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DR. H. W. BUCHANAN, DENTIST, No. 228 Hill Street, HUNTINGDON, PA. July 3, '72.

D. CALDWELL, Attorney-at-Law, No. 111, 3d street. Office formerly occupied by Messrs. Woods & Williamson. [ap12,'71.

DR. A. B. BRUMBAUGH, offers his professional services to the community. Office, No. 523 Washington street, one door east of the Catholic Parsonage. [jan.4,'71.

E. J. GREENE, Dentist. Office removed to Leister's new building, Hill street Huntingdon. [jan.4,'71.

G. L. ROBB, Dentist, office in S. T. Brown's new building, No. 520, Hill St., Huntingdon, Pa. [ap12,'71.

H. C. MADDEN, Attorney-at-Law Office, No. —, Hill street, Huntingdon, Pa. [ap.19,'71.

J. FRANKLIN SCHOCK, Attorney-at-Law, Huntingdon, Pa. Prompt attention given to all legal business. Office 229 Hill street, corner of Court House Square. [dec.4,'72

J. SYLVANUS BLAIR, Attorney-at-Law, Huntingdon, Pa. Office, Hill street, three doors west of Smith. [jan.4'71.

J. CHALMERS JACKSON, Attorney at Law. Office with Wm. Dorris, Esq., No. 403, Hill street, Huntingdon, Pa. All legal business promptly attended to. [jan15

J. R. DURBORROW, Attorney-at-Law, Huntingdon, Pa., will practice in the several Courts of Huntingdon county. Particular attention given to the settlement of estates of decedents. Office in the JOURNAL Building. [feb.1,'71.

J. W. MATTERN, Attorney-at-Law and General Claim Agent, Huntingdon, Pa., Soldiers' claims against the Government for back pay, bounty, widows' and invalid pensions attended to with great care and promptness. Office on Hill street. [jan.4,'71.

L. S. GEISSINGER, Attorney-at-Law, Huntingdon, Pa. Office one door East of R. M. Speer's office. [Feb.5-ly

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LOVELL & MUSSER, *Attorneys-at-Law*, HUNTINGDON, PA. Special attention given to COLLECTIONS of all kinds; to the settlement of ESTATES, &c.; and all other legal business prosecuted with fidelity and dispatch. [nov6,'72

R. A. ORBISON, Attorney-at-Law, Office, 321 Hill street, Huntingdon, Pa. [may31,'71.

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A. B. ZEIGLER, Prop.
Nov12,'73-6m.

MORRISON HOUSE,
OPPOSITE PENNSYLVANIA R. R. DEPOT
HUNTINGDON, PA.
J. H. CLOVER, Prop.
April 5, 1871-1y.

Miscellaneous.

H. ROBLEY, Merchant Tailor, in Leister's Building (second floor,) Huntingdon, Pa., respectfully solicits a share of public patronage from town and country. [oct16,72.

R. A. BECK, Fashionable Barber and Hairdresser, Hill street, opposite the Franklin House. All kinds of Tonics and Pomades kept on handand for sale. [ap19,'74-6m

HOFFMAN & SKEESE, Manufacturers of all kinds of CHAIRS, and dealers in PARLOR and KITCHEN FURNITURE, corner of Fifth and Washington streets, Huntingdon, Pa. All articles will be sold cheap. Particular and prompt attention given to repairing. A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited. [Jan.15,'73y

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New Advertisements.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fi. Fa. Vend. Exp. and Lev. Fa. to me directed, I will expose to public sale at the Court House, in Huntingdon, on MONDAY, April 13, 1874, at 1 o'clock, p. m., the following described real estate, to wit:

All of defendant's right, title and interest in all that certain messuage and tract of land situate in West township, Huntingdon county, State of Pennsylvania, adjoining lands of Wm. Stewart and Dorsey's heirs on the west, lands of John and Michael Ware on the south, and lands of Wm Reed on the east, containing 102 acres and 37 perches, having thereon erected a two story dwelling house, frame barn, and other outbuildings.

ALSO, All of defendant's right, title and interest, in a certain tract of land in Jackson township, county of Huntingdon, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded on the east by land of George W. Johnston, on the north by land of James Fleming, on the south by land of Greenwood Furnace Company, containing 100 acres, more or less.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of George Warfel.

