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Office hours from 9 to 1 o'clock, a. m. and 2 to 6 p. m. feb16—6m

DENTISTRY.—S. H. Henkel, D. D. S. Respectfully informs the public that he is now located in Staunton, and is prepared to operate on the natural teeth according to the latest styles recognized by the profession. Artificial teeth inserted on Gold, Silver, or Vulcanite Plates.—All operations guaranteed to give satisfaction.

☞ Anæsthetics administered when desired. Office on corner of Main and Augusta streets, up stairs. Entrance on Augusta street. dec8—1y*

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—In addition to the courts of common pleas of Augusta county, I will hereafter attend the courts of Rockbridge, Highland, Bath and Rockingham. My office is on the east side of the Court-House square, second of the brick row in approaching from the court buildings, Staunton.

oct6—1yr JOHN B. WATTS, Attorney at Law.

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DR. A. M. HENKEL, Staunton, Va., (Formerly of New Market, Va.,) Respectfully offers his services to the public, in all the branches of the Medical Profession—special attention paid to Surgery.

May be found at his office at all hours, unless professionally engaged.

All calls promptly attended to, both day and night, in the country as well as in the town.

Office—on Bruce's corner, up stairs. Entrance on Augusta street, 3 doors from corner. feb4—6m

DR. J. H. FULTZ, Graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, offers his services to the citizens of Staunton and vicinity. Office—opposite Virginia Hotel. aug 4—6m

ORLANDO SMITH. THOMAS C. ELDER, late of Lunenburg county.

SMITH & ELDER, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, *Staunton, Va.*

Practice in the Courts of Augusta and adjoining Counties, and in the Federal Court at Staunton. june1—1y

DR. C. R. HARRIS, STAUNTON, VA., Has had over 25 years' experience in the various branches as a Practitioner of medical science.

Special attention given to diseases peculiar to females. Patients from a distance can be accommodated with Board at first-class Boarding houses. Patients waited on in the country when desired.

Office hours between 7 and 10 o'clock, A. M., and 2 and 5 o'clock, P. M.

☞ Office on Main Street, 2 doors East from Dr. Chapman's, Surgeon Dentist, and nearly opposite Taylor & Powell's. feb25—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

JOHN ECHOLS, Monroe county. R. H. CATLETT, Lexington. B. M. BELL, Staunton.

ECHOLS, BELL & CATLETT, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, *Staunton, Va.,*

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

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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

Watches and Jewelry.

A. A. CONE, formerly with J. W. Meredith. JAMES E. HANGER, of Augusta.

NEW FIRM AND NEW GOODS.—CONE & HANGER, at Mayne's old stand, Main street, Staunton, Va., have just received a well selected stock of fine Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silver and Plated Ware, Spectacles, and everything usually found in a first-class store.

☞ Special attention is called to our stock of Watches, Gold and Coin-Silver Cases. The celebrated American Waltham Watch, from 15 to 20 per cent cheaper than ever before. Also Bridal Presents of every description and all orders for the same promptly attended to.

We are determined to build up a first-class trade in this place, and can make it to the interest of every one to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere. Highest cash price given for old gold and silver.

All repairing done by experienced workmen and warranted.

oct20—6m CONE & HANGER.

Confectionery.

B. F. FIFER'S Confectionery Store, Main street, Staunton, Va., next door to J. A. & Y. M. Bickle's Furniture Store.

Always on hand every article usually found in a Confectionery store.

☞ Respectfully solicits a share of public patronage. nov10

House Joining.

THE Undersigned offers his services to such persons in town or county as may wish to have *Carpentering work* or *House-Joining* done on the best terms.

aug 27—tf P. R. BLACKBURN.

Groceries and Produce.

H. KER & BRO., have in store and for sale, cheap for cash, a fine assortment of GROCERIES, consisting in part of

Choice Cincinnati Hams,
" Country "
Family and Extra Flour,
Buckwheat Flour—No. 1,
Brown Sugar,
Crushed, Coffee, Granulated and Powdered Sugars,
Rio, Laguayra, and Java Coffee,
Lump and Box Indigo,
Spices, Candles, Soaps, Molasses,
Fresh Crackers, (always on hand)
&c. &c. &c.
Cash Paid for Country Produce.

jan 26—tf

WE have constantly on hand a choice lot of FAMILY SUPPLIES, consisting of choice white wheat family Flour, Teas, Coffees and Sugars of all grades, Sugar cured and country hams, Sweet and Irish Potatoes, Fresh bolted meal, Fresh ground buckwheat, Spices of all kinds, cheese, crackers, &c.

