BY ONE OF THEM. Come listen to my ditty, 'Twill while away a minute, And if I didn't think so I would not begin it.

Tis about a lieu merchant, Who is seldom worth a fig. For there is mighty little money In any country nig.

A nigger will come to you Acd say he wants supplies, And if you do not stop bim He'll tell a thousand lies

About the value of his horse, Oxea, cow and his cart; But put them up for sale And you couldn't get a start.

He says if you will feed him You'll be sure and get your pay; But about the middle of November You may get a load of bay.

But you've promised that you'll feed him, And feed him then you must; But when he comes for rations 'Twon't fail to make you cuss. He'll want very little guano,

For he's a farmer "up to date :" "A balf a turn of scid, And a turn of de amomiate " Coro-oh, he makes a plenty,

And meat he never buys ;

But the first of April

You'll find this a pack of lies. And this infernal nigger Will fool you with his lies, And make you think he'll pay you 'Till be gets his bagging and ties.

And in the fall you'll find The year in idleness has been spent, And the only bale of cotton he made Went to pay the rent.

You'll ask about his corn crop : Well, he don't make a peck ; And then you'll begin to realize You've got it in the neck.

What about the horse, you'll ask ; Oh I he died the first part of June; The exer had the hollow born, And went the same afternoon.

The plowstock be burnt for wood-Twasn't worth a half a dollar. The cow, she was choked to death Sating the old shuck collar.

The three old hens were setting. The mites killed them on their nests, And the one-eyed, bobtailed rooster Took choiers and is now at rest

So you see there is no merchant Who cuts much of a figger When he agrees to give a lies To a slick tongued country nigger.

THE POSTMASTERSHIP. What is Said About it in Washing-

ton.

The Washington correspondent of the News and Courier under date of the 17th instant has the following to say in reference to the panding fight over the appointment of a ster for this city.

"Mrs. John Whittemore's recommendation for the Sumter postoffic, by Johnston and Webster, is being hung up on the ground of her age and incompetency and the irregular babits of her husband, with the prospect that her appointment will not be made

The same correspondent makes the followog comments on the contest for the U. S.

The fight for the marshalship will be a bitter one The term expires on March 12 The candidates are G I. Couningbam, John R Toibert, R. M. Wallace, C J Pride, A. C Merrick and E. M. Brayton. Webster is playing possum as to his favorite, but if he endorses Cunningham as is expected, it will make a breach with R R. Tolbert, State Chairman and son of candidate Tolbert. All these men will be here this week, and the war will begin. i was supposed that Brayton was a dead duck but it is being found out that he has a strong pull Smalls was struck dumb last week by being told by Mark Hanna that Senator Quay and others were insisting on Brayton's ap-pointment. Brayton now holds a \$1,600 position in the House document room, and if he should get the marshalship it will leave a soft berth to be fought for, for this place is not covered by the civil service. Murray is making a sold demiss for some recognition of the reorganized and blican faction, claimof the reorganize vote and 2,000 on ing that as it best the State ticket, it is entitled to a share of the spoils. He is encouraged by his success in getting R B. Anderson appointed postmaster at Georgetown in spite of Webster's opposition. Boss Webster has his war paint on, and is mad at the revolt in his ranks against his support of the unknown Republican, Wheeler. Smalls is uneasy about Dr. Crum's change to the Charleston Costom House, thicking it will bart his chances for the Beaufort collectorship. Everyone has been looking for Deas, but it is said Webster will not let him come. While Dens favors Wheeler, he is fighting the Whittemore appointment and supporting Wallace. R & Wallace, of Sumter, and T. L. Grant,

Peak, Feb 17 -Noah Koon was shot by his son in law to day. It seems that Koon objected to the marriage and took his daughter from her busband, whose name is Haltiwanger. Haltiwinger got his wife back again, whereupon Koon made some threats on the life of Haltiwanger and wait and wonder. - National Intel took the girl again. Haltiwanger armed himself with a shot gun and emptied the contents into the body of Koon, who is seriously wounded.

of Charleston, arrived to-day to take a band

## Free Pills.

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The sleepy merchant goes to the wall His wideawake neighbor thrives by keeping goods that are in demand, and by never offering customers what he knows they do not

Against Southern Industry.

