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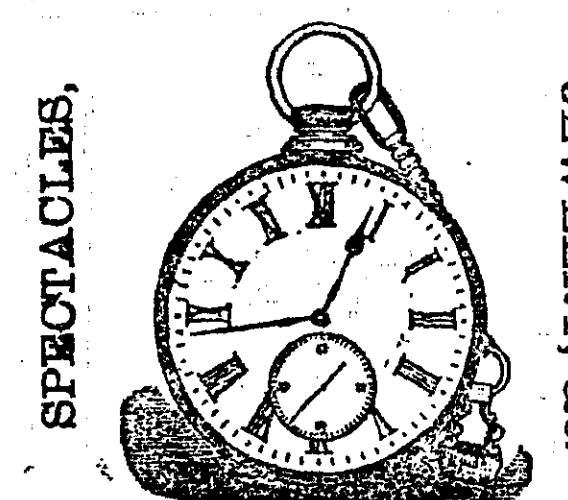
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## Selected Poetry.

[From the Monthly Messenger.]  
**THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.**  
MAN.

"Tis Christmas eve and all is still  
And hush is on the town;  
The wintry night is chill and drear,  
The fires are burning down.

The children early fix for bed,  
That Santa Claus may come;  
Till all are fast asleep, 'tis said,  
He never stirs from home.

The stockings all are hung around,  
In every chimney jam;  
And scarcely nails enough are found  
For Will and Sue and Sam.

Right early they are snugly laid  
Upon their little beds,  
And talk of all the plans they've made,  
With anxious hearts and heads.

Then one by one they fall asleep,  
Expecting to awake;  
As soon as day begins to peep—  
And down their stockings take.

And sure enough old Santa Claus,  
Comes down the chimney steep;  
With smiling face and whiskered jaws,  
While they are fast asleep.

As any one might well suppose,  
His face is very black;  
The soot has covered o'er his clothes  
And bundle on his back.

Now in the dark he gently puts,  
In every stocking there,  
Some candy or some cakes and nuts,  
Or what he has to spare.

Then up the chimney, out of sight,  
He goes as quick as thought;  
And whispers as he goes, "good night,"  
And never once is caught.

## Selected Story.

**A CHRISTMAS STORY.**

TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION.

BY MRS. ELLEN M. MITCHELL.

Christmas Eve! How the fire roared up the chimney and flashed with cherry brightness into every corner of the room; how it lit up the faces of the two who sat beside it, and softened the bitterness of one, and added to the sweetness of the other. The faces were those of Hannah Ware, spinster, and of her girl visitor, Faith Murray. The eyes of the younger were bent on an open picture that she held.

"And this arch, lovely creature was your sister Miriam," she said, in a low voice. "If you would but tell me her story."

The woman's face paled in the firelight, and her hands clasped and unclasped each other nervously.

"She is not dead?" questioned Faith softly.

"I know not," and the speaker's voice was hard and cold, but her eyes had a wistful look. "Years ago she did me a grievous wrong, and I have never forgiven her."

Faith shuddered at the words, and held up the picture appealingly.

"It is a terrible thing to say," whispered she, "and how it must have eaten into your life—this unforgotten wrong. Oh, take back your words, dear Miss Ware, for the sake of your better self, for the sake of this blessed Christmas time."

"You know not what you ask," said the other bitterly. "If you had nourished in your breast a serpent unsuspected, and it stung you to death, would you not look upon it with hatred and loathing? If you had sacrificed for a sister, youth and health; if you had walked in the darkness that she might rejoice in the light, and she robbed you—treacherously, deliberately robbed you—of the one treasure left to your lonely life, could you forgive?"

Faith's eyes grew misty with tears, and she put out her hand to clasp Miss Ware's.

"Dear friend, how you must have suffered! If I could but speak some words of help and comfort!"

"Ah, child, you have done much for me; you have broken through the cynical reserve of the hard old maid whom everybody feared, and found the way to her heart; you have let in her darkened life some faint sun-rays of human love and hope; but this is a wound that even you cannot heal, for it still rankles with the same bitter intensity as when first inflicted ten years ago."

"If you would but tell me the story," and the sweet face was lifted pleadingly. "Would it pain you too much?"

The woman's brow grew dark, and she answered gloomily, "What if it does? I am used to suffering. But for no mortal have I ever rolled away the stone from this dread secret."

Faith said not a word, but her eyes were eloquent with love and pity. Miss Ware saw it, and her heart softened toward this girl, who had clung to her from the first with such tender, child-like trust, and had not minded that she was harsh and unsympathizing, but had pierced thro' the outer crust to the good that lay beneath.

"You shall hear the story," she said more gently than she had spoken before, "and shall judge between my sister Miriam and me. They named you rightly, dear. To my tempest-tossed heart you are the living symbol of faith in humanity and in God. If in all the world there is one who can make clear the terrible wrong I have suffered, it is you. Listen, then, and help me if you can."

"I was eighteen when mother died, Miriam nine. We were worse than orphaned, father was a hopeless drunkard, Miriam was mother's legacy to me; she was the youngest and had ever been the favorite. Though I was but a girl, I realized the responsibility of the charge. But I did not shrink from it; mother's heart had not been more bound up in Miriam than was mine. I was resolved to do my duty to the child, whatever sacrifice it involved to myself."

"This resolution was quickly put to the test. I had a lover, and he thought his claims paramount to those of Miriam. He offered the child a home, but urged our speedy marriage. I laid the proposal before father in one of his sober intervals, but though ready enough to acknowledge that he was not a fit guardian for Miriam, he refused to part with her. However low he had fallen, he was still my father, and I dared not disregard his wishes. So love drew me one way, duty another."

"I explained it all to Richard; he listened but was not convinced. 'You cannot be so cruel,' he said, 'as to sacrifice me to that child, now when everything has turned out exactly as we wished. I have received the South American appointment; the salary is not large, but amply sufficient for all our wants; there is only Miriam between us and happiness. Why not let your father keep her, as he seems determined to do? She has but little to fear from his influence and you have told me yourself that he is not unkind to her, even when drunk. My sister will gladly oversee her education, and we can send her whatever money is needed for that purpose. Dear Hannah, think of it; think of all you have promised, think of the weary years that must elapse before I can return, and for the sake of the love you bear me, do not let this child blight both our lives. I am to sail in less than a month. Shall I be alone, or with you?"

"If you knew how hard I found it to resist this plea! But I did. And before he went, Richard acknowledged that I was right, even while deploring the hard necessity that separated us when we needed each other most. He promised again and again to be faithful during his absence, and demanded from me like rows of eternal fidelity. 'Just think of it,' said he, 'Miriam will be eighteen when I return—just your age now, and I shall be thirty-four. Will the years have changed us much, I wonder? Who knows but you will prefer a younger lover then?' I laughed and replied that I had more to fear from his inconstancy than he from mine, that women grew older faster than men, and that he might even transfer his affections to Miriam herself when he compared her fresh, young face with my faded one. Truer words were never spoken in jest, and though I am not superstitious, a thrill of apprehension crept over me at the time, and I would have taken them back if I could."

