FOURTH EDITION

LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

Sheridan's Cavalry Off on Another Raid.

CLENDENIN'S RIDE AFTER MOSEBY.

The Ice Blockade of the Potomac.

PHILADELPHIA ICE-BOAT AT WORK.

Special to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, December 24, 1·40 P. M.—Sheridan's Cavalry is off on a grand raid again in the valley; but in which direction it would be improper to state at this present time.

The scouting party, consisting of detachments of the 8th, 13th, and 16th Illinois Cavalry, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Clendenin, which started out from Fairfax on Tuesday immediately moved to White Plains, where they divided into three separate columns, one moving towards Salem, another to Middleburg, and the other to Rectortown. A party of twenty-five of Mosby's men passed through Hopewell Gap an hour in advance of Clendenin, (not knowing, however, that a command of cavalry was in pursuit of them.

Captain Corbet, of the 8th Illinois Cavalry pushed rapidly forward with his detachment and came upon the enemy, wounding one officer, Lieutenant Cogan, severely, and capturing two prisoners. The lieutenant's leg being broken, he could not be brought in, but he was paroled, and left in a house by the roadside.

Major Frazer, who had charge of one of the columns, composed of men of the 13th and 15th Illinois Cavalry, wounded one Rebel officer and captured eight prisoners. This wounded officer is supposed to be Major Johnson, of the 6th Virginia Cavalry.

Each detachment had more or less skirmishing with small squads of guerillas, but no larger force than fifty men was seen at any one time. The party safely returned to camp on Thursday evening, having been out three days, and brought with them quite a large quantity of captured Rebel property and fifteen prisoners.

The ice blockade on the Potomac still continues; but the mail steamer *Matilda*, from City Point, with the mail and passengers, succeeded in cutting her way up to Alexandria yesterday.

Below Alexandria, near Indian Head, the ice is quite thick, and the *Matilda* was compelled to push through under a full head of steam.

The blockade between Washington and Alexandria is complete, and for the present the passengers and mails for City Point will be forwarded from here to Alexandria by rail, from which place they will take the boats.

The mail steamer *Daniel Webster*, and the transports *Morris*, *Osgood*, and *Seneca* remain ice-bound off Giesboro Point. Some fifteen barges and schooners, laden with forage for the Quartermaster's Department, are securely fastened in the ice on the river between Washington and Alexandria, and are unable to reach this city.

The ice-boat *Atlantic*, from Philadelphia, arrived here last night, and is engaged to-day in endeavoring to open the channels.

LITERARY NOTICES.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

Through the kindness of T. B. Pugh, Sixth and Chesnut streets, agent for this new and beautiful work for young folks, we have received the January number. It is truly one of the choicest magazines ever gotten up for our juvenile population, and it is replete with matter of the most excellent character. We cannot recall to mind a single work in the literary world so well adapted to the young. Many of the best writers in the country are engaged to furnish articles on all subjects calculated to instruct the youthful mind, while others contribute interesting sketches and stories. "Our Young Folks" is published monthly by Ticknor & Fields, of Boston, T. B. Pugh being the agent in this city. Philadelphia subscribers sending in their orders to his store, Sixth and Chesnut, will have the work delivered at their residences free of charge. There can be no better Christmas present for our young folks than this beautifully illustrated magazine.

THE GREAT CENTRAL FAIR. By Charles J. Stillé. Caxton press of Sherman.

The Great Central Fair has become historical. The magnitude of its preparations, the vastness of its buildings; the endless variety of its appearance, and the gigantic success which attended it, alike combine to place it among one of the wonders of the world of the nineteenth century.

It is a permanent monument to the patriotism of the three States engaged. The Pyramids and Catacombs attest the enterprise of bygone monarchs; but the most lasting testimonial of a great deed is found in the hearts of those whom the action benefits; and although the massive structure which contained the free-will offering of a grateful people, has been removed, yet the memory of the enterprise and patriotism which characterized the undertaking, will live forever in the hearts of the soldiers who have been saved from death by the beneficent charities showered upon them by our loyal population.

It is also right, however, that some literary effort should commemorate the great success, which has attended the mighty effort. This difficult task was deputed to Charles J. Stillé, Esq., the one of our citizens who was most fitted by education and experience to fulfil the task. For several months he has labored upon it, and now presents a history of the whole enterprise in a shape which should be procured by every member of the Committees, as well as all interested in the great undertaking. After giving a succinct history of the Fair, its origin, progress, and success, he devotes space to the consideration of each of the large departments, and has appended not only a full financial statement, but also a list of all the committees—a most valuable addition, as in a few years every one will be proud to point to the record, and say "I worked in the Central Fair."

The work is beautifully "got up." It is from the Caxton press of Sherman, which insures its being printed in a style not to be surpassed by any press in the world.

The sale of it will be large, not only on account of its worth, but also because so enterprising and successful an agent has the work in charge. Mr. J. K. Simon, No. 33 N. Sixth street, is the gentleman who is sole agent.

TRAGEDIES. By T. H. Talfourd. Crosby & Ainsworth, New York.

To write a tragedy is easy; to write a good tragedy is almost impossible. Mr. Talfourd has given out to the public a collection of excellent tragedies and poor poems. In tragedy, wildness of style can be tolerated; in poetry nothing beyond the erratic is allowed. Eccentricity in it appears like insanity. Mr. Talfourd is eccentric, and ought therefore to avoid, in future, the cultivation of the muse Polyhymnia, and continue his devotions to Thalia. In his plays he is a great success; in his poetry not above mediocrity. The work is well gotten up, and the superior ability of his tragedies will more than counterbalance the lack of originality in his verse.

REAL AND IDEAL. By John W. Montclair. F. Leypoldt, Philadelphia.

Mr. Leypoldt is choice in his selection of works for publication, but when once he has determined to issue a production, does it in a style which is irreproachable, for elegance and taste. Binding, printing and engraving, combine to make this work the most attractive in appearance, to say nothing of the contents, which we have recently seen. The literary excellence of the work is by no means small. It consists of a number of poetical effusions, written in a style in which freshness and force are combined. It would make a most beautiful gift to a young lady, who "dotes" on ethereal communication with the muse. We are particularly pleased with one entitled "The Old Comedian." It contains passion and power. We predict for the above work a large share of future favor.

TADMOR. By H. Phillips Montgomery. Roberts Brothers, Boston.

There occasionally appears an epic poem of real merit. As a general rule, whenever a large production in verse appears, we put it down as an extended repetition of a very few ideas. But the work before us possesses real merit. Its style is not original, but a sufficient number of new ideas, and a plentiful supply of figures and metaphors make it repay perusal. The tale is laid in the East; and, in general conception, bears a resemblance to Disraeli's style of romance in verse. The tale is admirable; the style is fine; if not faultless, it is rich in beauties. The whole production savors of a cultivated intellect and extended knowledge. As an example of the style we quote at random the following passage:—

"The thirsting sands of Syrian plain
Bide sad adieu to night again.
And now aloft the day has won
Each cedar top of Lebanon.
The extended caravan onwards
(once more its drowsy guide)
The drooping camel gladly finds
Fair Saif's welcoming seal."

Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co. have for sale "Mrs. Lirriper's Legacy," and G. A. Sala's new work, entitled "Quite Alone." Both works have a deep interest in their plot, and the names of the authors will be sufficient recommendation.

PERIODICALS.—We have received *Our Young Folks*, a new and attractive monthly, well edited and handsomely illustrated, from Boston; "Mrs. Lirriper's Legacy," Dickens' Christmas carol; *Temple Bar* and *Cornhill Magazines*; *The London Illustrated News and Times*, *Punch*, Cassell's *Illustrated Paper*, etc., etc., from the establishment of Mr. Kromer, No. 403 Chesnut street.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND ITS OBSERVANCE.—Although the vigils of all Christian festivals are commanded by the Catholic (using the word in the mildest sense) Church, to be kept as days of fasting, yet some of these—and particularly Christmas Eve—are made seasons of mirth and jollity. With Christmas Eve, the Christmas holidays practically commence, although some claim that they commence on the 16th of December. The season terminates on the 1st of February, or Candlemas Eve, by which date all decorations must be removed from the churches.

