THE SEA-SIDE LETTER FROM ATLANTIC CITY.

The "Opening" of the Season-Sur mer Prospects The Spirit of Improvement. [EVH5180 TELEGRAPH SPECIAL CORRESCONDENCE] SURF HOUSE, ATLANTIC CITY, J and 6, 1866 .-For a period so long that during it the memory of man scarcely ever runneth to the contrary, the "opening" of the season at this and all other favorite sea-side resorts has been fixed, by a decree of the fashionable world, for the first of July, or thereabouts. We are rejoiced to see that the proprietors of many of the leading hotels at the different summer resorts in this State have determined to break in upon this absurd custom, and thereby afford to such as dare defy the decrees of fashion an opportunity to escape from the heat and dust and turmoil of the city, even during the month of June. There is, indeed, no reason why one of the best months in the whole year should be entirely ignored in the calendar of the sea-side world. And even if such must continue to be the case. those unfortunate people—their number legion—who have no particular standing fashionable circles, can now drop down to the sea-side, and there grow merry and fat before their more aristocratic neighbors deem such a thing possible of achievement.

On the Way.

Saturday, the 1st of June, being the day appointed, under the new sea side regime, for the opening of the Surf House at this pleasant summer resort, we determined upon repairing thither to witness the "opening" ceremonies. As every one of our readers has, at some time in his or her life, made the lourney to Atlantic City, it is not necessary for us to dwell at any length upon the scenes by the way. The topography of Jersey is proverbial for its variety. For several miles out of Camden one passes fraphy of Jersey, so the for several miles out of Camden one passes through what is aptly styled the garden of the United States. Then comes a dreary monotony of scrub pines, and then a long stretch of low and level country, in much the same predicament as was Holland before it was taken by the Detail, that is to say under water.

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In this latter part of the Journey, there was so little of an attractive character to be seen without, that we suffered ourselves to study the faces and characters of our fellow-travellers. Being established in the smoking car, that we might dispel the heat, on Homocoathic principles, by a counter-irritant, we discovered that we were surrounded by Dutchmen, and enveloped ples, by a counter-irritant, we discovered that we were surrounded by Dutchmen, and enveloped by dust. As for the dust, it was extremely obnoxious; it crept into one's ears, and eyes, and mouth; it made its way down one's back and into one's shoes; behaving, as dust always does behave, in a very disrespectful and annoying manner. The Dutchmen, properly speaking, were not Dutchmen, since not one of them could boast of a Van prefixed to his rame. But the popular method of putting it has rendered the use of the word German somewhat a ffected, and savoring word German somewhat a fleeted, and savoring of an aristocratic flavor. A person who makes his first trip over the Camden and Atlantic Railroad at this season of the year, would be led irresistibly to the conclusion that the afore-said railroad was the great highway to Bohemia or Swabia. At Egg Haroor City, and in its vicinity, the sweet German accent is heard on all sides and in all its original fluency. The rise of this flourishing town is almost marvellous, and can only be compared to that of similar settlements by the same nationality in the Northwest. Its population is given over, body and soul, to lager beer, pretzels, and sourkrout, it is true; but the people are industrious and thrifty, and good, sober citizens in the main. At Egg Harbor City the load of jolly Dutchmen was deposited, and the dust alone was left.

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Just at sunset the ocean came in full view, and the fatigues and annoyances of the journey were forgotten in that feeling of exhibitation which the rumble of its waters and its bracing

"The Opening."

Repairing to the Surf House, we found the place enlivened by what is technically called an "army" of mechanics of all sorts and descriptions, engaged in putting the finishing touches upon the improvements which are to render this commodious establishment even more comfortable and attractive than it was during its first season under the management of Mr. William T. Caleb. But they were not alone, for the trains of Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning brought down quite a large company of city denizens, who were anxious to get a breath of sea air in advance of the thou-sands who are soon to follow them. We learned, on inquiry, that many of the most desirable rooms of this establishment have already been engaged for the greater part of the season, and by way of advice to those who design making it their abode for any length of time, we would say that the sooner they attend to the matter the better will be the accommodations that

they will secure.
One or two of the smaller hotels have been kept open all winter, for the accommodation of guests who have a passion for fishing and shooting, and a few others threw open their doors on Saturday last. In two or three weeks at the most, the United States Hotel and all the others will follow their example, and Atlantic Gity by the 1st of July will again be swarming with seekers of peasure and health.

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In a stroll over the town we noticed many desirable improvements in progress. Several of the notels have been newly painted, to others extensive additions have been made, and altogether about one hundred new houses have been elected, half of them being cottages, after the model of the famous "Cottage by the Sea."

The residents of the town say that the improvements made since the close of the season of 1866 are greater in number than those of several years past, taken altogether. The permanent population, as well as the number of transient pleasure-seekers, is rapidly increasing. The children of the residents who have attended school during the past winter was attended school during the past winter number three hundred and fifty, which would show a total population of about two thousand.

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The shifting sands of Atlantic City have heretofore been one of the greatest drawbacks to its pleasantness as a place of resort. This defect will be greatly remedied within two weeks. The railroad track on the main avenue is lined from one end to the other with large heaps of gravel, and in a fortnight this will all be levelled, and the nuisance of sand and dust heard of no more.