"I will pass over our parting, and go on to the years that followed. How long they seemed, those years of waiting, and how full they were of cares and anxieties! Miriam blossomed into rare loveliness, and was to me child and sister, both in one. For her I toiled and struggled, and bore my burdens uncomplainingly. But she was not grateful; I knew it even then, yet blinded by affection, found excuses for even graver faults than this."

Faith died when Miriam was twelve. Strong drink had killed his better self long before, and the degraded wreck left we could pity, but not respect. Yet we mourned him sincerely, for the ties that bound him to us could not be severed without pain. This calamity (and we held it one, whatever others thought) was soon followed by another. A financial convulsion swallowed up the little fortune settled on us at mother's death. I kept this from Richard, and grappled with poverty, alone and unaided. 'Twas even a harder task for a woman then than now. But I found work and Miriam was still sent to school, and comfortably if not daintily clad. What hurt me most was when she complained, as she often did, of suffering hardships and privations, apparently unconscious that I toiled early and late, and practiced constant self-denial, to keep her from want. That this was thoughtless rather than selfish I tried to think, for she was such a winsome creature, one could not judge her harshly."

"I corresponded with Richard regularly, and to the last his letters never lost their lover-like tone. As the time drew near for his return, even Miriam noticed my restlessness, and wondered a little anxiously what he was like, and whether he had changed much, and was rich or not. This last she thought a most important question, and it really had more to do with her likes and dislikes than I cared to acknowledge. 'Richard came, and Miriam saw him first. I know not what he said, but her cheeks were flushed and her eyes radiant when I entered the room and as she turned to go I saw her coquettish smile and his admiring look. Then the grave handsome face was bent close to mine, and the dear remembered voice whispered 'Hannah!' and I forgot everything else in the rapture of that moment."

The hand that Faith held trembled, and Miss Ware broke suddenly. But the girl waited in silence, for the story had been to her like a revelation and more than half guessing what was to come, she shrank from it with a vague sense of pain and pity.

"The years had touched Richard more lightly than me," continued Miss Ware, after a long pause. "He was in the flush of manhood; I had lost the bloom of youth forever. The slow waiting, the long struggle with care and poverty had told upon me fearfully, and though I was but twenty-seven, I looked older. Richard noticed the change, but delicately forbore allusion to it, except when he spoke of what the past had cost us both with an air half-pitying, half-regretful."

"Those first days of his return gleamed out from the dark woof of my life like golden threads. He was brave, and tender, and helpful, and I leaned upon him with a sense of perfect rest and safety. Miriam, too, whom I had found so difficult to manage, was another creature in his presence and seemed to have lost her girlish grishness, and developed into gracious womanhood. I did not recognize this as coquetry at first, but later saw the snare spread for both of us, and watching with a feeling like death at my heart the tender eyes and smiling lips that sought to lure him from me to her. She was the tempter, he the tempted, I the victim."

Again the woman stepped, as if overcome with bitter memories and Faith whispered gently:

"Might she not have fallen in love with him unconsciously?"

"I was not love, but a selfish desire for wealth, that prompted her conduct. Richard had been successful in South America, and was rich, and she knew it. She was my sister, but when I saw her shy, and gentle, and loving, when he was by, and at all other times cold, and hard, and cruel; when I felt his heart slowly slipping from my grasp, enthralled by her youth and beauty, and sweetness; when I remembered the happiness I had sacrificed, the trials I had endured the years I had wasted for her—my very soul rose up against the baseness of such ingratitude. I would have warned Richard, but pride held me back; and what if I accused Miriam? Would he believe me against her? Had she not ministered to his judgment, until I held him simply by the letter of his vow, not the spirit?"

"The end came at last. They fled from me—stole away while I slept, and I awoke to find myself doubly betrayed. Richard left a brief note,

begging my forgiveness; Miriam not a word. That was ten years ago, and I have never looked upon their faces since. But two years afterwards I read his name in the list of bankrupts and rejoiced at the news, for I knew that this loss of fortune would bring out as nothing else could Miriam's true character."

Faith bent over the pictures tearfully, and at that instant the strains of a Christmas anthem floated into the room, and high above the other voices rose a sweet soprano, "On earth peace good will toward men!" The young girl clasped her hand, and with parted lips and soft eyes raised heavenward, listened. Then came a burst of triumphant melody from the organ, and throbbled and fell and died away, and over all soared a tenor, clear and exultant, "On earth peace, good will toward men!"

'Twas the singers in a neighboring church practicing for the morrow. But Faith's sweet eyes had an awed and solemn look, and even Miss Ware's was softened.

"And Jesus, on his way to the cross, said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,'" whispered Faith and bowed her head reverently.

The rock was touched, and from out the heart that for ten long years had been hardened and embittered by the memory of its wrongs, gushed forth the stream of human love and forgiveness. Miss Ware burst into a passionate fit of weeping, and cried: "He said that, and then died for the men that crucified him. O, Miriam! Miriam! And I, a sinner, was less merciful to thee! God help me and soften my unforgiving heart!"

She sank to her knees in the firelight, and beside her knelt Faith, and the two sent up a silent petition for help and guidance, and the music floated into the room again, and the voice sang, "On earth peace, good will toward men!"

Faith rose the next morning at dawn. The air was crisp and fresh the trees glittered with frost-work, and the distant hills were outlined pure and white against the blue sky. She dressed quickly, and having put on her hat and shawl, and hung a basket on her arm, was stealing from the room, when Miss Ware awoke.

"What! out for a walk so early?" said she, surprised. "And with a basket too! Why, child, where are you going?"

Faith cast down her eyes timidly, and a slight flush crept over her face. "To a poor woman's near by," she faltered, "whose little daughter is crippled, and who will have no other Christmas than this," and she opened her basket. In it were oranges, a bunch of grapes, and a warm, bright dress, gaily trimmed. "It isn't much, but there are so many no better off than she, and papa is not rich, and can only give me a small allowance. They live way up in the top of a miserable old tenement, and I meant to have gone there last night when I was distributing my other purchases, but it grew dark so fast that I hadn't time. If only she isn't up this morning, for I want her to think Santa Claus sent them."

"Dear little Faith," said Miss Ware, brokenly, "take me with you. I would do something for these poor people, too. No wonder your sweet eyes shine with such perfect content. You have found the secret of happiness in helping the others and forgetfulness of self."

The wretched tenement was all astray with human life when they reached it. Red-faced men, haggard, women, and weaned children pressed past them on the stairs. Miss Ware shrank back but Faith went on bravely, and had for each a kindly look, or word, or smile. And oh! it was beautiful to see how even the brutal faces of the men softened, and what a glad, grateful look came into the eyes of woman and children at her greeting.

Up, up they climbed, until Miss Ware could scarcely draw her breath and was sick with horror at the misery she saw around her everywhere. At the last landing they stopped, and Faith pointed to a door that stood slightly ajar.

"That is the room," she said. Then she went forward and peeped in, and Miss Ware heard a child's voice, and a sudden joyful cry. Faith looked slightly disappointed, but tried to hide it, and beckoning Miss Ware to follow, entered.

