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They Seek the Cause

United States Board of Inquiry Has Arrived at the Wreck of the Maine.

WARLIKE RUMORS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Americans Ready to take Up Arms Should Spain be Proved Guilty.

Exciting Scenes are Expected This Week.

Powder in the Sunken Ship's Magazines was Not Exploded.

WEYLER HAD EXPLOSIVES PLACED IN THE BAY.

Great Hole Reported to Have Been Blown in the Bottom of the Maine—Spaniards Exercised Over Report That Another U. S. Man of War Will be Sent to Cuba.

The Board of Inquiry to investigate the cause of the destruction of the battleship Maine, in Havana Harbor, has arrived at Havana. The most startling developments are looked for this week. War may be declared at any moment, should the cause of the explosion be shown to have been due to Spanish treachery.

The public feeling is at high tension. Patriotic Americans are restless awaiting the result of the investigation of the Board of Inquiry.

Havana, Feb. 21.—The Mangrove arrived this noon with the members of the Board of Inquiry. Work of the divers has been delayed by rain and rough water.

New York, Feb. 21.—The Evening Journal's Havana correspondent asserts positively that a great hole was blown in the bottom of the Maine inward on the port side, though he gives no conclusive evidence to corroborate the statement.

Havana, Feb. 21.—The Board of Inquiry, appointed by Admiral Sigsbee, arrived here today on board the lighthouse tender Mangrove, and got to work at once.

After a personal examination of the wreck, the board will meet either on the Mangrove or Fern, in Havana Harbor. Admiral Sigsbee says the court will all probably hold another session in Key West.

Captain Sigsbee and other Maine survivors in Havana will tell their story.

The Mangrove carried a number of expert divers, and their work under the supervision of the board will probably have much to do toward discovering the cause of the explosion.

UNEASINESS FELT.

The report that the Washington Administration has decided to send another man-of-war here has caused uneasiness. Rabid Spaniards are muttering, and trouble is feared.

It is now an established fact that the harbor of Havana is filled with marine mines and torpedoes. These have been depended upon by the Spanish Government as the principal defense works against outside interference.

They were placed there by General Weyler. Their presence and location are known to a number of Weyler's old officers who are still in Havana, as well as to Blanco's appointees who are now in charge.

CAPTAIN SIGSBEE TALKS.

Experience After the Sobek—Jenkins Ran to His Gun.

Havana, Feb. 19.—Captain C. D. Sigsbee, of the battleship Maine, in an interview to-day with the correspondent of the Associated Press, described in detail the explosion which destroyed the great ship.

On the night of the explosion, Captain Sigsbee, "I had not received writing letters. I find it difficult to describe the sound or the impression remains of

improbable event of an attack on the ship it would have been found ready. It was this ammunition exploded as the heat reached it."

JENKINS' FIRST THOUGHT.

It is known that Lieut. Jenkins, who is among the missing, was alive after the explosion. A colored mess attendant, now at Key West, met Jenkins running forward. He evidently thought, in the confusion that the Maine had been fired on and he was rushing to the fore-castle, where was located the six-inch gun of which he was in charge.

The United States flag is floating at half-mast from the poop of the Maine to-day and the two divers and six assistants are at work about the wreck under the direction of Captain Sigsbee. It appears that the preliminary work of the divers will be directed toward salvage only.

When the investigation into the cause of the disaster commences the Spanish government, it is said here, will collaborate.

THE UGLY DUCKLING.

Many a Little Maid Weeps Because of Her Plainness.

