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oct1–tf

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sept20–1y*

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sep20–6m—Town papers copy

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will practice in all the courts of Augusta and Alleghany, and in the Circuit Courts of Rockingham, Rockbridge and Nelson.

☞ Special attention given to collecting.
july5–1y

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☞ Particular attention paid to Collections and to special cases anywhere in their State.
may17–1y

J. M. HANGER, M. D. J. H. FULTZ, M. D.
DRS. HANGER & FULTZ having formed a co-partnership in the practice of medicine, offer their professional services to the citizens of Staunton and vicinity. When not professionally engaged they will be found at their office on Augusta street, two doors North of the Spectator office. nov2–tf

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BALDWIN & COCHRAN,
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STAUNTON, VA.,
Will practice in all the Courts holden in Augusta county. jan4–tf

DR. JAMES JOHNSTON,
DENTIST,
MAIN STREET, Staunton, Va.
OFFICE:—Over Cease's Confectionery Store.
dec21–tf

Foundries.

PRICE OF PLOWS REDUCED.—I have this day reduced the price of the genuine Bradley Livingston Plows, and will now sell them as follows:

No. 4 (2 horse) Plow at $7.50.
" 5 (medium 3 horse) " " $8.50.
" 6 (large 3 horse) " " $9.50.

These plows, together with the castings suitable, all of the very best quality, will be found constantly on hand, at the Hardware Store of Geo. E. Price, Staunton, Va., and at the foundry near Steele's Tavern.

H. F. LYLE,
aug16–3m Manufacturer.

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:

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McCormick " " "
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also all the repairs for
Pitts and Sweepstakes' Threshing Machines,
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☞ I am still putting up the best LIVINGSTON PLOWS made in the State.
june 16–tf WM. A. BURKE.

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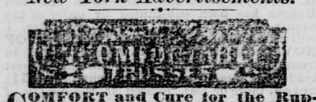

COMFORT and Cure for the Rupture.—Sent post paid on receipt of ten cents. Address Dr. E. B. FOOTE (Author of Medical Common Sense), No. 120 Lexington Avenue, New York. mar15–6m*

AWAY with Spectacles.—Old eyes made new easily, without doctor or medicines.—Sent post paid on receipt of 10 cents. Address Dr. E. B. FOOTE, 120 Lexington Avenue, New York. mar15 6m*

Saddles, Harness, &c.

SADDLES AND HARNESS.—If you want good work, go to GEO. F. ELICK'S where you will find the best assortment this side of Baltimore, which he will sell cheap for cash. Saddles and Harness of all kinds—old and new; Trunks, Whips, Bits, &c.; Buck Gloves, (Winchester and Lewisburg make), and, in fact, everything in his line of business.

Thanking his friends for past patronage he hopes to merit a continuance of the same.

REPAIRING done on short notice.

Also, a good lot of old McClellan Saddles and Halters for sale cheap.

Store on Main street, 3 doors west of Augusta, next door to Woods & Gilkeson's hardware store.
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Ellis' Transparent Cement, for mending China, Glass, Marble, Alabaster, Terra Cotta, Wood, Leather, Ivory, &c., &c., sold by
F. H. LINK, Druggist.

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DIVIDEND paid policy-holders, 1st April, 1869, *forty per cent.*

This Company has met with a success beyond all parallel in Life Insurance, and offers to the Southern public a Home Enterprise equal to any and surpassed by none in existence.

Commenced active operations about Nov. 1st, 1867.

Assets 15th of Sept., 1869, $1,500,000—now much increased.

Policies issued, 8,000.

It has paid for losses of $31,000 and in every instance waived the ninety days time and paid at once.

It advises the payment of *all cash premiums*, because then dividends will continually decrease each next payment until nothing will be required, and the policy may be a source of income, but it will allow one-half loan on life and joint life policies. One-third loan on other participating policies.

It requires no notes for loans of the part of premiums, but endorses the loan of its policies until absorbed by dividends or policy is payable.

