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july31—3m*

DR. J. St. P. GIBSON,
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june12—1y

A. B. ARTHUR, D. D. S., (office one door from corner of Beverly and New streets,
STAUNTON, VA.
Artificial Teeth mounted on Gold, Silver, Platina, and Vulcanite. The greatest improvement yet introduced into Dental Science is conceded to be the Vulcanite process; it being four times lighter than gold, and much cheaper, embracing superior cleanliness, nicer adaptation, and many other advantages. All the various operations of Dental Surgery performed with strict reference to permanency. March 20—tf

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ECHOLS, BELL & CATLETT,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA,
Will practice in the State and Federal Courts at Staunton, and in the Circuit and County Courts of Rockbridge, Rockingham and Alleghany.—They will also attend to special business in any part of Va. and West Virginia. [Sept 12—tf

THOS. J. MICHIE. J. W. G. SMITH.
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ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
STAUNTON, VA.,
Practice in the Federal Court at Staunton; in all the Courts of Augusta county; in the Circuit and County Courts of Rockingham; and in the Circuit Courts of Rockbridge.
Collection of claims promptly attended to.
Nov. 14—tf

BOLIVAR CHRISTIAN,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
STAUNTON, VA.,
Attends the Courts of Augusta and adjoining Counties.
Attention given to the interests of residents in this country in lands in Missouri, Iowa, and other Western States. Oct 24—tf.

ORLANDO SMITH,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
and Commissioner in Chancery, STAUNTON, Va., Practices in the Courts of Augusta and adjoining counties. Nov 14—1y.

GEO. BAYLOR. MARSHALL HANGER.
BAYLOR & HANGER,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
STAUNTON, VA.,
Practice in all the Courts of Augusta county, and attend promptly to the collection of claims in any of the adjoining counties. Nov 7—tf

GEORGE M. COCHRAN, Jr.,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
STAUNTON, VA.,
Office in rear of Court House, adjoining David Fultz. Aug 15—tf

DR. ARTHUR has returned and will be glad to see his old patrons.
Staunton, Oct 24—tf

Fashionable Millinery.

MRS. M. E. FAGAN Respectfully informs the Ladies, and her friends generally, that she has just returned from Baltimore, the second time, with a large supply of French and Straw Millinery, which she will offer at a very small profit. Her stock consists of Straw and Neapolitan BONNETS of all kinds and prices; also HATS of all sizes and styles, as follows: Ironclad Norma, half-Sundowns, Sundowns, Derbies, Queen-Gipsies, Dew-drops, &c., together with NOTIONS of every description.

☞ She will pledge herself to give entire satisfaction. Particular attention paid to orders from the country. may 29—tf

REMOVED.—Mrs. M. E. Fagan begs leave to inform her former patrons and friends that she can now be found at her new Store, one door east of Dr. Arthur's and immediately opposite the "Valley Virginian" Office. She has just returned from the city of Baltimore, and is now opening, for inspection, her large and tastefully selected stock of Millinery, for the Spring and Summer fashions. may 15—tf

Debtors & Creditors.

NOTICE.—The Bonds and Accounts of Dr. T. Rennolds, dec'd., are in my hands for settlement and collection. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted are requested to come forward at once, as longer indulgence cannot be given. WM. B. KAYSER,
Sept 26—tf Attorney for the Adm'r.

NOTICE.—Our books having been destroyed by fire, at Greenwood, during Gen. Sheridan's raid, we respectfully ask all persons knowing themselves indebted to us to come forward and report the amount as near as they can and close the same by Note. We may be found at the store of Hoge & Mason.
Sep. 19—tf. Vin copy. TAYLOR & HOGE.

Furniture and Undertaking.

GOOD BARGAINS IN FURNITURE.—A. D. Chandler has purchased a large lot of Bureaus, Wardrobes, Marble Top and other Tables, and Bedsteads in any quantity, which he can sell for a more trifle, as they were purchased at sales very low.

☞ Wishing to make room for a new stock, he will sell very low. Dec 26—tf

A. D. CHANDLER, *UNDERTAKER,*
Keeps constantly on hand, COFFINS of wood, and METALLIC CASES of the latest improvement.
Orders from town or country promptly attended to. [Staunton, Va., Nov. 21—tf

Drugs, Medicines, &c.

