# THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1870.

#### A PASTORAL. SHE.

"Gentle shepherds, tell me, pray, Has my Colin come this way? He chants a rustic ritornella, And bears a crook-on his umbrella.

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Say, then, gentle shepherds, say, Has my Colin passed this way ? "White his shirt front as new milk,

Soft his whiskers are as silk, He drives no flock, the darling man, But wears a vost of Astrahan.

Say then, gentle shepherds, say, Has my Colin passed this way?

"Every morning forth he hies, While the milkmaid rubs her eyes, With hasty steps he eastward goes,

Upon a Bank to seek repose. Then, gentle shepherds, tell me, pray, Has my Colin passed this way?

POLICEMAN.

"If the party as you mean— Which 'is name is Peter Green— Is a clork with Cash and Co., Then I see him thither go

(But don't henceforth address me thus-I ain't no shepherd) on a 'bus.

"His pipe-I do not mean a floot-Appeared to be of brier-root, Where yonder boy's a-blacking shoes, He stopped and bought a Daily News, Then mounted (I'm no shepherd cuss!) Upon the knifeboard of the 'bus." -London Fun.

### A PEEP BEHIND THE SCREEN.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

It is an old saying that half the world does not know how the other half lives. Between us and our neighbors a great social gulf is fixed, or a cold and impenetrable mist of antipathy hangs, or a screen of some kind intervenes. But occasionally there is vouchsafed to us a hurried peep behind thatscreen; and then, in a twinkling of an eye, there are revealed to our astonished senses curious phases of existence and satisfactory explanations of puzzling phenomena. For instance, men who had no fear of forty shillings damages before their eyes, met together lately for the publicly avowed purpose of committing "a combined assault upon Satan. The reason of so violent a proceeding at the particular juncture was to seek; and it has been found. Whoever would peep behind the screen must keep his eye upon the advertisement sheets of newspapers. Now the assaulting party above mentioned, being composed for the most part of elergymen, would naturally be well up in the contents of all the sporting papers. They would, therefore, undoubtedly have seen the following announcement:-

"His Satanic Majesty purposes holding a series of banquets, levees, and drawing-rooms at Pandemo-nium during the ensuing autumn, to which about 10,000 of his faithful disciples will be invited. H. S.

10,000 of his faithful disciples will be invited. H. S. M. will, at those drawing-rooms and receptions, number a lot of beasts, and distribute a series of rewards, varying in value from £100 to 10s, of her Britannic Majesty's money. "Tickets one shilling each, application for which must be made by letter to H. S. M.'s Chamberlain, Mr. W. S. M. Street, C. No personal application must be made, and no notice will be taken of those which do not contain a directed and stamped envelope for reply. The last drawing-room held a few days before the Feast of the Croydon Steeplechases, tickets of admission to which must be applied for before November 26."

From which it would appear that the enemy is bodily amongst us, and has taken up his uarters, as might have been expected, with the sporting fraternity. It is hardly necessary to draw attention to the happy manner in which the announcement suggests that pro-fanity is inseparable from steeple chasing. Another peep behind the scenes of clerical life is afforded in the following advertisement:-

"Will the Rev. T. R. A., who forwarded his carte-

ing to his lonely grazing-grounds, found that he had miscalculated the hardness of hisheart, and that he could not live without the Hebe who had put a charm into his beer. Apropos of refreshments and the inveiglement of rustic swains may be quoted an advertisement which shows that intelligent purveyors do not depend for patronage entirely upon the soundness and excellence of their wines:---

"WANTED, A YOUNG LADY, of prepossessing ap-pearance, for a retail wine establishment in London. Apply by letter, enclosing carte-de-visite and stating particulars of last situation and salary required, to A. B., 97, B..., E. C."

Two or three peeps may now be afforded to prove that unconventional methods of proceeding, where the two sexes are concerned, appear sometimes to entail trouble and disappointment, and possibly considerable disadvantage. For instance:-

"H\*\*\*0,-Should this meet the eyelof the gentleman of the above name, he is requested by the Young Lady he left in Charlotte street, Fitzroy square, on Sunday morning, Oct. 31, to meet her at the corner of Oxford street and Great Portland street, on Wed-nesday or Thursday next, at eight P. M."

It looks very much as if the gentleman and lady had separated to attend their respective parish churches and had never met again; nor does the wording of the advertisement suggest the picture of a true knight searching diligently for the lady of his love. Here again:

"If this should meet the eye of the party who met a lady on the 21st of November, between seven and half-past eight (called himself a gentleman), he is earnestly requested to appoint another meeting, and explain why he did not meet the lady on the 26th. Still yours, A. G."

