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Business Directory.

BEAVER.

JOHN MOORE, Druggist and dealer in paints, oils, pure medical Wines and Liquors, Glassware, Lamps and Fancy Goods; Main st. Prescriptions carefully compounded. sep28:1y

J. D. VANT, Dealer in Groceries, Flour, Feed, Confectionery, Tobacco and Cigars. (sep28:1y

HENRY MEITZ, Manufacturer and Dealer in Boots, Shoes and Gaiters; Main st. [sep28:1y

BEAVER DRUG STORE, Hugo Andriessen, Druggist & Apothecary. Main st. Prescriptions carefully compounded. [sep28:1y

S. T. ANDERSON, Dealer in the improved Wilson Shuttle Sewing Machine, Main st. See card in another column. sep28:1y

D. BACON Mrs. E. H., Dealer in Millinery Goods & Trimmings; cor 3d st, and Diamond. sep28:1y

JAMES MOORE, Grocery & Restaurant Choice Tea, Best Coffees, Tobacco and Cigars, Confectionery and Vegetables. Main st. sep28:1y

H. ANSHUTZ, Dealer in Tinware, Stoves, Grates, &c. West end 3d st. sep28:1y

T. W. DEVERE, Insurance Agent, Beaver, Pa. Call and get your property insured. oct5:1y

PITTSBURGH.

J. MORGANSTERN, Dealer in Boots & Shoes; No 86 Market St. Pittsburgh, Pa. [sep28:1y

CROFT & PHILLIPS, Real Estate Agents, opposite Post Office. Publishers of the "Real Estate Register," sent free, Pittsburgh. [sep28:1y

J. HENDERSON & BROS., Wholesale Druggists, 308 Liberty St. Pittsburgh. [sep28:1y

J. D RAMALEY'S CAT PARLOR, 22 Fifth Avenue, (near Market St.) Pitsburgh. [sep28:1y

S. A. CLARKE & CO., Bookseller and Stationers, 119 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa. [sep28:1y

JOSEPH HORNE & CO., 77 & 79 Market St., Pittsburgh—Importers and dealers in Notions, Trimmings, Hosiery, White Goods, &c. [sep28:1y

FEYMER & BROTHERS, French and American Confectioners. Dealers in nuts, fruits, &c. 188, 190, 192 Wood St. Pitsburgh. [sep28:1y

J. S. MOORE, Dealer in choice Teas, Coffees & a Family Grocories. No 30 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. sep28:1y

JOHN BIGGERT & SON, Dealers in the New Wood Family Sewing Machines. 116 Market Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. sep28:1y

OLIVER M'CLINTOCK & CO., Dealers in Carpets, Oil Cloths, &c. Special rates to Clergy. 53 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. [sep28:1y

P. B. Successor to J. M. Kennedy, Dealer in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry & Silver ware. No 10 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh. [sep28:1y

W. A. LYONS, House and Sign Painter; writes to order Show Cards for every business.—No. 7 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. [sep28:1y

T. C. FULTON, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Furniture and Chairs.—Rosewood, Walnut, Mahogany and Oak. 43 Hillthield st. [oct5:1y

NEW BRIGHTON.

GEO. F. SIEMON, Bakery & Confectionery, 3 R. Hotel. Special attention given to weddings and balls. [sep28:1y

S. & J. SNELLENBERG, Merchant Tailors.—Broadway, New Brighton. See adv [sep28:1y

A. M. WHISLER, Dentist, Broadway, New Brighton. [sep28:1y

H. NOSS, Photographer. Wilson's Block, Broadway. Best photographs from re-touched negatives. [sep28:1y

WINTER & BEDISON, Jewelers and Tobacconists, Broadway, N. Brighton. [sep28:1y

J. HORTTER, Groceries, Queensware and Household Goods. Broadway. [sep28:1y

EVAN PUGH, Dealer in Wall Paper, Window Blinds, Books, Stationery & Notions; Broadway, New Brighton, Pa. [sep28:1y

SCHIFF & STEINFELD, Dealers in Dry Goods, Fancy Goods & Notions; Merchant Tailors & Clothiers. Broadway. oct5:1y

BEAVER FALLS.