ALSO—All of defendant's right, title and interest in all that certain tract of land situate in the township of Springfield, county of Huntingdon, Pa., bounded as follows: on the south and east by lands of Elisha Green's heirs, on the south west by lands of Wm. H. Booth, on the north west by lands of John Star's heir's, on the north by lands of Caleb Brown and Benjamin Ramsey, on the east by lands of Henry C. Cremer, containing 198 acres, more or less, having thereon erected a small frame barn, two dwelling houses, one and a half stories each.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Samuel H. Anderson.

ALSO—All of defendants' right, title and interest in a certain tract of land situate in Henderson township, Huntingdon county, Pa., bounded as follows: On the north by lands of Joseph Trymer, on the south by lands of Clarence Trymer, on the east by lands of William Rupert, on the west by lands of —— Shonter, containing 60 acres, more or less, having thereon erected a two story dwelling house and a log stable.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Jacob Shenefelt.

ALSO—All of defendant's right, title and interest in all that certain lot of ground situate in that part of the borough of Huntingdon known as West Huntingdon, at the south-west corner of Fifteenth and Mifflin streets, fronting fifty feet on said Mifflin street, and extending back at right angles to same 150 feet to a fifteen-feet alley.

ALSO—All of defendant's right, title and interest in all that certain lot of ground situate in the western part of the borough of Huntingdon, at the south-west corner of fifteenth and Moore streets, fronting fifty feet on said Moore street, and extending back at right angles to same 150 feet to a fifteen-feet alley.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Jacob Stahley.

ALSO—All of defendant's right, title and interest in all that certain lot or piece of ground situate in West township, Huntingdon Co., Pa., bounded as follows: on the north by the public road leading to Warrior Ridge from the main road running from Petersburg up Shaver's Creek Valley, on the east and south by lands of John Rung, on the west by the public road running from Petersburg up Shaver's Creek Valley, containing about one acre, having thereon erected a three story building about 30 by 20 feet, with a kitchen attached, and the curtilage appurtenant thereto.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Henry Rudy.

ALSO—All of defendant's right, title and interest in a certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Petersburg, Huntingdon county, Pa., bounded and described as follows: On the west by Washington street, on the south by an alley, on the east by King street and on the north by lot now or formerly owned by Henry Grazier; said lot being No. 64 in the plan of said borough, and having thereon erected a frame or log house and other outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Jacob Bruner.

ALSO—All of defendant's right, title and interest in all that certain messuage and tract of land, situate in the township of Penn, county of Huntingdon, Pa., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post thence by land of Isaac Peightal N. 41 degrees E. 69 perches to a stone heap; thence by land of Joseph Norris, N. 53 degrees W 41 perches to a post; thence by land of R. O. W. Wall, N. 48¾ degrees W. 68¼ perches to a post; thence by land of John Lee, S. 56¼ degrees W. 46 perches to a post: thence by lands of Samuel Harris' heirs S. 38 degrees E. 122¼ perches to the place of beginning, containing 40 acres and 75 perches net measure, having thereon erected a one and a half story log dwelling house and a log stable.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Israel Merkel.

ALSO—All of defendant's right, title and interest in a certain tract of land situate in the township of Cass, county of Huntingdon, Pa., bounded as follows: on the east by land of Solomon Mirely, on the west by land of John Steaner, on the north by land of Jesse D. Shore and on the south by land of Benjamin Everett, containing 143 acres, more or less, having thereon erected a two story dwelling house, a log barn and other out buildings.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Joseph Harbaugh.

ALSO—All the defendants' right, title and interest in 251 acres of land in Clay township, adjoining land of Samuel Bowser on the west, Benjamin Shope on the east, M. J. Ashman on the south, and David Stover on the north, with a large dwelling house, large barn and other outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Samuel L. Glasgow and Harriet N. Glasgow.

☞ Bidders will take notice that 20 per cent. of the purchase money must be paid when the property is knocked down, or it will be put up again for sale. AMON HOUCK,
Sheriff's Office, } [Sheriff.
Huntingdon, Mch. 25, '74.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED.

Take notice that John S. Nimmon and A. A. Skinner, Assignees of William P. Ramsey, of the township of Dublin, have filed in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Huntingdon county, their account as Assignees aforesaid which will be presented to the said Court on the second Monday of April next, for confirmation and allowance, and will be so confirmed and allowed unless exceptions be filed thereto.
T. W. MYTON, Prothonotary.
March18,'74.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED.