Miss Ware stopped at the door, and looked around. The room was small and dingy, and almost bare of furniture, but scrupulously neat and clean. Upon a rude pallet in one corner lay the crippled child of whom Faith had spoken. She was pale and emaciated, with rings of yellow hair clustering about her blue-veined temples, and large eyes that glittered strangely. Miss Ware started at sight of her, and pushing past Faith, lifted up the little face and looked into it eagerly.

"What is your name, child?" she questioned, and her voice shook over the words.

"Hannah," was the trembling reply. "I was named for mamma's sister."

"And her's is Miriam, and your papa's Richard," and the woman caught up the child and rained down kisses on the wan lips, and rings of yellow hair, and blue-veined temples.

"Yes, but papa is dead," said the wistful little voice, "and so is baby brother; but they're up in Heaven, mamma says, and are better off than we, for they're never cold, and sick and hungry. Mamma coughs dreadfully, and I heard the doctor say she wouldn't live long, and ask her if she hadn't any friends. And, oh! how she cried that night, and moaned to herself, and kept repeating my name over and over, 'Hannah! Hannah!'"

But I don't think she meant me, for she said 'Sister Hannah' once and went down on her knees and asked God to forgive her some awful wrong she had done."

Faith's eyes were wet, and Miss Ware shook with sobs. "But, O, Miss Faith!" said the child, eagerly, mayn't I see what is in the basket now?"

"Yes, dear," answered the girl. "Open it yourself."

'Twas pitiful to see what a light came into the large eyes, and how the wan cheeks flushed, and the thin little hands trembled, as she took out the treasures one by one.

"Mamma! mamma!" she cried, "come and look!" And at the words Miss Ware turned and stood face to face with a pale, hollow-eyed woman, the wreck of her sister Miriam.

"O, Miriam! Miriam!" she moaned, and held out her arms with a piteous cry. But the other shrank back, white and horror-stricken. "It is I, your sister Hannah. Have you no word of welcome?"

Then a spasm passed over the woman's face, her knees tottered, and she fell at the feet of her wronged sister. "Forgive! forgive!" she cried; "for Richard's sake and the child's, if not for mine."

Miss Ware lifted her up with words of love and comfort, and then turned to the little cripple and asked her how she would like to live in a bright, sunny house, with pictures on the walls and flowers in the windows. The child's eyes sparkled and so did Faith's and the poor, heart-broken mother was overcome with emotion.

Out from that wretched tenement went four, instead of two, that morning; and when a little later in the day there floated into Miss Ware's room the strains of that Christmas anthem, "On earth peace, good will toward men," the sisters sat with clasped hands and listened, and at their feet knelt the little cripple, and wondered childishly, "if the angels knew all about what had happened and were singing for joy up in Heaven."

**A PAINLESS OPERATION IN DENTISTRY.**  
—Dr. R. E. Moore tried an experiment on a patient at Dr. Farmer's office a few days since which was successful in the object sought, and should excite more attention than it has heretofore. The patient seated himself to have a tooth drawn—a tooth very tight in the jaw, and much difficulty was overcome in extracting it. To relieve the pain attending the extraction, Dr. Moore placed his thumbs on both temples of the patient and we have it from the gentleman's lips that, although the tooth was broken off and the roots extracted with difficulty, the pain was almost entirely destroyed by this pressure. The theory of this we cannot fully explain, but it will present itself at once to the informed of medical and dental professions.—*Wytheville Enterprise.*

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Why is an angry man like a camel? Because he has his back up.

The kind of appointment which nobody likes to have—a disappointment.

It is a blessed thing to live in a land of plenty if one has plenty of land—and money enough to pay his taxes.

Susan—"Why, Nellie, have you been visiting in that old-fashioned dress?" Nellie—"Yes, my dear, but then I've been visiting old-fashioned people."

A witty lady says: "If you want to find out a man's real disposition, take him when he is wet and hungry. If he is amiable then, dry him, and fill him up, and you have an angel."

Prof. Wise says he intends making a trip in a "balloon with dyspeptics." We didn't suppose a balloon was ever troubled with dyspepsia; gastric fever would be a more likely ailment.

"A man who'll maliciously set fire to a shed, said Mr. Slow, "and burn up twenty cows, ought to be kicked to death by a donkey and I'd like to do it myself!" Slow is very severe sometimes.

"Can there be anything brought into this house," asked a disgusted member during the last session of the Legislature, "that will not be repeated sooner or later?" One of the Opposition suggested "a skinned orange."

An exchange tells how a joke was put on him. "A bright little girl of our acquaintance asked us the following conundrum: 'How many letters are there in a postman's bag?' We gave it up, and she said there were three—b-a-g."

In one of the suburban schools a teacher gave out the word "pantler" to a class in spelling. It was a poser to all till it reached the foot of the class, when a curly-headed little fellow spelled it correctly, and being asked to define it, shouted out, "More salt."

"If I was a horse now," mused a big boy, as he struggled up Griswold Street the other day, "I'd be stable, rubbed down and be fed, but I'm a boy, and I've got to go home, clean off snow, bring in wood, tote water and rock the dear old baby for an hour or two."

At a hotel, a short time since, a girl inquired of a gentleman at the table if his cup was out. "No," said he, "my coffee is." The poor girl was considerably confused but determined to pay him in his own coin. While at dinner the stage drove up, and several coming in, the gentleman asked: "Does the stage dine here?" "No, sir," exclaimed the girl in a sarcastic tone, "but the passengers, do."

The British tar is, as a rule, a staunch supporter of the established church, and has a lofty contempt for dissenters, which occasionally shows itself in rather an amusing way. For example, on board one of the ships of the Channel fleet, not long since, one of the petty officers was telling off the men for church, on Sunday and this is the way he gave the *mot d'ordre*: "Reg'lars stand where you bar; fancy religions, fall hout."

"Why doesn't this fire keep up?" asked a Chicago husband pettishly, as he pranced around half dressed, and furtively poked the stove grate, late one bitter morning. "It's so much like you!" piped out his wife, from her warm bed. "Like me! exclaimed he stopping his work. "How so?" "Because," said she, roguishly, "it will go out nights!" He mumbled something to himself and returned to his work.



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W. C. WOLFE, Editor and Prop'r  
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### CHRISTMAS.

Again approaches the season of mirth and merriment, when old and young, rich and poor, all in various ways as suits their condition, join in observing the Christmas holidays.

The 25th of December is the day on which the sun is near the most southerly point in its apparent annual journey, and for so long as we have historical record, it has been celebrated by ceremonies and rejoicings.

The Hindus on this day decorate their houses with garlands of flowers and papers of gold and tinsel, and the custom of making presents to relatives and friends is universally observed.

The Egyptians recognized it by their festival in honor of the birth of their god Horus.

In China is a general holiday; the shops are shut and courts closed. No journey would, under any circumstances, be commenced on this day.

The Persians kept it as the birthday of Mithras the Mediator, a spirit of the sun, with ceremonies of uncommon splendor.

The old Romans held high festival in honor of Bacchus, rejoicing with him that the sun was about to return and revivify the vineyards. They designated the day *Dies Natalis Invicti Solis*—the birthday of the invincible Sun.

