THE COLUMBIA PHŒNIX.

The Spirit Mother.

"Art thou near me, spirit mother, when in the twilight hour,
A holy hush pervades my heart with a mysterious power;
While eyes of dreamy tenderness are gazing into mine,
And stir the fountain of my heart—sweet mother, are they thine?

Is thine the blessed influence that o'er my spirit flings
A sense of rest, as though 'twere wrapped within an angel's wings—
A deep abiding trustfulness, that seems an earnest given
Of future happiness and bliss to those who dwell in Heaven.

And oft times when my footsteps stray in error's shining track,
There comes a soft restraining voice that seems to call me back;
I hear it not with outward ears, but with a power divine,
Its whisper thrills my inmost heart—sweet mother, is it thine?

It well may be, for know we not that beings all unseen
Are ever hovering o'er our paths, the earth and sky between;
They are with us in our daily walks, and tireless vigils keep,
To weave those happy fantasies that bless our hours of sleep.

Oh! could we feel that spirit eyes forever on us gaze,
And mark each idle thought that threads the heart's bewildering maze;
Should we not guard each careless act, all sinful feelings quell,
Lest we should grieve those cherished ones we loved on earth so well?

Sweet spirit mother! bless thy child, and with a holy love
Inspire my feeble energies and lift my soul above;
And when the long imprisoned soul these earthly bonds have riven,
Be thine the wing to bear it up and waft it on to Heaven."

CENTS IN ABUNDANCE.—For the first time since the suspension of specie payments the supply of cents at the Mint exceeds the demand. Though the coinage of them went on unceasingly, and though two cent pieces were made in large numbers, the demand, until now, exceeded the supply, and at times the scarcity was such that articles never dreamed of as currency were often used in our markets. It was no unusual thing for carrots, onions, turnips and apples to be used in making change. The scarcity no doubt arose in part from hoarding and speculating in cents; for the premium on them was often as high as ten, and even twelve per cent. The scarcity gave rise to the use of tickets or checks by shop-keepers, and in some parts of the city they are yet given as substitutes. This need no longer be, for we learn from an official source that cents can now be obtained at the Mint by any person who wants them in exchange for treasury bills. The three cent coinage (new) will be ready for distribution in a few days.

[*Philadelphia Ledger, April* 29.

INTEREST YOUR CHILDREN.—Give the little ones slates and pencils, and encourage to make pictures. Drawing will amuse them when noisy plays have lost their zest, or are unseasonable; and the art will be useful to them in all the business of after life. Have them read to each other stories and paragraphs of your selection, and save the funny things and the pleasant ones you see in papers and books to read to them at your leisure. You cannot imagine how much it will please them, and how it will bind them to you. But choose well for them, for the impression made on their minds now will last when hills crumble.

The extreme pleasure we take in talking of ourselves should make us fear that we give very little to those who listen to us

Notice.

ALL owners of unemployed negroes in the city are earnestly reqnested to have them removed, as it will be impossible for the Relief Committees to issue tickets longer to said parties. T. J. GOODWYN, Mayor.
may 12

Mrs. Wm. D. DeSaussure and Mrs. Gerideau

HAVE taken charge of the SCHOOL lately conducted by Miss Burroughs, and are prepared to receive pupils—boys and girls. For terms, apply at President's House, College Campus, or Mrs. Gerideau's, at Theological Seminary. Mrs. DeSaussure will also give French lessons to children. may 12 2*

Court of Appeals.

THE COURT OF APPEALS will meet at Columbia, S. C., on THURSDAY, 18th instant. Parties interested will govern themselves accordingly. By order of
B. F. DUNKIN, C. J.
D. B. DESAUSSURE, Clerk Court of Appeals.
☞ Chester, Camden, Newberry and Greenville papers please copy. may 11 6

W. B. JOHNSTON,
Magistrate.

OFFICE on Pickens street, East end of Lady street. Will attend promptly to official business, and the drawing up and preparation of all legal forms in ordinary business transactions. may 11 2*

F. EUGENE DURBEC,
Auction and Commission Merchant

Office Assembly Street, Between Plain and Washington Streets,

WILL give prompt attention to the sale and purchase of REAL ESTATE, STOCKS, BONDS and all other articles of PERSONAL PROPERTY, MERCHANDIZE or PRODUCE, at either private sale or auction. April 17 †

Zealy & Scott,
Auctioneers, Brokers, Com. Merchants.

Office on Assembly Street, between Washington and Plain Streets.

PROMPT attention given to sales of all PROPERTY, MERCHANDIZE, PERSONAL or REAL ESTATE.
SPECIE, BANK BILLS, STOCKS AND BONDS bought and sold. Liberal advances made on private sales. April 28

Bar Iron and Scrap Steel.

OF the following sizes;
Iron, 5x½, 6x½, 6x⅝, 7x½,
Steel, 3½x⅜, 4x½, 4x⅝,
Will be exchanged for PROVISIONS, at the South Carolina Railroad, on application to
W. B. SMITH, Master Machinist,
Or C. J. BOLLIN, Agent. April 22 †

AUCTION SALES.

Mules and Iron, Belonging to the Mutual Supply Association.

By A. R. Phillips.

THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, I will sell, at headqtarters, opposite Dr. Geiger's office,
2 fine MULES, about 16 hands high, well broke and in good condition.
1½ tons SWEDES IRON, assorted sizes.
may 12 1*

Administrator's Final Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of the late Capt. R. B. THAYER, are requested to make payment; and those having claims against the said estate, to present the same duly attested to the undersigned at Greenville,
may 12 2* WM. THAYER, Adm'r.

Headquarters District of South Carolina,

COLUMBIA, MAY 6, 1865.

ORDERS NO. 2.

I. IN order to carry into effect the terms of the Military Convention between Generals Johnston and Sherman, made on the 26th ult., duplicate muster rolls should be prepared at once, upon which all officers and men who come under these terms may enter their names and receive the immunity from molestation therein guaranteed. Major-General Young, Brigadier-Generals Ripley, Robertson, Blanchard, Conner, Chesnut, Preston and Bonham and Major Jenkins, are charged with the duty of preparing these rolls for the signature of such officers and men as may be within their reach. Rolls will also be prepared at these Headquarters for those who are in Columbia and its vicinity.

II. There is no authority to disband troops until the forms prescribed in the convention have been complied with, and the Major-General commanding regrets to observe, on the part of some few demoralized persons, a disposition to interfere by violence even with the articles of public property necessary to enable their superior officers to arrange the terms by which protection can be given to those in the service who desire it; to procure subsistence for the sick and wounded in the hospitals; and to feed the soldiers passing through the State on their way to their distant homes. He trusts that those who have so fought so long and so well, will accept their fate with becoming dignity, and repress any attempts to throw aside the restraints imposed upon us as good citizens and the honored veterans of many battles.

By command of Maj. Gen. LOVELL.
JOSEPH MANIGAULT, A. A. G. may 9 4

State of South Carolina.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
COLUMBIA, May 8, 1865.

To the Officers of the Civil Government of the State:

THE cessation of hostilities renders it proper that the Civil Government of the State should be restored without delay, and that the functions of the several departments should be at once resumed. To that end, all officers of the State, whose offices have been kept in Columbia, will with all convenient promptitude return to that place, re-open their offices and resume their proper duties.

By the Governor. A. G. MAGRATH.
Official: W. S. MULLINS, Lt. Col. and A. D. C.
☞ South Carolina newspapers will copy once. may 8