"What now?" asked Ben-Zama, half angrily.

The boy drew a piece of yellow metal from his bosom—a piece which he had obtained from that very room a month before—and handed it to the chief.

"What is that, Ben-Zama?" he asked.

"This?" cried the Tibbou, starting, "'Tis gold! pure gold! Whence came it?"

"From the mountains."

"Ha! the mountains?"

"Yes, valiant chieftain. I found it in a bed where is a wonderful mine."

"You did?"

"Yes. But the way is difficult of access."

"Never mind! 'Tis pure gold! Lead me there!"

"Aye—lead us there!" cried the others.

Ben-Zama dared not object to his aids following him, and ere long Malek was leading the way over the rough path of the mountains.

It was a wild, difficult passage, and the chieftain wondered what could have led the lad thither. The latter said he had come in search of eggs for Noona. At the end of three hours they came to the narrow shelf upon the steep mountain-side; but as the boy went boldly on the men did not hesitate. When Malek reached the edge of the declivity he stopped and turned to his followers.

"Do you see that bed of moss and gravel?" he asked, pointing down to the strange work he had done.

"Yes—we see it; but how do you reach it?"

"Why—it is easy to slide down to it. All you have to do is, to settle down and start. You'll stop when you reach the bottom!"

"And the gold—is it there?"

"Follow me and look for yourself. Here—so—now come on."

As the boy spoke he settled to a stooping posture, and balanced himself for the slide. The gaudy man followed his example. The shelf was wide here and they had room to start nearly together. Malek went on ahead—down—down—down—but with a keen eye and a steady nerve. At the edge of the moss his right foot touched the end of a concealed stick—his form assumed an upright position and with one flying leap, his left foot just touching a firmer spot in the centre of the mass, he reached the opposite rock.

And there he turned as quick as thought and snatched away the stout cross-stick upon which he had stepped.

"Remember the Oasis of Lebon, and the Moorish merchants!" he shouted, at the top of his voice.

The boy caught the quick, frightened look of Ben-Zama—he heard the fearful cry of terror—and on the next instant the bloody chieftain was at the edge of the precipice. He gave one more wild cry—made a desperate plunge for the spot where the boy avenger stood—but he might as well have tried to leap to heaven. He touched the baseless fabric, and in a moment more he was lost to sight.

The others comprehended their dreadful fate now. They threw themselves upon their backs, and pressed their hands upon the rock, but the smooth surface afforded them no holding place. Down they went, down—down—down—the voice of the young executioner sounding still in their ears—down—down.

A low cry—a cry of death—came up from the vast depths of the chasm—and in a few moments more naught was heard save the dull roar of the distant torrent as it bore upon its foaming bosom the forms of eight dead men.

"I buried six beneath the sands of the desert. I have buried eight here! Father—mother—brothers—you are avenged!"

Noon never saw her adopted son again: but in a few weeks afterwards, Malek, the son of Yezid, arrived in Tripoli, and when he had told his story he found no lack of friends.

I saw Malek in his native city, a stout, hale man, doing a good business as a silk merchant, and this story was told to me by one of his own household.

CURIOSITIES.—A plate of butter from the cream of a joke."

A small quantity of tar supposed to have been left where the Israelites pitched their tents.

The original brush used in painting the "signs of the times."

A bucket of water from "All's well."

Soap with which a man was washed overboard.

The strap which is used to sharpen the water's edge.

The pencil with which Britannia ruled the waves.

A portion of the yeast used in raising the wind.

A dime from the moon when she gave change for the last quarter.

The saucer that belonged to the cup of sorrow.

A fence made of the railing of a scolding wife.

The chair in which the sun sets.

The hammer which broke up the meeting

A buckle to fasten a laughing stock.

Eggs from a nest of thieves.

Hinges and lock from the trunk of an elephant.

A sketch from a policeman's days.

An Irishman once told Quiz that Ireland was an execrable place; in fact, the only thing worth owning in it is the whiskey. "Ah," said Quiz, you mean to say that you love her *still*.

"Jones," writes a correspondent to us in great dismay, "has caught the scarlet fever. No cause can be assigned for the rash act."

What gentleman can, with any sense of propriety, ask a *fat* woman to *lean* on his arm?

Why is a lady bathing in the sea like one in a *very* unpleasant predicament? Because she is in a great pickle.

Why are the ladies of Missouri so sweet? Answer—Because they are *Molasses*.

The ancient Greeks buried their dead in jars. Hence the origin of the expression: "He's gone to pot."

The Columbia Spy.

A PENNSYLVANIA INDEPENDENT JOURNAL.