There is no record that the birthday of Jesus, the Christ, was observed until the second century. At the suggestion of Pope Telephorus, some of the Eastern churches recognized the sixth of January as the day, while those of the West added it to other celebrations in the last week of December.

In the fourth century, Pope Julius made an order assembling the chief theologians of the time, for the purpose of examining all evidences bearing upon the date of the birth of Jesus, that they should, if possible, fix the day, in order that its observance might be universal. After due deliberation, they decided that it was on December 25th. This decision was, at the time, believed by many of the fathers in the Church to be erroneous, and they went so far as to assert that the examiners had been biased in their decision by their desire to please the public, to whom this day had already become a noted one.

Popular feeling, however, sustained the Council in their decision, which was finally universally accepted and commemorated, although it is now generally believed to be wrong. On the publication of the decision, the Roman church decreed and instituted special prayers or masses, to be said on that day, which were known as Christ-masses.

But we find another derivation for the name. The old Saxons had a word, *Messa*, by which they designated all days freed from labor whether holidays or fast days. The holidays kept in remembrance of the birth of Christ, were *Christ-messa*.

The spread of the Christian religion carried with it the observance of Christmas as a religious festival with which became connected other observances varying with the customs and habits of different nations.

The New England Puritans holding in abhorrence the Romish church and all the forms and ceremonies connected therewith, disregarded the observance of Christmas; and not until within a few years past has it been generally celebrated in the Northern States of our Union. We are glad to know, however, that now there is scarcely a home in which its annual return is not anxiously waited for and properly celebrated.

Whether or not the birth of Christ occurred on the 25th, of December, is a matter of little importance. Neither is it a question of much moment if the stable spoken of in the Scriptures in connection with his birth, was a building devoted to the same purposes as are stables at the present time, or whether it was an "annex" to the inn, to be used, when the latter was full, for the accommodation of guests; or if the manger was the place from which cattle were fed, rather than a kind of hammock, as some believe. Such matters as these may be proper subjects for theological discussion; at present, all we need consider is the fact that Christ was born some time, that he was nursed and tended somewhere, and that he lived to be an example to and a Savior of all men.

It is proper, then that we should celebrate his birth with joy and gladness with feast and festival, with thanksgiving and praise.

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## SENATOR MERRIMON ON THE SITUATION.

Senator Merrimon, as we have already published, says the Raleigh Observer reached home on Saturday evening, and we are glad to learn from him as we did from conversation had with him on yesterday, that in his judgment the Democratic party has even now so clearly the advantage over the Radicals in the Federal Senate in ability and capacity to administer the affairs of the country. The rapid strides of our party toward the control of the Senate was evidenced by the seating of Senators Butler and Eustis, which would never have been submitted to by the Radicals if they had had the power to prevent it. It is now conceded that at the next Congress we will have a good majority in the Senate.

He referred to the scenes in the Senate Chamber pending the discussion of the Spofford-Kellogg case as being very remarkable, full of bitterness and party rancor, and expressed surprise and regret at the course of the special friends of Mr. Hayes in the Senate during the protracted struggle for principle and right over party and faction. It was conceded, says Senator Merrimon, that the persons composing the Nichols Legislature in Louisiana had received a majority of the votes at the polls and that there was a lawful quorum in each branch of that body from the beginning of its existence; it assembled and organized on the day fixed by the Constitution of the State; it passed laws, and Gen. Nichols, the Democratic Governor elect, was duly inaugurated on the 8th of January, and his first official act was to affirm an act of that Legislature on that day. Gov. Nichols has continued ever since to exercise the functions of the office of Governor and has been constantly recognized by all the people and the constituted authorities of that State; and by the President and other Federal authorities having official communication with the Governor of Louisiana. The acts passed by this Legislature have been regularly published and recognized by the people, by the courts both State and Federal, and by all authorities as the laws of Louisiana. Judge Spofford was elected strictly according to the act of Congress in April last and forty-five or fifty of the persons in the so-called Packard Legislature had gone into and become part of the Nichols Legislature, and had voted for Judge Spofford although they had theretofore pretended to vote for Mr. Kellogg. The Packard Legislature never had a quorum of persons elected at the polls; it never passed any laws or did any act recognized by any authority in Louisiana or recognized by any authority in the United States, except the single act of pretending to elect Mr. Kellogg Senator. This single act was recognized, accepted and sustained by the Radical members of the United States Senate. After this act was done every man in that pretended Legislature, who had been elected at the polls, went over and took his seat in the Nichols Legislature, and the Packard Legislature, so called, wholly disappeared. Kellogg had absolutely no right, while Judge Spofford's claim was perfect and clear both in law and in fact; yet when the question was before the Senate, the special friends of Mr. Hayes, overthrowing both law and justice, all voted to seat Kellogg, who had not been elected a Senator and who was not entitled to be seated in any aspect of the case. It was said, too that their course met the approval of Mr. Hayes.

In like manner Gen. Butler's claim to his seat under the act of Congress and according to precedents was perfect and clear; but the special friends of Mr. Hayes opposed his admission also, and that too, it was said, with the sanction and approval of Mr. Hayes. Such a departure, said Judge Merrimon, from what had been expected from Mr. Hayes, was a matter of great regret. It was, however, in keeping with Mr. Hayes' professions that he was a Republican and would administer the government so as to perpetuate the Republican party and prevent the accession to power of the Democratic party. Because of this course on the part of the President, and of other acts of like tenor, the Democratic Senators had changed considerably in their feelings toward the administration; they proposed, however still to support such measures of the administration as might appear judicious, wise and patriotic, and to offer no factions opposition to him.

Senator Merrimon thinks the silver Bill as well as Mr. Matthews' Resolution will pass the Senate by a considerable majority. The vote on these measures will probably be more sectional than partisan, as most of the Senators from the West and South will vote for them, and most of the Senators from the North and East will vote against them. He said the session would probably be protracted

one, and that many interesting and important questions affecting the entire country would come up for discussion and action. He thought the admission of Senator Eustis was the final end of the "Southern question" so-called; that when that was accomplished Democratic Senators felt that a load had been taken from them; there was nothing more to be gained by Republican leaders from the agitation of the Southern question, and this matter which had played such an important part in politics since the war, was now entirely terminated. Hereafter both parties would direct their attention to economical questions and those matters which are legitimately within the domain of political action.

Senator Merrimon takes a very hopeful view of the situation and of the future; and says that all our friends at Washington are much buoyed up by the recent elections and are sanguine that the country is largely democratic and that the policy and purposes of the party are in hearty accord with the people.

### Fire on the Southern Border.

The troubles on the Rio Grande are at last coming to a head. The conflict which has been emphasized by Governor Hubbard's call upon the President of the United States troops is of a more serious nature than any smoldering which has yet taken place on the border, and must mark the beginning of the end of the complications along the Mexican frontier.

