Bell—Girls, I think our bathing suits are too short.
Nell—Yes, "they come high, but we must have 'em."

PEOPLE AND THINGS.

THE PAST WEEK IN FASHIONABLE CIRCLES.

Society's Comings and Goings, Mostly Goings—Life On Church Hill.

The people of the gilded quarter are bent on proving an alibi.

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Mrs. Hunter McGuire leaves shortly for a visit to her son, Dr. Hugh McGuire, Cumberland, Md.

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Miss Maria Blair is enjoying life as it appears from the high altitudes of the North Carolina mountins, and from all accounts, it appears very delightful. During her absence she will visit Father Tabb.

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Miss Nellie Rogers leaves to-morrow for "Wallawatoola," not "Algoma."

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Miss Evie Blankenship has returned to the city.

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Coming events in the shape of feasts of reason and flows of discussion at the Woman's and "Saturday Afternoon" Clubs are casting their shadows before, in the little taking way that these coming events have. "Committee" meetings are already being held.

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Miss Rebecca Norwood is visiting her brother, Mr. Thomas Norwood.

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Mrs. E. Victoria Williams leaves shortly for Greenwood, Albemarle county.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Palmer are visiting in Gloucester.

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Mr. Heber Nelson, of Glendale, spent several days in the city recently.

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Death intruded into the house of Mrs. E. F. C. Davis last week with a suddenness that leaves her a bereft and grieving woman indeed. Mr. Davis held his many friends in Richmond by strong chords of character, and he is sincerely mourned. His stricken household is proportionately the centre of very earnest and general sympathy.

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Miss Nellie Parker has left for the Old Sweet Springs.

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Judge Crump is summering at Healing Springs.

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The Misses Ross return shortly from the White.

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Dr. and Mrs. Sprigg are at the White, where they will remain until about the middle of September.

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Miss Lutie Pleasants has returned from an extended and delightful northern trip.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Wellford leave on Monday for Asheville, N. C.

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Friends and relatives of the family are being respectfully invited to inspect trousseaus in various quarters, and the sound of marriage bells is distinctly to be heard. The Richmond girl displays a very lovable disregard of poverty when it presents itself as five feet ten of the genuine manliness, or even fewer inches.

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Those enjoyable A. P. V. A. lectures of last spring are to be published in book form, all, of course, under one cover, and next winter, as the public will be glad to know, another course also under the auspices of the Association, will be delivered in the hall of the House of Delegates. The syllabus of the course is already prepared, but the acceptances of those who have been invited to lecture are not yet in, with the exception of that of Bishop Randolph, who will certainly be one.

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The "Kermesse" is to be a brilliant affair, and the debutantes of the winter are jubilant at this certain opportunity to enjoy life. Very shortly the first meeting of those having it in charge will be held.

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Mrs. Fannie Tucker goes to Dixon's, near the White, in a few days.

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Prof. Walter Blair and party were, when last heard from, at Lake Windermere, England.

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Mr. Robert Thornton and Miss Bacon, of Newport, Ky., are at Mrs. Chamblin's.

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Mr. Walter Blair and Mr. Lewis Blair, Jr., are at Yellowstone Park, en route to San Francisco.

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Miss Maggie Ferguson and Mr. Andrew Christian and family are among those at that delightful old resort, Mountain Top.

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Messrs. R. H. Fisher and Taylor Fisher are at the Red Sulphur, W. Va.

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Miss Kate Edwards is visiting friends in Fauquier county.

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Prof. Bird, of William and Mary College, was last week in the city, making historical researches.

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The death of little Mattie Wade, whose experiences of life were but two years old, has brought shadow into at least one home in this city. These tiny women have a way of fastening to the parental heart that makes death seem to take some of the parental life with it when it snatches the child. However, a single "gold curl" has a wonderful power to link heaven and earth, and of lifting the bereft to the sunny level of the pretty head to which it belongs.

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The expressions of regret at the serious illness of Mrs. Charles V. Carrington are delightfully satisfactory commentaries upon her popularity.

CHURCH HILL.

Church Hill, with its typical southern eagerness to please, made a genial announcement to your correspondent this just-a-degree-too-brilliant Saturday morning that a lawn party had broken the otherwise monotonous week.

