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BLOOMSBURG DIRECTORY.

STOVES AND TINWARE.

J. MOSER METZ, dealer in stoves & tinware, Main st., above Second to ware.

A. M. BITLER, stoves and tinware, Bruner Block, Main st., west of Market.

R. A. HARMAN, Stoves, Tinware, Coal & kinds, adjoining the Episcopal Church on Second and Main streets.

CLOTHING, &C.

D. LOWENBERG, merchant tailor, Main st., door above American house.

J. W. CHEMBERLIN, wholesale or retail dealer in clothing, etc., Mariness's building, Main street.

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, &C.

L. S. MOYER, druggist and apothecary, Exchange block, Main st.

E. P. LUTZ, druggist and apothecary, Ikeler block, Main st., west of Market.

CLOCKS, WATCHES, &C.

LOUIS BERNHARD, watch and clock maker, Exchange block Main st.

C. T. SAVAGE, dealer in clocks, watches and jewelry, Main St., nearly opposite American house.

R. CATHCART, watch and clock maker, Market st., below Main.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

C. H. BROWN, boot and shoe manufacturer, Main street, opposite Court House.

A. ROLLER, manufacturer of and dealer in boots and shoes, Market, corner of Centre alley.

HENRY KEIM, manufacturer and dealer in boots and shoes, groceries, etc., Bloomsburg Main st.

DAVID RETZ, boot and shoemaker, Main st., below Mariness's tailoring establishment.

PROFESSIONAL.

J. E. EVANS, M. D., surgeon and physician, Main st., below Market.

D. R. F. E. Kinney surgeon dentist, brother ed without pain. Main st., nearly opposite Episcopal Church.

J. R. McKELVY, M. D., surgeon and physician, south side Main st., below Market.

J. C. RUTTER, M. D., surgeon and Physician, Market st., above Main.

D. H. C. HOWER, surgeon dentist, Main st., above court house.

MILLINERY & FANCY GOODS.

MISS LIZZIE BARKLEY, milliner, Bazaar building, Main st.

MISS A. D. WEBB, fancy goods, notions, books, stationery, north side Main street below Market.

E. PETERMAN, millinery and fancy goods opposite Episcopal church, Main st.

MISS JULIA A. & SADE BARKLEY, ladies cloaks and dress patterns, southeast corner Main and west st.

MISS M. DERRICKSON, millinery and fancy goods Main st., opposite Court House.

MRS. S. D. FURMAN, milliner, Main st., below Harman's store, west of Market st.

THE MISSES HARMAN milliners and fancy goods, Main street, door above American house.

HOTELS AND SALOONS.

J. LEACOCK, proprietor and cutting saloon, American House, Main st., Bloomsburg. Excellent accommodations.

WIDMYER & JACOBY, confectionery, ice cream and refreshment saloon, wholesale and retail, Exchange block, Main st.

FOX & WEBB, confectioners, bakery, and ice cream saloon, Main st., one door above Market, below Main.

EXCHANGE HOTEL, by Reuben Clark, Main st., opposite court house.

AMERICAN HOUSE, by John Leacock, Main st., west of court house.

PARK HOTEL, by C. W. Hayes, Main st., near Market.

B. STOHNER, refreshment saloon, Main st., above court house.

FRONS & CRAIG, refreshment saloon, Exchange hotel.

W. H. GELLIOTT, refreshment saloon, Ikeler block, south side Main st.

MERCHANTS AND GROCERS.

E. JACOBS, Commissioner, Main st., opposite Court House.

S. H. MILLER, dealer in dry goods, groceries, queensware, flour, feed, grain, provisions, Exchange block, Main street.

MCKELVY, NEAL & Co., dealers in dry goods, groceries, boots, hats, caps, queensware, hardware, iron, nails, glass, cutlery, carpets and oil cloths, Bloomsburg.

H. C. HOWER, hats and caps, Main st., above court house.

C. C. MAHR, dry goods and notions, corner Main and Iron sts.

J. J. BROWER, dry goods, groceries, etc., north corner Main and Iron sts.

REV. A. HARTMAN, dry goods, notions, and groceries, Main st., opposite Episcopal Church, Bloomsburg.

H. BUNSBERGER, cabinet ware, boots, and shoes, and coffins, Main st., Episcopal Church.

D. A. FREAS, dealer in dry goods, groceries, etc., Main st., above Market.

WILLIAM HARRIS, dry goods, groceries, etc., Main st., above Second.

