

## A WOMAN'S QUESTION.

Do you know you have asked for the costliest thing  
Ever made by the Hand above—  
A woman's heart and a woman's life,  
And a woman's wonderful love?

Do you know you have asked for this priceless thing  
As a child might ask for a toy,  
Demanding what others have died to win,  
With the reckless dash of a boy?

You have written my lesson of duty out,  
Manlike you have questioned me;  
Now stand at the bar of my woman's soul  
Until I question thee.

You require your mutton shall always be hot,  
Your socks and your shirts shall be whole;  
I require your heart to be as true as God's stars,  
As pure as Heaven your soul.

You require a cook for your mutton and beef;  
I require a far better thing—  
A seamstress you're wanting for stockings and  
shirts—  
I look for a man and a king.

Asking for a beautiful realm called home,  
And a man that the maker, God,  
Shall look upon as he did the first,  
And say, "It is very good."

I am fair and young, but the rose will fade  
From my soft young cheek one day,  
Will you love me, then, 'mid the falling leaves,  
As you did 'mid the bloom of May?

Is your heart an ocean so strong and deep  
I may launch my all on its tide?  
A loving woman finds heaven or hell  
On the day she is made a bride.

I require all things that are grand and true,  
All things that a man should be.  
If you give this all I would stake my life  
To be all you demand of me.

If you cannot do this, a laundress and cook  
You can hire with little to pay,  
But a woman's heart and a woman's life  
Are not to be won that way.

## State Items.

Twelve or fifteen new members  
joined Iona Alliance, Robeson county,  
at its meeting June 18.

There is a very disastrous epidemic,  
a bowel trouble, raging in Henderson,  
which is proving very fatal among the  
people.

Exchange: We have advices from  
the eastern and western portions of  
the State that the crop prospects are  
excellent.

Wilmington Star: We regret to  
see that sections of North Carolina  
and Virginia crops are being much  
ravaged by devouring insects.

Tarboro Southerner: The Farmers'  
Club at Noble's Mill was well attended  
Saturday. Gen. Cox made an excel-  
lent speech on agricultural matters.

Troy Vidette: The most of the  
farmers have reaped and housed their  
wheat in good condition.—Some of  
the farmers in Mt. Gilead township  
are crying out against chintz bugs in  
corn.

High Point Enterprise: A lot of  
wheat was threshed here this week  
and produced a bushel of grain to a  
little over two shocks. Wheat is  
unusually good and the crop will turn  
out well.

Cor. Davie Times: The farmers are  
busy with their wheat harvest. The  
wheat and oats are above the average  
in this township. The outlook for  
corn is very promising. Cotton is  
looking well. Not much tobacco  
planted.

Henderson Times: It is now a cer-  
tainty that Capt. M. C. Toms has a  
coal mine. It is situated on Pilot  
Mountain, in this county, and from  
the specimens shown we judge the  
coal to be of the finest quality of can-  
nel coal.

Greensboro Daily Workman: Jas.  
W. Poe, a colored citizen of Rocking-  
ham county, will bring out a volume  
of poems some time within the next  
few months. The book will be read  
by many to see how much it has in it.  
It will be full of Poe-try.

Carthage Blade: Now is the time  
for our farmers to make their manure.  
Every wet rainy day when they can-  
not plow, they ought to have all hands  
raking and hauling litter, composting  
and preparing for the grain crop and  
even for next year's crop. Litter is  
just twice as easy raked and hauled  
now as in winter.

Greensboro Workman: We have  
very unfavorable reports concerning  
the fruit crop. Mr. A. L. Rankin, who  
has just returned from a trip across  
the counties of Davidson, Stokes,  
Surry, Forsyth and Davie, in the inter-  
est of the Odell Hardware House, says  
the fruit crop will be exceedingly  
small, not enough for drying purposes.

Charlotte Chronicle: Mr. Moses  
Stroup, Jr. of Gaston county, is one of  
her most progressive and prosperous  
farmers. He does not give his entire  
attention to cotton, but raises other  
things more profitable. His wheat  
crop will make about 400 bushels and  
his oats and corn will turn out splen-  
didly. Mr. Stroup has taken a great  
deal of interest in bee culture and has  
54 hives of the Langstroth patent.