Also, a good lot of wooden ware, and a prime lot of "Marshall Salt."

We have also in store a good assortment of Tobacco, which we offer at factory prices, and to which we call the especial attention of country merchants.

Country produce bought and sold for cash.

H. KERR & BRO., General Produce Merchants, Old Burwell Building, nov10—tf Staunton, Virginia.

RICHARDSON & WHEAT.

GROCERIES AND PRODUCE, all kinds of best Family Groceries, a large and well selected Stock, NOW IN STORE.

The attention of the Farmers and Citizens generally, is called to our Present Stock of Groceries, viz:

SUGARS—of all Grades and Qualities.
COFFEES—from Lowest Quality to highest.
SYRUPS AND MOLASSES, a Prime Lot.
A Prime Lot of SOLE LEATHER, (White and Red,)
COTTON CLOTHS—Best Brands,
LIVERPOOL SALT, a large lot on hand, large, well filled sacks.
COTTON YARNS—Best Brands.

We are paying the highest cash prices for FLOUR, GRAIN, SEED, BACON, BUTTER, LARD, EGGS, POTATOES, and country Produce generally.

We desire all who wish to sell or buy to call and see us.

RICHARDSON & WHEAT, Cor. Main and Augusta Streets. Staunton, Va.

Oct 13

A. G. POINTS,

Grocer and Dealer

IN FLOUR, GRAIN, SEEDS, BACON, LARD, &c.

Main Street, opposite 1st National Bank, STAUNTON, VA.

Pure Cider Vinegar in store and for sale by A. G. POINTS.

WHITE BEANS Wanted by A. G. POINTS.

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DRIED FRUITS, of all kinds wanted for which the highest cash price will be paid by A. G. POINTS.

PRIME LOT OF SOLE LEATHER For sale by A. G. POINTS.

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Marshall's Prime **Liverpool Salt,** in store and for sale by A. G. POINTS.

A prime lot of **Green and Black Tea,** in store and for sale by A. G. POINTS.

All qualities **Sugars, Coffee, Syrups and Molasses,** for sale by A. G. POINTS.

Grain of all kinds Wanted by A. G. POINTS, Main street, opposite 1st National Bank.

P. B. HOGE & BRO., (successors to Hoge & Mason,) Wholesale and Retail Dealers in **Groceries, Produce and Fertilizers.**

Highest market price in CASH paid for FLOUR, WHEAT, RYE, OATS, CORN, &c. aug4—

CLEVELAND & SEARS, MAIN STREET—3 doors East of Augusta St., STAUNTON, VA., Dealers in Flour, Grain, and Produce generally, with a good assortment of Staple Groceries, always on hand.

WE have in store and for sale cheap, a complete stock of *Groceries, Tobacco, Cotton Domestics, Yarn,* and in fact, *all* articles desired by farmers, which will be exchanged for all kinds of country produce. McCLURE & BUMGARDNER.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.—The undersigned have entered into Copartnership for the purpose of conducting the GROCERY AND PRODUCE BUSINESS at the old stand of Hoge & Mason and would be glad to see their friends and the public generally. P. B. HOGE. july 14— CHAS. E. HOGE.

5000 GRAIN BAGS.—We are Sole Agents for the sale of the superior E. B. Bentley GRAIN BAG, and offer superior inducements to purchasers. McCLURE & BUMGARDNER.

COAL OIL.—Extra No. 1 Fire test, warranted, in store and for sale cheap, by CLEVELAND & SEARS. oct20

MOLASSES & SYRUPS, from 50 cents to $1.25 per gallon, just received and for sale by CLEVELAND & SEARS. oct 20—tf

Well Digging.

WELL DIGGING AND MINERAL PROSPECTING.—The undersigned, an experienced Well Digger is prepared to undertake the digging and repairing of Wells in this locality or county. He will work by contract or by the day as preferred.

He has also considerable experience (13 years) in the mineral business and will engage in prospecting for minerals for parties desiring his services. He can be found on application to John Day, Staunton. dec 22—1y WM. R. MARKS.

Farming Implements!

