THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH-PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1870.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"Rip Van Winkle" by the Eaglish Opera Troupe.

The opera of Rip Van Winkle, by Mr. George F. Bristow, of New York, which was performed for the first time in this city last evening at the Academy of Music, was probably an entire novelty to the great majority, if not to all, of the audience present. It was originally brought out about fifteen years ago, in New York, by the Pyne-Harrison troupe, but failed to make a decided hit, and since that time it has been neglected and nearly forgotten. There are good reasons for the nonsuccess of the work, although it possesses many merits; and while it may be worth while for a competent troupe to perform it occasionally, it will never be as popular as many other works of perhaps no more intrinsic excellence. The libretto in the first and third acts follows Irving's story with reasonable closeness, but in the second act some entirely new matter is introduced, and we are treated to an episode of the Revolutionary War which brings upon the stage "Rip's" grownup son and daughter, and in addition to the love adventures of the latter gives a little sharp fighting between the Continentals and the redcoats, and other matters of exciting interest. It may be complained that all this is not in the spirit of the original story, but opera librettos are entitled to charitable judgment, and this version of Rip Van Winkle is quite good encugh for operatic purposes. Whatever its defects may be, it is certainly not a greater perversion of Irving's charming legend than the tasteless drama by Boucicault in which Mr. Jefferson has delighted thousands.

More important than the libretto is the music, which is creditable to the taste and culture of the composer, without being distinguished by any very marked characteristics that will enable it to take a hold upon the public fancy. Most of the airs are pleasing, and some of them positively beautiful, and yet none are sufficiently original to leave any decided impression. As a musical composition Rip Van Winkle does not fail far below the average of such a work as The Bohemian Girl, for instance. The Bohemian Girl, however, is full of attractive melodies that catch the ear at once, and that cannot fail to be remembered. There is little or nothing of this in Rip Van Winkle, and it is consequently easy to understand why its placid flow of agreeably mediocre melodies can scarcely make any deep impression upon the average opera-going public.

The performance last evening was creditable, the various characters being sustained in a reasonably satisfactory manner. Mr. Drayton, who personated "Rip Van Winkle," sang in a manner worthy of hearty praise. He committed the error, however, of modelling his "Rip" upon that of Mr. Jefferson, and as a piece of acting it can only be characterized as an imitation, and an exceedingly bad one. Mr. Drayton is a thoroughly good artist, and he could do much better by depending entirely upon his own resources and by making his "Rip Van Winkle" an original creation. Mrs. Bernard represented "Alice," the grown-up daughter of "Rip," in excellent style, and Mr. Castle gave a good personation of "Edward Gardiner," the lover of "Alice." The other parts was fairly sustained, if we except "Dame Van Winkle," for the proper representation of whom Mrs. Drayton's powers were inadequate. The choruses were well rendered, and the orchestration was all that could be desired.

MCKIBBIN'S HOTEL AND RESTAURANT,-This hotel, istely occupied by Mr. Finelli, has changed hands, and will hereafter be under the management of Mr. Jere McKibbin, whose reputation as a connoisseur in other good things will be almost certain to win suc-1870 cess. We bespeak for him a liberal share of public patronage.

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CHINA AT AUCTION .- The remainder of the stock at Gay's China Palace, No. 1022 Chesnut street, will be closed out, commencing Wednesday morning at half-past ten o'clock.

DR. SAUNDRES' well-known instincts lead him to lecture to-night for the benefit of soldiers, furnishing ball, etc., gratis.

MARRIED.

WILSON-BUDD, On the 17th instant, by the Rev. J. L. Withrow, JOHN WILSON to ELIZABETH BUDD, daughter of Henry S. Garrett, all of this city.

DIED.

JOHNSTON. - On the 19th instant, GEONGE J. JOHN-STON, in the 38th year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family, also the members of the Ringgold Hose Company, are re-spectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 417 Thompson street, on Thursday afternoon, at 1 o'clock. To proceed to Franklin Cemetery. KENT .- On the 20th instant, RICHARD KENT, aged 33 years. His relatives and friends, Cadwalader Lodge, No.

353, L. O. of O. F., and Chippewa Tribe, No. 51, Imp. O. of R. M., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, S. E. corner of on Thursday morning, at 9 o'clock. Interment at Mount Moriah Cemetery.

