From the Philadelphia Star. There was once a little boy named Tommy, who read the New York Ledger till his mind became filled with all kinds of stories about the sea. So he told his father | & CO., Its Greenwich-st. N. Y. that he wanted to be a pirate. But his father fold him it was just as good to be a olitician. Then Tommy enied and said, No. he would be a pirate or nothing."

His kind father took him on his knie and said: "My dear boy, you have a noble character, but why do you want to be a picate? Is it not to sail in a ship on the sea, with a big cutlass in your beit, and to hill either people and get lots of money and live in a cave on some lonely island? That is the way Capt. Kidd did, and many other hold sailors, in the good old times now gone. But, Tommy, it is not the fushion to do those things now, and if you tried it you would soon be caught and hanged, Tommy, and how would you like that? Papa don't want his little son to be hanged. So let us hear no more of piracy. Your education politics. So run away, papa's basy now."
"No, father," said Tommy, "I want to

know what is a politician?"
"A politiciau," said his father, "is a kind of a pirate-a land pirate-who does, in a genteel and easy way, what Capt. Kidd and the Black Buccancer of the Gulf did so: go ciumsily, and at such great risk. Those pirates plundered individuals; the politician plunders the whole community, a city, a State, and sometimes a nation. He makes much money, and becomes a great man. Father is trying to be a politician

Little Tommy's eyes sparkled with delight; he clapped his hands and cried, "Oh daddy! I want to be a politician! Tell me about some of them. Did you ever bee one?

"Yes; and you can read of them in the papers, in which the criminal stories are much more wonderful than the New York Ludger tales. You should read the debates in Congress, in the Legislature, and in councils. Tommy. They will fire your youthful ambition."

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Tell me another story, please, father, said Tommy.

"Well, another time there was a pirate -1 mean a politician-who went around at election time cheating; and he cheated and he cheated, just as Capt. Kidd sailed,

my. "I like these stories much better than the others, because they are true." "The Evans case," said his father to I imself in a musing way, "the pardon of Yerkes, water department, convicted felous in office, Caldwell, Pomeroy, Pattersonhum! hum! there are such a lot of good FIVE YEARS IN THE TERRITORIES. stories, Tommy, that I don't know which to tell you. We'll think over it some other time. But if you really intend to be a politician, there is a great deal to learn, and you houst study now while you are young. "Yes, father, I will," said Tommy.

"When I was a boy," continued his father, "I did not have your advantages. My turents sent me to Sunday-school, and whipped me when I stole apples and told tibs. I was afraid to develop my natural talents. They taught me that it was wrong to look a man in the face and say one thing, and even swear to it, and then go and do another. So all my boyhood was wasted in the pursuit of virtue, and when I became a man I was as green as you are now. But you, my boy, shall have the benefit of the education which was refused to your old daddy. Ob. Tommy, if my parents had brought me up right-that is, I mean v rong-I might have been a much more successful man. I might have been a Credit Mobilier. I might have stolen a million of dollars. I might have kept a kene shop. I might even have been in a cau-cau-cus-and tried to k-kick somebody out-for vo-ting right," and the old man, overcome by his grief, burst into tears. "Yes, my child-the streets. You can learn a great deal there, if you are attentive. You can learn the latest slang phras-

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the verb, to damn? "I think so," said Tommy, and he proceeded to say : We dam. "I damm.

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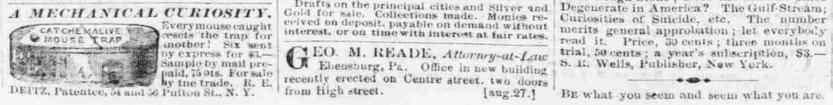
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ately into his idea of steam-motion, losing the faint vestiges of his repute for wit, and died poor and heartbroken in 1818, the hero of an unwritten tragedy. The happy hours of his life were the hours on the dusty plank in the mill-gable at Faulkland .--From Wilmington and its Industries, in the April number of Lippincott's Magazine. ----THE WILMINGTON AND READING BAIL RUAD. - Berks County R. R. All Contracted For

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sion from Reading to the Lehigh,) were arranged last week. This portion is between Lembartsville and Slatington, and is generally light work, which can be rapidly prepared for the track. . . Financial arrangements between the Wilmingron & Reading and the Becks County corporations were also consummated, by which the nine miles of road between Birdsboro and Reading will be promptly built. Considerable work upon it is done, and the iron to put down the track is already provided

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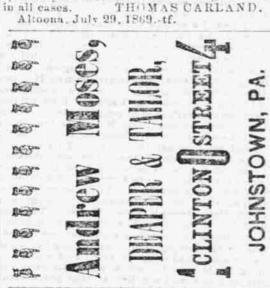
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her recreant but reserve Argentine Republic. disappointment, but slatt and Bob showed her the had received from the gle himself, but be day whole story. In fact, it : Bob did say to the beant had come so far to find failed, but it is quite en got married in a very -! live in good Cordova to public. A real blonde Wholesale and retail orders solicited down there, and she and promptly filled on the shortest notice and when she rides out es beautiful paifrey. It well as it has fallen out. lar couples are too far at fore with each other's much better satisfied as t they were.

and are now living her

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