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Business Cards.

FALL AND WINTER FASHIONS.—Mrs. M. A. Binder has just arrived from Paris and London with the latest designs, personally selected from the greatest novelties; also, the most elegant Trimmings to be secured in Paris. Laces, Ribbons, Velvets, Bridal Veils, Flowers, Fine Jewelry, and Trimmed Paper Patterns, Dress and Cloak making. Exclusive agent for Mrs. M. Works's celebrated system for cutting ladies dresses, sacques, basques, &c. N. W. corner of 11th and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia. [sept22:6m.

BEAVER LADIES' SEMINARY.—The next term of this Institution will commence on Tuesday, September 14, 1869. Every department will be furnished with experienced and competent Teachers. Miss MARY A. BURN, who takes the place of Miss Dover, graduated in Pittsburgh High School while the subscriber was its Principal, and her scholarship and experience as a teacher, were the inducements that led him to secure her as a teacher in this Seminary.

Those who desire to see our Catalogue, will please call on or address the Principal.

D. H. A. M'LEAN.

BEAVER SEMINARY AND INSTITUTE Opens its Fifteenth Annual Session the 11th of September, under the superintendence of the Principal, Rev. R. T. Taylor, A. M. Special attention will be paid to the preparation of teachers for the Common Schools. Music, vocal and instrumental, by a competent Professor, at moderate rates. Lads prepared for College, or given a Business education. Languages, ancient and modern, by highly efficient teachers, as well as Painting, Drawing and Waxwork. Send for a Catalogue to

REV. R. T. TAYLOR, Beaver, Pa.

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PREMIUM TRUNK FACTORY.—Joseph Liehler, Manufacturer and Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Trunks, Valises, Travelling Bags, &c., &c. No. 101 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. All orders promptly filled, and work Warranted. Factory corner of Fifteenth and Penn streets [june16:1y

J. J. ANDERSON, having taken hold of his old Foundry again, in Rochester, Pa., will be pleased to meet his old customers and friends who may want either the BEST COOKING STOVE, Heating Stove, or any other kind of Castings of best material and workmanship. The business will be conducted by

J. J. ANDERSON & SONS.

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THE SHARON MILLS.—The undersigned takes this method of informing the public that they have purchased and taken charge of the Sharon Mills, formerly owned by the Messrs Dartsch, in Sharon, Beaver county, Pa. They have refitted them and are now prepared to do all kinds of grinding to the satisfaction of their patrons. Their brands of flour will compare favorably with any in the market. Give us a call before going elsewhere. SAMUEL DAVIDSON & BRO.

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NOTICE!—New Bakery, at Wilson's old stand, Third Street, Beaver, Pa. JOSEPH M. READ takes pleasure to inform his old friends that he is established in business at the above stand, where he will be glad to meet and accommodate them. Fresh bread, cakes, crackers, nuts, &c.&c. Confectionaries of all kinds. No. 1 Flour, made from Fall Wheat, by the barrel, sack, or retail.

Jan. 6, 1869.

WILLIAM BARNES, dealer in Boots Shoes, Gaiters, Slippers, &c., next door to Porter's Tin shop, Bridge street, Bridgewater, Pa., where he is prepared to manufacture and sell everything in his line at reasonable rates. Having removed his place of business from the corner near the Bridge to his present location, he invites his old friends and patrons to give him a call.

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BEN. K. PIERSOL, Attorney at Law and Surveyor of lands. Office opposite Professor Taylor's in Beaver. [apr11:1y.

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Drillings, Tickings,
Prints,
Canton
Flannels,
Jeaneets,
Table Linens,
Irish Linen,
Crash,
Counterpanes,
Hosiery,
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Coffee, Teas, Sugar, Molasses, White Silver Drips, Golden and Common Syrups, Mackerel in barrels and kits, Hard and Tallow Candles, Soap, Spices and Mince Meat. Also, SALT.