E. MENDENHALL, general stock of merchandise, Second building, corner of Main street, Bloomsburg.

J. J. ROBBINS, dealer in dry goods, groceries, etc., Main street, below Market.

J. E. CARTON, dealer in dry goods, groceries, and general merchandise, Main street.

C. W. SNYDER, hardware, cutlery, stoves, etc., Main st., below Iron.

A. I. SLOAN, dealer in clothing, dry goods, boots, keeping goods, fresh groceries, etc., etc., Main st., opposite court house.

J. K. EYER, groceries and general merchandise, Main st., above West.

L. T. SHARPLESS, dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, etc., Ikeler block, Main st., west of Market.

S. CRAMER & A. E. HAYHURST, dealers in Groceries, Confectioneries and Notions, Scottown, south side, two doors above Ikeler's wagonmaker shop.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G. W. COHELL, furniture rooms, three story brick on Main st., west of Market st.

E. J. THORNTON, wall paper, window shades and fixtures, Rupert block, Main st.

H. ROSENSTOCK, photographer, Exchange block, Main st., opposite court house.

F. BROADT, photographer, Hartman's building northeast corner Main and Market sts.

E. J. BIDLEMAN, Agent Munson's Copper Lightning Rod.

J. R. PURSELL, saddle, trunk and harness maker, Main st., below court house.

C. FOSTER, Glue Maker, and White and Yellow Tanner, Scottown.

BLOOMSBURG LUMBER Co., manufacturers and dealers in Lumber, of all kinds, Planing mill near the rail-road.

W. J. BIDLEMAN, saddle and harness maker, near southwest corner Main and Market st.

A. WITMAN, marble works, Rear southwest corner Main and Market sts.

R. BINGLER, dealer in pianos, organs and melodeons, at G. W. Cohell's furniture rooms.

T. H. MASTERS, agent for Grover & Baker's sewing machines, Main st., Hartman's building, up stairs.

D. W. ROBBINS, liquor dealer second door from northwest corner Main and Iron sts.

W. PEACOCK, Notary Public, northeast corner Main and Market st.

JOHN A. FUNSTON, mutual and cash rates fire insurance company, northeast corner, Main and West sts.

GEORGE HASSERT, manufacturer and repairer of threshing machines, Chumleria's saw mill near Sharpless' foundry.

I. S. KUHN, dealer in neat tallow, etc., Chumleria's mills, back of American house.

SAMUEL JACOBY, Marble and Brown stone Works, East Bloomsburg, Berwick road.

ORANGEVILLE DIRECTORY.

D. H. A. MOHARTER, physician and surgeon, Main st., near door to Goode's Hotel.

BRICK HOTEL, and refreshment saloon, by Daniel Everett, cor. of Main and Pine st.

SWAN HOTEL, the upper house, by John Snyder, Main st., above Pine.

D. KLEMAN, dealer in dry goods, groceries, hardware and notions Main st.

GEORGE J. ZARR, saddle and harness maker, Main st., above the Swan Hotel.

W. H. SMITH, manufacturer of tin ware and dealer in stoves, etc., Main st., above the Swan Hotel.

A. & L. W. COLEMAN, Merchant tailor and dealer in furnishing goods, Main st., next door to the town house.

M. C. HAWTHURST, Clocks, Watches and Guns to repair, Jewelry, Clocks and Watches for sale, Main st., below Pine.

JAMES B. HARMAN, Cabinet Maker, and Undertaker, Main St., below Pine.

MICHAEL G. KELLER, Confectionery, Oysters &c., Main St., between Main and Mill.

H. H. KNEISNER, the grocerie, on Mill street, below Pine.

WILLIAM DEPPEN, Shoemaker and manufacturer of boots, Mill St., west of Pine.

ISAAC SNYDER, Flour and Grist Mill, and dealer in coal, Mill street.

LEWIS M. SCHLEER, Dry Goods, Merchant Tailor, and manufacturer of shoes, Main ST.

M. A. WILLIAMS & Co., Tinware and Manufacturers of stoves, Main st., west of Pine.

JOHN KASHNER, Hotel and Saloon keeper, Pine st., opposite the Lutheran Church.

A. BOWMAN & BROTHER, Carpenters and Builders, Main Street, below Pine.

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J. B. CRANE, dry goods, groceries, and general merchandise, Main street.

S. D. RINARD, dealer in stoves and tinware, Main Street.

WM. H. ABBETT, attorney at law, Main street.

GILBERT & KLINE, dry goods, groceries, and general merchandise, Main street.

