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## LETTER FROM CAPE ISLAND.

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THE ISLAND IN BYGONE DAYS-THE DIFFER-ENCE IN TRAVEL-CAPTAIN MEY, THE HOL-LANDER-THE MAMMOTH HOTELS-PHILADEL-PHIA CAPITALISTS-TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND VISITORS-THE RECENT IMPROVEMENTS COST OVER ONE MILLION OF DOLLARS-THE NEW WING TO CONGRESS HALL-THE COLUMBIA, THE STOCKTON, AND THE ATLANTIC-THE OTHER HOTELS - A MAGNIFICENT LIVERY TURN-OUT-THE FIFTH MARYLAND REGIMENT -THE SEVENTH NEW YORK REGIMENT-SUN-DAY TRAINS-THE COTTAGES-MOVING DOWN, ETC. ETC.

CAPE MAY CITY, June 8, 1870. The rapid strides which this favorite seabathing resort has made, in the way of improvement, are wonderful. It was but a few years since that the inhabitants lived in clap-boarded and shingled houses, and subsisted almost entirely upon clams and fish. In those days "this fair isle by the sea" was called the "jumping off place," and the only way to reach it was by "shallop" or a rickety old stage, drawn by Jersey matches through heavy sands, dreary swamps, and over jolting corduroy roads. In those days it would sometimes require two weeks to reach here by water and two days by land. Still a large number of Philadelphians would contrive to get here, and there is many an old resident of that city now whose eyes will kindle up at the bare mention of the happy days he spent here in gunning and fishing and partaking of those old-fashioned dinners and suppers made up from their own "feather and fin" sports.

If that old "swag-bellied Hollander," Captain Mey, who first landed here, and after whom the island is named, could poke his head up from the grave now, he would regret that he did not take up his bed and board here, instead of steering his good ship for Manhattan Isle.

What was a desolate sand bank then is a juvenile Paradise now. The scream of the wild sea-bird is now drowned by the shrill whistle of the locomotive.

A most wonderful change has been wrought here since the completion of the railroad. The island can boast of some of the finest hotels in the country, which, for their capacity and elegance of their appointments, certainly cannot be surpassed. Cape Island is beyond question the favorite, and, therefore, the most popular sea-side resort in the country. Its unexampled growth is owing almost entirely to the liberality and enterprise of Philadelphia capitalists, by whom, it may be safely said, it is now settled.

It is estimated that nearly two hundred thousand persons visited this place last season, among whom were some of your wealthiest citizens and the cream of the leaders of fashion. From the extraordinary improvements which have been made since the close of last season, it is fair to presume that the number will be largely increased this year.

What was once an insignificant village is now a flourishing and growing city. It is studded with costly and magnificent summer residences. and adorned with handsome stores. The improvements since last year have cost over one million of dollars. Cottage life and its comforts are growing more into favor every year. and some seventy or eighty have been erected since the close of last season, at a cost ranging from five thousand to twenty thousand dollars each, and lots have been secured for a large number of others, which will be built at an early day.

The new wing to Congress Hall presents a formidable appearance, and is a model of architectural beauty. This addition consists of four hundred feet of new buildings, three stories

Congress Hall, at Third and Chesnut streets. | comes J. W. Lycett's real estate and insurance the Girard House, from thence to Willard's Hotel at Washington, and back again to the Continental Hotel, where he has remained ever since. Mr. Duffy, in his executive department, has surrounded himself with a galaxy of hotel talent. He has engaged J. Harry Dennison, of the Merchants', as room clerk; Mr. Bower, late of the St. Lawrence, as cashier; Mr. George McGinley, late of the Charleston (S. C.) Hotel, as steward; Mr. William A. Anderson, formerly of the La Pierre, as bill clerk; and Mr. Johnson, formerly of Congress Hall, as head waiter.

Mr. Eberle, of your city, has taken the Stockton House Stables. He will bring down with him six new and stylish English photons, six Newport pony basket wagons, six elegant buggy wagons, and a number of fine saddle horses. The drivers of the phætons will be dressed in livery. Two new and handsome four-horse omnibuses will convey the guests of the Stockton to and from the depot and the steamboat landing, while a new wagon, after the model of Adams' large express wagons, will gobble up the baggage. These are novelties to the island, but as Mr. Duffy is a man of nerve and enterprise, he deserves to succeed.

