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BALLADS FOR BAD MEMORIES.

A frequent excuse put forward by persons asked to sing is the declaration "that they would be delighted, if they could remember the words." As words, in the present style of singing, really matter very little, we give the following verses as a sample of the kind of thing that may be sung by people with short memories.

Oh, if I had a lumty tum tumty tum too,
In the land of the olive and fig,
I would sing of the lumty tum tumti to you,
And play on my thingumyjig.

And if in the lumty tum battle I fall,
A lumti tum's all that I crave;
Oh, bury me deep in the whatyoumay call,
And plant thingumbobs over my grave.

[In case this should be too great an effort for the memory, we have dashed off the succeeding a ice, in which, by a clear and loud delivery of the ends of the lines, the hearer will imagine he knows what it is all about.]

Dumty, dumty, dumty, love,
Dumty, diddy, heart,
Dumty, dumty, dumty, prove,
Dumty, diddy, part;

Dumty, dumty, dumty, meet,
Dumty, diddy, coy,
Dumty, dumty, dumty, sweet!
Dumty, diddy, joy!

Dumty, dumty, dumty, bliss,
Dumty, diddy, shine,
Dumty, dumty, dumty, kiss!
Dumty, diddy, mine!

THE ORIGIN OF FREEMASONRY.

We have received a letter making inquiries concerning the origin and history of the Order. He asks:—"Are there any grounds for claiming the existence of Masonry in the period preceding the birth of Christ? or that Solomon and Hiram, King of Tyre, were Masons; or that it had any connection whatever with the Eleusinian Mysteries?"

The subject is an interesting one, but to enter into even a cursory examination of it would require far more time and space than we have at our command. Upon no subject, probably, have learned writers more widely differed. A certain class of men, a little over-anxious for the dignity of the Order, have represented it coeval with the world; others, influenced by an opposite motive, have maintained it to be the invention of English Jesuits, to promote the views of that intriguing and dangerous association. Some philosophers have labored to prove that Freemasonry arose during the Crusades; that it was a secondary order of chivalry; that its forms originated from that warlike institution, and were afterwards adapted to the peaceful habits of scientific men. Some have attempted, with considerable ingenuity and learning, to deduce its origin from the institution of Pythagoras.

M. Barruel, in his "Memoirs of Jacobinism," supposes it to be a continuation of the Templars; while others, with a degree of malice and audacity rarely to be found in the character of ingenuous men, have imputed the origin of Freemasonry to secret associations adverse to the interests of good government, and pursuing the villanous and chimerical project of leveling the distinctions of society, and freeing the human mind from the sacred obligations of morality and religion.

The precise period when Freemasonry arose must ever remain a subject of mere conjecture; it is sufficient that it can justly lay claim to an origin far more remote than that of any other society in existence.

There are good reasons for believing that the mysteries of Dionysia and Eleusis were societies of free masons, formed for scientific improvement, though tinctured with the doctrines of Egyptian mythology.

About fifteen hundred years before the commencement of our era, the Eleusinian mysteries were instituted in honor of Ceres, who, having come to Greece in quest of her daughter, resided with Triptolemus, at Eleusis, and instructed him in the knowledge of agriculture, and in still more important knowledge of a future state. About the same time the Dionysian mysteries were instituted in honor of Bacchus, who invented theatres, and instructed the Greeks in many useful arts, but particularly in the culture of the vine. The striking similarity in the external forms of these secret associations, and the still more striking similarity of the objects they had in view, are strong proofs that they were only different streams issuing from a common source.

Those who were initiated in the Eleusinian mysteries were bound by the most awful engagements to conceal the instructions they received, and the ceremonies that were performed. None were admitted as candidates till they arrived at a certain age, and particular persons were appointed to examine and prepare them for initiation. Those whose conduct was found irregular, or who had been guilty of crime, were rejected as unworthy of initiation, while the successful candidates were instructed by significant symbols in the principles of religion; exhorted to quell every turbulent appetite and passion; and to merit, by the improvement of their minds, and the purity of their hearts, those ineffable benefits which they were still to receive.

Significant words were communicated to the members; grand officers presided over their assemblies; their emblems were exactly similar to those of Freemasonry; and the candidate advanced from one degree to another until he received all the lessons of wisdom and virtue which the priests could impart. These are some of the features of resemblance between the Eleusinian mysteries and those of Freemasonry.