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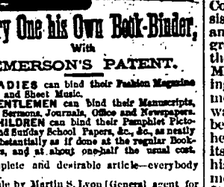

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MURDER WILL OUT.

BY W. M. KELLAM.

Forth from the [illegible] and carnage and thunder of the [illegible] third day of Gettysburg [illegible] staggered a bewildered [illegible] wounded, fevered, and half [illegible] by pain and blood. His [illegible] and tattered clothing, (once [illegible] a uniform,) was blood [illegible] there, and his hatless forehead [illegible] marked by a bleeding cut. [illegible] hand, wrapped in bloody bandages, [illegible] in a sling, and he limped [illegible] crutch with a laboring gait. [illegible] no arms nor knapsack; [illegible] already been flung aside; [illegible] he pursued his way, he drew [illegible] hurriedly off all accoutrements [illegible] after another, and cast them impatiently to the ground. He took no path. He pushed on with [illegible] yet rapid strides through [illegible] bushes, over rocks and fences, [illegible] head, with lips compressed in [illegible] agony. His apparently wild and [illegible] flight had carried him some miles from the actual conflict which was not yet decided; when [illegible] diminishing strength was shown in his feebly tottering steps and the difficulty with which he kept [illegible] plunging headlong to the earth. At this moment he came in view of a farm house, and the sight stimulated him to renewed effort. Forward he toiled, full of fresh hope, when, just half way between him and the goal of his exertions, there arose a high, broad stone wall. It seemed to him insurmountable, and he groaned in anguish. Nevertheless he essayed to clamber over the obstacle. More than once he fell back from the attempt, but at length, as if with his last exciting energies, he managed to drag himself to the top of the wall. Dizzily he looked about him as he thought to rest himself a moment; but suddenly all grew blank and he became unconscious.

He fell fainting and insensible to the ground, on the inner side of the wall, with a despairing cry for "Water." He had literally fallen near a spring house, and a [illegible] girl, pail in hand, heard the exclamation and beheld his fall. She at once approached him, put water to his lips, and washed the blood from his face. She continued her ministrations until animation began to return to the seemingly lifeless form. He opened his eyes and gazed at her. Smiling faintly, he fondly murmured:

"Indiana!" [illegible]

His feverish brain evidently mistook her for another. Closing his eyes, he lapsed suddenly into a deep sleep. Taking advantage of this she hastily proceeded to the farm house, whence she soon returned with the old farmer and his wife. Spreading a blanket they placed the wounded soldier upon it and with difficulty bore him to a bed.

"He is a rebel," said the old man. "But he is a fellow human" remarked his wife.

"And he is wounded—dying, perhaps, far from home and friends," added the girl, who was obviously the daughter of the aged couple.

On the fourth of July it was known to all that Lee had been beaten and retreating. That [illegible] had fallen back into Virginia [illegible] the wounded soldier whose [illegible] was following [illegible] had been left behind in [illegible] but sake. That farmer, whose wife and daughter were assiduous in their humane attentions to the disabled Confederate. They were mother and sister to him in his forlorn condition, and his grateful affection for them grew day by day as he experienced their unselfish kindness. Toward Mary Ordolf, the daughter, his feelings rapidly grew to be a holier and more tender character. What she was in form and feature would have been sufficient excuse for this, and her simple daily life, exhibited in all its gentle purity before him and in his behalf, was enough to subdue the most obdurate masculine heart. It did not take him long to learn that his love was returned, and before he became strong enough to leave his room he and his fair nurse were "engaged.—Was it a baleful conjunction, this of the "loyal" maiden and the "rebel" lover?—We shall see.