There is such a thing as the brutal truth, and it is usually the ugly duckling of a family who suffers from it. I know a girl who was a very awkward child; she was undersized, thin, delicate-looking, supersensitive, but with an intense love for beauty in any form. An exchange. "An only daughter and well loved, she has never been told that she was less charming to look upon than other girls. But one day when she distinguished herself by reciting a long poem at a school examination, she heard her aunt say: "Well, it is to be hoped she will be clever, for she is ugly enough." From that day on that child was a pessimist who suffered untold agonies. She imagined slights and dreamed of ill-treatment which she believed were hurled at her because she was ugly. She drew her hair back from her face, braided it simply, unconsciously giving it the best treatment, for she saw no use in trying to make herself look pretty. She took long walks by herself and talked to herself, sympathizing, poor little soul, with herself, and gradually, from these very solitary conversations, her voice grew to be low and sweet, while the walks in the open air made her healthier. When the proper time arrived her mother, who had never dreamed of her unhappiness, so well concealed, unexplained the long braids and charged her maid with the dressing of the hair of mademoiselle. The years had gone by, and she was about to make her debut. At this coming-out party there was present the aunt who had hurt her feelings so many years before. Now this aunt looked at her and said: "Well, really, you have grown to be passably looking." The debutante fled from the room. Nothing would induce her to come back. But as time went on there came a lover who saw how deep were the dark eyes, and told her so, who listened to the soft voice and praised it, and who eventually won this little lady. He never ceased praising her, and she grew to be a bumpy woman, and a happy woman is always a beautiful woman. No Nemesis overtook the aunt, but the rule in the house of this happy woman, her niece, is: "Never tell a child of its imperfections; make it conscious only of its charms, and they will increase."—Chicago News.

Free Speech in Prussia.

The low house of the Prussian diet parliament has rejected a government measure which, had it become law, would have greatly abridged the right of free speech. Under the provisions of the bill, the police officer who represents the government at all political meetings in Prussia would have had power to disperse any meeting when in his judgment it was contrary to the criminal law or to the public order, or when among the audience he saw any person whom he thought to be a minor. The police would have had authority also to dissolve any association which held such a meeting, or which had minors among its members; and penalties of fine and imprisonment were provided for anyone who might remain at a meeting or contributed to the funds of a society under the ban of the police. —Youth's Companion.

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To improve green peas put the pods into a pot, cover and boil thoroughly; then strain and put the peas into the same water and boil tender. With the butter, salt and pepper add a small pinch of sugar.

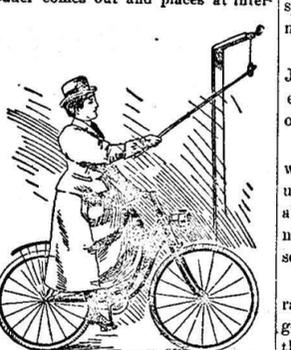
FUN ON THE BICYCLE.

The Gymkhana is Rare Sport for Skillful Woman Riders.

The gymkhana is a sort of bicycle tournament that English women, and men, too, began to indulge a year or two ago. The word is Indian, and implies our idea of circus. The feats of the "gymkhana" can be performed in the open or in a large hall. It is not warm fun for a scorcher. It is a graceful and temperate sport, more like a quadrille than a handicap.

The men taking part may wear white knickerbockers, red coats, red and white jockey caps, red stockings and white shoes, the girls white duck skirts, red and white striped shirt waists, red leather belt, white sailor hat with red band, red stockings and white shoes. To carry out the effect the costumes should be identical.

The entertainment opens with an overture by the band, followed by a musical ride by 16 ladies and gentlemen, mounted on wheels, which have been decorated with red and white ribbons. They circle slowly around the hall once, then down the center in twos, then in fours, then eight in a row, and lastly 16 straight across. When the lines are kept true the effect is delightful. Then they wind like the letter S in a single file from the top of the hall down and back, then the ladies start from one corner, the gentlemen from the opposite, and they cross each other, one at a time, near the center, forming a letter X. They end by forming a ring in the center and winding in and out until the leader has been to the center and out again. Then they ride out to the dressing-rooms and that completes the musical ride. Next may come a potato race. The leader comes out and places at inter-



TILT IN THE BICYCLE GYMKHANA.

vals down the hall three potatoes on the right and three potatoes on the left, the same distance apart. When the signal is given a girl on a bicycle starts down the right side, a man rides down the left side, until they reach the potato which is farthest down the line. They dismount, pick up the potato and carry it on their wheel back to the leader, dropping it at his feet. They turn, ride back, dismount for the second potato, ride with it back to the leader, and so on, until they have each gathered up their row. Usually a girl will mount more quickly than a man, and is, therefore, more apt to win a potato race. Two more couples try their skill in this direction, and then there is a final heat for the winners.

