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SHELL-FISH FOR HORSES.

Many years ago, before the advent of railroads in Eastern Maine, it was the custom of country clergymen, in addition to their pastoral duties, to take occasional missionary tours, preaching the gospel in destitute places. They usually traveled with their own teams, stopping wherever the night overtook them, gathering such congregations as could hastily be called together, to whom they preached the gospel in the evening. Among these occasional inhereints was a Baptist minister of decidedly original character, well acquainted with human nature and fruitful in expedients to accomplish his purpose. On one of his tours in the dead of winter he drove up to a country tavern, where refreshments for man and beast were kept, about the middle of the day. The weather was intensely cold and a blazing fire was burning in a fire-place, but was completely surrounded by a company of town loafers, who showed no disposition to make room for the half-frozen man who had just entered. The minister stood a moment and looked around so as to take in the situation, then, turning to the tavern keeper

GOVERNOR ORR AND THE TRIBUNE.

A correspondent of the New York Tribune has been interviewing Governor Orr, in Andersonville, South-Carolina. African race, Orr expounds as follows:

THE FATE OF THE NEGRO.

Q. I have frequently seen it stated in the public prints that the negro is dying out, and the fear is expressed that in the course of time there may not be enough left to till the crops; but what are your views on this subject?

A. It is one to which I have not given careful attention. Yet my observation of the mortuary records of our principal cities satisfies me that the fear expressed is not without foundation. Natural causes, which you will readily understand, are at work to produce this result. In old times, under our system, the health of slaves, especially of the young, was a matter of constant solicitude. Unless on extraordinary occasions, they were neither over-worked nor permitted to lounge in idleness. They were fed on substantial food comfortably clad, properly amused, and had little or no cares. When ill the plantation physician was

AN EXTRAORDINARY WINTER.

The winter of 1740 is described in an old book quoted by a German paper is very terrible. This work, "Brookes' Contentment in God," thus speaks of it: An unheard of frost seized with extraordinary severity on the world and the elements, so that it is scarcely possible to number or relate the many strange occurrences that took place through its violence. Men felt so oppressed that days passed by unheeded. One would and could hardly speak; one sat and thought, yet could not think; if any one spoke a word it was with a hard set face. Many hens and ducks, even the cattle in the stalls, died of cold; the trees split asunder. Not only beer but wine in cellars froze. Deeply sunken wells were covered with impenetrable ice. Crows and other birds fell to the ground frozen in their flight. No bread was eatable, for it was as cold and as hard as a stone." Brookes further relates that this extraordinary winter was followed by an equally uncommon spring. In May no sign of verdure was yet to be seen; it was still cold in July, and vegetation was then still further hindered by drought. T

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