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Military Education in Colleges.

Among the measures affecting the best interests of the country which will be brought before the present session of Congress, is that of a proposed system of national military education, by means of which all the leading colleges of the country will be enabled to contribute their quota of the officers of our regular army.

This bill provides that one college in each State, and for every excess of one million of population over the first million, an additional institution, shall receive the benefits of the measure. These colleges, however, are required to possess facilities for the liberal education of one hundred male students, and grounds suitable for military exercises.

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The great fact to be kept in view in all attempts at reform, should be to secure purity and simplicity in its collection, and to do away with the twenty thousand tax gatherers who are to-day, like the lousts of Egypt, devouring the fruits of the land. That there is wide room for reform is acknowledged by all.

Such is a meagre outline of the plan submitted to Congress; but in the bill attention is paid to all the details, and as a whole the system is perhaps the best that could be devised. We think, however, that it contains one radical defect. No assignment of a college graduate to a command is to be made until the entire list of West Point graduates is exhausted.

the establishment of another expensive military institution, or the increase of the facilities of the West Point Academy at equally great expense. Aside from the demands of our army, the proposed system will be of great benefit to the colleges which are to be embraced in it.

Reform in Our Revenue System—The Duty on Tobacco.

We stated some time since our belief that, if the present duty on whisky, tobacco, deerskins, and tariff could be properly collected, sufficient revenue would be secured to Government to meet all its annual expenses, and the interest on our national debt.

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Notwithstanding the laudable effort of General Grant to reduce the regular army to the lowest footing compatible with the safety of the country, the Military Academy will prove insufficient in capacity to furnish it hereafter with properly educated officers.

The New York Herald states that the sales of dry goods by H. B. Claflin, of New York, during the past three years, have been:—In 1865, \$73,000,000 worth; in 1866, \$85,000,000; in 1867, \$87,000,000; total, \$245,000,000.

ST. DOMINGO.

Barre entrenched in Port-au-Platte—A skirmish in the town—Death of a United States Consul. Late intelligence from Port-au-Platte, of the 6th of December, by way of Turke Island, has been received. The insurgents (Baez's party) have made a stronghold of the town, being before it, and the Dominican troops, which are stationed at the fort, cannot therefore enter.

The Menken. The famous Menken has closed her brief engagements at Astor for Birmingham and the provinces; at once, and will probably visit New York en route for California, before the New Year. She played only Moxie here, and when that was played out the management could not afford to get up a new piece for her. It is intended that she should be met by T. Smith for breach of contract. She now has in press at Moxie's a volume of original poems, which some say is to be dedicated to Dickens, and others to Scribner.

Foreign Exchange. It appears that during the four months commencing with June 1st, we accumulated an adverse balance of \$24,900,000 in gold. Since that period, we have exported, in the form of Western produce, and sent a considerable quantity of cotton to Europe. The shipments of cotton from all ports, since September 1st, aggregate 245,000 bales against 183,000 bales for the same period last year; but cotton during that period has ruled at about the price of last year. It is very clear that the value of our present exports of produce is not sufficient to cover our maturing obligations on account of the importations of late months.

A Sensible Virginia Farmer. In a speech at the close of a fair held in North Carolina, a Mr. W. King, of Virginia, has induced a man in my eye, who, when Richmond fell, had due him but \$80; he rented a farm for \$100, and bought a mule for \$400, and the first year he made \$1500, hiring no other labor than what he could get for the price of \$1000 for one hundred acres, and has sold \$3000 worth of wheat, having almost paid his rent in raising vegetables, etc., and his profits are between \$2000 and \$2500 a year. He has induced me to go about with long face and complain of having nothing to do! When Richmond fell, Mr. President, I was fifty years old, and have been delicate all my life; I went into the field and ploughed regularly, and made a good crop and sold my mule for \$1000 for your money, and they can't work; it's a shame—a burning shame!