This was an entirely spontaneous expression on the part of Mrs. Clarence Franklin and Mrs. J. S. Moore, of their interest in the "Home for Incurables," and was in no way under the auspices of the Board of Managers of that institution.

The grounds were gay with Japanese lanterns and an extension was made to the old-fashioned piazza. This latter made possible a back-ground which was a composite of flowers, handsomely shaded lamps, etc. On the porch stood the piano, and it (the porch, not the piano) also served as a stage upon which the actors in the evening's programme made "their exits and their entrances."

That programme consisted of a combination of vocal and instrumental music and tableaux, in part as follows:

"Old Black Joe," with variations, rendered on the piano by Mrs. Adams.

Part 2. Solo, "Old Black Joe," by Mr. William Owens, in costume. Quartette chorus behind the scenes.

2. "Sweet and Low," tableaux and vocal quartette. Those participating in the tableaux were little Miss Alice Gary and Miss Julia Yeager.

3. "After the Ball," in two tableaux. In the first Miss Jessie Bailey was a charming belle, a degree or two tired after an evening's victories in the ballroom.

In the second, Mr. Frank Craigie, Jr., personified a very badly used "rooter" with a black eye, a slashed head, and a broken arm.

4. Vocal and instrumental duet by two little children.

5. The Three Graces—represented, after the well-known picture, by Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Evelyn Franklin, N. Y., and Mrs. Frazee, of Washington.

6. The Three Disgraces, by Mr. Franklin and the Messrs. Moore.

7. "Dancing Lesson," with Mr. Franklin as dancing master.

8. "Gypsy's Warning," tableaux by Mrs. Frazee and Mrs. Evelyn Franklin. Solo by Miss Alice Moore.

At the conclusion of the programme refreshments were served at small and beautifully appointed tables on the lawn.

Tributes to the hospitality of the hostess are to be heard all over the hill in the warmest praise of all details of the entertainment, which was enjoyed by scarcely less than two hundred and fifty people.

Among these were Mrs. G. L. Currie, Mrs. J. F. Jackson, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Harry Hartman, Mrs. William H. Murray, Mrs. Henry Tyler, Miss Mary Thaw, Miss Gans, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Albert Mayo, Mrs. Laurin Dickinson, and Miss Dickinson, Misses Nannie and Lucy Harrison, Mrs. F. H. Craigie, Misses Ruby and Pearl Bodeker, Miss Mary Greenhow, Miss Ellyson, Miss Sallie Cunningham; Messrs. Craigie, Dickinson, Currie, Moore, Macon, Franklin, Sloane, Moran, Gary, Adams, and Cunningham.

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Mrs. Harry Hartman has returned from Norfolk.

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Miss Ruby Bodeker has returned from a visit to Mr. Carrington Watkins, Chesterfield.

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These hot August days have brought considerable sickness in their train. They have certainly not been favorable to Rev. Dr. Gammon, who is a sicker man than he was a week ago.

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Mr. Edward Woodfin is seriously ill, and many will be sorry to know it.

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The ancient houses of York and Lancaster will renew their contest in the interest of the "Home for Incurables" in November. A bazaar will be conducted for the benefit of that institution early in that month, and will be styled, for one of its leading features, "The War of the Roses."

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Mr. John Sloan has returned from an extended European tour.

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Owing to the absence from the city of a majority of its members, the Whist Club will not meet again until the evening of the first Monday in September.

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Rev. Dr. and and Mrs. Lewis Burton and family are summering at Fort Simon, on the Georgia coast. This winter they will visit Mexico.

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Mrs. Evelyn Acheson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Meissner, at Birmingham.

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Miss Mary Taylor has returned from Petersburg.

Mrs. Boykin and daughter, of Cincinnati, are the guests of Mrs. McMinn.

LIFE AT HOT SPRINGS.

Entertainments Many and Charming—Out Door Sports.

HOT SPRING, VA., Aug. 10.—Special.—This week has been one continual round of gaiety, and one has to be on the go all the time in order to keep in the "whirl."