The cause of the difficulties which have found their culmination in a battle, are not at all international in character; they are purely local. On the American side of the river between San Elizario and the city of El Paso, are a number of salt ponds which the Mexicans have from time immemorial used as a means of obtaining salt. Recently, Ex-Judge Howard, of Texas, acting as agent for some persons who have located these salt ponds as vacant public domain, forbade the Mexicans from using them. This step, very naturally, caused great indignation among the inhabitants of El Paso county, most of whom are Mexicans, as well as among the Mexicans across the river. Cardis, State Senator from El Paso county, who was an enemy of Judge Howard, incited many of the Mexicans against him, and the upshot of the difficulty was that Howard shot and killed Cardis. Howard gave himself up to the authorities, but a body of Mexicans became greatly excited against him, and a small detachment of State troops was called upon to protect him pending his trial.

Friday night 14th, the State troops, some twenty in number, were surrounded by a mob of about three hundred Mexicans, who demanded Howard. The request of the mob was refused, and they attacked the State troops. A small detachment of Federal troops in San Elizario was overpowered and prevented from assisting the State troops, who have since surrendered.

The next morning Governor Hubbard telegraphed that five of the State troops have been killed; that they were surrounded by a mob of several hundred Mexicans, "from both sides of the river," and that United States troops were necessary "to repel the invasion of the territory."

It appears from these facts that the disturbance is of a two-fold nature—an invasion of lawless Mexicans from across the Rio Grande, who are made because they are debarred the free use of Texas salt ponds; and an insurrection of citizens of El Paso county, Texas, whom Governor Hubbard says "are nearly all of Mexican blood and sympathy." The invaders and insurgents do not seem to be animated by any motives or purposes, other than to avenge the death of their friend Senator Cardis, to get rid of the ten American officers in San Elizario and to recover the possession and use of the salt lakes which their fathers and forefathers have always had free access to. The Mexican authorities have about as much to do with this local disturbance as those of Cuba or Spain. Diaz's administration is too feeble and contemptible a travesty on government to exercise and effective authority over the freebooters of Chihuahua and Coahuila, on the upper Rio Grande; and it is folly to expect the root of the evil, of which this El Paso affair is but an outgrowth, to be tapped from his side of the river.

It is to the government of Washington that the Texans are to look for the restoration of law on the border.—News.

Roosevelt, of New York, made himself very active in opposing Conkling for the Republican nomination for the presidency and Conkling got even by preventing Roosevelt's confirmation as Collector of the port of New York.

## HOPE FOR ALL!

Consumption is generally supposed to be an incurable disease. Why? Because medical men, who of all others should have been the last to encourage such an unphilosophical and dangerous assumption, have insisted on a remedy which is almost incredible in the light of science and of truth. We used the term "dangerous" advisedly, for what can be more depressing and injurious to the consumptive than brooding over the idea, founded upon the flat of his physician—that his malady is mortal, and that the utmost that can be done for him is to render his exit from this world as easy as possible. Such melancholy and hopeless reflection as this, blights the energies among consumptive patients; does as much, if not more, to hasten their departure for the land of shadows, as the tubercles in the lungs. Away with such a hopeless theory. Happily the Great Masters of Nature have entered their protest against it and confuted by the most positive testimony the monstrous fallacy. Dangerous pulmonary phthisis is its terrible ravages may be stayed and the lungs restored to a sound condition even after suppuration has taken place. Every experienced surgeon knows that post mortem examinations of aged persons who have died in the ordinary course of nature have repeatedly disclosed the traces of pulmonary ulcers entirely cicatrized. The argument, therefore, against the possibility of healing a pulmonary disease because the immediate seat of the disease cannot be reached, has not a leg to stand upon. Over fifty instances of the discovery of cicatrized ulcers in the lungs have been recorded by the medical faculty of Paris, and such eminent authorities as Revinus, Malpighi, Du Haen and scores of others, French, and German, might easily be cited to prove their certainty.

To treat any malady rationally its character and morbid influence must be known. The dissecting knife has disclosed all the intricate details of consumption. We know that tubercles in the lungs vary in size from granules smaller than a pin's head to that of a large bean. These develop into open ulcers technically known as vomical ulcers, and spread over a surface several inches in diameter. Their sacro are filled with a yellow, greenish, grayish matter generally very offensive. The membrane itself is so diseased, and the ends of the pulmonary artery and vein connecting with the diseased parts are clogged with vitiated and purulent mucus. Death must ensue either from suffocation or hemorrhage if speedy relief is not obtained. It is obvious that something is required which will enable the sufferer to rise and eject the poison ranking in his lungs, and choking the air passages, and will also allay the grievous irritation of the membrane, and prevent the known material media accomplishing this double object so effectually and speedily as Holroway's Cough Cure and Lung Balm. That this is accomplished, is proved by the fact that the poisonous and fluid accumulations in the lungs and bronchiae, subside with wonderful rapidity the inflammation of the diseased parts, and prevents the possibility of hemorrhage.

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For Rent.—J. M. Fairly.

C. W. Bruner is selling the well known cigar, "Two Partners," for five cents each.

Christmas Ball.—Tickets have been issued for a grand ball at Brown's Hotel on Christmas Eve.

The "Challenge" (uncontested) hams at Townsend & Hanford's. Try them.

CARRIERS ADDRESS.—Our Carrier, who has so faithfully served our patrons in Monroe the past year, will be around with his address on Christmas Eve, and he hopes to gather in a few quarters to add to his Christmas pleasures. Meet him with a willing hand and liberal heart.

Just received at Townsend & Hanford's, 30 bushels Northern Irish Potatoes, large and nice for table use.

The O. C. Railway Co. has very promptly offered a handsome reward for the detection of the villain who attempted to throw the train from the track last week. All possible means should be used to trace him up and let a speedy punishment follow.

See advt.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY at the College, on last Thursday night, was quite a success, both socially and financially, so we are informed. It is supposed that at least two hundred were present, and the festivities were kept up till a late hour, and all came away well pleased.

CHRISTMAS GOODS.—We have never seen Monroe so well supplied with Christmas goods as it is this season. There is something to suit almost every taste and purse. The greatest varieties of fancy goods and toys are to be found at the stores of English & Ashcraft, Bickett & Griffin, Townsend & Hanford, and the Post Office Confectionery.

QUITE BRISK FOR HIS AGE.—Mr. David C. Godfrey informed us the other day, that his father, James Godfrey, though now 81 years of age, is still living in Yadkin county, and makes a regular hand on his farm. This year he cultivated four acres himself, two acres being in cotton which yielded 1600 lbs seed cotton, and the other two were planted in corn.

He has living, 37 grand children and 26 great grand-children.

NEITHER child or adult can have a rosy, bright complexion when worms exist. Shriver's Indian Vermifuge will remove the worms and purify the system.

MONROE HIGH SCHOOL.—We call attention to the extensive advertisement of this most excellent school the Seventh session of which begins January 7th, 1878. Parents and guardians seeking a first-class school, where they can educate their children at the least expense and yet have the advantages of competent and faithful instructors, cannot do so better than to send them to the Monroe High School.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.—In observing the time-honored custom, we will publish no paper next week. Hence, our next issue will be on January 5th and 7th. The Editor can be found at his office during business hours for the transaction of any business connected with the paper. In taking leave of our many readers for a few days we wish them, one and all, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

INTERESTING LECTURES.—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, of the Baptist Church, a returned Missionary from China, gave some very interesting and instructive lectures on his missionary work, in the Baptist Church in this place on last Sunday morning, afternoon, night, and Monday night. He resided in China for seventeen years, having gone there when only 23 years old. He is a very pleasant and able speaker, and has awakened a considerable interest in the Foreign Missions. As we could not attend all of his lectures we are not able to give a satisfactory synopsis of them, but he has promised us that, at no distant day, he would write us, for publication, some sketches of his life in China. These sketches we know our readers will read with considerable interest. He seems to be fully identified with his work, and will return to China again.