The Atlantic has been partially rebuilt and presents a neat appearance. It is beautifully furnished. Mr. John McMakin, the young proprietor, lost everything by the destruction of his house at the time of the conflagration last year. He was not insured, and much sympathy is felt for him and his estimable lady. The old bar, which for nearly half a century was the great resort for the lovers of fine wines and fat Cape May oysters, is no more. The house is now conducted on strictly temperance principles. The Ocean House will be reopened by Messrs. Lycett & Sawyer, two very popular gentlemen. This house is owned by a merchant of your city.

Mr. William Mason has consolidated the Merchants' and Continental, which will give his guests additional facilities.

Mr. Jerry Mecray has opened the Centre House, and has already quite a number of guests.

The Washington and several other of the smaller houses have been open for some weeks Dast.

All the hotel accommodatious have been vastly improved since last season, and a gay and brilliant season may well be anticipated.

The 5th Maryland Regiment will go into camp on the grounds of John C. Bullitt, Esq., in the latter part of July. Mr. Duffy, of the Stockton, will serve up their rations. The famed 7th Regiment of New York will also make a trip here to pay their brother soldiers of Maryland a visit.

General Sewell will commence running the Saturday trains on the 19th inst. Colonel Richard M. Thompson will again have the management of the Sea Breeze (Excursion) House.

A large number of merchants of your city are here preparing their cottages for the summer. Every freight train brings down immense quantities of household furniture.

Major H. D. Loney, of the Maryland Regiment, paid us a short visit this week for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for the encampment.

The Surf House is for sale. Several Philadelphians have opened here boarding-houses restaurants, and saloons. Among them I notice A. Proskauer, C. Mirabella, A. Loftus, F. Koenig, Judah C. Lemon, George W. Shoemaker, McCuen & Doualdson, Joseph Reigel, McCunney & Denson, and several others whose names I do not recollect Some of these places are fitted up very handsomely. The demand for rooms at the different leading hotels exceeds that of last year. John W. Lycett, Esq., Treasurer of the Cape May Mutual Fire Insurance Company, has furnished me with the following list of the cost of some of the most important improvements since the close of last season:-

When Congress Hall was torn down, he went to office, three stories, with French roof: R. C. Souder builder; cost \$5000.

Next the ocean, fronting the Columbia House, Mr. Casper. of Salem, owns a very pretty cottage that cost about \$4000.

Jackson Street .- Below Washington street, and near the site of Riegel's old saloon, C. Mirabella, of Philadelphia, has put up a very fine hotel structure, plain and unpretending in appearance, but convenient and spacious in its every arrangement. Cost about \$10,000. / Adjoining this property Mr. McConnell, of

Philadelphia, owns a handsome three-story French roof cottage, which cost \$7000. R. J. Dobbins, builder.

North of Washington street a handsome store was completed early in the winter for Benezet & Bro., of Philade'phia, the popular stove manufacturers. Cost \$3000; splendid show windows and front of the modern order.

On Broadway .- General Sewell, Superintendent of the West Jersey Rallroad Company, has erected two splendid three-story summer residences, with French roofs; cost \$5000 each: R. J. Dobbins, of Philadelphia, contractor. Grant Street .- Two handsome cottages belonging to General Sewell have been built on this newly-opened thoroughfare; cost \$5000 each: R. J. Dobbins, contractor.

Mrs. Grear, of Philadelphia, has on the same street a handsome cottage; cost \$4000.

Mr. H. C. Lea, of Philadelphia, has a handsome marine residence on this street, and quite contiguous to the bluff; cost about \$13,000.

Wood Street .-- Cottage of E. C. Knight, of Philadelphia, has been enlarged considerably, on this street, at an outlay of \$3000.

Beach Avenue .- The first building erected on this avenue was the cottage of Mrs. General Kearney, a short distance above the Stockton Hotel lawn: cost \$5000.

Two fine cottages have been built for J. B. Bullitt, Esq., of Philadelphia, by R. J. Dobbins, slate roofs, three stories; cost \$6000 each.

Cottage of R. J. Dobbins, of Philadelphia; three-story, French roof, protected with slate. Cost \$6000.

