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Will practice in all the Courts of Augusta and Alleghany, and in the Circuit Courts of Rockbridge and Nelson.

Special attention given to collecting.

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WM. M. McALLISTER, Attorney at Law, Warm Springs, Virginia.

Will practice in all the Courts of the counties of Augusta and Alleghany, and as a partner with the distinguished William H. Terrill in Bath county. Prompt attention given to the collection of claims exceeding $10 each, or $20 in the aggregate. Attention given to business in any county in the State if specially employed.

july27—12m

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.

June 29 35ts

LAW NOTICE.—The undersigned have resumed their former association in the practice of the Law. Address: Sheffey & Bumgardner, Staunton, Va.

HUGH W. SHEFFEY,
une8—3m JAMES BUMGARDNER, JR.

DR. R. P. REESE has moved his Office to Main street, nearly opposite Wayt & Bro's drug store. Has had an experience of over 17 years in the profession, and given special attention to the treatment of diseases peculiar to females. Will give prompt attendance to calls in town and country.

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

DENTISTRY.—N. 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.

WM. CHAPMAN, D. D. S., STAUNTON, VA. Office, at his old stand, South side of Main St. With fifteen years' experience in his profession, feels warranted in saying that all operations are done in the most skillful manner and warranted to compete with any done in the cities or elsewhere. Teeth mounted on gold silver and vulcanite. Nitrous Oxide, Gas and Chloroform administered when desired sep8—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.
H. 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

Springs.

VARIETY SPRINGS, situated on the C. & O. R. R., cars stopping at the door, 15 miles West of Staunton, will be open for the reception of visitors on the 10TH OF JUNE. The mineral waters are considered superior, consisting of Alum, Chalybeate, All-Healing, Sulphur and Freestone, cold and clear, running from the North Mountain.

We have been at heavy expense in making things comfortable, and pledge ourselves to give good fare, good music, and provide the usual amusements, &c.

As the times are hard, we will charge for board by the month, $40; by the week, $12; by the day, $2. Children under 12 years, and servants, half price.

All persons visiting this place will be delighted with the fine waters and mountain scenery—the latter sublime beyond description.

☞ Bathing in Healing Water, gratis.

P. & M. BURRESS,
june1—3m Proprietors.

Fruit & Ornamental Trees.

STAUNTON NURSERIES: *Staunton, Augusta County, Va.*

TANNEHILL & WHEAT, Proprietors.

We have now growing in our Nurseries 500,000 Fruit Trees of varieties that have been tested as suited to our soil and climate. We have *Apple, Peach, Pear, Cherry, Apricot, Quince, &c, Grape Vines, Small Fruits, &c.*, and we hope to be able to fill satisfactorily all orders that may be sent to us.

Our apple are two and three years old from the graft, and our peach one year old from the bud—each $20.00 per 100.

N. B.—Send in your orders at once. Send for descriptive Catalogue, containing account of varieties and prices.

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Marble Works.

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

Fertilizers.

FARMERS, NOTICE. BUY **Sardy's Soluble Phospho *Peruvian Guano.* Sardy's Ammoniated Soluble *Pacific Guano.***

THERE IS NOTHING BETTER IN THE MARKET.

The use of the above Fertilizers is particularly recommended, being compounded of the richest Pacific, Phosphatic and Peruvian Guanos, and Bone and Animal matter rendered soluble, and highly ammoniated, making the most concentrated and profitable fertilizers in use for Wheat, Corn, Oats, &c., &c., giving rapid and vigorous growth—firm and substantial stalk—large head, and plump kernel, and is in many respects greatly preferable to the best Peruvian Guano, being free of the firing qualities of that article.

All that is asked for these Phosphatic Guanos is a trial, to convince any observing farmer of their superiority to the LOW PRICED and LONG TIME articles now offered to the public, and that he cannot afford in justice to himself to do without them.

They are the best and most reliable Fertilizers in the country.

For prices and full particulars call for pamphlets on POWELL & BLACKLEY, aug17—3m Agents, Staunton, Va.

FERTILIZERS! FERTILIZERS!—The attention of the farmers of this section of country is especially called to the inducements offered by us in the QUALITY and price of the various brands of Fertilizers we now offer for sale, such as CHESAPEAKE GUANO, PATAPSCO GUANO, MARYLAND BONE PHOSPHATE, and South Carolina BONE PHOSPHATE—fine ground—all of which we can recommend, as the manufacturers are reliable.