The opinion of Freemasons that the Order existed and flourished at the building of King Solomon's Temple is by no means so pregnant with absurdity as some men would make it appear. From authentic sources of information, we know that the mysteries of Bacchus, or the Dionysian mysteries, were instituted about four hundred years before the reign of Solomon; and there are strong reasons for believing that even the association of Dionysian Architects existed before the building of the Temple. It was not, indeed, until about three hundred years before the birth of Christ that they were incorporated at Teos, under the Kings of Pergamos, but it is universally allowed that they arose long before their settlement in Ionia, and that they also existed in the land of Judea.

Dr. Robinson asserts that they came from Persia into Syria and introduced that style of architecture which is called Grecian, and since we are informed by Josephus that that species of architecture was used at the erection of the Temple, we may well infer, not only that these architects existed before the reign of Solomon, but that they assisted him in building that magnificent fabric which he erected to the God of Israel.

Nothing can be more simple and consistent than the creed of the Fraternity concerning the state of the Order at that period. The vicinity of Jerusalem to Egypt—the connection of Solomon with the royal family of that kingdom—the progress of the Egyptians in architectural science—their attachment to mysteries and hieroglyphic symbols, and the probability of their being employed by the King of Israel, are additional considerations which corroborate the sentiments of Freemasons, and absolve them from the charges of credulity and pride with which they have been so frequently branded.

The Rogues' Portrait Gallery.

From the N. Y. Independent.

Thieves are as thick in New York as leaves in the vale of Vallombrosa. Their ranks are not thinned by war, because they are generally cowards and traitors, and do not enlist, save when they can pocket the bounty and escape the service. Detectives have classified these wretches, and taken the portraits of hundreds of them. At police headquarters there is a picture gallery of a vast multitude of burglars, highway-robbers, sneak-thieves, and pickpockets, males and their female accomplices, with a brief record of their history.

Some facts and reflections in relation to them and their mode of operating may interest the general reader. With few exceptions, they are foreigners, or the immediate descendants of foreigners. The sharpest and best educated are Americans. A majority of them are the children of drunken and dishonest parents. Their heads and faces indicate a bad organization. There is an indescribable something about their presence from which pure childhood and virtuous womanhood instinctively shrink.

At the present time the city swarms with pickpockets, who ply their vocation day and night in stage-coaches, in omnibuses, in hotels, in theatres, in churches, in stores, on street-corners, and in front of newspaper bulletins.

The cellars, garrets, and kennels in which they lodge are principally located in the Fifth and Eighth Wards, and parts of Mackerelville. They may be seen frequently in front of the hotels on Broadway and other thronged thoroughfares, staring ladies out of countenance, and watching strangers who are supposed to have corpulent pocket-books. They steal rings, pins, chains, watches, purses, and whatever articles of value they can put their hands on; so that ladies and gentlemen who make a careless display of their jewelry literally cast their pearls before swine, who turn and rend them. Sometimes they travel in groups, sometimes in pairs, sometimes singly.

Detectives know the majority of them by sight, as a priest knows his parishioners, and are familiar with the history of many of them.

In the gallery to which we refer, there are portraits of men, women, and children even, who have been arrested, tried, and found guilty of almost every crime that blackens the catalogue of vice and shame. That well-dressed young man with a white hat, which looks like an inverted washbowl, and a rattan in his hand, is a noted pickpocket, who has just served a short term at Sing-Sing. Our cicerone states that he is at his old tricks again, and is closely watched. Lavater would have pronounced such a phiz as he wears the index of a corrupt character; indeed, there are few faces in this vast collection that are not absolutely repulsive. To prevent recognition, many of them squint, or scowl, or grin, or pull their hats down over their brows when their portraits are taken. The women generally drop their veils over their faces.

Now and then a bold, brassy thief may be found, who takes pains to appear to the best advantage, seemingly proud of his picture, and not ashamed of his associates. There is a marked similarity of features in men and women who are addicted to particular crimes. Those who make burglary a specialty have bulbous heads, with great width between the ears, eyes deeply sunken, and coarse features generally. It requires more courage to storm a store or dwelling-house than to pick a man's pocket. Burglars usually go armed, and will not hesitate to shoot or stab any person who stands in their path. Sneak-thieves are well trained, and a stranger, with ordinary powers of observation, after seeing one, will be able to point out others who have made a choice of that department of theft.