L. KEELER, billiard saloon, oysters, and ice cream in season, Main Street.

B. F. DALLMAN, Merchant Tailor, Second st., Robbins' Building.

D. R. ROBBINS, Surgeon and Physician, Second st., below Main.

J. B. KISTLER, "Catawissa House," North West corner Main and Second Streets.

M. BRUNER, dealer in General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Groceries &c.

LIGHT STREET DIRECTORY.

PETER ENT, dealer in dry goods, groceries, queensware, coal, salt, feed, iron, nails, etc., Light street.

J. LEWELLYN, Cooper, Light street.

JOSEPH WALTER, Blacksmith, Light street.

H. [illegible], Light street.

M. [illegible], Light street.

J. [illegible], Light street.

W. [illegible], Light street.

[illegible], Light street.

ESPY DIRECTORY.

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JERSEYTOWN DIRECTORY.

ANDREW MADDOCK, dealer in dry goods, groceries, queensware, hardware, iron, nails, etc., Jerseytown.

[illegible], dealer in dry goods, groceries, etc., Jerseytown.

[illegible], Jerseytown.

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PATTERSON DIRECTORY.

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HOTELS AND SALOONS.

EXCHANGE HOTEL,
BLOOMSBURG, COLUMBIA CO., PA.

The undersigned having purchased the well-known property on MAIN STREET, opposite the Court House, and having refitted and refurnished the same throughout, is now prepared to accommodate all who may favor him with a call. No pains will be spared to render satisfaction to those who may favor him with their custom.

JOHN KNORR.

Bloomsburg, April 3, 1868.

THE SWAN HOTEL,
(THE UPPER HOUSE)
ORANGEVILLE, COLUMBIA CO., PA.

The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public that he has taken the above well known House of Entertainment, and will be pleased to receive the custom of all who will favor him with a call.

HE WILL KEEP A GOOD TABLE,

a Bar well stocked with the best of Liquors, and every effort will be made to render satisfaction.

JOHN SNYDER.

Orangeville, Pa., March 13, 1868.

EXCHANGE SALOON,

The Proprietor of the Exchange Hotel has fitted up in the building adjoining the Hotel, a large and commodious

SUMMER REFRESHMENT SALOON,

consisting of

SPACIOUS SITTING ROOMS, TABLES, TABLE AND COUNTER SERVICE, BOTTLED BEER, ICE CREAM, &C.

LAGER BEER, ALE, &C.

ALWAYS ON DRAUGHT, COME ALL AND SEE.

LAWSON CALMAN,
Superintendent.

Bloomsburg, May 3, 1867.

THE ESPY HOTEL,
ESPY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA.

The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has taken the above well known House of Entertainment, and will be pleased to receive the custom of all who will favor him with a call.

HE WILL KEEP A GOOD TABLE,

a Bar well stocked with the best of Liquors, and every effort will be made to render entire satisfaction.

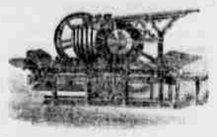
C. H. DIETTERICH.

Espy, Pa., April 12, 1867.

BRICK HOTEL,
ORANGEVILLE, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA.
EDWARD EVERETT, PROPRIETOR.

Having taken possession of the well-known house, so long kept by Samuel Everett, the Proprietor respectfully informs the public that he has refitted and refurnished the BAR AND LARDER with the choicest liquors and newest delicacies. His stable is not excelled in the county; and no pains will be spared to accommodate guests.

THE COLUMBIAN,



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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
CATAWISSA, PA.

C. W. MILLER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Office with H. Ikeler, in brick building adjoining Read office.

JOHN G. FREEZE,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Office in Brockway & Freeze's building, in the basement of the Court House, Bloomsburg, Pa.

ROBERT P. CLARK,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Office on Main st., in Second National Bank building, over Post Office, Bloomsburg, Pa.

E. H. LITTLE,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Office on Main st., in Exchange Building, below the Court House.

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.
Office in Court House Alley, below the Court House.

J. B. ROBISON,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
BLOOMSBURG, PENN'A.
Office in Diamond's building, Main Street, West of the American House.

LOUIS BERNHARD
would inform the citizens of this and adjoining counties that he is now prepared to sell Riddell's Patent Lightning Rod.

AUCTIONEER,
MOSES COFFMAN,
Having followed the profession of Auctioneering for many years, would inform his friends and the public that he is now prepared to attend to the duties of his calling. Persons wishing to have sales will call on or address him at Bloomsburg, Pa.