The regular holidays, however, should last till the twelfth day, or the Epiphany. In olden times these twelve days exhibited an uninterrupted round of feasting and jollity, and it is still a jovial one, though much modified. There are, however, traces of old Pagan customs in many of our popular rights and ceremonies, which, after the conversion of England to Christianity, were still retained, partly because as a matter of expediency the rites of that religion were ingrafted by its teachers on the old heathen ceremonies, and partly because it was found impossible to wean their converts from their old superstitions.

The hanging up of the mistletoe, and the burning of the Yule log, are more especially derived from the Pagans, and the custom is still observed in England. The burning of the Yule log is from the Scandinavians, who used to have large fires lit in honor of their god "Thor." This is the most joyous ceremony of Christmas Eve. Each wayfarer raised his hat when it passed him on its way from the woods, and the bards welcomed its entrance with muskerry. After the block had been half consumed, it was laid by till the following Christmas, when it was used to light the new log.

Accompanying the Yule log was a candle of monstrous size, called the Yule or Christmas candle, which during the twelve nights of the festival was burned on the high table at supper. There are many other ceremonies observed on Christmas Eve in England which would take too much space to enumerate, such as taking cakes and hot cider as an offering to the principal apple-tree, spiced ale to the orchards in Norfolk, the reversal of the situations of masters and servants, etc.

There is always a mass sung at midnight in Catholic churches on Christmas Eve. In this country, however, mass is not sung till about 5 in the morning, and a grand high mass takes place at 10½ o'clock. Popular superstition has it that the powers of darkness are prostrate at this season; the cock is supposed to crow all night long, and in Devonshire and Cheshire the belief is still current that the cattle fall on their knees at midnight, and adore the infant Saviour, as the legend says they did in the manger at Bethlehem. Bees are said to sing in their hives, and bread baked on Christmas was said never to get mouldy.

In this country Christmas Eve is also generally observed as a time for jollity and merry-making. Many of the customs of European countries, perhaps more especially those of Germany, have been adopted by our people, although there are others exclusively American. Among the children, particularly, Christmas Eve is an event that is anxiously looked forward to, as being the time for the advent of that most remarkable and mysterious personage, Santa Claus. The early part of the evening is commonly devoted to appropriate childish plays—snap-dragon, blind man's buff, charades, etc., and also the preparation of the Christmas tree. The latter is a comparatively new custom, being of German origin, and only common in this country within the last score of years.

The Christmas tree is a bough of evergreen placed in the parlor and gayly decorated with all that is most pleasing to the eye of childhood. Candies, flowers, toys, and the thousand other articles that so delight the little ones, are tastefully arranged upon the bough, interspersed with burning tapers or wax-candles, giving to the whole a brilliant and pleasing appearance. The hanging up of the little stockings for the reception of the gifts of Santa Claus, however, is to children the event of greatest interest. In "ye olden time," when fire-places were in vogue, the place selected for hanging the stockings was on the "crane" in the chimney corner.

This place was selected with reference to the convenience of Santa Claus, who, according to the childish tradition, made his entrance adown the chimney. According to this tradition, Santa Claus is a plump little good-natured old chap, who, enveloped in furs, goes from home on Christmas Eve in a sleigh well filled with every imaginable kind of presents for the little folk, and drawn by eight tiny reindeer. Up to the roof he goes like a sprite and down the chimney in a jiffy, where he finds the stockings and proceeds to stuff them with toys, candies, and other presents. The plan of modern houses, however, has somewhat interferred with the chimney entrance, and the manner of his coming is not quite so clear to the little ones of the present day. But it matters not to them whether he comes down the chimney or through the keyhole, the children implicitly believe in the veritableness of a Santa Claus, with

"The little red nose and the little round belly,
Which shakes when he laughs, like a bowl full of jelly."

The mummers or masquers have a prominent place in Christmas festivities, and the sport is still kept up in parts of England. In former times, even noblemen used to engage in this pastime before the King, and at one period in history a party was organized to kill Henry IV, under the disguise of Twelfth Night mummers. In the present day, mumming is extensively carried on in South Wales. Another great pastime used to be found in the reign of a personage termed the Lord of Misrule, who used to sit as Master of the Ceremonies at Christmas festivities.

These Lords of Misrule used to be in the houses of the King and every nobleman, and also in the house of the Mayor of London. In Cambridge University, one of the M. A.'s used to do the duty, and used to be elected to superintend the Latin plays under the title of *Imperator Ludorum*. In the Inns of Court at London, this person assumed all the parade and ceremony of royalty, and had even two chaplains, who preached before him in the Temple Church. He abdicated on Twelfth day. In the time of Charles I, one of these spent £2000 from his own purse, and was knighted by that monarch. These, with other festivities which we have not the space to mention, characterize Christmas Eve, forming a pleasant prelude to the mirth, joy, and frolic of the morrow.

CATHOLIC PHILOPATRIAN LITERARY INSTITUTE.—The annual celebration of this Society's anniversary was held at their Hall, Sixth and Prune streets, on Thursday evening, December 22. Addresses were delivered by the President, Rev. P. McGrane, United States Chaplain; the Vice-President Mr. Francis P. Farrell; and Messrs. D. McMenamin, D. J. Walsh, J. D. Ward, J. Flynn, and D. J. McCloskey. Readings and recitations by Messrs. Barr, McGuigan, Casserly, Sweeney, J. F. McMenamin and Quigley. The Institute is in a very flourishing condition, having over four hundred names on its roll of membership, and over fifteen hundred volumes in library. The exercises of the evening passed off with satisfaction to the members and the large audience assembled.

THE SUFFERING POOR.—At the present season of the year large numbers of sufferers are to be found in the small streets and alleys of this city, who have no fuel and but little to nourish themselves with. Many of these have children who are permitted to go hungry and cold. Complaints have been made of the inefficiency of some who have the distribution of the gifts of the benevolent. Some cases are permitted, it is alleged, to go for hours, and sometimes days, before they are relieved, and at times are entirely neglected. It is stated that in some cases help has been denied while a large balance is permitted to remain in the Treasurer's hands of money intended for the relief of the poor. This, it is contended, is not the design of the donors, it being intended only for immediate use and not to be husbanded.

A ROUGH CUSTOMER.—Thomas Harp has been held in $600 bail by Alderman Pancoast, to answer the charge of having behaved in a very disorderly manner at a lager beer saloon, Fifteenth and Willow streets. He amused himself by breaking things generally.

CHRISTMAS GREENS—A PEEP INTO THE CHURCHES.—The streets and market places begin to give out resinous fragrance from the spoils of the evergreen groves transported city-ward for the Christmas decoration of our churches and dwellings. Gum-exuding hemlocks and spruces—their green boughs still laden with the sparkling snow of their native fields—are hawked about for sale as Christmas trees, while the endless variety of "ready-made" devices—wreaths, garlands, circles, stars, crosses, triangles, and arches—are displayed for sale in the markets.

This week a peep into one of our Episcopal or Catholic churches, by night, will be worth anybody's while who can secure such a privilege, for on these occasions of ante-Christmas "trimming," the churches—save to those who have business there—are judiciously held as sacred *penetralia*, as the boudoir of a bride preparing for her marriage.