Take notice, that Robert Cunningham, committee of John B. Tussey, a lunatic, late of Porter township, deceased, has filed in the office of Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Huntingdon County, his account as committee aforesaid which will be presented to the second Monday of April next, for confirmation 3nd allowance, and will be so confirmed and allowed unless exceptions be filed thereto.
T. W. MYTON, Prothontory.
March18,'74

TRIAL LIST FOR APRIL TERM 1874
FIRST WEEK.

Lowell Shumway who hath survived W. A. & L. Shumway, partner lately trading as W. A. & L. Shumway vs. James Dunn.

SECOND WEEK.

Harriet C. Reese by her father Dr. J. A. Shade vs. C. A. Reese
Mary J. Mitchell's use vs. William McClure
Henry Graffius for use of Robert A. Laird vs. The Township of Porter and the Borough of Alexandria.
T. W. MYTON, Prothonotary.
March18,'74.

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.

ROBERT PALMER, vs. MARTHA PALMER } In the Court of Common Pleas of Huntingdon County. January Term, 1874. No. 27. Divorce.

To Martha Palmer, respondent above named.

You are hereby required to appear before our Judges at Huntingdon, at a Court of Common Pleas, there to be held on the second Monday of April next, to show cause why a divorce from the bond of matrimony, as prayed in the libel filed, should not be decreed in the suit.

It has been impossible to serve you with the above notice personally, by reason of your absence from the jurisdiction of the Court.
AMON HOUCK, Sheriff.
March18-4t

A PRESENT.
FARMERS AND GARDENERS.

Every subscriber sending 50 cents for the *Ocoee Register*, one year a Southern Land Journal, I will mail a package of the JAPAN PEAS, postpaid by mail that will produce from five to ten bushels of Peas. The pea grows in the form of a bush, and does not require sticking. Address,
L. L. OSMENT, Editor and Proprietor, Cleveland, Tenn.
April'74-2t.

The Muses' Bower.

[Original.]

Twenty-Seven Years Ago.

BY J. W. WELCH.

The following lines were suggested while gazing upon a scene of my boyhood, now fallen into ruins, "Old Canoe Furnace," on the Juniata, three miles above Williamsburg, Blair county, Pa.:

Fondly I am on thee gazing,
Scenes with memory's light aglow;
Looking backward through time's vista,
Twenty-seven years ago.

Here, where lovely Juniata
On its journey murmurs low,
Strayed I 'mid the tangled wildwood,
Twenty-seven years ago.

Free as air, no thought of sorrow
Through my artless mind did flow,
All unconscious of life's conflicts,
Twenty-seven years ago.

Now I stand, with soul embittered,
'Neath life's burdens bending low,
On the threshold of my boyhood
Twenty-seven years ago.

Back my tears, why starting blind me,
Why unbidden swiftly flow?
Methinks I hear my mother singing
Twenty-seven years ago.

Farewell, scenes of youthful pleasures,
I must on, through trials go,
Little dreamed of when I knew you,
Twenty-seven years ago.

The Story-Teller.

A TALE OF ENGLISH MAIL COACH DAYS.

BY ROBERT DALE OWEN.

An English gentleman of true John Bull proportions—weighing some eighteen or twenty stones—had occasion to travel in Summer by stage coach from Oxford to London.

The stage carried six inside; and our hero engaged two places—as, in consideration of his size he usually did—for himself. The other four seats were taken by Oxford students.

These youths, being lighter than our modern Lambert, reached the stage before he did, and each snugly possessed himself of a corner seat, leaving a centre seat on each side vacant. The round, good-tempered face of John Bull soon after appeared at the carriage door, and peeping into the vehicle and observing the local arrangements, its owner said, with a smile, "You see I am of a pretty comfortably size, gentlemen, so I have taken two seats. It will greatly oblige me if one of you will kindly move in the opposite seat, so that I may be able to enter."

"My good sir," said a pert young law student, "possession is nine-tenth of the law. You engaged two seats. There they are, one each side. We engaged one each, came first, entered regularly into possession, and our title to the seats we occupy are indisputable."

"I do not dispute your titles," said the other, "but I trust to your politeness, seeing how the case stands, to enable me to pursue my journey.."

"Oh, hang politeness!" said a hopeful young scion of some noble house, "I have a horror of a middle seat, and would not take one to oblige my grandmother; it's ungraceful as well as uncomfortable; and beside, one has no chance of looking at the pretty girls along the road. Good old gentleman, arrange your concerns as you please; I stick to my corner." And he leaned back, yawned, and settled himself with hopeless composure in his place.