We can show also certificates of various well known farmers in our own community who tested these manures last season, along side of the various other fertilizers in the market, and we can satisfy them of their utility.

Examine our stock before buying, so that you may be certain that you secure the best in the market. BAKER BROS.

aug17—3m

ZELL'S CELEBRATED Fertilizer.—We again offer to the Farmer's of Augusta, and adjoining counties, this *justly celebrated Fertilizer.* As to its surpassing merits and remarkable results, it is only necessary to say that that we sold last Fall, to the farmers of Augusta county, (150) one hundred and fifty tons, (a larger quantity than was sold of any other Fertilizer offered in this market,) from which we have heard the most satisfactory accounts—in many cases equalling the pure Peruvian Guano. We have in no case heard a complaint of adulteration as we have heard of other Fertilizers now before the people, but every farmer who used it is entirely satisfied as to the result.

We give below a few certificates of Farmers who used it last season.

P. B. HOGE & BRO.

MIDDLEBROOK, Augusta county, Va., July 29th, 1869.

Messrs. P. B. Hoge & Bro.:—Gentlemen—I purchased of you last Fall (3) tons of Yell's Super Phosphate, and (2) two tons of Zell's Raw Bone Phosphate, and drilled these fertilizers with my wheat. I also purchased (2) two tons of manipulated Guano, and sowed with my wheat. I have no hesitation in saying that Zell's fertilizers are vastly superior to any that I have ever used or seen used by my neighbors. They gave me an excellent stand and yield of wheat—the straw clear and nice, and the grains plump and heavy. Where these fertilizers were sown, I have an excellent stand of grass on light, sandy, chestnut soil, where I could never before get grass to "catch." I earnestly recommend them to our farmers as No. 1 Fertilizers.

Yours, &c., M. W. D. HOGSHEAD.

STAUNTON, VA., July 30th, 1869.

Messrs. P. B. Hoge & Bro.:—Gentlemen—Last Fall I purchased of you several tons Zell's Fertilizers. I have also used almost every fertilizer in the market, and have no hesitancy in saying that it is far superior to any I have ever used except Peruvian Guano, which I believe is equal to it, but *no* better. I am highly pleased with it and confidently recommend it to the farmers of this section, as I believe it is better adapted to this soil than any Phosphate yet introduced here.

I. J. PARKINS.

NEAR NEW HOPE, Augusta, Va., June 21st, 1869.

Messrs. P. B. Hoge & Bro.:—Gentlemen—In answer to your enquiries I would say that I used Zell's fertilizers at the rate of 160 lbs to the acre, and take pleasure in saying that it has acted entirely to my satisfaction—indeed, it is the best wheat crop I ever raised on the same land. It is my belief that it is a sure preventive of fly, as where I used nothing but stable manure my wheat is considerably damaged; but where Zell's fertilizers are used there is no appearance of fly.

Very respectfully, ELI GARBER.

Augusta County, Va., July 31, 1869.

Messrs P. B. Hoge & Bro.:—Dear Sirs—I purchased of you last Fall four or five tons Zell's Fertilizers and sowed it with my wheat at the rate of 200 lbs. to the acre, and the yield of wheat was fully twenty bushels to the acre. I am satisfied that on a portion of the land I would not have made more than 10 bushels to the acre had I not used these fertilizers. It has given me entire satisfaction, and I recommend it to the use of all farmers, as I believe it will pay them well.

H. P. DICKERSON.

NEAR STAUNTON, VA., July 27th, 1869.

Messrs P. B Hoge & Bro.:—Gentlemen—Last Fall I purchased of you Zell's Phos. of Lime and Zell's Bone Phosphate. I sowed it in a field of 52 acres, along with Andrew Coe's Fertilizer and Baugh's Phosphate In the early part of the season, Coe's took the start, but at harvest there was no material difference—that part of the field in which Zell's and Coe's were used the yield was fully 25 bushels to the acre.

Yours, &c., JOHN A. HARMAN.

Augusta County, Va,

MESSRS. P. B HOGE & BRO:—Gentlemen—I used Zell's Fertilizers last fall on very poor land—the land I am sure would not have made more than 4 bushels to the acre without Fertilizers, and I feel confident the yield will be at least twelve bushels per acre I used 150 pounds to the acre. I regard it as equal in every respect to any Fertilizer I have used for years.

JAMES B. COLLINS.

Staunton July 29th, 1869.