WILLIAM ROBERTSON, Dealer in Improved Howe Sewing Machines. Main St., Beaver Falls. sep14:1y

MISS E. KING,—Dry Goods, Queensware and Millinery, corner of Main and Baker streets, Beaver Falls. sep14:1y

KENDALL & TANNEY, Artists & Fresco Painters; also, House and Sign Painters, Main St., Beaver Falls. sep14:1y

BRIDGEWATER.

JAMES POTTER, Tinner, Dealer in Tin, Copper and Sheet-iron ware, and Iron Cistern Pumps. Bridge st, Bridgewater. (sep14:1y

C. BLATTNER, Manufacturer and Dealer in Boots and Shoes. Bridge St., Bridgewater, Pa. sep14:1y

A. C. HURST, Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Furs, Carpets, Oil Cloths and Trimmings. Bridge St., Bridgewater, Pa. sep14:1y

J. H. DOHERTY, Dealer in Boots and Shoes, Bridge Street, Bridgewater. sep14:1y

I. HANAUER, Millinery, Trimmings & Notions —Bridge st., Bridgewater. sep14:1y

I. F. WEINMAN, Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes. Bridge St., Bridgewater. (sep14:1y

MRS. BRUHEN, Gentlemen's Clothing cleansed and pressed. Water St. above Bridge. (sep14:1y

JOHN WOODRUFF, Marble Cutter; Monuments & Tombstones of all descriptions made to order. St. Market and Water streets. (sep14:1y

J. STILES & CO, Grocories, Queensware, Window Glass, Flour, Feed & Country Produce. Dunlap's corner, Bridge St. Bridgewater. [sep31:1y

LUTHER MAGINNIS,—Solicitor—Proprietor of Persian Oleine, & Dealer in Agents' Goods Agents wanted. Water st. bet mills, Bridgewater. P. O. address, Beaver, Pa. sep28:1y

HIRAM MEANOR, Dealer in Monongahela Coal. Orders left at J. B. Clark's, in Beaver, and at Smith's Drug Store, in Bridgewater, will be promptly attended to. Cash on delivery—Lowest price. Yard—McDonald's Point. sep28:1y

ROCHESTER.

WILL SMITH & CO., Fancy Dry Goods, Notions and Millinery. Madison st., near Diamond, Rochester, Pa. (sep14:1y

HENRY LAPP, Manufacturer and Dealer in Furniture of all kinds. Brighton st., above Flow Factory. See adv't. (sep14:1y

JOHN KARCHER, Baker and Confectioner—Water st., Rochester, Pa. (sep14:1y

INGRAHAM BOYD, Wagon & Carriage Maker, Railroad st., Rochester, Pa. (sep14:1y

SAMUEL C. HANNEN, Druggist. Prescriptions carefully compounded. Water st., Rochester. (sep14:1y

D. R. S. WINANS, Electrical Physician; Chronic diseases made a specialty. Office, corner of Diamond and Bridge sts., Rochester. [sep14:1y

FEYERER & SONS, Wholesale & Retail Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Flour, Feed, Grain, Boot stores, Iron & Nails. Cor. Water & James sts.

G. FREDERICK, Baker and Confectioner.—Wedding Cakes and Ice Cream furnished promptly. On Diamond, Rochester. (sep14:1y

FOR SALE by A. SILVERMAN, Headquarters for Foreign & Domestic Dry Goods, Notions, Trimmings and Fancy Goods generally, Water street, Rochester, Pa. (sep14:1y

M. MILLER & CO., Contractors and Builders, Manufacturers of Sash, Doors, Shutters &c. Dealers in Lumber Lath &c. Rochester. [sep14:1y

SCOTT, BOYLE & WILLIAMS, Successors to C. S. Lakins & Co., Dealers in Sawed and Planed Lumber, Lath & Shingles, Rochester. sp28:1y

BOWKER'S LIVERY STABLE & COAL YARD, between R. R. station and Ohio river. oc19:1y

SCHROPP CHAS., Manufacturer of and dealer in Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron Ware. Roofing, Spouting, &c., attended to. N. York st. oct5:1y

STEFLER & CLARK, proprietors of Johnston House. Good accommodations and good stables. Near R. R. Depot. oc19:1y

D. MILLER, dealer in Boots, Shoes, Gaiters, &c. Repairing done neatly and promptly. Store on the Diamond, Rochester, Pa. oct5:1y

J. WALTER & BROTHER, Manufacturers of Wagons, Coaches, Buggies, Spring-wagons, Sulkeys, &c. Blacksmithing and horse-shoeing done in the best manner. Rochester, Pa. sep28:1y

MISCELLANEOUS.