It has no restriction on residence or travel.—All its policies are non-forfeitable and the right of parties guaranteed *on the face of the policy*, as part of the contract.

It has the following feature which no other company gives: The late war taught many the penalty of being separated from the Home office by having their part payment forfeited. "The Piedmont" guards against this in *her policies* and in event of separation from its office by any intervention guarantees to such all the right of non-forfeiture, paid up policy, surrender value and reinstatement as though there had been no intervening cause.

Its investments are made for benefit of Southern advancement.

It brings money to our people—keeps money with our people. Then why should they continue to impoverish themselves by sending money off which can as easily—as safely—as profitably be spent at home?

The Piedmont asks all who wish to insure to compare its rates—terms—progress with any company, and feels confident its merits will equal any other company.

HOW OFTEN is THE HOUSEHOLD LOAF buried with the Household Head, and families that might have been comfortably provided for, left destitute by the want of a proper foresight in its deceased protector?

The Virginia Insurance Company,

STAUNTON, VIRGINIA,

Offers to every head of a family perfect security against this melancholy condition.

IT IS

FOR LIFE INSURANCE ONLY.

ITS CHARTER IS PERPETUAL.

Its Cash Capital,.....$125,000.

It is organized on the basis of the old Mutual Life of New York, and its successful experience,

THE PREMIUMS ARE PAID IN CASH.

ITS DIVIDENDS ARE PAID IN CASH.

ITS POLICIES ARE PAID IN CASH WITHOUT DEDUCTIONS.

There are no premium notes, and hence its assets are all cash, which presents the only solid, substantial basis of business for individuals or corporations.

IT INSURES ON ALL PROPER, SAFE TABLES.

IT PUTS NO IMPROPER RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL.

IT INSURES UNIMPAIRED FEMALE LIVES.

The Company is a combination of the proprietary and mutual systems, securing the advantages of both.

Its Policies are non-forfeitable after two years, and incontestible after five years for all misstatements and errors in application except as to the age of the applicant.

THIS IS A SUBSTANTIAL HOME COMPANY.

The Assets will be invested in Virginia, and help to build up our own interests in Virginia. It commends itself for its safety, management and organization, to every Virginian and other Southerner in search of a safe Home

Life Insurance Institution.

Live agents wanted in every precinct of every county in the State. Send for circulars.

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H. R. Boykin,	W. J. Nelson,
Orris A. Brown,	H. L. Opie,
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R. L. Cleveland,	W. L. Olivier,
Dr. B. B. Donaghe,	C. W. Parker,
James Fagan,	B. F. Points,
S. N. Giles,	W. R. Pointdexer,
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Lock Box 216, Staunton, Va.

Insurance.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

& MAIN STS., RICHMOND, VA.

Look at Exhibits:

From Official Reports is made the following Losses of other Companies compared with the Piedmont and Arlington:

Organized.	COMPANY.	No. Policies Dec. 31, 1868.	No. Deaths in 1868.	One in every Deaths
1843	Mutual Life	60872	396	154
1845	New York Life	28340	199	142
1847	Connecticut Mutual	55691	424	131
1850	Manhattan	13625	112	122
1850	Charter Oak	19028	137	139
1851	Massachusetts Mutual	10396	72	144
1851	Phœnix	17761	107	166
1858	Northwestern	27887	178	157
1859	Equitable	27666	185	150
1860	Washington	8885	43	207
1860	Home	10311	65	159
1862	North America	11328	78	145
1862	John Hancock	5018	26	193
1862	Security	10603	64	166
1864	Widows and Orphans	3452	21	164
1864	National, N. Y.	2093	13	161
1865	Universal	3832	20	192
1865	Hahneman	2452	11	223
1686	Great Western	1472	5	294
1866	Atlantic Mutual	2675	15	178
1866	World	1423	9	158
1866	New Jersey Mutual	2691	19	142
1866	Travellers'	3568	17	210
1866	Hartford Life & Annuity	1105	1	105
1866	American Popular	2604	16	163
1867	Piedmont & Arlington	3122	10	312

Average of all companies organized since 1859, one in 188.