Stockton Avenue .- Two cottages built by R. J. Dobbins, French roofs, three stories. Cost 26000 each.

Howard Street .-- A very large summer residence built by R. J. Dobbins for Joseph Page, three-story, French roof, with slate. Cost \$20,000.

Corgie Street .- On this street Mr. M. W. Hall, of Philadelphia, has built for himself a cosy little cottage, at a cost of \$3000.

North Street .- On this street Charles A. Shaw, of Philadelphia, has erected a very fine cottage, at a cost of about \$5000.

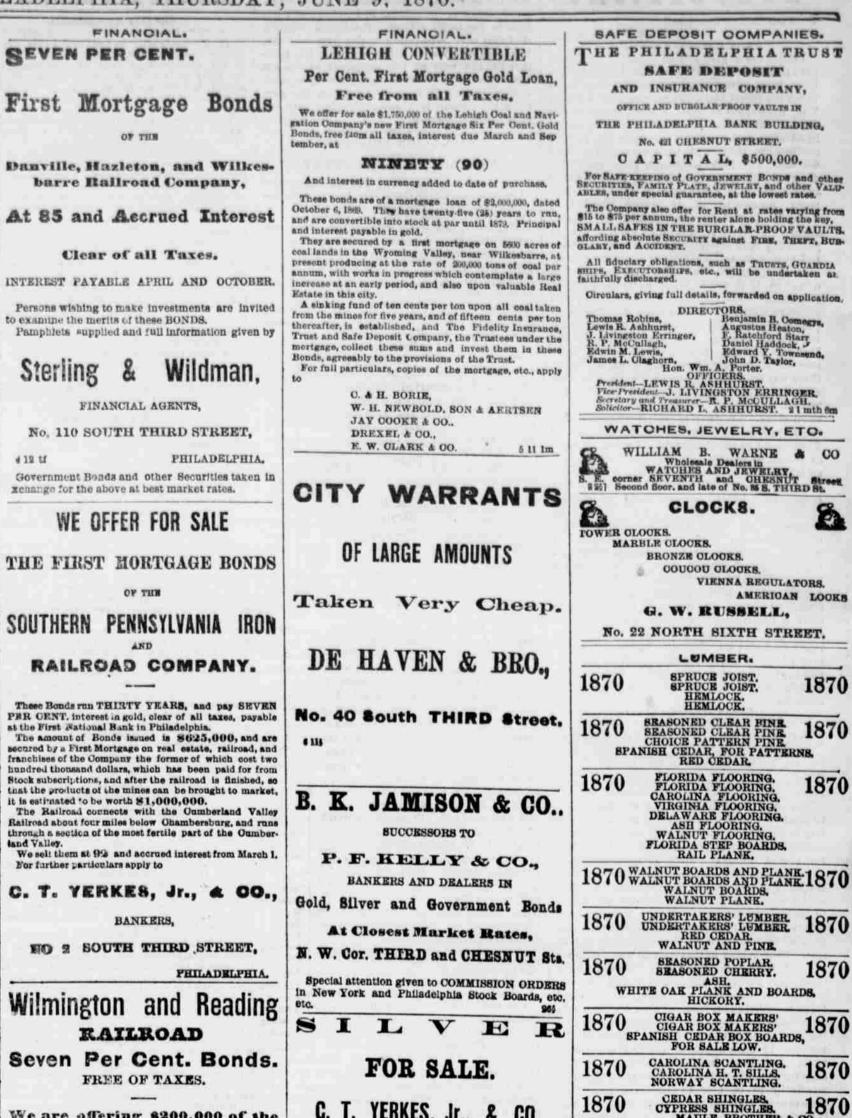
This list does not comprise the cottages erected by the residents, and other parties, "for sale or to rent." Yours, OTO.

RUSKIN.

PROBABLE MILLENNIUM-THE INFLUENCE OF WOMAN AS & PEACE SOCIETY.