MESSRS. P. B. HOGE & BRO:—Gentlemen—It gives me pleasure to state that I purchased of you last fall 2 Tons Zell's Fertilizers and that they are equal to any Fertilizers I have ever used. G. M. COCHRAN.

Swoope's Depot, Augusta co. Va.

MESSRS. P. B. HOGE & BRO:—Gentlemen—I have used Zell's Fertilizers for two seasons, and take pleasure in saying that I am entirely satisfied with its results. I used it on some of my poorest land, and the wheat is excellent I recommend it to our Farmers as the best Fertilizer I have ever used. JOHN CHRISTIAN.

August 3rd 3m

SOLUBLE PACIFIC GUANO! H. KER & BRO., AGENTS, Staunton, Va.

The use of this Guano in this section, has given such general satisfaction as to render commendation from us unnecessary. We shall be prepared to furnish supplies as heretofore, and request farmers to hand in their orders early in order to insure prompt delivery.

july27—2m

RICHARDSON & WHEAT have a prime lot of fine GROUND PLASTER in sacks; also LUMP PLASTER for sale.

Those who need this Fertilizer will do well to call on them before buying elsewhere.

POTASH & PLASTER, a valuable fertilizer for Corn, Oats and grass. Every farmer should try it. For sale by P. B HOGE & BRO.

100 TONS Pure Ground Windsor PLASTER, (Charlottesville Mills) for sale by P. B. HOGE & BRO. mar23

Saddles, Harness, &c.

LATEST NEWS! War Declared!! ANNEXATION OF CUBA!!

General Grant, or any other man, who wants SADDLES, BRIDLES, HARNESS—new or second-hand—WHIPS, BITS, &c., must go to Ed. Hall's, where he will find the best assortment of the kind this side of New York, all of which can be bought cheap for cash.

ED. HALL.

on Wharf opposite Smith & Elder's law office. ap6—tf

Millinery.

MRS. KATE M. KELLEY, DEALER IN **Millinery and Fancy Articles,** Main Street, Staunton, Va. mar2—tf

Fertilizers.

***WHANN'S* RAW BONE SUPER-PHOSPHATE.**

WE again offer to the people of Augusta and adjoining counties, this GREAT FERTILIZER for all crops, and would be entirely unwilling to recommend to you any article, in which we have not IMPLICIT CONFIDENCE. We have made careful inquiry, and fully believe this is the best Fertilizer offered to your notice; one that combines *Permanency of Effect upon the Soil, with the most vigorous action upon the growing plant*; that has been most satisfactorily TESTED BY YEARS OF TRIAL, with a standard of quality that is not only guaranteed, but which is now higher than before; and that it is in short, all its proprietors claim for it. The ingredients of WHANN'S RAW BONE SUPER-PHOSPHATE are Raw Bone, Guano, Sulphuric Acid, Potash and Soda, all subjected to thorough chemical analysis before they are purchased. No inert substances are used. The Phosphate is WARRANTED FREE FROM ADULTERATION, and is offered to Farmers as a thoroughly reliable article, honestly prepared, and excelled by no other manure.

During the past season, the reports from all sections of the country regarding the experience of farmers with Whann's Phosphate, have been of the most satisfactory kind. On Wheat, Oats, Corn, Potatoes, and, in fact, on every crop with which it has been used, testimonials from farmers assert that it has more than fulfilled their expectations. Worn-out lands have, by its use, become productive. Used alongside of Peruvian guano, barn-yard manure and other phosphates, it has almost invariably excelled them all.

This Fertilizer has been successfully and satisfactorily tested on SPRING CROPS—especially on Oats and Corn. By calling on us and examining circulars and testimonials, you will see at once that it will be to your interest to TRY IT.

☞ We give a few testimonials showing the high appreciation the farmers of this county have for the worth of this valuable and reliable phosphate:

We, the undersigned, used Whann's Raw Bone Super-Phosphate on our Wheat crop last year and experienced A NUMBER ONE YIELD from its effects. We have used it again this year in LARGER QUANTITIES, and our present prospects are flattering. We believe it to be equal, if not superior, to any Fertilizer we have seen.

It is an elegant stimulant for grass.

JOHN MCCLURE, MATTHEW PILSON,
JOHN J. LAKEW, JOHN A. ENGLISH,
JAS. BUMGARDNER, DAVID SPECK.