The same may be said of foot-pads, confidence-men, counterfeiters, and other criminals who have left their shadows on the walls of this gallery. In not a few instances, particular crimes seem to form a family trait. Here are two brothers who were sent to state prison for forgery; a father and son were found guilty of housebreaking. A large number of the pickpockets are from London, and some of the prototypes of these pictures have been recognized by Inspector Tanner, who recently came to this country to arrest Muller, charged with the murder of Briggs in a railroad carriage, in England. Ireland supplies a considerable number of highwaymen; France and Germany are represented among the counterfeiters.

The dusky head of the negro is here and there visible in this group of criminals—vindicating his relationship to the human race on the shady and wicked, as well as on the sunny and hopeful side of life. It is a fact worthy of note that even now, at a time when so many women have been deprived of the support of their husbands and brothers, who are in the army, they are not numerously represented in this collection of pictures. This may be attributed partly to the gallantry of the officers, and partly to the fact that their crimes do not demand the exposure of their portraits to the public stare; but it must be conceded that man is by far the greatest transgressor.

Deep as may be the loathing with which we contemplate these portraits, it is impossible to suppress a feeling of pity, or to drown the inward interrogatory—How much is society responsible for what society punishes? Of all these criminals, how many were born to be aught else? We say their faces and heads betray them—do we consider that, in a large measure, they are as little responsible for these as they would be for a deformed spine, or hand, or foot, with which they might have entered this breathing world? Add to this natural inclination toward vice and education derived from drunken homes and filthy streets. View the lot of the young in the haunts of poverty of a great city like New York, and the wonder is, not that so many grow up depraved and ripe for villany, but that any escape; not that the metropolitan world is governed so badly, but that it is governed so well.

LOVE IN A STAGE-COACH.

BY A BACHELOR.

How it poured! Rattle, rattle against the casement; splash, splash on the ground underneath, all night; and now, when I awoke here, it was raining away harder than ever, as if a second deluge were at hand. Confound the breakfast bell! I do wish there was no such thing as a breakfast on a rainy morning; for then one might lie abed all day, or until the storm cleared off. Philosophers tell us that rain is necessary for the economy of nature; it may be true, though I never troubled myself much about such things; but if so, men ought to be made like dormice—to sleep in unconsciousness until the rain sees fit to cease. Nature never intended us to be out in a shower, or we would have been born with patent oil-cloth or India-rubber skins.

Down it poured! What on earth was I to do? The day before had been the brightest one of the bright month of May; and as I had a passion for walking in the country—more fool for it!—I had trudged away off here, eight miles or more from town, to see a country wedding, "after the order used among Friends." I must say that the thing was very handsomely done, and that I was much edified. So much so, that one of these days I shall tell how the parties deported themselves—how many new hats there were in the wedding company, who drove the finest horses, and all other matters of gossip, so interesting to young misses and old bachelors like myself. The day passed off, with a bright blue sky, until towards dusk, when a thunder shower came up that lasted till bed-time; but I retired fully resolved that the morning would see a clear sky over my head; but the morning had come, and here it was, pouring down in one dark, splashy, continuous stream for all the world like an old maid's objurgations when her tongue gets wagging.

Down I hurried to the breakfast table. I had just buttered my bread, and was swallowing the first mouthful of coffee, when the horn of the coach to town was heard, and, looking out of the window, I saw the vehicle, with its four smoking horses, dashing down the turnpike. It was my only chance to reach the city that day. I bolted my bread, gulped down the coffee till my throat was scalded, jammed my hat on my head, and made a dive through the door. The driver did not see me; but cracked his whip with a flourish and went on. I shouted: still the old villain did not notice me, but with another flourish of his whip, set his four-in-hand on a brisker trot, and rattled down the hill.

Desperate with the fear of being left, I pitched after him, scattering the mud around at every step, and shouting at the top of my lungs; but I might have shouted on till doomsday, had not a passenger seen me, and stopped the old sinner. Out of breath, wet to the skin, covered with mud from head to foot, and not in the best humor from the loss of my breakfast, I mounted into the coach; but the instant I placed my foot inside the vehicle, all my sulkiness vanished, for one of the loveliest angels that ever blessed a rickety old coach, or warmed the soul of a sour, breakfastless bachelor with her presence, sat upon the back seat.