There are busy times by night in those churches now, and much litter, and many fragrant odors as of crushed spices. Hemlock, spruce, and laurel bushes lie in great heaps all over the floors; long trails of the creeping ground-ivy trip your unwary steps as you walk; while tall trees selected for their beauty and symmetry stand in dusky corners waiting for assignment to their places, flanking organ or chancel. Troops of merry girls and gleeful urchins are on hand to break up the large boughs into small twigs, and "bunch" them for the behoof of fairy fingers that gleam like ivory shuttles as they fly among the wreaths they are weaving for column and font. The place is "cluttered" about with skeletons of arches and crosses and stars, while carefully placed aside are some of the completed and beautiful fabrics which they are to present when those bare white bones are concealed by their leafy covering.

We will not avouch that many of the young men, who on these occasions are such active volunteers of assistance, are always moved upon by zeal in the cause of the church, or that sometimes the chance of a flirtation in some cozy nook among the greens—"so like being out in the woods, you know"—has not more to do with the appearance of these masculine helps upon the scene than pious zeal. But we can testify that, whatever their designs, they are made to work most mercilessly—and serves them right.

But the work is most pleasant in many ways, and mainly by the sweet anticipations it creates of the coming joyous festival. The happy feelings often break out in song, and the church will be vocal with carols. Out of masses of foliage—as birds warble unseen—will come voices singing:

"Carol, carol, Christians,
Carol joyfully;
Carol for the coming
Of Christ's nativity,
And pray a gladsome Christmas
To all good Christian men;
Carol, carol, Christians,
For Christmas come again.
Carol! carol!

"Go ye to the forest,
Where the myrtles grow,
Where the pine and laurel
Bend beneath the snow;
Gather them for Jesus,
Wreathe them for His shrine,
Make His temple glorious
With the box and pine.
Carol! carol!"

Yes, those who, on Christmas morning, see only the symmetry and order of the wreathed greenery that "beautifies the place of the sanctuary," do not always know how hard and yet how pleasant has been the labor that was done before that beauty and order could be brought to pass.

SINGULAR ADVENTURE OF A FIRE HORN.—A larceny case of more than ordinary interest was heard yesterday afternoon before Alderman Welding.

A fireman found an old acquaintance in a horn. When General Sherman occupied Atlanta, our readers will recollect that he issued an order to the people of the city, telling them to leave their houses and remove to other points. The exodus was universal. The people removed to all quarters of the Union. Some came North, and among others a Mr. Thomas Haney came to Philadelphia. He found employment here, and located himself at No. 535 Arch street. In Atlanta he had been President of the Atlanta Fire Engine No. 1, and, as the chief officer of the Company, was the custodian of a valuable horn presented to the Company by the ladies of the city. The horn was massively elaborate.

It was manufactured in this city, and was of solid silver, beautifully chased, and engraved in relieved scroll-work. A running vine wreathed its silver leaves around the trumpet, and a cluster of flowers, executed with artistic finish, adorned the mouthpiece. It bore an inscription expressive of its fair donors, and the State arms of Georgia. Haney left the horn in his house, and carefully closed his home when he left it. His surprise may be imagined when, walking along Third street yesterday afternoon, he saw the identical horn in the hands of a merchant, one of the most respectable men in the city. Haney at once claimed the horn, and the merchant stated that he had purchased it from a peddler for eighty dollars. The case was referred to Alderman Welding, who now has it under advisement. The peddler is known, and the police are on his tracks. How the horn ever got to the City of Brotherly Love is a mystery which may be explained when the peddler is found.

DEATHS AMONG PENNSYLVANIANS.—The following is a list of men belonging to the Seventh Pennsylvania Reserves, who died in Southern prisons. Each company except Co. B is represented. Members of each company reported their own dead. The reporter of Company C was not positive of the death of Chas. Strausburger and Joseph Warner. Joseph Petty took the oath of allegiance and died out of the prison:—

Edwin F. Walker, Co. A.	Wm Lane, F.
Van Buren Eley, A.	Jacob Sterner, G.
Patrick Brannen, A.	Benjamin F. Hobson, G.
Fredk. Reid, A.	James Farren, G.
Chas. Jermeir, A.	Francis W. Shor, G.
John F. Cuddy, A.	Sergt. J. R. Moony, H.
Wm. McCleaf, A.	Joseph Hester, H.
Jesse B. Rumer, A.	Joshua Chapman, H.
John A. Batcher, A.	Ross H. Kreiger, H.
Jacob Landis, A.	Jacob Wetty, H.
David S. Walker, A.	Peter Hoover, H.
Saml. Heffelfinger, A.	Sol. Smith, H.
—— Rice, B.	F. Smith, H.
Corp. And. M. Landis, C.	Jacob Wood, H.
Michael Cook, C.	Geo. Robinson, H.
Josiah Good, C.	Cyrus Coonrod, H.
Robert Miller, C.	Fred. Crawleigh, H.
Henry Miller, C.	Matthias Stevens, H.
John Metinger, C.	James Atchison, H.
Danl. Reisel, C.	Samuel Couns, H.
Wm. White, C.	Jonas Base, H.
Wm. Eisenhaur, C.	Abraham Bollinger, H.
Wm. Lentz, C.	Thomas Winekoop, I.
Henry Weike, C.	Jerry Harner, I.
Thos. Weike, C.	James Mullen, I.
Chas. Strausburger, C.	John Hart, I.
Joseph Warner, C.	Thomas Ford, I.
Joseph Petty, C.	Fred. Hertie, I.
Alex. Bame, D.	John Duffey, I.
Allen Crispen, D.	Christian Fagley, I.
Jacob Hilner, D.	James Leadbeater, K.
John Boucherty, E.	Charles Gaber, K.
John R. Steeman, E.	Wm Wilson, K.
Morton Bryant, F.	Henry McGlinan, K.
Chas. H. Owen, F.	Geo. Butterfield, K.
Cyrer Smallwood, F.	Lernard Rico, K.
Saml. Steele, F.	James Mosley, K.
Andrew C. Smith, F.	Samuel Olney, K.

THE SCHUYLKILL FROZEN.—This morning the Schuylkill was frozen over above the skating-house. A large number of persons were amusing themselves by indulging in the seasonable sport.

THE LATE MAJOR-GENERAL BIRNEY.—A very handsome bust of this much honored and deceased officer has been placed on exhibition at Earle's on Chesnut street.

PETROLEUM MINING AND RAILROAD JOURNAL.—A newspaper with the above caption will be issued tri-weekly, perhaps daily, shortly. Its columns will be devoted to strict facts in all cases. Papers on Petroleum localities, yield of wells, and geological characteristics in relation thereto. Also, records of mines, and mining, and descriptions of mineral lands. Railroad statistics, and a price current of the sale of stocks and bonds, before and after Boards. Political matters excluded, with the exception of legislative enactments specially directed to developments of mineral lands and mines and their transporting facilities to market. It will embrace scientific researches and improvements, as far as they shall relate to improvements in mining and mechanical agencies incident to such improvements.

This paper will be conducted under the able supervision of George W. L. Johnson, who is a well-known journalist, and who has made this business a specialty for twenty years past, both as an editor and reporter of the press.

Professor William T. Roberts, whose geological reputation is well known, will furnish this paper with matter already collected during the last twenty years of his professional life in this country, and with facts coming under his notice as a scientific and practical geologist from time to time hereafter. The fact of this gentleman's connection with the journal as assistant editor will make it a popular newspaper among those interested in the development and advancement of the great mineral resources of this country.

A TIMELY INVESTMENT.—The Hartford *Evening Press* says:—The Travellers' Insurance Company received advices yesterday of their first total loss under a General Accident Policy. Stephen Super, a railroad conductor on the line from Peoria to Galesburg, Illinois, was instantly killed last week by falling between the cars of his train. His policy was the second one issued by the agent at Galesburg, who had held his appointment but a very few days. By this timely provision, and an investment of only thirty dollars, this poor man's family have secured the handsome sum of $3000, which will be promptly paid. This excellent Company has established a branch office at No. 404 Walnut street. Mr. William W. Allen, the agent, informs us that he is issuing many policies.