Next comes an overture by the band, when fancy riding may be introduced, and a clown and possibly a stuffed figure tied on to his bicycle will make a little extra fun.

The fifth tilt might be the winding of a May pole by 12 little girls in white dresses and garlands on their heads, and their bicycles also bedecked with paper roses. Then follows an obstacle race. Two long benches are placed across the hall, another at the extreme end of the hall, on which rests a box of soda crackers, and at the upper end of the hall a table containing several glasses of lemonade. When all is ready a signal is given and four young men on their wheels ride down the center, lift their bicycles over the intervening benches, mount again, ride up to the cracker box, dismount, eat one cracker and return as they came, pausing at the table to drink a glass of lemonade, after which they make a complete circuit of the hall before the race is ended.

Next the lancers is "danced," if one may be allowed that word, by 16 men and maidens on their wheels. They form in two sets and go through the figures of the lancers, circling around each other instead of "turning partners," and ending with the grand chain, making one of the prettiest items of the evening.

The thread and needle race consists of four young ladies riding down the hall and each presenting a young man with a spool of thread and needle. He must thread the needle while she waits on her wheel. When it is returned to her she rides back with it to the leader. Tilting at the ring is the most difficult feat for the amateur bicyclist to attempt. It means being able to carry a long spear while riding at full speed and putting this through a series of rings, which are suspended from a gibbet-like arrangement, over the rider's head. This can be arranged in three heads, with a prize for the winner.

If one has tried to see how slowly one can go on a wheel without actually falling off one will know how difficult it is to win in a tortoise race, where the victor is he who comes in last.

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Ironical His.

If a base drum doesn't make good music, it drowns a lot of bad.

If a man is wise, he never jars a horse's nest to find out what's in it.

If a man is able to keep his mouth shut, he will never have to eat any crow.

If you want to know the defects of a railway, consult the man who travels on a pass.

If you take care of the pennies, the dollars will probably be blown in by your heirs.

If you would know what the wild waves are saying, study the handkerchief flirtation code.

If the sun had nothing to do but shine on the truly good, it wouldn't have to get up so soon.

If people wouldn't bite until they find out whether it is bread or stone, there would be fewer dental parlors.

If a young man is convinced that he will never amount to anything in the world, it doesn't matter how soon he begins to part his hair in the middle and smoke cigarettes.—Chicago News.

Science and Progress.

The total of the worlds telegraph system has now reached 4,908,921 miles.

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Cosmopolitan Magazine.

In the Cosmopolitan, for February, the concluding chapters of "Our Late War with Spain," are given. Under the caption of "Great Business Operations" there is an interesting illustrated account of how the carriage of a great city is utilized. The history of how the banana is grown and shipped will also be found interesting, while the fiction and beautiful illustrations make it entertaining and attractive.

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Local Items.

W. H. Sprinkle, Esq., was down from Groseclose Mouday.

J. D. Perkins, of Edgewater, attended county court Monday.

We regret to announce that Mrs. A. P. Cole is quite ill this week.

Go to the CITY MARKET for leaf lard. First class in every particular.

A. L. Robinson, of Friendship, was among the visiting attorneys here Monday.

Capt. W. B. Howe, of Rural Retreat, was in the city Monday and Tuesday.

W. E. Francis left Monday morning for Lynchburg where he has secured a lucrative position.

Chas. Selby left this morning for Bristol where he will aid in an entertainment to night as corset soloist.

Rev. C. T. Rouse, of Holstein Mills, preached two excellent sermons at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Dr. Samuel Stallard, a brother of John W. Stallard of this place, died at his home in Lee county on last Friday.

Miss Stella Porterfield left this morning for Abingdon after visiting a few days in the family of A. M. Dickson on.

Miss Rena Dotson, of Bristol, who has been on a visit to relatives in Rich Valley, returned home Tuesday on No. 13.

Men and medicines are judged by what they do. The great cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla give it a good name everywhere.

We will make big reductions in all millinery and fancy goods to close out this stock. Season about over, and we do not want to carry over any of this fall's stock.

Several of our young people will go to Long Hollow this evening where they go to share in the festivities to be given by the ladies aid Society of the Presbyterian Church of that place.