DR. W. H. BRADLEY,
Late Assistant Medical Director U. S. Army,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
Office at the house opposite Silver's Hotel, Bloomsburg, Pa.
Will promptly attended to both night and day.
Bloomsburg, Jan. 10, 1867.

J. B. PURSEL,
HARNESS, SADDLE AND TRUNK
MANUFACTURER,
and dealer in
CARPET-BAGS, VALISES, FLY-NETS, BUFFALO ROBES, HORSE-BLANKETS, &c.,
which he feels confident he can sell at lower rates than any other person in the country. Establishment three doors below the Post Office Main street, Bloomsburg, Pa.
Nov. 15, 1866.

S. C. COLLINS,
FASHIONABLE
SHAVING, HAIR CUTTING
AND
SHAMPOOING SALOON,
Over Widmyer & Jacoby's Ice Cream Saloon,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.
Hair Dyeing and Whiskers colored black or brown. Hair taken to dressing daguerreotypes and being colored to life. Ladies can have their hair dressed in the most fashionable manner, at their residence, on notice. [apr27.

DENTISTRY.
H. C. HOWER, DENTIST,
Respectfully tenders his professional services to the ladies and gentlemen of Bloomsburg and vicinity. He is prepared to attend to the various operations in the line of his profession, and is provided with the latest improved PORCELAIN TEETH which will be inserted on gold plating, silver and rubber base so both as well as the natural teeth. Teeth extracted by all the new and most approved methods, and all operations on the teeth carefully and properly attended to.
Residence and office a few doors above the Court House, same side.
Bloomsburg, Jan. 31, 1868.

POWDER KEGS AND LUMBER.
W. M. MONROE & CO.,
Rupert, Pa.,
Manufacturers of
POWDER KEGS,
and dealers in all kinds of
LUMBER,
give notice that they are prepared to accommodate their custom with dispatch, and on the cheapest terms.

Choice Poetry.

LINES TO A SKELETON.

FIFTY years ago the London *Morning Chronicle* published a poem entitled "Lines to a Skeleton," which excited much attention. Every effort, even to the offering of a reward of fifty guineas, was vainly made to discover the author. All that ever transpired was, that the poem, in a fair, clerkly hand, was found near a skeleton of remarkable beauty of form and color, in the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn, and that the curator of the Museum had them sent to Mr. Perry, of the *Morning Chronicle*:

Behold this ruin! 'Twas a skull,
One of etherial spirit full;
This narrow cell was life's retreat,
This space was thought's mysterious seat;
What beauteous vision filled this spot!
What dreams of pleasure long forgot!
Nor hope, nor joy, nor love, nor fear,
Have left one trace of record here.

Beneath this mouldering canopy
Once shone the bright and busy eye;
But start not at the dismal void
If social love that eye employed—
If with no lawless fire it gleamed,
But through the dew of kindness beamed—
That eye shall be forever bright,
When sun and stars are sunk in night.

Within the hollow cavern hung
The ready, swift and tuneful tongue.
If falsehood's lore it disdained;
And when it could not praise was chained;
If bold in virtue's cause it spoke,
Yet gentle concord never broke,
This silent tongue shall plead for thee,
When time unveils eternity.

Say, did these fingers delve the mine?
Or with its envied rubies shine?
To hew the rock or wear the gem
Can little now avail to them.
But if the page of truth they sought,
Or comfort to the mourner brought,
These hands a richer meed shall claim
Than all that wait on wealth or fame.

Avails it, whet her bare or shod,
These feet the path of duty trod?
If from the halls of ease they fled
To seek affliction's humble shed;
If grandeur's guilty bribe they spurned,
And home to Virtue's cot returned,
These feet with angel's wings shall vie,
And tread the palace of the sky.

Miscellaneous.

IMPORTANT TO BANKRUPTS.—Every applicant for the benefit of the bankrupt act, after the 1st of June next, must show that he has property sufficient to pay 50 cents on the dollar, or has obtain a release from enough of his creditors to pay 50 cents on the dollars to the remainder. All who expect to apply for certificates of bankruptcy, without property sufficient to comply with the above conditions should hurry up or they will be counted out. For the benefit of those who do not fully understand the law, we furnish the following abstract:

Who may take advantage of this law? Any person or firm, who owes debts to the amount of three hundred dollars or upwards, whether they be individual or partnership debts or both, and it makes no difference what is the character of the indebtedness whether it be by bill, note, account, judgment, as principal, or surety, or otherwise.