Average of all companies organized prior to 1860, one in 145.

Average of all companies, one in 153.

Following Companies have no exhibit as to number of losses, but show amounts lost:

1868, "St. Louis Mutual," policies in force 1st of January, 10,056.
Losses by Death, Policies and Reversionary Additions.....$455,838.46
Losses admitted and not yet due..... 85,600.00

Total Losses in 1868 .....$541,438.46

Piedmont and Arlington had 3,122 policies *in force* 1st January, 1868. Losses in 1868, $42,000, and for present year, (1869) losses of Piedmont and Arlington is *far under* experience of general average of Companies above stated, all which show this company has lost less than any other.

Agents wanted everywhere.
jan4–1y

Richmond Advertisements.

CHARLES L. TODD—GROCER AND **Commission Merchant,**
RICHMOND, VA.
Consignments of Flour, Grain and Produce solicited, and liberal advances made on same by
J. W. TODD & CO.,
july26 Burwell corner, Staunton.

J. J. WAGGONER. WM. G. HARVEY.
WAGGONER & HARVEY,
WHOLESALE GROCERS
AND
Commission Merchants.
No. 3 Pearl Block, Fourteenth street,
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.
Strict personal attention given to the sale of COTTON, TOBACCO, GRAIN and COUNTRY PRODUCE. Grain Bags furnished at five cents for fifteen days. Commissions for selling grain 2½ per cent. aug9–tf

P. E. WILSON,
General Commission Merchant,
12th street, third door South of Cary, (in Corn and Flour Exchange Block) Richmond, Va., Will sell *Tobacco, Hay and Flour* at 2½ per cent; all other produce at 5 per cent., and in all cases make prompt returns. *Liberal Advances made* on all consignments when desired. Grain Bags furnished free of charge.
T. GRAHAM WILSON of Rockbridge county is with me, and would be pleased to receive the patronage of his friends. jan25–1y

Millinery.

MRS. M. E. FAGAN & SISTER have now opened their complete stock of Millinery and Fancy Goods. Also the greatest variety of Chignons, Curls, &c., for the hair. They have a handsome selection of Sash Ribbons, Neck Ties, Lace Collars, Jet and White Wax Necklaces, Corsets, all the varieties of French Hats—the Dauntless, the Rhine, the King William, Arab, Nile, St. Clair and many others—all of which are becoming and pretty, and which they offer very cheap for cash, and pledge themselves to give entire satisfaction.
oc25–3t

TEMPLE OF FASHION.—I have returned and am now opening one of the largest and best Stocks of Millinery and Fancy Goods I have ever brought to this market, consisting of all the latest French and German novelties. Orders from the country promptly attended to.
MRS. K. M. KELLY.

Mattresses, &c.

NOTICE.—Made at the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind,
Hair Mattresses,
Moss and Shuck Mattresses,
Coir Mats, all sizes,
Corn Brooms.
Old Mattresses renovated,
Old Chairs filled with new cane seats,
Books bound in plain binding,
Articles to be repaired will be called for at private residences, and returned when finished.
All orders for work should be made through the Steward, or Foreman of the Shop to the Principal. feb8–1y

Tailoring.

TAILORING! TAILORING!!—The co-partnership heretofore existing between Graves & Sprinkle has been mutually dissolved and the business will hereafter be conducted by P. B. Graves alone.

He has reduced his prices for cash, and will do all kinds of work pertaining to the tailoring business, in the very best manner, and at figures so low that no one will fail to be satisfied. He has removed his shop to the room formerly occupied by Dr. B B. Donaghe as an office, and invites all his friends and the public generally to give him a call.
y 30. P. B. GRAVES

STAUNTON NURSERIES:
Staunton, Augusta County, Va.
TANNEHILL & WHEAT, Proprietors.
FOR SALE.

STRAWBERRY PLANTS:
Agriculturist, Wilson's Albany,
Russell's Prolific, Chs. Downing,
Green Prolific, Downer's Prolific.
RASPBERRY PLANTS:
Philadelphia, Clarke, Mammoth Cluster.
EVERGREENS.