Still yours, A. G." It is not often that any one has the oppor-tunity of "calling himself a gentleman," but, when such an opportunity has offered itself, it must be doubly galling to be described as "a party;" no other words could so fully tes-tify to the bitterness of the fair advertiser's indignation. Yet she puts "still yours;" she does not dismiss the "party," but shows how easy amongst advertising lovers is the prover-bial "redintegratio amoris." The next peep sets before the mind's eye a picture of life not dissimilar, one would say, to that dis-closed in the two preceding cases; but every-thing about it is misty and indistinct, al-though there appears to be in the background the dim outline of a horrible scene, reprethe dim outline of a horrible scene, repre-senting how two sisters, over-affable and over-confiding, found a common miserable fate. There is a dreadful significance in the

brief notice:-"B. B ..., Fear you have shared the fate of your sister. Write if saie...M. A. B......"

It is now time to take a peep at the singu-lar case of "the man with the shabby hat." That must be a curious social circle which admits the possibility of fixing a truant member's identity by mentioning merely the shabbiness of his hat; general observation would justify a particular individual in re-fusing to understand that the description applied to him. However, it seems to be taken for granted that "the man with the shabby hat" has a conscience which will tell him unmistakably who is meant; and a complete melodrama might be constructed upon the basis of the following materials. First we have a simple entreaty:-

"The man with the shabby hat is requested to re-turn to his Martha.-M. B." Then peremptory command:---

"The man with the shabby hat must return to his Martha immediately, to prevent unpleasant conse-quences.-M. B."

Then remonstrance:-

"The man with the shabby hat was seen in Oxford street, therefore cannot have any excuse for such conduct.-M. B."

Then a threat:-

To the Man with the Shabby Hat.-Your beha-viour shall be exposed unless you return.-M. B." Then the first faint sign of the threatened exposure:-

"To the Man with the Shabby Hat .-- Martha has mind you of the tickets under the leather. Be wise in time, and return before it is too late, too late!-And what is the end? Does remorse or fear drive the shabby one back to his Martha's arms? Or does the advertiser, being a hatter, think that the unpleasant suspicions excited against the wearers of shabby hats will have the desired effect upon his more sensitive or conscience-stricken customers? It would be rash to answer positively; but there is no one, it is well known, so mad as a hatter. According to after-dinner and similar speeches, life and property are so secure in this happy land that a peep at a different state of things may have the charm of novelty. Here is a revelation:-

ments, drank in sweet poison with his bitter ale, and thought to terminate his flirtation with a flourish of trumpets, but, on return-them from Babylon, a copy of the Pentateuch is said, through a Levitical priest, sent to them from Babylon, a copy of the Pentateuch written in the old Hebrew character. This manner of writing they ever preserved. It appears now on coins, medals, some minor writings, and in the Samaritan Pentateuch in Walton's celebrated Polyglot. The latter, however, is not considered pure. There are also in the British Museum several volumes of Samaritan, that include the Pentateuch and some liturgies and ceremonials. Of their age we cannot speak; but they are all in the ancient character, which, Havernick says, is "identical with the old Hebrew." Owing to the exclusiveness of the Samari-

tans, and the jealous spirit with which they have always secluded their writings, until within the last twenty years, it has been a difficult matter to obtain any of their manuscripts. Within the period referred to, however, a change has come over the spirit of the Samaritans; and the volumes, now in the British Museum, have been obtained. Germany, likewise, has procured some manu-scripts through Professor Petterman, of Ber-lin. Among them is a Pentateuch. But, a few years since, a discovery of great impor-tance was made. Dr. Basilins Levi-shon, a distinguished member of the Russian establishment in Jerusalem, "got hold," we are informed, "of a large-sized vellum Samaritan Pentatench, defective in a few leaves at the beginning and end, and which he believes to have been written during the days of the first Temple, which was des-troyed B. C. 588." The London Athenaum gave the following as the reasons which in-duced Dr. Levison to assign so remote a date

to this valuable codex :---1. "The extreme reserve with which the priestly family in Nablous have guarded it from the knowledge even of their own sect, and the assertion of the priest from whom it was obtained.

"The fact of its not being divided into chapters or sections of any kind, except as books, such as Genesis, Exodus, etc.

3. "The names of several priests found in marginal scraps about the volume, recording occurrences connected with its preservationthe names coinciding with the priestly genealogy in his possession.

