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NOTICE.
BANK OF NORTHUMBERLAND, Northumberland, June 25, 1853.

LEATHER.
FRITZ & HENDRY, Store, 29 N. 3d Street, PHILADELPHIA.

FRISH Vanilla Bean of a superior quality just received and for sale by H. B. MASSER.

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SELECT POETRY.

THE LITTLE CHILD'S DREAM.

'O, I have a dream, mother,
So beautiful and strange;
Would that I could sleep on, mother,
And that dream never change!

A Humorous Sketch.

GIVING 'EM GAS.

Belcher Kay's Recipe of a Crowd.

BY JACK HUMPHRIES.

A few years ago, it was great attraction to the public to give a show of the effects of gas, upon such victims, as were particularly given to make ninies of themselves.

'Hold on! bawls somebody on the stage, and at this Jack rushes a la M-tiamo, upon the altar with such a frightful impetus that the poor fellow threw a double somerset over a table, and only escaped disemboweling by the hful turn of the sailor's notions, which led Jack to make a fresh rush to another quarter.

Where in fiction is there anything more strange than this fact, related in the Musical World by R. Storrs Willis?—The following strange incident happened while I was living in Germany. In the neighborhood of Vienna there dwelt a young peasant woman, who supported herself by the cultivation of vegetables, which she disposed of in the Vienna market.

THE SABBATH.
A history of the lives of all the criminals ever sentenced, imprisoned or executed, would show that a disregard of the Sabbath was one of the leading steps in their progress to ruin; that in company with those who like themselves desecrated its time, they had taken the initiatory step in vice that eventually led them to the commission of crime.

Poetry.

RAILROAD LYRICS.

If an engine meet an engine
'Coming round a curve'
If they smash track, train and tender,
What do they deserve?

in a County Newspaper, in Yorkshire, the following notice is written over the chimney: 'Gentlemen learning to spell, are requested to use yesterday's paper.'

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

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'Lead us not into Temptation.'
In the spring of 1841, we chanced to be spending a few days in a beautiful inland country town in Pennsylvania.

THE WAY ICE IS FORMED AT SEA.
Captain Scoresby, in his account of the arctic regions, says, while describing the formation of ice in the open sea, that he has literally seen it grow in a consistency capable of stopping the way of a ship with a brisk wind—and this even when exposed to the full force of the waves of the Atlantic.

PROFANE LANGUAGE.

The use of profane language is shockingly prevalent. We know of no vice that is more common among men than profanity, and the more the man of high social position to the frequent use of the lowest grog-shop, swearing is a common vice.

RIGHTS OF MARRIED WOMEN.

The Pittsburgh Post of last Monday states that Judge Williams, of the District Court, read an opinion, on Saturday, in the case of Robinson vs. Patterson, in which an important principle, as regards the rights of married women, was settled.

EXTENSION CARRIAGE TOP.

A GREAT PURCHASE.—P. T. Barnum, it is rumored, has bought the property on the N. E. corner of Houston street and Broadway, New York, running all the way through to Crosby street, and two hundred feet up Crosby and two hundred feet on Broadway.

THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

The Austrian Government has instructed all the Vienna journals that have shown themselves favorable to the Turkish cause, to dissemble in future such favoritism, and to conduct with a severe impartiality toward both sides.

A LITTLE CHILD.

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Love and esteem are the first principles of friendship, which always is imperfect where either of those two are wanting.

TERRITORIAL EXTENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The final report of the seventh census of the United States is now through the press. This volume is filled with valuable statistics, not the least interesting of which are those in reference to the extent of the territories of the United States.

THE TERRITORIAL EXTENT OF THE REPUBLIC.
The territorial extent of the Republic is nearly ten times as large as that of Great Britain and France combined; three times as large as France, Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Holland and Denmark together; one and a half times as large as the Russian Empire in Europe; one-sixth less only than the area covered by the fifty-nine or sixty Empires, States and Republics of Europe; of equal extent with the Roman Empire; or that of Alexander, neither of which is said to have exceeded 3,000,000 square miles.

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