COLUMBIA, PA.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1858.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—Haldeman's, *New Goods;* G. M. Clawges, *School Examination and Select School;* Saml. Shoch, *A Gardner Wanted;* D. Evans, *For Rent;* Paschall Morris & Co., *Agricultural Implements, Seeds &c.;* D. Knox, *Columbia Marble Works;* Grover & Baker Sewing Machine Company, *Sewing Machines.*

THE RIVER.—On Thursday night of last week the Susquehanna at this point was frozen from Shore to shore, and next morning the greater portion of the surface between the bridge and dam was smooth, brilliant ice. From the extreme calmness of the night, the water had been frozen without a ripple, promising a skating-ground such as we have not seen on our river for years.—The cold of Friday and Friday night rendered the ice-bridge perfectly safe, and Saturday morning saw the beautiful, glittering, sheet plentifully dotted with skaters, bent on going it while the ice was young.—And they were wise who improved the opportunity, for a protracted spitting of snow during the afternoon and succeeding night spoiled sport. The wind, however, has compassionately come to the assistance of the desolated juveniles, and partially bared the glassy field. During the present week every boy, large or small, equal to a pair of irons, has been on them and taking his pleasure without stint. At this present writing the head boy of the Spy office is disporting with elephantine grace among the younger and more supple *gamins* of the town. So long a time has elapsed since the back of our head was on familiar, kissing terms with the face of the Susquehanna that we dread a meeting, and decline, for the present, a renewal of the intimacy. We should be loth to attempt a removal of the little *coldness* between us.

ICE.—Since the setting in of the present "cold snap," there has been a decided letting up in the despondency of all parties dependent upon the winter-crop of the Susquehanna for comfort or support. Many gloomy forbodings had been indulged and serious sufferings during the next, at present hardly to be realized dog-days, was gloomily prophecied. Pleasant memories of past cobblers and ices were treasured and made much of, as destined to do double duty, and many a fond youth looked dismally forward to the torrid season when he should find it impossible to "cream his gal." The prospect did look blue, we admit, and when we recalled the wear and tear of Wills' daily lumps, while undergoing a sunning process on our steps, last summer, we ruefully bethought us of the old adage, "Wilful waste, &c." But immortal Jack has changed all this, and in one short night puckered grim visages into a thousand wrinkles of glee and satisfaction. A "crust" had scarcely been formed along shore before the ice-men were on the alert, and now, with an unlimited supply of clear, six-inch ice before them, they dilligently improve the occasion. Every team in town is in requisition, and should that unstable-minded official, the Clerk of the Weather, put on fresh coal, open the drafts and stir the fire, a sudden thaw would find us pretty well fortified against even 100° in the shade.

A SAD RAKE.—On Saturday, 13th inst., John S. Hausen appeared before Thomas Welsh, Esq., J. P., with head cut and bleeding profusely, and made complaint against Thomas Badger as the author of the mischief, alleging that the latter had stuck him with an iron rake, at the stone-quarry near the old depot. A warrant was issued, and Constable Hollingsworth produced the body of Badjer on Monday morning, and a hearing in the case was had before the Magistrate. Thomas (Badger, not Welsh,) flatly denied the charge, and offered in explanation of the damage an ingenious theory based upon the assumption that Hansen had run against the rake whilst he, Badger, held it up. The slight improbability of a sane man voluntarily running his head against an iron rake, rendered the introduction of rebutting testimony unnecessary, and the plaintiff rested his case without argument. The Justice, with his admirable impartiality, exhonorated Badger from the serious charge of assault with intent to kill, but in view of very painful doubts anent the plausible theory of self-impalement, gave defendadt the benefit of the doubt, and adjudged him guilty of having held the rake too hard when John ran against it, and bound him over in the sum of two hundred dollars to do so no more.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN LANCASTER.—On Wednesday evening the extensive Machine Shops and Foundry of C. Keiffer Esq., known as the Chestnut Street Iron Works: in Lancaster, were burned, involving an estimated loss of $40,000, less an insurance of $13,000, part on the building and part on the stock. The fire was with difficulty confined to the buildings where it originated, the High School being in imminent danger of destruction. The origin of the fire is not positively known, but it is generally supposed that it was communicated from the Cupola stack of the Foundry. Much Sympathy is expressed and felt by the community for Mr. Kieffer.

WESTMINSTER REVIEW.—We have received from Leonard Scott & Co., N. Y., the January number of the Westminster, with the following table of contents:

African Life; Spirits and Spirit-Rappings; Moraysbire; Shelly; The Religious Weakness of Protestantism; The Crisis and its Causes; The English in India; State-tamperings with Money and Banks; Contemporary Literature.

A VALUABLE REMEDIAL DISCOVERY.—So many of our friends have derived benefit from the Oxygenated Bitters, in cases of Dyspepsia and indigestion, that we cannot too strongly recommend it. It seldom fails to cure.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.—A special meeting of the Town Council was held, January 30, 1858; Members present: Messrs. Fraley, Murphy, Maxton, Pelan, Pfahler, and Bletz, President.

Mr. Pelan submitted the following resolution, which was on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Chief Burgess and President of the Council be, and they are hereby authorized to borrow one thousand dollars, for the use of the borough, and give the bond of the borough as security for the same.