As soon as John Randall (such was the young Confederate's name) was strong enough to march, he felt he could no longer remain where he was he had to choose between a Federal prison and an attempt to escape the Confederacy. He promptly made a choice of the latter alternative. Giving his "parole" to the elder Ordolfs, and a kiss of eternal fidelity to the weeping Mary, he bade them all farewell and made the venture. He was successful, reaching Richmond safely and, being shortly declared duly exchanged, took his part in the remainder of the war until the surrender of Lee. In the meantime, however, the Ordolfs heard nothing of him.—We leave it to the imagination of her sex to conceive the emotions, ever varying from hope to despair, experienced by Mary Ordolf under these circumstances. On the third of July, 1865, she was sitting on the root of a huge oak which shaded the spring house, thinking mournfully of that day two years before, when the fainting Confederate fell at her feet appealing for succor. In the midst of these reminiscenses she thought she heard a noise on the stone wall near her. Turning to look she saw a man in the act of leaping to the ground. She recognized him in an instant.

"Mary!"

"John!"

And the long separated were once more united. Within a fortnight they were married.

Randall did not long remain with his young wife—his business, he said, calling him to Virginia—and he left her with her parents upon the pretext that his home was not quite prepared for her. He was absent two months, corresponding regularly with her, however. At the end of this period he came again, staying some weeks, and again leaving her on the same plea. These comings and departures were repeated several times, until Mary and her parents began to suspect that Randall, for some reason, was either afraid or ashamed to introduce his wife to his own family. Mary had been shocked to hear the gossiping whisper that her husband had another wife in Virginia, and she had to acknowledge that his conduct was not above suspicion, notwithstanding his plausible assurances. On his last visit the old farmer insisted that Randall should at once decide either to settle down there with his wife or to take her with him.—Irritated by the apparent lack of confidence in him, he at once avowed his determination to carry her to Virginia, and making hurried preparations for the journey, they soon went South together. It was during the trip that Mary first found courage enough to show her husband a letter which she had received some months before from his home in Virginia. It ran as follows:—

"*Mary;*—I have chanced to see a letter addressed to Mr. John Randall, Beeville, Va., in which you claim that gentleman as your husband. As I am an intimate acquaintance and near relative of his, I am surprised at your pretensions (whether well or ill founded) for he is still considered a single man here, where he was born and raised, and passes himself as such. If he is married to you or anybody else, I assure you that he keeps the matter secret here, and I am certain that neither his father nor mother know anything of it. Tell me all about it, and you will oblige

INDIANA."

"That girl is my evil genius!" exclaimed John Randall, excitedly, when he had read the note. "She is my first cousin, and has always loved me from childhood with a sort of fierce passion. When I first saw you, Mary, I was engaged to her, and I have never had the courage to announce our marriage to her or to my own family. I have weekly kept the secret, putting of the evil day as long as I could, or until my circumstances would justify me in braving the wrath of my parents, and all concerned. But matters have come to a crisis. A day or two will decide whether we are to be repudiated or kindly welcomed."

"John," entreated Mary, "let us return to my father's."

"And thus confirm the gossips in their slanders? Never! The die is cast. Indiana and her friends will rave; let them. Great God! what a creature she must be. Did you answer her letter?"

"I did, giving her, in self defence all the information she asked."

"And yet with her full knowledge of my marriage with you, she has constantly been eager for me to consummate my engagement with her, indirectly urging it by every means at her command."

It was Saturday evening when they arrived at the depot nearest to Beeville, and stopping at the hotel there that night, next day Randall hired a conveyance (driving himself) and started homeward with his bride.

Monday he returned the horses and vehicle.

Tuesday night he escorted a young lady of Beeville to a party, and there bore himself as gayly, apparently, as the other young men.

His wife had mysteriously disappeared! The public of Beeville and vincinity knew not of her coming, and therefore she was not missed.

Where was she?

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Ten days after the body of an unknown woman was found in the woods a few miles from Beeville. A pistol ball was found buried in her neck; on her throat were the marks of a murderous clutch, and from head to foot she had been beaten and bruised in the most cruel manner. The jury of inquest was not able to identify her, nor was there found any likely clue to lead to the detection of her murderer. Descriptions of the murdered woman and her dress were published, and rewards were offered for the apprehension of her murderer, but all in vain. The body was buried, but within a few weeks the excitement occasioned by the dreadful horror had completely subsided. It seemed a hopeless mystery, for ever impenetrable.