OILS.—Pure Table Oils,
Sweet Oil,
Harness Oil, Lubricating Oil,
Machine Oil, Linseed Oil,
Fish Oil,
for sale, low, by YEAKLE & YOUNG.
July 17—tf

YEAKLE & YOUNG are constantly receiving FRESH & PURE DRUGS, CHEMICALS, &c., guaranteed pure and genuine. July 17—tf

PAINTS, OIL, GLASS, PUTTY AND DYE-STUFFS, will be sold low, for cash by YEAKLE & YOUNG.
July 17—tf

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.
We would call the attention of the public to our large stock of
Drugs, Medicines,
Paints, Oils, Dyestuffs,
Glass, Perfumery,
Fancy Articles, Colognes,
Combs, Brushes,
Instruments, Trusses,
Patent Medicines, Gun Powder,
Japanese and Black Teas, etc.
Our medicines, etc., have been selected with the greatest care and are warranted genuine. All new preparations on hand.
Physicians' prescriptions carefully and accurately compounded.
DR. WAYT & BRO., Druggists,
Main street, nearly opposite Town Hall.
may 15—tf

DRUGS, MEDICINES, &C.—HAVING established myself, in my new Drug Store, one door West of my former stand, I am now prepared to supply customers with
DRUGS, MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, Dye Stuffs, Coal Oil, Lamps, Fancy Articles, &c.; Window Glass, all sizes;
Trusses and Supporters, in great variety; Surgical Instruments, &c.,
Which I am determined to sell at a very small advance above cost for Cash.
Special attention given to filling orders of the purest Medicines, for Physicians, and at city retail prices.
Physicians' Prescriptions accurately dispensed at all hours. This department receives my particular attention. P. H. TROUT.
Staunton, April 3d, 1866.

JUST RECEIVED an extensive assortment of KEROSENE LAMPS, also a No. 1 article of KEROSENE OIL, which I will sell at old prices for Cash.
Oct 17—tf P. H. TROUT.

MACHINE OIL from 1.50 to $3.50 per gallon at P. H. TROUT'S Drug Store.
Oct 17—

Watches and Jewelry.

NO MORE BIG PRICES.—The undersigned offers for sale a fine assortment of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, fine Gold Pens and Pencils, Watch Crystals, Keys, etc., with a well selected stock of
ENGLISH & FRENCH SPECTACLES,
at entirely new prices.
N. B.—Every article warranted as represented.
Watches, Clocks, and Jewelry repaired and warranted at moderate prices.
B. MAYNE, from 225 Regent st., London, now on Main street, Staunton, opposite Gabriel Hirsh's Store. aug 28—6m

THE OLD ESTABLISHED WATCH and Jeweler's Store has been removed to the Virginia Hotel. A. A. CONE, successor to J. W. Meredith, would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he has removed his store to the Virginia Hotel, next door to Ladies' Entrance, where he is prepared to keep up its established reputation for good work.
Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, &c., repaired, and all work guaranteed.
He respectfully solicits a continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed—promising satisfaction in all cases. june26—tf

TIME IS MONEY.
WATCHES & JEWELRY REPAIRED
in the best manner, by an experienced workman, over G. C. YEAKLE'S Drug Store.
mar27—6m

SAVE YOUR SIGHT.—By coming in time to Dr. Young's Old Stand where you will find an excellent assortment of *Spectacles, Eye-Glasses, Shortsighted and Colored Glasses* for sale by
march 13—6m G. C. YEAKLE.

☞ Old Silver taken in exchange for goods.

Interesting Publication.

THE UNDERSIGNED contemplates publishing in a neat volume, a list of the Soldiers furnished by Augusta county, to the Armies of the late "CONFEDERACY." His wish is to obtain, if possible, complete rolls of the regiments and companies, containing names of officers and privates; when they entered the service; whether as volunteers or conscripts; when and where born; if promoted; when; deaths, wounds, or discharges; cause of and when; the battles engaged in, and casualties of any kind. He also wishes to get photographs of all the officers from the highest down to captains, to insert in the book, as it would necessarily make the book too expensive to include other officers.
He will be greatly obliged to any one who will furnish him with the rolls or copies of them, photographs of officers, or any necessary information. ROBT. COWAN,
Aug 7—5t Staunton, Va.

Cheap Cigars & Tobacco!