On Tuesday Miss Phenix, of Washington, gave a dinner party in the Virginia Hotel. Those present were Judge Walter S. Cox, Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, Miss Sartoris, Mrs. Stansbury, Mrs. Legare, and Hon. Frank H. Jones. The tables were beautifully decorated with fragrant mountain flowers.

On Monday morning Mrs. Bargwin, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. Legare, of Washington, gave a card party on the veranda of the Casino.

Mrs. M. E. Ingalls gave a 5 o'clock tea on Monday afternoon at her lovely cottage, situated on the boulevard.

On Tuesday Mrs. Lauter Dunn, of Washington, gave a dinner party at her summer residence, "Dunn's Gap," to the guests of the Virginia and Homestead Hotels.

The Misses Scarborough gave a card party at the Casino on Wednesday.

On Wednesday Mrs. Ingalls gave a dinner party to Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, Hon. Frank H. Jones, and Mrs. Henry Villard, guests of "The Virginia."

Friday marked the event of the week—namely, a picnic given by Mr. Albert Ingalls to Bath Alum Springs. The guests of all the hotels were invited.

Next week a german will be given at the Casino. These dances, always fascinating, but here doubly charming, are always looked forward to with pleasure, and a great many young people from the White Sulphur Springs invariably come over to enjoy the treat.

One of the attractions to the lovers of out-door sport are the ball games played every other day on the grounds below "The Virginia." Some college students staying at the springs formed a nine and played a team from "The Homestead" last week. A very exciting game was the result.

Blue Ridge Budget.

BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS, VA., Aug. 10.—Special.—On Monday morning, we had our regular euchre party, Misses Sehlen and De Rossett were appointed a committee of two to go to Roanoke and buy the prizes. We had nine tables. The game lasted three hours, and was one of the most delightful functions of the week. The first ladies' prize was carried off by Mrs. Prichett, of Danville, and was a pair of silver manicure scissors. The first gentleman's prize was won by Miss A. McAllister, of St. Louis.

Monday afternoon was a happy time for the children. Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Wynne, and Mrs. Grymes chaperoned thirty of them on a hay-ride, filling two large wagons. We had a lovely ride over to Coyner's. Mr. Fry, owner of the Springs, very kindly opened the ballroom for us to dance.

The boys have organized a base-ball nine, and will play Roanoke on Saturday.

Among recent arrivals from Richmond we have Mrs. W. W. Gordon and Mr. Gordon.

Miss Singer, of Georgia, neither dances nor plays cards, but in spite of that fact she always has a crowd around her. What, with horseback rides, drives, etc., she is kept busy. She is a fine conversationalist, and one of the most attractive young ladies here.

Miss Scott, of Warrenton, is much admired. She is both clever and agreeable.

We have amongst our married couples Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Greeg, and Mrs. Kullock, of Charleston, S. C. There is something very interesting about the three ladies last named and seldom met with—viz., Mrs. Fleming is the mother of Mrs. Greeg, Mrs. Greeg of Mrs. Kullock, and Mrs. Kullock is the mother of two dear little children. Here are four generations of one family. Mrs. Fleming, the great-grandmother, is a devotee to fine-art embroidery. Her work is beautifully done, and she does not use glasses.

Judge F. R. Farrar ("Johnny Reb.") will lecture here August 13th.

We are looking forward to the full-dress german Friday night.

SQUARE AND COMPASSES.

Grice Commandery Will Attend the Conclave—Synopsis of Masonry.

Grice Commandery Knights Templar, of Norfolk, perfected arrangements for their pilgrimage to Boston to attend the triennial conclave of Knights Templar. The Knights will leave there the 24th.

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The argument that Hiram Abiff was not a builder is a perverse chimera, in our humble opinion. Some have confounded him with "Abdemon" mentioned by profane historians, but quite erroneously.—Kenning's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry.

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A lodge in Hartford, Conn., has a large scrap book in which are kept all important events in connection with the lodge. This is a good idea. The minutes are in some respects a history of the lodge but there are often matters of interest occurring that do not properly belong in the minute book. There are newspaper clippings of public occasions, pictures of prominent members, and other incidents that are of great interest to members of the lodge, and this book, together with the minutes, must be of great interest both to the members and others recalling pleasing incidents in connection with the lodge and Order.—Masonic Journal.