Mr. Ruskin, at the close of a recent locture on war, addressed to the Royal Military College, Woolwich, England, made the following remarks to the ladies present:-

You may wonder, perhaps, that I have spoken this night in praise of war. Yet truly, if it might be, I, for one, would fain join the cadence of hammer-strokes that should beat swords into ploughshares; and that this cannot be, is not the fault of us men. It is your fault. Wholly yours. Only by your command, or by your permission, can any contest take place among us. And the real, final reason for all the poverty, misery, and rage of battle throughout Europe is simply that you women, however good and



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high. The whole building has been renovated, improved, and refurnished in first-class style. The main entrance is twenty-five feet in height on the ground floor, supported in front by beautiful collonnades. This portion of the building will be brilliantly lighted with gas reflected from chandeliers and hanging globes. The new parlors will each have a 16-light chandelier, and the dining-room will be radiant with mellow light. Gas will be in every room in the house, and to secure a certain supply, new gas works have been constructed with a sufficient capacity to meet any emergency. The interior arrangements of the house are excellent, and the guests can enjoy the most luxurious comfort. The ocean view is magnificent and unobstructed. On the side facing the ocean the new wing is provided with separate balconies from each room, which will offer pleasant places for family gatherings and tele-a-teles. A fine open balcony exteads the full length of the parlors, affording a delightful view of the ocean and bathing grounds. The plazzas around the entire building are twentyfive feet in width, and directly front the lawn and the ocean. The furniture in the main parlor is of the rich Pompadour style, and alone cost over five thousand dollars. The music parlor is equally grand. There are also ten etageres or hall pieces, made of French walnut, adorned with different colors, with gold lines, and constructed in the Corinthian style, with two columns on either side of an immense plate of polished glass. A slab of Lisbon marble constitutes the centre, and on the sides are two raised pedestals of antique design, on which bronze figures rest. The parlors are covered with rich Axminster carpets. In all these improvements Mr. J. F. Cake, the proprietor, has displayed fine taste and great enterprise and liberality. The cost of building the new wing was two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Hassler's band has been engaged.

The fashionable Columbia House, with its old and popular proprietor, Mr. George J. Bolton, of Harrisburg, has undergone a series of improvements which will cost between twenty and thirty thousand dollars. The Columbia has been brushed up and burnished up from top to bottom, and looks almost as good as new. This house, under the careful management of Mr. Bolton, has always commanded the largest share of the solid and old-fashioned wealthy families who desire quiet and retirement. I have nothing to add in favor of this house to what has already been said. The military and string band of Professor Bastert has been engaged for the season. The Columbia will open on the 23d. Mr. George L. Jacoby and Mr. P. O'Counor, late of the Merchants' Hotel, of your city, and Mr. John Potter, of Harrisburg, have been engaged as clerks, and, like Mr. Bolton, they are very courteous and attentive gentlemen.

The mammoth Stockton House, which was opened for the first time last season, has changed hands, Mr. Peter Gardner having associated himself with Mr. Chadwick in the management of the West End Hotel, at Long Branch. Mr. Charles Duffy is the new proprietor of the Stockton. He is a very clever gentleman, and brings with him the ripe knowledge of a long hotel experience. He has been for many years one of the chiefs in the office of the Continental Hotel, in your city, where he

By Mr. J. F. Cake, a new wing and other additions to Congress Hall, from designs by Hon. W. W. Ware. Estimated cost about \$250,000. Mr. George J. Bolton, Columbia House, \$20,000.

John McMakin, New Atlantic Hotel, \$30,000, A beautiful and costly marine residence at the corner of Columbia avenue and Guernsey street, belonging to J. B. McCreary, of Philadelphia, has been built by R. J. Dobbins, at a cost of about \$20,000. The style of the architectural display on this cottage is a combination of the Elizabethan, Gothic and Doric.

Mr. Peter McCollum has built two cottages on this avenue at a cost of \$10,000.

Decatur Street .- A fine hotel structure, on the site of the late Greenwood Cottage, now stands fronting about where the United States Hotel dining-room ran. It belongs to John McCann, of Philadelphia. Cost about \$9000.

On the grounds occupied by the burned billiard and bowling saloon Thomas Barrett has constructed a mammoth establishment for the same purposes. Cost about \$10,000.

Washington Street .- At the junction of this, the principal business thoroughfare, with Jackson street stands one of the handsomest structures on the island. This is the splendid doublestore building belonging to Anspach & Stanton, of Philadelphia, fashioned after a design the exact counterpart of the structure destroyed by the fire. Cost about \$9000.

