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# SHERIFF'S SALES.

PY virtue of sundry writs of Vend. Expon., Fi. Fa. and Plerius Fi. Fa., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Mansion House in Johnstown, on Saturday, June 3d. 1876, at 1 o'clock, P.M., the following real estate, to wit: the following real estate, to wit:

ALL the right, title and interest of Christian Kunkle, of, in and to a lot of ground situate in the Second Ward of Johnstown borough. Cambria county. Pa., fronting on Washington street on the north, adjoining for of George Peak on the west, lot of John Shiffhour on the east, and an alley on the south, having thereon erected a two story plank house and a plank stable, now in the occupancy of Christian Kunkle. Taken in execution an to be sold at the suit of Andrew Gick.

Andrew Gick.
Also, all the right, title and interest of Cas-Also, all the right, title and interest of Casper Roth, oi, in and to a lot of ground situate in Cambria borough, Cambria county, Pa., having Chestnut street on the north, Fifth street on the east, lot of Henry Lecky on the west, and extending back to an alley on the north, having thereon erected a one story plank house and plank stable, now in the occupancy of Casper Roth. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of Henry Stremel.

Also, all the right, title and interest of John S. Buchanan, of, in and to a lot or square of ground situate in the Second Ward, in Johnstown berough, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on Main street and bounded by lot of William Nicholson on the cast, an alley on the north, and an alley on the west, having thereon erected a two story frame house and a plank stable,

and an alley on the west, having thereon erected a two story frame house and a plank stable, now in the occupancy of John S. Buchanan. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of John H. Clark, for use of W. Horffee Rose.

ALSO, all the right, title and interest of Christian Wissmiller, of, in and to a piece or lo of ground situate in Conemaugh borough, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on Frankstown street, adjoining lot of Cambria Iron Company on the south, and lot of Thomas Swatman and Frederick Freder on the west, containing two

on the south, and lot of Thomas Swatman and Frederick Procter on the west, containing two acres, more or less, having thereon erected a two story frame house, now in the occupancy of Christian Wissmiller. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of William Dodson and Germania Building and Saving Association of Johnstown, No. 1,

ALSO, all the right, title and interest of John Pharr, of, in and to a lot of ground situate in Cambria borough. Cambria county, Pa., fronting on the north by River street and having Third street on the east, lot of Lena Maltzi on the west, and an alley on the south, having thereon erected a two story plank house and stable, now in the occupancy of John Pharr. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of Germania Building and Saving Association

of Germania Building and Saving Association of Johnstown, No. I. Also, all the right, title and interest of An-Also, all the right, little and interest of Andrew Abier, of, in and to a lot of ground situate in the Second Ward of Conemaugh borough, Cambria county. Pa., fronting on Portage street, having lot of Lewis Dopp on the one side and lot of Andrew Zimmerman on the other side, and extending back to an alicy, having thereon creeted a two story plank house and a stable, now in the occupancy of Andrew Abier. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of James McKay.

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Also, all the right, title and interest of James Little, of, in and to a fot or piece of ground situate in the Third Ward. Johnstown berough, Cambria county, Pa., bounded on the south by Broad street, and having Portage street on the east lot of Philip Hertzinger on the east, Lake alley oughe west, and Pearl street on the north, having thereon erected a two story brick house and plank stable, now in the occupancy of John Tittle. Also, all the right, title and interest of James Tittle, ot, in and to a lot of ground sit-rate in the Third Ward, Johnstown Borough, Countrie county, Pa., having Portage street on the east, pearl street on the north, and lot of Philip Hertzinger on the west and south, now

Philip Bertzinger on the west and south, now in the occupancy of James Tittle. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of John Dibert. James McMillen and J. M. Campbell, Trustees of Cambria Lodge, No. 278.

