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WINTERVILLE N. C., Jan. 27. Nehemiah Garris has been very low with typhoid fever but is improving now.

F. W. Braxton is at the point of death with consumption.

Mrs. A. G. Cox has been very sick with La Grippe but is convalescent.

The Winterville school has enrolled 55 scholars and more coming next Monday.

The Cox Manufacturing Co., are very busy building carts and wagons and selling all they make.

The colored church will be completed HIX. in a few days.

Bethel Items.

BETHEL, N. C., Jan. 27, 1896. Dr. R. J. Grimes went to Greenville

on business Friday. W. G. Lamb, of Williamston, spent Friday here.

T. A. Carson, of Coakley, Edgecombe county, was here Friday.

W. W. Thomas has moved his family to town and will occupy the White hurst house on Pleasant street.

E. A. Cherry went to Greenville this evening. 2 addat assil ali

J. R. Jenkins, County Surveyor, went to Ayden to-day.

Ward & Barnhill have built an office at their mill near the depot.

Miss Lizzie Hammond, of Edgecombe, is visiting her sitter Mrs. D. S. Harper, minin Winger 93 . La

ily of J. T. Jenkins, of this place, last week.

Mrs. Lucretia James left here on Thursday morning train to visit her granddaughter, Mrs. J. E. Hines, near Rocky Mount.

A Pauper Married.

Francis Coon, a pauper in Davie county's home for the aged and infirm, ran away from that institution some mouths ago and went to South Carolina where he took unto himself a wife. He returned to the poor house with his bride a few weeks ago, at which place they have since been making their home.

The county commissioners, at their last meeting, tried to get rid of the woman by claiming that she was a charge belonging to the State of South Carolius, but finally decided that as she was the wife of Coon, a Davie pauper, that she now belonged to that county, so they were both ordered back to the poor house. Both Coon and his wife are old and half witted.

The Times says Coon was asked "how he managed to get money enough to get married?" and he replied by stating that you do not have to get license in South Carolina; all you have te do,' he said, 'is to get your sweetheart, go to a 'noted repuly lican,' (meaning a potary public) and he marries you free charge-"io MHT

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been called together in many counties. From the signs of the times it appears that we are to have no end of politics in North Carolina in this year of grace-Charlette Observer.

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-Well Named .- "Why do you refer Irreparable Injury Done by Tight Lacto the trees as acrobats?" "Because their limbs are always in the air."-Detroit Free Press.

-Bob-"Ah, Jack, did your rich ancle remember you in his will?" Jack-"Yes. He inserted a clause requesting his executors to collect at once all the loans he had made me."

-Where He Drew the Line .- "Your friend, Van Dooze, is a great practical joker, I believe?" "Yes; but he isn't my friend any more." "What's the matter?" "I played a joke on him the other day."-Chicago Record.

-Pastor-Do you ever play with bad little boys, Johnny?" Johnny-"Yes, sir." Pastor-"I'm surprised, Johnny! Why don't you play with good little boys?" Johnny-"Their mammas won't let 'em!"-Chicago Record.

-It was a very cold morning, and Bobby came rushing into the house very much excited. "Mommer," he cried, "there's something the matter with me. Please send for the doctor. I'm breathing fog!"-Harper's Round Table.

-The locksmith came out, looking knobby, with a big rose in his buttonhole. His countenance was screwed into a smile, but none knew the key to his happiness. Just then a creditor appeared, and the locksmith, making a spring, bolted down the street, where, after securing shelter, he barred himself in.

A certain precocious baby had been keenly watched by his fond mother, who wanted to discover the first signs of future genius. If he scratched the furniture with a pencil, he was to be an author; if he opened a book and made a noise with his mouth, he was to be a preacher; if he imitated some action of an older person, he was to be an actor. One day heshad been forcibly emptying the pockets of his "big brother," who, struck with an idea, ran to his mother and cried: "Oh, mamma, I know what the baby's going to be-a pickpocket!"

TOASTED TO A TURN.

Sister Caroline Got Even with the Man Who Had Despised Her Love.

There was a scene and a sensation at the Calvary Baptist church (colored) on a recent Sunday. A "covenant" or experience meeting was in progress, and Sister Caroline, of some 50 sum-1211 11 15 mers, had the floor. She began in the usual orthodox form of telling her ex-Jackson, whose arrival with his bride us on his arm had turned the course of her remarks. The way she roasted him was highly entertaining, if not edifyeaves Weldon 3.55 p. m., Halifax 4.13 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 4.55 p ing. Rev. Mr. Parish attempted to call her down, but she insisted upon having m., Greenville 6.47 p. m., Kinston 7.45 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.20 her say out. Unable to control her, he sought to overcome her harangue with a. m., Greenville 8.22 a. m. Arriving a song, and so gave out a hymn. For Halifax at 11:00 a. m., Weldon 11.20 am awhile the sister's voice could be heard

A WOMAN'S WAIST.

ing.

It is matter for rejoicing that fashion is no longer to decree a slender waist as something indispensable to propriety and grace. The natural waist of the woman of average height is about 28 inches, and any less size is attained only through arrested development, or compression of means of whalebone and steel. The amount of room inside these 28 inches is absolutely needed for the proper working of the machinery of the internal economy. In spite of this fact girls very often bind the yielding ribs into such narrow compass that the waist measures 20 or 22 inches only, and you will now and then hear some mother of a family, with a very different waist now, boast as if it were something to be proud of that when she was 19 her waist measure was 19 too. It is, however, of no use to talk to young people about the injurious effect of compression on stomach, heart, lungs, liver and the arterial system. They are not anatomists, and they do not comprehend the matter nor want to do so; they observe that they feel as well now as they did before, and without weighing the thought that it requires time to work ruin, take it for granted that they always will feel as well, although they have been told and taught that in post-mortem examinations it has been found that wherever tight lacing has been the rule, every organ was out of place and seriously injured. But although it does move them a trifle to be told that red noses and eruptive skins and flat chests are to be laid to the account of the too slender waist, yet on the whole neither 'common-sense nor auld-wife wisdom nor doctors have the power of conviction that fashion does, and when fashion says that there is no beauty in a wasp's waist, but that the lines of nobility and health made by deep breathing are the really lovely lines, fragility being something rather to be feared than loved, why then fragility begins to be avoided, and the lines of the Venus de Milo, of the Diana, of the Pallas, begin to come in.