Meanwhile, the Ordolfs heard regularly from Randall. His first letter explained why Mary did not write:

"You will understand why Mary employs me as her amanuensis when I inform you that she was so unfortunate as to have her right hand severely bruised by a slaming car door on our way here. She cannot use it at all at present, but we are in hopes that it will soon be well. With this exception we are enjoying ourselves here, and have every prospect of doing well. Mary is delighted with her reception by my relations

[illegible] the very letter found [illegible] by some [illegible] clearly how Blatchford and company managed their numerous swindles in the Custom House. About 1862, the *Times* says, a law was past imposing an internal revenue tax on articles manufactured, with a provision that if any of the articles were afterward exported, an amount should be paid to the exporter equal to the amount previously paid as tax. This was called a "drawback." In order to have a drawback claim recognized, an exporter is required, in the first place, to procure a certificate from a collector of internal revenue, showing the amount of tax paid on articles to be exported. After this was obtained it was necessary to make an affidavit in regard to the goods, stating their destination, the name of owner etc. When the export was made, the exporter applied to the drawback department of the custom house for a certificate, or outward bound manifest, as it is designated, certifying that the goods had been exported, and giving certain information about them and the vessel which carried them. It was the duty of the clerk to make out the manifest and to attach his initials or name to it as evidence of its genuineness, in order that it might subsequently be indorsed by one of the deputy collectors. Upon the internal revenue certificate, the affidavit and the custom-house manifest being produced, they went to the Auditor's office at Washington, going from there to the United States Treasurer, who issued a check for the amount of the drawback claim.

HOW THE FRAUDS WERE PERPETRATED.

The scheme for swindling the Government by fraudulent drawbacks commenced as far back as the fall of 1866. The parties engaging in it procured false certificates from the Custom House that the goods enumerated in the claim had been exported. There are about four hundred of these fraudulent certificates in the possession of the Government, the whole number being made out so as to excite very little suspicion as to their genuineness. They are signed with the initials of Charles J. Theriott and Samuel T. Blatchford both of whom were clerks at the Custom House in 1866 '67 and '68, one belonging to the drawback department, and the other to the export statistical bureau. Internal revenue certificates were also forged by subordinate dishonest officials. Some of the claims were for sums of several thousand dollars, one being as high as $9,000. In one instance the accused parties put in a claim for drawback money on a number of steam cars, in their affidavit stating that the latter had been exported in a certain vessel. If the cargo had been real it would have been of sufficient weight to have sunk the vessel.

It is rather a singular coincidence, that two of the leading candidates for the State election in Pennsylvania in 1869, were natives of the town of Groton, in New London county, Connecticut. Asa Packer is considerably the older man, and is of respectable parentage. He went West before Henry W. Williams did. The latter is a son of the late Deacon Warren Williams, of Cider Hill, now in Ledyard. Deacon Williams was son of Seth Williams, a patriot of '76. His wife, Betsey, was daughter of Christopher Gallup, also of the Revolutionary stock. This Betsey, mother of Judge Williams, with one daughter, still resides in Mystic, where Judge Williams has recently paid his annual visit. The city of Pittsburgh was fixed upon, as his permanent home, by Henry W. Williams,—and his usefulness and popularity there are a part of its local history.—The Norwich *Courier*, from which we gather the foregoing, says: Mr. Williams, although beaten by Judge Sharswood at the previous election, now runs ahead of his ticket, and will make a good Judge. Many of our readers, (its natives or decendants) will hurrah for old Groton—the Democrats on account of Judge Packer, and the Republicans on account of Judge Williams.

old, bereft couple what he believed to be the true story of their daughter's end.

All Beeville and the country around was amazed when it was announced that John Randall was arrested for the murder