BURKE'S IRON WORKS, STAUNTON, VA. WM. A. BURKE, ... Proprietor,

NOTICE—Persons having Threshing Machines, Reapers, Mowers, Drills, &c., needing repairs, can have them done in the very best style and workmanship, at Burke's Iron Works at short notice. I keep constantly on hand repairs for all the leading machines in the country at manufacturer's prices. I have a supply of sections for the following machines:

Buckeye Reaper and Mower,
McCormick " " "
Wood " " "
Union " " "
also all the repairs for Pitts and Sweepstakes' Threshing Machines, and Bickford and Huffman's Grain and Guano Drill.

TERMS CASH. W. A. BURKE.

☞ I am still putting up the best LIVINGSTON PLOWS made in the State.

june 16—tf WM. A. BURKE.

PLOWS! PLOWS!!—I wish to call the attention of farmers and the public to my LIVINGSTON PLOWS—Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6; all of these numbers will fit the old Bradley Castings in every way, made at or near Midway, Rockbridge county. I also make a very superior hillside for two horses, and will have a very good one-horse in time for fall plowing—single and double shovel plows of superior style.

Having carried on the Plow business in South-Western Virginia, for 16 successive years, and a part of the time very extensively, (my sales being three thousand plows per year), but having met with misfortune, my operations at present will be somewhat limited. But if I cannot regain my fortune, I am determined to secure a reputation for making the best plows, and of dealing honestly with my customers. I have made the plow my study, and can make and fit up any kind of patterns, and would refer to Mr. W. A. Burke's as specimens having fitted up all his patterns and stocked all his plows which have given general satisfaction; and by close attention to my business, hope to merit a portion of your patronage. Shop—adjoining Staunton nursery immediately on Va. C. R. R. All repairing done in the very best manner and with dispatch. Castings, Lumber and Produce taken in exchange.—Orders addressed to W. J. KELLER, Staunton, will receive prompt attention.

You will find all of these Plows for sale at BAKER BROS., near Rail Road Depot. may 26—1yr

Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad.

WINTER SCHEDULE.—On and after the First of October, 1868, the passenger trains will run as follows:

Mail train between Richmond and Staunton daily (except Sunday) and between Staunton and Covington tri-weekly, viz: Leave Richmond at 7.15 a. m., and arrive at Staunton at 3.28 p. m.—Leave Staunton at 9.35 a. m. and arrive at Richmond 5.25 p. m.

On Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday leave Covington at 5.10 a. m., and arrive at Staunton at 9.10 a. m. Leave Staunton at 3.53 p. m. and arrive at Covington at 7.55 p. m.

Accommodation Train between Richmond and Charlottesville on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Leave Charlottesville at 4 a. m. and arrive at Richmond at 9.30 a. m. Leave Richmond at 3.30 p. m., and arrive at Charlottesville at 9 p. m.

The Mail Train connects at Gordonsville and Charlottesville with trains on Orange, Alexandria, and Manassas railroads for Alexandria, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Lynchburg, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis, New Orleans, Montgomery, Mobile. &c. At Staunton, with stages for Harrisonburg, Winchester, &c. At Goshen, with stages for Lexington, Natural Bridge, &c. At Millboro, with stages for Bath Alum, Warm, Hot, and Healing Springs. At Covington, with stages for White Sulphur Springs, Lewisburg, Charleston, &c.

JAMES F. NETHERLAND, oct6 General Ticket Agent.

Newspapers.

THE LYNCHBURG NEWS, DAILY AND TRI-WEEKLY, **A. Waddill & Co., ... Proprietors.**

Col. R. E. Withers & J. G. Perry, Editors.

The undersigned ask leave to inform their old friends and patrons of the *Lynchburg Daily and Tri-Weekly News*, that they have become the sole Proprietors of the paper, and it shall be their only end and aim to make the NEWS not only a FIRST CLASS JOURNAL, equal in point of merit and ability to any one in the State, but to excel any other of its cotemporaries in all the varied and attractive features which constitute a NEWSPAPER in the proper meaning of the term.

The NEWS will be under the editorial management and control of Col. R. E. WITHERS and Mr. J. G. PERRY, so widely known as the founders of the paper, and under whose conduct it attained so extensive a popularity, and who, in again entering the arena of Journalism, bring with them an experience and an ability which guarantees to the patrons of the NEWS a Journal worthy in all respects of their favor, and a welcome and acceptable visitor in the home circle, and in the workshop, to the merchant and the professional man—in fact, to all classes and conditions of people. Especial attention will be given to furnishing accurate reports of the Markets from all sections of the country, and the arrangements made to effect this purpose defy competition with any Journal in the city or state.