CIGAR FACTORY! *CIGAR FACTORY!*
We have on hand, and are now manufacturing, Cheaper and better Cigars than can be had any place in the State. *ARMENTROUT & CO.*

CIGARS—a good article, only 3 cents a piece, at the Factory of ARMENTROUT & CO.

THE FINEST BRANDS OF SMOking Tobacco, for sale, wholesale and retail, at the factory of ARMENTROUT & CO.
july31—tf

C. T. COCHRAN & CO. have just opened at their well known house a superior lot of Chewing and Smoking TOBACCO of extra brands. Also an assortment of Choice CIGARS which they offer cheap for cash. They also have on hand a stock of Groceries, Queensware and Dye Stuffs.

☞ Produce of all kinds will be taken in exchange for Goods [Staunton, Sept. 12—tf

Marble Works.

MARQUIS & KELLY, *VALLEY OF VIRGINIA*
MARBLE WORKS,
at
STAUNTON,
LEXINGTON,
HARRISONBURG,
& CHARLOTTESVILLE.
Sept5—tf

Whiskers & Mustache!

WHISKERS! WHISKERS!!—Dr. L. O. MONTEZ' *Corrolia*, the greatest stimulator in the world, will force Whiskers or Mustaches to grow on the smoothest face or chin; never known to fail. Sample for trial sent free to any one desirous of testing its merits. Address, REEVES & CO.,
aug 14—3mo 78 Nassau street, N. Y.

Books and Stationery.

PAPER & ENVELOPES.—A good assortment of white, buff, canary, and corn colored envelopes; also cap, letter, and commercial note paper.
Four Years in the Saddle, by Harry Gilmor; Bill Arp, so-called; a few new novels, memorandum books, visiting cards, &c.
July 31—tf ROBT. COWAN.

Agricultural Implements.

PRICES REDUCED.
"That celebrated Livingston Plow" of all sizes from one to four-horse, right and left-hand, and all parts of the same, manufactured at Bradley's old establishment, from the original patterns, and
WARRANTED TO FIT,
are now for sale at all the old stands, at greatly reduced prices. Old cast metal taken in pay.
HUGH F. LYLE & CO.
July 17—till Sept 29*

WHEAT DRILLS.—I will again offer to the farmers of Augusta and adjoining counties the celebrated
BICKFORD & HUFFMAN DRILL,
with the Guano and Grass Seed Sowers attached. An experience of eight years has demonstrated this to be the best drill in use, its superiority as a compost sower is incontestable.
Persons wishing to purchase should hand in their orders early, as a large demand is expected.
READ THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES:
I with pleasure state that for six years past I have used one of Bickford & Huffman's Drills, and that it has given me entire satisfaction. I had previously used other drills, and have since seen various other patterns in use, and have no hesitation in stating my belief that it is decidedly the best drill in all respects, and especially as a Guano and Compost Sower, I have ever seen.
WM. J. NELSON.
We the undersigned *fully endorse* all that Mr. Nelson says above in favor of the Bickford and Huffman Drill.

WM. BELL CRAWFORD,	WILLIAM F. SMITH,
THOMAS P. ESKRIDGE,	DAVID S. BELL,
JOHN N. OPIE,	WM. R. DUNLAP,
WM. D. ANDERSON,	JOHN CHRISTIAN.
ALEX. H. TAYLOR,	A. A. SPROUL

We the undersigned have had in use for several years the Bickford & Huffman Drill with Guano and Grass Seed attachments. We have no hesitation, from our experience, in recommending it as a first class machine. It has given us *in all respects*, and especially as a compost sower, *entire* satisfaction.
We know of no particular in which it could be amended, as it performs its work well

JOHN A. HARMAN,	JAMES HENDERSON,
THOS. P. WILSON,	C. C. FRANCISCO,
JOHN RAMSEY,	W. S. MCCHESNEY.
R. H. DUDLEY,	G. M. COCHRAN,
HUGH W. SHEFFEY,	R. T. WALLACE.
BAXTER CRAWFORD.	JAMES WALKER.

I have sold many of these Drills to persons in this county; they are to be found in every neighborhood, to whom persons are referred.
Sample drill can be seen at my store.
GEO. E. PRICE,
july 3—tf Staunton, Va.

