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"The Solid South" will be a financial phrase ten years hence, predicts the Chicago Times-Herald.

The peach blossom has been selected by a vote of the school children of Delaware as the floral emblem of the State.

It is remarked by a statistician that the States which have the largest percentage of women teachers have also the lowest per cent. of illiteracy.

Professor Cesare Lombroso, who advises that children and youths of habitual criminal tendencies be isolated as lunatics, says there is scarcely a child who does not abuse his power over those who are weaker than he.

If England sees fit to equip its most important war vessels with wire wound guns, this country must follow suit, declares the New York Telegram.

Professor Dyche, of Kansas University, says that he has practically decided to make another trip to the Arctic Ocean in search of the North Pole, having received an offer of assistance from a source which he declines to name.

So great has been the reduction of steamboat accidents in the waters of the United States since the Federal Government introduced the inspection system that Inspector-General Dumont now asserts that travel by water is much safer relatively than travel by railroad or even by street car.

The New York Sun thinks it would doubtless surprise many folk to know the number of furs that are taken annually in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The result of the census taken the other day in Berlin has caused some surprise. It shows the total population of the German capital to be 1,674,112, whereof 797,186 are males and 876,926 females.

The Atlanta Constitution says: About six months ago Massachusetts created the State Highway Commission, and since that time eighty-nine miles of first-class roads have been constructed under the auspices of the new board.

"I would greatly prefer that she should hear it from your lips, Gaspard," answered the other. "I am not afraid," said the girl proudly. The color was coming back to her lips and cheeks, and her eyes sparkled.

A SONG OF LIBERTY.

Across the land from strand to strand Loud ring the bugle notes, And Freedom's smile from isle to isle Like Freedom's banner floats!

THE PHANTOM BELLS.

BY MRS. M. L. RAYNE.



THE ladies of the Chateau Frontenac had invited their fiancée to make them a visit in order to explain to her the strange shadow which hung over their house for nearly a hundred years, and to whose baneful influence she must become habituated, when a member of the family.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

Corn is being used as fuel in Central Iowa. Bristol, Penn., claims the credit of holding the first annual fair in Pennsylvania. Crab pots and eel pots are exact models, on an enlarged scale, of the Emperor's moat.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS. The Cow to Follow the Horse—A Marine Sketch—On Publication—Corroborative Evidence, Etc.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

In large doses mato is said to be strongly emetic. Distilled water is recommended as a solvent to act upon the earth salts in the blood and expel them from the body.

WIND VOICES.

Wind, that art walling through the night, With the voice of a soul in pain! Thou hast waked the waves that slept on the shore.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"She has married the man she wanted." "That's nothing to marrying the man some other girls want."—Life.