☞ We could give any number of Certificates and references, but deem it unnecessary, and will only add that we sold last year—*for Cash*—ONE HUNDRED AND TEN TONS; and if we could have extended the time to four and twelve months, as other fertilizers in the market were, we could have sold two hundred tons, if not doubled the amount sold; and we have not had one person who used it to say, that he has not a splendid prospect for a fine crop from it.

For further particulars, prices, pamphlets, and to see the article, call at our Warehouse, near the railroad, Staunton, Va.

McCLURE & BUMGARDNER, Agents for Augusta county.

N. B.—We have made arrangements with P. & G. E. SCHMUCKER at Fishersville, and T. H. ANTRIM, at Waynesboro, who will keep the article for sale. M'C & B.

Staunton, March 23—8m

HOUSEKEEPERS! HOUSEKEEPERS!

Men—Women—and Children! Men—Women—and Children!

READ READ!

"Cooling to Scalds and Burns,"
"Soothing to all painful wounds, &c."
"Healing to all Sores, Ulcers, &c."

COSTAR'S BUCKTHORN SALVE

Is the most extraordinary SALVE ever known.—Its power of Soothing and Healing for all Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Chapped Hands and Skin, for Sore Nipples, for Piles, &c., &c., is without a parallel. One person says of it, "I would not be without a Box in my house if it cost $5.00."

All Druggists in STAUNTON sell it.

"COSTAR'S" **Standard Preparations** ARE HIS **BEAUTIFIER!** THE **Bitter-Sweet and Orange Blossoms.**

One Bottle, $1.00—Three for $2.00.

HIS
"Costar's" Rat, Roach, &c., Exterminators.
"Costar's" Bed Bug Exterminators.
"Costar's" (only pure) Insect Powder.
"Only Infallible Remedies known."
"18 years established in New York."
"!!! Beware !!! of spurious imitations."
"All Druggists in STAUNTON sell them."

Address "COSTAR," 13 Howard St., N. Y.,
Sold in Staunton by EICHELBERGER & FULTZ. ap6—1y

Drugs & Medicines.

BOGG'S GERMAN TONIC.—Try it if you are suffering with General Debility, Loss of Appetite, Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Diarrhœa, and Dysentery. Dr. Eichelberger's word for it, that it will do you good.

For sale by EICHELBERGER & FULTZ, who are sole agents for it in Augusta county. june29

TO HOUSE KEEPERS.—The fruit season is coming on. To keep fruit fresh and with all the natural sweetness and flavor when first put up, use Spears' Fruit Preserving Solution. You will find it at the drug store of EICHELBERGER & FULTZ

NEW DRUG FIRM.—Having bought back the S. M. Woodward interest in my old establishment, hereafter the business will be conducted by EICHELBERGER & FULTZ. As we will always keep a full assortment of PURE AND FRESH DRUGS, We will endeavor to give satisfaction to all.

mar16 H. S. EICHELBERGER.

AYER'S celebrated Hair Vigor, Hall's Chevalier, Woods' and Allen's hair restorers, Rives and Sterling's Ambrosia, with numerous other preparations for restoring, beautifying and cleansing the hair, for sale at EICHELBERGER & FULTZ'S mar16. Drug store.

Brushes, Combs, &c.—A large assortment of hair, tooth, nail, paint, varnish graining, Fitch's white wash, and all other brushes kept constantly on hand, at EICHELBERGER & FULTZ'S mar16. Drug store.

☞ 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.

Pretty Stanzas.

Leaf by leaf the roses fall,
Drop by drop the springs run dry;
One by one beyond recall,
Summer beauties fade and die;
But the roses bloom again,
And the spring will gush anew,
In the pleasant April rain
And the Summer sun and dew.

So, in hours of deepest gloom,
When the springs of gladness fall,
And the roses in the bloom
Drop like maidens wan and pale,
We shall find some hope that lies
Like a silent gem apart,
Hidden far from careless eyes
In the garden of the heart.

Some sweet hope of gladness wed,
That will spring afresh and new,
When grief's winter shall have fled,
Giving place to rain and dew—
Some sweet hope that breathes of Spring,
Through the weary, weary time,
Budding forth its blossoming,
In the spirit's glorious smile.

For the Spectator.

MONSIEUR DE LIZARDE.

A FRENCH GENTLEMAN WISHES TO PURCHASE THE CAPITAL SQUARE AT RICHMOND.

I was absent from the city for several days about the middle of July, taking a vacation from business. On my return, I found the following letter on my table:

PARIS, June 2nd, 1869.