The habit of tight lacing has already done almost irretrievable injury. If it were continued there is no knowing what shape it might eventually have developed Even no sculptors declare that a model with a natural waist, sloping outward rather than inward, is something not to be found, even the most charming figures otherwise having the hour-glass tendency, in howperience, but shifted to a recital of ever slight a form sufficient to spoil her personal grievance against Brother them for posing for anything demanding the freedom, the beauty and grace of the antique. The Greek woman supported and stayed herself with bands of linen, but there was no compression in the swathe, and her natural waist made her of a perfect beauty; and to-day the natural waist of the Circassian does not interfere with the reputation of her loveliness. The adoption of European dress by ladies

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Trams in Nashville branch leave Rocky Mount at 4.30 p. m. arrives Nashville 5.05 p. m., Spring Hope 5.30 p. m. Returning leave Spring Hope 8,30 a.m., Nashville 8.3, a m, airive at Rocky Mount 9.05 a m, daily except Sunday.

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above the united tones of the congregation. She continued to talk against the overwhelming odds until her voice gave way under the strain and she fell exhausted in the seat.

Here is the way she began her experience recital:

"I praise de Lawd dat he has 'lowed me to lib to see dis day. De great Almighty is er merciful God. He is a just Lawd, an' will not stand round an' see eny ob his poor creeters suffer wrong. De Lawd has been berry he'pful to me. He has fed me when I wuz hungry, an' I have been naked an' he clothed me. He hab put money in my purse." Just then Brother Jackson appeared with his bride and the sister changed the key of her discourse.

"Oh, Lawd, I thank thee that thou has been so good to me. I thank thee, oh, Lawd, that thou hast 'nabled me to feed Brother Jackson, who done got married to another in violation of his promise to marry me. I thank thee that thou hast 'nabled me to give him six shirts and has helped me to raise de eight dollars for him to buy a pair of new shoes. Oh, Lawd, I thank thee that he hab libed in my house a whole year without payin' board. I thank thee, oh, Lawd, that I raised, by thy help, the money to send Brother Jackson ter Chicago. And now, oh, Lawd, he hab come back an' school have begun, he has not kept his promise to marry me. But, oh, Lawd, how grateful I am dat I can say dis bright day in de language of de pharisee, that 'I am not as other men am.' No, Lawd, your own Caroline am still libing in hopes ob an eternal salvation, an' if it is possible, Lawd, I pray thee to save Brother Jackson, for berrily, I say unto him, 'ye know not what ye do.'"

Naturally the congregation was convulsed, and Rev. Mr. Parish, after ineffectual efforts to quiet his sister, thus addressed the congregation:

"Brethren, we cannot permit our misguided sister to go on. Sing the longmeter doxology and keep singing it until she takes her sent."

The Temperature of Dining-Rooms.

The temperature of dining-rooms is, frequently too high. It is a common thing for servants to neglect airing the room and attending to the temperature. Probably the majority of people would name 70 Fahrenheit the proper heat for the room, but this is much too high. An authority in this matter says that 60 is none too low, and a person who has suffered from the discomfort of an over-This Laundry does the finest work in the South, and prices are low. We make shipments every Turslay: Bring your work to our store on Monday and t will be forwarded promptly, Prices furnished on application:

of the harem, and of Japan, showing, as it does, either a want of the knowl-edge of true beauty or a willful abandonment of its principles, will prob-ably lead to tight lacing in the orient just as we are relinquishing it here.

Why anyone should ever have imagined that a waist which looked as if it were going to break in two could be more attractive than a waist which looked capable of supporting its head and arms and shoulders is a mystery-so great a mystery that the effort to solve it is to be given up in satisfaction over the report that the foreign creators of the mode have recently asked themselves the question if the shape that the Creator chose for the human body was one they could improve.-Harper's Bazar.

ELECTRIC INCUBATOR.

A German Has Invented One Which Is Said to Be Successful.

The idea of an electric incubator has long been looked upon by poultry farmers as too theoretical to be of any real service. Herr Otto Schulze, who has been steadily striving to perfect such a system in Germany, has, it is said, at length succeeded in constructing an apparatus operated electrically, which overcomes the ordinary difficulties of the artificial hatching of chickens. The apparatus is easily manipulated, and needs a small, but constant, supply of current. Automatic attachments regulate both temperature and moisture. the adjustment working with such deli eacy that a temperature is kept within one-tenth of a degree of the normal heat of incubation. From 90 to 100 eggs are hatched at one time. Herr Schulze is said to have remedied certain points in the electric "mother," which were found to interfere with its effectiveness. This contrivance, which is a box, in which freshly-hatched chicks can find heat and protection, while they are free to run about on the ground when they choose, has been devised as an accompaniment to the incubator.

Vitality of Disease Germs. During the summer of 1894 the noted bacteriologists of Europe, Koch, of Germany, Pasteur, of France, Ewart, of Scotland, and Carpenter, of England, made experiments on the vitality of the germ which causes splenic fever in animals. The facts thus deduced prove that earth worms may bring up the germs from places where such animals, have been buried after a lapse of 20 years, and that the dried and pulverized blood of such diseased animals will produce the disease after 50 years.

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