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IMPORTANT TO PHYSICIANS AND LADIES.
CONFIDENCE can be placed, to the fullest extent, in the use of the *Preparations of Mrs. H. H. Phillips*. So many thousand cases are known of relief of ladies from the most intense pain of body and anxiety of mind, arising from a use of these preparations of all kinds, and elastic preparation, the tendency of which to injure the system, is but too well known to many sufferers and physicians. To avoid all Counterfeits, apply personally or by letter to Mrs. H. H. Phillips, 221 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, or to her Agents, J. S. BETTS, Agents, No. 221 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.
Phila., October 1, 1853.—1f.

WM. MCARTY,
BOOKSELLER,
Market Street,
SUNBURY, PA.
JUST received and for sale, a fresh supply of **EVANGELICAL MUSIC** for Singing Schools. He is also opening at this time, a large assortment of Books, in every branch of Literature, consisting of Poetry, History, Novels, Romances, Scientific Works, Law, Medicine, School and Children's Books, Bibles; School, Pocket and Family, both with and without Engravings; and every variety of Binding. Prayer Books of all kinds. Also just received and for sale, *Pandora's Digest of the laws of Pennsylvania*, edition of 1851, price only \$6.00.
Judge Reads edition of Blackstone's Commentaries, in 3 vols. 8vo. formerly sold at \$10.00, and now offered (in fresh binding) at the low price of \$6.00.
A Treatise on the laws of Pennsylvania respecting the estates of Decedents, by Thomas F. Gordon, price only \$1.00.
Travels, Voyages and Adventures, or all of which will be sold low, either for cash, or on credit.
February 21, 1852.—1f.

NOTICE,
BANK OF NORTHUMBERLAND,
Northumberland, July 25, 1853.
The Directors of the Bank of Northumberland give notice that they intend to apply to the next Legislature of this Commonwealth, for a renewal of its charter with the same capital, and with its present title, location and privileges. By order of the Board.
JNO. TAGGART, Pres.
June 25, 1853.—6m.

LEATHER,
F. RITZ & HENDRY,
Store, 29 N. 3d street,
PHILADELPHIA.
Morocco Manufacturers, Carriers, Importers, Commission and General Leather Business.
WHOLESALE & RETAIL.
Manufactory 15 Margaret Street,
Phila., August 20, 1853.—1y.

FRESH Vanilla Bean of a superior quality just received and for sale by
June 4, 1853.—H. B. MASSER.

INK—Bourne's celebrated ink, and also Green ink for sale, wholesale and retail by
December 28, 1850.—H. B. MASSER.

SHOES—All kinds of Boots Shoes and slippers for sale by
G. ELSBERG & CO.,
Market street, opposite the Post Office,
Sunbury, Oct. 8, 1853.—1f.

SELECT POETRY.

A RAILWAY RHYME.

[FROM "DIODEGENE"]

There was a little milliner,
Her name was Charlotte Dunn,
Though there was nought of ill in her,
She loved a bit of fun.
And on an Easter holiday,
With mind all free from care,
(Though 'twas a melancholy day,
She went from Boston square
By train; in which beside her sat
A man who seem'd polite,
Talk'd, smil'd and look'd quite wisely at
Another opposite.

Onward, onward sped the train,
O'er hill, and dale, and moor;
The wind sped in the train,
And could not get before.

The whistle sounded long and shrill,
Which in a lofty, more-clad hill
Its dismal entrance reared.

Young Charlotte saw her vis-a-vis
Rise shyly from his place,
And by her side, right closely, he
Sat with a smiling face.

Thought she, "These men look for a treat,
Unless I judge amiss,
And think 'twill be an easy feat
To snatch a stolen kiss."

So when they in the tunnel got,
She changed her place unseen;
Yet neither of the men did wet
But she was still between.

Then soon a dismal cry arose,
And raised a great alarm;
For each had knocked his neighbor's nose,
And done him grievous harm.

Right fearfully they both did swear,
And as if their chatter ran,
When each of them became aware
That he had kissed a man.