MR. A. WADDILL, with an experience of over 40 years in the newspaper business, with a corps of associates of enlarged PRACTICAL experience, and a determination to make the NEWS deserving the fullest measure of patronage confidently appeals to the old friends and patrons of the paper, as well as to the public generally, for their encouragement and support, assuring them that no effort will be left unexerted to merit their favor.

Subscription Terms:

DAILY.		TRI-WEEKLY.	
Twelve months,	$7 00	Twelve months.....	$5 00
Six months.....	4 00	Six months.....	3 00
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Five copies of *Daily News*, one year.....$30 00
Five copies of *Tri-Weekly News*, one year. 20 00

And in the same proportion for any larger number—the money invariably to accompany the order.

Advertisements in the NEWS will be inserted on the most favorable terms.

A. WADDILL, JOHN WRIGHT, M. Q. JACKSON, R. S. STEVENS, W. T. HANER, W. P. HOFFMAN. feb16—tf

THE LYNCHBURG VIRGINIAN—Now in the Sixty-Second year of its existence is one of the Oldest and most Widely known Journals in the South.

Published in the Central portion of Virginia, it has a *larger circulation* in the rich mineral and agricultural region of South-Western Virginia than any other Newspaper. Its extensive circulation and patronage are not the work of a day, but the result of many years' labor. It is an established institution, and being heartily, as well as prominently identified with the Commercial, Agricultural, Mining and Manufacturing interests of the State, it appeals confidently to Virginians for its support.

Accurate reports of the Markets; a regular Foreign Correspondence; Daily Telegrams from all parts of the world; judicious selections for the family, with news and miscellany, make it at once a useful and readable Journal.

☞ Advertisers will consult their interests by availing themselves of its columns.

TERMS:

Subscription price of Daily Virginian, $7. per annum; Tri-Weekly, $5.00.

CHAS. W. BUTTON, feb9 Editor and Proprietor.

Millinery.

Millinery! Millinery! Millinery!

Just received, the latest styles of colored and mourning Bonnets and Hats, a beautiful stock of Ribbons, Feathers, Flowers and Wreaths, bonnet Velvets, Silk and Satins, BRIDAL BONNETS of different styles at the Ladies' Bazaar.

Trimmings of all kinds, consisting of colored and black Bullion Fringes, Gimps, Cords and Tassels, Silk and Velvet Buttons, Velvets, all widths, colors, &c.

Best quality French Corsets, Hoop Skirts, Kid Gloves, Lace Collars, Satins, Velvets, Silks, Thread Laces, Gimpure Laces, Cluny Laces, Valencienne Lace, &c., at the LADIES' BAZAAR, next door to the Post Office, Hunter & Nowlin's old stand.

☞ Ladies wishing to make their own Bonnets will be furnished with all the materials.

☞ The circulation of the "SPECTATOR" is about as great as the combined circulation of both the other papers published in this place, and has as many subscribers in this county alone as are contained in the whole list of either of the other papers.

Poetry.

For the Spectator.

Beauty, Love and Reason.

Young Love once stopped at Beauty's door
With smiles and ogles winning,
And, though the simple maid was poor,
She thought it was no sinning,
To let him in, just for a while,
To see how cunningly he'd smile.

Long, long the maiden feasted Love,
She fondled with and kiss'd him;
He seem'd as gentle as a dove,
And she could not resist him.
Each time the idol smiled, she press'd
Him closer, fonder to her breast.

One night, as they delighted sat
In ardent talk together,
Dark clouds o'er Beauty's bower met,
A sign of stormy weather.
Love trembled when he heard the rain
Beat loudly 'gainst the window pane.

Light taps were heard upon the door—
Love whisper'd there was treason,
But Beauty only sigh'd the more,
She knew it was stern Reason;
She ask'd a shelter and no more,
So Beauty kindly oped the door.

"Ha! is it you?" sly Cupid cried,
"But, by my mother Venus,
Beauty was made for me, beside,
There is no love between us.
So—go your way, dame Reason, go,
For we can ne'er agree, you know."

With stately step, proud Reason walk'd
Before the light of Cupid,
In Beauty's ear she sagely talk'd,
While Love looked dull and stupid;
He could not brook advice, and so
He placed an arrow on his bow.

The shaft was but a ray of light
Pluck'd from the beams of heaven;
The bow, of golden wire bright,
The string was silken, soft and tight,
Torn from the veil of even;
And, when the breezes shook the string,
Celestial spirits seem'd to sing.