What does the law demand of the applicant?

That he shall surrender his property, except such as is hereinafter mentioned, to his creditors for a pro rata distribution among them.

What does the law permit the applicant to keep?

First—Household and kitchen furniture and necessaries to the amount of five hundred dollars.

Second—The uniforms, arms and equipments of any person who is, or has been a soldier in the militia or the service of the United States.

Third—If the applicant is the head of a family, his homestead, to the value of five hundred dollars. If he has no homestead, in lieu thereof money or other personal property to the value of $300.

If the applicant has only so much property as is above enumerated, of course he has nothing to give up to his creditors.

The result of the benefit of taking this law is a discharge from all indebtedness.

In cases where there is no contest, it requires from sixty to ninety days to procure this discharge.

THAT most dreary and uninteresting of Representatives Mr. Williams of Pa. in his speech on Monday "denied that all wisdom had died with our fathers and that this Congress had as good a right to construe the Constitution as their predecessors." Mr. Williams did not show his individual wisdom by this display of eloquence as he was immediately afterward taken ill and thereby prevented from finishing his oration. We remembered a similar case with worse results which happened to a gentleman by the name of Ananias some years since resulting from an indiscreet remark.

IN the South every facility is given the negro to vote, the polls in some States being kept open a week. In Pennsylvania, on the contrary, every means are adopted to clog the right of suffrage, and keep the poor laboring men from the polls. The whole gist of the Registry law North is to hamper white men in voting, while in the South its design is to facilitate negro voting. Contrast the two, working men!

THOSE gentlemen in Congress whom popular opinion endows with but a modicum of virtue at the best, are the ones who assume the loftiest standpoints in their anti-Presidential harangues. It is delightful to hear the highly moral and virtuous disquisitions of Stevens, Butler and others whose reputations are as untarnished and spotless as the "spoons and plates" *confiscated* at New Orleans!

ALL great men have left some memorable expression to be embalmed in the memories of their countrymen. Lawrence exclaimed "Don't give up the ship;" Perry wrote, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours." Stanton, in the ever to be remembered scene in the War Office rendered himself illustrious by his thrilling command: "Schreiver, if you have a bottle here, bring it out!"

WILLIAM C. RIVES, a prominent public man for many years, died at his residence at Castle Hill Va. a few days since. He was twice Minister to France and was three times elected as Representative in Congress and three times Senator.

Interesting Story.

SAVED BY A MUTE ALPHABET.

"I'LL tell you a story how I saved my life once, entirely through having learned the deaf and dumb alphabet.

There were two little boys who used to come and stay with Frank and me, when we were first married, and they could neither hear nor speak.

They were deaf and dumb; they could not talk except with their fingers—so—only ever so much quicker.

Frank and I learned this foreign alphabet on purpose that we might understand what they said. They were quick and clever, they could read and write, aye, and draw and sew, and do many other things which most of boys would make but a bad hand at.

They could play at draughts, and at backgammon and at chess, and at fox and geese, as well as any boys. They could almost see what was said, though they could not hear, with such quick, eager eyes did they watch every movement of our lips. We soon, however, got to talk with our fingers as well as with our tongues, and sometimes, when the lads were not with us, Frank and I often talked in that manner, when we were alone, for practice.

It happened that on one occasion he had to go to London on important business; he was to have gone by the afternoon train, but something delayed him so that he was not able to leave before the night express. I was not in very good health, and retired to my bedroom about two hours before his departure; he promised, however, to come up and give me good-bye before he started, which would be between twelve and one o'clock in the morning. The matter which called him away was connected with the bank here, which had been burned down; and my husband, it seems—though I did not know it at the time, so great a secret had he endeavored to keep it—had many thousand pounds belonging to the concern in his temporary possession, locked up in the iron safe in our bed-room, where the plate was kept. He was bank manager and responsible for the whole of it. It was cold weather, and there was a fire on the grate, so bright and comfortable that I was in no hurry to leave it and get into bed, but sat looking into the fiery coals, and thinking about all sorts of things; upon the long journey Frank had to take that night, and how dreary the days would be till he returned, and in particular how lonely I should feel in that great room all by myself when he should be away; for I was a dreadful coward. It was a little after eleven o'clock when I retired; but I did not feel the least inclined to sleep even then. I knew Frank would be coming in presently to wish me good-bye, and besides there seemed to be all sorts of noises about the room which my foolish ears used to hear when I was alone at night.