Arso, all the right, title and interest of Nimrod McElearr, of, in and to a lot or piece of ground situate in the First Ward, Johnstown borough, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on the ground situate in the First Ward, Johnstown borough, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on the west by Market street and having lot of Joseph Larden on the south, lot of Isaac Kauffman on the east, and Lincoln street on the north, having thereon creeted a one-and-a-half story louse, now in the occupancy of Nimrod McEiarr. Taken in execution and to be sold at the nit of M. W. Keim & Co.
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W. Phillippi, of, in and to a lot or piece of ground situate is the Fifth Ward of Johnstown pround stuate is the Fifth Ward of Johnstown borough. Cambria county, Pa., Fronting on the north by Napoleon street, on the west by lot of Levergood & Johnston, on the south by an alley, and on the east by lot of Henry Deffendach, having thereon erected a two story plank house, now in the occupancy of Rev. S. M. Buongardner. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of John F. Barnes.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid when the property is knocked. money to be paid when the property is knocked

down, and the remaining two-thirds upon confirmation of the Deed.
HERMAN PAUMER, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Ebensburg, May 15, 1876.

## REGISTER'S NOTICE!

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named Accounts have been passed and filed in the Register's Office at Ebensburg, in and for the County of Cambras, and will be presented to the Orphans' Court of said coun-ty, for confirmation and allowance, on WED-NESDAY, the 76k day of June, A. D. 1878, to wit: 1. The first account of Jacob Zimmerman and Frederick Kress, executors of Henry Schnable, Let of Johnstewn berough, deceased. 2. The first account of Cornelius Morris, execu-tor of William McCoy, late of Clearfield township,

deceased.

3. The account of David Hamilton, guardian of Joseph Larimer, a minor child of Joseph Larimer, late of Cambria county, deceased.

4. The first and final account of G. M. Reade, 4. The first and that account of G. A. Reader grar lian of Samuel A. Shaffer, a moner child of John Shaffer, tale of Blacklick township, dec'd. 5. The first and partial account of J. R. Stull, administrator of David Wessinger, late of Adams

township, deceased.

6. The first account of George Myers, guardian of Elien, Finily, Luke, Henry, Sarah A, and Ke-becca McGuire, minor children of Mark McGuire, ate of Cle-riseld township, dice 824.

7. The first and partial account of Catharine McColgan, administra rix de hones non cum testa-mento annexo of Feter Dougherty, late of Sum-mitville borough, deceased. S. The first account of Ephraim Goughnour.

generalian of Jane, James and Matthew J. Good, beloof children of Samuel J. Good, late of Cambein county, deceased, The final account of S. Dean Canan and Chas. H. Canan, administrators of Wm. H. Canan, late of Johnstown borough, deceased, 10. The final account of S. Dean Canan and Charles H. Canan, administrators of Robert H.

Canan, late of Jehnstewn borough, deceased.

11 The account of Lewis R. Jones, guardian of Sarah, Martha and Wm. Eccs, minor children of Wm. and Mary Rees, late of Millville borough, 12. The arst and final account of Elizabeth Heck-

12 The first and final account of Educated Heckroth, late of Johnstown borough, deceased

13. The third and final account of W. C. Lewis, administrator in bours non of David Hite, late of Johnstown borough, deceased,

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14. The first and final account of John A. Kennedy, administrator of Bridget E. Evans, late of Cambria township, deceased.

15. The partial account of Thomas Van Scovoe and David Benshey, executors of William Smith, late of White township, deceased.

16. The first and partial account of Dwight Jones and A. Y. Jones, executors of Silas H. Davis late of Ebensburg borough, deceased.

17. The first and final account of Francis Bearer, guardian of Clara Deltreich, now intermarried with Thomas Gill, a minor child of Matthias Deitreich, late of Chest township, deceased. rich Homes GH, a limor child cooked.

18. The first and partial account of John W. harbaugh and Catharine Fresh, admin strators follower Fresh, late of Cambria township dec'd.