Since the beginning of the present  
honey season, he has robbed 15 hives  
and has secured 654 pounds of honey,  
securing as much as 253 pounds in a  
day. His hives are stocked with the  
genuine Italian bees, and he finds this  
industry a thriving one.

Dan Valley Echo: On last Friday,  
June 17th, Mr. Luther Jones, miller  
at the Leaksville flouring mills, ground  
for Mr. Albert Ray 4 1-2 bushels of  
new wheat, and the flour was returned  
to him before 10 o'clock. In the eve-  
ning one bushel was ground for Mr.  
W. M. Bateman. This is the earliest  
that new wheat has ever been ground  
at these mills.

Cor. Dan Valley Echo: The factor-  
ies on Deep river, in Randolph county,  
furnish employment and good wages  
to many hundreds of hands, and these  
have not felt any hard times. Regular  
work, good wages, good houses with  
gardens attached, they seem to have  
plenty and are happy. There are  
three factories at Randleman, which  
turn out daily not less than 30 or 40  
thousand yards of plaids.

Lexington Dispatch: A few days  
ago a farmer said that Davidson will  
take a good step forward this year.  
Good crops of wheat, corn, oats and  
grass will do much to advance the  
material prosperity of the county.—  
The walls of the Female Seminary are  
going up rapidly. At the rate the  
work is being done, the building will  
soon be ready to be turned over to  
the corporators.

Warrenton Gazette: Charlotte is to  
have two new and important enter-  
prises. One of those will be a brick,  
tile and sewer pipe manufactory, and  
the other will be a large mill for grind-  
ing corn, meal and feed stuff.—The  
crops in South Carolina, we are  
pleased to see published, and reported  
better than they have been in twenty-  
five years. Cotton is number one.—The  
wheat has been saved in good condi-  
tion. The crop on good land is a fine  
one, but the area devoted to it was  
small.

Asheville Cor. News and Observer:  
Through trains, made up of elegant  
coaches, including Pullman cars, pass  
here daily going between Charlotte  
and Louisville. So far this line is  
developing business in a manner en-  
couraging to the railroad authorities.  
—Judson College commencement  
exercises were held during the first  
three days of the present week. There  
were six graduates, all in the com-  
mercial department. Rev. Dr. Car-  
roll delivered the annual address in  
place of Dr. Hume, of the State Uni-  
versity, who was kept away by serious  
illness. The book-keeping medal was  
awarded to W. R. Patterson, of Bun-  
combe; that for declamation to J. D.  
Boone, of Iredell; that for recitation  
to Miss Nora Welch, of Haywood.  
The degree of L.L.D. was conferred  
upon Prof. G. G. Goff, of Bucknell,  
Pa., and that of D. D. upon Rev. B.  
Royal, of Wake Forest College. These  
are the first degrees ever conferred by  
Judson College. The exercises were  
concluded by a pleasant concert.  
Under the management of Rev. J. B.  
Boone this institution continues to  
grow steadily in favor with the literary  
public.

News and Observer: Mr. A. J. Har-  
rell, one of the best farmers of Wayne  
county, sold a nice lot of tobacco at  
Jones' warehouse yesterday. Mr.  
Harrell says he will have some of his  
present crop on exhibition at the com-  
ing fair.—Last September during a  
tremendous freshet, Jones & Powell's  
mill was washed away and their iron  
safe went down with the building.  
Search was made at the time, but the  
safe never could be found. It looked  
almost impossible for such an article  
to be lost in a stream of such size; but  
the search had proven fruitless and had  
been given up some time ago. Yester-  
day while a force of convicts were  
at work straightening and cleaning  
out the bed of the creek, they struck  
the safe, which had been buried under-  
neath the bottom of the stream for the  
past nine months.

Just where it was found there is a  
bend in the creek and after the water  
had subsided a large hole was notice-  
d in the side of the bank. So it is  
supposed that the safe fell into the  
hole in the stream and was covered  
over with sand and rocks from the  
dam. It has not been opened yet, and  
it is not known whether the contents  
are well preserved or not.