☞ Call and supply yourselves.
ap19–tf

Groceries and Produce.

GREAT BARGAINS.—The subscribers having opened a new store room on Augusta street, opposite the Court-house, next door to Hendry Brothers, (on site of Col. Geo. Baylor's law office,) have opened an entirely new stock of GOODS, and offer a full STOCK OF GROCERIES:

Sugar, Coffee, fine Teas, Syrups, Vinegar, &c. Leather of all kinds, such as French and Country Calf Skins, Kip Skins, Sole Leather, &c.

A general assortment of Domestic Goods, such as Prints, Jeans, Casinets, Fulled Cloth, Cotton Yarns, and a variety of other Dry Goods.

Also Glassware, Woodenware, Brooms, &c., which we offer at a small advance on cost, *for cash only.*

Flour, Bacon and Meal constantly on hand.

We respectfully solicit a call from our friends and acquaintances.
oc25–tf N. A. BAYLOR & CO.

FACTORY CLOTH.—That very superior Factory Cloth of Winchester make, which has given such satisfaction to our customers, to be had very cheap, at
oct25–tf BAKER BROS.

JUST RECEIVED—Fresh Crackers of all kinds, at the "new store on the wharf.
R. D. SEARS, agent.

CHICKENS, Chickens, always on hand at the new store on the wharf.
R. D. SEARS, agent.

A NO. 1 CIDER by the gallon only, for sale by R. D. SEARS, Agent.

JOHN O. TAYLOR,
Grocer and Commission Merchant,
Main, near Augusta street, Staunton, Va., offers to the trade a large assortment of Groceries, Provisions, &c., at the lowest figures.
Cash paid for all kinds of produce, and liberal advances made on consignments.
oc4–3m

J. S. GILLIAM & CO., next door below the Post-office, keep constantly on hand a large stock of choice Groceries; also Salt and Plaster, and 600 gallons prime stoneware, all of which we will sell very cheap.
sep27

NEW GROCERY STORE.—J. W. Utley & Co., dealers in Choice Family Groceries, Bagby's new building, Frederick street, Staunton, Va., respectfully inform their friends and the public that they have in store a choice stock of sugars, coffees, teas, bacon, lard, soap, candles, fish, salt, molasses, tobacco, plaster, brooms, buckets, shoes, &c., and, in fact, everything usually found in a first-class grocery store.

Cash paid for country produce, or goods given in exchange at market prices. They are prepared to supply families with anything in the grocery line at very low prices for cash.
sep6

H. KER & BRO., Augusta street, opposite the P. O., have for sale
SUGARS,
COFFEES,
TEAS, &c.
No. 1 Hams, family sizes, breast bacon, Wood's Family Roe Herring, nice new mackarel, N. C. cut Herring, buckets, brooms, tubs and all kinds of wooden ware, 500 *earthen crocks*, white bolted meal, flour, oats and offal.

☞ Bring your greenbacks, and get cheap goods and good goods. au30

FLOUR, GRAIN

AND FEED.

Always in store, choice FLOUR for Family use. CORN MEAL and FEED of all kinds at the lowest wholesale and retail prices.
BUTCHER & LEWIS,
next door above the Postoffice, Staunton.
july19–12m

CHARLES N. COLE,
(late of Winchester, Virginia,)
DEALER IN
Country Produce, Flour, &c.,
426 NINTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Solicits consignments, guaranteeing quick returns and moderate commissions.
References—The business men of Winchester and adjacent counties.
au23–3m

POWERS & PRITCHARD,
Augusta street, Staunton, Va.,
Grocers, Flour, Grain and Produce
MERCHANTS.
ON HAND—4,000 pounds Bacon, White and Brown Sugars, Green and Black Teas, Market, Herrings, &c., &c.
july19–6m

FINE TEAS.—We have very superior teas, at reasonable prices—English Breakfast Tea—a prime article. All qualities of Teas at
ju7 RICHARDSON & WHEAT.