JOHN THORNILEY, Manufacturer of the Great Republic Cooking Stove, and Patentee of Portable extension top and centre. Fallston, Pa.

ALBERT RUSSELL, Stoneware Manufacturer, Orders promptly attended to. Vanport, Pa. Post office address—Beaver, Pa. [sep28:1y

HAVING Permanently located in the village of Zelienople, Pa., for the purpose of practicing Medicine, I respectfully tender my professional services to the citizens of said village and vicinity. Office, in residence, opposite Eagle Hotel, where I shall always be found, unless professionally engaged. All calls will receive immediate and prompt attention.—A. V. CUNNINGHAM, M. D. sep28:1y

J. LINNENBRINK,
Dealer in Watches, Clocks,
Jewelry, Periodicals and Stationery.
Watches and Jewelry repaired. Agent for the "WEED" Sewing Machine, Rochester Pa. jy13:6m

J. H. McCREERY.
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Third Street, Beaver, Pa.
Office below the Court House. Beaver, Pa. jy13

BANKING-HOUSE.
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J. F. DRAVO, J. B. ANGEL,
J. H. M'CREERY.
Interest paid on time deposits; Prompt attention given to collections. Also, Insurance Agents for good and reliable Companies. [may18:1y

DR. JOHN C. LEVIS, Surgeon & Physician.—Office, during the day, at Hastings's Corner; at night at my residence on Water street, Bridgewater, Pa. Will practice Surgery and Medicine. [march22:1y

J. S. BEVITT, M. D., having permanently located in Beaver, would respectfully tender his professional services to the citizens of Beaver and surrounding country. Special attention paid to the treatment of female diseases. Surgery done with a skillful hand. Office on Third street, a few doors west of the Court House. sep28:1y

FOR SALE!—A rosewood, piano-forte Melodeon, entirely new, with four stops and five octaves. Inquire at this office. nov9:4w

JAS. CAMERON, Attorney at Law Beaver, Pa. Office in the room formerly occupied by the late Judge Adams. Collections, &c., promptly attended to. sep28:1y

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. sep28:1y

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Miscellaneous.

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The Asthma.

Having been afflicted with that terrible complaint—completely unfitting me for business for weeks at a time—for the last twelve years, and at last found a remedy that gives

Instant and Complete Relief,

have concluded to have it prepared for sale, so that others similarly afflicted can receive the benefit of it, assuring them that

It will do all, and more than all promised for it;

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As numerous others who have used it can testify.

Can be had at the Drug Store of WILLIAM H. BUECHLING, Rochester, Pa., or will be sent by mail to any address on receipt of one dollar, and ten cents to pay postage. URIAH H. HURST, nov16,'70:1y] Rochester Beaver county, Pa.

WANTED!—A General Agent for Beaver county, for the Guardian Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. Liberal inducements to the right man. For terms and circulars, address Smith, Roberts & Hollingshead, Managers, Southwest corner 5th and Walnut streets, Philadelphia. [nov9:tf.

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Casimeres and Sattinets,
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White and Colored and Barrel Flannels,
Merrimes,
Delaines,
Plaids,
Ginghams,
Lawns,
Water Proofs,
Clothing,
Cloths,
Woollen Shawls
Brown and Black Muslins,
Drillings, Tickings,
Prints,
Canton Flannels,
Jeconets,
Table Linen,
Irish Linen,
Crash,
Counterpanes,
Hosiery,
Gloves
& Mits.

Groceries,
Coffee, Teas, Sugar, Molasses, White Silver Drips, Golden and Common Syrups, Mackerel in barrels and kits, Star and Tallow Candles, Soap, Spices and Rice Meat, Also, SALT.