Mr. Michael Cassell, a prominent citizen living in the west end of Wythe county, died at his home last Tuesday, aged about 72 years. Rev. J. J. Scherer of this place was called to participate in the funeral services on Wednesday.

C. R. Joyner keeps on hand a full supply of good beef and pork, and will sell it at prices to suit his customers. He slaughters nothing but nice young cattle and fat hogs. Give the new market a trial and a share of your patronage.

Ramsay Robins was tried in the county court Wednesday for the malicious stabbing of one Peary Buchanan and sent to the penitentiary for two years. The difficulty occurred about December, 1895, in the Rich Valley, near Chatham Hill. Robins was not apprehended until two weeks ago.

The entering wedge of a fatal complaint is often a slight cold, which a dose or two of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral might have cured at the commencement. Therefore, it is advisable to have this prompt and sure remedy always at hand to meet an emergency.

A movement is being put on foot to establish the Curfew in town which will have for its object ridding of the "street arabs" who are each evening to be found loitering about the streets and who many times are the cause of the disturbances that rise so often in the streets. This movement has met with no opposition by the law abiding element of town.

Through the agency of Judge G. Richardson, Mr. S. L. Copenhaver on last Friday sold his farm near Clair Bottom to C. W. Richardson of Valley View. Price \$2,000. Copenhaver, we regret to learn, will take his family and move to the State of Washington about the 20th of March. Several other parties from that section will leave for the West at the same time.

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I have not had fifteen years experience in a meat market, but I have served the good people of Marion and vicinity for the past seven years, and have left nothing undone to accommodate them and furnish what they wanted in my line during this time. The CITY MARKET is open at all hours to serve its customers. JNO. P. PAINTER.

M. Weiler will leave to-morrow evening for the eastern markets to purchase a large stock of spring clothing, etc., those wishing new spring suits will do well to wait on his new goods. Money will be saved. His present stock on hand now will be sold at a big reduction.

A goodly number of our young men have never fought in a war with Spain. Those of the older citizens who have passed through the late civil war are more moderate in their statements. They have smelt gun powder and know what it is. War is a terrible thing. It will deceive these enthusiasts who know nothing of real war life. So we say to all such; think more and talk less.

Prof. W. M. Scott, son of L. M. Scott, of Sugar Grove, this county, recently received the appointment of State Entomologist for the State of Georgia, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum. Prof. Scott is one of Smyth county's brightest young men. He is a graduate of Blacksburg College and held a position at the College at the time of his appointment. We are always glad to see Smyth county's young men succeed and congratulate our young friend upon securing such a lucrative and honorable position.

Anthony Guthridge a young colored lad about 12 years old living near Chilhowie was arrested and brought to Marion yesterday charged with breaking into and stealing corn from W. H. Haris' crib. The Grand jury was in session, and brought in a true bill against him. The prisoner pleaded guilty. On account of his youthfulness the Commonwealth's Attorney agreed to a fine of \$5 with three months imprisonment in the county jail.

Resisted The Officers. Last Monday night while a concert conducted by some of the colored men of the town was in progress at Seaver Opera House the exercises were disturbed by Robert and Henry Goode. Sergeant Scherer attempted to restore order but was resisted by the Goode brothers whereupon a regular fight ensued. The Sergeant after the free use of his billy soon became master of the situation and lodged the Goode men in jail. They were tried the next day before Mayor Atkins and also by Squire Birchfield. They were fined and imprisoned in several cases. The penalty will amount to eight or nine months in the county jail. Horace Haley who was charged with attempting to rescue the Goode boys from two young men who had been depntized by Sergeant Scherer to assist in the arrest were tried and given six months in jail. Horace will take an appeal on his case.

Free to Our Readers. Our readers will be pleased to learn that the eminent physician and scientist, Dr. Kilmer, after years of research and study, has discovered and given to the world a most remarkable remedy, known as Swamp-Root, for the cure of kidney and bladder troubles; the generous offer to send a bottle free that all may test wonderful merits without expense, is in itself sufficient to give the public confidence and a desire to obtain it. Swamp-Root has an established reputation as the most successful remedy, and is receiving the hearty endorsement of all up-to-date physicians, hospitals and homes. If our men and women readers are in need of a medicine of this kind no time should be lost in sending their name and address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and receive a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent absolutely free by mail. The regular sizes may be obtained at the drug stores. When writing please say you read this liberal offer in the Marion News.