Council adjourned.

Attest: WM. F. LLOYD, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.—A special meeting of the Town Council was held, February 10, 1858; Members present: Messrs. Fraley, Felix, Murphy, Maxton, Pfahler, Pelan and Bletz, President.

Mr. Maxton from the Road Committee stated the object of the meeting to be, to devise some way of having the orders given by the Road Committee, cashed. Mr. Pelan moved that $200 in cash be paid to F. S. Bletz, Esq., provided he furnishes the Road Committee with $1,000 worth of provisions, which was agreed to.

Mr. Liphart's bill for $40, was read and ordered to be paid. Council adjourned.

Attest: WM. F. LLOYD, Clerk.

For the Columbia Spy.

If there be an office to fill, if when filled, it were necessary were *well* filled it is that of constable. The mercantile interests, the peace and general welfare of the community, greatly depend upon the calm, sensible and efficient conduct of this executive officer.—In many occupations remissness may be remedied, or not be followed by deleterious consequences; in that of the constable, dereliction of duty cannot be indulged in without jeopardizing the cause of the parties in suit, or that of the Commonwealth. Praise is due in many instances for accomplishing more than the duties imposed on us; in the office of bailiff, seldom properly, never legally: the contrary, censure is often justly incurred from imprudent officiousness. The requisites, therefore, for the successfully discharge of the duties of this office are possessed by few. A constable should be free from irratability or rashness of temper, correct in purpose, resolute in action, not given to loquacity or meddlesome in the private affairs of others—making public the misfortunes, vexations, and frailties of his fellow men—but performing his duties according to the precepts of the law, the true code of honor, and with a consciousness of rectitude. These qualifications, we conceive, are happily blended in the character of Christopher Hollingsworth, the present incumbent, whose past services are an earnest to all reflecting citizens of his future deportment. This gentleman, thankful for favors conferred, and grateful for the confidence heretofore reposed in him, offers himself again as a candidate for constable, and solicits for this purpose the votes of his friends and fellow citizens.

CITIZEN.

Columbia, February 19, 1858.

COLLEGE ROWDYISM AT YALE.—The Cleveland Herald in speaking of the late disgraceful and bloody fracas between the firemen and the students of New Haven, says:

From the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, a feud has existed between the "College boys" and the "town boys." Each College generation must have a fight; hence every four years New Haven is turned into Pandemonium.—These battles often interrupt College exercises for days; bullies are chosen by each class; clubs and other weapons are procured, and the student forces are regularly organized for the war. The cry of fire at midnight has not half the terrors for the slumberers in the "Elm City," as has that ominous student cry of Yale! Yale!! Yale!!! The rush of students, to succor their brother in the hands of the Philistines, has more terrors than the tramp of the invading army.

These College collisions, somehow, oftenest occur with the boys who run with the machines. As long ago as '30—if our memory is not at fult—one night of a "three days" fight, the students, by dint of "moral suasion," were kept in the college yard by the Faculty, when a "squirt" was hauled up in the street in front and brought to bear on the students. With memory's eye we see the "bully" of the sophomore class and his "body guard" make a sortie for that "machine." The fire engine never did service after its attempt to "put out" the college boys.

THINK OF HOME.—The husband who, in his moments of relaxation from the cares of business, allows his thoughts to revert to his family circle, is in a measure safe from the trials and temptations of the world. We regret to believe that there are few husbands who give a practical turn to such thoughts, else there would be a GROVER & BAKER Sewing Machine found in every well regulated family. None but those who have experienced the benefits conferred by the use of a GROVER & BAKER Machine, can realize its advantages.

Offices of exhibition and sale 495 Broadway, New York; 18 Summer street, Boston, and 730 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

INVESTIGATION OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE LANCASTER BANK.—We are glad to observe that Mr. SHAEFFER, the talented Senator from Lancaster, has succeeded in passing a bill providing for an investigation of the failure of the Lancaster Bank, through the Senate, notwithstanding the Bank committee had reported against it. We hope that it may pass the House without delay and that the Governor will appoint a committee that will thoroughly investigate the rascality practiced about the bank by which so many widows and orphans have been robbed of all their earthly goods. We say again let the examination be conducted without fear or favor.—*Harrisburg Telegraph.*

A cat once caught a sparrow, and was about to devour it, but the sparrow said: "No gentleman cats till he has first washed his face." The cat, struck with this remark, set the sparrow down, and began to wash his face with his paw, but the sparrow flew away. This vexed Puss extremely, and he said: "As long as I live I will eat first and wash my face afterwards." Which all cats do even to this day.

For the Columbia Spy.

Philadelphia Correspondence.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10, 1858.

The thermometer has, for several days past, been afflicted with such a depression of spirits as to cause great exhilaration in the minds of all devotees to the amusements of skating, sleigh riding and midnight fandangoes.