NEW SUPPLY OF GROCERIES at
GEO. C. JACKSON'S NEW STORE,
on Augusta Street, opposite C. H. Square.
Coffees, Teas, Sugars, Syrups, Bacon, Fish, (Herrings and Mackerel fresh and nice) and ALL articles usually kept in a first class FAMILY GROCERY.
These goods having been bought exclusively for cash can be sold *very low.* Everybody call and see. ap12

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–

Carriage Making.

CARRIAGES AND BUGGIES.—I wish to inform my friends that I have moved my CARRIAGE SHOP to my new building near the "Virginia" Hotel, where I will keep on hand Carriages and Buggies of every description. By close attention to business and fair dealing, I expect to give entire satisfaction. I will pay strict attention to REPAIRING. Give me a call before purchasing.
jan 18 J. H. WATERS.

CARRIAGE-MAKING.—At the solicitation of many of my former patrons I have again taken charge at my old stand, where I will carry on the CARRIAGE-MAKING BUSINESS in all its various branches, and I am determined that my work shall not be surpassed in finish, style, durability or price.
Special attention given to repairs.
an4–tf JOHN M. HARDY.

PREPARE FOR WINTER.—THIS IS THE SEASON TO HAVE FURNACES, FIRE-PLACE HEATERS & OTHER STOVES made ready for winter.

W. J. POINTS, on the Wharf near the Depot, is prepared to receive your orders and execute them promptly, and at very low prices:

ROOFING and GUTTERING Houses done of the best tin and at low prices.

COOKING STOVES of all kinds for sale cheap, and warranted. se20–3m

Pay Up!

JULY 1st, 1870.—My accounts will be ready in a day or two, and I hope my friends will feel the importance of a prompt settlement. Old accounts in all cases must be settled before new ones are made. DAVIS A. KAYSER.

SPECIAL—EXTRA—Our ACCOUNTS are drawn off to the 1st of July. Persons knowing their indebtedness will please call and settle, or they may expect to be refused further favors. We must have money to carry on our business.
ju5 CONE & HANGER.

AMERICAN HOTEL
Livery Stables,
STAUNTON, VA.,
DONOVAN & O'TOOLE.....Proprietors.
Our stables are constantly supplied with elegant horses, carriages, buggies, hacks, &c., which will be furnished to our patrons on most reasonable terms. Also good and reliable drivers supplied if desired. We can furnish livery equal, if not superior, to that of any other stable in the State. Give us a trial and we guarantee satisfaction. DONOVAN & O'TOOLE.

Poetry.

Falling Leaves.

They are falling, slowly falling,
Thick upon the forest side,
Severed from the noble branches,
Where they waved in beauteous pride.
They are falling in the valleys,
Where the early violets spring,
And the birds in early spring time,
First their dulcet music sing.

They are falling, sadly falling,
Close to our cottage door;
Pale and faded like the loved ones,
They are gone forever more.
They are falling, and the sunbeams
Shine in beauty soft around;
Yet the faded leaves are falling,
Falling on the mossy ground.

They are falling on the streamlet,
Where the silvery waters flow,
And upon its placid bosom
Onward with the waters go.
They are falling in the church-yard,
Where our kindred sweetly sleep;
Where the idle winds of summer
Softly o'er the loved ones sweep.

They are falling, ever falling
When the autumn breezes sigh,
When the stars in beauty glisten,
Bright upon the midnight sky.
They are falling, when the tempest
Moans like ocean's hollow roar,
When the tuneless winds and billows
Sadly sigh for evermore.

They are falling, they are falling,
While our saddened thoughts still go
To the sunny days of childhood,
In the dreamy long ago.
And their faded hues remind us
Of the blighted homes and dreams
Faded like the falling leaflets
Cast upon the icy streams.

Constitution of the Augusta Memorial Association for the Confederate Dead, Adopted October 19th, 1870.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Association shall be "The Augusta Memorial Association for the Confederate Dead."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Association shall be the preservation, care and annual decoration of the graves of the Confederate Dead, who are interred in Thornrose Cemetery and other localities in Augusta County.

