

NEGRO PATOIS AND ITS HUMOR.

Worcester defines patois to be a rustic dialect. It has outgrown that meaning. French, as spoken by the educated class in Montreal; Spanish in the best circles of Chili; Italian in Genoa; German as you recede from Hanover; and even English in the speech of the Chinese millionaires of Victoria and San Francisco— as compared with the dialects of Paris and Madrid, Berlin, Rome, and Oxford—are patois; but surely they are at the farthest possible remove from the rustic. Patois will have a more generic meaning when philologists tell us what is in the organs of speech, or in the brain behind and above, that makes the English, or any other living language, always the same in variation and tone in the articulate sounds of any particular race—brogue in the Irishman, accent in the educated German, "pigeon Yankee" in the Chinaman, or gibberish—no! to put too fine a point upon the word—in the native African; why every Hebrew has a voice inclining to the nasal, and every Spaniard to the guttural; why there is a burr on the Scotchman's tongue, and a frog in the throat of the London alderman? There is a world of knowledge in that direction, which science has explored and reveal in the future.

after the other, unless accompanied by the request, "all at the same time," or, in their own language, "go fetch 'em come; both two, one time!" This patois, barbarous as it seems, is adopted by every one on the African coast in speaking to the natives. Its idiom is peculiar. There are no particles. The words are pregnant with sententious brevity. There is something about their very nakedness that tickles the fancy, and no one ever hears the speech for the first time without laughter. In reference to something wanted, if at hand, but not of importance enough to warrant trouble, a leading Sierra-Leone merchant said to the native boy he had brought with him to England:—"No go far make trouble; 'sposn 'em lib dere; your eye catch 'em; fetch 'em come; both two, one time"—i. e., "Do not trouble yourself; but if they are at the place indicated, and your eye catches them, bring them back with you."

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PROPOSALS. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, PHILADELPHIA, January 16, 1870. Sealed Proposals will be received until 3 P. M. on the 1st day of MARCH, 1870, for Printing and binding the "Stamped Envelopes" and "Newspaper Wrappers" which this Department may require during a period of four years, commencing 1st of July, 1870, viz:—

- STAMPED ENVELOPES. No. 1. Note size, 2 1/2 by 4 1/2 inches, of white paper. No. 2. Ordinary letter size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches, of white, buff, canary, or cream-colored paper, in such proportion of either as may be required. No. 3. Full letter size (ungummed on flap, for circulars), 2 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches, of same colors as No. 2, and under a like condition as to the proportion of each. No. 4. Full letter size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches, of same colors as No. 2, and under a like condition as to the proportion of each. No. 5. Extra letter size (ungummed on flap, for circulars), 2 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches, of same colors as No. 2, and under a like condition as to the proportion of each. No. 6. Extra letter size, 2 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches, of same colors as No. 2, and under a like condition as to the proportion of each. No. 7. Official size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches, of same colors as No. 2, and under a like condition as to the proportion of each. No. 8. Extra official size, 4 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches, of same colors as No. 2, and under a like condition as to the proportion of each.

NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS. 6 1/2 by 9 1/2 inches, of buff or manilla paper. All the above proposals to be enclosed with postage stamps of such denominations, styles, and colors, and to bear such printing on the face, and to be made in the most substantial manner of paper of approved quality, manufactured specially for the purpose, with such water marks or other devices to prevent imitation as the Postmaster-General may direct. The envelopes to be thoroughly and perfectly gummed, the gumming on the flap of each (except circulars) to be put on not less than 1/2 inch in width the entire length. The wrappers to be gummed not less than three-fourths of an inch in width across the top. All envelopes and wrappers must be banded in parcels of twenty-five, and packed in strong pasteboard or straw boxes, each to contain not less than two hundred and fifty of the letter or extra letter size, and one hundred each of the official or extra official size, separately. The newspapers to be wrapped and sealed, or securely fastened in such manner as to be easily and safely transported by mail for delivery by postmasters. When two thousand or more envelopes are required to fill the order of a postmaster, they must be packed in strong wooden cases, well strapped with hoop-iron, and addressed; when less than two thousand are required, proper labels of direction, to be furnished by an agent of the Department, must be placed upon each package by the contractor. Wooden cases, containing envelopes of various sizes, and transported by water routes, must be provided with suitable water-proofing. The whole to be done under the inspection and direction of an agent of the Department. The envelopes and wrappers must be furnished and delivered in a reasonable despatch, complete in all respects, ready for use, and in such quantities as may be required to fill the orders of postmasters; the deliveries to be made either at the Post Office Department, or at such other places as may be designated by the Postmaster-General, or at the office of an agent duly authorized to inspect and receive the same; the place of delivery to be at the option of the Postmaster-General, and the cost of delivering as well as all expenses of packing, addressing, labeling, and water-proofing, to be paid by the contractor. Bidders are notified that the Department will require, as a condition of the contract, that the envelopes and wrappers shall be manufactured and stored in such manner as to ensure the greatest safety from fire or theft. The manufacturer must at all times be subject to the inspection of an agent of the Department, who will require the stipulations of the contract to be faithfully observed. The dies for embossing the postage stamps on the envelopes and wrappers are to be extended to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General, and the style, and they are to be provided, renewed, and kept in order at the expense of the contractor. The Department reserves the right of requiring new dies for any change of denomination of stamps to be used, and any changes of dies or colors shall be made without extra charge. The stamps on envelopes and wrappers now in use may be seen at any of the principal post offices, but these specimens are not to be regarded as the style and quality fixed by the Department as a standard for the new contract; bidders are therefore invited to submit specimens of other and different qualities and styles, including the paper proposed, as well as the manufactured envelopes, wrappers, and boxes, and make their bids accordingly. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose proposal, although it be not the lowest, is considered most advantageous to the Department, taking into account the price, quality of the samples workmanship, and the sufficiency and ability of the bidder to manufacture and deliver the envelopes and wrappers in accordance with the terms of this advertisement, and no proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a sufficient and satisfactory guarantee. The Postmaster-General also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, if in his judgment the interests of the Government require it. Before closing a contract the successful bidder may be required to prepare new dies, and submit impressions thereof. THE USE OF THE PASTEUR DISH MAY OR MAY NOT BE CONTINUED. Bonds, with sufficient and efficient securities, in the sum of \$20,000, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as required by the seventh section of the act of Congress, approved the 30th of August, 1856, and the terms of the contract will be made quarterly, after proper adjustment of accounts. The Postmaster-General reserves to himself the right to annul the contract whenever the same, or any part thereof, is offered for sale for the purpose of speculation; and under no circumstances will a transfer of the contract be sanctioned to any party who shall be, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, less able to fulfill the conditions thereof than the contractor. The right is also reserved to annul the contract for a failure to perform faithfully any of its stipulations. The number of envelopes of different sizes, and of wrappers issued to Postmasters during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1869, was as follows, viz:— No. 1. Note size—1,114,000. No. 2. Ordinary letter size; (not heretofore used). No. 3. Full letter size, (ungummed, for circulars)—1,250,000. No. 4. Full letter size—67,967,500. No. 5. Extra letter size, (ungummed, for circulars)—345,500. No. 6. Extra letter size—4,264,500. No. 7. Official size—694,000. No. 8. Extra official size—1700. Wrappers—2,500,000. Bids should be securely enveloped and sealed, marked "Proposals for Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers," and addressed to the Chief Assistant Postmaster-General, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C. JOHN A. J. CREWELL, Postmaster-General.

PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF RIFLED CANNON, ETC. BUREAU OF ORDNANCE, NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON CITY, February 1870. Sealed Proposals for the purchase of 30-pounder and 30-pounder Parrott Rifles, with Carriages, Implements, and Accessories, may be sent to the Navy Yard at Portsmouth, N. H.; Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, and Norfolk, will be received at this Bureau until 9 o'clock noon, January 31, 1870. In the aggregate there are about 290 Guns, 354 Carriages, and 36,157 Projectiles. Schedules in detail of the articles at each yard, and the form to be filled up and returned to this Bureau, will be furnished on application to this Bureau. Bidders will state the number of guns, carriages, implements, and projectiles they desire to purchase, and file them separately, specifying the calibre of gun, kind of carriage, whether broadside or pivot, and the kind of projectile. The guns, etc., will be delivered at the respective navy yards, and must be removed by the purchaser or purchasers within ten days after the acceptance of the articles, and the contract will be made of any article until the parties purchasing shall have deposited with the paymaster of the navy yard the full amount of the purchase money in cash.

PHILOSOPHY OF MARRIAGE.—A New Course of Lectures, as delivered at the New York Museum of Anatomy, embracing the subjects:—Love, Marriage, and What is for Youth, Sanity, and Old Age; Marital Generally; The Causes of Indigestion; Patience and Nervous Diseases Accounted for; Marriage Philosophically Considered, etc. etc. Pocket volumes containing these Lectures will be forwarded, post paid, on receipt of 25 cents, by addressing W. LEAHY, Jr., S. E. corner of FIFTH and WALNUT STREETS, Philadelphia. JOHN FARNUM & CO., COMMISSION MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS OF CONNECTION TICKETS, etc. No. 30 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA. JET GOOD NEWEST STYLES DIKONS, No. 22 S. MICHIGAN Street 15 1/2