MAGUIRE. -On the 19th instant, MARY, wife of Philip Maguire, in the 52d year of her age. The relatives and friends of the family are re-spectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband, Conestoga street, above Fifty-fourth (Hestonville), on Wednesday morning, at 8% o'clock.

SEDENGER. On the 19th instant, Mr. CHARLES SEDENGER, in the 60th year of his age. The felatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Wednesday, 23d instant, at

1 o'clock, from his late residence, Hermitage street Manayunk, Pa. SHULL-On the 20th instant, AWANDA, daughter

of Elizabeth and the late John Bornman. of Enzabeth and the late John Bornman. The relatives and friends of the family, also Star of Bethlehem Association, No. 20, I. O. of P., and Joy Council, S. and D. of A., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her brother-in-law, E J. Gorgas, No. 602 Thompson street, on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. To proceed to Monument Cemeterv. Monument Cemetery.

WATT.-On the morning of the 18th instant, Hop. W. W. WATT, late Senator of the First district of Pennsylvania, aged 53 years.

Pennsylvania, aged 53 years. His relatives and friends, as well as all organiza-tions of which he was a member, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, at his late residence, No. 1915 Lombard street. at 2 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, November 22d, without further notice.

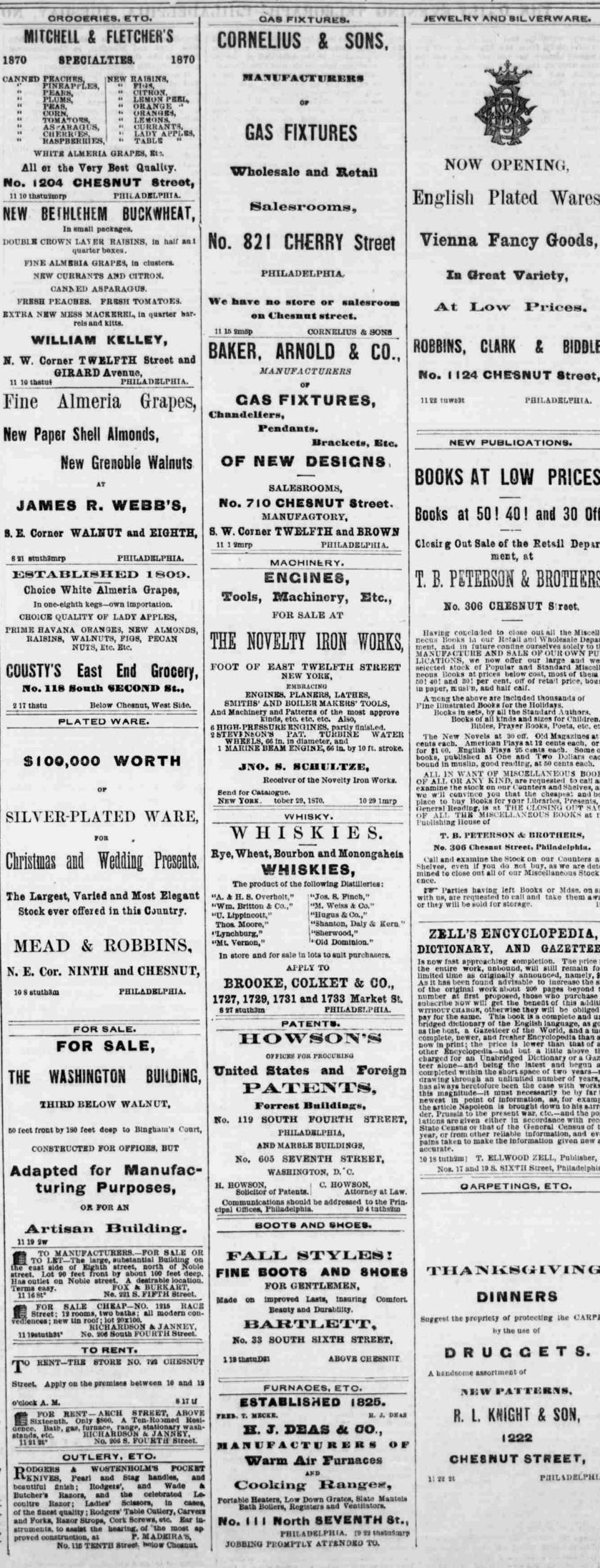
SPECIAL NOTICES. For additional Special Notices see Inside Pages. AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC. SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA. TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 29. Addresses will be delivered by Hon. WILLIAM E. DODGE, President Y. M. C. A. New York. H. THAINE MILLER, Esq., Of Cincinnati Y. M. C. A. Rev. THOMAS A. JAGGAR, Of Holy Trinity P. E. Church, Philadelphia. And others.