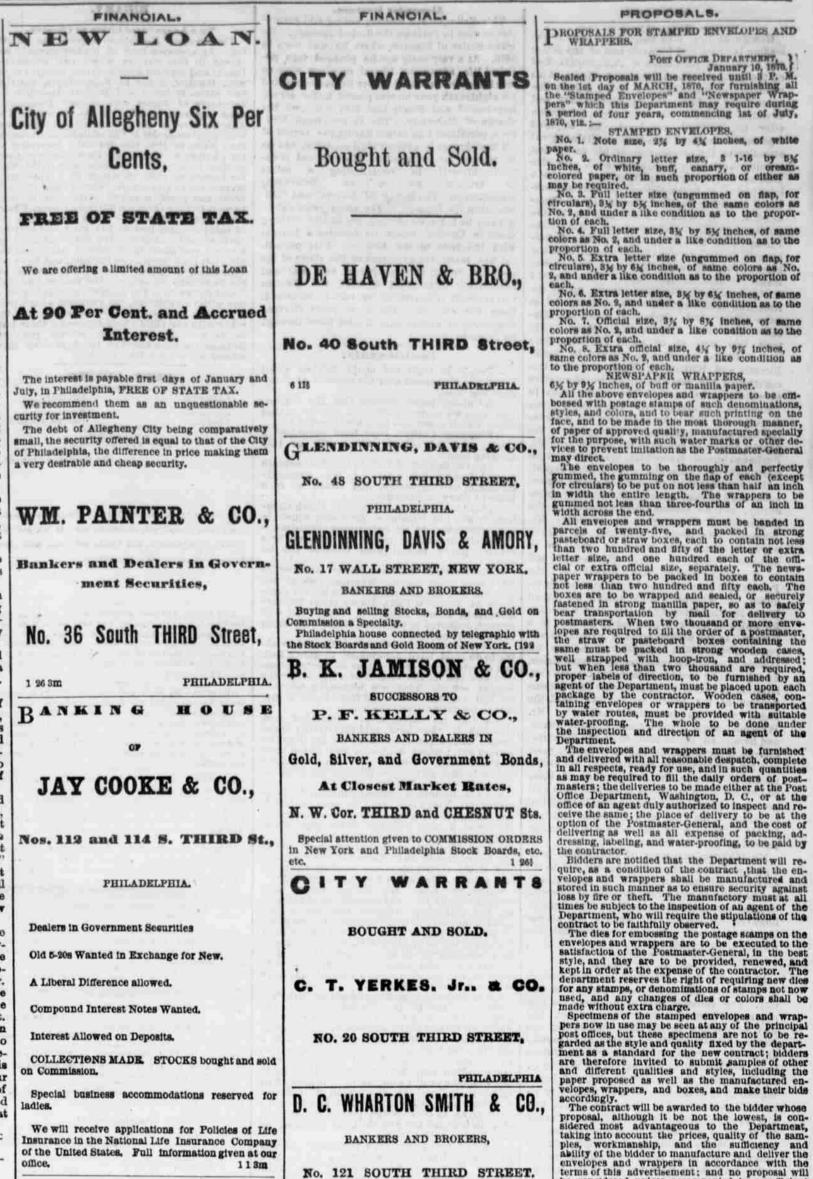
4. "The express statement, in a marginal observation, that the volume had escaped a peril of fire during the time of Zerubbabel, B. 530.

Dr. Levishon, who, though a member of the Russo-Greek Church, is of Hebrew origin, and familiar with the Samaritan, as well as with the Masoretic Hebrew, aided by a learned assistant, devoted much time to his highlyprized manuscript, and we believe proposed to reproduce it in fac-simile for the benefit of the leading European libraries. This work of Dr. Levishon, which should

be far advanced now, is of great importance, and cannot fail to awaken the liveliest interest among those who search the Scriptures in the original. The learned professor avers that he has "noted down ten thousand variations" from the received Hebrew text. He does not inform us in regard to their importance. Will the new readings shed a new light upon the record of creation ? Will they render a new translation of the original imperative?

The age of the manuscripts from which the Samaritan Pentateuch, in the Walton Polyglot, was derived, is quite uncertain. Some scholars have attributed them to the Macedonian period. The one in possession of Dr. Levishon, thus far, seems to be a veritable antique, and may be expected to shed some light upon those which have preceded it. Indeed, a copy of the Books of Moses written when the first House was in her glory, is no small addition to literature, and must be regarded with emotion. We trust that if it is reproduced in fac simile, that some of our libraries will obtain copies, as they have of the Codex Sinaiticus. Students of the sacred langua

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The next peep afforded will explain in a more or less satisfactory manner a phenomenon which must have attracted some notice. For it will be generally allowed that a gentleman cannot have his whiskers burned or in any way injured without attracting the attention of his family and intimate friends, at any rate as many of them as happen to be of the feminine gender. They would not, perhaps, like to question him upon the subject, and they may, therefore, find their minds relieved (or very much the contrary) by the singular request hereto annexed:-

"Would Mr. A. M. kindly call upon the lady who burned his whikkers by accident, as she has something of importance to communicate to him ?"

