#### NEW YORKISMS.

From Our Own Correspondent. NEW YORK, Jan. 16, 1869.

THE SWINDLERS AND THE SWINDLED. Occasionally humanity seems to resolve itself into two great classes, one of which resides in New York and likes to swindle, and the other of which resides out of New York and likes to be swindled. One is an active party and the other is a passive; one a big swindler, and the other, for the most part, a tribe of small swindlers. The big awindlers are forever darting about from place to place, changing their names like signboards to a pantomime, vanishing and turn-Ing up at onsuspected places, like the harlequia pursued by the unsuccessful clown. The little swindlers address plaintive notes to the Super-Intendent of Police, but never dare to lodge a formal complaint or to institute a suit.

The people who run these swindles are in league with one another. The medical swindle. the gift swindle, the dollar store swindle, the partner-advertisement swindle, the charitable swindle, the grand concert swindle, are all conjoined. The physician whose sands of life have nearly run out is identical with the cclebrated herb doctress; the retired clergyman who is anxious to benefit his race if a stamped envelope be sent him is twin brotner to the Indian the fame of whose liniment has extended to the ends of the earth. But it is the men who advertise the great gift swindles who find at once their willing dupre and partners to their frauds on the inhabitants of almost every town and city in the Union.

These first-class swindlers impose per-onally in many cases by the splender or their physique and the unexceptionapleness of their attire. They impose, in a business way, by the extent and magnificence of the offices they engage, and the quantity of account-books, ledgers, circulars, check-books, and business paraphernalia which they dusplay. They provide themselves with directories to every town and city of the Union which possesses one, and when they are unable to obtain names they resort to post office lists. They address thousands of letters to individuals whose names are thus chosen hap-hazard, informing each one that the ticket he holds has drawn such or such a prize. The parties to whom such letters are addressed never purchased any ticket, and do not hold any. Each one, however, supposes that a mistake is made, that a letter has reached him intended for some other person, and that in due time he will come into possession of the prize cor, esponding with the number of the ticket which he is informed he holds. All that he is requested to do is to forward within ten days the sum of \$10, the percentage on the prize to which he is entitledand which is variously represented as a gold watch, a Steinway or Chickering plane, or a \$200 diamend ring. By forwarding the \$10 he thus becomes a party to the fraud. He is silently cor niving at a cheat, and laying claim to property which he believes some other person is entitled to. That he should do so gives us a rather humiliating idea of human nature, but perhaps people who have seen much of the dark side of life are prepared to externin ideas of that nature. At any rate, it is a fact that threefourths of the parties to whom such circulars are addressed will forward the Sie named, and quickly acticipate the arrival of a prize which they cannot help believing is really the property of some other person. This is the reason why gift swindles are such a gigantic success. There are more than two dozen in this city, and of all kinds i probably two thousand would be a number pearer the mark. The circular which informs the party to whom it is addressed that a prize has been drawn, likewise particularly requests him neither to call nor send for it, and gives as a remon that the business of the office is so extensive that onless this rule were adopted the cierks would be overrun with callers and unable to attend to the demands of any. It requests the drawer to expect the delivery of the prize within ten or twelve days; and it is needless to say that the drawer goes on expecting, until expectation ceases to be a virtue.

The dollar stores are a less pefarious branch of the same magnificent fraud. A handsome store and eligible site are selected, and shelves windows, counters, and cases are packed with everything calculated to attract the eye. Acove all, "one benared beautiful young ladies," who have at once a rouged and woe-begone appearance, are engaged to fascinate male purchaserinto the delusive belief that as much there can be got for \$1\_as anywhere else for \$10. On everything that is sold at these dollar stores you may be sure that the proprietor makes a handsome profit. All these guittering pinchbeck articles are made for the occasion, and it is only bumpkins-be they city bumpkins or country bumpkins-who will purchase with the expectation of getting their money's worth,

When the gift enterprise is got up under pretense of a charitable purpo-c, the willing victims to whom circulars are sent fiatter themselves that by one little act of dishonesty they are doing good to the pour and needy. They reverse the anhorism, and horrow the livery of the Devil to serve heaven in.

An advertisement for a partner is a very frequent swindling dodge. A young man is wanted, with a few hundred dollars capital, to engage in an honorable and lucrative basiness. Some smart fool, who has saved a few hunered dollars out of his tegitimate business, answers to the advertisement, and is half initiated into the mysteries of some gift swindling concern, the proprietors of which are the advertisers in question. The immense number of letted; containing money are laid before his astonished eyes, and he is induced to believe that by in. vesting what he possesses he will in a few months realize several thousands for every hundred so sunk. He invests. The firm suddenly collapses, like the dream of a dream, and even if he should ever discover listwheresbouts, he dere not prosecute, knowing himself to have been a partner in the trand.