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AT THE WALNUT Mr. J. S. Clarke will ap-pear this evening as "Paul Pry," in Poole's comedy, and as "Asa Trenchard," in Our American Cousin.

AT THE CHESNUT the English version of Petite Faust will be represented this evening by Mrs. Oates and her burlesque company. AT THE ARCH Sheridan's comedy of The School

for Scandal, with Mrs. Drew as "Lady Teazle," will be performed this evening. The perform-ance will conclude with the farce of The Widow's Victim.

A GRAND CONCERT will be given this evening at Concert Hall by Mr. Thomas E. Harkins, assisted by Madame Sophie Mozart, Mr. Carl Wolfsohn, Madame Jennie Kempton, Mr. Geo. Simpson, and Mr. T. A'Beckett. An interesting and varied programme will be presented.

ADAM FOREPAUGH'S CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE will exhibit this afternoon and evening at the corner of Broad and Wallace streets. AT THE AMERICAN a variety performance will

be given this evening. AT DUPREZ & BENEDICT'S OPERA HOUSE an interesting programme of minstrelsy will be presented this evening.

AT THE ARCH STREET OPERA HOUSE Hughey Dougherty will appear as "Jimmie Panes" in A Perplexing Predicament this evening, in ad-dition to a great variety of other attractions. SIGNOR BLITZ and his sou will give a magi-

cal entertainment this evening at the Assembly Buildings. A PERFORMANCE, to consist of a French and

an English play, will be given on the evening of December 2d at the Amateur Drawing Room. on Seventeenth street above Chesnut, in aid of the victims of the war in France. Applications for tickets may be made to Madame D'Hervilly, No. 1527 Spruce street.

CITY ITEMS.

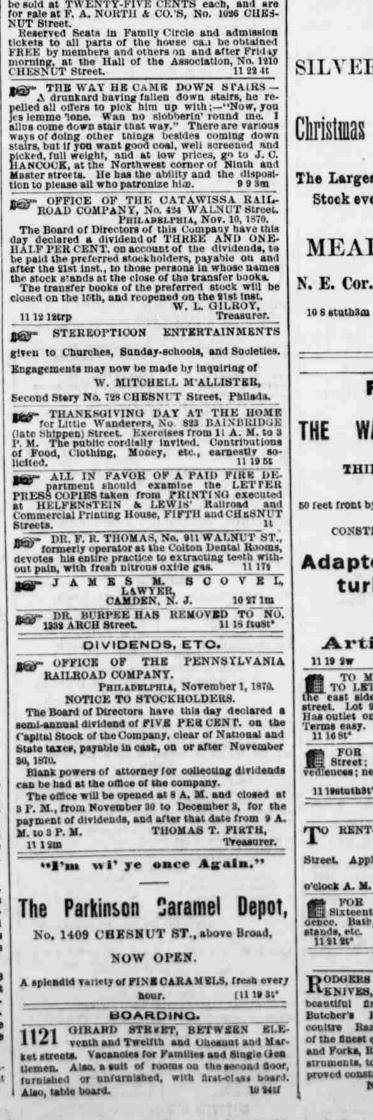
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Central, 111; Atlantic and Great Western, 82%. Calcutta Linsend firmer. Refined Petroleum de-clining. Linseed oli firmer. Livsarool., Nov. 22-4:39 P. M. -Cotton active; uplands, 93/d.; Orleans, 93/d. Sales to-day 15,000 bales, including 3000 for export and speculation. Yarns and fabrics at Mauchester steady. Old red Western spring wheat, 98, 44. Common Rosin, 58, 64. Linseod oil, 231 3d.

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