If a little soot fell down the chimney, it was, I thought, a great black crow, at least, which would be soon flying all around my room, and settling on my pillow; if a mouse squeaked in the wall it was the creaking of some dreadful person's shoes, coming up stairs to kill me with a carving knife; and if the wind blew the casements, it was some one trying to get in the room by the window, although it was two stories high.

You may imagine then my horror when I heard a tremendous sneeze within an inch of me just behind the headboard of my bed, and between that and the wall, where there was considerable space. I had, as usual, taken the precaution, before I put the candle out, of looking everywhere in the room where it was quite impossible that any person could be hid; but in the little alcove into which the bed was pushed I had never thought of looking for anybody. Ever since I slept in that room, in short, I had been like the ostrich, that puts its head into the sand, and then imagines itself in perfect safety.

I had piqued myself upon precautionary measures, that, after all, might just as well have been omitted. The only thing, as I believe, which saved my reason from departing altogether, when I first heard that terrible sound, was, that my mind clung to the hope that, after all, it might only be the sneeze of a cat. Fifty cats together could not have made half the disturbance, it is true, for it was a sneeze in spite of himself, and the concussion almost shocked the house; but the idea sustained me over the first shock.

The next instant, and the wretch had sneezed again, and pushed aside the bed, which rolled on castors. I felt that he was standing beside my pillow looking at me. If he had given but the one sneeze he might perhaps have believed me, as I lay quite still, breathing as regularly as I could, and pretending to be asleep; but he reasoned very justly, that unless I was deaf or dead, I must have been awakened by the sound.

"You are awake, marm," said he in a very gruff voice, "and its of no use your shamming; if you don't want a rap with this life preserver, just look alive."

I opened my eyes exceedingly wide at this, and saw a man with crape over his face, standing by the bed; he had a club, with two knobs on it, in his right hand, and with his left hand pointed to the safe.

"Is the money there?"

"The plate is," said I in a tremulous voice; "pray take it, sir. I'm sure you are very welcome;" for he might have taken everything valuable in the house with all my heart, so long as he would leave me my life.

"The money—the gold—the notes—are they there?" he cried again in a whisper.

"It's all there," replied I, though I knew nothing about it; "all except fifteen and sixpence in my purse, on the dressing table yonder. There's silver mustard pots, besides, in the pantry, and a couple of candlesticks in my husband's study, only they are plated, and I would not deceive you, sir, on any account."

"You had better not," said the burglar grimly, "or it'll be worse for you."

He immediately produced a key like that my husband used, and approached the safe; but as he did so his guilty ear caught a sound of footsteps on the stairs.

"Who is that?"

"My husband," said I, "but pray don't hurt him."

"Is he not gone to town, then?" cried the ruffian, with an oath of disappointment.

"He's going at twelve," replied I, "he is, indeed."

"If you tell him, woman," said the burglar hoarsely, "if you breathe but one word of my presence here, it will be the death doom of you both;" he had slipped into the alcove and drawn the bed back to its place in an instant.

My husband entered immediately afterwards, and even while he was in the room, I heard the awful threat repeated again through the thick curtain behind me.

"If you but whisper it, woman, I will kill you where you lie. Promise not to tell him."

"I will," said I, solemnly, "I promise not to open my lips at all about the matter."

Frank leaned over the pillow to kiss me, and observing how terrified I looked, said:

"You have been frightening yourself about robbers again, I suppose, you silly girl."

"Not I, Frank," returned I as cheerfully as I could. "I have a little headache;" but said with my fingers so that he could plainly read it in the firelight, "For God's sake be quiet! But there is certainly a man behind the headboard."

Frank was as bold as a lion, and had nerves like iron, although he was so tender hearted and kind. He only answered:

"Where is your sal-volatile, dearest?" and went to the mantle-piece to get it.

I thought he never could have understood me, he spoke with such coolness and unconcern, until I saw his fingers reply as he took up the bottle. "All right, don't be afraid."

And then I was not afraid, or at least not much; for I knew I should not be left alone one instant; and I thought that my Frank was a match for any two such men in such a case; only he had no weapon..

"He has a life preserver," said I with my fingers.

"Your fire is getting rather low, now Georgy," observed he, as he took up the poker (ah, he had a weapon then) "I must leave you a good blaze before I go."

He fixed the fire and left the poker in, but without taking eyes off me or the bedhead.