My Dear Lively:—

It affords me much pleasure to introduce to your acquaintance Monsieur De Lizarde, a French gentleman who proposes visiting Virginia for the purpose of seeing the country, observing the people and perhaps investing in lands.

You will find M. De Lizarde a person of peculiarly nice taste in scenic beauty—he is an acute observer and general admirer of animated nature.

Any attention you may pay M. De Lizarde, will be appreciated by him, and it will add another to the many obligations by which I feel bound to yourself.

Very truly, your friend.

C. GLENDOVER THOMSON.

P. S.—M. De Lizarde will tell you of me.

At sight of Glendover Thomson's letter, I made it my first duty to call on the bearer of it and offer him my services. I found M. De Lizarde at his hotel, in the entrance hall. He had just dined and was going out, he informed me, and "on business of importance." I would, therefore, have called again, had he not pressed me to accompany him, in furtherance of his object. What his object was he did not state.

On leaving the hotel a short distance, M. De Lizarde expressed a desire to visit the Capital Square, and thence we repaired. During our walk, we were engaged in conversation regarding our mutual friend in France, and thus we had soon reached the Southern gate of the Square. Entering the grounds, we strolled leisurely along up the winding walk to the turfed knoll at the summit of the hill, in front of the portico of the Capitol building. From this point there is a fine view of the city among the hills and a charming lookout upon the country on either side of James River.

Here M. De Lizarde halted, and facing about took—impromptu—the very best position on the knoll for a view of the scenery. This circumstance, looked as though the gentleman had visited the place before, and I surmise that no "taste," however "nice for scenic beauty" could otherwise have fixed on a right point of sight with such perfect accuracy.

It was a midsummer's evening calm and beautiful—the weather was warm and M. De Lizarde stout and short of statue. No wonder then, that the gentleman should partake of the weather, and take off his hat also. His manner of hiting the chapeau was graceful—it was likewise, deferential, on catching a first glance at his surroundings. After a time, the hat descended again and was adjusted with the brim prone to the features—an old device for shutting out the world while the mind is photographing a picture The hat being done successfully, Monsieur drew forth his tortoise-shell one eye-glass and inserted it under the arch of the brow, in close proximity to his Roman nose. It was a small glass that M. De Lizarde used, of a size to suit eyes that see things it, brief, but in time, take in every particle afloan

With these little arrangements complete, the gentleman seemed to consider himself in good working order, when without more ado, he became quite oblivious of me. He went off into silent ecstacy without dropping a parting word, and so he remained as one gazing alone and endeavoring to represent rapture in process of petrifaction I would not break the charm, preferring, rather that the restoration of speech should come of itself.

I had waited patiently for some time, for a change of programme, when the little eyes in making a circuit of the horizon, quite inadvertently fell on me; they rested a moment, staring vacantly, and then M. De Lizarde roused up and spoke—

"Pardon me! Monsieur, for I am so much astonish vis zis spectacle, zat I have lose myself in reflection. I come vere far for see somezing I like, and I feel myself recompence for ze trouble and inconvenience it make me to visit Virginia and see ze land for zale. I have vish, vis all my heart, for such place like zis, to make me zat Eisee beautifque I have imagine, now, for zis long time."

"You Monsieur," said I, "have seen much, no doubt, in your travels. Then does it not seem to you, that the natural advantages here presented might afford to a man of taste, a fine opportunity for its display."

"O! oui, Monsieur, I assure you, I have not seen anyvere, such place for improvement.—Here one can see, at ze same time, ze tree zat make ze country and zase red—brick for town—one admirable tableau of ze double life of man. I find here, in zis place, ze land be situate beautiful for pleasure ground and zare might be beautiful terrace, park and several ozer zing. Ze pazvay, vich, by degree, go up and turn round ze hill, and zen come down some more, ze same vay, is vere good for healz and pleasure, zat it is vizout ve know somezing fatigue us. Grass here, look like she vill grow vis a flourish, if ze good peeple not vould press down she's littel head vis zare large foot.—Such grand voods and green field over ze rivere, by ze sky, show excellent for one background in ze tableau. Some fine breeze fan ze earth ven she be warm and create a good smell. Ze day make jolie, and stars shine vere much in ze night, and vis sometime, ze moon she vill play shro ze tree and dance fantastique on ze ground. Ze rivere, I find here, he fall asleep in ze noise of day and vake him up and roar like some lion at time of night. Some pretty storm you have here and lightning is vere striking, vile ze shake of ze zunder is grand and impressive as I have hear such kind evere on ze zeatre of ze role vorld."