Did you ever fall in love? Of course. And the lady was the loveliest of her sex? To be sure. Then the stage-coach beauty was twice as handsome as your sweetheart; and if, after this, you don't think my fellow passenger a cherub, then I give up all hope of making you appreciate her. Such eyes, such teeth, and then lips—egad! it almost makes me crazy to think of them. I put myself down for the luckiest dog in the world. She was dressed in a plain straw cottage bonnet, with a green veil—"just such a costume," said I, "as a real lady wears when traveling"—and then she gave me such a sweet, but half roguish smile, as I tumbled into the coach in the plight I have described, that I knew her at once to be a paragon in the way of education, taste, fortune, and all that; and I resolved—what knowing one would not!—to make the agreeable offhand, for there is nothing like meeting an heiress in a stage-coach, where she thinks she is unknown, and dreams that every attention paid to her springs from true love—ahem!—on your part.

I was in clover. What cared I for rain? splash, splash, splash, aye! rain away there, like blazes—who cares? One doesn't get a *tête-a-tête* with a pretty girl every day of the week—so I determined to make the best of it.

And, faith, with a few sly compliments, and my extraordinary good looks, I soon got as cosy with my unknown beauty, and she with me, as if we had been acquainted since the days of Noah. We talked of the wedding, for she too had been there—of the scenery—of the rain—and of whatever came uppermost; and there was such a charming frankness in all she said, that I really thought her the most winning little creature I had ever seen; and I verily believe if the floor had been softer, and I had known the accurate number of houses of which I would be tenant, in courtesy, I should have gone down on my knees to her at once. I hate showing one's learning off in public, so I avoided anything like literature, though I saw by the intelligent eyes of the charmer, that she had a soul alive to all the finer sensibility of nature.

At length we got on the subject of house-keeping. Now, if there is anything I hate, it is a woman that can't keep house, and I trembled at every word, lest my charmer should confess her ignorance of these matters. Shade of Apicius! how my heart leaped when she told me that hardly a day passed in which she did not make bread, or pies, or sponge-cake, or some other of those slimshaws that delight the heart of man; and in expatiating on such delicacies she rose to a pitch of eloquence that I never heard surpassed. I could not resist my feelings, but snatched her hand to my lips and kissed it.

Yes! I felt that she was destined to be mine, for if there is anything that a wife ought to know it is this. I come of a race of caterers. My grandfather lunched on half a dozen rabbits, and died at last of a surfeit produced by eating two roast pigs. My father can break his fast on a brace of capons, or devour a pair of turkeys without having to pick his teeth; and a brother of mine can tuck in a hundred oysters and dishes of chicken-salad, which does honor to the family. My own exploits in this line my modesty forbids me to mention.

No wonder I loved this rosy little beauty, who could get up such a choice fry, and bake such delicious cakes. Ah! what a life of domestic happiness rose before my vision, when I pictured myself returning home from court at night, to meet a beefsteak ready broiled, or a bowl of the richest turtle soup, served up by the fair hand of the angel at my side. I resolved, if there was any virtue in a pair of whiskers, in an eloquent tongue, or in my new blue coat, to win this seraph of pie-bakers.

There is no place like a stage-coach for making love. It comes natural! You do it, egad, in an easy, don't care-for-anything style, that you can't for the life of you assume in any other place. What betwixt sitting on the same seat to this more conveniently, and putting your arm around her waist to keep her from jolting off, you soon get to be wonderful cozy, and ten to one, if you don't catch yourself squeezing her hand, or varying the entertainment in some other way, before you are aware of it.

For my part, as I have said, I was ready to surrender at discretion, and I already fancied myself lightening the dear creature beside me of the troublesome duty of collecting the rents of her various fine houses. It was charming to think of the progress I had made in her affections. What a delicately rosy cheek it was that I just then slily kissed—she blushing the deeper at my warmth. And then her saucy, pouting lips, and then her figure, just the size for a man who hated your thin weasel-shaped young misses as be hated epidemics. Ah, what a wife she would make! How I thanked my stars that I had hitherto set my face like a flint against every temptation to marry—for now my firmness was rewarded by this beauty and heiress dropping into my mouth. And then I preached to myself a mental homily on the short-sightedness of man, as I ventured to steal another kiss from the conscious and blushing little angel at my side. I was about to pop the question itself, when the coach stopped, and the driver descended and opened the door. My charmer rose. I was taken all aback.