The bow-string twang'd—the arrows flew
In one continued shower;
Vain boy! this time they are not true,
They fall and lose their power!
The mirror-shield resists their flight,
And Reason smiles to see thy plight.

Right vex'd was Love; he wept awhile,
But soon he spread his pinions,
And with a proud, triumphant smile,
Flew off to seek new minions;
And, as he left, thus whisper'd he—
"Sage Reason, we can ne'er agree."

Then, praise to her whose heart can prove,
While Beauty's yet in season,
When once attack'd by dangerous Love,
The resting place of Reason,
And, shame to him who would destroy
The brief, bright hour of Beauty's joy.

CHIPS

CONGRESSIONAL

SENATE.—Saturday, Feb. 27th.—A concurrent resolution was offered requesting the President of the United States to transmit forthwith to each of the Executives of the several States a copy of the Constitutional Amendment, so as to secure its early ratification, but Mr. Davis objected, and the resolution went over. The House bill to strengthen the public credit was taken up. A long discussion ensued. Without acting on the bill, the Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock P. M.

Evening Session.—At the evening session Mr. Wilson introduced a bill for the more equal distribution of national banking capital. A resolution authorizing the President to recognize the independence of Cuba, when in his opinion, proper, was introduced by Mr. Sherman and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The bill to incorporate the Masonic Mutual Relief Association was passed. The joint resolution relative to donating cannon for the McPherson monument was passed. Mr.—Schenck's Financial bill was then debated at considerable length. The bill finally passed with amendments by a vote of 30 to 16.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—The Committee on Reconstruction reported a bill in addition to an act entitled an act to relieve from political disabilities certain persons named there in, approved July 27, 1868. Mr. Boutwell explained that the bill was simply a correction of some mistakes made in engrossing the act.—The bill was passed. The House resumed the consideration of the Louisiana contested election case of Jones vs. Mann, and after considerable debate it was decided that Mr. Jones was not entitled to the seat. The case of Menard (negro) against Hunt for the Second Louisiana district was then taken up, and Menard addressed the House in support of his claims. After a long discussion, a resolution was passed declaring that Hunt was not entitled to the seat, and also a resolution declining the admission of Menard pending the litigation. Resolutions were adopted allowing Jones, Menard and Hunt twenty-five hundred dollars each for expenses in the contested cases. The House then took a recess until 7.30 P. M.

Evening Session.—The Committee on Public Expenditures presented their report on the subject of the Alaska matter. It was ordered printed. A report from the same committee was made on the Wells, Fargo & Co. contract. The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Senate amendments to the Indian Appropriation bill. A long debate followed, but no vote was reached. A resolution was passed instructing the Secretary of War to furnish the Mayor of Washington, for the use of volunteer military organizations wishing to take part in the inauguration ceremonies, four thousand muskets, field pieces, equipments, &c. The House adjourned at 10 o'clock, P. M.

SENATE.—Monday, March. 1st.—A bill was passed to authorize imprisonment at hard labor as a punishment in certain cases. The House bill for the removal of political disabilities was taken up and laid aside without action, after discussion. The Army Appropriation bill was then taken up. Its discussion was completed in Committee of the Whole and the bill reported to the House. Pending discussion the Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

Evening Session.—The Army Appropriation bill was proceeded with, and a debate ensued on Mr. Sumner's amendment. Without reaching a vote, the Senate, at 11 40. P. M. adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—A resolution was passed directing the Secretary of War to appoint a board of engineers, not less than five nor more than seven in number, to examine the subject of erection of bridges across the Ohio river, the said board to report to the next Congress. In the meantime no bridge is to be erected across the Ohio river having a less span than 400 feet. A resolution was adopted directing the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to inquire by what authority the Secretary of the Interior had delivered up the property of General Washington and returned the same to General Lee. The House has resolved to meet at 10 o'clock A. M., in order to complete the business pending. The Miscellaneous Appropriation bill was taken up in Comof the Whole. Pending its consideration the House took a recess until 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Evening Session.—A bill relating to the operation of the Pension laws was passed. The Miscellaneous Appropriation bill was taken up by the House in committee of the whole, and a number of amendments were made. Pending its discussion the House adjourned.

It is thought President Johnson will be the Conservative candidate for Governor in Tennessee.

Tile Drainage—No. 5.