Our corpulent friend, though a man not easily discomposed was somewhat put out by his unmannerly obstinacy. He turned to a smart-looking youth with a simper on his face, a clerical student, who had hitherto sat in a reverie, possibly thinking over his chances of a rich beneficence in the future. "Will you accommodate me?" he asked; "this is the last stage that starts for London to-day, and business of importance calls me to town."

"Some temporal affair, no doubt," said the graceless youth, with mock gravity; "some speculation with filthy lucre for its object. Good father, at your age your thoughts should turn heavenward, instead of being confined to the dull, heavy tabernacle of clay that chains us to the earth," and his companions roared with laughter at the "d—d good joke!"

A glow of indignation just colored the stranger's cheeks; but he mastered the feeling in a moment, and said, with much composure, to the fourth, "Are you also determined that I shall lose my place; or will you oblige me by taking a centre seat?"

"Oh, do, Tom," said his lordship to the person addressed; "he's something in the way of your profession, quite a physiological curiosity. You ought to accommodate him.

"May I be poisoned if I do!" replied the student of medicine. "In a dissecting room he'd make an excellent subject; but in a coach, and this warm weather, too! Old gentleman, if you'll put yourself under my care, I'll engage in the course of six weeks, by a judicious course of depletives, to save you hereafter the expense of a double seat. But really, to take a middle seat in the month of July is contrary to the rules of hygiene, and a practice to which I have a professional objection."

And the laugh was renewed at the old gentleman's expense.

By this time the patience of coachee, who had listened to the latter part of the dialogue, was exhausted. "Harkee, gemmen," said he, "settle the business as you like; but it wants just three-quarters of a minute of twelve, and with the first stroke of the University clock, my horse must be off. I would not wait three seconds longer, for the king, God bless him.—Twould be as much as my place is worth," and with that he mounted his box, took up the reins, bid the hostler shut the door, and sat with upraised whip, listening for the expected stroke.

As it sounded from the venerable belfry, the horses, as if they recognized the signal, shot off at a gallop with the four young rogues, to whom their own rudeness and our fat friend's dilemma afforded a prolific theme for merriment during the whole stage.

Meanwhile the subject of their mirth hired a post-chaise, followed, overtook them at the second change of horses, where the passengers got out ten minutes for lunch. As the post-chaise drove up to the door, two young chimney-sweeps passed, with their bags and brooms and the well known cry.

"Come hither, my lads," said the corpulent gentleman, "what say you to a ride?"

The whites of their eyes enlarged into still more striking contrast with the dark shade of the sooty cheeks. 'Will you have a ride, my boys, in the stage coach?"

"Yes, zur," said the elder, scarcely daring to trust the evidence of his ears.

"Well, then, hostler, open the stage doors. In with you! And, d'ye hear? be sure to take the middle seats so, one on each side."

The guard's horn sounded, and the coachman's voice was heard: Only one minute and a half more, gen'lemen; come on!"

They came, bowed laughingly to our friend of the corporation, and passed on to the coach. The young lord was the first to put his foot on the steps. "Why, how now? Get out you rascals, or I'll teach you how to play gentlemen such a trick again."

"Sit still my lads; you're entitled to your places. My lord, the two middle seats, through your action and that of your young friends, are mine; they were regularly and duly paid for. I choose that two proteges of mine shall occupy them. An English stage coach is free to every one who behaves quietly, and I am answerable for their good conduct; so, mind you behave, boys! Your lordship has a horror of a middle seat; pray, take the corner one."

"Overreached us, by Jove!" said the law student. "We give up the cause, and cry you mercy, Mr. Bull!"

"Blythe is my name."

"We cry quits, worthy Mr. Blythe."

"You forgot that possession is nine-tenths of the law, my good sir, and that the title of these lads to their seats is indisputable. I have installed them as my *locum tenentes*, if that be good law Latin. It would be highly unjust to dislodge the poor youths, and I cannot permit it. You your corner."

"Heaven preserve us!" exclaimed the clerical student.

"You are surely not afraid of a black coat," retorted the other. "Besides we ought not to suffer our thoughts to dwell on petty earthly concerns, but turn them heavenward."

"I'd rather go through my examination a second time than to sit by those dirty devils," groaned the medical student.

"Soot is perfectly wholesome, my young friend, and you will not be compelled to violate a single hygienic rule. The corner you select is vacant. Pray get in."