Hardware, Nails, Glass,
Door Locks, Door Latches, Hinges, Screws, Table Cutlery, Table and Tea Spoons, Sleigh Bells, Coal Scuttles, Fire Shovels and Pokers, Nails and Glass, Spades, Shovels, 2, 3 and 4 Tine Forks, Rakes, Scythes and Snaths, Corn and Garden Hoes.

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Buckets, Tubs, Churns, Butter Prints and Ladles

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Boots and Shoes
LADIES' MISSES' AND CHILDRENS' SHOES, in great variety.

Rifle Powder and Shot,
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All heavy goods delivered free of charge.

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dec23:6m.y.—1y:end.

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N. B.—Circulars with full particulars and all necessary information, on addressing

SMITH & COWLEY, Principals,
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jan18:1y.

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Dr. J. Murray of Bridgewater, is determined that no Dentist in the State shall do work better or cheaper than he offers it to his patrons.—He uses the best materials manufactured in the United States. Gold and silver filling performed in a style that defies competition. Satisfaction guaranteed in all operations, or the money returned. Give him a trial. feb19:1y

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MANUFACTURED
AND SOLD AT
Wholesale & Retail by
Frazier, Metzger & Co.,
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Rags taken in exchange. [sep28,'70:1y

Railroads.

RAILROADS.

PITTS., FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILWAY. On and after Dec'r. 4th, 1870, trains will leave Stations daily, (Sundays excepted) as follows.—[Trains leaving Chicago at 8.30, P. M., leave Galt.] [Trains leaving Pittsburgh at 9.35 P. M., leave daily.]

TRAINS GOING WEST.

STATIONS.	Exp's.	Exp's.	Mail.	Exp's
Pittsburgh	12[illegible]AM	1055AM	7[illegible]AM	830PM
Rochester	342	1205PM	840	425
Salem				
Alliance	505	300	1145	700
Canton				
Massillon				
Orrville	654	445	1[illegible]PM	8[illegible]
Wooster				
Mansfield	903	600	420	1030
Crestline	935	700	500	1100
Crestline	1035	715	555AM	1110
Bucyrus				
Upper Sandusky				
Forest	1127	840	722	1255AM
Lima	12[illegible]AM	1040	900	120
Van Wert				
Fort Wayne	230	155AM	1145	350
Columbia				
Warsaw				
Plymouth	400	307	225PM	600
Valparaiso				
Chicago	520	700	555	800

TRAINS GOING EAST.

STATIONS.	Exp's.	Exp's.	Mail.	Exp's
Chicago	900AM	515PM	520AM	900PM
Valparaiso				
Plymouth	1[illegible]PM	800	850	1255AM
Warsaw				
Columbia				
Fort Wayne	935	1[illegible]	1[illegible]PM	400
Van Wert				
Lima	456	12[illegible]AM	205	540
Forest	608	203	418	707
Upper Sandusky				
Bucyrus				
Crestline	1[illegible]	4[illegible]	555	9[illegible]
Crestline	630	400	600AM	700
Mansfield	717	500	649	8[illegible]
Wooster				
Orrville	905	654	915	1140
Massillon				
Canton				
Alliance	1045	800	1120	12[illegible]
Salem				
Rochester	1[illegible]AM	1[illegible]	2[illegible]PM	2[illegible]
Pittsburgh	155	12[illegible]PM	305	445

Youngstown, New Castle and Erie Express leaves Youngstown at 2.20 p. m; New Castle, 5.00 p.m; arrives at Pittsburgh, 8.20 p. m. Returning, leaves Pittsburgh 7.00 a. m; arr. at New Castle, 10.44a. m; Youngstown, 12.30 a. m.

Youngstown, New Castle and Pittsburgh Accommodation leaves Youngstown, 6.30 a. m; New Castle, 9.30 a. m; arrives at Allegheny, 12.10 a. m. Returning, leaves Pittsburgh, 3.30 p. m; arrives New Castle, 6.05 p.m.

P. S. MYERS,
General Passenger and Ticket Agent.

CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH RAILROAD. On and after May 29th 1870, trains will leave this city daily (Sundays excepted) as follows.

GOING SOUTH.

STATIONS.	Mail.	Exp's.	Accom
Cleveland	540AM	1215PM	800PM
Euclid Street			
Hudson	655	135	910
Ravenna	730	155	940
Alliance	1130	535	630
Bayard	12[illegible]PM	800	
Wellsville	1[illegible]	630	

GOING NORTH.