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The annual meeting of Lynn Commandery, K. T., was held at Marion on June 14th, from 11 to 5 o'clock p. m., and was an occasion of great interest to the Masonic fraternity of this section of Virginia, the assembly of knights being very large and composed of men eminent in the counsels of the order and in the social world. Four new knights penetrated the mysteries of the highest rank.

An elaborate banquet was spread in the hall of the commandery, under the direction of Steward E. J. Haller, during which Past Eminent Commander B. F. Buchanan delivered an eloquent address and presented to Mr. Geo. W. Wright, the eminent Mason of Marion, a handsome gold-headed cane, upon the part of members of the commandery, as a testimonial to his Masonic attainments.

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O friend, the little cloud!
That wavered on the blue horizon's rim
Has grown apace until the murky shroud
Makes sun and stars grow shadowy and dim;
And dawn and noon have passed away,
There is no day!

I dare not even dream
Of that rough way o'er which your feet must tread.
If there be yet in all the heavens one gleam
Of hope by which you may be comforted,
Oh, may your anguish-heavy eyes
See it arise!

I stretch my helpless hands,
My heart goes out through intervening space,
My soul within your very presence stands
I lift my eyes, I strive to scan your face,
And read within its lines in part
How fares the heart.

Oh, vain! I strive in vain
Some answer to my fervent wish to see,
Each soul alone the bitter cup must drain,
Must watch alone in dark Gethsemane,
Unanswered lift the pleading cry,
Let this pass by!

And yet the dawn will rise,
And darkness flee before unfailing day,
Then angels may from out the shining skies
Descend and roll this heavy grief away,
And show within this "wailing place"
A blessing's face.

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In his address at the Masonic celebration at Grannett, Ark., on Monday, June 24, Rev. Bro. J. H. Amacker made an address in which he gave the following synopis of Freemasonry:

1st. A definition of Freemasonry, showing that it has always been considered under two denominations, viz.: operative and speculative. Operative Masonry being simply a knowledge of mechanics, this form of it is as old as the world. Primeval man being utterly ignorant of everything, had to learn by experience.

2d. The liberal arts and sciences, music and religious truth, were also added to the mechanical arts by the societies which were organized in the earliest ages for the purpose of preserving a knowledge of what had been learned.

3d. The principles of these early societies known as the "Lux" of the patriarchal age, Geometry, Philosophy—but more commonly called "Mysteries"—were in their oldest and purest form, the same as the fundamental principles of Freemasonry.

4th. The Ancient Mysteries explained, showing that in them all was preserved, symbolic representative of a death, burial and resurrection.

5th. One of the oldest societies of purely operative Masons was the "Sidonian Builders," organized by the priest architects of Tyre about 1,000 years before Christ. They built the Temple of Solomon and introduced Masonry into Israel.

6th. A company of Jewish Masons appeared in Rome thirty-eight years after it was founded. They formed the famous Roman College of Architects, which continued until the downfall of the empire, A. D. 476. This fraternity of "Builders" being composed of artists and learned men, contributed largely to the greatness of Rome. A lodge or company went with each legion of the army. They were the civil engineers, the sappers and miners of the age and the best educated men of the time. Whenever countries were conquered these fraternities were to be found building up in far better style what war had destroyed.

In A. D. 186 Jewish Masonry was introduced in Britain, and as the island was conquered by the Romans, gradually spread all over the land. In A. D. 926, the First Grand Lodge of England was formed by Prince Edwin of York, since which time the true Israelites have been called "Ancient York Masons."

In A. D. 1717 the Grand Lodge of England decided that Masonry should no longer be restricted to Operative Masons. Since that time the lodges have wrought in Speculative Masonry only.

BARTON HEIGHTS MATTERS.

Social and Other Matters There the Past Week.

Mr. Minor has gone to New York on a pleasure trip.

Miss Foster, of Richmond, is visiting Mrs. Dr. Pitt.

Mrs. Dr. Cullen is visiting in Norfolk and Hampton.

Mr. George P. Cellier left for an extended trip in Southern Virginia yesterday.

Miss Norma Anderson, of Richmond, is the guest of Miss Hattie O'Bannon.