WE ARE ENGAGED EXTENSIVELY in the manufacture of PLOWS of the Livingstone, Virginia,
Kerr and other Patterns.
We warrant our work, both as to material and fit.
We have established Agencies at various places in this, and the adjoining counties, where our plows and plow-castings will always be found at a uniform price, at all points, and as low as the lowest.
We will also furnish to order Sorghum Mills of superior manufacture.
Also repairing to Buckeye and other Reapers and Mowers, and Pitts' and Sweepstakes' Threshing Machines done on short notice by
ROBERTS, NELSON & CO.,
at Augusta Foundry and Machine Shop,
July 10—tf Staunton, Va.
Rockingham Register, Charlottesville Chronicle, and Lexington Gazette & Banner copy three months.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.—The undersigned, agents for H. M. Smith & Co., Manufacturers, at Richmond, can furnish at short notice, any of the following named articles, at manufacturers' prices. Reapers & Mowers, Grain Drills, Wind Mills, Pitts' celebrated Threshing Machines, Horse Rakes, a new article recently patented; corn shellers, cutting boxes, churns, scales, hay presses, belting of all kinds, plough castings, cider mills, &c.
may1—tf McCLURE & BUMGARDNER.

SAFE-GUARD AGAINST ACCIDENTS.—The undersigned are Agents for the manufacture and sale of
FITZHUGH'S INVENTION
for stopping the progress of Reaping and Mowing Machines, in the absence of the driver from his seat.
It is well known that there is not a neighborhood, where reapers and mowers are used, that some terrible accident does not occur every harvest to the driver of the machine while engaged in removing some obstruction in front of the sickle-bar, or in fixing something about the gearing, or from being thrown from the machine.—This valuable invention which is self-acting is claimed to be a perfect and reliable security against such accidents.
It is simple in its construction, and can be easily adapted to any machine having two driving wheels. No reaper or mower should be without it.
Farmers are invited to call and examine this machine at the Augusta Foundry and Machine Shop, Staunton, Va.
Price for making and attaching Safe-guard—ten dollars.
may 22—tf ROBERTS, NELSON & Co.

☞ Rock. Register and Lexington Gazette and Banner copy.

Fire and Life Insurance.

H. M. BELL, Prest. WM. H. TAMS, Sec'y.
THE VIRGINIA INSURANCE COMPANY.
Chartered Capital.....$1,000,000.
PAID IN CAPITAL.....250,000
This company, chartered by the Legislature of Virginia, December 13th, 1865, in presenting itself to the public with a *bona fide* capital paid in of a quarter of a million of dollars, sufficient to secure the protection of its policies and command the confidence of the public, hopes, as a Home Institution, by a just and liberal policy, to secure a fair portion of patronage. Its rates will correspond with those of other first class companies.
For risks upon Dwellings, Stores, Merchandise and all other insurable property, apply to
WM. H. TAMS, Secretary,
Or to Staunton, Va.
GEO. E. PRICE, Actuary and General Agent.
may 29—6m

VIRGINIA INSURANCE COMPANY. Books and Subscriptions to the Capitol Stock of this Company are now open at the Banking House of W. H. Tams & Co., and at the offices of the two Banks in Staunton. The attention of Capitalists is called to the merits of this Stock, which is recommended to them as probably the *most remunerative investment* of money now offering. By Order of the
Jan 9—tf COMMISSIONERS.

To Millers.

ANCHOR BOLTING CLOTHS.—I have just received direct from the Importer a lot of the celebrated "Het Anker,, BOLTING CLOTHS, of various numbers, and warranted genuine. These Celebrated Cloths have no equal in the qualities of evenness, smoothness, uniformity, durability and freeness in bolting. Their superiority, established by time and trial is recognized by the best City Millers, by whom they are used almost exclusively.
Millers and Millwrights are requested to call and examine them. GEO. E. PRICE.
July 17—tf—V and V copy.

To Travellers.

THE VALLEY STAGE LINE.—Reduced fare and new arrangements for excursion parties to the
Rockbridge Baths and Natural Bridge.
Stages leave Staunton daily, except Mondays at 6 o'clock A. M. Arrive at Baths and Lexington same day and at Natural Bridge next morning to breakfast.
Parties of five or more will be taken from Staunton to Baths and return at $2.50 each. To Natural Bridge and return $5.00. *This arrangement saves Travelers, who make up parties, half the usual fare.* Excursion parties or others can leave Staunton for the Baths direct every Wednesday and Saturday, arriving same day, and return Thursdays and Mondays.
Parties to the Bridge can leave Staunton every day except Mondays, reaching the Bridge next morning, and can return every day.
HARMAN & CO.,
august 7—tf Proprietors.