2nd Illustration: Mr. J. Johnston a venerable Scotch farmer who has long been a successful cultivator in the wheat region of Western New York, and who was almost the pioneer of tile draining in America, has laid over 50 miles of drain within the last 30 years. His practice is described in Klippais land drainage as follows:

"Mr. Johnson says he never saw 100 acres in any one farm but a portion of it would pay for draining. Mr. J. is a hardworking Scotch farmer, who commenced a poor man, borrowed money to drain his land, has gradually extended his operations and is now reaping the benefit in having crops of 40 bushels to the acre. He is a gray haired Nestor, who after accumulating the experience of a long life is now at 68 years of age written to by strangers in every State of the Union for information, not only in drainage matters, but in all cognate branches of farming. He sits in his homestead a veritable Humbolt in his way, dispensing information cheerfully thro' our agricultural papers and to private correspondents of whom he has recorded 164 who applied to him last year. His opinions are therefore worth more than a host of theoretical men who write without practice.

"Although his fame is mainly devoted to wheat, yet a considerable area of meadows and some of pasture has been retained. He now owns about 300 acres of land, and the yield of wheat has been 40 bushels this year and in former seasons when his neighbors were reaping 8, 10 or 15 he has had 30 or 40.

"Mr. Johnston says tile draining pays for itself in two seasons, sometimes in one. Thus in 1847 he bought a piece of 10 acres to get an outlet for his drains, it was a perfect quagmire covered with coarse aquatic grasses and so unfruitful that it would not give back the seed sown upon it. In 1848 a crop of corn was taken from it which was measured and found to be 80 bushels per acre and as, because of the irish famine, corn was worth $1 per bushel that year this crop paid not only for all the expense of draining but the first cost of the land as well. Another piece of 20 acres adjoining the farm of the late John Delafield was wet and would never bring more than 10 bushels of corn per acre, This was drained at a great cost. The first crop after this was 83 bushels per acre, it was weighed and measured by Mr. Delafield, and the county society awarded a premium to Mr. Johnston. Eight acres of this land at one side averaged 94 bushels or the trifling increase of 84 bushels per acre over what it would bear before those insignificant clay tiles were buried in the ground, but this increase of crop is not the only profit of draining, for Mr. Johnston says that on drained land one half the usual quantity of manure suffices to give maximum crops. It is not difficult to find a reason for this. When the soil is sodden with water, air cannot enter to any extent and oxygen cannot cut off the surfaces of soil particles and prepare food for for plants, thus the plant must in great measure depend on the manure for sustenance and of course the more this is the case the more manure must be applied to get good crops. This is one reason, but there are others which we might adduce if one good one was not sufficient.

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A Thrilling Incident.

The following incident is extracted from a very interesting paper in Bentley's Miscellany, entitled "Hours in Hindoostan." The cobra capella is said to be one of the venemous species of serpents in the East, his bite being attended by almost instant death:

We had been playing all the evening at whist. Our stakes had been gold mohur points, and twenty on the rubber. Maxey, who was always lucky, had won five consecutive bumpers, which lent a self-satisfied smile to his countenance, and made us losers anything but pleasant, when he suddenly changed countenance and hesitated to play. This the more surprised us, since he was one who seldom pondered, being so perfectly master of the game that he deemed long consideration superflous.

"Play away, Maxey; what are you about?" impatiently demanded Churchill, one of the most impetuous youths that ever wore the uniform of the body-guard.

"Hush," replied Maxey, in a tone which thrilled through us, at the same time turning deadly pale.

"Are you unwell?" said another, about to start up, for he believed our friend had been taken suddenly ill.

"For the love of God sit quiet," replied the other, in a tone denoting extreme fear or pain, and he laid down his cards.

"If you value my life, move not."

"What can he mean?" Has he taken leave of his senses?" demanded Churchill appealing to myself.

"Don't start—don't move, I tell you," in a sort of whisper I can never forget, uttered Maxey.

"If you make any sudden motion I'm a dead man! he exclaimed.

We exchanged looks. He continued:

"Remain quiet and all may yet be well I've a cobra copella around my leg."

Our first impulse was to draw back our chairs; but an appalling look from the victim induced us to remain, although we were aware that should the reptile transfer but one fold, and attach himself to any other of the party, that individual might already be counted a dead man, so fatal is the bite of that dreadful monster.

Poor Maxey was dressed as many old residents still dress in India, namely, breeches and silk stockings. Therefore he more plainly felt every movement of the snake. His countenance assumed a livid hue; the words seemed to leave his mouth without the features altering their position, so rigid was the look, so fearful was he lest the slightest muscular movement should alarm the serpent and hasten his bite.