The snow is rather shallow for runners, being only about two inches deep on an average; but it will do well enough for trotters, driven by persons of an imaginative turn of mind, who don't discriminate very clearly between snow and mud or lumps of frozen earth; especially when the imagination is aided by a state of feeling which Mr. Richard Swiveller, of blessed memory, was wont with much delicacy of language and profound wisdom, to designate as a state involving "the sun very strong in one's eyes"—but which the vulgar world has a malignant and individious fashion of stigmatizing as a condition of extreme inebriation.

People are putting away Schuylkill ice only four inches thick, and glad of the chance, now that the Ides of March are approaching very rapidly. Winter's delights, such as they are, gladden the hearts of our pleasure-seekers, and there are few grumblers, except among the "Poor of Philadelphia."

"Trade" don't seem to start off at so jolly brisk a rate, as was anticipated thirty days ago, "in all the month of February." Some say it is because of this sudden cold snap, operating as a check; others, that the winter has been so uniformly mild, as trade has been kept dull since fall, there is no opening of spring to make matters revive. But then this would be only the semblance of a stir, by virtue of contrasts, and of no great use to put boxes on the sidewalks, and money on the counter.

Money is said to be very abundant "in the street," but it is not easily found—judging by the number of borrowers "on long time," who ferret out the way into all sorts of brokers' (and broken down) offices, and rather than go away empty-handed, will take *one cent*. Funds are said to be easy "on call;" but examples are not wanting of worthy customers who have been calling to the four winds of heaven for sixty days past, with no effect whatever, but here and there an equivalent of chronic bronchitis.

The remains of the old Bank of Pennsylvania were gloomily interred by a circle of mourners who assembled for that purpose one day last week, and after passing several very indignant and seathing resolutions reflecting upon two individuals—and in an amiable spirit, passing over the gross negligence of their Board of Directors, and the stupid apathy of the stockholders, during the past ten or perhaps twenty years—and having had their drooping spirits raised and their hearts much edified by the recital of a tragico-comico ditty of ten or twelve verses, by a victimized wag named Dela—adjourned to open the last will and testament of the deceased, and divide the remnant of the effects. The note holders will doubtless be paid, as will the depositors, but the stockholders need expect nothing. Such is the end of a great "Institootion" inaugurated for the purpose of giving to civilized society the most perfect system of currency, or the circulated representative of aggregated commercial wealth, that could be possibly devised (!!)

Or so would say, if he said anything, Mr. Henry C. Carey, the great political economist of Philadelphia. It has become a matter of interesting speculation, how many more letters Mr. Carey will spin out of this subject for the edification of President Buchanan, to whom they are addressed, in a philanthropic spirit of charitable instruction, through the formidable columns of the *North American*. The nineteenth letter appears this morning, and in turgidity of style and obscurity of meaning, it will vie with any of its predecessors. If we may judge of the worthy gentleman's proximity to the end of his theme, by the amount of light which his disquisitions have thrown upon the intricate subject, it is not improbable that he will continue to load down the columns of the *North American* for the next twenty years, or until the next "financial crisis." Mr. Carey is, of course, a high tariff and paper currency man, for it takes a long yarn, a very long yarn, to throw light on these subjects, unless it is by putting the reader into a profound sleep, and the infusion of light into his dreams.

Your modest correspondent will presume to give Mr. Carey a little bit of advice, which though neither original nor costly, has the advantage of good common sense, and is best appreciated and understood by those who most need it. The touchstone of commercial prosperity is, as far as practicable, "pay as you go." Whatever you pay with, whether gold or silver, or corn, or silk, or teas, or tobacco, or opium, or whisky—"pay as you go," or at least don't pay by a promise, when you have nothing else to pay with. Attention to this common place precept will save the political economists a vast deal of muddy elucidation, and the community a vast deal of bankruptcy and distress.

The most notable kind of amusement among us now, is the lecture entertainment. This evening, two veterans in the trade will enchain their audiences; Mr. Everett, on the character of Washington, at the Academy of Music, and Mr. Beecher, on "Mirthfulness," at Jaynes' Hall; of course both houses will be jammed.

Next week it is supposed that this community will be treated to a repetition of a course of lectures by a certain notorious woman from the continent of Europe, who having lived as the paramour of several men, betook herself to the stage, but being incapable of eking out a fashionable living by dancing and posturing, had the wit to discover the weak point in American character, and to avail herself of it. People will go to hear any one on the face of the earth lecture, providing the lectures are sufficiently piquant or startling and impudent; but the idea of going to the theatre to see the same person do some very shabby dancing, is horrible; positively shocking. Now, the fact is, it is much more reprehensible to listen to the impertinent and equivocal attempts at instruction and entertainment, in such a lecture, from such a person, than to suffer a little disgust at the insane efforts to imitate the airs and graces of Terpsichorean artists.