ARTICLE III.

The members of this Association shall consist of all persons, not deserters from the Confederate Army, who shall contribute annually the sum of fifty cents for the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE IV.

Honorary members of the Association shall consist of all persons who shall contribute the sum of five dollars for the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of the Association shall be a President in Staunton, and one Vice President in each Township of the County, a Secretary and a Treasurer; and these officers shall be elected by the Association at each annual meeting, convened for the purpose of decorating the graves of the Confederate dead. Their duties shall be such as are appropriate to their respective offices, and as may be specified by the By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, inclusive of the President of the Association, who shall be *ex officio*, a member and chairman thereof, to be chosen by the Association at each annual meeting thereof, and of whom three shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to transact the current business of the Association; to determine and direct all the operations of the Association in reference to the graves of the Confederate dead, and to make all contracts in regard thereto; and to control all the expenditures of the Association. Upon their draft, all the moneys of the Association shall be paid by the Treasurer, and to them the Treasurer shall report the condition of the Finances of the Association whenever required so to do. Said Committee shall have power to draft by-laws for their own government and for the government of the officers of the Association, to appoint sub-committees, and to appoint a Secretary for the purpose of keeping a record of all their acts and resolutions; and shall meet whenever required so to do by the chairman of the Committee. The Executive Committee shall make a report of their transactions to each annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VII.

The Association shall meet yearly, at a place to be designated by the President, on the 9th of June, as the annual "Memorial Day" of the Association, to decorate the graves of the Confederate dead and to transact appropriate business.

The President of the Association, assisted by the Executive Committee, shall prescribe the ceremonies of the Memorial Day, provide for the delivery of such addresses as may be proper, and give sufficient previous notice thereof by publication in the newspapers of the County.

The President and Vice Presidents shall be, *ex officio*, Marshals of the day.

ARTICLE VIII.

The annual contributions of the members of the Association shall be expended, under the direction of the Executive Committee, in keeping in repair the graves of the Confederate dead in Augusta. The fund arising from the contributions of honorary members may be invested in a permanent fund or otherwise as the Association may determine.

ARTICLE IX.

The Secretary shall inscribe the names of the members of the Association in a well bound book for preservation, and the roll of members shall be published annually, in the papers of Augusta, under the direction of the President.

A true copy,

CHAS. D. McCOY,
Secretary of the Association.

From our New York Correspondent.

Josh Billings.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21st, 1870.

Last night Mr. W. F. Shaw, better known as "Josh Billings," and who ranks first among the humorists of America, delivered a lecture at Steinway Hall on the subject of Milk. The lecturer is a man of about fifty, six feet high, a dark complexion, long black hair, and a moustache to suit. He wears spectacles, is somewhat stooped, and has a clear voice, a little slow and drawling.

After staring about him, particularly at the chandeliers and everywhere but at the audience, he came forward to the stand and after manœuvreing his manuscript book as a parson in search of his text, turning it one way and then another, and finally looking at the title, he poured from the pitcher on the stand a glass of milk, and after smacking his lips over it, said—"A good many good essays have been written on Milk, but the best thing I have ever seen on it is—cream." And that proved to be all the Milk in his lecture, for he did not mention the subject again.

The lecture embraced scraps of humor on all subjects from Long Branch to "biles," including wise sayings and "answers to correspondents." Having taken no notes, I give from memory a few random shots. Speaking of honest men he said: "'An honest man is the noblest work of God,' but the demand has been so limited that the greater part of the edition must still be on the author's hands."—Human happiness he compared to a pursuit of the wandering flea: you put your hand on it and it is gone—you clap down your hand on the spot it went to, and that is the place where it *was*.