We were in agony little less than his own during the scene.

"He is coiling round," muttered Maxey. "I feel him cold, cold to my limb; and now he thickens. For the love of heaven call for some milk. I dare not speak loud; let it be placed near me; let some be placed on the floor."

Churchill cautiously gave the order, and a servant slipped out of the room.

"Don't stir! Northcote you moved your head. By everything sacred I conjure you not to do so again. It cannot be long ere my fate is decided. I've a wife and two children in Europe; tell them I died blessing them—that my last prayers were for them. The snake is winding round my calf. I leave them all I possess. I can almost fancy I feel his breath. Great God, to die in such a manner!"

The milk was brought and carefully put down; a few drops were sprinkled on the floor, and the affrighted servant drew back. Again Maxey spoke:

"No! it has no effect! I dare not look down, but am sure he is about to draw back and give the bite of death with more than fatal precision. Receive me, O Lord, and pardon me! My last hour has come! again he pauses! I die firm, but this is past endurance! Ah, no! He has undone another fold, and loosens himself! Can he be going to some else?" We involuntarily started.

"For the love of heaven, stir not? I'm a dead man; but bear with me. He still loosens—he is about to dart. Move not, but beware! Churchill, he falls off that way.—Oh, this agony is too hard to bear. Another pressure, and I am dead! No, he relaxes."

At that moment poor Maxey ventured to look down; the snake had unwound himself; the last coil had fallen, and the reptile was making for the milk.

"I am saved! I am saved!" and Maxey bounded from his chair and fell senseless into the arms of one of his servants. In another instant, need it be added, we were all dispersed—the snake was killed, and our poor friend carried, more dead than alive, to his room.

It said that castor oil makes shoe leather soft and pliable and quite impervious to water.

GOOD ADVICE TO BOYS.—The following good advice to boys, which we find in an exchange, is worth reading and digesting. How many men would now be improved in mind and morals if they had so acted in their youthful days:

"The boy who spends an hour of each evening lounging idly on a street corner, wastes, in the course of a single year, three hundred and sixty-five precious hours, which, if applied to study, would familiarize him with the rudiments at least of almost any of the familiar sciences. If in addition to wasting an hour each evening, he spends five cents for a cigar, which is usually the case, the amount thus worse than wasted, would pay for four of the leading newspapers and four of the leading magazines of the country. Boys think of these things. Think how much precious time and good money you are wasting and for what. The gratification afforded by the lounge on the corner, or by the cigar, is not only temporary, but positively hurtful.—You cannot indulge in these practices without seriously injuring yourselves. You acquire idle and wasteful habits, which will cling to you through life, and grow upon you with each succeeding year. You may in after life shake them off, but the probabilities are that the habits thus formed in early life will remain with you till your dying day. Be warned then in time, and resolve that as the hour spent in idleness is gone forever, you will improve each passing one, and thereby fit yourselves for usefulness and happiness."

The Washington letters of the Washington Republican continue to speak of "the liberal policy of Congress towards those in the South *disposed to wheel into line with the Republican* (Radical) *party;*" of the disposition which has been recently shown "to join hands with the Republican party at this critical juncture, upon the basis for the South's future which Congress and the nation have together laid down;" and of the probability that those to whom reference is made "will all soon be found in the front rank of earnest workers in the party of progress, supporting the administration of Grant, and warring upon the retroactionists of the South as zealously as any original Southern Unionists;" and finally that "Congress means to exact no more of them than honest support of its policy, as heretofore laid down." We have no comments to make at present—though reflections must throng upon the minds of those who suppose that allusion is made in these quotations to the Committee of Nine, and those who have been with them in Washington. For ourselves we do not, and will not believe, that these gentlemen agree with or uphold, or authorize any such allusions to them. By the "retroactionists" spoken of, is meant the consistent Conservative people of Virginia, who, willing and wishing to be obedient to the law, whatever it may be, desire, also, to be true to their own judgments and principles.—*Alexandria Gazette.*

The Tendency to "Affiliate."

The Lynchburg Virginian does not agree with us that the new movement tends to affiliation with the Republican party.

Has our friend seen some of the articles recently written by papers on its side of the argument, in which very little is left to be inferred?

Has our friend examined into the number of applications under cover of this movement for Congressional clemency? Has our friend paused on the late variation to the old tune which is found in the avowed necessity "for an administration party?"