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AN APPALLING ACCIDENT Four Children Burned to Death in a Closed House. Tazewell, Va., Feb. 20.—One of the most appalling and distressing fatalities that has occurred in this county was the burning of four little children last Friday evening on the farm of ex-Senator Gillespie, about twelve miles west of here. It seems that Mr. James Buchanan, who works for Mr. Gillespie, was away from home at his work, and his wife, who had gone to a neighbor's house, had locked the little ones up in the house until she returned. To her horror when she returned the building, which was a very large one, was burned to a crisp, nothing but bones could be found. The oldest child was only six years of age.

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JUDGE HUGHES RESIGNS. His Probable Successor Judge Edmund Waddill, of Richmond.

Norfolk, Va., February 22.—Judge Robert W. Hughes, of the federal court of the Eastern district, appointed by President Grant in 1874, has forwarded his resignation to President McKinley.

His probable successor is Judge Edward Waddill, of Richmond. Judge Hughes is 77 years of age, and could have retired on full pay seven years ago. He is one of the most distinguished jurists in Virginia.

CUBANS' FAITH IN MCKINLEY. The Junta, it is said, will Abandon Agitation. Cleveland, O., Feb. 20.—Senor De Arongo, the head of the Cuban Junta in Cleveland, is in favor of stopping the agitation on the Cuban question. He says that the Junta in New York is also in favor of the same policy, as all the Cubans are satisfied that President McKinley is pursuing a policy which will eventually bring about the freedom of Cuba.

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Letter From Atkins. ATKINS, Va., Feb. 21, 1898. Your correspondent has been so busy for sometime past that he has not had time to collect and report the news from our thriving little burg. Our iron-mines have been at a standstill for sometime. We learn that they will start up again in a few days, under the management of Mr. Sizen. Mr. Luther Kegley is building a new house in "Crow town," which he expects to occupy as soon as completed. Success to our friend Luther and his estimable lady. Mr. R. N. Ward also has a new residence in course of erection on Bear creek. We are sorry to report a great deal of sickness at present. Our sick list is as follows: Atkins, L. J. Pickle, pneumonia; Jacob Umbarger, lagrippe; Bear creek, Elbert Bales, typhoid fever; Mrs. Callie Goodpasture, heart trouble; Crow town, Adam Kegley's daughter, Jéunie, brain fever; Mrs. Jackson Sebolt, malaria; John Grow; and Mark Calhoun's oldest daughter, typhoid fever. Rev. E. W. Leslie and wife have returned from Berea, Wythe county, where Bro. Leslie conducted a very successful revival, which resulted in between thirty and forty professing religion. Mr. M. D. Blackard is giving good satisfaction as our postmaster. A great deal of plowing has been done by our farmers for spring crops. DIED—Near Atkins, Feb. 18th, Earnest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rieley Vaughn, aged 2 years, 9 months and days. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. S. Weatherly from Davis Memorial Methodist church on Saturday, Feb. 19th at 11 a. m. "Suffer the little ones to come unto me." MANCREIFF.

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Commissioner's Notice. Commissioner's Office, Marion, Va., Feb. 16, 1898. To M. Weiler and E. S. Neff and J. N. Umbarger, partners trading under the firm name and style of E. S. Neff & Umbarger, Plaintiffs, and W. H. Echols, L. R. Echols, A. B. Echols, E. B. Echols and W. B. Echols, Defendants: You are hereby notified, that I have fixed upon the 18th day of March, 1898, at my office in Marion, Va., to take and settle the account of the liens on the lands mentioned in the Bill and their priorities, the lands liable to said liens and the annual rental value thereof, the interest owned by each Defendant in said lands, respectively, and any other matter deemed pertinent by said Commissioner or any of the parties required to be taken by the decree of Smyth circuit court, rendered on the 15th day of Dec. 1897, in a suit in chancery, depending in said court, in which you are parties, Plaintiffs and Defendants; at which time and place you are required to attend. Given under my hand, as Commissioner in Chancery of the said court, the day and year first aforesaid. JNO. R. SEXTON, Com.