Poetry.

For the Spectator.

"OUR MOTHER."

'Twas all it told—that marble shaft,
Within the burial place,
And many a silent grave lay 'round
And many a hidden face;
But fixed we stood at this one spot,
Where some dear mother slept,
And read a volume in those words,
And as we read, we wept.

A stranger's grave—yet who could pass
That grave unheeded by?
It claimed a thought from every heart,
A tear from every eye;
It bid us pause and retrospect
The first of blessings given,
A mother soothing us to rest
With 'lullabies of heaven.

"Our Mother!" O, how sadly sweet!
How tender and how true,
So old in its simplicity,
And yet forever new!
The name that infant lips first try,
That makes our childhood sweet,
And oftentimes the very last,
That dying lips repeat!

"Our Mother!" O, what pictures rise,
Evoked by this one word!
Of nightly cheer in days gone by,
Ere yet the nest was stirred:
The father resting from his toil,
The children on the hearth,
And mother with her gentle care,
The centre of our mirth.

"Our Mother!" other years have come,
And broken in that band,
Some here, some there, and *one*, we know,
Is in the better land;
New scenes, new cares, new joys, are ours,
But still thou hast our love,
And O, we trust to meet at last,
A family above!

We turned us from the marble tomb,
With "MOTHER!" graven there,
And mid the city's busy street,
We breathed a purer air:
A calm had settled o'er the mind,
A shield, as 'twere from harm,
Something had lifted up the heart,
And MOTHER was the charm.

A. L. P.

MONTEREY, VA., Aug., 1866.

For the Spectator.

Staunton in Old Times.

(CONTINUED.)

At the close of my last piece, I expressed a wish to tell about some of the public improvements of Staunton in old times. Readers who bear in mind that I was born in 1770, will understand that I do not profess to remember things so far back as a hundred years and more; but I tell the story as it was told to me by my father and other old people. This I can say, whatever I assert may be relied upon as true. All my statements are made upon good authority.

In 1762—I am fond of going back to that date, for our family was founded in Staunton in that year—in 1762, I say, we had no railroads, telegraphs, gas works, water works and such like things. But I forget myself, we did have important water works, and it would take a long history for me to give a full account of them.—To begin at the beginning—when white settlers first came here the creek running by the tanyard and Fackler's mill, took a Southeasterly course at or near the former place, crossed Augusta Street between Frederick and Beverly, and emptied into the main branch near the Washington Tavern. Mrs. Cowden told me that in 1787—she was living then. In 1762, however, when my father came to Staunton, the creek pursued the same channel it does now, but there were marks of an ancient water course such as Mrs. Cowden described. When or how the creek was diverted from its original course into the present channel, no body ever told, if anybody ever knew. My opinion is that the creek changed itself. It is fortunate that it did so, on account of Fackler's mill and Breeze's carding machine; but it always happens that streams of water pass by mills, unless the owners prefer steam engines or horse-power.

When the course of the creek was changed, it is presumed a small portion of water continued to flow, occasionally at least, in the old channel, and the enterprising people of Staunton took a hint from it. They concluded that it would be highly useful to have a stream, even if it was a little one, passing through the heart of the town. Accordingly wooden troughs were laid down and the water was conducted from the creek to Mathews's Stable lot, west corner of Augusta and Frederick streets, where Dr. Waddell afterwards lived. There the main trunk branched—one branch crossed Augusta Street, passed through the Ordinary premises (afterwards the Treumper property) and through James Hargrove's lot, and across New Street, and ended—I don't know where. The other branch came down through Mrs. Wood's lot (afterwards Mr. Cowan's) to Mrs. Cowden's, crossed Augusta street, went back of Mathews's Store (the old Post Office), passed between the store and the widow Hughes's, crossed Beverly street about where the Marble Yard is now, and then on and on to Lewis's creek. These two branches were in full and successful operation when my father came to Staunton, and the latter continued to flow, through the times of the Indian wars, the old Revolution, the war of 1812, the Florida war &c., for nearly a hundred years, till water was brought to town in iron pipes from the Buttermilk Spring. William Bowyer opened a ditch, in 1785, to water his lands, and twenty years afterwards it gave rise to a great law-suit in which all matters about the water-rights of the town were brought out. If any body doubts the truth of what I have been telling, he can look at the depositions in that suit.