The train soon passed the tunnel through,
And came again to light—
Exposed their faces all to view—
It was a sorry sight!

With swollen nose and watery eyes,
Each wail'd in right good sooth,
He would the other well chastise,
And beat him without ruth.

The train soon at a station came,
At which the lass got out,
And, having much enjoyed the game,
Said, with a pretty pout:

"Good night, kind sirs; to you I wish
A very pleasant ride,
And counsel you, when next you fish,
To see how runs the tide.

"Let this to you a warning be—
As to each loving spark—
If girls won't kiss you when they see,
Don't try it in the dark!"

Miscellaneous Matter.

ANECDOTES OF THE LATE SIR CHARLES NAPIER.

Sir Charles was married to a lady of strong though gentle character, and he delighted in relating an adventure which once befell the pair, very characteristic of both. He and Lady Napier were riding one evening, unattended, on the summit of the Mahabeshwur Hills. The sun had just set, the pathway was narrow, bordered on one side by jungle, and on the other by a deep precipice. Turning suddenly to his wife, he desired her to ride on at full speed immediately to the nearest village, and send some people back to the spot where she left him, and not to ask him the reason why he sent her. She obeyed—hear it, ye inquisitive and disputatious wives!—in silence. It was no slight trial of her courage, as well as of her obedience, for the way was lonely, and beset with many possible perils, but she rode rapidly and boldly forward, and gained a village at some distance in safety. The party whom she then despatched and accompanied, met Sir Charles, however, not a mile from the place following in his lady's track; and he then explained the reason of his strange and unquestioned command. He had seen, as they slowly walked their horses, four savage eyes gleam at him from the jungle, and believed that they belonged either to tigers or cheetahs—the hunting-leopard. He was aware that if they both rode off, the creatures, following the instincts of their nature, would be sure to chase them. He feared, lest if Lady Napier knew the fearful kind of peril they were in, she would be startled and unfit to make any attempt at escape, or at least that she would not consent to his own judicious plan; so he tested her obedience—as we have seen, successfully. He remained himself, confronting, and probably controlling, the wild beasts with his eagle eye; after a short gaze and a muttered growl, they retreated into the jungle, and he was free to follow his wife.

Lady Napier herself related to me another rather amusing incident in connection with animals. As she and Sir Charles were coming down to Mahabeshwur Hills, they chose to pitch their tent and remain for the night on the spot which was inhabited by a tribe of monkeys. These beasts were drawn by their intense curiosity to the travellers, and Lady Napier sent for some nuts, put them into the pocket of her apron, and fed one, which was bolder and tamer than the rest, with them. When they withdrew into the tent, the apish guests likewise retreated.

On awakening next morning, Lady Napier was startled at finding that her purse, which was in the pocket of her apron, had been stolen in the night. An inquiry was instantly made, and a close search instituted in her room for it, but in vain; and she had come to the conclusion, that some of those skilful Indian robbers, who can steal

SIR H. DAVY'S CHOICE.

The subjoined beautiful thoughts are from Sir Humphrey Davy's "Salamina."
"I envy no quality of mind or intellect in others, be it genius, power, wit, or fancy; but if I could choose what would be most delightful, and I believe would be most useful to me, I should prefer a firm religious belief to every other blessing; it makes life a discipline of goodness; creates new hopes when all other hopes vanish; and throws over the decay, the destruction of existence, the most gorgeous of all lights; awakens life even in death, and from corruption and decay calls up beauty and divinity; makes an instrument of ill-fortune and shame the ladder of ascent to Paradise; and far above all combinations of earthly hopes, calls up the most delightful visions of palms and amaranths, the Gardens of the Blessed, the security of everlasting joys, where the sensualist and the sceptic views only gloom, decay, annihilation, and despair."