Mrs. T. K. Sands is reported as very much improved from her recent illness.

Mrs. R. J. Folkes, mother of Mrs. J. E. Rose, is visiting in Lynchburg.

Master Harden Bache has gone to the country to spend several days with friends.

Rev. Mr. Hatcher has been rusticating in the lower part of the county for the past few days.

Mr. Willie Taylor, of New York city, spent Tuesday evening with his cousin, Mr. J. Fenton Taylor.

Mrs. J. N. Sadler, and son Howard, who have been visiting Mrs. L. A. Sadler, have returned home.

Mrs. J. E. Harding and family have been on a week's visit to friends and relatives in Maryland.

Mrs. Paull and a number of lady friends attended a picnic at Sugar Grove church, in Hanover, this week.

Mr. Harry Falkner, of Hanover, spent several days with his sister, Mrs. J. B. Farrar, during the week.

Mrs. H. L. Lorraine has been very unwell during the past week, but is able to be about her room and very much improved.

The regular monthly meeting of the Citizens' Association will be held on Tuesday evening next. A full attendance is desired.

A picture has been taken of the Heights from the top of the windmill recently erected by Mr. H. L. Lorraine, and a most excellent one was secured.

Mr. J. H. Harvey has gone to Louisa Courthouse, where he is spending a week with his family, who have been summering at the Piedmont Hotel, that place.

There was a lawn-party at Captain O'Bannon's Thursday night for the benefit of the Baptist church. A goodly number were present, and a neat sum was realized.

A Lady's Pluck.

Last Wednesday night, 31st ult., Mr. R. H. Mays came up to the village with his daughters, and Mrs. Mays went over only a short distance to stay with her sister, Mrs. S. R. Harding, until their return, says the Amherst (Va.) New Era. About 10 o'clock, while they were sitting in the chamber, they heard a noise about the hen-house; they ran out, Mrs. Harding carrying a pistol; she found a man helping himself to her chickens. She fired at him and at the crack of the pistol the intruder cried out, "I'm shot" and fell.

Supposing she had killed him, they returned to the house, and to their horror, they found another party in the house, who opened a trunk and was preparing to lift the contents and she fired at him, striking him in the arm, who would have shared the same fate of his pal, but for the unfortunate act of Mrs. Mays, who threw her hand up and knocked off the pistol, which she did unconsciously, excited as she was, for he would have been killed. Robber No. 2 escaped, but carried nothing with him, except an experience which he will never forget. The hen-house thief recovered and left his bag of poultry, and his blood marked his footsteps. He has not yet been seen or heard of.

Mr. Harding was absent from home, as he frequently is, and relying on that the thieves expected no doubt to reap a harvest, Mrs. Harding's coolness is indeed remarkable and few ladies possess such bravery.

Mrs. Charles Fisher and children, of Venable street, left yesterday on a visit to relatives and friends in Dinwiddie and Nottoway counties.

THE POLLARD CASE.

(Continued from Fifth Page.)

subsequent recital, what is it worth? Absolutely nothing, save to demonstrate the unreliability of his testimony. And, yet this is one of the links in the chain that hung these women.

Why should I continue to multiply such instances. Already more than enough has appeared, and with every day there comes a fresh and more convincing assurance that this matter is becoming daily of greater interest, and that the thinking people in every community are becoming convinced that the Pollard murder case must be thoroughly investigated, not only that the innocent may not be punished, but that the guilty may be ascertained, and forced to undergo the utmost rigor of a severe and unsparing law.

And, to-day, three of the twelve jurors whose voices condemned Pokey Barnes to the dread death upon the gibbet, stand knocking at the door of the Temple of Truth, and self-abased and humble, but glorious in the rectitude of their motives, say to the people of this State, "We spake not from conviction, but from necessity." What need of more?

As far as I am concerned, I care not who may be guilty of this crime. I delight not in blood even though it be the blood of the guilty, nor have I in this case any theory to sustain, or any grudge to satisfy.

But this much I do say, that enough has already appeared, not only to warrant, but to demand, the strictest scrutiny of every feature of this case, so that when justice strikes, her blow may be certain, and her punishment just.

A NEW TRIAL.