Nothing is made in vain," said the lecturer, "but I've often thought that the time spent in manufacturing mosquitoes was wasted." On long sermons, he said: "If a preacher cannot strike oil in 40 minutes he is either boring with a very poor gimlet or *boring* in the wrong place." In answering a correspondent who made inquiry concerning the miracle of Jonah and the whale, he said: "I am wholly unable to realize the feelings of Jonah when he was in the whale's—society, and I don't think either he or the whale fully comprehended the situation; but a Yankee would have cut out the blubber and towed him into port." In answering a young lady correspondent as to whether she should exchange photographs with her lover, he said "he would or he wouldn't just as he thought best or worst; but if it were him he thinks he would or he wouldn't—or otherwise."

But the honest lecturer vented his whole spleen upon "biles." He had evidently been a sufferer in his day. For general discomfort nothing equalled them in the whole range of human misery. The more you try to cure them the worse they get, "and they are so saucy and impertinent that sometimes when you have a bile you can't sit down into a chair without it gets in before you." Nothing was left but to grin and bear it until the blessed day of "bankruptcy" came. Then "insolvency" wiped away all sorrow; and after feelingly portraying the pleasures of recovering from a "bile," the lecturer retired amid thundering applause. Adios,

STENO.

For the Spectator.

To the Voters of Augusta County:

There are three candidates in the field for the office of Treasurer of Augusta county. Two of them are independent candidates; the other being the nominee of a county convention.—Disclaiming any intention of assailing the integrity of either of the other candidates, the sole object of this communication is to remind the voters of the county of the urgent claims that Capt. Samuel Paul, the independent conservative, has for their support.

Capt. Paul chose not to submit his claims to the decision of the convention; to do this he had not only the privilege, but an unquestionable right. And why? I claim that no man, who has substantial and *specific* claims, is safe in submitting them to a hasty, boisterous, and fillibustering convention. Do not construe me as calling in question the honest intentions of the county convention; but had it been held in the territories, I would not hesitate to assert that it stultified itself. Why? In the first place the avowed object of the convention was to rule off all the conservative candidates save one who would the more likely be able to defeat the so-called republican candidate. This part of its duty the convention performed, but it committed the singular paradox of nominating for one of the county officers an individual whose war record is identically the same as that of the republican candidate for treasurer. Again, the convention floundered into the wretched error of nominating for treasurer of Auguste county a citizen of the city of Staunton. Why not a citizen of Lynchburg or Richmond? If Staunton be a city it is doubtful whether a citizen thereof is eligible to a county office. The city will have its municipal officers, including treasurer. The treasurer of Staunton will have nothing whatever to do with the funds of the county; nor, on the other hand, will the county treasurer have aught to do with the funds of the city. If Staunton be not a city, but vote, and so on, with the county as heretofore, why then I cannot appreciate the modesty or magnanimity of one of her citizens who would desire the office of county treasurer, when the town already monopolizes the offices of profit and honor in the county.

Although Staunton has the State Senator, the three members of the House of Delegates, the Superintendent of Public Schools, and the Clerks of both the Circuit and County Courts, yet she had not less than four candidates for treasurer—being nearly one-half of all the candidates—although she has only about one-seventh of the whole population of the city and county combined. It is truly distasteful to see such an inordinate greed for office.

There is springing up in the county a feeling of antipathy towards the town (city?) By way of parenthesis, I ask to be pardoned for using the terms "town" and "city" interchangeably. I do not wish to give color to the allegation of many citizens of the county that Staunton wishes to be a city for certain purposes, and to be a part of the county for certain other purposes. But, to return to this contest between the county and city: Is it causeless? it is surely needless. It is impossible for the one to prosper without the other prospering also. But whilst the prosperity of the county and city is almost necessarily mutual, yet this contest is not altogether innocuous. It may be hurtful when concert of action is necessary in some public measure. It has already defeated one measure which was deemed of vital importance to the county. The contest is either not causeless, or the city of Staunton contains all the talent and qualification for office in the limits of the county. It is difficult to imagine that all the talent, integrity and qualification for office is concentrated in the city of Staunton. Yet, after the incubation of a miserable caucus before the election for members of the Legislature in 1869, we received the startling intelligence that the caucus had hatched out all four of the candidates from the town of Staunton, and we must vote for them, otherwise a radical or radicals would be elected. This was just a few days before the election, and the people of the county voted for and elected them; they will never do so again. We honestly believe that there is some talent, qualification and patriotism outside of the city.