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The absence of an agreeable and attractive drive, which has likewise been a cause of complaint, is also about to be remedied. The City Council has appropriated the sum of three thousand dollars for the laying out and grading of a fine carriage road across the marshy ground to the fast land, which, it is expected, will be entirely completed before the close of the present season. It will be five miles in length, and will fairly rival in attractiveness any similar drive in the country. In the way of insuring the observance of good order and common decency on the part of such

In the way of insuring the observance of good order and common decency on the part of such persons as are disposed to transgress in these respects, a new system in the licensing of places for the sale of liquor has been adopted, and promises to add much to the pleasantness of the place. Hitherto there has been but little restraint thrown about the liquor traffic, and the consequence has been that the most disorderly element in the population of Philadelphia has made a resort to Atlantic City one of the most uproarious events in their uproarious lives. But the City Council has dealined to reissue a license to any of the street booths and low groggeries with which the place formerly abounded. If this new rule is faithfully carried out, and every infringement upon it rigidly punished, Atlantic City will be rendered one of the most attractive summer resorts on the whole Atlantic coast.

The Weather

appears to have settled down in a peaceable mood, and promises to remain thus for some time to come. Last week the thermometer crept the close to the nineties, and all the accompaniments of summer heat attended the rise. But towards the close of the week there was a change, which culminated on Sunday night in a general imaquerade of the elements. A furious storm of wind and rain set in about sunset, and continued to rage during the greater portion of the night. The roar of the waters was almost deafening, and the surf would have been magnificent for bathing had the storm occurred a few weeks later in the season. As it was, such a thing was not to be thought of, for the cold wind sent a shiver through one's frame, even as he lay enveloped in blankets and coveriets. Just sooth of the Surf House, at the distance of about five miles, we discerned with the aid of a glass, the ill starred Santiago de Cuba, holding out bravely against the fury of the tempest. Heing ledged so near the shore, the wind had wheeled.

the stand into position between it and the beach, and on Saturday several persons were able to loard the vessel, by planging through this treacherous pathway on foot. By Monday morning, however, the wind had moderated, and the rain had coused to fall. Since then it has been steadily improving, and a bath in the ocean is not only possible for those who are not afflicted with a predisposition to rheumatism, but highly invigorating as well

The Prospects of the Season, according to all who affect wisdom in that direction, are much better than they have been at any previous date, it is confidently anticipated that the season of 1896 will be thrown into entire insignificance, when compared with the rush and excitement of that which has just been inaugurated. But the large number of new houses already erected, with the additions made to the old establishments, and other improvements now in progress, will tend greatly to relieve the crowding that would have resulted from a stagnation in the building line.

As usual, the daily excursions from Philadelphia, which are rendered so pleasant by reason of the shortness of the railroad journey, will be one of the main features. We append a list of the cangagements which have already been effected with the officers of the Company, as follows:—

The Excursion List. June 27—St. John's Beneficial Society.
July 2—Hedding M. E. Church.
July 6—Baldwin Mutual Relief Association.
July 8—Pennsylvania Lodge, I. O. of O. F.
July 9—Mechanic Steam Fire Engine Com-

July 10—Liberty Council, A. M.
July 11—Ottawa Tent, D. of F.
July 12—West Federal Street M. E. Church.
July 13—Scofield Mills.
July 16—Empire Association, I. O. of O. F.
July 16—Adam Lodge, I. O. of O. F.
July 17—Centennial M. E. Church.
July 18—Grand Division Sons of Temperance.
July 19—Young Men's Union Relief Association.

20—Siloam M. E. Church. 22—Narragausett and Nisgara Tribes of -Ephraim Lodge, I. O. F. and S. O. I. July 24-American Protestant Association.

July 25—St. Francis Xavier.

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July 26—A. P. Relief Association.

July 27—Frankford Lodges, I. O. of O. F.

July 29—Philopatrian Literary Institute.

July 30—Manayunk and Industry Lodges, I. O. July 31-American Pretestant Literary Asso-

August 1—St. Joseph's Church. August 2—E. K. Sharp's, of White Horse. August 3—Banyan Tree and Marion Lodges. August 5—United States Brass Band. Angust 5—United States Brass Band.
August 6—W. Plunis.
August 7—St. Patrick's Church.
August 8—Vigilant Lodge, I. O of O. F.
August 9—Quaker City Lodge,
August 10—Merrick & Sons' employes.
August 12—Concord Chapter, U. O. of D.
August 18—Pequod Tribe. I. O. of R. M.
August 14—Mount Horeb Encampment, I. O.

August 15—Norristown Lodges, I. O. of O. F. August 19—Adelphi Lodge, I. O. of O. F. August 20—Reliance and Rising Sun Councils, A. M.

August 21-St, Augustine's Church, August 22—Camden Lodges, A. M August 24—Munday's Moonlight.

August 26—Bricklayers' Association.
August 25—Bricklayers' Association.
August 25—Atlantic Lodge, I. O. of O. F.
August 25—St. Philip's Lodge.
With this long list of pleasure seekers, we will close our first instalment for the season from "the City by the Sea."

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

"TREES."-REV. DR. MARCH
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To-morrow Morning. MARKET SQUARE PRESBYTE-RIAN CHURCH, GERMANTOWN,—Rev. J. P. WILSON, D. D., of Newark, N. J., will preach in this church To-morrow Morning at 10% o'clock.

GERMANTOWN SECOND PRES-BYTERIAN CHURCH, TULPEHOCKEN and GREEN Streets.—Preaching To-morrow at 10% A. M. by Rev., FRANCIS HEYL, Jr., and at 7% P. M. by Rev. J. P. WILSON, of Newark, N. J.

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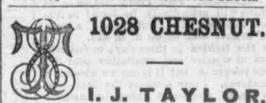
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