Up to last evening the record in the Pollard murder case necessary to formulate the petition for a new trial for Mary Abernathy and Pokey Barnes had not been received from the clerk of Lunenburg. The counsel are also looking for a statement of the facts in the trial from Judge Orgain and Commonwealth's Attorney Neblett.

The failure to receive these papers is causing delay in the action of the counsel. As soon as these papers are received they will go to Cumberland county and make application to Judge Coleman for a new trial. The developments in the case in the last few days have removed any doubt on the mind of the public of the necessity for a new trial for these women.

A well-known lawyer said yesterday that he had read every word printed in connection with the case, and followed it very closely, and that there was not a shadow of a doubt left on his mind that these women did not have a fair trial.

He further said but for the work of The Times the facts that brought him to this conclusion would never have been brought out.

JURORS REGRET THE VERDICT.

A Times Man Talks With Mr. Hazlewood and Lawyer Bell.

SOUTH HILL, VA., Aug. 10.—Special.—The statement that some of the jurors who sat in the trial of the alleged Pollard murderers were conscience-stricken is true. In company with Mr. E. H. Buford, I went this evening to the residence of Mr. Hazlewood, one of the parties mentioned in The Times this morning. I met him just before I got to the house, and asked him if it was true that he had expressed a desire to have the verdict set aside in the case of Pokey Barnes. Mr. Hazlewood, who first seemed little disposed to talk of this matter, said that Mr. Bell could tell me everything about the matter. He finally said, however, that he did not believe that the evidence against Pokey Barnes was sufficient to warrant his verdict of guilty, and expressed the most sincere regrets that he should have selected such a verdict.

He told me that he did not care to talk about the case, as he thought it might make him unpopular with his neighbors, but he told me that he thought he did wrong to consent to a verdict of guilty.

He said that he has been greatly disturbed ever since he brought in the verdict, and that he does not intend to be one of twelve to murder a woman in this or any other way.

Mr. Hazlewood, who is an honest, intelligent-looking man, seems to be greatly worried by the verdict to which he consented, and says that he would gladly do anything to recall it.

After leaving Mr. Hazlewood, I went to see Mr. Bell, the lawyer to whom Mr. Hazlewood spoke of his doubt, as to the correctness of the verdict on the night that he returned from the Courthouse. From Mr. Bell I learned that on the night of the day that Pokey Barnes was convicted Mr. Hazlewood came by to see him, and said that he was afraid that he had done wrong, and that he had consented to a verdict which was unjust.

From what Mr. Hazlewood said, Mr. Bell inferred that he had been threatened, and that he consented to the verdict because he was afraid of the people. Two or three days after this Mr. Hazlewood came to see Mr. Bell again, bringing with him Mr. Chris Edwards, another of the jurors. Both of these gentlemen attempted to employ Mr. Bell to endeavor to secure a new trial for the women, but he said he thought the time for such action had passed.

Mr. Bell said that he did not refuse to defend the women because he believed them to be guilty, but because he had other important interests to look after. He further said that the evidence presented at court and as set out in the committee's statement was much weaker than he had looked for.

A Woman of Fashion.

Here is a curious extract from the Lady's Monthly Magazine, which is written in the style of Proverbs, as follows:

Who shall describe a woman of fashion? Her value is only in her jewels.

She seeketh powder and paint, and with her hands willingly maketh cosmetics.

She bringeth food and raiment from afar, that it may be more costly; nothing homely or cheaply purchased, pleaseth her.

She considereth a piece of China and buyeth it, and squandereth her husband's money in vanity.

She girdeth not her body with modest raiment; her apparel is scant and undelicate.

She maketh her house the resort of gamblers; her candles burn and give light to evil doings.

She layeth her hands on the cards; yea, even her hands divideth the spoil.

She maketh card purses and delivereth tickets of invitation for masks and revelry.

She openeth her mouth to utter evil words; her tongue retaileth scandal.

Her children are nurtured by a stranger, and respect her not; her husband, too, he despiseth her.

Fortune, birth, and beauty might have raised her above others; but she is the child of folly.

Her conduct should, therefore, have made her a pattern for all women, and her works would have praised her in the gates.

Competitor of Compressed Air.