19. The first and partial account of L. H. Linou, executor of Peter L. Linton, late of Ebensburg

borough, deceased.

20. The partial ac ount of F M, George and
Joseph (riste, executors of Otho Styner, late of
Washington township, deceased.

JAMES M. SINGER, Register.

Register's Office, Ebensburg, May 6, 1876.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE.

E-tale of JAS. A. LITTLEFIELD. No lee is hereby given that letters of administration have been granted to the undersigned on the estate of James A. Littlefield, late of thest Springs borough. Cambrin country, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make prompt payment, and those having claims against it are requested to present the same properly authenticated for settlement.

(HARLES WHARTON, Administrator, Char Springs, May 5, 1876-56.

### DRIFTING DOWN THE RIVER.

BY THE LATE MRS. MARY A. FORD-UNA. Drifting down the shining river, Where the sunbeams glauce and quiver

On the rippling waves so swiftly Dancing onward to the sea; As they glide in ceaseless motion To the broad, unfathomed ocean, What a lesson, in their journey, Do they whisper auto me!

Down a broader, deeper river-One whose wavelets we can never Sail but once-for never backward O'er its surface may we go— Do we float, perhaps unshrinking, Often heedless and unthinking, Where the boundless, endless ocean, Of Sternity doth flow.

With our hopeful eyes turned sunward We are looking onward, onward For a glimpse of that bright Eden. Lost while yet the world was young; For we fancy that it glimmers Where the shiring water skimmers Like a gate of pearl before us By the hand of distance hung.

Morg its far-off purple shadows Do we picture flowery meadows— Bright elysian fields of beauty, Where we hope to pause and rest, But how oft we find them cheating, Empty visions, false and fleeting As the magic cities rising From the water's misty breast.

When at last our heaven nearing, All its beauty disappearing, We but find a barren desert, On the sea's rough, stormy verge ; All its fruits to ashes turning, All its valleys bare and burning, And the white wings of its angels

But the foam-wreaths on the surge. Naught is real, naught is lasting Save that world to which we're hasting Over Time's swift-flowing river; And for rest we seek in vain Till we reach the goiden portal Never er ssed by foot of mortal, And our life bark's wrecked and shattered Ne'er to breast the waves again.

#### WHO WAS HE?

On a dreary November afternoon in the year 1866, Mr. Blonger, senior member of the firm of Blonger & Co., machinists and manufacturers of marine engines, established in 1803, was sitting before a blazing fire in his office in the east end of London, when a visitor was announced. "Show him in, James," said the old gentleman, and continued the perusal of the Times. A moment after the door opened, and a young man, apparently about twenty-four years hat in hand, awaiting the leisure of the gentleman, who merely glanced at the man. stranger, and immediately resumed his of a few minutes, Mr. Blonger laid down

his paper, and looking up, abruptly said: "Well, my good sir, what do you want with me ?"

"Are you the elder Mr. Blonger?" in- could judge when it was presented to them. quired the stranger, with an unmistakable American accent.

understand that you transact a large and successful business, but it is not on that visit."

comprehend them. In short I can suspend front of it.

the laws of gravitation."

what impatiently: "Well, well, my dear sir, perhaps you apply to somebody else."

The young man went on with imperturbable gravity: "I can swing the mightiest man-of-war England possesses into the air

cannon at Woolwich like a cork : I can-" "Yes, yes, I know-but I am busy now,"

"Wait, Mr. Blonger," said his visitor, hesitated in spite of himself-"wait a mobeliev: me, and I don't wonder at it; but I will show you that what I say is true."

He laid his hat on the table, and drew from the breast pocket of his coat a glistenbubble in the air.