The creek I speak of seemed to be entirely contented with its new channel, till the year 1846, when, I am told, it took a notion to return to its former course, and leaping the banks which confined it went dashing through the streets and houses in a torrent. Every body remembers that, and also the similar freaks in the years 1855 and 1860. The carding machine had long before disappeared, and the mill was fast falling to pieces, and what use was there for the creek to keep on in the same way? It will no doubt be better satisfied now, since the new-fangled iron works have been built below the old mill seat.

Fackler's mill was long one of the institutions of Staunton. I remember it when I was a boy. Michael Fackler was then the proprietor. He was the father of Mr. Jacob Fackler, who was considered an old man when he left Staunton nearly thirty years ago. The mill stood there, and the wheel turned in 1785. I remember that well, for when Col. Bowyer opened his ditch, old Mr. Fackler was very much put out because it took so much water from his mill.—How long it had stood I do not know. I never thought to ask my father. Mrs. Cowden told me that a man called John David Wilpert, came to Staunton in 1751, and soon proved himself a bustling settler. In the same year he petitioned the County Court, setting forth that "he had been at considerable trouble and expense in coming from the Northward and settling in these parts, and that he had rented three lots in the new-erected town of Staunton, through which runs a good and convenient stream of *water for building* a mill" &c.—he therefore prayed leave to erect a grist and fulling mill. The petition was resisted by John Lewis, who had a mill within a mile of town, and the case went to the General Court. This, I suppose, was the origin of Fackler's mill. But the old mill is gone now, after grinding grist for almost a century. It made me feel sad when I was in town last, to miss an object that was familiar to me in former times and was like a friend of my youth.

Another institution of Staunton in my day, was the whipping post. Rogues got their deserts then. The Court lashed all alike, white and black, male and female. One man received thirty-nine stripes for stealing "a comb and comb case, a shirt, and some other articles of small value;" and women were not unfrequently punished in the same way, for being mothers when they ought not. The stocks, also, were highly esteemed in days of yore. Some youthful speculators who honor me with a reading, will, very likely, suppose that I am alluding to the sort of things they trade in. I hear a good deal said in these times about stock-brokers, stock-jobbing, public stocks &c., but the stocks I speak of were different from those.—Andrew McCord disturbed the Court one day, and the Sheriff was ordered to "put him into the stocks, there to continue one hour." Another time, Edward Boyle, "for damning the Court and swearing four oaths in their presence," was put in the stocks for two hours, and fined twenty shillings to boot. That sort of stock-jobbing would not be so agreeable to some of our fancy gentlemen, and it is well for them they are not in the hands of an old-fashioned Augusta County Court, or they would soon be made tired enough of dealing in stocks.

And what shall I say of the Ducking Stool the Court had made in 1751? It had pretty well rotted away when my father came to Staunton in '62, and not a bit of it remained in my time. I well remember the man who had it made by order of the Court—it was Squire Robert McClanahan, then Sheriff of the county. I never heard that the stool was used for ducking purposes. Why it was not used that way, I can't exactly explain. It certainly was not because there were no "scolding women" in the country at that time. I was told that only three years after the stool was built, and when the timbers were new and in good working order, Anne Brown, wife of James Brown, went into Court and "abused William Wilson, Gentleman, one of the justices for this county, by calling him a rogue, and that on his coming off the bench she would give it to him with the devil." Mrs. Brown was ordered into custody, but she was not ducked, so far as I ever heard. I am equally sure that the failure to use the stool, was not because the Court were afraid or too tender-hearted to duck women if they deserved it. They punished Jacob Coger "for a breach of the peace by driving hogs over the Blue Ridge on the Sabbath day;" they whipped women as well as men at the public whipping post; and I was told that, at May term, 1749, they even took lawyer Gabriel Jones in hand "for swearing an oath." Why then did the Court never use the Ducking Stool according to law? I have often thought about the matter, and have finally come to the conclusion that the making of the Stool was an Irish blunder. It must be borne in mind that most of the first Justices were from the old country, and after providing a jail, whipping-post, stocks, "shackles, bolts, handcuffs &c."—all the public improvements and implements necessary in a well regulated community—they ordered a Ducking Stool to complete the list, without once thinking that there was no deep water near Staunton.