Another new motive power for street cars is likely to become a competitor for compressed air, for place in the Broad-street line, if reports are true. It is understood that Mr. James N. Wood, the inventor, and Mr. Charles Meagher, mechanical engineer, both of this city, have devised a unique method of utilizing carbonic-acid gas for street-car propulsion. The engine now under construction is of the double-cylinder type, thus getting the benefit of the wonderful expansive force of this gas.

The weight of this engine is its most remarkable feature. A twenty-horse-power motor, for instance, will only weigh 500 pounds. The cost of operating this engine is below any power now in use, with the exception of water-power.

The most important feature of the new system is the fact that it does away with the power-house, and either overhead or underground connections. The car becomes thoroughly self-contained.

The gentlemen intend submitting the scheme to the city government.

An Artificial Reservoir.

One of the greatest wonders of ancient Egypt was the famous artificial body of water called Lake Moeris. According to Herodotus, "the measure of its circumference was 3,300 furlongs, which is equal to the entire length of Egypt along the seacoast." The excavation, which was made in the time of King Moeris (the Memnon of the Greeks and Romans), was of varying depths, and its centre was occupied by two pyramids, the apexes of which were 300 feet higher than the surface of the water. The water for this gigantic artificial reservoir was obtained from the Nile through a canal, which six months of the year had an inflow and the other six an outflow, corresponding to high and low water in the river. The canal gradually filled with sand and the lake has long since evaporated, but the bottom is still one of the most fertile tracts in Egypt.

Sudden Rise in Lake Ontario.

Two friends and myself went bathing in Lake Ontario on the evening of the 19th instant, about half-past 7 o'clock. During the half-hour that we were on or about the shore, the water lowered from twelve to eighteen inches, and rose again to its former level. We were scarcely conscious of its recession from the shore at first, as we were not watching it, but it was forced on our attention by the appearance above the water of a shoal on which we had stood a few minutes before, in a foot of water. This shoal, on which there had been a foot of sand or thereabout, became in ten or fifteen minutes exposed several inches above the surface, and the water receded from the shore in the same time from fifty to one hundred feet.

We had commenced to dress ourselves when the water reached its lowest level. It was then proposed that we should ride our bicycles on this shoal.

We hastened to dress, in order to carry ou this design, but by the time we had completed dressing, the water had risen again, and thus put an end to our purpose.

The water was exceptionally quiet and smooth; there was scarcely a breath of air stirring, and there was a slight sprinkle of rain. The movement of the water outward and inward was very gentle, and there was nothing like a rush of water or large wave. The beach is sandy, and slopes very gradually. The coast is slightly indented, and about a mile away is an island stretching about half a mile parallel to the coast.

I judge that the phenomenon is an example of the "seiche," which has been observed and studied in Lake Geneva and other European lakes. It is explained as being generally caused by difference in atmospheric pressure, and sometimes by earthquakes. I am told that a rise and fall of the water at short intervals is quite a common occurrence in Lake Ontario, and that it presages stormy weather. The extreme rapidity of the movement, unaccompanied by any disturbance of the surface, or any strong wind, is what makes this occurrence remarkable to me.—Toronto Globe.

"Comin' Thro' the Rye."

I asked for a song and she sang me one,
"Twas of love and not of fame;
An old, old song, you oft have heard,
Whose charm is ever the same.

And, as the music rose, my love grew strong,
I know not how nor why;
I only knew my heart was enslaved
By "comin' thro' the Rye." X. Y. Z.

A correspondent of the British Weekly had some odd experiences in a county council election some time ago in a rural district of England. "The names of the candidates were Mr. Mook and Colonel Holland. 'Ah, well,' said a man to me, after I had been expatiating on the merits of one of them, 'I don't know nothing about 'ook, and I don't know nothing about 'olland, but my wife's a Dutch-about 'olland, but my wife's a Dutch-woman, and so I mean to vote for 'olland.'"

OUTLOOK FOR WOOL IS GOOD.

Although Sales at This Season Are Light, the Market's Tone Strong.