To say that Mr. Blonger looked astounded and aghast would convey but a mild then at the man, and at last with a sigh of this chair and the result is the same. Here formed upon the subject." GEO. M. READE, Arrorney-arthe young American snatched the coil of lay very committee was appointed to meet in three ter," was the answer, "that don't exclude the following part of the young American snatched the coil of laps you fally investigate the secret, and you can go the proposition of the following part of a twenty in all when that fall as substances. You are mistaken. I will take some action upon the proposition of in like the cest."

but is there any jugglery about that, think | Paul's. I will show you." you?" he asked with a smile, and also sat

meet him in order to investigate in concert | horror-stricken at the scene. a wonderful discovey in science, the nature of which would then be communicated. The young stranger agreed to repeat his experiments on the occasion of the meeting, and explain the process by which they tained in this wire. I must tell you that were accomplished; for the present he de- the wire has but little to do with it. And clined to make any further revelations.

ing, and several large iron wheels. What these articles were there for they could knowledge to the English government." not imagine. At half-past eight o'clock the young man arrived and was introduced by Mr. Blonger as a young American friend who wished not to have his name announced. The stranger was dressed in a rough suit, some the worse for wear, and wore a slouched hat. His hair was brown and t aight, his eyes were large and of bright g a color, and his face was as destitute of beard as a woman's. He was above the medium height and very slender, and was apparently about twenty-four years, though he might have been older. He was evidently but little used to the society of distinguished persons, and at first appeared somewhat embarrassed at his position, but there was an expression of firmone who felt that he was the inferior of no edge?"

The janitor having been dismissed and paper, evidently thinking his visitor to be the door locked, Mr. Blonger proceeded to a person of no importance. After a silence explain to those present why he had called them together. His young American friend, he said, had convinced him that he was in the possession of a prodigious secret, of the magnitude of which they

The whole affair at this point came near being broken off by an unexpected requirement which the unknown stranger exact-"I heard of you and came to see you. I ed. He declined to proceed unless all present entered into an agreement not to account that I have called upon you. I am any living person for a period of ten years, out of their heads? No charity for me. told that you have considerable influence without gaining his consent. The Right I hold my discovery alone, and I will part with the chief persons in the government, Honorable G-was on his mettle at with it only on my own terms. You ask and it is for that reason I pay you this once. He washed his hands of the whole matter and desired to retire immediately. 000. Mr. Blonger placed his gold rimmed 'The other members were equally indigspectacles on his nose, and gazed in mute nant, and expressions not considered eleastonishment at his visitor, who continued: gant in high society were heard. It re-"I am the inventor or discoverer, rather, quired all Mr. Blonger's sagacity to quell of a secret of nature, a process that will re- the storm. But the young man was imvolutionize the world, which will reverse movable, and at last, at the carnest soliciorder of things; a discovery, the results of given. The stranger then took the stage,

can-perhaps you can; but I am not in sertions with jeers and ridicule. I shall be navigated?" that line of business, and you would better therefore show you what I can do first and 'Do you object to informing us how you this coil of wire, blue like tempered steel. ous secret of nature?"

on the floor, under three tons of iron." it like a feather from its place to the mid- make this wonderful discovery?" They and my knowledge. I am ready to communidle of the apartment, and then stepped now looked upon him with the awe one cate under the conditions I have named." proudly back. The anvil floated like a feels in the presence of a superior being. He raised his hand and requested silence.

"The action of this simple wire," he said, and the world deprived of its benefits?" "is not confined to metallic substances.

once with terrific force, crushing in a por- agree to put this little piece of wire round the stranger, who, after reminding all tion of the floor. "I beg your pardon, sir, my waist and step from the dome of St. present of their promise of secresy, de-

A ladder extended from the floor to the down. The conversation that ensued was lofty ceiling of the hall. The stranger long and earnest, and resulted in this con- climbed to its very summit, adjusted his clusion: Mr. Blonger was to notify one or belt and sprang boldly off. He slowly untwo personal friends in the cabinet, several clasped the ends of the wire, so that they scientific men of high repute, and two or scarcely came in contact, and descended three foreigners, the whole number not to gradually and safely to the ground, to the exceed twelve, that he wished them to infinite relief of the spectators, who gazed