CHRISTMAS IS AT HAND, and a "merry one" to all, say our friends Watson & Son, the gentlemanly proprietors of the Madison House, on N. Second street.

We cheerfully recommend this house to the public, not only on account of its very eligible location, but the abundant and well-provided table. With the immortal poet we can truly say, "They can keep a Hotel." Try them.

THE FLORENCE SEWING MACHINE.—A great many sewing machines are now in use, and numerous improvements have been made since the introduction of this time and labor saver, which render the machines of this latter day far superior to those made ten or fifteen years ago. It has been with sewing machines as with every other important invention; they were not perfect at first, but required time and attention, with skill and ingenuity, in order that they might accomplish what it was intended they should. The first machines were complicated; but it was not long before improvements followed in their mechanical structure, so that, while simplified, they were more durable and capable of doing a greater range of work. The Florence machine is free from the objections attached to others, and, being of a very recent make, and the manufacturers having had the experience of improvements in other machines, possesses points of excellence and merit belonging to no other. In the "Florence" machine, the Chain and Loop stitch is discarded, and the Lock stitch alike on both sides of the fabric, is adopted. To meet the objections against this favorite stitch, viz: want of elasticity, liability to ravel at the end of seams, requiring them to be fastened or tied by hand, and the want of strength for a certain class of seams, such as the bias, or inside seam of pants, three other stitches are added, the Knot, Double Lock, and Double Knot, each of which is stronger and more elastic than the Lock. These stitches require no complication of machinery, but are made with as much ease and facility, and with as little machinery, as other machines make one stitch. The Florence machine possess numerous advantages over others, which will be readily perceived on examining them. One important one is the reversible feed motion, which enables the operator, by simply turning a thumb-screw, to have the work run either to the right or left, to stay any part of the same, or fasten the ends of the seams, without turning the fabric. Another great advantage is having a perfect and uniform tension of thread, which regulates and adapts itself to the different kinds of fabric, and no springs to get out of order. The Florence justly merits the appellation of *the best Family Sewing Machine in the world.*

RECOLLECTIONS OF CHRISTMAS EVE.—

BY THE BARD OF TOWER HALL.

"Well Dave," said good old Mr. Prime,
Unto his student hair,
"What makes you, at this cheerful time,
So grave a visage wear?"
Says Dave, "I can't but mark the joy
That used my heart to heave,
Whenever, as a little boy,
I welcomed Christmas Eve!

My stocking at the fireside swung
As soon as it was night,
And in the morning, where it hung
I hastened with delight."
"Pshaw! nonsense!" laughs his father, "Dave,
You cannot mean to say
That you for toys and candies crave
At this late time of day?"

"No," Dave replied, "but I may say,
Though I am now full grown,
Some gift would seem a proper way
By which love might be shown.
One pleasing present to propose,
For sons however tall,
Would be a handsome suit of clothes,
Made up at Tower Hall!"

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BENNETT & Co.

THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.—"Got the best! New Works" now ready for the holidays. That great American Publication, on which the Author has been laboriously engaged for the last four days, and Reader will the cheers posted on yet.

Look out for it.

GIMBLEIANA.

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To what and to whom shall we dedycate it? The Owl replied:—

"Too-whit—Too-whoo!"—Shakespeare.

This truly national work can be had gratuitously during the holiday season, by applying at the celebrated Clothing House of Charles Stokes & Co., under the Continental Hotel. Proceeds to go for the benefit of the great "U. S. One Per Cent. Commission."

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS.—If you wish Photographs for holiday presents, you had better go in time. The gallery is always thronged during the holidays. Go early. B. F. Reimer, No. 624 Arch street.

IT IS WELL to get clear of a Cold the first week, but it is much safer and better to rid yourself of it the first forty-eight hours,—the proper remedy for the purpose being Dr Jayne's Expectorant. Prepared only at No. 242 Chesnut Street.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

UNION M. E. CHURCH, FOURTH Street, below Arch.—Christmas Day.—Rev. FRANKLIN MOORE, D. D., will preach in the morning at 10½ o'clock, and Rev. CHAS. J. LITTLE in the evening at 7½ o'clock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The Anniversary of the Sunday Schools of the Church of the Epiphany will be held to-morrow afternoon, beginning at half-past two. No service in the evening.

FESTIVAL.—SUNDAY SCHOOL OF the Church of Disciples of Christ, N. E. corner of BROAD and SPRING GARDEN Streets, on Monday Evening, December 26, 1864, at 7½ o'clock. Dialogues, Recitations, and Singing by the School, an Address, and also music by the Choir. At the conclusion there will be a distribution of confections. Proceeds to purchase a library. Tickets for adults, 20 cents; for children, 15 cents. To be had at the door.

ADVENT CHURCH, CORNER YORK AVEnue and BUTTONWOOD Street. Bishop STEVENS will preach to-morrow, (Christmas) morning.

CHRISTMAS JUBILEE. NINETEENTH Street M. E. Sabbath School, at Hall SEVENTEENTH and POPLAR Sunday, 2½ P. M. Addresses, singing by the children. All are invited.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

POST OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 24, 1864.

On Monday next, the 26th inst., this office will be open for transaction of business until 12 o'clock noon, after which hour it will be closed.

The several Stations will be open during the same hours.

The carriers will make but the usual 8 A. M. delivery.

Three collections of letters from lamp-post and other boxes will be made, viz.—two in the morning and one in the evening, at 6 o'clock.

12-24-2t C. A. WALBORN, P. M.

OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER.

PHILADELPHIA, December 27, 1864.

NOTICE TO LOAN HOLDERS.

The City Treasurer will pay the interest on City Loans, due January 1, on and after January 2, 1865.

12-24-6t HENRY BUMM, City Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER.

PHILADELPHIA, December 22, 1864.

NOTICE TO LOAN HOLDERS.

The City Treasurer is prepared to pay loans maturing January 1, 1865, and the holders thereof are requested to present them at this office on and after the 2d day of January.

12-24-6t HENRY BUMM, City Treasurer.

AN APPEAL IN BEHALF OF THE REFUGEE Women and Children concentrating in and around Nashville Tenn.—We desire to present to the citizens of Philadelphia another claim upon their Christian benevolence.

A large number of families in various parts of the South have been rendered homeless by the ravages of war. From six to eight thousand refugee women and children of the poorer classes have been concentrated in and about Nashville, and this number is constantly increasing. Many of them are entirely destitute of any kind of shelter, and some without sufficient clothing to cover their nakedness. During the past summer the sufferings of the sick and infirm have been aggravated by exposure to the weather. The severity of the winter will greatly increase their suffering unless means are provided for their protection and support. Their husbands and sons have mostly entered the Union armies, endeavoring in this way to sustain the Government under whose protection we are living in comparative peace.

Their condition is worse than that of the liberated slaves. The great body of freedmen are above the negro in the scale of being, while these have been reduced to a deeper moral and physical degradation, being stripped of all their possessions, deprived of their natural protectors, and in a city under military occupation, surrounded by strong temptations to vice. A hospital for the sick has been established, but owing to the limited means of those interested, it was feared at one time that it would have to be closed.

The Government now offers additional buildings for the purpose of a home for these destitute beings, and will furnish a limited amount of rations for their support. But money must be had to procure bedding, furniture, clothing, &c., and education for the children and otherwise provided. and efforts must be made to train them for self-support.

We ask your liberal aid in this pressing emergency—the winter is already upon them. The need is urgent, and there is no time for delay. Shall this cry of the hungry and naked fall unheeded upon those who have open to them even the name of Him, whose infinite compassion and mercy and compassion to all ever?

