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West Virginia School System. To the Editor of the Spirit of Jefferson: Sir—In your issue of this week is an article commenting severely on the school laws...

When I was elected to the office of county superintendent I resolved to do justice to all parts of the county and to all parties, without reference to any partialities...

The undersigned having purchased of the original proprietors their entire interest in the above valuable recipes, take pleasure in presenting to the world articles which have stood second to none for the relief of the diseases for which they are recommended...

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Columbia, S. C. he would see that they were restored to the Church to which they belong. We echo the sentiment that the idea that a Christian church can retain such articles is monstrous...

What can we expect for the future of our country if we do not reform this great wrong, which has cursed churches as well as families? An old friend of ours, a Union man in the South through all the war...

Gov. Wm. Smith's Speech. The following is an abstract of the speech made by Gov. Wm. Smith, of Fauquier, before the Virginia Agricultural Convention, at Richmond, on Tuesday last...

It ought to be remembered, however, that as the people may and must continue to pay heavy taxes to support schools, they in justice to themselves, ought to use what little is returned to them from the State Treasury...

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Let the operations of the country be conducted in accordance with the principles of political economy. Let us look forward with hope, and let us go to work and do our duty.

POETICAL. IN MEMORIAM. (PRACTICE OF THE LOUISVILLE JOURNAL, thus speaks of the following beautiful lines: "One might almost wish to die, if he knew that so beautiful a tribute as this would be written in his memory.")

On the boom of the river Where the sun unshook his quiver, Where the star-light streamed forever, Sailed a vessel light and free...

But these purple waves enchanted, Rolled before thy city haunted, By a spell that charmed Every corner to her shore— Night shades rank the air embowered, And pale hands shone unnumbered, Awoke to life no more.

MISCELLANEOUS. The Modern Babylon. If the city of New York were to be shaken down to-day by an earthquake, says the Richmond Examiner, October 30th, and only Niblo's theatre left standing, the survivors of the calamity would look to see, the "Black Crook" to-morrow night as it nothing had happened...

Everything in New York is done "on a margin," and he (or she) is the most successful metropolitan who can "operate the most extensively upon the least capital." Thus the daily newspapers are conducted in the sphere of rumpus upon the most surprisingly small margin of truth; the preacher traverses the broad realms of society and politics upon the meagreest imaginable plank of gospel; fair women sport the fullest toilet of fashion over scarcely a shift of virtue...

That New York is a fountain of taste is beyond question. She has a great box of art treasures; and gives us another picture of "Yankee Fair." Dante, were he living, would add a wall street "corner" to the other exquisite tortures of malevolence; and Jonah, sent against a whale's belly, because he would know that his utmost prophecy would never be needed...

The Pure in Heart. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."—Matt. v. 8. The spring of everlasting life is within. There are clear streams gushing up from the depths of the soul, and flowing out to enliven the sphere of outward existence. But like the waters of Siloah, they "go softly." You must listen to catch the flow of the life from its source, and then, as it flows from its mountain home, you may witness its silent march through the fresh verdure and the opening flowers; its presence will be known by the forms of life and beauty that gather around it. It is over this with the pure. You may not hear the "still small voice" or heed the silent inspiration; but there is a moral influence and a holy power which you will feel. The wilderness is made to smile, flowers of new life and beauty spring up and flourish, while an invisible presence breathes immortal fragrance through the spiritual atmosphere.

Career and End of a "Fast Man" at Paris. The death of Mons. Roger de Beaulieu has released him from pains which were well nigh intolerable. He was a young man of great wealth, some thirty-eight years of age, and became the "fastest man" of his day...

Handsome, quick, brilliant, adroit in all the many exercises, fond of luxury, possessing great taste, an author successful as a novelist and a dramatist, singularly popular with the sex, he was for many years, from 1828 to 1850, the fast man of Paris. He was the hero of all the wild squibs, the observed dish on the Avenue des Champs Elysees, and in the theatres on the first night of new pieces...