"Thus, you see, gentlemen," said he, "what powers lie hidden in nature, until they are accidentally stumbled upon. You all think that there is some power conyet I will agree to go down to any of your On the night of the 23d of November, sea ports, and put this wire, or one like it, 1866, there assembled in St, George's Hall, around any of your old seventy-four gun in London, three members of the English ship of which we read and lift it into a dry cabinet, four gentlemen well known in the dock, with a line no stronger than packscientific world, two prominent French- thread, if the wind is not blowing at the men, and two Italians-eleven in all, ex- time. This wire, at which you all gaze so clusive of Mr. Blonger. At the earnest curiously, has no power in itself. It is solicitation of that gentleman, these per- only the means of communicating a power; sons had come to meet they knew not still no man shall examine it except on whom, and see they knew not what. On certain conditions; and this brings me to the platform at the end of the hall lay a the point I intended to make by calling gensmall cannon, a heavy piece of iron shaft- tlemen of your high standing and intelligence here to-night. I wish to sell my

"And why to the government?" cried the Rt. Hon. B. I--- and the Hon. Mr. -, in a breath.

"Because no private individual is rich enough to buy it. I once thought to dispose of it to my own government-that of the United States-but I shall not enter into the reason why I abandoned that idea and came here. Besides, it becomes public property in ten years. I would not agree to sell the right under any other conditions for a longer time. The benefits of the discovery is universal, and in justice belongs to mankind, and mankind shall have them."

Said a member of the Cabinet: "Your idea of selling such a discovery to the govness about his mouth that showed a strong erument of Great Britian seemes chimeriwill and a manly habit of baving his own cal; and, I may add, it savors of selfishway. When he spoke it was with the air ness to keep your knowledge from the of a man who knew the ground upon which | world. But, may I be permitted to ask of age, plainly attired, entered and stood, he stood, and his manners were those of how much you demand for your knowl-

an excited manner. "You talk of selfishness," said he, "I know what it is to labor and to suffer, to be lost amid mountains, and be tormented with thirst upon deserts. I have labored hundreds of feet under ground with pick and shovel for my daily bread. I tired of it; I swore off. I hold in my possession what will make me independent for life, besides conferring inestimable benefits on my fellow-men, and I intend to use it so far. Selfishness indeed! What did Morse or Fulton make from their inventions, except what was given them as a communicate what they might witness to charity, after they let their knowledge go me what I demand for it. I want \$5,000,-

"Five millions is a rather large sum,"

Prof. T--- ventured to remark. "A large sum! Have you taken into consideration what this discovery is destined to accomplish! Why, I tell you, it will revolutionize the world. Take the natural law, which will inaugurate a new tition of Mr. Blonger, the guarantee was dock yards of Great Britain alone. What, think you, will be the saving in one year which are so vast that no human mind can and the auditors the seats immediately in when every object, from the greatest to the smallest, can be moved to any distance seized. Fool that I was not to have "Gentlemen," he began, "from what I without expense? How long will it take At this monstrous assertion a look of have noticed of your incredulity this even- to build your largest edifices when your alarm appeared upon the countenance of ing, I am satisfied that if I should inform | blocks of marble weigh nothing? Ob, the listener; but as he compared his you that the attraction of gravitation could gentlemen, when you have considered this brawny frame with the slight figure of the be so suspended that objects upon the subject as I have done you will stand overlunatic before him, it gave place to a con- carth's surface would have absolutely no powered with the magnitude of the results temptuous smile, as he auswered some- weight, and further that I was in possession | that are to follow. Think of its effect on of the simple means whereby this could be the means of transportation. When there details and explanations of the means by accomplished, you would only greet my as is no weight to carry may not even the air