STATIONS.	Mail.	Exp's.	Accom
Wellsville	900AM	505PM	
Bayard	1035	625	
Alliance	1153	715	745AM
Ravenna	12[illegible]PM	801	815
Hudson	1253	834	855
Euclid Street			
Cleveland	210	945	1010

GOING EAST.

STATIONS.	Accom	Mail.	Exp's	Accom
Bellair	540AM		300PM	410PM
Bridgeport	555		310	430
Steubenville	700		415	585
Wellsville	815	155PM	440	
Smith's Ferry				
Beaver				
Rochester	925	258	540	
Pittsburgh	1030	400	645	

GOING WEST.

STATIONS.	Mail.	Exp's	Accom	Accom
Pittsburgh	635AM	310PM	405PM	
Rochester	735	410	587	
Beaver				
Smith's Ferry				
Wellsville	855	500	700	
Steubenville	955	600		705AM
Bridgeport	1105	720		815
Bellair	1115	725		830

TUSCARAWAS BRANCH.

Leaves	Arrive
N. Philadelphia, 540 a. m.	Bayard, 9th, a.m.
Bayard, 2.10 a.m.	N. Philadelphia, 3.00pm

W. R. MATHERS, General Ticket Agent.

Miscellaneous.

J. J. Horter, Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Hardware, Queensware, Fruits, Meats, &c.

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DRUGGIST,
Prescriptions Carefully and Accurately Compounded.
THE BEST BRANDS OF ASSORTED
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WINES AND LIQUORS;
Paints, Oils,
AND
DYE STUFFS:
ANILINE DYES OF ALL COLORS;
GLASS & PUTTY;
Special attention given to secure the best quality of Lamps and Lamp Trimmings, Lanterns &c.
A Large Assortment of
TOILET ARTICLES, SOAPS,
BRUSHES &
PATENT MEDICINES,
Main Street, Beaver Pa. [Dec7, '70.

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GERARD
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$12, $15, $20, $25.

DURING the past four or five years our Watches have been so thoroughly tested, that for appearance, style of finish, and accuracy of time-keeping, the "Gerard Watches" are universally acceded to be the best. They retain their brilliancy and color until worn out.

☞ If after purchasing and fairly trying, any one is not fully satisfied, we will cheerfully refund the money.

☞ They are all in Hunting Cases, Gentlemen's and Ladies' sizes. Every Watch guaranteed for time and wear, by special certificate.

☞ A large assortment "Improved Oroide" Chains, $2 to $8. Also, Gentlemen's and Ladies' Jewelry in great variety.

☞ Beware of imitations. Order direct from us or our authorized agents. Agents and others applying for circulars will please enclose three cent stamp for postage.

☞ Goods sent to be paid for on delivery. Customers permitted to examine what they order (before paying bills,) on payment of Express charges both ways.

☞ When SIX Watches are ordered at once, we will send an extra Watch (of same kind) free.

☞ Purchasers residing at some distance from Express offices, and desiring to save time and expenses, can have the goods sent by mail, by remitting (with the order) the amount required by P. O. Money order, registered letter, draft, or check, payable to our order, at our risk. Address plainly.

JAMES GERARD & CO.,
P. O. Box 3,391, New York.
nov23:3m.) 85 Nassau Street

PIMPLES.

The undersigned will cheerfully mail (free) to all who wish it, the Recipe and full directions for preparing and using a simple and beautiful Vegetable Lotion, that will speedily remove Tan, Freckles, Pimples, Blotches, and all eruptions and impurities of the skin, leaving the same soft, clear, smooth and beautiful.

He will also send (free) instructions for producing, by very simple means, a luxuriant growth of hair on a bald head or smooth face.

The above can be obtained by return mail, by addressing THOS. CHAPMAN, Chemist, nov2:3m. 176 Broadway, New York.

Corner Falls and Broadway, New Brighton Beaver county, Pa. Terms cash. sep.28:1y

NEW - GOODS
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French Merinos
Wool Plaids,
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Black Waterproofs.
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Corded Poplins.
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New Dark Delains.
Plain Mixed Goods,
Grey Poplins.