"I am extremely sorry, Monsieur, that you see our beautiful Capitol Square during a drought; the trees destroyed by the catterpillar and the grass trampled down, regardless of law—now absolete—which formerly considered and cared for its loveliness."

"Ah! vell, Monsieur,

'It vas evere zus, from schildhood hour,
Zat I have see my hope decay;
I nevere love one tree or flower
But it vas ze first zat fade away.'

"Vorm eat up ze life of your tree and loafere make spoil ze grass. I find zir one bad zing, in your country. Ve have it not so in France, zare is vis us some large vater-cooler on wheel vis squeeze-bag inside, vich make squirt small moisture on ze grass, and some more vay ve have for vorm, to irrigate him vis a syringe till he be sick of he's job of eat some leaves. Zen, Monsieur, ve vould not let ze loafere to sleep on ze grass, but have him make one house of industrie. I zink, if you not have such place, at zis time, ze Gouvernment should some old field buy, vich be plenty here, for make one Loafere Hotel, zat he not vill live on ze grass in ze Square."

"Monsieur De Lizarde, we look hopefully for a new state of things. I am pleased to see that you appreciate our material points, seen as they are—under a cloud."

"I had ze mind, Monsieur, to say zat vich might be done here in zis place, from nature so beautiful. I have several times been zinking of zis, and have imagine somezing vere good in my mind."

"I should be delighted to have an expression of your views."

"Certainment.—Vel, zen, you see ze beauty of nature is one zing vere vell, vich for make ze Stait; but zen she is vizout expression.—Here, par example, zare should be introduce some variete and some intricacie in ze arrangement of different kind of beauty, for make harmony and grandeur in ze scene. I vill suppose, in ze first place, we have one natural lake over zare by ze Church, zat ze littel feshes vill swim and not be alarm Here ze salt-pond should be, for hard crab, convenient to ze Custom House. Zen, several littel stream and rivulet might be make from ze prodigous Vells, I have learn is at ze Gouvenair House. Zese stream vill flow down ze hill, shro ze cabbage jardin of ze Gouvenair and beat about ze bush and murmur poetique, zat zey lose zemselves in ze veeds. After zey have done zis zey vill all unite togazee in one cascade, vich must tumble down, vis such force on zose rock vich be zare for make ze Zebra monument, zat zey complain vere much and roar and ze newspaper editor, over ze vay vill hear zem and be dist ess.

"Ze grand promenade, howeverre, should be ze attraction of ze place. Hedgevill be on one side and ze ozer, vis parterre of lively flower, zat some gaiere be make, vile ze new fashion from Paris shall be seen to advantage. Some sculpture of marble and bronze, of ze heathen God, General and poet vill be arrange on ze grand promenade for ze eye of spectator. One statue zare must be of ze Grand Napoleon, vis Vashington near, and riding on one fine horse, zat vill stand on his hind leg and be rearing away. Several ingenious jet d'eau vill be make also for ze purpose of sprinkle vater on visiter ven he not vill know it—zat some body laugh. From ze promenade shall go out some littel pazvay vich move about like serpent and hide him in ze bush, for lover to steal avay from ze old peeple and zey not find zem. By ze promenade vill be one large roadway, for ze equipage of person too rich to valk, and some ancient lady too fashionable to stay at home—zat she may ride."

"Ze tree of several kind, shall be introduce here, from all country and be make togazer vis ze native in group systematique. Ze cedar of Lebanon vill be vis Black Jack of Virginie, ze zew of France also by ze Carolina tree of turpentine, ze Bread-fruit and ze Sassafras vich make sweet soap, and pomegranite, persimmon, and every ozer kind. One Conservatoire should be build for plant avay from zare home, and likewise ze jardin for acclamation of plant of all climate and habit of life."

"And, now, as regard zis old edifice vich vas long time ze Capitol of Virginie, I have some respect for, and zink it vould make one vere good chateau for me vis some alteration. My chamber I should have by ze portico, zat I rise vis ze sun and see ze tree make zare leaf and flower bloom, vile I hear some littel bird zing in ze tree. After zis, my breakfast I eat in ze grot by ze natural lake, read ze news, drink some vine and likewise smoke my cigar. I go out, zen to make a valk, and be back and have my absinthe at late dinner. After vich it is evening, and I sit again on ze portico and take some coffee and smoke more cigar. Zame time, I vill look at ze cloud and have some agreeable reflection in ze twilight vile ze lightning-bug fly he's lamp in ze sky and ze large bull-frog sing ze littel feshes a-leep in ze vater. Vis zis accompish, I vish to play some card avile, or look, perhaps out on ze town. After, and ze day is gone, I go back to my chamber vare ze moon make shine light in my window. And, zen, as I not vill have one vile to scold me, or some children to cry sometimes; I go to my bed vis much content and sleep ze night long, sound like one cockroach. But, Monsieur, I find I have speak so much"—

"Not at all—have I not been a good listener?"