Adjoining is a saloon belonging to Philip Koenig, two stories. Cost about \$4000.

Then we come to a fine two-story building, with French roof, belonging to Mr. Loftus, of Philadelphia. Cost about \$7000.

On the same side of the street stands E. Major's saloon. Cost about \$8000.

Next we come to a splendid three-story building, with French roof, belonging to Mr. Dillon, of Philadelphia, designed for two stores; stands on the site of the late American House. Cost about \$7000.

Crossing Decatur street we have, on one of the late United States Hotel lots, the handsome store building of J. P. Sloan, of Philadelphia. It is three stories, with French roof; and mammoth bulk windows ornament the front view. Cost. \$5000.

Mr. George Young's fine bakery establishment is a three-story building, with French roof. Cost. about \$5000.

Next is Mr. William Townsend's substantial store, which was put up by himself, costing about \$4000.

Between Washington street and the bridge we come to a settlement of new and substantial cottage residences, the first of which is Conductor Brown's: cost about \$5000. Is capped with a French roof, and is altogether one of the most pleasant cottages at the Capes.

Ocean Street .-- On the burned district along this street three handsome buildings have been erected. The first is R. B. Swain's residence and office; cost \$4000; the next is Mr. Peters' (of has made many warm and devoted friends. He Philadelphia) furniture store, three-story, French started out in hotel life as an attache of Old ' roof, cost 20000; J. Q. Williams builder. Then | lives by being very swift-footed.

religious, however self-sacrificing for those whom you love, are too selfish and too thoughtless to take pains for any creature out of your immediate circles. You fancy that you are sorry for the pain of others. Now, I just tell you this, that if the usual course of war, instead of uprooting peasants' houses and ravaging peasants' fields, merely broke china upon your own drawing-room tables, no war in civilized conntries would last a week. I tell you more that, at whatever moment you choose to put a period to war, you could do it with less trouble than you take any day to go out to dinner. You know, or at least you might know, if you would think, that every battle you hear of has made many orphans and widows. We have none of us heart enough to mourn with these; but, truly least, we might put on he at outer symbols of mourning with them. Let but every Christian lady who has conscience towards God vow that she will mourn, at least inwardly, for His killed creatures. Your prayer is useless, and your church-going mere mockery of God, if you have not plain obedience in you to your con-science. Let every lady in the happy classes of civilized Europe simply vow that, while any cruel war proceeds, she will wear blacka mute's black-with no jewel, no ornament, no excuse for an invasion into prettiness: I tell you again, no war would last a week.

FOREIGNERS IN GREECE .- Now that the classic soil of Greece has again become noterious through the recent unwarranted murders committed by Greek brigands, the insecurity of life and property in that historic land is again frequently spoken of in European journals. We see it stated, says the New Orleans Picayune, that it is almost a matter of impossibility for foreigners to acquire property and permanently reside in Greece. In substantiation of which, attention is called to the fact that only one foreigner has, of late, succeeded in maintaining his foothold in Greece. He owns a large tract of land, and has acquireda considerable fortune. His name is Noel. He is a relative of Lord Byron, and has resided forty years in Greece. His neighbors were not so fortunate as he. The hatred and the enmity of the natives have driven them from their possessions. It is a matter of frequent occurrence that measures of violence are resarted to whenever the obnoxious foreigners do not immediately yield to the demands of the "noble" sons of Greece. Not long ago an Englishman, named Lee, was taken from his house, and he, his wife and child, were murdered by their former neighbors, who were led to these atrocities by the fanatical priest of the village. As another instance of the cruel treatment of foreigners by natives of Greece, it is stated that some of the Bavarian soldiers, who came to Greece with King Otto, were presented with a tract of land near Athens, which had lain waste for a long time and resembled more a desert than anything else. The Bavarian soldiers succeeded, however, in cultivating this desert-like tract of land, and were enjoying the results of their hard labor, when, at the time when King Otto had to leave Greece, the natives made war upon the German colonists, robbed them of all they had, and drove them from their possessions. At Vienna it is still well remembered when these victims of Greek barbarism arrived there, having been despoiled of everything, and only saving their

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