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During March.

Mrs. Susan Auwerter, of Braddock, Pa., furnishes a prize story of the recent hurly-burly in stocks. About five years ago she purchased 18 shares of Northern Pacific, paying \$10 a share. Shortly afterward the bottom fell out of the market and the stock became practically worthless. Her brother-in-law owned some of the stuff, but sold it for 25 cents a share and urged Mrs. Auwerter to do the same. She declined to do so, but put them in cheap frames and hung them up on the walls as a reminder of what then seemed to be her folly in making such an investment. During the whirl in

Wall street, when the stock was jumping \$100 at a leap, she sent her shares to New York, where they were gobbled up at an immense figure. Now it develops that Mrs. Auwerter failed to pay an assessment levied some years ago, and there seems to be small prospects of her getting the purchase price.

One of the most notable library symptoms is the tremendous increase of interest in spiritual and theological problems, said a prominent librarian recently to a writer in the New York Sun. It is astonishing to see how many men and women are reading eagerly everything dealing with questions of life and immortality. We have a great many elderly readers who are absorbed in such literature. I suppose modern thought has upset their early beliefs, and they are struggling to readjust their theories and doctrines in the little time that is left to them. Psychology, and all forms of occultism have a grip upon the public interest now, and sociological works find 20 times the number of readers they had even ten years ago. It interests me to see how many young

economics, a large proportion of them being from the working classes.

There is an opportunity in Cuba for the investment of capital, if persons investing will be content with moderate returns, says Senator O. H. Platt, in Success. I do not think our new possessions hold out any inducement for an American who proposes to support himself and to better his condition by his labor. The climate of the tropics is not favorable to the northern workingman, and the capitalist who expects to double his investment in a year or two, according to the present craze for obtaining immediate wealth, is very likely to be disappointed. Business methods, business sagacity, and contentment with reasonable returns, are likely to make ventures of capital fairly remunerative.

There is no end of odd names in North Carolina. One of the best-known men in Raleigh named his children after the states of the union, and they are among the most prominent people in that section to-day, among them being Rev. Wisconsin Royster and Vermont Connecticut Royster. Newburn is the home of Sharp Blunt. The home of Sink Quick is in Richmond county. Prof. Dred Peacock, of Greensboro, is one of the foremost educators in the state, while the home of Early Dawn is Raleigh.

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