talk afterwards. You see in my hands happened to discover this mighty, mysteri-This cannon weighs nearly three tons. I "Mysterious! Why, it is so simple that wrap the wire around it. If you listen any child can understand it. I stumbled with my little finger. I can lift the largest carefully you will hear a burring sound, upon it. Since I have discovered it I wonsimilar to that made by an electrical ma- der that it is not found out a thousand chine. But that has nothing to do with times every day. But, gentlemen, are you eplied the manufacturer, rising, and ad- the matter. The ends of the wire are aware that I doubt whether I am really a | ture, the benefits of the mighty secret. vancing toward the bell to summon a joined. This cannon now weighs no more pioneer in this field? There are books, than a soap bubble. You see I move it written thousands of years ago, which I about through the air with my hand, with read when a boy, which have led me to in a tone so earnest that that gentleman two fingers, with one. Here is a strong believe that this is one of the lest arts, ger had said at St. George's Hall that the oaken chair. I place the cannon upon it, though it was perhaps known to only a ment. I am not mad. I know you do not and when I withdraw the wire mark the favored few. I feel sure-very sure-that result. The chair goes crashing to pieces the simple law by which the attraction of gravitation is suspended was known in an-This conclusive proof of the grandest cient Peru, Arabia, and perhaps in Egypt discovery ever yet made by man brought also, and went down into oblivion with ing blue wire. There was an anvil in a ever person to his feet. The young ex- other lost arts, in some general catastrophe. corner of the room. He wound the coil of hibitor alone remained unmoved. "How The same law I rediscovered while working wire around the anvil in a moment, lifted is it done?" cried they all. "How did you in a silver mine, 1,000 feet under ground,

"But should you die in the meantime, would not your discovery again be lost,

"Oh, not at all. I have taken care of idea of the expression of his countenance. Its effects on all objects are the same. I that. Whether I live or die, or whatever gravitation become again known to the at this moment. It was one of absolute put it round this wooden bench, as you see, may happen to me, within ten years from horror. He stood gazing first at the anvil, and the bench weighs nothing; around the present time the world will be fully in-

parted-and was never seen again.

Several months ago a distinguished gentleman, a resident of a great American city, received the following communication from a prominent solicitor in London:

No. -, OLD BROAD STREET, ) LONDON, Sept. -, 1873.

- \_\_\_\_, Esq. - Dear Sir : A short time since an Italian, who was the confidential clerk of one of my much esteemed clients-Signor Suzzina, of the house of Suzzina, Isola & Co., of London, Naples and Venice-died suddenly, leaving in writing the statement which accompanies this letter. What transpired at St. George's Hall, in November, 1866, concerning a subject of the most absorbing interest to those present, has been kept a profound secret, under a solemn pledge, but, owing to the very strange circumstances of the case, and the almost certain death of the remarkable stranger, supposed to be an American, whose reappearance has been waited with the most intense anxiety for ears, by those informed on the subject, ignor Suzzina has considered himself so far absolved from his obligation as to coney to some trustworthy barrister in your y the information herein contained.

All communications received from you will be kept strictly secret, but, in any event, if you succeed in discovering the bank, impress upon the managers the supreme importance of earefully preserving, at all hazards, the documents committed to their charge.

I have the honor to remain, etc.,

GEORGE MATHIOT MARSHALL. The following is the statement of the

Italian cierk : "In November, 1866, a very important ongregation came together in St. George's Hall. Strange things were seen. I was there. Much money was to be gained. A oung man-a Yankee-had a secret in his pocket. It was a wire worth millions. He left the Hall. It was a dark night fog and smoke, thick and black. I followhim. Down Regent street, under the