At the time when I can first remember things, there was a great deal said about Col. Bouquet's expedition, as well as the fight with the Indians at Point Pleasant. In the year 1779, the men who served with Col. Bouquet were still getting certificates from the County Court for the bounty land they were entitled to. I alluded in my last publication to the time, in 1763, when Cornstalk and the Shawnees came raiding round Staunton, like Sheridan at a more recent date, only the Indians were not so severe upon the people. The next year Col. Bouquet was sent with some troops to the Muskingum, now in Ohio, but then in Virginia, to try and make peace with the Indians. He did the thing in good style, and received from the Indians two hundred and six white prisoners they had held. Ninety of the prisoners were Virginians, and more than half of them were females and children. A good many Augusta and Staunton men were in the expedition. Charles Lewis, afterwards killed at Point Pleasant, commanded a company of "Independents," and John McClanahan, son of Robert, was one of his Lieutenants. As I have said, the men were still applying for their bounty land in 1779, and in that year the orphan and heir-at-law of John McClanahan was allowed two thousand acres for his father's services. Another Indian war broke out in a few years. I was four years old in 1774, when the Augusta men mustered at Staunton to go to the Ohio, and remember something about that. Charles Lewis was Col. of the regiment, and among the Captains were George Mathews, Alexander McClanahan, Jno. Lewis, and John Dickerson. Capt. Mathews rose to be Colonel in the Revolutionary war, and fought at Brandywine. He was afterwards Governor of Georgia. Gen. Samuel Blackburn, the great lawyer, was his son-in-law. Alexander McClanahan was a son of the old Sheriff and Justice. He also was a Colonel in the Revolution, and at one time, I believe, a member of Congress. His brother Robert, who had gone to Botetourt to live, was Captain of a company from that county. The men, as I have said, assembled in Staunton before they set out against the Indians. One of the Augusta companies was composed of very tall men. Not one of them was less than six feet high, and most of them were at least six feet and two inches in their stockings. They all stood up in Sampson Mathews's bar room, (the old Ordinary) and each man's height was marked upon the wall. The marks were visible there for many a long year afterwards. The men went off across the mountains, and in course of time news came of a battle with the Indians at Point Pleasant.—There was both joy and grief in Staunton then. The Indians were routed, but Col. Lewis, Capt. Robert McClanahan, and many others had been killed.

If the people are not tired reading my pieces, I am tired writing them, and I may or may not, according to circumstances, hereafter tell some things which occurred during the Revolution and afterwards. I will only add here that Col. Sampson Mathews, of whom I have spoken several times, was the father-in-law of the late Mr. Samuel Clarke.

OLDEST INHABITANT.

A Louisiana paper declares that the town of Natchitobhes has fleas that can jump higher, quicker, bite harder, outdodge, run faster, than any other fleas. They are larger, fatter, slicker, harder to rope, than any other fleas. It takes two freedmen and a white boy to tree one of them, and suggests as a last resort, to have them hung or shot with a Sharp's rifle.

An urchin remarked that the principal branch of education in his school was the willow branch.

It is a certain sign that a man can't bear the truth when he never tells it.

Distant objects look small. To most, time seems longer than eternity.

They call cataract a disease, but tis all in your eye.

For the Spectator.

Map of Augusta County.

I have carefully examined the beautiful map of old Augusta, now in course of preparation, by Major J. Hotchkiss, and his accomplished assistant, Mr. Robinson. It is now nearly complete and I regard it as one of the most accurate maps I have ever seen. It is not, (as too many of our maps have been), made by guess and by following old and incorrect drawings. It is founded on actual and minute surveys made by the topographical corps during the war. It represents clearly and correctly all the ranges of mountains—all the rivers and creeks, with their meanderings, all the roads, villages, churches, mills and other places of public interest—and also the magisterial districts.

It is the purpose of Major Hotchkiss to complete this map, and have it engraved in the highest style of art, so as to be able to furnish every citizen who may desire it with a copy.—To do this, however, will cost a considerable sum of money, and it is not to be expected that he will encounter all the hazards of a costly publication, without satisfactory assurance of a remunerative patronage.

I therefore respectfully urge upon our citizens the propriety of subscribing for copies of this map. The cost will not exceed ten dollars, and it will be, not only very useful, but highly ornamental to our houses. Who would begrudge ten dollars, expended for such a laudable purpose?