"O! oui, Monsieur, zank you. But, I am much afraid I have lose time vis ze Gouvenair. Ah! it is seven o'clock. I must see him immediately."

"Certainly, Monsieur. I have not his acquaintance, but will accompany you with pleasure."

M. De Lizarde, while limning a picture of the Capitol Square and demonstrating the possibilities of its nature, had allowed his *important business* to suffer, and now, all those corruscations of fancy he had been getting up between himself and nature were extinguished in a twinkling. Everything became merged in his hurry and flurry to get at the Governor.

To the mansion, therefore, we proceeded at a lively pace. On passing in at the gate, I could not help observing how the little eyes of Monsieur went flitting about, scrutinizing everything. When they fell on the Governor's House, they searched it from cellar to garret, then the features of his face seemed to agree together to smirk complaisantly, as to himself, he said—

"Vere good, indeed, zis for ze cafe, and zen, it is near enough plenty to ze Chateau."

We were now approaching the mansion, the door of which was shut and blinds down.—Nothing was seen moving anywhere about the place. There was an appearance of general backing out. As we drew near to the porch I observed something like the form of a man doubled up on the porch seat, but, could make neither heads or tails of it—it was so thoroughly intertwisted. Close by the tortuous figure and lying on the floor of the porch was an old and haggard Carpet-Bag, as if just going off in the last stage of consumption.

The moment that M. De Lizarde's feet trod the step of the porch—for he was foremost—the serpentine figure on the seat showed indications of life, by first shoving out a head and then uncoiling itself, and thrusting two feet down to the floor. Then again it stood erect, and looked for all the world just like a Mankind. M. De Lizarde advanced toward the Mankind and politely raised his hat, at the same time, inquiring:

"Monsieur ze Gouvenair, is he in?"

"The shop is closed, you mighter seen it."

"Ze house of ze Gouvenair, it is sometimes closed, zen it is not ze day for visiter?"

"Wa'll, we haint none of that thing here.—The Gouvenair had ought to go Down-East a spell, looking up a lame duck."

"Pray, has ze Gouvenair somezing lost—perhaps, he's bird vich quack—she's is cripple and vould be lost"

"Not exactly i-o-s-t, but getting somehut so. What had you wish?"

"Vish! Vy, to see ze Gouvenair."

"He's clean gone, Kurnel gone glimmering—nigh upon a thousand miles."

"Pos-itble! I zink I vould see him. I come all ze vay from France for see ze Gouvenair."

"Ah! from France. That's kinder far two, arnt it—over the big pond in Germany, where the Pope lives? But, say, carnt you tell a fellow what you come for Kurnel. I guess as how, I can ring you in."

"I vill see ze Gouvenair, and tell zis matter to him."

"O! then its a secret. Like as not we've got some of your relations in prison, and you want a pardon."

"I vill tell ze Gouvenair, ven I see him, ze ole zing."

"Ther arnt no use arsking pardon for foreigners; we don't extend that thing to any of them, except Ethiopians."

"I not vill ask some pardon of ze Gouvenair."

Here I interrupted the conversation, to say M. De Lizarde that he might send a message to the Governor, or leave his matter with some reliable functionary here, who could give attention to his wishes. To which he replied, very curtly, I thought—

"Monsieur, I have somezing learn in zis country. It is zis, zat I not vill speak about it if I somezing vish. Now, since I come here, it is several time, zat I have look for some farm or such zing, in ze country. Vel, I find, ven I say "I like somezing vere much" or "ze place it look beautiful"—vy, it make everytime, zat ze price rise up; so if I vill buy, I must go back to France and charter one ship to bring money enough for. But, Monsieur, I like not ze country for farm—since, sometime ze naggar tell me, ven I leave pay him some money for—zat much serpent, scalawag and screech-owl be in ze voods every vere, vich make it vere dangereuse to live zare."

"Excuse me, Monsieur," said I, but has the purchase of land anything to do with your visit to the Governor?"