These are questions which we suggest to our friend, not in a spirit of controversy, but to show that the "respect for [our] sentiments," professed by our namesake, might well be extended to our opinion in regard to the tendency of affairs.

Everything shows a disposition in certain quarters to "affiliate" with the Republican party, and our friend has only to wait a short time in patience to "see what he shall see" in this grave business.—*Norfolk Virginian.*

MARK OF A GENTLEMAN.—No man is a gentleman, who, without provocation, would treat with incivility the humblest of his species. It is a vulgarity for which no accomplishment of dress or address can ever atone. Show us the man who desires to make every one around him happy, and whose greatest solicitude is never to give cause of offence to any one, and we will show you a gentleman by nature and by practice, though he may have never worn a suit of broadcloth, nor never heard of a lexicon. We are proud to say, for the honor of our species, there are men in every throb of whose heart there is a solicitude for the welfare of mankind, and whose every breath is perfumed with kindness.

Kansas is one of the most Radical Republican States in the Union, and at the same time contains but a small colored population. Yet it has again and again refused to admit the principle of the political equality of people of all colors. It did so a few days ago. The Chicago platform, on which Grant was nominated, favored the settlement of the question by the action of the separate States, according to their own will. The New York Times says there seems little prospect of the requisite majority of the State Legislatures assenting to the Congressional amendment of the national constitution forbidding any discrimination in any of the States on account of color.—*Norfolk Virginian.*

"PRINTERS CAN READ ANYTHING."—This remark is often made by correspondents and advertisers as an excuse for half spelling words, abbreviating technicalties, and slovenly, unreadible writing generally. There is no doubt that printers are better decipherers of bad manuscript than any other class of persons—but when, for instance, a merchant writes that he has received five Bts., ten lbs. Cis., it is somewhat difficult to tell whether the merchant really means boots, biscuits or butternuts; chalk, cheese or churns: cloves, clocks or clams.

A Galveston gentleman, lately stopping at the Nicholson House, Bastrop, was in a room recently occupied by the Agent of Freedmen's Bureau. One evening Tom, a freedman, entered the room to make a fire, and after doing so sat down, crossed his legs and made himself at home, smoking and spitting in the fire place. The Galvestonian asked what he meant by such familiarity; Tom looked up in evident surprise, and immediately arose, hat in hand, and, in his politest manner, said: "Beg pardon, Massa! didn't know you was a *gemman;* thought you was de *Freedmen's Bureau.*

We know a fellow who, upon learning a friend had gone into the publishing business, at once subscribed for the paper. The publisher was rather delicate about sending the bill—but after some ten years had elapsed, made bold to dun his "constant reader," when the latter at once grew indignant, refused to pay, and ordered the paper stopped, alleging that he "had taken the paper for so many years just to keep it along, and now to be asked to pay for it was too mean."—*Fred. News.*

There is nothing purer than honesty; nothing sweeter than charity; nothing warmer than love; nothing brighter than virtue, and nothing more steadfast than faith. These united in one mind, form the purest, the sweetest, the richest, the brightest, and most steadfast happiness.

Even Tom Hood is almost inexcusable for such a description of music as this: "Heaven reward the man who first hit upon the very original notion of sawing the inside of a cat with the tail of a horse."

Manners are more esteemed in society than virtues; though the one is artificial, like false brilliants, and the other pure, like real jewels.

Why is a sick eagle flying like a bank robbery? Because is's an ill-eagle proceeding.

From the Philadelphia Post.

Irreversible Sins.

SERMON BY REV. T. DE WITT TALMAGE.

"He found no place for repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears."—HEB. xii., 17.

There is an impression, more or less strong in every mind, that somewhere in the future there will be a time when our mistakes may be corrected. Live as we may, if in time we repent, all will be right. This sermon comes in collision with that theory. There are things that can never be successfully repented of, and once wrong they are always wrong. We shall find no place for repentance, though we seek it carefully with tears.

To this class belongs the folly of a misspent youth. A man may wake up at forty years of age to see that his early life was wasted, and he may secure the Divine pardon for the wrong committed, but all his prayers and tears and resolutions will not undo it. You say: "If I had my time to live over again I would do so and so!" Alas! you will have no opportunity to live it over. If youth be passed in idleness, and the man live fifty years afterwards, he will always have to struggle against the influence of early habits of indolence. If by youthful