The fools that are swindled by medical adverdiscments are not, perhaps, so much to binine. All the retired clergyman, or Old Sands of Life, or the Indian physician, or the herb doctors ask is a stamped envelope bearing the address of the party wishing the specific forwarded. Nothing could be chesper or simpler, and the envelope and stamp are forwarded. This is only the first step, however, and in spite of Madame Dudevant's wittietsm, it is the second and every subsequent step that are found to "cost" as well as the first. When the recipe is forwarded, it is such as scarcely any druggist in a small town (from which replies to medical

convenience, for the simple reason that he has not the material on band. To the recipe the retired clerayman has probably attached a few lines to the effect that if it is impossible to procure the articles named in the neighborhood, he will undertake to get the recipe prepared in New York if his correspondent will torward him from three to five dollars. Very often the money is sent. Twenty thousand answers, each containing from three to five dollars, may come back to the retired clergyman if he works the matter right. Very often he returns no replies, but sometimes he forwards some preparation which costs bim from twenty to thirty cents. In all cases he makes a vast sum of money, and when his victims rule him out in the metropolis, they will find the apartments vacant, or people of a very different description occupying them.

New York is the great emporium for swindles of this description. They are New York isms of the first water. Nor, in nine cases out of ten, are the victims to the gift swindles to be nitied. For the victim is usually an accessoryin whatever other light he may cousider him self, and dare not prosecute from the very fear of self-conviction. ALI BARA.

#### MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements. AT THE WALNUT Mr. J. E. McDonough will appear as "Old Tom" in Boucleaut's drawns of After Dark this afternoon and evening.

AT THE ARCH Daly's drama of A Fush of Lightning will be given this evening.

AT THE THEATER COMIQUE Miss Susan Galton and troupe will appear in the operatta of 60" this afternoon and evening.

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AT THE AMERICAN there will be performances this afternoon and evening.
The Philadelphia Philaemonic So-CIETY'S first grand concert of the season will be given at the Academy of Music this evening. Beethoven's "Seventh Symphony" and other first-ciase music will be given by an orchestra of sixty-five performers. Mad'the Camilla Ucsa, the young violinist, and Mr. C. H. Jarvis, the plantst, will appear. Tickets can be produced by new subscribers at the office of the Society, No. 1102 Chesnut street, and at the Academy.

There will be no reserved seats.

CALL SENTE and Mark Hassier's Orchestra
will give a performance this afternoon at Musical Fund Hall. cai Fund Hall.

DR. J F. BOYNTON will give a series of lectures on scientific subjects, commencing on Wednesday evening, Jan. 20. The tectures will be illustrated by stereoscopic views and interesting experiments. The subject of the first lecture will be "World Making." Tickets for the course, \$3; single admission, 50 cents; reserved sears, 75 cents. The opening sale of tickets will commence on Monday next at Goold's piano rooms, No. 923 Chesnut street, George Francis Frain, Esq., will lecture at Concert Hall this evening on the subject of "Train versus John Bull and his English Bastile."

Bastile."
MR. DAVIS B. CASSEDAY will lecture on the ME. DAVIS B. CASSIDAT WILL return on the subject of "True Womanhood" at Concert Hall on Monday evening. Tickets can be procured at Trumpler's, No. 926 Chesnut street. Miss Pauling Brewster Sayrite will de-liver a lecture at the Amateurs' Drawing Room,

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P. EDSON, in the 58th year of her age.
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invited to attend the funeral, from her inte residence.
No. 461 N. beventh street, on Second-day afternoon,
the 18th Instant, at 2 o'nock.
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PRIMROSE—At Ballimore, on the 15th instant, MARY PRIMROSE, relect of V Primrose, in the 77th year of her age.

Funeral at Chinton Street Presbyterian Church, on Monday, the 18th instant at 2% o'clock P. M. \*

ROBERTS—On Friday, the 15th instant, J ENE E., wife of Solom: n W. Roberts, and daughter of Ell wood Shannon, in the 55th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Monday attendent, 'he 18th intant, at 3 o'clock, without further notice from her huntand's residence, No. 1850 S. Ritsenhouse equare. To proceed to Woodiards Cemetery.

SNYDERE—On the 14th instant, EDWARD SNY-SNYDER.—On the 14th instant, EDWARD SNY-DER, to the 58th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respect-fully invited to attend the funeral, from his late resi-dance. No. 27 West Unity street, Frankford, on San-day morning, January 17, at 11 o'clock, without fur-ther notice. Interment at Cedar Illin Gemetery.

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