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EXPERIMENT WITH NEGRO LABOR

Test of the Capacity of the Race as

Cotton Operatives Being Made.

The substitution of negro labor for
white labor in a cotton mill in Char-
leston, S. C., has probably attracted more
attention and aroused more general
comment than any labor incident of
past years. This interest was caused
by more than one feature of striking im-
portance. In the first place, it is looked
upon as a revolution in cotton mill la-
bor in the south; secondly, it raises
the question whether the project will
be successful, considering the gener-
ally-accepted low order of the labor
employed; and, lastly, if successful, will
it result in the cheapening of the mill
product to the extent that goods and
yarns from southern mills will more
than ever come into successful com-
petition with the mill products of the
north?

The latter proposition appears to be
the one that has the strongest claim on
the southern manufacturers who have
already employed or are contemplating
the employment of negro labor in their
mills. It is the boast of the manufactur-
ers of the United States that they have
been enabled to pay higher wages for
labor and at the same time compete
with goods of foreign manufacture, be-
cause of the higher intelligence of the
labor employed in this country. Based
upon this theory, the opponents of the
employment of negro labor in the cot-
ton mills of the south say it cannot
prove remunerative. The claim is, that
while the negro labor can be employed
at less wages than white labor, the
productive capacity of white operatives
is so far superior to that of the negro
that this will more than counterbalance
the difference in wages. Whether this
theory will hold good remains to be
proved by experience.

The indications point to the conclu-
sion that the management of other
South Carolina mills are watching the
experiment made in Charleston with
more than usual interest, and if it
should prove to be as successful as it
is now claimed, negro labor will be in-
troduced in other cotton mills. The de-
sideratum appears to be cheapness of
production, and thereby a broadening
of the market for cotton goods of south-
ern manufacture. Aside from those di-
rectly interested in cotton mills, the in-
troduction of negro labor into them is
a matter of much concern, not only to
the white laborers of the south, but to
those of the north as well.

It means the throwing out of employ-
ment of a large number of white people
who have devoted the best years of their
life to work in the various departments
of the cotton mills. It means either this
or the possible necessity of accepting the
wages paid to negro laborers. The
wages paid to operatives in the cotton
mills of the south, it has been claimed
and generally admitted, have never
been as high as the wages paid the op-
eratives in the mills of New England.
While the southern operatives have re-
ceived less wages, it is claimed that this
difference is more than counterbal-
anced by the cost of living, which is
much less in the south than in the
north. The New England manufactur-
ers claim that the cost of operating these
mills in the south has been the strong-
est element in competition that they
have ever been forced to meet.

With a still further reduction in
wages of operatives in southern mills,
through the employment of negroes, the
apprehension is felt, if the new labor
proves satisfactory, that the contest for
profitable production of cotton goods
in the east will be placed upon a nar-
rower margin. This being the result,
eastern mill owners will be forced to
devote their mills to the production of
the finer classes of cotton goods, in the
production of which the highest class of
labor is needed, and which will bear
higher wages. Should the experiment of
the employment of negro labor in the
mills of the south as now constituted
prove successful, it may be that it will
mean the transference of the machinery
for the production of the finer cotton
goods, and in that event, the southern
mills will come into sharper competi-
tion with the same class of mills in New
England as they have in the past in the
manufacture of the lower grades of
goods. The subject is one full of vast
possibilities, and the result will be
watched with the keenest interest by
the cotton manufacturing world.—Mobile
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laced with pliable stems and with sea-
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really is, is more or less soaked with
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ris, whose magnificent "British Birds"
contains a most interesting article on
the subject, thinks that it is because of
this salty dampness and of the fish oil
that trees bearing the nests commonly
live but a few years. The nest is lined
with sea grasses, and in the course of
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a padding of down. It is repaired each
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20th of June, I had occasion to examine
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section about Greensboro. The fruit
shown was in the same stage of ripening
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