All along the road of the editors  
recent travels the most abundant crop  
prospects were reported. It is said  
that the prospects have not been so  
good, in Swain county, for fifteen  
years.—W. N. C. Baptist.

## FARMERS' CLUB.

## Form of Constitution and By-Laws.

## CONSTITUTION.

This club shall be known as the Far-  
mer's Club of \_\_\_\_\_ Township. Its  
object shall be to improve the condition  
of the farmers and promote the cause  
of Agriculture.

Its officers shall consist of a President,  
Vice-president and Secretary and Treas-  
urer, who shall be elected for the term of  
one year.

It shall be the duty of the President to  
preside at all regular or called meetings of  
the Club, and to announce the order of busi-  
ness. In his absence, the Vice-president  
shall preside. In the absence of both, the  
club may elect a temporary Chairman.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to  
keep a record of the proceedings of the  
Club, and carry on such correspondence  
as the Club may direct.

In addition to the officers there shall be  
an Executive Committee, consisting of  
three or more members, as the Club may  
determine, to transact business appertain-  
ing to the Club.

Applications for membership must be  
made by petition, endorsed by one or  
more members of the Club. Such petition  
shall be referred to a committee, who will  
report at the next regular meeting, when  
a vote may be had upon the petition, a  
majority of the Club, not of those present  
simply, being necessary to elect to mem-  
bership.

No one shall be eligible to membership  
unless practically engaged in Agriculture.  
Farmers' wives and daughters may be  
elected as honorary members.

There shall be no initiation or other fee  
charged. All necessary expenses shall be  
defrayed by proportionate assessment or  
by voluntary contributions, as the Club  
may decide.

The President, Vice-president and Sec-  
retary shall be ex-officio representative  
members of the Club to the County Club,  
when such is organized, and shall have  
full power to vote and act for the Club,  
unless the Club shall decide to elect other  
members as such representatives.

The Club shall have power to draft by-  
laws for its government.

The Constitution may be amended by  
giving two months' notice of the amend-  
ment proposed, in writing, but no amend-  
ment shall be carried without a two-thirds  
vote of the members of the Club.

## BY-LAWS.

I. The meetings of the Club shall be  
held once a month (or oftener) at such  
time and place as the Club may direct.  
Special meetings may be called by the Ex-  
ecutive Committee if deemed advisable.

II. The Order of Business shall be:

1. Calling the roll.
2. Reading minutes of preceding meet-  
ing.
3. Election of new members.
4. Report of committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Election of officers.

III. Elections shall be by ballot, the  
tellers appointed by the President, and  
those candidates receiving the largest num-  
ber of votes, as counted before the Club,  
shall be declared elected.

IV. After the regular business, the Club  
may hear discussions, essays or addresses  
upon Agriculture, but no religious or po-  
litical discussions will be permitted, or  
nothing calculated to mar the harmony of  
the Club.

V. Seven members shall constitute a  
quorum for the transaction of business.

Each member will have the right to ex-  
press his views fully upon any subject un-  
der discussion, but must do so courteously  
and not indulge in rudeness. Breach of  
courtesy will subject the offender to re-  
proof, and if persisted in, he may be ex-  
pelled by a vote of the Club. An expelled  
member cannot regain admission under  
one year.

Every member should feel it his duty to  
advance the interests of his fellow mem-  
bers and of his brother farmers, giving  
such aid and council as they may seek,  
when in his power to do so.

The above form, with slight mod-  
ifications, will answer for the organization  
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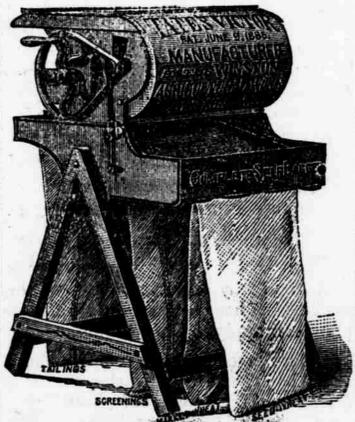
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