gas lamps, he went on foot. I followed him. Across the Haymarket, across Leicester square-it was !1 o'clock-and through a dark and parrow alley toward St. Martin's Lane. I could have done it there, but others came by, and I slunk back into the gloom. Through St. Martin's Lane to the Strand, down the Strand to the turning of Waterloo bridge; still I followed him. I saw he was going to cross the bridge on foot. I crossed the street and got ahead of him, and, in the middle of the bridge, I hid myself the parapet. By and by my man came slowly walking along, his hands behind him and his eyes bent on the ground. When near me be paused and looked up Here the young man rose to his feet in toward St. Paul's, whose huge bulk loomed up still huger as the moonlight tried to struggle through the fog. I was near enough to hear him. He said: 'O, mighty monument, the pride and glory of an empire, thy renown is gone forever. All I see around me, though the work of centuries, is but the amusement of a child, the labor of a day. How powerful a a I ! -here I stole up beld d him without noise-'in future ages my name shall be-.' My stiletto fell between his shoulders a d he dropped like a lamb. His pockets yielded up a coil of wire and a bundle of papers, and his body went over into the river. Ah! I knew how to do it. I had done it often before at Ferrara, on the Po. "The secret was mine. I was frantic with excitement. I hurried home to my apartments, doubly locked the door, turn-

ed up the lamp, and examined my prize. It was the wire-the identical wirewhich had swung a cannon into the air not two hou is before. I was impatient to test its powers. I seized an iron poker from the hearth, wrapped the wire around it, poised it aloft, let go, and it fell clatter-ing to the floor. Again I tried and again it fell. I tried different articles. I wound the wire in every imaginable shape and still the same result. Morning found me haggard and exhausted with my labor and unsuccessful. Business at the office prevented any further attempts until evening. I worked fruitlessly until midnight, when suddenly I thought of the papers I had thought of them before. They undoubtedly contained an explanation of the secret. I tore them open with eager fingers. Aft were blank except one, and it contained the following: Knowing the uncertainty of life and the dangers of travel, I have this day (July 7th, 1866,) placed in the vaults of a reliable banking house in the city of-, a scaled packet containing the which the laws of gravitation are rendered noperative. In case of my death or failure to return, the officers of said bank have explicit instructions to open said packet, on May 1st, 1877, and spread the facts therein contained to the world. My knowledge is at present confined to myself, but will not long continue so, as I shall soon proceed to Europe to impart my information to the most renowned scientific men in the wold. My only object in making the bank a depository is to provide against accident, and secure to the world, beyond all peradven-

There was no name or signature. ter this I labored for months in vain to discover the secret workings of the wire; until at last it occurred to me that the stranwire itself had no power. Infuriated to the last degree I threw the call which had cost me so much misery, auxiety and suspense, into the Thames, one night, where it could tell no tales. When I am dead, the company who assembled at St. George's Hall, on that eventful night, may be requested to cease their painful wonderings the failure of the mysterious stranger to return. He will never come back, gentlemen. The Thames received his bedy nearly eight years ago."

This finishes the case at present. But in what banking house is the invaluable packet of papers deposited, who was the man, and, in May, 1876, will the ancient but lost secret of suspending the laws of United States.

A pompous little man approached a Contennial gatekeeper and said : "I'm a Phil- father to suppor the other day, by badding then at the man, and at last with a sign of this coar and the result is the same. Here to the same and the result is the same. Here to the coar and the result is the same. There to the coar and the result is the same and the result is the same. There to the coar and the result is the same and the result is the same and the result is the same. There to the result is the same and the result is the same. There to the result is the same and the result is the same and the result is the same. There to the result is the same and the re jugglery," and he dropped into a chair. You perceive that it effects all alike. Per- committee was appointed to meet in three ter," was the answer, "that don't exclude And when that father and that son came

#### CELEBRATED AUTOMATA

The Philadelphia Ledger states that a Walnut street watchmaker, of that city, has recently had in his charge for repairs the famous automaton trumpeter made by M. Maelzel, which was exhibited in Philadelphia many years ago. The first public mention of the trumpeter was in the Journal des Modes for 1808, at which time it was exhibited at Vienna, and attracted much attention, About 1830 M. Maelzel came to this country, bringing with him the trumpeter and also the chess player, another remarkable piece of mechanism, but which was not an automaton in the correct sense of the word, as its actions were controlled by a skillful chess player who was concealed within the figure.