Cabbage and apples received every week from the mountains, and for sale cheap at Townsend & Hanford's.

Congress has adjourned for the holidays from the 13th inst to the 10th of January.

We learn that the old N. C. Argus is to be revived at Wadesboro January 1st. Success to it.

J. J. HASTY has a convenient two-story dwelling for rent for 1878, or will sell at a low price. Apply at once. Dec. 22d, 1877.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT.—The Baptist Sunday School of this place will have a Concert and Christmas Tree on Monday night, the 31st, inst., at their church. Judging from the programme which we have printed for them, a very pleasant and instructive entertainment will be given. Admission Free. At the close, a collection will be taken up for the Orphan Asylum at Oxford.

STEAM POWER.—The steady increase of our job work has compelled us to make preparations so that we can turn out work more rapidly; hence we have bought an engine with which we will run our job press; and we purpose that, for many weeks have passed, we will have a cylinder press in our office on which we will print the ENQUIRER. This will also be run by steam power.

This, together with about two hundred dollars worth of new job type and other material which we have just bought, will enable us to turn out better work than ever, and all our patrons will know that heretofore our job work compared favorably with that from any city establishment.

ONLY THE OLD BELFRY TORN AWAY.—When workmen ascended the roof of our "Temple of Justice," on last Monday, and began to tear off shingles, it was the hope of many that at last the old barn-like building, which our county uses for a Court House, was to be demolished to make room for a more respectable structure. But their fond hopes were not to be realized as only the old Belfry was removed.

Never mind, old Union wants to pay her Railroad debt and get straight with the world, and then will be the proper time for improvements in our public buildings.

BUSY WEEK IN MONROE.—The past week has been a very busy one in Monroe, the streets being literally crowded from Tuesday morning until Friday night, with a good showing on Monday and Saturday. These last being being "off days," their trade is not considered as generally worth much. The biggest days cotton sales for this season, so far, was last Wednesday, when 214 bales were bought. The sales for the week, up to Friday night, were 1,083 bales, at from 9 to 10 1/2 cents.

FOR MAGISTRATES. A new lot of blank Attachments have just been printed at this office. Call and get a supply.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT.—The concert in aid of the Episcopal Church of which we spoke two weeks ago, will be given on next Thursday night, in Armfield & Laney's Hall, (McMurray & Davis old stand.) As we stated before, a very pleasant entertainment may be expected, as all the parties connected are persons of considerable musical talent, and proper attention has been paid to getting up a well arranged programme. The Bells belonging to the Episcopal Church will be used and thus comfortable seats will be afforded. Tickets can be had at the Drug Stores, and at the door. Doors open at 7 o'clock p. m. Admission, adults 25c, children 15c.

Our facilities in the millinery line are better than ever before. We have on hand and are receiving weekly additions to our fine stock of hats, ribbons, velvets, plushes, silks, satins, flowers, ornaments, plumes and feathers. We guarantee satisfaction, or no sale. Come one, come all, no trouble to show goods. All work done in the most artistic manner and latest styles. Townsend & Hanford.

A CHEAP AND RELIABLE FERTILIZER.—We invite the attention of our farmer readers to the advertisement of Messrs. Boykin, Carmer & Co., wholesale druggists, Baltimore, Md. This is an old established firm, long and favorably known, and the magnitude of their business is but the just reward of persistent effort, business tact and honest dealing. It is emphatically a Southern house. The two senior members of the firm are native "tar heels," the third a West Virginian, and the fourth a Marylander. No word of commendation from us can add to their laurels; but we do not hesitate to say to our readers, encourage Southern enterprise. Try the "Home Fertilizer"; its reputation entitles it to a trial, and its cheapness makes it desirable. Call on Austin & Co., Agents at Monroe, N. C.

"GERMAN SYRUP."—No other medicine in the world was ever given such a test of its curative qualities as Boscchee's German Syrup. In three years two million four hundred thousand small bottles of this medicine were distributed free of charge by Druggists in this country to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia giving the American people undeniable proof that German Syrup will cure them. The result has been that Druggists in every town and village in the United States are recommending it to their customers. Go to your Druggist, and ask what they know about it. Sample Bottles 10 cents. Regular size 75 cents. Three doses will cure any case.

Dr. T. W. BICKETT requests us to say that, owing to feeble health, he is compelled to entirely suspend his practice for two or three months. He can be generally found, however, at the Corner Drug Store where he can be consulted. In the meantime he desires to close up his books, and, inasmuch as his failure of health is due to a hard practice, thinks it but proper that those who owe him should pay him promptly, and enable him to pay his accounts which are due.

FINE WEATHER.—We have enjoyed remarkably fine weather for several days. We suppose it has happened so quite fortunately for the farmers who were not done seeding wheat. We doubt very much if we have any as pleasant weather next April as that of the past week. "This really so warm that the snakes are beginning to crawl out, one having been seen by a gentleman coming to town last Friday.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SUBSCRIBE TO FRANK LESLIE'S SUNDAY MAGAZINE.—The January copy, a most brilliant Holiday Number is now ready. It contains some exceedingly pretty illustrations and accounts of "Christmas on the Alps," "Christmas in Norway," "Christmas in Jerusalem." A large number of highly interesting articles, paragraphs, etc., on welcome and timely subjects. Music, Poetry, Fun, Science, Art and Fiction, all embraced in 128 pages. It has in all 100 beautiful illustrations, including a fine steel plate engraving of Rev. C. F. Deems, editor of the MAGAZINE. We do not know of any monthly journal, published either on this continent or elsewhere, better entitled to the large share of public favor bestowed on this valuable publication. It is of decided interest to everybody, old or young, grave or gay, and it is a marvel of cheapness. Present your families with a subscription for 1878. The annual subscription price is \$3; single copies, 25 cents post-paid. Address orders to FRANK LESLIE, 537 Pearl Street, New York.

Quarterly Meeting Appointments.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND, IN PART.

Concord Station, Dec. 22 and 23. Wadesboro Station, Dec. 29 and 30. Charlotte, Tryon street, Jan. 6 and 6. Ansonville Circuit, at Ansonville, Jan. 12 and 13.

Wadesboro Circuit, at Bethel, Jan. 19 and 20.

Laurieville Circuit, at Olivet, Jan. 26 and 27.

Monroe Circuit, at Centre, Feb. 2 and 3.

Pineville Circuit, at Harrison's, Feb. 9 and 10.

Concord Circuit, at St. Matthews, Feb. 16 and 17.

Mt. Pleasant Circuit, at Mt. Pleasant, Feb. 23 and 24.

The District Steward's Meeting will be held in Monroe Wednesday morning, Jan. 9th, 1878.