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AT
A. W. ERWIN & CO.'S,
176 Federal St., Allegheny.
Sep26,tc

SELECT MISCELLANY.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE OF GEORGE FISHER, DECEASED.

BY MARK TWAIN.

THIS is history. It is not wild extravagance, like Williamson Mackenzie's "Great Peace Contract," but is a plain statement of facts and circumstances which the Congress of the United States has interested itself in from time to time during the period of half a century.

I will not call this the matter of George Fisher's a great question and unwelcoming subject that the Government and people of the United States—for it has never been decided, and I hold that it is a grave and solemn wrong for a writer to cast stars or call names when such is the case—but will simply present the evidence, and let the reader decide his own verdict. Then, all shall be nobody's injustice, and the innocence shall be clear.

On or about the 16 day of September, 1816, the Great War being then in progress in Florida, the crops, herds and houses of George Fisher, a citizen, were destroyed, either by the Indians or by the United States troops in pursuit of them. By the terms of law, if the Indians destroyed the property there was no relief for Fisher; but if the troops destroyed it, the Government of the United States was debtor to Fisher for the amount involved.

George Fisher must have considered that the Indians destroyed the property, because though he lived several years after, he does not appear to have ever made any claim upon the Government.

In the course of time Fisher died, and his widow married again. And by and by, nearly twenty years after that dimly remembered raid upon Fisher's cornfield, the widow Fisher's new husband petitioned Congress for pay for the property, and backed up the petition with many depositions and affidavits which purported to prove that the troops and not the Indians destroyed the property; that the troops for some inscrutable reason, deliberately burned down "houses" (or cabins) valued at $600, the same belonging to a peaceable private citizen, and also destroyed various other property belonging to the same citizen. But Congress declined to believe that the troops were such idiots (after breaking and scattering a band of Indians proved to have been destroying Fisher's property) as to calmly continue the work of destruction themselves and make a complete job of what the Indians had only commenced. So Congress denied the petition of the heirs of George Fisher in 1832, and did not give them a cent.

We hear no more from them officially until 1848, sixteen years after their first attempt on the Treasury, and a full generation after the death of the man whose fields were destroyed. The next generation of Fisher's heirs then came forward and put in a bill for damages. The Second Auditor awarded them $8,873, being half the damage sustained by Fisher. The Auditor said the testimony showed that at least half the destruction was done by the Indians "*before the troops started in pursuit*," and of course the government was not responsible for that half.

[illegible] 1848 the Fisher, deceased, came forward and pleaded for a "revision" of their bill of damages. The revision was made, but nothing new could be found in their favor except as error of $100 in the former calculation. However, in order to keep up the spirits of the Fisher family, the Auditor concluded to go back and allow interest from the date of the first petition (1832) to the date when the bill of damages was awarded. This sent the Fisher's home happy, with sixteen years' interest on $8,873—the same amounting to $,997.94. Total $17, 870.94.

3. For an entire year the suffering Fisher family remained quiet—even satisfied, after a fashion. Then they swooped down upon government with their wrongs once more. That old patriot, Attorney General Toucey, burrowed through the musty papers of the Fishers' and discovered one more chance for the desolate orphans—that on that original award of $8,873 from the date of destruction of the property (1813) up to 1832! Result, $10,004.89 for the indignant Fishers. So now we have: First, $8,873 damages; second, interest on it from 1832 to 1848, $8,997.94; third, interest on it dated back to 1813, $10,004.89. Total, $27,875.83! What better investment for a great grandchild than to get the Indians to burn a corn-field for him sixty or seventy years before his birth, and plausibly lay it on lunatic United States troops?

4. Strange as it may seem, the Fishers let Congress alone for five years—or, what is, perhaps, more likely, failed to make themselves heard by Congress for that length of time. But at last, in 1854, they got a hearing. They persuaded Congress to pass an act requiring the Auditor to re-examine their case. But this time they stumbled on the misfortune of an honest Secretary of the Treasury (Mr. James Guthrie) and he spoiled everything. He said, in very plain language, that the Fishers were not only not entitled to another cent, but that those children of many sorrows and acquainted with grief had been paid too much already