"I'll just ring the bell and see whether Thomas has got the portmanteau ready. Mary," continued he to the maid that came to the door, "send Thomas up." Then when she had gone on that errand—"By Jove! I never gave him that key. Where is it, Georgy? I have not a moment to lose. If it is in your dressing case with the rest, I shall be an age in looking for it. Might I ask you to get out of bed for an instant and show me where it is?"

He said with his fingers "jump!" and I jumped, you may be sure, quick enough, and was inside the dressing room with the door locked in half a second.

"Come in, Thomas," said Frank. "Come in," for Thomas was modestly hesitating at the chamber door. "There is some blackguard got into the house, and behind the bed there. If he makes the least resistance, I'll kill him with this red hot poker."

At these words the bed was pushed slowly outward, and the burglar, without his crape mask, and his face as pale as ashes, came out from his hiding place. Frank knew him as a bank messenger, who had been out of employment since the fire, on suspicion of his honesty.

"Oh, sir, have pity on me," cried he. "I'm an unlucky dog! If it hadn't been for a sneeze I should have ten thousand pounds in my pocket by this time."

"Oh, you came after that, did you? Well, give up that life preserver you have in your pocket before we have any more conversation," said my husband coolly.

"Did your lady tell you that too; and yet I stood by her and never heard her utter a syllable," cried the villain in accents of astonishment, as he delivered up the weapon to the male servant.

"I never spoke a word," cried I thought the dressing-room key-hole, for I did not care to have the man think that I had broken my oath, nor, to say the truth, was I anxious to make a deadly enemy of him in case he should ever be at large again.

"Then it is a judgement upon me, and it is no good to fight against it," said the miserable wretch.

"Not in the least, and we will go to the police office at once."

So off went the burglar in their custody; leaving me safe and sound, after all. And now, do not you think there is some use in learning everything, even so small a thing as the deaf and dumb alphabet?

A NEW DODGE IN THE CLOTHING BUSINESS.—An Atlanta correspondent of the Chattanooga *American Union* writes:

Some of the Atlanta merchants are shrewd. I hear of a good thing perpetrated by one of them, which was related by him to a New York "drummer." The merchant aforesaid is in the ready-made clothing business, and he told the gentleman from New York that when a customer came in, after letting him try on several coats, he would say to him that he had a cost which he had given a gentleman to take home the night before, but he was not satisfied with it and returned it. Perhaps it might fit his customer. "Now you know," says he, "all men are more or less dishonest, so I put a pocket-book in one of the coat pockets, which only costs me thirty or forty cents. Now when the man tries on the coat he puts his hands in the pockets and feels this pocket-book, and he buys the coat at once for a considerable advance on the usual price; *and he never comes back to see about it.*"

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The "Gorilla."

SOME ten years since, a traveller in the interior of Western Africa saw a native tribe engaged in worshiping what appeared to be a human skull set upon a pole; the curiosity of the traveller was excited, and with considerable trouble he obtained possession of the idol, and forwarded it to Professor Owen for his opinion respecting the nature of the animal of which it had once formed a part. Professor Owen decided that the creature was altogether unrepresented by any specimen of natural history known to the scientific world; and the learned Professor embodied his views on the subject in a very interesting paper, which he read before the Zoological Society. Of course, every body begged to differ from the conclusions to which he had arrived, and there were not a few who ridiculed, as completely fanciful, the drawing of the restored animal, which the Professor had made without any other information to guide him than the structure of the skull. At length, after extraordinary exertions, an animal was captured, and, packed in a cask of spirits of wine, duly arrived in this country a few weeks since; and it is found to correspond closely with the description of it by Professor Owen.

The gorilla is a native of Western Africa, and is known to exist, in very large numbers, in the Gaboon districts, where they are among the most formidable of the wild animals of the forest. The present specimen, which has been most carefully skinned and preserved by Mr. Bartlett, under the direction of Professor Owen, is rather more than five feet in height. It is a male, known to be young by the state of his teeth and the condition of the sutures of the skull. In features the animal is very much like a negro, and the orbits over the eyes are considerably projected. The teeth are formed almost precisely as in man; and, unlike those of the monkey chimpanzee, or ourang-outang, they are of great strength. In the skull, which was first sent over to this country, the canines were nearly as large and as strong as those of a lion. The hair on the upper part of the head of the gorilla is a reddish brown, upon the cheeks the smooth hair is of a grayish hue; the back is covered with dun or mouse-colored hair; the hair upon the arm from the hand to the elbow is black, and it grows upward from the hand toward the elbow. The chest is nearly bare. There were thirteen wounds in the body of the animal, and two bullets were extracted from it, one from a wound which had been a long time healed over. The negroes of Africa live in constant terror of these animals, which are gregarious; and it is stated by the natives that they frequently descend in considerable force, sack the villages, carry away the young children and devour them; and, further, that they have a very ugly custom of attacking men, and wrenching off the heads of those whom they attack. If one of the creatures is fired at or attacked, the whole tribe come down to the rescue, and escape from the combined assault is impossible. How far these statements may be correct there is at present no means of knowing; but it is certain that the gorilla is not a vegetarian in his habits, and that he would have no scruple in devouring any flesh that might chance to come in his way.