"Do you get out here?" said I, in surprise.

"Yes!" said she, "I see Mr. Powell is waiting for me."

"Mr. Powell," said I, for that was the name of a friend of mine who lived up this very lane, a'n half a mile from the turnpike; "do you then live with him? Perhaps you're a relative? Strange," I muttered to myself, "I never heard him speak of this charming creature."

Before I could answer, Powell approached, and while he hailed me, my fellow passenger sprang to the ground as if by magic, and the next minute was in my friend's vehicle.

"For heaven's sake," said I, half mad that the hearty gripe of Powell prevented me from hastening to his ward's assistance, "who is that angel? Is she a relative, a ward, or what? I'm dying for love of her!"

Powell burst into a laugh, and laughed on, till tears came in his eyes. Confound the fellow, what did he mean? I began to look angry.

"Come, my dear boy," he said, "don't get into a passion, but consider how odd it is that you, of all men, should fall in love with my cook."

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Coryell, S A, No 2309 Market street
Cameron, William, No 228 North Eighth street
Clay, George, No 1138 North Second street
Carmine, S J, Second street, above York
Conley, N, No 1112 Girard avenue
Cline, Edward, No 836 North Second street
Cadwalader, Mrs, No 1530 North Broad street
Cadwell, Miss, No 1318 Lombard street
Cooper, Mrs, No 2010 Pine street
Coleman, George F, No 1329 North Seventh street
Curtis, William, No 716 North Seventh street
Copeland, Mrs, No 1336 Spruce street
Conway, H A, No 512 South Third street
Cook, Mr, No 1326 Franklin street
Carter, William, No 1309 Pine street
Dennis, Mrs, No 1027 Cherry street
Dieter, Mrs, No 66 Laurel street
Dennis, Miss S, No 207 Queen street
Dealter, William, No 66 Laurel street
Dennis, S G, No 1505 South Fifth street
Donahue, S, Germantown road, between Master and Jefferson
Davis, H, No 251 North Second street
Dreadman, D, No 618 Franklin street
Dallett & Son, No 129 South Front street
Dealy, James, No 709 Passyunk road
Donnals, W H, No 919 Spring Garden street
Davis, Mrs, No 212 Franklin street
Dickinson, S, No 722 Bodman street
Evans, James, Christian street, below Thirteenth street
Edwards, James, Dauphin street, below Tulip
Elliott, James, No 1526 Parrish street
English, James, No 1220 North Eleventh street
Ernst, Mrs, No 1824 North Fifth street
Ellis, Thomas, No 212 North Fourth street
Embree, J W, No 623 Vine street
Firth, Mrs E, No 1014 Sarah street, Richmond
Fox, L H, No 1215 Girard avenue
Fulton, Thomas, No 1519 Pine street
Fidder, J C, No 7 [illegible] street
Fritz, Martin, No 936 North Second street
Floyd, J, No 305 North Twenty-third street
Foster, Mrs, No 525 Cherry street
Foust, James B, No 216 Brown street
Forster, Mrs, No 1124 Carpenter street
French, Mrs, No 108 Coates street
Foster, H L, No 1318 Brown street
Farley, Wm, No 2024 Reeves street
Francis, James, No 252 Ulhan street
Fouke, H, No 255 North Tenth street
Folser, Mrs, No 1255 Poplar street
Frohim, A M, No 809 [illegible] street
Gordman, S, No 324 Geary street
Graham, J H, No 1012 Vine street
Gottshauer, S, No 841 Franklin street
George, Mrs, No 1825 Lombard street
Gillan, Mrs, No 613 South Thirteenth street
Graham, Mrs E, No 1135 Market street
Greenhart, Miss, No 851 Lawrence street
Gerhold, James, No 1213 Wylie street
Handsinger, C C, No 1812 Mount Vernon street
Hare, Thomas, No 453 North Sixth street
Hall, Mrs E B, No 1118 Girard avenue
Hewitt, A D, No 1127 Coates street
Hope, C W, No 418 South Seventeenth street
Heibel, Mrs, Montgomery av, below Frankford road
Harker, Mrs, No 1107 Harmer street
Hoffman, J, No 606 Arch street
Herman, N L, No 1017, Plymouth street
Hewson, E, No 1912 Pine street
Hell, Mrs C, No 514 Franklin street
Hackelon, Jacob, No 451 North Sixth street
Hall, B F, No 2115 Green street