The "refining Institootion"—Italian Opera—is just now enjoying a tranquil vacation; the head professor thereof having reaped a snug harvest of $15,000 out of the flats, by the assiduous aid of puffs and trumpetings by the dead heads. Of course, since the Academy is closed, the fashionable world is in a sad state of bereavement and wo. But then why moan and lament—music is circumambient, peripatetic, omnipresent, in Philadelphia—doubtless the effect of the "refining Institootion." It is found in the Musical Institute up Chestnut street, in every parlor and every kitchen, in the yard and in the street. The first sound to herald the rising sun, and the last to woo you to the midnight couch is the inevitable organ grinder in the street, with his brass mounted, brass fastened little "chist," grinding forth strains that would rival in harmony the notes of a half dozen tom-cats tumbled about in a barrel churn.

Happy are the Columbians who dwell on the banks of the Susquehanna, and escape all such "refining Institootions." PH.

Items of News.

Ex-President Fillmore was married on Wednesday evening, 10th inst., at Albany, to a widow named McIntosh.

The Superintendent of the Little Schuylkill Navigation and Railroad Company, J. Edwards Barnes, and Duncan Weir, Mine Agent, were suffocated by gas in a coal mine, near Tamaqua, on Monday.

The people of the District of Columbia have, by a large majority, rejected the new revised code of laws drawn up for their government.

We have from Kansas an odd report that a party of free State men, under General Lane, had visited Westport, Mo., in search of Mr. Danforth, a member of the Lecompton convention. This is carrying the war into the enemy's stronghold. A skirmish is said to have occurred between the belligerents at Fort Scott. Governor Denver had refused to send troops thither.

Mails from the Pacific reached Philadelphia on Saturday, by the arrival at New York of the steamship Star of the West.—The California news is unimportant. The Legislature was in session, but had transacted no business of importance. The San Francisco markets were very dull. From Oregon a rumor had been received that the Snake Indians intend to join the Mormons. Later advices from South America are interesting. From Peru we have further accounts of the arrest of Mr. Lamar, on a charge of conspiring to bring Americans with arms to Peru, for the purpose of fighting for ex-President Echenique. Letters which had passed between Lamar, Commodore Vanderbilt, and Col. Fitzgerald, of New Orleans, had been published. It was thought Lamar would be shot. Affairs between the government and Vivanco were without particular change. There had been a destructive fire at Valparaiso, involving a loss of $1,000,000. Affairs in Bolivia were quiet. The steam frigate Susquehanna goes out to Old Providence, to inquire into alleged outrages on American commerce there. General M. B. Lamar, U. S. Minister to Nicaragua, was at last accounts on his way to that country. Advices from Montevideo state that the Legislature had been suspended by the military. A war between Brazil and Paraguay was imminent. From Bolivia it is reported that Mr. Dana, the American Minister, will not resign.

FROM HARRISBURG.

In our State Legislature but little of importance has been done, but innumerable bills are presented and some few passed.—Our Senator, B. A. Shaeffer, has been body snatching, and succeeded in exhuming the remains of the Lancaster Bank. A bill has passed the Senate for an investigation of the failure of this lamented Institution, as will be seen by a paragraph elsewhere, copied from the Harrisburg *Telegraph*. We fully agree with that paper in its estimate of the Hon. B. A's, capacity.

FROM WASHINGTON.

In Congress Mr. Jefferson Davis' bill, for the Increase of the Army, and the affairs of Kansas, have been the principal subjects of discussion in the Senate. The former receives the support of its framer, of course, and of the majority of the Administration party, with Mr. Seward, of the opposition. It is opposed by Mr. Toombs, of Georgia, who favors the employment of Volunteers, and by Mr. Hale, of New Hampshire, with the Republicans generally. Mr. Douglas has unsuccessfully endeavored to obtain an investigation into the Kansas election frauds, and the present indications are that the Administration party will force through a bill admitting Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution. This bill, however, cannot pass the House as at present constituted, an investigating committee on the Kansas case having been ordered by that body. This Committe being, by the Speaker's appointment, composed of eight Lecomptonites to seven Antis, the supposition is that the investigation will be smothered by the majority, in which case the battle will begin anew. Little legislation has been effected in the House. The Maryland contested election case has been wrangled over, but as yet results in nothing.

John Calhoun, the President of the Lecompton Constitutional Convention, still retains the returns, and declines giving certificates of election to either the Free State or Pro-Slavery men. The probability is that none of our readers will live to see the settlement of the "Kansas Difficulties."

FOREIGN.