As he invoked past hours to plead for her, he granted her prayer and she now sleeps in the Neuilly graveyard. Her husband's dissipation told early on his body, too. He reckoned one day he had paid \$20,000 for champagne wine alone—judged of the rest! When he was fifty he was attacked with the gout and softening of the spine. He daily grew worse and for years past has not been able to sleep in a bed. The moment he quit an upright position he was menaced with suffocation. At times his tortures were so great his screams could be heard all over the neighborhood, which alarmed him. He implored the state for help to retire to one of our suburban villages, where a man is more completely forgotten than he is at Pere la Chaise...

Boiling Food for Hogs. At a meeting of the New York Farmer's Club, Prof. Mapes made the following remarks in regard to boiling food for hogs: "The proof of the saving of food by boiling has been given here; we may as well have it. Mr. Mason was a watchmaker in Camden, N. J., and among other fancies he liked to keep hogs. He had his hog pen built just back of his shop, so that he could sit in his window and watch his hogs. Every spring he bought some of the pigs from a charitable society to enrich his hogs. Top dress in September and October, and make the autumn rains distil upon your lands showers of ammonia. Top dress in the spring, and make the harrowing of plenty to distribute over your fields the water accumulated by the frosts and snows of winter.—Rural American.

One Gambler Forces Another to Marry the Former's Wife. A few days since a singular marriage occurred in the private house of a Presbyterian clergyman in New York, the circumstances of which are as follows: The bridegroom was what is styled a sporting-man, and was on his way to Chicago with his own counsel, however, made an extraordinary piece of property in the shape of an extraordinarily pretty wife. The married gambler had not been long on the boat before he observed something in the conduct of his spouse to induce him to suspect that she was more fond of her friend than was pleasant to contemplate; or prudent to permit. He kept his own counsel, however, and made an excuse for leaving the matrimonial ties. They parted by his absence; and just before the steamer reached the capital, he went suddenly to his state room and forced open the door. He found the trawl within, and, at the point of a revolver, but calmly, made the lover swear that he would marry the false wife immediately on returning to New York.

Don't try to hold it out at arm's length.—You can't do it. If you haven't a plough of your own get out an attachment on your neighbor who owes you. Any justice will tell you whether you can hold it or not. How to Keep Corn. The best place to keep corn is a good corn-house, though some prefer to keep it in the system—in the juice. If they don't keep corn they keep corn. Fences and Fencing. Good fencing is essential on a farm. Get a good fencing material to learn you. You can't get a warm fence by taking verminage. Neither can you get good whitewash brushes out of brush fences.

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A Curious Statement—A City of Gold. Rev. Mr. McCarty, in his lecture a few evenings ago on "What it is to be an American," at the Methodist Church in this city, among other statements, made the following, concerning the general distribution of gold in our country: "Philadelphia is built on a gold mine. It is a golden city. Its streets are paved with gold. Its houses are built on gold." "Yet," said the lecturer, "Philadelphia is not quite a heaven.—Under that city there is a deposit of clay measuring 10 square miles. This stratum of clay has a thickness of about 15 feet. The chemist, in applying his tests, has discovered that gold exists in that clay bed to the value of three cents in each cubic foot. In that vast clay deposit there are 180,000,000 cubic feet, which is diffused \$540,000,000.—There is gold enough in every brick made from it to cover it with two square inches of gold leaf, and within the corporate limits of that city there is more gold diffused than has yet been brought from Australia and California." He also estimated the coal at 1,000 cubic miles, which would furnish 7,000,000 tons annually, for over 1,000,000 years.

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Top dress in July or August, and make the frosts carry the pipe manure into a chemical laboratory to enrich your fields. Top dress in September and October, and make the autumn rains distil upon your lands showers of ammonia. Top dress in the spring, and make the harrowing of plenty to distribute over your fields the water accumulated by the frosts and snows of winter.—Rural American.

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The earth is a tender and kind mother to the husbandman, and yet at one season he harrows her bosom, and at another plows her ears. —Have charity for the printer.