A specimen is now in the British Museum, together with a skeleton of an old male gorilla. A few days since Professor Owen lectured before the Zoological Society on the external characteristics of the animal. He first called attention to the shortness, almost absence, of neck; to the great length of the cervical spines, causing the "nape" to project beyond the "occiput;" to the great size and elevation of the blade-bones; and to the oblique rising of the collar-bones above the level of the angles of the jaw. The brain-case was low and narrow, and a thick integument overlapping that ridge forms a scowling pent-house over the eyes. The nose is more prominent than in the chimpanzee or orang-outang, not only at its lower expanded part, but at its upper half; the mouth is very wide, the lips large, of uniform thickness, the upper one with a straight margin, not showing the colored lining membrane when the mouth is shut; the chin very short and receding; the muzzle very prominent; the eyelids with eyelashes the eyes wider apart than in the orang or chimpanzee; the ears smaller in proportion than in man, much smaller than in the chimpanzee, but the structure of the auricle more like that of man. On a direct front view of the face, the ears are on the same parallel with the eyes. The huge canines in the male give a most formidable aspect to the beast. The profile of the trunk describes a slight convexity, there being no in-bending at the loins. The chest is of great capacity; the shoulders very wide across; the abdomen somewhat prominent, both before and at the sides. The chief deviations from the human structure were seen in the limbs, which are of great power, the upper ones prodigiously strong. A uniform circumference prevails in the fore-arm; the leg increases in thickness from below the knee to the ankle. These characters of the limbs are due to the general absence of those partial muscular enlargements which impart the graceful varying curves to the outlines of the limbs in man. Yet they depended, the Professor remarked, rather on excess than defect of development of the carneous as compared with the tendinous parts of the limb muscles, which thus continued of almost the same size from their origin to their insertion, with a proportionate gain of strength to the beast. The difference in the length of the upper limbs between the gorilla and man is but little in comparison with the trunk. The hair of the arm inclines downward, that of the fore-arm upward, as in the chimpanzee. The thumb is much larger than in the chimpanzee—a fact of great significance.

The fore-arm in the gorilla passes into the hand with very slight appearance of the wrist, the circumference of which, without the hair, was fourteen inches, that of a strong man averaging eight inches. The hand is remarkable for its breadth and thickness, and for the great length of the palm, partly occasioned by the extent of undivided integument between the fingers. The fingers are thus short, and appear as if swollen and gouty; and are conical in shape after the first joint, by tapering to nails, which, being not larger or longer than those of man, are relatively to the fingers much smaller. The circumference of the middle digit at the first joint in the gorilla is five and a half inches; in man, at the same part, it averages two and three-fourths inches. The skin covering the middle joint is thick and callous on the backs of the fingers; the habit of the animal to apply those parts to the ground, in occasional progression, is manifested by these callosities. The back of the hand is hairy as far as the divisions of the fingers; the palm is naked and callous. The thumb, besides its shortness, according to the standard of the human hand, is scarcely half so thick as the forefinger.

In the hind limbs, appearances lead to an inference that the gorilla resorts to them in station and progression more than any other ape.

The thigh has a great circumference above the knee-joint, and a more uniform size than in man. The relative shortness of the thigh adds to the appearance of its superior thickness. Absolutely it is not of greater circumference at its middle than is the same part in man.

The Woodpecker's Foresight.

THE woodpecker in California is a storer of acorns. The tree he selects is invariably of the pine tribe. He bores several holes differing slightly in size, at the fall of the year, and then flies away. In many instances to a long distance, and returns with an acorn, which he immediately sets about adjusting to one of the holes prepared for its reception, which will hold it tightly in its position. But he does not eat the acorn; for, as a rule, he is not a vegetarian. His object in storing away the acorn exhibits acute foresight, and knowledge of results more akin to reason than to instinct. The succeeding winter the acorn rem