The trumpeter was first exhibited on Fifth street, below Adelphi, in a building which stood where the Messrs. Tatham's building now is. Here Mr. Maelzel had a diorama of the burning of Moscow, which was a favorite entertainment. The universally known Signor Blitz, then a young performer, also appeared, and the trumpeter was exhibited by M. Maelzel, who would wheel it out on the floor, and touch a spring on the shoulder, which started the mechanism. He would then seat bimself at the piano and play the accompaniments and variations, while the automaton played

army calis, marches, etc. After remaining on Fifth street for some time, M. Maelzel took his exhibition on a traveling tour, returning to Philadelphia, Maelzel afterwards went to Havana, taking Signor Blitz and his automata with him, here he was unfortunate, and, becoming dispirited and his health failing, he started for home, but died on shipboard, and his effects were sold to pay his passage.

A number of gentlemen, among whom were Dr. Mitchell, Constant Guillou, and Robert Cornelius, purchased the chess player, which was placed on exhibition in the Chinese Museum, at Ninth and Sansom streets, and was lost in the fire which destroyed that building. The trumpeter was placed in the old Masonic Temple, and passed into the possession of Mr. Scherer, a music dealer on Chestnut street, and is now owned by his heirs. The machineof the trumpeter is contained within the trunk of the figure and is worked by a steel spring which drives a barrel on which are pegs like those in a musical box. A bellows just below the neck of the figure furnishes the wind, and a valve with a steel tongue, which is lengthened or shortened by means of levers working on the pegs in the barrel makes the diffe ent notes.

A COUPLE from the country came to the city the other day, procured a license and were married in due form. They left on the afternoon train for home. They attracted the attention of every passenger by their lavish display of affection. The young man kept his arm tight round the bride's waist, as if he was afraid she would vanish before he knew it, and she didn't seem to care if he bugged her right along for half a day. She was so terribly homely that everybody wondered how he could love her, and by and by he seemed to think that an explanation would be in order. He borrowed a chew of tobacco of a man at the door, and then remarked : "I'm going to bug that girl all the way home, though I know she isn't party." "I wouldn't," briefly replied the man. "And that's where you'd fool yourself," continued the young man. "When I'm hugging a hundred acres of clean, nice land, with forty head of stock on it, I can make the homeliest girl in the world look like an angel to me."

NAMES OF COUNTIES, -Of the 1141 counties in the United States, more are named after Washington than any other President of the United States, the number being 29. The names of the other Presidents represented by counties occur as follows: Jefferson 23, Jackson 21, Mad son 19, Monroe 18, Lincoln 17, Grant and Polk 12 each. Johnson 11, Harragon 9, Adams 8, Taylor 7, Van Baren 4, Pierce 4, Buchanan 3, and Fillmore and Ty'r Jeach. In many cases, however, in the above list, counties were not named after the Presidents, but the selection of a name was influenced by local considerations. There are 22 counties named after Franklin, 20 after Colfax, 17 after Madi u. 2 alt r Fremont, 3 after Greeley, 1 after Hendricks, 8 after Benton and Boone, 9 after Cass, Ma snall and Putnam, 14 after Carroll, 11 after Douglas, and 18 after Montgomery. The names of almost all of the revolutionary heroes, except Arnold, are represented in the list.

A was who had wrapped a piece of cloth having the word "Centennial" on it around an egg and then boiled it so that the word appeared plainly on the shell, sadly deceived a Portland (Conn.) farmer who took it out of a pest where it had been placed, and exhibited it at the office of a local newspaper as a wouderful manifestation of the hen's knowledge of the history of the

A RISING DRAMATIC STAR. - A Chicago boy who is addicted to going to the theatre to see the heavy diama, called his