AN HISTORICAL ANECDOTE.—The following is said to be found in an ancient history of Connecticut:—Soon after the settlement of the town of New Haven, several persons went over to what is now the town of Milford, where, finding the soil very good, they were desirous to effect a settlement. But the premises were in the peaceful possession of the Indians, and some conscientious scruples arose as to the propriety of despoiling and expelling them. To test the case, a church meeting was called, and the matter was determined by solemn vote of that sacred body. After several speeches had been made in relation to the subject, they proceeded to vote; the first was the following:—"Come out to me, or, by the name of the saints! This was also determined like the former—*scm. con.* Thirdly, "Vote, that we are the saints; which passing without a single dissenting voice, the title was considered indisputable, and the Indians were very soon compelled to evacuate the place, and relinquish the possession to the rightful owners."

A COW FOR THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS.—Col. Thorne, of Washington Hollow, Dutchess County, N. Y., lately imported a valuable Durham bull and other stock, by the steamer Heron, which were selected without regard to cost, of the best to be found in England. The bull is stated to have cost five thousand dollars. By the Washington, on her last trip, he received a cow of the same strain as the bull, for which we are told he paid \$3,000, besides expenses of her passage. It is probably the highest priced cow ever imported. This was accompanied by a two months' old calf, which cost \$750. Also, a lot of South Down sheep, of superior quality. It they are better than those imported by Mr. Morris, of Mt. Fordham, they must be very extraordinary, but not more so than the mania now prevailing for raising the standard of cattle in this country by fresh importations of the best ever produced by English breeders.

A LARGE BOND.—One of the largest bonds which has ever been taken on appeal to the Supreme Court, was taken yesterday in the case of *Mason v. W. Aling* and others, appealed from the Fourth District Court. The plaintiff obtained a verdict and judgment against the defendants for a portion of Brownsville, Texas, for \$25,000 damages or in default of the defendants making to the plaintiff a good and sufficient title of the land in question within ninety days, the defendants were condemned to pay the plaintiff \$114,000. The defendants have appealed and have been required to furnish a bond and securities for \$200,000 on the appeal.—N. Orleans *Picayune*.

LARGE RAILROAD CONTRACT.—It is stated that Mr. Washington McClean, of Cincinnati, and several other gentlemen, under the firm of Washington McClean & Co., have contracted to build a railway from Fort Wayne, via Lacon, to Council Bluffs. The distance is some five hundred miles, and the contract amounts to between sixteen and eighteen millions of dollars.

THE RIGHT TO BREAK LETTERS.—In the *Martha Washington* case, recently on trial at Columbus, a question arose as to whether an officer had a right, under any circumstances, to break the seal of a letter addressed to another person—Judge McLean said that "if any person opened a letter under any pretence whatever, he was liable to be prosecuted under the post office laws." It is suspicious, therefore, that it would be better for the postmaster to send them to the department; they had no authority to open them, neither had the marshal, police, nor the court.

PIGEON ROOST.—We are told, says the *Clarion Democrat*, that there is a pigeon roost, in the vicinity of Tronetti, Venango county, where millions of the feathered tribe have congregated to spend the season. It is said that in the evening they come in flocks that darken the air and at times the noise made by their wings may be heard for miles. In the morning they leave for the beach woods. Human voices cannot be heard at a few yards distance in the evening when the birds are coming to the roost. Many people are visiting the spot to witness a sight they never saw before.

THE CANADA MUSKRATS are busily engaged in fortifying their houses against the attacks of frost. This betokens a very severe winter.

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE PLAINS.

Massacre of Captain Gunnison and Eight of His Party by Indians, &c.
St. Louis, Nov. 30.—The Salt Lake mail has arrived at Independence, bringing a village of the massacre of Captain Gunnison and part of his exploring party.

An express reached Governor Young on the 31st of October from Captain Morris, giving an account of the massacre, which was committed by a party of Indians on the Sevier river. The killed were Captain Gunnison; Mr. Kern, the topographical engineer; William Potter, a guide; two others, and three privates of company A, mounted riflemen.

The following are the particulars:—Captain Gunnison and twelve of his party had separated from the rest, and while at breakfast a band of Indians, intending to destroy a Mormon village near at hand, came upon them and fired with rifles, and then used bows and arrows. Shots were returned by the Gunnison party, but they were overpowered, and only four escaped. Gunnison had twenty-six arrows shot in his body, and when found one of his hands was off. The notes of the survey, which had been nearly completed, instruments and the animals, were taken by the Indians.