At these words the coachee, who had stood grinning behind, actually cheated into forgetfulness of time by the excellence of the joke, came forward. "Gentlemen, you have lost me a minute and a quarter already. I must drive on without ye, if so be ye don't like your company.

The students cast rueful glances at each other, and then crept warily into their respective corners. As the hostler shut the door he found it impossible to control his features. "I'll give you something to change your cheer, you grinning rascal!" said the disciple of Esculapius, stretching out of the window; but the hostler nimbly evaded the blow.

"My white pantaloons!"

"My beautiful drab surtout!" exclaimed the lawer expectant. "The filthy rascals!"

The noise of the carriage wheels and the unrestrained laughter of the spectators drowned the sequel of their lamentations.

At the next stage a bargain was struck. The sweeps were liberated and dismissed with a gratuity; the seats shaken and brushed; the worthy sons of the University made up, among themselves, the expenses of the post-chaise; the young doctor violated for once the rules of hygiene, by taking a middle seat, and all journeyed on together, without further quarrel or grumbling, except from the coachee, who declared that "to be kept over time a minute and a quarter at one stage, and only three seconds less than three minutes at the next, was enough to try the patience of a saint; that it was.—*From the Atlantic Monthly.*

Reading for the Million.

Sitting up with Her.

She was expecting him Sunday night; the parlor curtains were down, the old folks notified that it was healthy to go to bed at eight o'clock, and Johnny, bribed with a cent, permitted himself to be tucked away at sundown. He sneaked down the path, one eye on the dog, and the other watching for the "old man," who didn't like him any too well, gave a faint knock at the door, and it was opened, and he was escorted into the parlor. He said he couldn't stay but a minute, though he didn't mean to go for hours. She wanted to know how his mother was; if his father had returned from York State; if his brother Bill's rheumatism was any better; and he went over and sat down on the sofa, so as not to strain his voice. Then conversation flagged, and he played with his hat, and she nibbed at the sofa tidy.—He finally said it was a beautiful evening, and she replied that grandfather predicted a snow storm He said he guessed it wouldn't snow, as the moon wasn't crooked enough to hang a powder horn on the end, and she said she didn't believe it would, either. This mutual understanding seemed to give each other courage, and he wanted to know if she had seen Bill Jones lately. She hadn't, she said, and she didn't want to. Then they went to talking about the donation visits which was to be given Elder Berry, and he carelessly dropped his hand on hers—his right hand, while his left arm sneaked along the sofa and got behind her shoulders.—She pretended not to notice it, and he looked down at his boots, and wanted to know if she thought mutton tallow rotted out boots faster than lard and lampblack. She couldn't say, but she had an idea that it did. He had just commenced to lock fingers with her, when she discovered something ailed the lamp. She rose up, and turned the light down a half, making the room look dim. It took him five minutes to get hold of her fingers again, and she pretended to want to draw her hand away all the time. After a long pause, he lowered his voice to a whisper, and said he didn't see what made folks love each other. She bit her handkerchief and admitted her ignorance. He said he could name a dozen young men who were going to get married right away, and his left arm fell down and gave her a hug. Then he went over and looked out of the window to make sure that it was or was not going to snow, and, coming back, he turned the light down a little more, and then sat down, and wanted to know if she didn't want to rest herself by leaning her head on his shoulder.

Ah me! We have all been there, and who of us cared a cent when the old clock struck twelve, and we five miles from home? The old man was fast asleep, the watch-dog gone a visiting, and the handsomest girl in the country didn't see why we need be in a hurry.

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Charlotte Cushman as "Meg Merrilles."