By the arrival at Halifax of the steamship Niagara, we have three days later news from Europe. Consols were quoted at 95¼. Cotton had advanced. The London money market was somewhat easier, and the Bank of England had reduced its rates of discount to four per cent. News from India, one week later than previous advices, had been received. General Outram had engaged the enemy at Alumlagh, and defeated them, capturing four guns. In China, the United States Commissioner, Mr. Reed, had vainly sought an interview with Yeh, the Imperial Commissioner. The British propositions made by Lord Elgin were also rejectee. A speedy attack upon Canton was anticipated. The steamship Leviathan was expected to be fully afloat on the day the Niagara sailed. In France the addresses of the army to the Emperor Napoleon, congratulating him on his recent escape from asssassination, were growing offensive to the English.—Many of them call for permission to pursue and exterminate the conspirators in their haunts. Lablache, the great Italian basso singer, is dead.

A DROUGHT IN SOUTH AFRICA.—In our second year no rain fell. In the third the same extraordinary drought followed. Indeed, not ten inches of water fell during these two years, and the Kolobeng ran dry: so many fish were killed that the hyænas from the whole country round collected to the feast, and were unable to finish the putrid masses. A large old alligator which had never been known to commit any depredations, was found left high and dry in the mud among the victims. The fourth year was equally unpropitious, the fall of rain being insufficient to bring the grain to maturity. Nothing could be more trying.—We dug down in the bed of the river deeper and deeper as the water receded, striving to get a little to keep the fruit trees alive for better times; but in vain. Needles lying out doors for months did not rust; and a mixture of sulphuric acid and water, used in a galvanic battery, parted with all its water to the air, instead of imbibing more from it, as it would have done in England. The leaves of indigenous trees were all drooping, and soft, shrivelled, though not dead; and those of the mimosæ were closed at mid-day, the same as they are at night. In the midst of this dreary drought, it was wonderful to see those tiny creatures, the ants, running about with their accustomed vivacity. I put the bulb of a thermometer three inches under the soil in the sun at mid-day, and found the mercury to stand at 132° to 134; and if certain kinds of beetles were placed on the surface, they ran about a few seconds and expired. But this broiling heat only augmented the activity of the long-legged black ants; they never tire: their organs of motion seemed endowed with the same power as is ascribed by physiologists to the muscles of the human heart, by which that part of the frame never becomes fatigued, and which may be imparted to all our bodily organs in that higher sphere to which we fondly hope to rise. Where do these ants get their moisture? Our house was built on a hard ferruginous conglomerate, in order to be out of the way of the white ant, but they came in despite the precaution; and not only were they in this sultry weather able individually to moisten soil to the consistency of mortar for the formation of galleries, which in their way of working is done by night (so that they are screened from the observation of birds by day in passing and repassing towards any vegetable matter they wish to devour,) but when their inner chambers were laid open, these were also surprisingly humid; yet there was no dew, and the house being placed on a rock, they could have no subterranean passage to the bed of the river, which ran about three hundred yards below the hill. Can it be that they have the power of combining the oxygen and hydrogen of their vegetable food by vital force so as to form water?—*Dr. Livingstone's Missionary Travels in South Africa.*

Columbia Post Office.

MAILS CLOSE:

Through Mail for the East—8 A. M. and 6.40 P. M.

Way " " " 8 A. M.

Through and Way Mail for the West—6.25 P. M.

" " " " *South*—11.30 A. M.

Mail leaves for Mountville on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday—closes at 6.40 P. M.

Mail leaves for Manor, Highville and Safe Harbor, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday—closes at 2 P. M.

Mail for Silver Spring, on Wednesday and Saturday.

MAILS ARRIVE.

Eastern—2.40 A. M. and 12.05 P. M.

Western—7.40 A. M.

Southern—12.05 P. M.

Columbia Post Office, Jan. 2, 1858.

MARRIAGE EXTRAORDINARY—The greatest marriage which can take place in Europe is about to be contracted in Paris. A Princess Troubetzkoi is about to marry her cousin, and each of the parties is entitled to £100,000 per annum. The bridegroom declares that he will wear no clothing except such as are made at the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605, Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

HAIR RESTORATIVE—We are pleased to be able to record the satisfaction of our patrons, after a trial of an article advertised in our columns. We have the satisfaction to know several of our readers who have used Prof. Wood's Hair Restorative, and pronounced it to be just what the advertisement says it is. We have several personal acquaintances, too, who were gray-headed—they have tried it, and now their hair is restored to its original color, and they willingly add their testimony to its efficacy, and will give further information to others desiring it. This speaks well for the article, and we advise all who do not wish to appear gray-headed, to use Wood's Hair Restorative.—Western Patriot.

1000 DOLLARS REWARD will be paid for any Medicine that will *cost* PRATT & BUTCHER'S MAGIC OIL for the following diseases:—Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Spinal Affections, Contracted Joints, Cholic Pains, Pains in the Side or Back, Headache, Toothache, Sprains, Sore Throat, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, and all Diseases of the Skin, Muscles and the Glands. None genuine without the signature of PRATT & BUTCHER attached to each label. Principal Office, 200 Washington street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The great number of persons that have been immediately relieved in all the cities and towns where it has been used, as well as in this city, sustain them in saying, in all candor, that it is the greatest cure in the world for pain ever sold.

