy stimulus to the mind in a nest school house " A boy or girl in a nest and attractive school room will not only learn faster, but will also learn better; the effect will be apparent not only in vior and general demeanor. So that ly respond to what we believe is a general his better recitations, but in his behafrom a selfish standpoint it would pay to have neat and attractive school Besides that, children have a right to

be nest and comfortable. The fact that they cannot enforce this right should make parents the more anxious and determined to secure it for them. Helplessness and dependence are entitled to generosity and magnanimity. To send a child to the average country school house for his education is to maltreat tions of it are reasonably supposed to be made for cows and horses and sheep and goats, than for children. Many men's. mules stand in stables; that are better directly beneath it. They than the school house their boys and tin pail with stones and I girls spend the day in. Most of the a rope. The current country schools are a reflection on the refinement and civilization of the community in which they are located. ered with clapboards, the cracks daubed with mud, the floor laid with upplaned ungrooved plank, no ceiling, no glass vey, I know of the remarkable day pure fancy on my part.

He strong would be slight break out backs for seats—and the wind whistles through cracks in the floor, walls and proposed to test the smallest. and roof. While the poor pupil is bak- ble weight. We took a lead weight

Let us have better school houses by can be built-framed, soiled and painted, with a good brick chimney and fireoutlay like that. The community that good influence it will have on the children, not only as regards their books,

nity at large. Give the children better school Newspapers and Crime.

Newberry Herald and News. A newspaper can do much in a way that is entirely unobjectionable toward he creation of a healthy public opinion upon the subject of crime and its punshment; and if it does not do this it comes short of one of the highest and most sacred duties of the public press. While a newspaper should not attempt to influence the verdict of a jury) it is right and proper that it should hold that jury up to the scorn and conhe begged me to keep in my pocketbook, so tempt of the public when its verdict is made up in utter disregard of the law and the evidence, and in violation of When the depth of water is taken into the sacred obligation of the oath admin-

> Free Trade. Newberry Herald and News.

The organization of a Free Trade Clab in Columbia the other day is a step in the right direction. The prin- A Very Common Devil-Fish. ciples and policy which Col. Dargan announced are the right thing if free traders hope or expect to make any on a pass, in a free boat, off the Florida progress toward success. Col. Dar- coast last month. He laid his line gan's remarks were spirited and stirring saide for a moment while he took only and the burden of them was absolute his note book to jot down a few Surging free trade and direct taxation.

Free Trade Convention in Chicago were arms. A cry of horror rose from abopted a resolution requesting each wrote on. County to organize a free trade club When the crew recovered conscious-Let the free rade clubs be organized.

> Pensions. Camden Journal.

urge, most extrestly urge, positive ac- Brooklyn Eagle. tion in the matter. It would scarcely be necessary for us to make any impas-

a spoke in the wheel of one who had been | see that the necessities, wants and con forts of these of our more watertanate kinamen and women should be cared and provided for.

In the late war we risked all, and lost all Many of us, however, came to our rained homes with health strength and vigor. The power of manhood was still with us, and a though desolation and want stared us in the face, yet we had the physical power to battle with the storm of adversity and by hard and unflinehing blow by build up and recuperate ..... Upon the other side the picture was different Many gullant son in obedience to the call of country and duty slept in his silent grave, with his widow and little ones without their natural protector. No one to shield, none to protect. Through long and weary years they have toiled and labored drinking draught efter draught from the bitter cup of want and

This is not, cannot be right, and all though justice has been tardy and slowe yet it is never too late to correct a wrong, and in their behalf we make again, there are miny who left their limbs upon the field, and are thereby disabled from the active duties of life. They equally need protection and help. and the State for whom they no nobly struggled would be ungrateful to ber sons if she failed them in this their just rights and demands, in this their hour of need, and this her hour of prosperity. The cry of the State's financial could-tion can no longer be pleaded. Her bonds are above par and her credit has resumed its pristine stand There is nothing to justify a refusal or denial upon her part; and most sincerely do we hope that our Legislature will quickeral if not a universal demand upon the part of our people. The ways and means, the amount and time can be left to its wisdom, and to them we look for speedy action.

#### Niagara's Tremendous Depth.

William Hoses Ballon save in the

New York Times: The mysterious and

awful depth of Niagara's canon is a

fruitful subject to comment. Some perwas constructed here; some substices persons attempted to sound the same with it. Then they took a see attached a bar of railway iron to it which actually floated, owing to the Most of them are simply log thuts, cov- fierce counter currents. A few your ago the United States Lakes Survey came here, and as recorder of the sur obtained. We saw at once that the currents would bony up a large sinker. windows and yawning cracks are frees- services of one of the ferry boatmer in my hand I knew at once why my host's ling his other side. What kind of work and started out into the stream. The can be expected under such circum- boatman was ordered to row is nearly under the falls as possible, and the reall means. A real good school house ber of the party in that skiff. As we approached the roar became more and more terrible, until we were not only place, and glass in the windows, and unable to hear, but the lips positively comfortable seats-for about \$150. refused to open and atter a sound: For Surely any community can afford an several days afterward some of the pardoes this will be amply repaid in the tinguish one word from another. The lead was cast first, near the Americanren, not only as regards their books, but in their improved manners and morais. And there cannot help being a reflex influence for good on the commucraft began to dart down stream. At deeper until in front of the inclined railway the old guide and most of the party became terror-stricken and refused to go further down stream. Here the lead told off 192 feet. We were then able to compute the depths lower down by simply ascertaining the width of the stream. Directly under the lower bridge the water harrows considerably, and deepens to 210 feet. Lower, down, at the Whirlpool rapide, then gorge becomes very narrow, and the currents terribly flerce. Here the com-

> lar, so that the depths of the caned range from 350 to 700 feet.

puted depth was 850 feet One place

in the gorge is still narrower, and

would exceed a depth of 400 feet

consideration, the height of the canen.

walls above the surface must not be for-

gotten. These walls range from 260

to 350 feet in beight, often perpendicu-

A poor but honest editor was fishing Thoughts. Suddenly an octopus, with The large majority of the meeting arms thirty feet long, reached up over heartily endorsed the position which he the side of the boat and grappled him took, and the delegates elected to the with three of its long, terrible clinging instructed in accordance with these sen- crew, but the editor wrote calmiy on. timents. The object of the club as em- The octopus reached up two more arms bodied in a resolution is to disseminate and took a firmer grip, and began to among the people of South Carolina pull. Every man on deck fainted, but correct doctrines of taxation. The club the editor sat perfectly still and calmiy

and to elect delegates to a Convention ness, the astonished sailors saw the exto be held in Columbia, on December hausted octopus slowly sinking into the 9th. We believe that good will come ocean-depths, with five strained and of this movement, by attracting the at- disabled arms hanging limp and helptention of our people to the question of less, while the editor was just raising free trade, and exciting an interest in his eyes from his note book. Bless the principles involved, and a more me!' he said, where am I! O, yes, I thorough and earnest study of one of see! Did any one touch my shoulder to the most important problems of the day. I declare I thought I was back to the old sanctum, with old 'Veritas' on one side and 'Constant Reader' on theother, holding me fast while they told me how to run the Fourth ward caucus, and We have before speken of and written what the city council ought to do in the apon this subject, and now, as our Leg- matter of the Oak street sewer. Hald

Did you present your account to most awoke the ruffian. I guessed I was going to take a glorious evenge for all the discomforts I had suffered. No one, I felt thies of our people in behalf of the his client. I did sir. And what sure, could be looking for such a fellow as widows, orphans and disabled of our did he say?' He told me to go to