Franks of a Maniac. A man named Dumont, a small farmer at Chevenoz, France, was seized recently with a fit of madness. During the fit, he was armed with a heavy cavalry sabre, he suddenly rushed out of his house, dragging with him his three little children. Encountering his nephew, who endeavored to restrain him, he cut him down and left him dead on the spot. Having arrived at Vindzier at the moment when the people were going to mass, he threw himself on a woman, then on a child, and again on another woman, and sabred them in a merciless manner. The inhabitants were greatly terrified, and at length one Trossy, a soldier on leave of absence, succeeded, with the aid of some other young men, in securing the maniac and carrying him off prisoner to his own house. Dumont was soon after arrested by the gendarmes. One of the women attacked by him is in a desperate state, and the others are severely wounded.

Kills vs. Trowers. The 78th Highlanders, now stationed at Montreal, are having a severe test of their powers of endurance during the winter. At present there has been only about three inches of snow, the weather has been extremely cold, and frosted ears and faces are very common. Until a few days ago most of the soldiers wore the kilts, but they are now allowed to wear trousers, and most of them have so far conceded their rights as to adopt the new order. The pipers, however, having objected, are allowed to wear the kilts. Before the adoption of the trousers the men might have been seen with bare legs, while on their hands they had very large and comfortable gloves. The 78th is the regiment the sound of whose pibroch was so welcome to the besieged garrison at Lucknow, in India, during the Sepoy rebellion.

PROGRESS IN MANUFACTURES.

J. B. Dobbin's "Electric Soap" Manufactory, at Sixth Street and Germantown Avenue.

We are living in a fast age. The slow coach of the last century has been superseded in the present by lightning speed. Whether waapping this rule to our rapid means of travel and telegraphic intercourse, the acceleration of great public events, or the achievements of individual enterprise, the truth of it is equally apparent. Time was, when to establish a large and successful manufacturing business of any kind was a labor of years, and even of succeeding generations; but in this age of Ideas and Printers' Ink, the step from conception to consummation is reduced to a matter of months.

The capacity of his present edifice is 500,000 (five hundred thousand) pounds of soap per month, the regular demand for it having already attained the enormous sum of 200,000 (two hundred thousand) pounds per month. The structure is substantially built, and commodiously arranged in every part for the saving of labor, the lower walls being twenty-two inches thick, and the floors throughout the three stories of the best quality of heart pine.

Without consulting Mr. Dobbin, we will here take the liberty of exposing what we deem a chief secret of his wonderful success. Hitherto it has been the policy and aim of soap manufacturers to ascertain how cheaply it was possible to produce a lump of soap of a given size. Mr. Dobbin set out with a determination to demonstrate how much washing property could be put into a piece of soap of the same size. The result, as we are forced to admit from our own knowledge, has been marvellous. From Maine to Mexico the high claims that are made for Dobbin's Electric Soap are gratefully acknowledged in thousands of families and hundreds of public institutions.

One singular fact in the history of this soap is that from the commencement the increased demand for it has been steady and gradual. No one month during the whole period has fallen behind the preceding month, and in some instances the monthly increase has been astonishingly large. In September of this year the demand for this article exceeded by 10,000 (ten thousand) pounds that of any previous month in its history; and with the present enlarged facilities for its manufacture, and the great name the soap is acquiring wherever it is introduced, cannot fail to render the ratio of increase even greater than this throughout the country at large.

An advertisement always follows success, we may mention in passing that Mr. Dobbin is now the subject of general congratulation, some of his former critics even going so far as to rate him a "prophet"—on these grounds—Some months before Mr. D. erected his present edifice, his large delivery wagon had painted upon its sides the picture of an immense manufactory. This was while he was yet operating in a comparatively small building down town. Those who knew the facts laughingly remarked, "That was a cheap mode of building big factories." Now that his new structure not only equals the pictorial representation on his wagon, but greatly exceeds it in magnitude and appearance, these knowing ones give Mr. D. credit for having simply, in a modest way, discounted the future. Our own judgment, however, is that Mr. Dobbin has some ambition of being among the prophets! Why not? With the facilities now possessed by Mr. Dobbin, and his practical ingenuity, we are not surprised to learn that he contemplates shortly bringing out a new article—Bleaching for Boots—that is likely to create as profound a sensation as his Electric Soap. It certainly will, if what is claimed for it be realized. Mr. Dobbin proposes to manufacture, for popular use, a bleaching for boots, while it will be thoroughly waterproof, even to keeping out the obnoxious railroad brine, will preserve the leather as soft and pliable as buckskin. We have good authority for stating that this invaluable new article will speedily be given to the public. In fact, it has not having been already introduced is solely due to its proprietor's other engagements incident to his removal to his new building.

