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N. M. Newman's Beauty's Row, Norwegian street, Pottsville, Penna. Plumbing Shop. HAS CONSTANTLY ON HAND A SUPPLY of all sizes of Lead Pipe, Sheet Lead, Block Tin, Bath Tubs, Shower Baths, Hydrants, Water, Double and Single Acting Pumps and Water Cocks, also, all kinds of Brass Cocks for water and steam, Brass Oil Cups, and Globes for Engines.

United States Hotel, Chestnut Street, above Fourth. PHILADELPHIA. J. M. McLELLAN, (late of Jones' Hotel), has the pleasure to inform his friends and the travelling community, that he has leased this house for a term of years, and is now prepared for the reception of Guests.

Shamokin Town Lots. THE subscriber is now prepared to exhibit and dispose of Lots in the new Town-Plot of Shamokin. Persons desiring to purchase can ascertain the terms and conditions of sale by calling on the subscriber, at Shamokin.

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MARIA THOMPSON. Sunbury March 4, 1854.—H. HARDWARE, Nails, &c. Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Collars, Bras, Brushes, and Foot Mats and paper just received and for sale by I. W. TENER & CO. Sunbury, April 23, 1854.

SELECT POETRY.

THE LADY TYPE-SETTER. BY T. B. CURTIS. See her standing at the 'case,' Looking sweet and bland; Gracefully she moves her head, Rapidly goes her hand, Picking up the slender types, Putting them in the stick— Hear them rattle against the steel; Click—click—click!

When the tottering line is 'set,' She 'spaces' it: even and nice; Nimble the 'lead' goes into its place, The 'rule' is drawn in a trice; Then her eye the copy devours, And firm she holds her 'stick'— From box to box her fingers fly, Pick—pick—pick!

A Select Tale. THE FIRST CROSS WORD. You seem happy, Annette, always. I have never been in a family where the husband and wife seemed so so.

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kitchen I had a cross, ignorant servant girl; and on this particular morning she had done her very worst for breakfast. The beef-steak was burned to a cinder; the eggs were like bullets; the bread was half baked; and the coffee, which was our mainstay, was execrable. My husband was very patient with all this, until it came to the coffee, and it upset him. He put his cup down, and said in a half vexed tone, 'I do wish we could ever have any good coffee. Annette, why cannot you have it made as my mother does?'

When I heard the door shut behind him, all my temper left me. I went into my room, locked myself in, sat down and cried like a child— This was the first cross word I had ever spoken to my husband. It seemed to me as if some sudden calamity had befallen us. I worked myself up to such a pitch of feeling that I walked about the room wringing my hands.

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Colonel John C. Fremont—Sketch of his Life. [From the Independence (Mo.) Agrarian.] There is a history of Fremont of very deep interest to every brave and honest American, to be related in the plain sentences of truth, which the present is a propitious time to tell. How active merit of the highest order becomes by its intrinsic reflections from sound popular instincts to be dreaded by tyrants and hunted down till crushed and exterminated by such, is well known ever since in Jerusalem the assembled chief priests, elders, scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites shouted against the Redeemer of the world: 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'

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THE PEOPLE OF SWITZERLAND. Thus speaks the travelling editor of the New York Observer, respecting the modern Swiss: My estimate of Swiss character has wofully depreciated since I have travelled among these mountains. With a history such as Greece might be proud of, and a race of heroes that Rome never excelled in the days when women would be mothers only to have sons for warriors, the Swiss people are now at a point of national and social depression painful to contemplate. They are indebted largely to the defences of nature for the comparative liberty they enjoy, and perhaps to the same seclusion is to be referred their want of a thousand comforts of life, which an improved state of society brings. all the romance of a Swiss cottage is taken out of the traveller's mind, the moment he enters one of these cabins, and seeks refreshment of rest. The saddest mark of poverty meet him at the door. The same roof is the shelter of man, woman and beast. The same room is often the bed-chamber of all. Scanty food, and that miserably prepared, is consumed without regard to those domestic arrangements which make life at home a luxury. There is no future to the mind of a Swiss youth. He lives to live as his father lived; and that is the end of life with him. Perhaps they may have a gun, and in that case, to be the best shot in the valley may fill his ambition; or if he is strong in the arms and legs, he may aim at distinction in the games which once a year are held in some hamlet in the canton, where wrestlers and runners contend for victory, and other throw weights and leap bars as of old in Greece when Kings were not ashamed to enter the lists. Many of the youth of Switzerland are willing to sell themselves into the service of foreign powers as soldiers—Swiss soldiers—hired to be shot at, and shoot anybody a foreign despot may send them to slay; a service so degrading, and at the same time so decidedly hazardous to life and limb, with so secure a chance for pay, that none but a people far gone in social degradation would be willing thus to make merchandise of their blood has been as freely poured out for tyrants who hired them, as if they were bleeding for their own and the land of William Tell.

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Poetry. LAKE SUPERIOR. BY S. G. GODDARD. "Father of Lakes!" thy waters bend Beyond the eagle's steepest view, When, throned in heaven, he sees thee send Back the sky its world of blue. Bondless and deep, the forests wave Their twilight shade thy borders o'er, And threatening cliffs, like giants, heave Their rugged forms along thy shore. Pale silence, 'mid thy hollow caves, With listening ear in sadness broods, Or startled echo, o'er thy waves Sends the hoarse wolf notes of thy woods. Nor can the light canoes that glide Across their breast like things of air, Cross from their lone and level tide The spell of stillness reigning there. Yet, round this waste of wood and wave, Unheard, unseen, a Spirit lives, That breathing o'er each rock and cave, To all a wild, strange aspect gives. The thunder-riven oak, that flings Its grizzly arms athwart the sky, A sudden, startling image brings To the lone traveler's kindled eye. The garbled and braided boughs, that show Their dim forms in the forest shade, Like wrestling serpents seem, and throw Fantastic horrors through the glade. The very echoes round this shore Have caught a strange and gibbering tone, For they have told the war-whoop o'er, Till the wild chorus is their own. Wave of the wilderness, adieu! Adieu ye rocks, ye wilds and woods! Roll on, thou element of blue, And fill these awful solitudes! Thou hast no tale to tell of man— God is thy theme. Ye sounding caves Whisper of Him whose mighty plan Deems as a bubble all thy waves!

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Wonders of the Earth. We find the following in the N. Y. Eve Post's foreign selections: GREAT DESIDERATUM FINALLY OBTAINED. A patient has been taken out by Mr. E. J. Moseley, dentist, of 61 Grosvenor st., London, from the application of chemically purified white india-rubber in the construction of artificial teeth, gums and palates. A long acknowledged desideratum, by many eminent practical dentists fruitlessly sought for, is now at length happily found, and by the inventor's process, most ingeniously adapted. The fortunate wearer of teeth constructed on this principle is astonished to find adhesion perfect, (a thing never yet perfectly effected, a fit the most accurate secured), and the use of those troublesome adjuncts, spiral springs, entirely dispensed with.

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