W. H. BOBBITT, P. E., Monroe, N. C.

Hot drinks should be avoided in day time during cold weather, as they have a tendency to weaken the lungs and affect the throat. Take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for cases of coughs, colds and hoarseness.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SUBSCRIBE TO FRANK LESLIE'S POPULAR MONTHLY.—The January number, now ready, contains some exceedingly interesting matter. It opens with an agreeably surprising and well-written article on "Peeps, Cardinals and Condolences." Then we have "Pictures of New Japan." "The Adulteration of Articles in Common Use," etc etc, all of which are very liberally illustrated. A new serial story, entitled "An American Countess," by the famous Etta W. Pierce, commences in this number and bids fair to prove highly meritorious. In addition there are the usual number of select Short Stories, Historical Paragraphs, Notes of Travel besides Fun, Science, etc. There are in all 120 Pages and 100 Illustrations. Our readers could not do a better thing in the line of reading matter than to subscribe to FRANK LESLIE'S POPULAR MONTHLY for the new year. The annual subscription price is \$3; single copies 25 cents post-paid. Address, FRANK LESLIE, 537 Pearl Street New York.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR PATRONS.—Santa Claus has arrived at Townsend & Hanford's with a large assortment of fine French Cream Candy, Candy Toys, Candy Fruits, Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Chinese Lanterns, French Harps, &c., &c. We will close out our China Ware at reduced prices. Come one, come all.

THE METHODIST PASTOR.—Rev. J. H. Guinn, our Pastor for the coming year preached his first sermon on Sunday, the 16th, inst., to a very large congregation and made a very favorable impression on his hearers. He moved his family up on last Friday night, and found his Parsonage well fitted up for their comfort, several of the ladies of his congregation having spent a few days of the past week in arranging matters and adding such articles of house-keeping goods as were needed. We trust his stay among us may be pleasant and profitable, to both preacher and people.

MARRIED.

In Sandy Ridge Township at the residence of Mr. C. C. McIlwain, on the 11th, inst., by Rev. D. P. Robinson, Mr. J. Walker Nesbit, to Miss S. M. Robinson.

In Sandy Ridge Township, on the 12th, inst., by Rev. D. P. Robinson, assisted by Rev. G. S. Robinson, Mr. George W. McCain, to Miss Laura A. Nesbit.

Our thanks are specially due Mr. McCain and his bride, for their kind remembrance of the Printer. The handsome cake sent us was sufficient to gratify the taste of the most fastidious epicurean.

In Sandy Ridge Township, at the Residence of Reuben Tomberlin Esq., on the 13th, inst., by L. M. Secrest Esq., Mr. A. C. Laney, to Miss Sarah E. Osborne.

MONROE MARKET.

COLLECTED WEEKLY BY B. D. Henth & Co.

SATURDAY, Dec. 22.

Cotton, @ lb. 6 a 10 1/2

Bacon, " 8 a 8 1/2

Lard, " 12 a 15

Butter, " 20 a 25

Cheese, " 15 a 20

Pork, " 6 a 7 1/2

Beef, " 5 a 7

Beeswax, " 25 a 30

Tallow, " 6 a 7 1/2

Rice, " 8 a 10

Coconut, " 20 a 25

Sugar, " 11 a 15

S. Potatoes, @ bu. 6 a 10

I. Potatoes, " 5 a 6

Corn—New, " 65 a 75

Old, " 85 a 90 1/2

Meal, " 2 a 7 1/2

Oats, " 55 a 60

Flour, @ sack, \$3 00 a \$3 65

Wheat, " 1 40 a 1 50

Chickens, " 12 1/2 a 15

Eggs, @ doz. 15

## Dissolution.

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name and style of H. B. Shute & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted are hereby notified that immediate settlement must be made with H. B. Shute, at our old stand, who alone is authorized to collect.

H. B. SHUTE.  
W. O. STARNES.  
Dec. 25, 1877.

## FURTHER NOTICE.

The undersigned, as successor of H. B. Shute & Co., will continue to do business at their former stand, where he will be pleased to have the patronage of the public. As heretofore, he will keep a good stock of

General Merchandise.

Cotton and other produce bought at highest market prices. All persons indebted to him or the old firm are notified that, immediate settlement must be made.

H. B. SHUTE.  
Dec. 20, 77—28 4t.

## A Cheap and Reliable FERTILIZER.

We offer you enough Chemicals to make one ton of the "Home Fertilizer" at less than twenty dollars per ton, and are authorized by the very best farmers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, to state on their experience that it will yield as much

Wheat, Corn, Cotton, Potatoes or Tobacco,

as thirty dollars invested in any one of the Manipulated Guanos now in the market. Send for Circular with Recipe, Instructions, Certificates, and perfectly responsible reference to Messrs. Marcus Simpson, Coleman Stuart, DeDerry Austin and many others who have used the "Home Fertilizer" successfully—some for two years past, and we refer our Union country friends to them. Those who use it once want it again. If farmers will quit buying dirt and sand in manipulated guano, and buy our

Pure Chemicals,

and make and use our "Home Fertilizer," we will hear less talk of short crops and hard times.

Buy soon, as the "Fertilizer" should be prepared forty days before using. "Let a word to the wise be sufficient."

BOYKIN, CARMER & CO., Wholesale Druggists

—AND DEALERS IN—  
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

AUSTIN & CO., Agents, Monroe, N. C.  
Dec. 24, 77—29-2m.

STEAM ENGINES

For 1877.

More effective and more complete, and more readily adapted to the various mechanical and agricultural uses than any other in the market. Practical improvements accumulated from twenty years of manufacturing experience, with reputation maintained and success established. Send for Circulars, descriptive and containing testimonials concerning our Portable, Stationary and Agricultural Steam Engines.

Wood, Tabor & Morse, Eaton, Madison Co. N. Y.

Agents Wanted!

FOR PARTICULARS ADDRESS  
WILSON SEWING MACHINE CO.  
829 Broadway, New York City;  
Chicago, Ill.; New Orleans, La.;  
Or San Francisco, Cal.

CONFIDENTIAL Notice to Agents. New Orleans 1500, 13, 894, 12, 25, 4, \$5.50. Photos retail price \$650 only \$175. Daniel F. B. City, Washington, N. J.

WORK FOR ALL.

In their own localities, canvassing for the Fireless Visitor, (enlarged) Weekly and Monthly Largest Paper in the World, with Mammoth Circulation. Price, Address P. O. VICKERY, Augusta, Maine.

40 EXTRA FINE MIXED CARDS with Liver

SCROFULA.

The most remarkable cures of Scrofula have been and are now being made by the use of Mrs. J. C. Ferson's Balm for the cure of that disease. Cure certain, speedy and Permanent. For reliability refers by permission to the Rev. Mr. Thos. Atkinson, D. D., of N. Carolina, Geo. A. Foss, M. D., Warren Co., and Huns. J. J. Davis and C. M. Cooke, of Franklin Co. For certificates of cures, circulars, terms, &c., enclose stamp to 34 1/2 JOSEPH PEBSON, Franklin, N. C.

FOR SALE.