Contributions will be received by CALEB COPE, Treasurer, No. 306 WALNUT Street, or either of the undersigned:

Albert Barnes,	Caleb Price,
George H. Stuart,	Caleb Cope,
John P. Crozer,	John Welsh,
Stephen Colwell,	Jay Cooke,
Matthew W. Baldwin,	Richard Price,
Adolph E. Borie,	John M. Atwood,
Mordecai L. Dawson,	Daniel Haddock, Jr.
William C. Ludwig,	Samuel H. Perkins,
James C. Hand,	Richard C. Dale,
M. Shapleigh,	William Dorsey,
Frederick Collins,	Lloyd P. Smith,
Alonzo Potter,	

UNITED STATES CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.—

MONEY.

Cash acknowledgments for the week ending Dec. 21, 1864. Thanksgiving contributions of Public Meetings, Societies, Individuals, &c.:—

Citizens of Mercersburg, Pa., and vicinity, per T. C. Grove		$411·75
Collection at Lyons' Hollow, Pa., per E. G. W. Snyder		21·02
Citizens of Montoursville, Pa., per Rev. A. M. Creighton		43·53
Citizens of Jeddo, Luzerne county, Pa., per Rev. A. P. Goodecke		65·20
Collection at Greencastle, Pa., per C. Bradenbaugh		185·03
Collection at Bridge Hampton, N. Y., per Thos. M. Gray		32·05
Meeting in Nunda, McHenry county, Ill., per Jas. McMillan		13·30
Citizens of Croton, Delaware county, N. Y., per Rev. J. M. Adams		80·03
Friends in Frenchtown, N. J., per S. D. Williams		32·00
Mrs. J. Lewis Corwin, Mount Hope, N. Y.	$3·00	
Rev. J. Littell, Mount Hope, N. Y.	5·00—	8·00
Mrs. Henry Hodges, Chester, N. J.	2·00	
Mr. Hodges Hunt, Chester, N. J.	1·00—	3·00
Per Rev. James F. Brewster.		
Collection at North Pitcher, N. Y., per Rev. E. S. Ruddock		11·03
Citizens of Millersburg, Pa., per T. N. Robinson		23·45
Citizens of Halifax, Pa., per T. N. Robinson		24·05
Citizens of Berrysburg, Pa., per T. N. Robinson		15·73
Mrs. Sarah Olmer, Duncannville, Pa., per Rev. S. J. Berlin		5·00
Collection at Palmyra, Pa., per W. S. Emery		2·30
Collection at Spencer, N. Y., per Rev. G. W. Huntley		8·50
Collection at Dunmore, Pa., per Rev. Thomas R. Townsend		35·00

CHURCH COLLECTIONS, UNION MEETINGS, &c.

UNION MEETINGS.

Meeting of Reformed Dutch and Presbyterian Churches, Metuchen, N. J., per Rev. John B. Thompson	$38·00
Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches, Maumee City, Ohio, per F. C. Holt	40·45
Presbyterian and Baptist Churches, Chateaugay, N. Y., per Rev. A. M. Millar	50·00
Meeting of Churches, Mifflinsburg, Pa., per Rev. Mr. Derr	30·00
Congregations of Sherburne, N. Y., per E. Curtis	41·75
Meeting Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, per J. H. Whitine	131·30
Meeting of Lutheran and Reformed Congregations, Ickesburg, Perry county, Pa., per Rev. J. Williams	32·75
Union services, Hightstown, N. J., per M. S. Morrison, secretary	21·40
Meeting of the Churches of Hyde Park, Pa., per O. P. Clark	87·31
First Ward Methodist and Presbyterian Churches Syracuse, N. Y., per T. B. Porter	39·21

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

Ladies' Christian Commission of Cedar Street Church, Philadelphia	6·51
Church, Groveland, N. Y., per Mrs. J. E. White	13·19
Park Church, Syracuse, N. Y., per Rev. J. O. Fillmore	43·09
Church, Jasper, N. Y., per J. R. Prentice	31·00
Church, Baskenridge, N. J., per J. C. Hansen	15·00
Church, Lower Mount Bethel, per W. Sargent	12·53
Church, Mount Joy, Pa., per Jas. A. Patterson	13·00
First Church, Newton, N. J., per Saml. Johnson	15·03
U. P. Congregation, West Hebron, N. Y., per Rev. W. R. McKee	34·00
Seventh Church, Philadelphia, per Alfred Martin, Treasurer	632·03
French Church of Converted Belgians, Robinsonville, Wis., per Rev. Henry Morell	15·00
U. P. Congregation, Sonomauk, Ill., per Rev. W. Moffett	61·35
Church, Walnut street, Philadelphia, per H. E. Read, Treasurer	44·50
First Church, Borough of Darby, Pa., per Rev. S. W. Crittenden	18·29
Hanover Street Church, Wilmington, Del., per J. B. Porter	107·50
Central Church, Downingtown, Pa., per Rev. M. Newkirk, Jr.	100·00
Church, Pax on, Pa., per Presbyterian Board of Publication	101·25
Church, Bridesburg, Pa., per Rev. J. B. Davis	31·15
Church, Jamesburg, N. J., per Rev. W. M. Wells	21·15
Central Church, Wilmington, Del., per Rev. G. F. Wiswell	85·00
First Church, Stillwater, N. J., per Rev. T. B. Condit	21·00
First Church (N. S.) Downingtown, Pa., per G. Heins	45·00
Second Reformed Presbyterian Church, Lisbon, St. Lawrence county, N. Y.	22·00
First Church, Altoona, Pa., per Chas. J. Mann, Treasurer	44·75
Church, Montclair, N. J., per W. S. Morris, Treasurer	150·00
German Church, West Granville, Wis., per E. Kudobe	7·00
United Presbyterian Congregation, Howard, Steuben county, N. Y., per Rev. Mr. Robertson	5·00
Reformed Presbyterian Congregation, Washington, Ill., per Wm. T. Eaton	32·00

METHODIST CHURCHES.

Union meeting of churches, Potterville, N. Y. (add'l)	$7·50	
Sabbath School, Weston's Mills	16·00—	42·50
Per Rev. Isaac G. Ogden:—		
Church, Phillipsburg, N. J.	$7·50	
Three Friends, Phillipsburg, N. J.	7·50—	15·00
Per H. M. Morton:—		
Ladies' Aid Society of Church, Easton, Pa., per W. Hume		50·00
Church, Saranac, N. Y., per S. W. Brown		20·15
Court Street Church, Binghampton, N. Y., per Rev. M. Blakeslee		31·42
Church, Janesville, Pa., per Rev. Josiah Forrest		32·05
Church, Greenfield Centre, N. Y., per Rev. John Thompson		40·00
African Church, Bordentown, N. J., per Rev. E. Weaver		25·00
Church, Centre, Perry county, Pa., per T. N. Robinson		23·63
Front Street Church, Trenton, N. J., per Rev. Mr. Vannote		30·00
Green Street Church, Trenton, N. J., per Rev. J. S. Heisler		15·00
African Church, Burlington, N. J., per Rev. Thos. Gould		5·00
First Church, Long Branch, per Wm. Franklin		23·00
Welsh Calvanistic Methodist Church, Johnstown, Pa., per Rev. E. T. Jones		9·00

BAPTIST CHURCHES.