What are the comparative claims of the three candidates for your support? As to Mr. McCutchen, the so-called republican candidate, I choose to draw the mantle of charity over his war record, and pass on to Mr. Cochran, the nominee. He has as much claim as any other honest and qualified man of Richmond or Petersburg; or if Staunton does actually embody all the talent and qualification for offices of honor and profit in the county, why then vote for him. But I unhesitatingly assert that he has no substantial claim whatever upon the people of the county for their support. He has no specific claim, for he was not in the army at all, being exempted from duty all the while.

Capt. Paul has substantial and specific claims upon you. That he is honest and capable no one will undertake to deny. These are the prerequisites for all offices. He needs the profits of the office, a thing not remarkable, for nearly every faithful soldier who served throughout the war was necessarily crippled in finances.—His war record is well known; of this I need only give a very succinct review. He volunteered in 1861 and served faithfully in the armies of Gens. Johnson and Jackson until the battle of Port Republic where he lost a leg.—As soon as he sufficiently recovered, he was appointed Enrolling officer for Augusta county, in which position he gave entire satisfaction to the close of the war.

Voters of Augusta! a faithful and disabled soldier, one of the county's wards, desires and needs an office. I deem it almost a work of supererogation to more than simply remind you of your solemn obligation to support him in preference to all others. This is an obligation from which nothing can absolve you. I boldly assert that no convention, nor the fear that a candidate of the Republican party may be elected, nor anything else can release you from your obligation to support one of Augusta's disabled sons. If the voters of the county have so soon forgotten their obligations to their crippled defenders, it matters but little who is elected to office, provided he be honest and competent. I hope it will be a cheerful duty for every man in the county to go to the polls and cast his vote for Capt. Samuel Paul.

MONTANUS.

October 1870, 1t.

STANTON, FRYDAY NITE,
after thee Farr.

DEER WIFE.—I arriv here Mundy arter-noon at the "Merriken," kep by Ed. Cushin—u recollik he war a little boy when we imigrated to "ole Flu." I tel u Pol, Stanton is pintedly changed since we last seed it. It is a city now counten the deef and dumb and the lunatix.—Lots abildings has gon up and lots of the old citizens two. A grate big hi brik house has bin put up on the korner where Nob Brooks used to hand u out your male. Nob is gone as well as the ole bildin. The Post Offis is now kept up on Augusty street, what we use to call the Mackadmized rode. Time and space would fale me to tel u ½ the strange things that have taken place. I tel u ole gal, when I looked roun for the ole residenters and could'nt fine none; for the ole lan marks and they want thar; when i seed the gas lite's and the grate number of yung gals at the skules, and the bar rooms and the tigers which is even in the winders, I felt orfully solum and tolrable ole—u bet i did—and I good but xclame in the langwige of the poit,

"I'll drink a cup of kindness yet
For ole lang sine."

So I stept into the fust salune I cum to and drunk it.

Tuesdy mornin I pade a quawter to ride doun to the Far grouns in a hak. I war by mysilf on the hine seet an u ort to hav seed me rar bak. I no u would hav bin proud of my personal appearance. It war the same hak which was used to haul niggers to the poles at the Ralerode cleekshun, but tha did'nt have to pa nuthin. I nu it war the saim by the smell. I did'nt think much of the Far—thats honest. I don't think any body did, unless it war a feller that got the niggers to strike a boarde with a big wooden hammer at 10 cents a lik. The niggers war licked as wel as the board. Kunnel Baldin was ridin aroun the trak on a white hoss considerabel. The Kunnel is grate on a notty case at the bar and rite hard to beat in a perilitical canvas, but I hord peeple sa he made sum mistake in carryin on these Farrs. Tha sed if thar war more attenshun pade to bizness and less prom