Horner, P B, No 352 North Front street
Humphreys, G, Cumberland street, above Amber
Hibbs, M S, No 1819 North Second street
Harpe, D R, Second street, near Olney, P O
Hodgson, M, Fifteenth and Carpenter streets
Ham, Mrs, No 245 Spruce street
Hubbel, W W, No 2136 Christian street
Hoeflin, E J, No 1535 Girard avenue
Holdon, J, Frankford road
Hunterer, C, No 1010 Brandywine street
Hackerborg, J E, No 231 Jacoby street
Hands & Brenner, No 23 North Fifth Street
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Ivins, E, No 1301 Marshall street
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Jaubert, M A, No 1507 Lombard street
Juvenal, W W, No 1115 Mount Vernon street
Jones, Charles, No 509 Watkins street
Jackson, M A, No 821 New Market street
Kirk, W T, No 1509 Poplar street
Kemberdine, D, Third street, below Callowhill
Kensill, Mrs, No 227 North Thirteenth street
Kurn, Mrs, No 431 York avenue
Krum, Mrs, No 311 Branch street
Kearns, Jacob, No 605 Moss street, below Washington
Kern, Mrs, No 1536 Green street
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Klotz, George W, No 219 Coates street
Kinderlin, Mrs, No 1602 Green street
King, Miss Kate, Sixth and Germantown road
Lee, Joseph, No 1821 Pine street
Long, Samuel, No 320 Queen street
Lamplugh, Mrs, No 229 Williamson street
Lukens, C H, Barley Sheaf Hotel
Levy, O, No 706 Farrish street
Lee, Mrs, No 260 South Fifteenth street
Lewis, F A, No 1121 Vine street
Lothrop, Mrs, No 411½ North Eighth street
Lashaw, Miss B, No 1120 North Fourth street
Lewes, Lawrence, No 1125 Chesnut street
Lipman, L A, No 1308 Mount Vernon street
Longstreth, Miss, No 152 North Eleventh street
Lamb, Mrs, No 218 North Thirteenth street
Montieth, Thomas, No 851 Bankson street
Muntzer, Miss, No 1806 Coates street
Myers, S M, No 936 Kurtz street
Moore, Palmer, No 621 S Thirteenth street
Mish, Mrs, No 1506 Franklin street
McUlley, M A, No 1645 Cadwalader street
Mason, Mrs, No 1722 Spruce street
Matchett, R W, No 1216 South street
McCreigh, L, No 1112 Sites street
Monkhouse, Mrs, No 2115 Montrose street
McCullough, M, Miller's Hotel, Chesnut street, below Fourth
Mann, Mrs W B, No 503 Green street
McCurley, Jane, No 2319 Coates street
Myers, S, No 437 George street, above Poplar
Morgan, Mrs, No 806 Erie street
Morgan, Mrs, No 1002 Olive street
McManamy, Mrs, Passyunk road and German street
Murray, Mrs, No 210 South Twenty-first street
Maddock, William A, No 637 Federal street
Miller, William A, No 1222 Coates street
Murphy, Mrs, No 410 Richmond street
Mulner, Miss, No 208 South Eighth street
Monges, Mrs, No 118 South Nineteenth street
Mitchell, Mrs, No 1009 Clinton street
Norman, Captain, No 319 Wharton street
Nichol, James, No 132 North Second street
Nokes, J G, No 1308 Lombard street
Neel, M F, No 414 North Ninth street
Nassau, Mrs, No 1633 North Fifteenth street
Neff, Col H, Nineteenth and Mount Vernon streets
Naylor, Mrs, H N, No. 3, York place
Orilip, Miss, No 132 North Ninth street
Outerbridge, A A, No 1301 Green street
Ogden, S, Clifton Station, Pennsylvania
Penistan, R, Broad and Reed street
Price, J C, No 1825 Mount Vernon street
Point, J M, No 725 Poplar street
Pott, George, Castor road, Oxford, Pa
Prentzell, S D, No 1528 North Twelfth street
Pattee, J M, 314 South Tenth street
Peddle, Miss, No 1625 Spring Garden street
Pedrick, W F, No 1117 Citron street
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Patterson, Mrs, No 326 North Twelfth street
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Plumer, Rev Dr, No 912 Spruce street
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Phillippi, Charles, No 1435 North Eleventh street
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Rameau, C, No 925 Locust street
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Robinson, Mrs J, No 507 North Eleventh street