Free Church, Harrisburg, Pa., per E. N. Lamberton	13·25
Church, Peekskill, N. Y., per Rev. Mr. Townley	14·50
Fifth Church, Philadelphia, per T. Tolman	200·00
Liberty Church, Susquehanna Co., Pa., per Rev. Mr. Tilden	5·00
Upland Church, Delaware County, Pa., per J. G. Crozer	38·41
Church, Canton, N. J., per Rev. W. E. Cornwell	9·00
Church, East Smithfield, Pa., per James Parker	6·00
Union Church, Rehoboth, Mass., per J. K. Metcalf	4·00
Church, Meadville, Pa., per James Waters	10·00
Church, Warsaw, N. Y., per S. B. Nixon	3·00
Church, Pleasantville, Pa., per G. M. Spratt	4·00
Regular Baptist Church, Jersey Shore, Pa., per Rev. W. F. Cowden	102·00

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

Church, Jamestown, N. Y., per A. Hazeltine	81·74
Church, Haskinton, N. Y., per S. Gilbert	26·00
Church, East Granville, Mass., per A. Gooks	17·00
Church and Society, Hartwick, Vt., per S. N. Duane	17·07

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

Quarterly Collection from Trinity Church Sabbath School, Sharon Springs, N. Y.	13·08
St. Peters' Mission Church, Grimm, per John Forthmer	5·00
St. Paul's Church, Troy, Pa., per Charles C. Paine	11·16

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCHES.

German Congregation, Fort Madison, Iowa, per Rev. W. T. Strobel	5·00
Church, McAlvesyville, Pa., per T. N. Robinson	11·00
Church, Fordsboro, N. Y., per A. Van Alstine	74·00
Salem Congregation, Bernville, Bucks county, Pa., per H. Gratz	16·00

REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCHES.

Church, Harlingen, N. J., per George Kershaw	40·40

CHURCHES UNCLASSIFIED.

Church of Rev. M. T. Hill, Constableville, Lewis county, N. Y.	18·00
Church of Rev. L. W. Brintnall, Mallet Creek, Ohio	12·00
Congregation at Heuvelton, N. Y., per Robert T. Clement	10·0
Church at Highland, Kansas, per Rev. S. M. Irvine	7·50
Upper Strausburg Charge, per Rev. E. B. Wilson	12·11
Congregation at Galway, N. Y., per Geo. Fisher	20·00

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Ladies' Christian Commission, Cohoes, N. Y., per H. B. Silliman		217·25
Mr. Radenffer, Co. O, Sixth Virginia Regiment	4·00	
James Chisholm, Allegheny county, Md.	1·03—	5·03
Robert Marshall, Jr., New York		25·00
Ladies' Christian Commission, Milton, Pa., per Miss Derickson		67·00
Miss Susan Warner and Sister, Island near West Point, N. Y. (additional)		100·00
Pacific Christian Commission, San Francisco, Cal., per Palmer & Co.		4,730·00
Proceeds of sale of silver contributed by citizens of Nevada, per Rev. Franklin Rising, Virginia City		3,220·41
Societies at Sidney Centre, Delaware county, N. Y., per Rev. A. C. Smith		11·00
Ladies' Christian Commission, Poughkeepsie and Duchess county, N. Y., per Mrs. George B. Lent		500·00
J. Cyrrel Bergstresser, N. J.		5·00
R. Talmadge, M. D., Enfield, N. Y.		5·00
Mrs. Col. S. M. Bowman, Philadelphia		500·00
Mrs. Sarah Burns, Meadville, Pa., per S. D. Culbertson		5·00
Friends in Farmers' Valley, Wis., per James Ennes		12·50
"Little Helpers," Sunbury, Pa., per Jane P. Wilson		5·63
Mrs. H. Rausman, Chambersburg, Pa., per J. Dickson		5·00
Christian Commission, Portland, Me., per C. Sturdevant, Treasurer		100·00
Christian Commission, Troy, N. Y., per F. F. Allen, Treasurer		150·00
Ladies' Society, Rovina, N. Y., per Mrs. Rev. J. B. Lee, Treasurer		25·34
Collection at Ermida, Fulton county, N. Y., per H. G. Hawley		15·00
Ladies' Aid Society, Phelps, N. Y., per Mrs. Browning, Secretary		25·05
Ladies' Christian Commission, First English Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa., per Mrs. Henry Felix, Treasurer		100·00
Rev. F. W. Conrad, Cortland Fenix & Co., Pa.		10·00
Sunday School of St. James' P. E. Church, Eckley, Luzerne co., Pa., per Rev. Peter Russell		10·00
J. W. Davison, Franklin, N. Y.		5·00
"Cash," Quincy, Adams county, Ill.		1·01
"Cash"		3·00
Jos. A. Rhodes, Peacham, Vt.		2·00
F. G. Patton, Point of Rocks, Va., per W. R. Clark		10·00
Ladies' Christian Commission, Buffalo, N. Y., per Mrs. Edward Bristol, Treasurer		65·97
Sunday School Union of M. E. Church, per Rev. J. Z. Wise, Secretary		100·00
American Reform Tract and Book Society, Cincinnati, Ohio		27·50
Collection in Miss M. M. Allen's school at Pottsville, Pa.		23·00
Vine Street M. E. Church, per Rev. Dr. Wise		150·00
Army Committee of Young Men's Christian Association, Boston, Mass., per J. Story		3,655·35
Cash		50·75
Rev. C. Anderson	$1·00	
David Baker	1·00	
Miss L. F. Baker	3·00—	5·00
Per John J. Baker, Home, Somerset co., Md.		
Ladies' Christian Commission of St. Jude's P. E. Church, Philadelphia (additional)		25·00
Pennsylvania Railroad employes	$47·23	
Miss L. C. Grubb	5·00	
Baptist Church	11·00	
Miss M. Brown	10·00	
Citizens of Harrisburg, Pa.	80·61—	153·83
Per E. S. Lamberton, Harrisburg, Pa.		
Ladies' Christian Commission of U. S. Presbyterian Church Fairview, Erie county, Pa., per E. J. Morehead		14·85
Mrs. Wm. Wentz, Philadelphia		15·00
Mrs. Wayne, Liverpool, Ohio		6·30
Frank Armstrong, Ann Arbor, Mich.		·25
German Lutheran Congregation, Hannibal, Mo.		5·00
Rev. C. Beecher, Hamilton, Maine		2·00
J. Dutcher, Syracuse, New York		1·00
German Lutheran Congregation, Lowerlyn and Alleghany, Pa., per Rev. D. Sanner		11·00
German Lutheran Congregation, Trenton, New Jersey	2·10—	22·45
Per Rev. A. Rodat, Allentown, Pa.		
Mrs. Budd, Charlestown, N. Y.	$1·00	
Miss M. Tilley	1·00	2·00
Clarksburg Branch of Reformed Presbyterian Congregation, per John Coldwell, West Lebanon, Pa.		38·00
St. Michael's Protestant Episcopal Church, Trenton, N. J., per Rev. Mr. Appleton		57·85
Friends in Coatesville, N. J., per C. Mantenis		25·30
Collection at Middletown, Delaware, per A. T. Scott		9·00
Proceeds of a fair held by three young ladies, per George K. Warde, Philadelphia		139·38
Collection at Three Springs, Huntingdon county, Penna., per S. McVitty		13·75
A Friend, Titusville, Pennsylvania		1·00
Ladies' Aid Society, New Britain, Pa., per J. D. Scott		40·40
James Byard, Philadelphia (additional)		50·00
Ladies' Christian Commission Sixth Presbyterian Church, Phila., per Miss Webb, Jr.		50·00
Rev. G. Wetsall's Congregation, Sterling, Pa.		25·45
Collected in McLean, Tompkin county, N. Y., per Rev. W. Curtis		98·49
G. F., Rochester, N. Y.		25·00
Mrs. Alfred Ames, Madison's Mills, N. Y.		1·00
Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, Brownville, N. Y., per H. H. Kellogg, Treasurer		13·06
Mrs. Janver	$10·00	
Mrs. Henry	5·00	
Miss Beatty	10·00	
Mrs. Underwood	10·00	
"S. D."	10·00—	45·00
Sahranpur, Northern India, from Missionaries, per Rev. Dr. Newton		
Presbyterian Church of Tuscarora, Pa., (being part of the $600 raised at Academia towards the Thompson Tabernacle)		450·00
Rev. D. S. Lewis, Essex, N. Y.		4·75
Citizens of Orton, Delaware Co., N. Y., per Rev. J. Adams (additional)		1·53
"Cash"		5·00
"A Brother," per C. A. Voter, Phelps, N. Y.		1·00
Ladies' Sanitary Fair, Dryden, N. Y., per Mrs. Von Valkenburg, secretary		338·80
Thank offering, Schellsburg, Pa.	$45·75	
do. do. Bedford, Pa.	31·00—	76·75
Per Rev. B. F. Sample, Bedford, Pa.		
Societies at Londonderry, Vt.:—		
Baptist	$17·46	
Congregationalist	9·34	
Methodist	3·70—	30·50
Per Rev. L. F. Rugg.		
Rev. O. L. Torry, McGrawville, N. Y.		37·45
Sabbath School of First Presbyterian Church, Manayunk, Pa., per Rev. A. Culver		10·00
Rev. A. M. Bartholomew's charge, Adamsville, Ohio		21·35
Chazy, Clinton county, N. Y.		1·00
Ladies of West Chazy, N. Y., per Rev. A. J. Day		50·00
Rev. J. Fanes, Phelps, Ontario county, N. Y.		10·00
Bequeathed by Miss Sarah J. McDowell, Mifflin county, Pa., per Mrs. Jane McDowell		95·30
Ladies' Christian Commission of First Society at New Jerusalem Church, Philadelphia, per Rev. B. F. Barrett (add'l)		25·00
W. N. Sherman, East Greenwich, R. I.		5·00
Exhibition and Soldiers' Aid Society, Peru, Bennington county, Vt., per Mrs. L. B. Hapgard, Secretary		23·75
Ladies' Christian Commission, United Presbyterian Church, W. Kortright, Delaware county, N. Y., per E. Kipper, Treasurer		12·00
R. H. B., Broome county, N. Y.		5·00
Christian Commission of Tenth Congressional District of Indiana, per Charles McCulloch, Treasurer		407·23
First Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, Va.	$75·50	
Second Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, Va.	81·85	
Third Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, Va.	13·00	
English Lutheran Mission Church	10·00	
Proceeds of a public dinner given by the ladies of Fort Union, Hancock county, and vicinity	135·35	
Rev. John McCormick, U. P. Church, Harrisville, Va.	50·25	
Presbyterian Church, Bellair, Ohio	19·00	
Methodist Congregation, Morgantown, per Rev. B. Isen	27·75	
Presbyterian Church, Holloways, Hancock county	20·00	
Mrs. Clark, Taylor county, Va.	2·00	
Baptist Church, Wheeling	5·00	
Rev. C. Vincent, Shinnston, Harrison county	20·00	
Rev. Geo. W. Hensley, Troy, Va.	20·00	
Presbyterian Church, Fairview, Va.	20·00	
Proceeds of old paper	7·41—	557·77
Per E. Crangle, Treasurer of West Virginia United States Christian Commission.		
School Girls' Fair, Kalamazoo, Michigan, per "M. C. F."		100·00
Ladies' Aid Society, West Finley, Pa., per R. J. Hamer, Secretary		45·00
Christian Commission, Oregon, per W. S. Ladd, Treasurer		236·39
E. G. Heyler, 32d Ohio Regiment, per Rev. Chaplain McCabe		5·00
Mrs. J. P. Streeter, Scriba, N. Y.		1·00
John F. Young, Philadelphia		25·00
Ladies' Christian Commission, Second U. P. Church, Phila., per Mrs. Dr. Dale (add'l)		67·78
Mrs. F. Holmes, East Greenwich, R. I.	$5·00	
Mrs. Louisa Mumford	5·00	
Young Ladies' Circle	2·50	
A Lady	1·00	
Collected at Rev. R. D. Ames Lecture	11·20—	25·20
John C. Farr, Phila. (add'l)		50·00
Ladies' Christian Commission, First Pres. Church of Southwark, per Mrs. S. C. Upham, Treas.		51·00
Contributions received at the Washington Agency, as follows:—		
Protestant Episcopal Mission, Georgetown		44·50
St. John's Church, Washington		130·79
Collected by Rev. O. P. Fitcher		211·40
Marion Township, Ohio		60·00
First Presbyterian Church and Sabbath School, Onondaga Valley, N. Y.		57·75
First Religious Society, Onondaga Hill, N. Y., per Rev. H. M. Higby		8·55
Connecticut Union Club, Washington		18·50
Soldiers' Aid Association, New Hartford, Con.		44·00
W. B. Palmer, Augusta, Michigan		131·00
Presbyterian Church, Seneca Falls, N. Y.		60·29
Orwell, Oswego county, N. Y., per Rev. J. L. George		26·00
Bryon Hammond, Hillsdale, Michigan		5·00
Donations at Alexandria office	$1·21	
Camp Distribution	3·08	
Sundry small sums received at office	18·50	
H. Richey	20·00	

THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS.

New York Avenue Pres. Church	362·58
Wesley Chapel	53·43
McKendree Chapel	21·00
Gorsuch Chapel	6·00
Ninth Street M. P. Church	24·30
Trinity Church	79·00
Calvary Baptist Church	38·39
Bridge Street Pres Church	72·02
Christ Church, Georgetown	27·00—1,485·36

	$33,815·44
Amount previously acknowledged	546,061·41
	$579,876·85

JOS. PATTERSON, Treasurer.

STORES RECEIVED

By U. S. Christian Commission in Philadelphia, for two weeks, ending Dec. 22, 1864:—

Spring Garden Pres. Church—1 box.
Fifth Street M. E. Church—5 shirts.
St. Stephens' M. E. Church—1 box.
Mrs. Stoddart—12 pads, 4 pillow cases.
Edwin Ford—2 gross portable inkstands.
Mrs. M. A. Warwick—1 box.
Penn Relief Association—1 barrel, 4 kegs.
Mrs. Herring—12 pairs woolen socks.

GERMANTOWN.

First Pres. Church, per Mrs. M. D. Hill.
Mrs. Bayard—1 package.

RHINEBURG AND WHITE HALL.

Soldiers' Relief Association—1 barrel, 2 ...
Lottie Ogsetio and Willie—5 pairs mitts.

AMUSEMENTS.

NEW CHESNUT ST. THEATRE.
CHESNUT STREET, ABOVE TWELFTH.
GROVER & SINN,
LESSEES AND MANAGERS.

THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, December 24, EIGHTEENTH GRAND FAMILY MATINEE, when Dion Boucicault's great American drama, in five acts, entitled the
OCTOROON, OCTOROON, OCTOROON, OCTOROON, OCTOROON, OCTOROON, OCTOROON, OCTOROON, OCTOROON, OCTOROON, OCTOROON, OCTOROON,
will be presented, with
MRS. SOPHIE GIMBER KUHN
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Mrs. Sophie Gimber Kuhn
Mrs. Sophie Gimber Kuhn
In her great and artistic rendition of
THE OCTOROON GIRL, ZOE.
The Octoroon Girl, Zoe.
The Octoroon Girl, Zoe.
Price of Admission to the Matinee, 50 cents to all parts of the house.
Children 25 cents. Doors open at 1¼; to commence at 2½.
THIS (Saturday) EVENING, December 24,
GRAND FAREWELL BENEFIT
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AND LAST NIGHT OF
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MRS. SOPHIE GIMBER KUHN,
Mrs. Sophie Gimber Kuhn,
Mrs. Sophie Gimber Kuhn,
who will give her vivid personation of
THE OCTOROON GIRL, ZOE,
The Octoroon Girl, Zoe,
The Octoroon Girl, Zoe,
introducing the Beautiful Song,
Sweet Mississippi, Sweet Mississippi,
Sweet Mississippi, Sweet Mississippi,
assisted by the entire Company in the Grand Chorus.
Come and see this
GREAT PICTURE OF LOUISIANA LIFE.
The Evening's Entertainment will conclude with the amusing Burletta,
THE FIRST NIGHT.
ON CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON,
NINETEENTH GRAND FAMILY MATINEE,
when ALADDIN,
OR, THE WONDERFUL LAMP,
will be presented for the first time this season.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Lessee and Manager..........JOHN T. FORD,
(Also, of the Holliday St. Theatre, Baltimore, Ford's New Theatre, Washington; and the Alexandria, Va., Theatre.)
Stage Manager..........JOHN B. WRIGHT
LAST FOUR NIGHTS
OF
EDWIN FORREST.
THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 26,
EDWIN FORREST
First time this season,
and THE ONLY NIGHT,
He will sustain
His great Indian impersonation of
METAMORA,
METAMORA,
METAMORA,
THE LAST OF THE WAMPANOAGS.
MADAME PONISI..........as..........Nameokee
MISS ALICE GRAY..........as..........Oceana
JOHN McCULLOUGH..........as..........Fitzarnold
TUESDAY EVENING.
EDWIN FORREST
AS
SPARTACUS,
THE
GLADIATOR.
Seats can now be secured for the last four nights of Mr. FORREST'S engagement.
FRIDAY, Dec. 30,
BENEFIT AND LAST NIGHT
OF
EDWIN FORREST.
Doors open 6¾ o'clock. Curtain rises 7¾ o'clock.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.
GRAND GALA NIGHT.
THIS (Saturday) EVENING, December 24,
the charming and accomplished
LUCILLE WESTERN
will appear in the triple character of Henri St. Alme, Hamet, and Lady Mathilde, in Madame Celeste's great Military Drama of
THE FRENCH SPY;
OR, THE STORM OF ALGIERS.
To conclude with the great Melodrama called
NICK OF THE WOODS.
The Jibbenainosay..........Mr. E. L. Tilton
Seats may be secured from 9 till 5 o'clock. Doors open at 6¾ o'clock.

MRS. JOHN DREW'S NEW ARCH ST. THEATRE.
TO-NIGHT (Saturday), December 24,
THE SCHOOL OF REFORM.
Bob Tyke..........J. S. CLARKE
After which the Comedietta of
MR. JACK SHEPPARD.
Simon Pureboy,
Jack Sheppard..........J. S. CLARKE
To conclude with the Comic Drama of
ROBINSON CRUSOE.
Nicobar..........J. S. CLARKE
MONDAY, CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.
OUR AMERICAN COUSIN,
AND JONATHAN BRADFORD.

D. D. HOME (OR HUME), WHOSE INterviews with the EMPEROR OF FRANCE, THE CZAR OF RUSSIA, AND THE NOBILITY OF EUROPE, have given him a world-wide celebrity, will give a SELECT READING AT THE ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS, ON TUESDAY EVENING, December 27, 1864, at 8 o'clock.
Tickets 50 cents; reserved seats 75 cents. For sale at Trumpler's, Seventh and Chesnut sts., and at the Hall. 12-23-5t

ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS.
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HEARTY LAUGH FOR THE HOLIDAYS,
COMMENCING ON SATURDAY EVENING,
December 24 and continuing on
MON. 26, WED. 28, THURS. 29, FRI. 30,
MATINEE ON MONDAY, at 3 P. M.
The distinguished and world renowned artists,
MR. AND MRS. HARRY WATKINS,
MR. AND MRS. HARRY WATKINS,
(Formerly Rosina Shaw),
in a Novel, Humorous, and Elegant Entertainment, entitled
PHOTOGRAPHIANA,
PHOTOGRAPHIANA,
from the pen of the popular author, Charles Gayler, being a comic series of
Eccentric Sketches of Character,
Hits at Social Follies,
Dashes at the Dilletante,
Runs on the Romantics,
Smiles at the Sentimental,
Views of the Vulgar!
This unique style of entertainment was presented by MR. AND MRS. WATKINS for six weeks at Niblo's, New York, to houses crowded by the elite and fashion of the metropolis.
During a tour of four years through England, Ireland, and Scotland,
MR. AND MRS. WATKINS,
had the honor of appearing before the leading nobility and fashion of Great Britain, and by an especial request of the late Duke of Newcastle, a night was set apart for the amusement of the young Prince and Princess of Wales, as a part of the distinguished ceremonies attending their bridal tour.
For full particulars of this charming and delightful style of amusement, see bills of the day.
Admission, 25 cents; Reserved seats 50 cents. Open at 7¼. Begin at 8 o'clock. 12-23-2t

ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS.
SEVENTH CLASSICAL MATINEE
BY THE
PHILADELPHIA CLASSICAL QUINTETTE CLUB,
AT 3 P. M.
WEDNESDAY, December 28.
Single Tickets, at the door, Fifty Cents. 12-24-3t

NATIONAL SKATING PARK.
TWENTY-FIRST and COLUMBIA Avenue.
Splendid Skating This Evening.
PARK BRILLIANTLY ILLUMINATED.
Every Convenience for Ladies and Children. No Liquors on the premises. Ridge Avenue Cars run within one square. 1t

GREAT NATIONAL CIRCUS, WALNUT Street, above EIGHTH.—Directress, Mrs. CHARLES WARNER (formerly Mrs. DAN RICE).
UNPARALLELED ENTHUSIASM, ATTRACTION, AND EXCITEMENT.
The great wild rider of the West,
LE JEUNE BURT,
will appear every evening during the week. He is nightly received with immense applause.
MR. CHARLES REED,
the world-renowned somersault and pirouette equestrian, will also perform during the present week.
YOUNG NICOLO, YOUNG NICOLO,
in a new and daring act.
THE BROTHERS TALLEEN
will gracefully accomplish their daring evolutions on the perilous Trapeze,
SIXTY FEET IN THE AIR.
The programme of entertainment for the present week is rich in developing the gymnastic, acrobatic, equestrian, and pantomimic power, grace, and beauty of the entire corps of artists.
ADMISSION.—First Tier, 50 cents; Second Tier, 25 cents. Private Boxes, $5 and $6.
Performance commences each Evening at 7·40.
Performance on Wednesday and Saturday Afternoons, commencing at 2½ o'clock.
Get your tickets during the day.

CHRIST REJECTED.
This admirable Picture, the greatest production of the painter WEST, is now on exhibition at the
ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS,
No. 1025 CHESNUT Street,
Together with the entire collection of the Institution.
Admittance, TWENTY-FIVE CENTS. 11-12-6m*

EXHIBITION OF WORKS OF ART, FOR the BENEFIT of the CHRISTIAN COMMISSION, at the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS.
An Exhibition of a Private Collection of Works of Art, in Paintings, Sculpture, Water Color, and other Drawings, Engravings, &c., is now open at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, No. 1025 CHESNUT Street, from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M., for the benefit of the Christian Commission.
Admission 25 cents; Season Tickets 50 cents. 11-30-1-1

EXTRA NOTICE!—THE PROPRIETOR OF the first class DRUG STORE, N. E. corner of BROAD and CHESNUT Streets, Begs to announce that, in view of the times, he will (until further notice), Sacrifice his Large and Varied Stock of TOILET ARTICLES. Such as FINE COLOGNES, SPLENDID ODOR CASES, RARE FRENCH AND ENGLISH PERFUMES, POMADES, &c.
Elegant Hair and Tooth Brushes, Combs, &c. And other USEFUL ARTICLES FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS, AT COST, AND SOME TOO.
N. B.—A selected lot of GENUINE IMPORTED HAVANA CIGARS, Of Favorite Brands,
Will be sold on the same favorable terms, if application is made at once. 12-16-10t