As is to be expected at this season sales in the wool market are running light. The market's tone, however, continues exceptionally strong. According to The Textile Manufacturers' Journal, the weeks' sales in the Boston, New York, and Philadelphia markets aggregate 2,864,000 pounds domestic, 2,882,000 pounds foreign, a gross total of 5,746,000 pounds, as compared with 4,929,400 pounds domestic, 4,312,000 pounds foreign—a gross total of 9,241,400 pounds for the previous week.

Demand is quiet, as the sales show, and no active trade is expected to develop within the next six weeks. Wools purchased at the recent sales are beginning to arrive, and as these wools come in they make clear the fact that very large purchases were made on manufacturers' account, large quantities of the arrivals going forward to the mills. It is estimated that fully one-half of the 60,000 bales taken at the sales were bought by manufacturers, and dealers have also sold considerable wool to arrive, so that only a comparatively small portion of the entire purchases will come in the market. The next series will contain only small offerings of really good wools, most of it being inferior, and this was a factor in increasing the quantities taken by American buyers at the recent sales.

Territory wools are held firm in face of a limited request. It is reported that one large buyer, who usually buys about 5,000,000 pounds annually, has not bought any this season, confining his purchases to fine foreign. If other manufacturers have pursued a similar course and many have to a lesser extent, the demand for these wools will be restricted unless prices fall to a point which makes them attractive. They are quoted at 34 to 36 cents for fine and fine medium, and 36 to 38 cents for fine.

The carpet wool market shows an increased inquiry, which is not manifested in actual sales. The Philadelphia strike is a retarding influence, but this is expected to be of short duration, and once settled manufacturers will be free operators. Some very large lines of wools are under consideration, and deals are likely to be closed at any time.

Self-Lighting Miner's Lamps.

Herr Koch, manager of the Karolinengluck colliery, near Bochum, has, it appears, invented a self-lighting miner's lamp, which requires no spare parts. The igniting strip is contained in an annular space, formed by pressing without solder joint, in a metal ring underneath the cylindrical glass, and this space is sufficiently large to permit the strip to take from three to five turns, according to the size of the lamp, thus accommodating a large number—up to 150.—fulminate igniters. An advantage claimed for this arrangement is that the heat radiated by the lamp flame keeps the strip and its chamber dry, and there the fulminate igniters are in a good condition for performing their office. The igniting strip has a small wire running through it, so that it can be drawn out of its chamber by being wound up on a small spindle, notwithstanding the combustion which takes place on ignition being effected, as each fulminate igniter is drawn across a rubbing surface.

A negro preacher addressed his flock with great earnestness on the subject of "Miracles," as follows: "My beloved friends de greatest of all miracles was 'bout de loaves and fishes. Dey was 5,000 loaves and 2,000 fishes, and de twelve 'postles had to eat 'em all. De miracle is, dey didn't bust."—Atlanta Constitution.

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500 yards Dimities and Lawns, 3c. a yard.

5 pieces Double-Fold White Dimity, regular price 20c., loss price 12½c.

1,500 yards Assorted Check Muslin, 8 and 10c. values, clearing price 5c. a yard.

5 pieces 48-inch Fast Black Batiste, sold this season at 16⅔c., now 12½c.

1,800 yards Dark-Ground Taffeta Moires, bought a week since to sell for fall wear for 17c., sale price 9c. a yard.

15 pieces Black-Ground, Colored-Flower Satin Striped Grenadines, former price 25c., loss price 12½c.

4 pieces only Pink and Light Blue exquisite shades—5½-inch wide Irish Lawn, loss price 12½c.

15 pieces Light and Dark, Figured and Striped Duck, 12½c. value, 6¼c. a yard.

3 pieces Cassimere for men's and boys' wear, sale price 12½c.

2 pieces All-Wool, stylish patterns, for men's and boys' wear, $1 value, at 50c. a yard.

100 pieces Mosquito Net, all shades, full piece 25c.

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146 pairs Pure Wool California Blankets, slightly soiled, at heavy loss prices.

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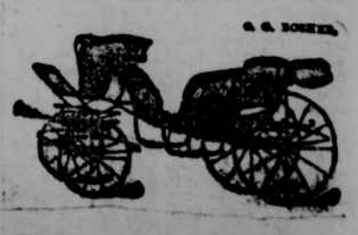
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