An announcement will accompany the forthcoming article, that "fifty cents' worth of the bleaching will save one dollar's worth of boots." As an investment, therefore, Mr. Dobbin's new issue will be better than Governments, with principle and interest payable in gold!

The public will anxiously await the new wonder, and in the meantime please and enjoy the marvellous virtues of the "Electric Soap."

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

LA BELLE FRANCE ECLIPSED.—A letter just received by Phinon & Son from an American lady in Paris, containing an order for two cases of the "Blossoming Crown," concludes with these words: "Votre parfum est le meilleur du monde."—Yours is the best perfume in the world! Remember, this is from the capital of the world of Fashion!—Green Bay Advocate.

BUSINESS EDUCATION.

IMPORTANT TO PARENTS AND YOUNG MEN. THE QUAKER CITY BUSINESS COLLEGE

FIFTH AND CHESNUT STREETS, PHILADELPHIA. Offers special inducements to all who enter this week for the New Year. For further particulars apply at the office, or send for circulars. 1226st

SUNDAY EVENING SACRED CONCERTS AT CONCERT HALL.

Attention is respectfully called to the material of the first Concert which will take place at CONCERT HALL on SUNDAY EVENING, the 29th inst. An engagement has been effected with the renowned prima Donna, lately arrived from Europe, MADAME ELIZA LUMLEY. From the Grand Opera of Paris, Milan, and London, and who created such a furore at the Theatre of the Grand Opera, London, and who had the honor of singing the parts of Lucia, Empress of Austria, King of Bavaria and other crowned heads, and who has since been engaged through the influence of Mr. Hassler's friends in the musical world. A number of the best vocalists of the city will be present to perform the most beautiful pieces of the grand opera. The public's most obedient servant, MARK HASSLER.

BETHLEHEM MORAVIAN CHRISTIAN MINUTE REPRESENTATION OF NATURAL SCENERY.

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UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION, Paris, 1867.—STEINWAY & SONS TRIUMPHANT. Having been awarded the First Grand Gold Medal for American Grand Square and Upright Pianos of the unanimous verdict of the International Jury, this Medal is distinctly claimed first in order of merit. Over all other American Exhibitors. And over more than four hundred Pianos entered for competition by nearly all the most celebrated manufacturers in Europe. FOR SALE ONLY. 1226st

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WILLIAM FARWELL, AUCTIONEER.

No. 143 & 145 CHESNUT STREET, Philadelphia, Dec. 26, 1867. CLOSING SALE OF THE SEASON OF BOOTS AND SHOES. ON MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30, McLELLAND & CO., AUCTIONEERS, will sell at their Store, No. 503 MARKET Street, a large and superior assortment of BOOTS, SHOES, BROGANS, etc. to close engagements for the present season, when buyers will find it to their interest to attend. McLELLAND & CO., Auctioneers, 1226 3/4st No. 503 MARKET Street.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Subscriber offers his ENTIRE STOCK of USEFUL HOUSE FURNISHING AND FANCY GOODS AT GREAT SACRIFICE, TO CLOSE BUSINESS BY JANUARY 1. FIXTURES FOR SALE. WILLIAM FARWELL, No. 143 & 145 CHESNUT STREET, Philadelphia, Dec. 26, 1867. CLOSING SALE.—Saturday, December 28, 1867. KELTY, CARHINGTON & CO'S Stock at store, No. 725 CHESNUT Street. Consisting of Brocades, Terry, Reps, as in de-laines damasks elegant bordered best lace and English Nottinghams curtains, curtain materials, piano and table covers, window shades, furniture coverings and upholsteries, and all kinds of goods. Also three sets black walnut high-class furniture and large quantity, well assorted goods. 1226st