"Vel, I have hear ze Gouvenair have Rail Road and some ozer zing for zale"

"Ah! Kurnel" said the Mankind speaking up, "There you kinder missed the figure, if you had the ready. But, now its too late; the Rail Road scheme, we had, got busted."

"But I not have vish ze Rail Road zat bush—I nozing vish zat bust."

"Wa'll, taint no use talking about that now. Arnt ther something el-se in our line you'd kinder like to buy? How'd you fancy the furniture in this shebang? I rather guess we'll sell. Come, Kurnel, I'll give you a drive on it."

"I not vish some furniture; ven I do, I must know first who it was gat use him."

"No bugs, Kurnel. I assure. Seems like the critturs couldn't get along with the Governor's feed and they seagreed and then vamosed the ranche."

"Vell, yes, bug-feed and ozkrzing I will hav nozing to do. Eat em yourself.

"Wa'll, now dont be savage. I'd hardly believe you pollywogs eat bull-frogs, if you had not showed the horns sticking out."

"My fren, I not have had, before zis time, ze pleasure of know you. Zarfore, excuse me if I make one mistake and suppose you might be ze bird vizout feather, yet pluck ze oze bird for a business."

"Monseur," said I, again interposing. "It seems to me, you can attain nothing by this manner of procedure. Suppose, therefore, we return to your hotel and confer together on your matters."

"I beg pardon, Monseur, but it is important zat I know vat I v... said from ye parrmour fellow joke, I am not a... if I will presently find out something of ... you please."

M. de Lizarde then turned from me to the Mankind—we had not then learned a name for him—and in a more earnest manner addressed him.

"Man, you live here and know something?"

"Wall, in daytime, I in common revolve round and at night roost most anywhere—how somever, always with one eye open."

"Then, I suppose, you know vats for zale."

"I guess as how I do, right straight through the bill—you bet."

"No, I nevere bet something in zis country. But now, you not vill say anything about some business of ze Gouvenair, zat may be tell to you?"

"Not a bit of it—sure—if its in the money persuation. You'd better bleve I'd not mention it even to the Governor himself till I'd gone through it."

"Vel, now," said M. de Lizarde taking me by the hand and leading me up to the Mankind—"zis is my fren, for witness ze bargain You say you know if zomezings for sale?"

"I! I don't, then nobody what does."

"Vell, zen, ze Gouvenair, does he vish some money, you zink, ver mooch?"

"Ha! Ha! Kurnel—you arn't acquainted with him—sartain, sure—why he'd climb a straight-up mountain backwards for it."

"And, you have zink, he vould sell most enything?"

"Anything on top of the earth—he could lay his hands on."

"But, suppose zis might be something that he like very much?"

"He arnt a fool to have such prejudices."

"You be satisfied of this, and that he now wish money very strong, indeed?"

"Look," said the Mankind, pointing down at the wretched consumptive on the floor, "this is his Carpet-Bag—the fortune his god-mother gave him, when he fust started out from hum, she gave him a shirt, also, and a pair of gallowses—and them's all. Ah! Kurnel, honest Governors lose more by their office than they make."

"Is it possible! I am so sorry for ze Gouvenair of Virginia, zat I vill buy something anyhow! Vel, zen, vot you zink, know and suppose zat ze Gouvenair, poor man, vould take for the Capital Square?"

"The Capitol Square! Is that your hand?—Come, Kurnul, you carn't be on that scheme for sartain."

"My fren, you cannot now say you vill not sell."

"Kurnel, you kinder confuse me."

"Confuse ye diable, so soon like you."

"I'm sorry, but we cannot sell—our title to the place is bad."

"Vot is zis, you say? Ze title, it not is good. Vy, you not say so before, zen. I have believe ze title is good and you not vill sell zat you ask a large price for."

"Is so, Kurnul, or my name arnt Simpkins."

"M de Lizarde," said I, "this worthy representative of unsanctioned power, has reluctantly spoken that which is true. The Capitol Square was a conditional donation to Virginia; should the Capital at any time be removed from Richmond, the property reverts to the heirs of the donor. Thus, the voracious cormorant has fished up something he cannot gulp down."

"You surprise me—you astonish me—you make me like as go mad and drown myself in ze pump."

Now, M. de Lizarde started to walk away, the Mankind speaking after him as he went.

"O! I be considerable riled too, therefore do allyw me to jine in your distress. While you was figuring your-self out a cheap Capitol Square I was