The important communication had reference of course, to some kind of "hair restorer; or course, to some kind of har restorer, but why was it necessary to advertise? It is, no doubt, possible that a lady might acci-dentally burn a gentleman's whiskers even in the best society; but one would suppose that, if he was too much overcome at the time to impart to him the important secret of restorative remedies, she might have afterwards managed to reach him by some more private means than the advertising columns of a newspaper. Here is another case:-

"The two ladies who met a gentleman between the Minories and Blackwall Railway Station on Tuesday last, about one, dressed Toilette de Prome-nade, are earnestly requested to meet him at the Charing-cross Station, on Tuesday afternoon, from three to four."

There is a striking vagueness of description; for it would have been more remarkable had the ladies, under the circumstances, been dressed in dishabille or in evening costume and "a gentleman" might be considered almost useless for purposes of identification. Some idea, also, is given of the normadic life which must be led by certain people who seem to be able to find no other trystingplaces than the various railway stations However, ladies are notoriously very quick of apprehension, and it is not so surprising. therefore, as some miracles are, to find that the advertisement was answered as follows:-"The Two Ladies (Toilette de Promenade) will be at the Charing Cross Station on Tuesday."

Here is another case: --

"The Lady who was at Baker Street Station at halfpast seven on Monday evening, 18th, and who took a train proceeding west, travelling first-class, is car-nestly requested by the Gentleman on opposite plat-form to communicate with him. Address F. B., 41A, - street, E. C."

Opinions will probably differ as to the particular phase of life therein revealed; but it is most romantic to believe that, as a Knight of the Round Table was wont to conceive a never-dying passion from one glance of a fair stranger's eyes, so the gentleman and the lady interchanged one meaning look over the rails, which might not be crossed, and that he forthwith set out to woo and win her, not with sword and lance, but with advertisement and the Daily Telegraph. It is quite touch-ing to observe how that for him, poor man, there was but one lady, when the "fancy-free" bystander would probably have seen a dozen ladies. Here is another case.

how a rustic swain came up to London for the and idolatry, worshipped in a temple on cattle show, received a philtre in his refresh. Mount Gerizim, which they built in opposi-

"One Thousand Pounds Reward .-- Whereas, it is "One Thousand Founds Reward.-- whereas, it is believed that attempts have for some time past been made to poison a lady in Lancashire, a reward of £1000 is hereby offered to any one who may turn Queen's evidence, or who may give such informa-tion as may lead to the conviction of the guilty party. Address to the lady herself, as well as to the con-stabulary of the county, and to the police stations of Manchester or Livernool " fanchester or Liverpool.

It appears that the lady is so well known as to require no particular address beyond "The lady who is being poisoned, Lancashire;" that the attempts at poisoning are no secret; and that, nevertheless, the constabulary of the county and the police of Manchester and Liverpool, with all their united wits, cannot get on the trail of the guilty "party." But, perhaps, the strangest peep behind the scene is this last :---

"AN OLD OBLIGATION.-Mr. G. again begs to know whom he may thank for a further payment of c106, and on account of what 'obligation'it has been paid." It would seem as if there were somewhere in this country a race of men whose gratitude

# actually takes the form of repayment.

### Discovery of a New Manuscript of the Pentateuch.

Most of our readers are aware that the originals of the Books of Scripture are not now in existence. Copies in manuscript, technically termed codices, are all that we have now to depend on. The earliest codices of the Old Testament extant are the Spanish. They may be attributed to the ninth or tenth centuries, and are held in high esteem by the Jews, as it is asserted that they were corrected by the Codex Hillel, a manuscript supposed to have been of hoar antiquity. Neverthe-less, the Hebrew scholar has often wished from the bottom of his heart that a copy of the ancient Scriptures might be found which belonged to the haleyon days of the sacred tongue, when every king was commanded "to write him a copy of the law in a book." Perhaps this wish may be gratified at an early day, so far as regards the Books of Moses.

Hebrew was originally written in a different character from the one now in use, though cognate to it. When or why the change was made, is an undecided question, Most likely, during the Babylonian captivity, the children of Israel learned to write their language, which was like the Chaldaic, Shemitic, in the Chaldaic character; and continued to use that character after their return to their own country. But scholars are not altogether agreed upon the matter.

The Samaritans-a mongrel people who in-habited Samaria after the ten tribes had been carried away, with very little Israelitish blood Surely a tale hangs thereby. Surely it tells in their veins, but who mixed up Judaism

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