Governor Young immediately sent aid to Captain Morris, to release him from his critical position in the midst of treacherous Indians, and endeavor to obtain the lost property. The party intended soon to go into winter quarters.

A party of Cheyennes surrounded the mail, and demanded nearly all the provisions, which were given up to them.

Mr. Gallegos, the delegate to Congress, has arrived, and left for Washington.

ARRIVAL OF JOHN MITCHELL.

New York, Nov. 20.—The steamer *Prometheus* brought the celebrated Irish Patriot John Mitchell, with his wife and six children. Accompanying Mr. Mitchell, is Mr. P. J. Smythe, who went out to bring him home. The whole are in excellent health and spirits.

As the *Prometheus* came up the river she was boarded by Messrs. Mather and William Mitchell, the brother of the Patriot. The meeting between these friends in sorrow and persecution was affecting in the extreme. Tears of joy were shed on both sides.

The river was alive with boats, in which were many friends of Mr. Mitchell. After an immense amount of congratulation, the party were smuggled ashore in carriages that were in readiness, which drove off at a rapid pace toward the Hamilton Ferry; amid the roars of artillery and the shouts of the populace; they were attended by an immense number of persons who ran after the carriage, eager to get a glance at the Patriot. The ferry boat was crowded to excess, and on its arrival at the Brooklyn side was received by a still larger crowd of welcome.

Mr. Mitchell and his family, together with his friends, were cheered in the most enthusiastic manner, and the carriages which bore them were followed by the throng. After bowing to the people, Mr. Mitchell ordered the driver to proceed to the residence of his mother. His way thither was like the march of a conqueror, and so enthusiastic were his friends that they were almost ready to take him from the vehicle, and carry him upon their shoulders. The carriages stopped at the corner of Union and Hicks streets, at the residence of Mr. Mitchell's mother, brother and sister. The reuniting of this long separated family can be imagined, but its details were too sacred for description.

A STRIKE BY FEMALES AGAINST AMERICAN SEWING MACHINES.—Among the bodies striking, or on the eve of striking, in London, may be numbered the female cloak and mantle makers. They have held a meeting to express their opposition to the American sewing machine; and they call upon all the seamstresses engaged in establishments to stand in opposing it, as it is likely to be introduced generally into wholesale houses, and the ruin of thousands of people must necessarily ensue. A petition is in the course of signature, from them, addressed to the employers generally, showing the incompetency of the machine to complete articles of dress requiring extensive neatness, and begging them earnestly to consider the result of the use of the machine as likely to drive women to a more "ignoble" pursuit for an existence.

JAMES QUINN, the boatman who murdered Mahala Wiggins, on a canal at Nanticoke dam, and for whose arrest the commissioners of Luzerne county offered the pithy reward of \$100, has recently been arrested at Toledo, Ohio, by Marshal Corbidge, and was brought to Wilkesbarre jail on the 21st inst., and placed in the custody of the authorities. He will shortly be tried for his crime.

The New Berlin Star contains an account of a recent interesting family gathering at the residence of Hon. N. R. MIDDLEBURY, in Bayver. There were present with the old Patriarch and his wife, 11 children (1 dead,) 80 grand children, 1 great grand child, and a large number of neighbors.

TOUCHING.—The Buffalo Republican says: "A little boy, clad poorly, standing in front of the Western Hotel, was accosted this morning by a rude young man, with the question, 'Does your mother know you're out?' The little fellow looked at the interrogator a moment, while his bosom heaved, and tears glistened in his eyes, as he replied, 'Sir my dear mother is dead.'"

GAME IN THE ARCTIC REGIONS.