Dr. E. B. HERR, Sole Wholesale Agent for Columbia. Sold by all respectable Druggists throughout the United States and Canada. [Oct. 17, 1857-1y

"QUALITY TO ALL"—Uniformity of Prices! A New Feature in Business! Every one his own salesman.—Jones & Co., of the Crescent One Price Clothing Store," No. 200 Market street, above Sixth, Philadelphia, in addition to having the largest, most varied, and fashionable stock of clothing in Philadelphia, made expressly for retail sales, have constituted every one his own salesman, by having marked in figures, on each article, the very lowest price it can be sold for, so they cannot possibly vary—all *must* buy alike.

The goods are all well sponged and prepared and great pains taken with the making, so that all can buy with the full assurance of getting a good article at the very lowest price.

Remember the Crescent, in Market, above Sixth, No. 200. JONES & CO.

June 13, 1857-1y

GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN MEDICAL PREPARATIONS.

No medicine of this or any age has met with such unrivalled success in overcoming disease, as "Bach's American Compound." The enquiry is, what should render this Compound so great a curative, when all others have failed. It is because the vegetable matter which composes it is rendered into a liquid state by a new and remarkable apparatus, discovered by, and known only to the proprietor of this remedy. Vitiated humors of the blood, Bronchitis, Ulceration of the Throat, Stomach or Bowels, Dyspepsia, or Chronic Inflammation of any membrane of the system, entirely disappear before a timely use of this medicine.

Bach's American Compound owes its success to the intrinsic curative properties of the vegetables which compose it. It contains a "*Compound Fluid Extract of Beach Drop or Cancer Root*" *now first given to the Public*, but long known to the Indians as a never failing cure for Scrofulas, Consumption, Humors of the Blood, and chronic diseases in any part of the system. This medicine can now be had of all reliable dealers in the United States and Canada. See advertisement in another column.

Dec. 26, 1857-2m

GROVER & BAKER'S CELEBRATED FAMILY SEWING MACHINES,
495 BROADWAY, NEW YORK,
730 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

No applications for AGENCIES need be made, except by persons of integrity, reliability, and having excellent facilities for doing business. They must be addressed to GROVER & BAKER S. M. CO., 495 Broadway, New York. [Feb. 20, 1858-1y

MARRIED.

On the evening of the 15th inst., by His Honor, Thomas H. Burrows, Mayor of the city of Lancaster, ELLIS P. MOORE, to REBECCA J., daughter of Wm. Phillips, of Pennsgrove, Chester county, Pa.

A Gardener Wanted,

TO whom good wages and constant employment will be given. A young man preferred. Columbia Feb. 20, 1858-3t. S. SHOCH.

FOR RENT,

THE Store Room, Cellar and Warehouse, situated on the corner of Fourth and Cherry streets. Possession given immediately. Apply, on the premises, to D. EVANS.

Columbia, February 20, 1858-tf

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

THERE will be a public school examination held at the School House, corner Third and Perry streets, on MONDAY EVENING NEXT, 22d INSTANT, commencing at 6½ o'clock. Several dialogues and single pieces will be spoken by the scholars; they will sing several new pieces, they will also be examined in Orthography, Reading, Mental Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar. The School Directors and Parents sending children to the school, are invited to attend. The subscriber will open a

SELECT SCHOOL,

immediately after the public schools closes. He feels grateful for the liberal patronage heretofore received, and respectfully asks for a continuance of the same.—Special care given to the improvement of the morals of his pupils. G. M. CLAWGES

Columbia, February 20, 1858-1t

COLUMBIA MARBLE YARD,
Corner of Front and Walnut Streets.

THE undersigned invites the attention of citizens of the Borough of Columbia and vicinity to his Marble Yard, where he is prepared to execute in superior style all description of Work in Marble, Granite, Sandstone, &c., as

Monuments, Tombstones, Mantels, Steps, Door and Window Sills,

and Ornamental Work of every kind. His work will compare with any other executed in the county, and he feels satisfied that he can give satisfaction to customers, both in quality and price.

He will furnish his work on more reasonable terms than can be obtained elsewhere.

Feb 20, 1858-1y D. KNOX.

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HALDEMAN'S
NEW
SPRING GOODS.

HOUSE-KEEPING GOODS, Marseille Quilts and Counterpanes, Bureau Covers, Blankets, Bleached and Unbleached Sheetings from one yard to three yards wide, Pillow Case Muslins of all widths, Table Covers, Tickings, Furniture Calicoes and Checks, Osnabugs, Towelings of all kinds, Cotton and Linen Diapers for Table Cloths, Pure Linen Damask Table Cloths, Fruit Doylies, Huckaback Towels, Scotch Diapers.

