

[From the Savannah Republican, February 2.]

*Extraordinary boy.*—There is in the village of Athens, in this state, (Geo.) a boy, the son of Judge Clayton, something upwards of ten years old, who possesses the most astonishing arithmetical powers of mind. The editor of this paper has seen this child, and heard him exercise his wonderful genius more than once, and can safely vouch for the correctness of the following statement made in a late Athens Centinel, which says—This child can reduce any given number of miles to inches, years to seconds, &c. performing the whole operations in his head. and will give the result as quick as an expert calculator can do it with a pen or pencil. He was asked, in the presence of some gentlemen lately, these questions, which he solved with all imaginable ease and expedition—“How many inches were there in one million three hundred and seventy-three thousand four hundred and eighty-nine miles?”—“How many seconds were there in ninety-seven years, seven months, fifteen days, nine hours and forty minutes?”—“How often will a wheel,

five feet six inches in diameter, turn over in ninety miles:"—"What is the cube root of twenty-four millions seven hundred and forty-three thousand and eighty-two." He has on more than one occasion, (eighteen months ago,) raised the number twelve to its fifteenth power—that is to say, multiplied that number into itself fifteen times, so as to make and read off in his head trillions. The whole is performed by the bare strength of memory, for it is done in the usual way, there is no mystery in it; no short method or plan of his own. This faculty was discovered in him at about eight years old, and has most astonishingly improved since that time.

We understand it is the intention of his father to educate him at West Point, if he can procure him a place at that institution.