Tuesday night, in Greenville, there was held a meeting of mill men that was pregnant with interest for southern industry. It was a meeting at which committees were appointed to go to Washington and oppose the bill that is now being arged to bolster up the cotton manufacturing in New England. The bill alluded to is the outgrowth of deliberations of the Arkwright club, an organization of New England manufacturers, and it seeks to regulate labor in the south This proposed regulation is so arranged that New England can again hope to compete with the south in the manufacture of cotton The law is not sought with any idea of belping labor at all. It is a purely selfish move and intended for no other purpose than to cripple southern mills in the interest of these of New England.

Southern labor has asked no concessions or laws It has been, and is, thoroughly satisfied with the conditions that surround it. There have been no strikes or murmaring of strikes. Everything is peaceable, the mills are prosperous and the operatives live in a manner more inducive to health and happiness than half the minor stockholders in the New England institu-

New England has always been a favored section. For long years its industries have been fostered by a protective tariff that amounted to rob bery of the classes generally The south, by force of destitution, caused by a devastating war and lack of capital, was mable to win her proper place in the struggle for industrial supremacy. For twenty years after the declaration of peace she strove vigorously to untbrottle herself, but with very indifferent success. Patience and perseverance at last accomplished ber freedom. Money was made at home and immediately invested in cotton mills, whose success was unbound d. Foreign capital was attracted by the natural advantages and development so rapidly took place that the south soon stood pre-eminently the cotton manu facturing centre of the world. This state of affairs was compassed by no laws or machinations- : was the result of the Almighty's gifts, and no legis lature, national or otherwise, can rob this section of its great beritage.

Congress has no right to afford further protection to New England. Let it take its chances in the struggle just as individuals have to do. Our na tional representatives should at least wait until southern operatives ask for laws changing the conditions that men" whom the rhetorical Buzfuz sees surround them No changes should be ordered at the instance of avarice and jealoney. It is a struggle between New England and the south. Let them fight it out fairly, and the result will be good for the country and its people -Columbia Register

Poblem for the Twentieth Century.

A Washington school-girl recently read an essay in the Gunston Institute, of this city, before her class, which ranks as a gem of thought We commend it to every reader of the Intelligencer:

"Suppose that all men coveted air, and that it were possible to possess themselves of it and store it away in huge receivers Suppose that this could be done to such an extent that in time the strong were able to possess themselves of all the air and dole it out to the weak only on their own terms Suppose, finally that the monoplists should make a "corner" in air and hold it on such terms that From any complaint peculiar to the people were perishing by thou sands for the want of it What then would be the remedy? Should the government step in and compel these persons to supply the world with air for the people to breathe? Suppose the same condition existed in the case of water, wood, coal, land, food. Suppose, in the case of money, a small minority of the world's people, by thrift, conning, by fraud by combines, lawful or unlawful should fically with and on the organs of control the money supply of the world and bring starvation to millions. Should the government refrain from measures of relief for fear of depreciating the monopolist's dollar? In any event he would have enough and to spare. Is it a good thing for men to hoard and continue to heap up riches more than they need, while millions are suffering for the neces-ssaries of life? Will the twentieth century continue this state of things or will there be a change? We

Providence Journal: William M Evarts, who passed his 80th birthday on Sunday, has had a remarkable career. He is said to be the only lawver who ever secured a single fee of half a million dollars, though that is not the most interesting fact in his Johnson at the time of the impeachment charges, belped seat President Hayes in the executive chair, he was counsel for Beecher in the Tilton case, he represented the United States in the Alabama claims, he was secretary of the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold | bim now; blind and feeble, confined to his bed for weeks at a time and unconcerned in the affairs of the world about him But doubtlese no has bad as Evening, Mcb 3, at 7} p m. Brethren much enjoyment in his long career as will take due notice and govern themselvemost men, and certainly he has had his share of reputation and honors

Moving the Lights.

The great naphtha torches, with their flaring flame, seen in the street where men are at work at night, always attract attention. They are most striking, however, when seen moving. In laying asphalt pavement, as load after load of asphalt for the first layer is dumped to be spread upon the roadway, the naphtha torches are moved along to light the work. They are carried on wheelbarrows. It may be that a lighted torch is brought up in this manner from a distance of half a block. It is not the greatest spectacle in the world, but it is certainly a curious and interesting sight to see a man wheeling one of these torches along the sidewalk, with another man walking beside the barrow and holding the pipe to steady it, while all the time the two foot flame is flaring out at right angles with the pipe from under its hood above.-New York Sun.