The history of the great actress with the part of "Meg Merrilles" is thus told of herself: "Her assumption of this part happened while she was filling the position of walking lady at the Park Theatre, New York, in the season of 1837–38, and was the result of pure accident. John Braham, the great London tenor, was performing an engagement at the time, and a series of light English operas had been put upon the boards. Guy Mannering, which was originally produced as a musical drama, was one of these. The greater part of the play was spoken, but melodies and set pieces were interspersed which called into requisition the art of the vocalist. The character of "Henry Bertram" was assumed by Braham, while Miss Cushman was cast for the humble part of the young "Gypsy Marie." As the business of the play was then arranged, it fell to the lot of "Marie" to sing the cradle song in the scene where "Meg" recalls herself to the recollection of Bertram by means of the ballad with which she used to soothe him to sleep in his childhood. Acting upon the supposition that her voice was broken by age and unequal to the task, it was her custom to summon the young "Gipsy" to revive the song for her. One day after rehersal the leading lady of the theatre was suddenly seized with indisposition. In the dilemma that arose the manager begged Miss Cushman to go on and read the part of 'Meg Merrilles' that evening.—Miss Cushman obligingly consented, but with no intention of reading the part. She took the lines to her room and had them at her tongue's end by nightfall. 'I had never paid any consideration to that character,' said Miss Cushman; 'it was always my habit to attend studiously to my own business and give no heed to the performance of others. When stars were on the stage I watched them closely to learn whatever was possible. At other times I confined myself to my individual work. Thus it came about that I had little idea how "Meg Merrilles" was dressed or played and never having rehearsed the part was entirely ignorant of the business. While I was conning my lines and walking back and forth behind the scenes, waiting for the curtain to rise on the play, the manager came to me again in great distress. "I have forgotten to provide a singer in the part of the young "Gipsy," he exclaimed. "What shall we do?" "I don't know, I am sure," I replied. But after thinking a moment I added, "Perhaps when I come to the place I can manage to introduce the song myself—I will try," and thus relieved, the manager left me. In much trepidation I listened at the wings trying to catch some inspiration from the progress of the play, when I overheard the closing words in the dialogue of "Hatteraick" and the "Gypsey"—just preceding the performance of "Meg" on the scene—when one says of her. "Oh, she dotes," to which the other replies, "But she rules the tribe." These sentences gave me a sudden clue to the situation of the decrepit but still powerful queen, and a full conception of the character flashed upon me. I immediately sprang before the foot-lights in the attitude I have ever since taken. The poise was so novel and striking that the audience manifested a great deal of emotion, and when Braham turned and discovered me he gave an unaffected start of astonishment. This assured me somewhat, and I went on with the part, giving it in all important particulars the interpretation and action which I have always retained. I saw that Mr. Braham was puzzled throughout the evening; that I was continually surprising him, but whether pleasantly or not I could not tell. As we had not rehearsed together, and I was consequently ignorant of the stage business, I had to trust wholly to my intuitions, and naturally occasioned him considerable perplexity. When I came to the cradle song, which I managed to bring in successfully, Bertram fairly glared at me in amazement My nerves were sorely tried, but I poured out the song, and as I gradually drew near and bent down over Bertram, slowly dropping my hand on his head, I saw the big tears rolling down his cheeks. Then I knew I had made a hit, and felt encouraged to go through the piece. After the play was over and I had gone to my room quivering with excitement, the hall boy rapped at my door, saying, "Miss Cushman, Mr. Braham wishes to speak with you." I arose in affright, feeling sure he must mean to reprove me for my inadequate acting. As I went to the door I framed in words the excuse that, as I had not enjoyed the advantage of a rehearsal, it could not be expected that I should satisfy the demands of the part. But Mr. Braham met me with extended hand, saying, "Miss Cushman, I have come to thank you for a genuine gratification. If you had played "Meg Merrilles" in London as you have played it here to-night, your fortune would have been made.'" Miss Cushman was born 23d of July, 1816, and is consequently fifty eight years of age in July next.

Tit-Bits Taken on the Fly.

Australia is importing song birds from Europe to enliven her woods and fields.

The only hotel in London kept on the American plan paid a dividend for last year of 17½ per cent.

The Virginia Legislature proposes to tax marriages. This should satisfy those who want to see bonds taxed.

Miniature sewing machines, by which children may make their doll's clothing, are a new thing in the market.

The dreariness of Kansas snow storms is relieved by frequent flashes of lightning. A Kansas editor calls it a "fenomenon."

Rev. Mr. Meekman, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, says that it is his belief that most of the editorial fraternity will eventually be saved.

Near Fort Ticonderoga, recently, a wagon containing 1,200 pounds of nitro-glycerine fell over a bluff, but fortunately did not explode

A fine picture by the Dutch landscape painter, Obbema, dated 1663, the master's best period, has been added to the museum at Brussels.

A bank lock, which works by clock work, and can't be opened except at certain hours, even by the owners, is one of the latest inventions.

There were 286 furnaces in blast throughout the country on the 1st of March, having a total producting capacity of 85,482 tons per week.

According to a writer in the London *Times*, the fifteen English marine insurance companies lost $3,640,000 in 1872, not one realizing a profit.