Rumney, Mrs F, No 2053 Mount Vernon street
Reppiler, G, No 1722 Locust street
Reid, John W, No 1814 Cherry street
Ross, J, No 637 North Eleventh street
Shelly, Miss, No 733 Lawrence street, above Brown
Shermer, Miss, No 23 North Third street
Sharp, W L, No 1527 Filbert street
Stapler, J W, No 705 Washington avenue
Sartain, Samuel, No 728 Sansom street
Struck, B, Broad street, below Wharton
Stackhouse, C, Frankford road and Allegheny avenue
Smith, J A, No 2014 Lombard street
Stugale, Mrs, No 700 Wood street
Simpson, Thomas, No 1314 North Front street
Schleiter, L C, No 1826 Vineyard street
Swan, J D, No 1500 Swain street
Sherman, Kate, No 312 South Juniper street
Suppleo, M J, No 936 North Tenth street
Smith, M E, No 1504 North Seventh street
Schuyler, Mrs, No 100 Tulip street
Schaeffer, Miss Charles, No 1309 Arch street
Smith, Mary, No 712 Morris street
Seal, Mr, Front and Vine streets
Somers, Mrs, No 703 New Market street
Seligman, H, No 1346 Spruce street
Smith, Mrs S, No 1141 Howard street
Stafford, Mrs, No 102 Quince street
Smith, Mrs George, No 818 Mellon street
Steel, C M, No 809 Darien street
Stockton, Mrs, No 1521 Harmer street
Stair, Mr, No 130 North Eighth street
Smith, A, No 1315 North Second street
Schlaiffer, Daniel, No 1078 North Second street
Stratton, Mrs, No 23 South Seventeenth street
Steele, Robert, No 637 North Thirteenth street
Smith, Robert, No 315 New Market street
Seaverich, John F, No 325 North Seventh street
Smith, Jacob S, Tulip and Hewson street
Stocker, Mrs, No 733 Pine street
Shoemaker, M, No 902 North Eleventh street
Sweeny, H J, No 410 South Third street
Stevenson, B C, No 221 South Sixteenth street
St Clair, W F, No 1920 Pine street
Shively, Mrs, No 146 Richmond street
Shott, A H, No 818 North Sixth street
Steen, John, No 1205 North Second street
Smethurst, John, No 1231 Ridge avenue
Toy, James M, No 2002 Mount Vernon street
Tuthill, A, Dauphin street below Tulip
Tevis, Mrs N, No 131 North Eleventh street
Taylor, Mrs, No 317 [illegible] street
Tiernan, Mrs, No 1154 Girard street
Thompson, B A, No 12 Duncan street, above Pine
Tully, Miss, No 1324 Biddle street
Thomas, W R, No 841 North Thirteenth street
Troth, E, No 2415 Arch street
Topping, Mrs, No 238 North Juniper street
Tansey, Anna, No 551 North Tenth street
Thayer, James, No 356 South Eleventh street
Thomert, George, southwest corner Lawrence and Poplar streets
Tromer, Mrs, Winley street, below Vienna
Tomlinson, Mrs, No 33 North Seventeenth street
Traynor, Miss, corner Frankford road and Cumberland streets
Watt, Miss M, No [illegible] street, below Reed
Warner, Yardley, Chelten avenue and Cherry street
Wagner, Solomon, No 909 North Fifth street
Wellington, C, No 1122 Randolph street
Welsh, Mrs, northeast corner Ninth and Brown streets
Wilson, Joseph, No 1557 Swain street, above Cates
Walter, Israel, Sellers street, above Unity
Walker, W S, No 1320 North Sixth street
Wallace, Mrs Catharine, Frankford road and Arber street
White, W H, No 807 Vine street
Wood, Mary, No 1302 Green street
Wilson, Mrs, No 319 Moss street
Waddle, Mrs, No 622 Spruce street
Wunderlich, John, No 1133 Ogden street
Whiteford, Joseph F, No 1125 North Seventh street
Whitmarsh, M W, North Spring Garden street
Whipple, F A, No 4 Merrick street
Warfield, Wm, No 157 New street
Wetherill, Miss, No 7 West Orthodox street
Wood, Cooly, Montgomery House, Sixth street
Witham, John E, No 910 North Eleventh street
Weaver, Louis, No 242 South Fourth street
Worrell, J W, Tenth and Spring Garden streets
Wright, W H, No 855 North Second street
Wiley, Mrs, No 1315 Howard street
Weaver, F H, Northwest corner Second and New streets
Yewdall, Wm, Twenty-fifth above Spring Garden street
Young, John H, No 1529 Girard avenue
Yarnell, I H, No 211 Jacoby street, above Vine
Yerks, Mrs Joseph, No 243 South Ninth street
Zeltz, Fred, No 1128 Germantown Road