Eighty-five acres of good Land lying about 7 miles West of Monroe, adjoining the land of B. S. Traywick and others. A small farm opened, with good dwelling, out-houses, &c. Call at once.

CGURN & ARMFIELD.  
Nov. 16th, 1877—24 ft.

## Meat Market.

I announce to the citizens of Monroe and vicinity that I have opened a

NEW MEAT MARKET

at the Old Hotel, where I am prepared to furnish good Beef, Pork and Sausage at any time. I would be glad to have the continued patronage of my former customers, feeling sure that I can please them.

Highest market prices paid for Pork and Beef Cattle.  
T. J. BOATRIGHT.  
Nov. 16, 77—24 ft.

Last Notice.

All persons indebted to us by note or account are hereby notified that settlement must be made at once, or we will be obliged to foreclose their mortgage. Fair warning is now given, and we mean what we say.

OGURN & ARMFIELD.  
Nov. 30, 77—26 4t.

VALUABLE PLANTATION FOR SALE

PUBLIC AUCTION!

As Executor of the last Will and Testament of John Houston, dec'd, I will sell to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in Monroe, N. C., on the 7th day of January, 1878, being the first Monday, the valuable tract of Land on which the said deceased resided at the time of his death. Said tract contains about 427 acres, of which there is enough for a two-horse farm in a good state of cultivation, and also a lot of good meadow lands. A very good dwelling and out-houses, orchard, &c., it lies 7 miles north-west of Monroe, and the C. & O. Railway passes within a mile of the residence. Adjoins the lands of Jas. Houston, Bartlett Benton and others. Terms made known on day of sale.

H. M. HOUSTON, Ex'r of John Houston, dec'd.  
Nov. 23, 77—26 4t.

THE LATEST NEWS.

BICKETT & GRIFFIN, SOLE PROPRIETORS OF THE

Corner Drug Store.

RESPECTFULLY INFORM their many friends and former patrons in this and the adjoining counties in this State and South Carolina that they now have on hand and are daily receiving one of the latest and most complete stocks of goods in their line ever offered in this market.

Our large and varied stock of Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals are pure, fresh and genuine.

Our line of Patent Medicines includes all of the most reliable leading articles now in use in this section, and are too numerous to mention.

We keep constantly on hand a splendid variety of

STRINGES, TRUSSES, CATHETERS, PESSARIES, INHALERS, &c.

DYE-STUFFS of all grades and colors. We have made, and are still receiving, large additions to our

TOILET ARTICLE DEPARTMENT.

Soaps of all grades, Cosmetics, Hair-Dyes, and certainly the purest and most popular stock of PERFUMERIES we have ever handled, including HUGO'S Colonnade Cologne.

We have on hand an unusual supply of Paints, of all grades and colors, Oils, Turpentine, Varnishes, Glazes, &c., &c.

Our Stationery Department, we think, presents unusual attractions. Some things entirely new. Call and see.

We have just received a FINE LOT of the MOST POPULAR BRANDS of CIGARS

A large lot of splendid Smoking Tobacco, also CHEWING TOBACCO.

Hostlers, Plantation, Granger and other BATTERS

OF SUPERIOR QUALITY; also SCHNAPPS—Wolfe's Celebrated and Granger.

We keep on hand pure and unadulterated WINES AND LIQUORS

FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES, French Brandy, &c. These Liquors are purchased only for medicinal purposes, and consequently pure and of the first quality. Sold only on Physician's prescription, and even then we reserve our privilege of refusing to sell, if we have reason for believing that the person applying will use them otherwise than as a medicine—strictly.

OUR STOCK OF LAMPS, LANTERNS, AND LAMP FIXTURES

is large and of the latest styles. We have received an unusually attractive bill of goods for the

Christmas Holidays.

Beautiful and low. Do come and see them. We are determined to keep heretofore a number one stock of EVERYTHING, and having perfected arrangements to buy our goods at bottom prices, for cash, we will sell the same way—CHEAP FOR CASH.

RECOLLECT IT.

WE repeat it—we will sell you a good ARTICLE CHEAP.

MR. STEVENS will remain with us.

Very Respectfully,

BICKETT & GRIFFIN.

Monroe, N. C., Dec. 6, 77—27 4t.

Special Notice

All persons indebted, either by note or account, to Winchester, Stitt & Co., for the years 1874-'75 and '76, or to T. D. Winchester & Co. for the year 1877, are hereby notified that Settlement must be made BY THE

First day of Jan., 1878, or we shall have to put said claims in the hands of our Lawyer for collection. We mean just what we say.

T. D. WINCHESTER & CO.  
Dec. 15, 77—28 4t.

Another lot of them fine 2 1/2 cents cigars just received at C. W. Bruner's

## Dr. Pierce's

STANDARD REMEDIES

Are not advertised as "miraculous," but are specified in the diseases for which they are recommended.

NATURAL SELECTION.

Investigators of natural science have demonstrated beyond controversy, that the fit to the animal kingdom the "survival of the fittest" is the only law that governs the progress of the race.

An inferior cannot supersede a superior article. By reason of superior merit, Dr. Pierce's Standard Remedies have contrived to supersede their rivals in the United States alone exceeds one million dollars per annum, while the amount exported to foreign lands exceeds one hundred thousand more. No business could grow to such gigantic proportions and rest upon any other basis than that of merit.

GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY

Is Alternative, or Blood-cleansing, (Is Pectoral).

GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY

Is Cholagogue, or Liver Stimulant.

By reason of its attractive fragrance, cures Diseases of the Blood and Skin, as Scrofula or King's Evil; Tumors; Ulcers, or Old Sores; Blisters; Pimples; and Eruptions. By virtue of its Pectoral properties, it cures Bronchitis, Throat, and Lung diseases, as Consumptions; Lingular Coughs; and Chronic Laryngitis. Its Cholagogue properties render it an unequalled remedy for Biliousness; Torpid Liver, or "Liver Complaint," and in tonic properties make it equally efficacious in curing indigestions, Loss of Appetite, and Dyspepsia.

Where the skin is sallow and covered with blotches and pimples, or where there are scrofulous swellings and affections, a few bottles of Golden Medical Discovery will effect an entire cure. If you feel dull, drowsy, debilitated, have a yellow color of skin, or yellowish-brown spots on face or neck, or if you have headache or dizziness, bad taste in mouth, internal heat or chills attended with hot flashes, low spirits and gloomy forebodings, irregular appetite, or if you are afflicted with suffering from Torpid Liver, or "Biliousness." In many cases of "Liver Complaint," only part of these symptoms are experienced. As a remedy for all these ailments, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has no equal, as it effects perfect cures, leaving the liver strengthened and healed.

P. P. P. P.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets.

Purely Vegetable. No care required while using them.

The "Little Giant" Cathartic, or Miltum in Parvo Physio, scarcely larger than a mustard seed, and are sugar-coated. They remove the necessity of taking the great, crude, drastic, sickening pills, heretofore so much in use.

As a remedy for Headache, Dizziness, Rush of Blood to the Head, Tightness about the Chest, Bad Taste in Mouth, Eruptions from the Stomach, Bilious Attacks, Jaundice, Pain in the Kidneys, Hemorrhoids,