Among the interesting features of the voyage of the "Investigator" into the Arctic regions is the quantity and description of game found by the daring explorers. The following is the account of the game of the Investigator killed from the first of October, 1850, to the 8th of April, 1853, the following, mostly during the spring of the present year: 7 musk oxen, 110 deer, 163 hares, 486 grouse, 198 ducks, 29 geese, 2 wolves and 4 bears; total 1065. The musk oxen averaged 278 lbs. each, and the deer 70 lbs. The deer were found to be very wild, and the gunners had to exercise great caution to obtain a shot. The mode they adopted was the following:

"They crept themselves in various parts of the tundra, or behind the sand hills, and listened with breathless silence until they heard the deer tap the snow off the willow with their feet in order to eat the herbage. When the air is frosty and the weather calm this tapping could be heard at a distance of two hundred yards, and, by listening and observing minutely, the gunner easily detected the position in which his prey was located. As soon as this was correctly ascertained, a person was sent a considerable distance round the deer, and a slight noise having been made at their back they immediately ran off, probably past the gunner. It was in such instances where the chances of a kill occurred. One hundred and ten deer were thus killed; and as they will run distances after receiving wounds, it is fair to suppose that many more would have been secured if the crew had been accompanied with a brace or more of deer hounds.

ANOTHER SUBSTITUTE FOR COAL.—The *Meriden* (Conn.) Whig, announces a new invention by Mr. GOLD, for heating a room without the use of Coal or Wood, and says:—"By its use, one pint of water is converted into steam, condensed and re-converted to steam; *ad infinitum*; does not need to be renewed; the heat is continually radiate, and in proportion to the degree of heat used, is the rapidity of the process and the amount of caloric evolved. It occupies but little room, may be painted in any style, and hung up on the wall; may be carried from one room to another; cannot be injured by careless servants, heating rapidly, and cost is trifling; and the expense of heating is about one fifth that of coal and wood. The heat used is that of burning alcohol or other gaseous fluids."

IMPORTANT TO ROAD SUPERVISORS.—We learn from the *Hartford* (Md.) Gazette, that in the Circuit Court of Hartford county, held at Belair a few days since, Judge CONSTANCE, in a case before him, decided that supervisors of roads are liable to indictment for allowing roads to become impassable, whether the amount of funds in their hands at the time is sufficient to make the necessary repairs or not. If a reasonable sum of money is required to put the road in good order, the supervisor, is bound to have it done, on his own responsibility, and settle afterward with the county commissioners.

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WHITEWASHING EXTRAORDINARY.

The Rev. James Williams, the well-known and philanthropic missionary, so long resident in the South Sea Islands, taught the natives to manufacture lime from the coral of their shores. The powerful effect produced upon them, and the extraordinary news to which they applied it, he thus facetiously describes:

"After having laughed at the process of burning, which they believed to be to cook the coral for their food, what was their astonishment when in the morning they found his cottage glittering in the rising sun, white as snow; they danced, they sang, they shouted and screamed with joy. The whole island was in a commotion, given up to wonder and curiosity, and the laughable scenes which ensued after they got possession of the bush and tub baffle description. The *ton ton* immediately voted it a cosmetic and kalydoo, and superlatively happy did many a swarthy coquette consider herself could she but enhance her charms by a dab of the white wash. And now party spirit ran high, as it will do in more civilized countries, as to who was or who was not best entitled to preference. One party argued their superior rank; one had got the brush and was determined at all events to keep it; and a third tried to overturn the whole, that they might obtain some of the sweepings. They did not even scruple to rob each other of the little share that some had been so happy as to secure. But soon new lime was prepared, and in a week not a hut, a domestic utensil, a waist-club, or garment but what was as white as snow; not an inhabitant but had a skin painted with the most grotesque figures; not a pig but what was similarly whitened, and even mothers might be seen in every direction capering with extravagant gestures and yelling with delight at the superior beauty of their whitewashed infants."

NEW YORK LIBERALITY.—There has recently been raised in the city of New York, by individual voluntary subscription, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, for the purpose of enlarging the Broadway Hospital and the Insane Asylum at Bloomingdale. The subscription was led by James Lenox with twenty-five thousand dollars, and by Joseph Sampson with ten thousand dollars.

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