The Chicago provision trade have appointed a committee to investigate charges of some of its members shipping sour meat to Eastern customers.

A National Association of Manufacturers and Dealers in Creamery and Factory Butter has been formed. The first meeting is to be held at Indianapolis in June.

Boston has produced a new reading of the old proverb, "A rolling stone gathers no moss. It is "a revolving fragment of the palœazoic age collects no cryptogamous vegetation.

Russia gives dinners on a scale proportioned to the extent of its territory. At the banquet recently given to the Emperor of Austria covers were laid for seven hundred and forty guests.

The Town Council of Liverpool have voted £1,200 for the purchase of pictures this year for their gallery. A picture by Turner has also been presented to the gallery by the last Mayor, Mr. Samuelson.

The Delta Upsilon Society, of Marietta, elected the Grand Duke Alexis a member when he passed through the city. The compliment was recently returned by the Grand Duke sending the society a package of books.

On the occasion of the entrance of the Duke and Dutchess of Edinburgh into London, as much as $2,000 was offered and refused for the temporary use of a house from which a good view of the procession could be obtained.

A curious custom is still maintained at Lambeth Palace, the Episcopal residence of the Bishop of Lambeth, in London Before the doors of the Morton Tower, every week, a bounty or dole of money, bread and other provisions is given to thirty poor parishioners.

General reports from the peach districts of Delaware are promising. In the vicinity of Queen Ann's county, the late frosts did considerable harm, as the previous warm weather had caused many of the trees to blossom. Elsewhere the signs are favorable for a good crop.

The *Scotsman* a prominent Scotch newspaper, says that a bible bound in calf and bearing the name of "William Sim," a Dundee man, and the date 1834, had been discovered in the stomach of a codfish recently. William Sim went to sea in 1834, and has not since been heard of.

The Australian Colonies of Great Britain place a moderately heavy tariff on all articles imported from the mother country, much to the disgust of that free trading community. The returns show, however, that the value of the merchandise by the colonies is rapidly increasing.

In the domestic annals of the White House is one marriage, that of a daughter of President Monroe, in 1820. Two Presidents have died, Taylor and Harrison, and a third lay in state after his death. Several children have died and one baby was born, James Madison Randolph, a grandson of Thomas Jefferson.

A few days since the road master of the Rock Island road, with a companion, travelled from Washington to Muscatine on a hand-car, propelled entirely by a sail about six feet square. The strong wind blowing at the time enabled him to make the trip —forty miles—in just two hours, the average time made by passenger trains.

Among the voters for license, the Paducah *Kentuckian* states that, at the "local option" election in that town were two Good Templars, one man who was never in a saloon in in his life, and one man who never took a drink in his life. Among those who voted "no license" were quite a number who are fond of their half dozen drinks a day, and several habitual drunkards.

A school girl at Ashland was recently engaged upon a composition, the subject being the loss of life to persons by falling from buildings. The theme appears to have so affected her mind, that during the night she rose from her bed in a state of somnambulism and leaped from the window of her room to the road beneath, a distance of nearly thirty feet, inflicting fatal injuries.

When Charles Lamb was invited, at a public dinner, to say grace, and responded with the remark, "Is there no minister present? Then let us thank God!" he was a satirist, and knew it. When a sheriff down in Vermont, in opening the county court, cried, "All persons having cause or matters pending therein, draw near, and they shall be heard, and God save the people!" he was a satirist, and didn't know it.

Personal.

Senator Logan has a Western wife, who helps him largely in affairs of State by her counsel and advice

Alex. H. Stephens is improving in health, and is expected to resume his seat in the House of Representatives soon.

Charles Sumner, in his youth, performed the arduous feat of swimming across the boiling rapids below Niagara Falls.

Edwin Booth says that he shall not leave this country and shall not cease playing until his creditors have been paid in full.

Edmonia Lewis, the colored sculptress, has received an order for a $1,500 soldiers' monument, for Manchester, Vermont.

Walworth is said to have epileptic fits. His mother spends a great deal of time at a hotel in Auburn, so as to be near him.

General Butler and Judge Hoar walked arm in arm in the procession that attended the arrival of Mr. Sumner's remains in Boston.

Liszt made his first appearance in public in 1820, in Dedenburg in Hungary, and a few weeks ago he gave a concert in that place for the benefit of the poor.

