

other famous poems, each with the signature of the author. It will be, we understand, for sale at the Book Stand, Union Avenue, close by the corner of New Jersey. Apropos to these autographs we are reminded that lately while examining a valuable collection of papers belonging to Mrs. WILLIAM BIDDLE, of this city, we found among them the original MS. of Hail Columbia, with a full autographic account of the circumstances under which it was written, and with the signature of the author....."Come and see at the Delaware table, the splendid Afghan which is to be presented to Commodore DUPONT?" said a young lady to her cousin. "You should pronounce it *Hav-gone*," was the travelled gentleman's reply. "But you *hav'nt gone yet*," was the answer.....We are happy to learn that in contributing to the Fair, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, has not been backward. From a list published in the Doylestown *Democrat* we should imagine that there are but few gentlemen in that thriving little town who have not given money, and certainly *very few* ladies who have not worked for the Great Central.....We venture to speak a word in favor of the table devoted to *Our Daily Fare*. On it may be found the celebrated dagger of GARIBALDI, borne by him in all his battles—depicted in all his portraits, and berhymed by all the poets of Young Italy. With it we have photo and autographs of GARIBALDI—for sale—with the original of his letter to the Ladies of America; the value of which, according to Mr. MARSH, our Minister at Turin, is worth twenty double eagles. The dagger will be awarded to any one who receives the most votes; each voter paying one dollar to the Fair. At the same table we have the Book of Honor, in which any person, paying one dollar, may inscribe the name of any soldier who has served in the great War of Emancipation.We are requested to find a corner for the following:

"The Poet's Album, prepared for the Fair, has already been sold to Mrs. ADAMS, of Boston, for five hundred dollars. This valuable and interesting book consists of autograph manuscript poems from twenty-five different authors, illustrated with portraits and an illuminated title page. Each sheet is inlaid on tinted paper, and the whole is splendidly bound in PAWSON & NICHOLSON'S best style.

"As some dissatisfaction has been expressed that the volume was actually sold before the opening of the Fair, so that Philadelphians had not an opportunity to compete for its purchase, Mrs. THOMAS P. JAMES, the Chairman of the Autograph department, is ready to receive, from any one willing to give the same, or a higher sum, an order for another, which she pledges herself shall be superior to this, as she obtained from England, too late for insertion, several manuscripts from distinguished poets, as well as duplicates of those

actually sold. Mrs. JAMES will reserve these until the last week of the Fair, hoping that the persons who have felt themselves forestalled by a sister city, will come forward and add another five hundred to the receipts of the autograph table. The second Poets Album can be ready for the purchasers in six weeks from the time of the order as the above named firm required a month to bind a similar volume."

The drop curtain of the Soldiers Reading Room, during the recent entertainments for the Central Fair, was a beautiful painting by Russell Smith, representing the Sanitary Commission's work at Chattanooga. A friend of ours stood gazing at it when it was first put up, and turned away with a sigh and a shake of the head, saying, "Its very pretty, but there will never be any conversation here when that curtain is down." Somewhat alarmed at the dull prospect, we inquired the reason, "Why don't you see what a Chatter-nugatory effect it will produce on the ladies?" There was nothing to be said.

A HIGH FLYER.

The following correspondence, which we print from the original documents, requires no comment. It speaks for itself:

SCHRAALENBURGH, Bergen Co., }
New Jersey, May 5, 1864. }

DEAR SIR: My father, viz., Peter Beuler, has received your letter concerning the Great Central Fair, and I answer for him, as I controll the business myself since the first of April, '63. I will exert all my influence in this locality in behalf of your Fair as long as I am in this place, but I cannot do anything for you in the wagon line, as I am about closing up business to engage in a new enterprise, an invention of my own, to which I intend to devote all my time and energy. This invention is a flying machine, the production of six years study and six months labor. It is just about six years ago when I first conceived the idea of making a machine that would ascend into the elements and wend its way over towns and cities, rivers and oceans, fearing neither beggar nor king. Two years ago I constructed a small machine, simply a model, four feet high, propelled by springs. It ascended to the height of about four hundred feet; the springs being then run down, it consequently came down, just as I expected, on a stack of hay, thereby not damaging it. I then saw where improvements could be made, and destroyed the machine, lest some person should discover it and claim the invention. Last December I commenced the construction of a machine on a larger scale, and it will be completed in the course of two or three weeks. It contains a room with four windows, six feet square on the bottom, five feet six by four feet six on top, and six feet high, and has a tail to steer any

direction I may choose, and is provided with forty wings, and will measure twenty-six feet between the tips of the wings, and about twenty-eight feet from the mouth to end of the tail, and will carry twelve hundred pounds, an equivalent to a little more than eight persons; to be propelled and managed by a single man. Last week I had it so far advanced as to be able to give it a trial with twenty wings. I went about seven hundred feet high, and came down again without the least apparent danger, but I found it necessary to double the number of wings. It will all be completed in two or three weeks. Its practical use is as follows: In time it will be used as a means of conveying passengers from one part of the world to another. Instead of going around Cape Horn or through the Isthmus of Panama to go to California, a short cut can be taken directly over the Rocky Mountains, and in one-tenth the time, and the machine will be well adapted for taking a correct map of countries, and it might also be used for viewing the fortifications of the South, thereby discovering all their schemes and plans, and other uses it might be applied to. My intentions were to have it on exhibition for a few weeks in New York, and then take a trip with it to Washington; but since you sent that letter about the Fair, it struck me that the Fair would be just the place to exhibit my machine, as I will have it finished in time. I would propose to you to have the machine enclosed by itself in the Fair, and charge so much admission, and I would give you one-quarter of the profits. You can let me know by letter, as quick as possible, your opinion of this proposition; or if you have any other propositions to make I would be happy to hear them.

Yours, most respectfully,
GEORGE BEULER.

OFFICE OF THE GREAT CENTRAL FAIR,
FOR THE SANITARY COMMISSION,
Phil'a., 1307 Chestnut St., May 5th, '64. }

MR. GEORGE BEULER:—DEAR SIR:—Your favor of the 5th inst., to Mr. C. J. STILLE, is received, and contents carefully noted.

We started with the rule that all articles sent to the Fair should be retained or sold for the benefit of the Sanitary Commission, except articles of *curiosity* or *art*, meaning thereby relics and pictures.

Now this rule, for the sake of consistency, we ought to apply to your invention of a flying machine, and very much to our regret, for an invention so wondrous and long sought for would excite universal attention and admiration, and thousands would throng to behold the marvellous contrivance which has been the dream of every inventor since the dawn of history.

But should we make an exception in favor of your Flying Machine, and admit it to the Fair Buildings only for exhibition, the populace would require more than a mere assurance