### The Prayer Fitted.

At a church in Lenox last summer the pulpit was supplied by an assistant clergyman. One Sunday in the course of his sermon this minister told how a man had amassed a large amount of money simply by prayer, going on to give the incidents of the case. A titter ran through the congregation when the minister, after dwelling on the fact that prayer alone had brought about this man's fortune, placed his hands together and, looking upward in a very prayerful attitude, said, "Lord, teach us how to pray!"-Troy Times.

### An Expert Opinion.

Tomtom-That was a funny experience of Dr. Pillbox. When Jingo's safe got out of order, he called the doctor in to examine it.

Buzzfuzz-What did Pillbex say? Tomtom-Why, he said its system was all run down and that it needed change .- New York World.

Sheridan and the Joke.

Sheridan, himself a brilliant orator as well as a shrewd observer, was one day asked how it was he got on so well in the house of commons. "Well," he said. "I soon found out that the majority were fools, but all loved a joke, and I determined to give them what they liked." The great advantage of a joke is that it puts the speaker at once on good terms with his audience. Hence Cicero recommends it for an exordium. A common way of winning the good will of an audience is flattery. When the Jews brought down the orator Tertullus to accuse Paul, Tertullus began his speech with flattery of King Agrippa, "Since by thee we enjoy," and so on. Another way, a subtle form of flattery, is to describe yourself as a native of the same place or county as those you are addressing. The forensic formula, the fustian apostrophe to the 12 "intelligent and patriotic and high minded before him, is played out, but it has its modern equivalents. - Westminster Re-

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> OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR OF REGISTRATION.

SUMTER COUNTY

SUMTER. S. C , May 1, 1897. Notice is hereby given that in accordance with an Act of the General Assembly, the books for the registration of all legally qualified voters, and for the issuing of transfers, &c , will be open at the court bouse, between the hours of 9 o'clock a m., and 3 o'clock p. m., on the first Monday of each month, and for three successive days, until thirty days before the next general election Minors who shall become of age during that period of thirty days, shall be entitled to registration before the hooks are closed, 1 otherwise qualita

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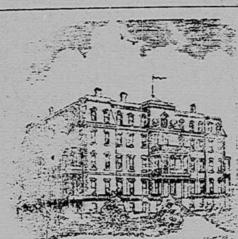
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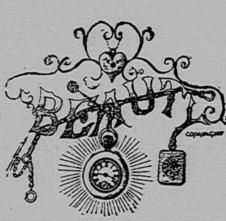
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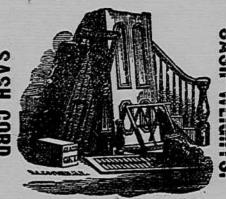
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Given under my hand, this 12d day of December, A. D. 1897.

## TAX RETURNS FOR 1898

OFFICE OF

COUNTY AUDITOR SUMTER COUNTY. SUMTER, S C., Nov. 24, 1897.

TOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will attend, in person or by deputy, at the following places on the days indicated respectively, for the purpose of receiving returns of Real Estate, Personal Property, and Poll Taxes for the fiscal year commencing

At office Sumter, S. C , from Jan. 1st to

Wedgefield, Thursday, January 6th Stateburg, Friday, January 7th. Hagood, Saturday, January 8th. Rembert's Store, Monday, January 10th. Smithville, Tuesday, January 11th. Mannville, Wednesday, January 12th.

ary 13th and 14th. Magnolia, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Lynchburg, Monday, Jan. 17th.

Norwood's Cross Roads, Tuesday, Jan. Shilob, Wednesday, Jan. 19th.

J. M. McElveen's Store, Thursday, Jan. Mayesville, Friday, Jan. 21st. Gordon's Mill, Saturday, Jan 22nd.

Bossard, Tuesday, Jan. 25th Reid's Mill, Phursday, January 27th. The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor administrator, etc. return the same under oath to the Auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the to per cent penalty which will be added to the property valua-

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the property is located and also in each and fair one would despise such every case the No. of the School District Every male citizen between the age of

and except Confederate Soldiers 50 years of ery inspection. Those who age, on Jao. 1st, 1898.
All returns must be made on or before the Patent look over our stock do not 20th day of February next I cannot take returns after that date and all returns made after the 20th day of February are surject to

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THOS V. WALSH,

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January 1st, 1898 :

Feb. 20th, 1898, inclusive Tindals, Tuesday, Jane y 4th M. Moseley's, Wedr ay, January 5th.

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tion of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law

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