

FREE DISCUSSION.

(Brief pointed letters upon all subjects of public interest will be welcome here, if written plainly, on a side of the sheet.)

A Protective Policy.—Sound Views on the Old Line Whig. To the Editor of the Star:—Allow an Old Line Whig and believer in the doctrines of the American system as taught by Clay, Webster, Botte, A. H. S. Stuart, Colonel Baldwin, John Jaynes and the Richmond Whig in the good old times, to thank you for your late vindication of the protective policy, and the development of the mineral and other resources of this State and country.

There is no State in the Union more interested in the encouragement of home industry and domestic manufactures than our own State of Virginia. We have not only the richest mines of coal and iron; but we have now running to waste the most magnificent water-powers to be found in America. Eastern manufacturers have often said that the falls of our great rivers—Potomac, Rappahannock, James and Appomattox—at Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Richmond and Petersburg, into deep navigable tidewater, would present the most inviting and profitable opportunities for the investment of Northern capital and skilled labor, but for our insane prejudices against "carpet-baggers" and their families, and our lack of free schools adapted to the wants of their children, like those now established in all the Northern and Western States.

As all the questions growing out of the late civil war are likely to be soon settled by an act of universal amnesty, we not only have hope for a speedy return of an era of good feeling and union to promote our great material interests?

MEASURING CORN IN BULK.—Take a box of any convenient size; for example, say 3 feet long, 2 feet deep, 2 feet wide—12 cubic feet. Fill it evenly with the corn from the crib to be measured, and shell and measure it with your scaled half bushel. Now ascertain the cubic feet in your crib, which will suppose is 14 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 10 feet deep—1,400 feet.

This is a simple application of the rule of three. If the measurements are correctly made, it seems to me to be a safe rule.—Southern Farm and Home. A Milkwoman, man, crazy with drink, reeled into the house while the funeral services over the dead body of his child were being performed, on Saturday last, drove the mourners from the room, and, seizing the candles burning at the coffin, threw them into the stove. Then he dragged the body out of the coffin, and catching it by the feet, was upon the point of hurling it through the window, when neighbors hurried in and overpowered him.

The inventor of a new microscopical writing machine, in England, claims that the entire contents of the Bible can, with the help of his contrivance, be written twice—two times in the space of a square inch.

THE PAIN KILLER.—Be it positively understood that one tablespoonful of E. F. B. contains as much medicinal property as one bottle of any of the common advertised Bitters of the day, and we challenge investigation. Ours is made for sick people, others are made expressly to drink as a beverage. Ours makes positive and unmistakable cures, others cannot cure, because they contain no medicinal properties.—We know it, you know it.

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YOUNG MEN, Especially, who have become the victims of Solitude, Vice, that dreadful and destructive habit which annually sweeps to an untimely grave thousands of Young Men, should understand the subject more fully, and who might otherwise have entranced themselves, alas with the thunders of eloquence, or waited to see the living living, may call with full confidence, their most brilliant hopes or anticipations, rendering marriages, &c., impossible.

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YOUNG MEN, Who have injured themselves by a certain practice, and who are now suffering from the effects of it, should be cured, and their vigor restored, and their health improved, and their strength increased, and their spirits revived, and their minds cleared, and their bodies strengthened, and their souls saved.

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