This is a step in the right direction. Let old Augusta lead the way, as she has done on so many other occasions, and other counties will follow, and thus we shall soon have a perfect map of the whole State. Our present maps are grossly inaccurate. That of Major Hotchkiss being made from actual measurements of course and distance, is as accurate as any survey of our farms.

If 500 farmers, and other citizens, will subscribe, the map will be engraved and published, and we can all have an opportunity of getting copies. But if we let the present chance slip, there is no telling when we can have another.

The corners of the map will embrace a plan of the town of Staunton and probably other objects of interest. Already there is, on one corner, a section showing the elevation of the country, at all intermediate points from the mouth of the tunnel, across the entire county, East and West, along the track of the railroad, to the Rockbridge line. The surveys now in progress for the Valley Railroad will furnish the means of presenting a similar view of the elevation of the different points on a line North and South, from the Rockingham line to that Rockbridge.

I wish to impress on our people the conviction that this map is no mere catch-penny affair. It is a work of solid merit and ought to be encouraged as such.

I believe that Major Hotchkiss has obtained from the surveyors of the Confederate and U. S. Engineers, a great deal of the information necessary to enable him to make correct maps of Rockingham and other counties of the Valley. When the intelligent and enterprising people of those counties have a chance of seeing the map of Augusta completed, they will not hesitate to imitate her example, and have maps of their respective counties prepared.

OBSERVER.

A Few Words to the Respectable Colored People.

We understand, says the Richmond *Whig*, that the sober, staid, respectable colored residents of Richmond are much chagrined by the ambitious pretensions and disorderly and minatory proceedings of the organized bands of colored men, whose military parades were stopped by General Terry. They complain that these organizations are composed, for the most part, of colored persons who have neither homes nor permanent interests in that city; of idle, dissolute and dissipated vagrants, who have wandered to that city from distant quarters. Respectable colored people complain of the evil influences exerted by white emissaries from the North, and that they intend to adopt some satisfactory method of making their opinions known. They have found out also that the Freedmen's Bureau is, for the most part, administered in the interests of the Radical party, and not of the freedmen; that it is a political machine whose aim is to foment discord between the whites and blacks. Those colored people who are intelligent, who have property, or regular occupations, have no interest in common with the vagrants who, under the influence and direction of low white men and the paid agents of Radicalism, are threatening the whole South with disturbances. Sooner or later the orderly, well-behaved colored classes will have to draw the line between themselves and the disorderly classes. The sooner they publicly take their true position, separate themselves from the turbulent characters whose aim is to involve the whole colored population in trouble, and exert all their influence, privately and publicly, individually and in aggregate, to put down the mischievous black men, and infamous white men who stand at their backs, the better it will be for us all.

There is no reason why the two races, each maintaining its true and natural position in the scale of society, should not live together in harmony. The better classes of whites exert all their influences to these ends; why should not the better classes of colored people do the same? If they disapprove the turbulent conduct of the inferior classes of their own color, or of the mischievous interference of white Radical incendiaries from the North, and are satisfied that our courts and our citizens will do them justice—respect their rights and protect them in their persons and property—they ought, in some authentic form, so to declare, so as to silence the numberless calumnies invented by the Radicals.

A robust young man in Painesville has lately blossomed into verse through the columns of the Telegraph. He is evidently satisfied with things. He "busts" out thus:

Though earth be full of beauteous spots,
And heaven be full of endless bliss,
On earth, in heaven, nought can compare
With Love's first burning kiss.

That's so! Taken in the season there's nothing like "them things." They knock "beauteous spots" et cetera, higher'n a kite. The difficulty is they don't occur oftenly—not here. He then goes on to state that—

Electric batteries may raise
The dead to life, the sick to health,
Volcanic shocks may open earth,
Disclosing boundless wealth.

But neither the electric spark
Restores to recalled life such bliss,
Nor does the earth such wealth disclose,
As Love's first burning kiss.

That young man's head is round, and his intellect soars in the right direction. If we were not ourself we'd like to be him—just for an evening or two.—*Jno. Phœnix.*

An Ohio stumper, while making a speech, paused in the midst of it, and exclaimed:—"Now, gentlemen, what do you think?" Instantly a man rose in the assembly, and with one eye partially closed, modestly replied: "I think, sir; I do, indeed, sir,—I think if you and I were to stump the country together, we would tell more lies than any other two men in the country, sir, and I'd not say a word myself during the whole time, sir."