Bradlaugh is stumping England, and to larger audiences than ever before, although, as usual, the newspapers never report him. He is enthusiastic in his praise of America.

Dr. R. Randolph Stevenson, who had medical supervisiohn of the starvation of Union prisoners at Andersonville, is writing a book to whitewash his connection with the atrocites there.

General Burnside will probably be elected United States Senator from Rhode Island to succeed William Sprague, whose term expires March 4th 1875. The General has also been Governor of Rhode Island for several terms.

The Marquis of Lorne will come into possession of the Dornden estate at Turnbridge Wells, the English watering place, at the end of the month. The Marquis and the Princess Louise are to reside on this estate, which was sold to him for £30,000.

The Chicago *Journal* says that Colonel Pritchard, the capturer of Jeff. Davis, has bought a farm in Iroquois, Ill., and will remove there from Michigan.

The veteran artist, George Cruikshank, appears as an illustrator of passing events, in last week's *Illustrated London News*. His sketch represents a lecture on electricity at the Charter House, and the drawing is a curious contrast to the engravings which we are now accustomed to see in our pictorial papers.

Phœbe Couzins, Esq., doesn't dress like her brothers of the bar She wears a heavy silk with a polonaise richly trimmed with black lace, roses in her bosom, white frills around her neck, and a sparkling zigrette in her hair. While pleading she wears a modest jacket with black velvet hat and plumes, which she often removes while speaking.

The widow of the celebrated tenor, Rubini *nee* Adelaide Cornelli, who died on the 30th of January last, at Milan, has left all her large fortune to the town of Romano, in Lombardy, the birthplace of her husband, to be employed in founding, (1) an orphan asylum for boys, with a school farm; (2) a college of eight classes; and (3) a home for musical artists.

A correspondent, writing from Rome, says that an Englishman was knocked down there during the carnival for insulting the American flag. The stars and stripes were hanging from the balcony of Mrs. Major Goddard, and the Englishman remarked that the nasty rag should come down. An American was standing near, and the Englishman promptly went down to the pavement.

The fatality which attends the families of great men has often been noticed. In many cases they have had no descendants at all, while in others the line has become extinct in the second or third generation. Already there are indications that the name of Bulwer Lytton may be of short duration. His only surviving grandson, the son of "Owen Meredith," recently died at Paris before completing his second year.

There is no longer any doubt about it. Chaplain Sunderland is just now exceedingly unpopular. The feeling against him has been growing for a couple of months on account of his preposterous prayers. He is a vain, conceited, showy, and garrulous little man, and makes use of his position to pray at everybody and to air himself on all occasions. It is proposed that hereafter the little chaplain be compelled to read prayers from a prayer-book.

Thomas Ball, the sculptor, is about to revisit this country, after an absence of six years, passed in his beautiful Florentine villa, beside that of the late Hiram Powers. He is now engaged in putting the finishing touches to the colossal statue of Lincoln, which was put into his hands for execution by the freedmen. It will be molded upon the group which he modeled some years ago, photographs of which were sent to this country, and will be cast in bronze.

A Plain Statement of the Porter Township Case.

MR. EDITOR:—As R. A. Laird and his friends assert that he was unfairly dealt with in the matter of the appeal, taken by myself, in behalf of the township of Porter, from the settlement of his accounts, as Collector and Treasurer of the school funds, by the Auditors of said township, and as various other parties, as well as myself, have been accused by Mr. Laird, through his counsel, of entering into a conspiracy for the purpose of carrying on suits and prosecutions against him, and doing whatever else that might be found necessary to ruin and destroy him; and as his counsel strenuously opposed a reference of the case to a jury, find there every possible object in the way of a fair investigation of the accounts, I think that justice to myself and others requires that a history of the case, embracing what I believe to be the material facts, should be given to the public; and therefore I ask permission to have the same published in your JOURNAL, that the public may determine to what extent Mr. Laird has been unjustly treated.

Mr. Laird acted as Collector and Treasurer of the Porter township school district for the consecutive school years ending June 1st, 1869, 1870, and 1871, but as Mr. Collins Hamer was appointed for the first of these years, Mr. Laird acted for that year as deputy, and the accounts of the latter two years only could be taken into consideration under the appeal.

Mr. Laird was appointed Collector and Treasurer of school tax for the year ending June 1st, 1870, on the 8th day of June, 1869, and a duplicate was placed in his hands—made as proven by the testimony in the case, by Wm. Christy—containing two columns of ta