PRIME LIVE GEESE FEATHERS;

Carpet Chain, Woolen, Linen, and Cotton, all colors;

CARPETINGS:

Super Imperial three ply	Carpetings,
Superfine Ingrain	do.
Fine and Medium	do.
Plain and Twilled Venitian	do.
Listing and Rag	do.
Velvet Rugs,	Door Mats,
Floor and Stair Druggets,	Stair Crash,
Russia Crash,	Domestic Crash,

Floor Oil Cloths from one to four yards wide.
Table Oil Cloths, all widths.
Transparent Window Shades, from 50c per pair up.
Putnam's Patent Shade Fixtures.

CHINA, GLASS AND QUEENSWARE:

We invite particular attention to our China, Glass and Queensware Room, which contains a large and varied assortment, consisting in part of Blue Marble, Tyrol and White Stone Granite Tea Sets, of this Spring's Importation; full Dinner Sets, fine French China gold band Tea Sets, Dishes, Pitchers, Salad Bowls, Gravy Boats, Soup Tureens, Chamber and Toilet Sets, &c., &c.

GLASSWARE:

A complete assortment of fine cut and low priced Glassware, consisting in part of Decanters, Fruit Stands, Preserves, Sugar Bowls, Pitchers, Creams, Celleries, Bar and Table Tumblers, Wine and Champagne Glasses, Goblets, Egg Glasses, &c., &c.

HALDEMAN'S
Cheap Cash Store.

Columbia, Feb. 20, 1858

PROUTY'S Subsoil, Prouty's Double Michigan Sod and Subsoil, and Prouty's Centre Draft PLOWS. These Plows are constructed on scientific principles, so as to turn and pulverize the ground at one operation. It took the first premium at the World's Fair, Louisville, against all competition. All the different sizes at Wholesale and Retail.

PASCHALL MORRIS & CO.,
N. E. Cor. 7th and Market streets, Philadelphia.
February 20, 1858.

Spain's Premium Atmospheric Churns,

WILL produce more butter from a given quantity of cream than any churn in use.—Seven sizes, wholesale and retail.

PASCHALL MORRIS & CO.,
N. E. Cor. 7th and Market sts., Philadelphia.
February 20, 1858.

Field, Flower and Garden Seeds,

In great variety. Warranted Fresh and Genuine. GUANO, Maper's Nitrogenized Super Phosphate of Lime, Poudrette, &c.

PASCHALL MORRIS & CO.,
N. E. Cor. 7th and Market sts., Philadelphia.
February 20, 1858.

WANTED,

$800 OR $1,000 ON FIRST MORTGAGE, of unexceptionable Real Estate, in the Borough of Columbia, worth twice the amount; the property is insured, the money is wanted by the first day of April next. Enquire at this Office.

February 13, 1858-3t

FOR RENT,

A TWO-STORY BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, situated on Front street above Union. Apply to WASHINGTON RIGHTER.

Columbia, Feb. 6, 1858-tf

AUCTIONEERING.

THE undersigned offers his services to the citizens of Columbia and vicinity, as an auctioneer.

He will carefully and promptly attend to the crying of sales, and guarantee satisfaction in all business submitted to his care.

He respectfully solicits a share of public patronage.

Feb. 6, 1858-3t JOHN EDDY.

LAST NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the late firm of Bruner & Brother, are requested to make payment to I. O. Bruner & Co., corner of Third and Union streets previous to the first day of March, 1858, after that date all unsettled accounts will be placed in the hands of a magistrate for collection.

BRUNER & BROTHER.

Columbia, February 6, 1858-4t*

RHEUMATISM CURED.

DR. BARBER'S celebrated remedy is warranted to cure this loathsome disease. All who are afflicted with chronic complaint are invited to call at the Drug Store of H. P. Green, Front street, above Walnut, and procure a bottle.

Mr. Green is sole agent for this medicine in Lancaster county. [Feb. 6, 1858-tf

VALENTINES! VALENTINES!

For the largest and most select assortment, go to
SAYLOR & McDONALD'S
Head Quarters and News Depot,

Where they have displayed a Stock of COMIC AND ORNAMENTAL VALENTINES, suited to every taste. [Feb. 6, 1858.

FOR RENT,

TWO first-rate Business Stands, No. 1 Mechanics' Row, STORE ROOM with DWELLING attached.

No. 4 Mechanics' Row, STORE ROOM with DWELLING attached, both opposite Haldeman's Store, where inquiry can be made.

Columbia, February 6, 1858

NEW GOODS.

WE have opened this week, one case new style Merrimack and Cochico Calicoes, beautiful goods and reliable colors at 12½ cents, 20 pieces new styles and good goods, at 6 & and 10 cents.

SHIRTING AND SHEETING MUSLINS.

The best bleached and unbleached muslin selling at 6, 7, 10 and 12½ cents, 4, 5, 6 and 10½ bleached and unbleached Sheetings, at all prices. Call at

H. C. FONDERSMIT