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Coryell, S A, No 3528 Market street
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Dotter, A S, No 4003 Locust street
French, James, Hestonville
Goodwin, M, Darby Road and Walnut street
Hunter, Samuel, Hestonville
Kirkbride, Dr, Pennsylvania Insane Hospital
Lewis, Mrs, Spruce street, below Thirty-ninth
Lynch, Mrs G, corner Preston and Oak
Meyer, C H, Thirty-second and Hamilton
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Shurtlen, Mrs, Market street, above Thirty-seventh
Spaulding, Mrs, Bridgett street, above Thirty-seventh
Simpson, Mrs, Pear street, Hestonville
Thorpe, J H, northwest corner Fortieth and Pine
Truitt, E J, Bridge street, above Thirty-sixth

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Bockius, Edward, Main street
Blackburn, C, Tulpehocken street
Brown, A P, School lane
Birchall, E, Price street
Cope, F R, East Walnut lane
Danath, James, Chelton avenue
Darrach, Mrs, Green street
Fricke, John H, Linden street
Hellenstein, J S, Green street
Hasler, Mary, Centre street
Krause, Mary, Township Line
Fye, Henry, Cumberland street
Phipps, S S, Main street
Stoever, Mrs, corner Ewed and Main streets
Wilson, John, North Armat street
Woodrop, Miss, Centre street
Withington, James H, School lane
Yardley, Warren, Chelton avenue and Chew street

FRANKFORD.

Buckheister, Mrs, corner Frankford road and Unity street
Crankshaw, J, Paul street, below Green
Crabtree, Miss, Sellers street
Kinsley, Mrs A, No 71 Main street
Lesher, Mrs H, Orthodox street
Miller, Rebecca
Morgan, Charles
Swope, Charles, Paul street, below Orthodox
Waters, Charles, Bustleton pike
Wetterill, Miss, No 7 Orthodox street
Walton, Israel, Sellers street, above Unity
Yerkes, Mrs J, Oxford street

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Ambruster, Mary
Bartine, D W, No 520 North Second street
Barnard, E J, Linden street and Friend's avenue
Clifford, H A, No 447 Berkley street
Cooper, C M
Hamilton, M R, editor "Democrat"
Hollinshead, J C
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Pine, Amy, No 301 Mickle street
Tayler, Ellen, No 311 Plumb street

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Acker, James, Chester valley
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Armstrong, Walter, Penn Station
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Bickley, M H, Chester
Brown, F F, Reading
Benlke, Mrs, Wissahickon
Barlow, Miss, Roxborough below Germantown lane
Bannon, J, Pottsville
Biddle, W F, Lewistown
Brown, Esther, Fulton
Butler, M, York
Brinton, Mrs, Chelton Hill
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Brown, C F, Pittsburg
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Conrad, Milton, West Grove
Castle, Agur, Upland
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Conover, Wm B, Haddington
Clifford, Mrs, Nicetown
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Hall, Miss L, Unionville
Helms, John, Perryville
Higley, Cyn, Norristown
Harvey, E W, Pennington
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