your ear: the nonmentionables were the only ones he had in the world!

CHAPTER II.

On a chilly night in December, 18—, at just about the hour when the last lingering guests of that comfortable old establishment, the City Hotel, in Calvert street, Baltimore, of which the veteran Barnum was the genial host, were dropping off to bed, there hastily walked in at the ample front door, and up to the marble counter of the office, a young gentleman elegantly attired in a glossy black Spanish cloak. He appeared to be in the most distressing hurry; he wanted a room for the night; he wanted to be called at 4 o'clock; the stage coach for Frederick started from the office of Stockton & Stokes, in the basement of the hotel, at 5; he would not miss it for a thousand dollars; he had pressing business in Frederick; he had come from his residence in a distant part of the city to sleep at the hotel, on purpose to be on the spot, and to secure his passage; he wanted a fire put in his room, at once; and as he called at 4 without fail; "waiter!" he exclaimed, by way of winding up his orders, "bring me up a hot whiskey punch!"

Of course every thing was done by the attentive official at the counter which the gentleman requested, and special charge was given to the watchman to be sure and call No——, at 4 o'clock.

When the hour arrived, a knock at the door was the the signal for the traveller to throw himself out of bed, and to commence dressing for his journey. But hardly had the watchman left the threshold of his chamber door, than, mercy on us! what a ringing of No.——'s bell ensued! The watchman hurried back, chambermaid soon followed—then a servant from the rotunda below, and finally the confidential clerk of the establishment. "What is the master? What is to pay? What is it all about?" exclaimed everybody, while still "ting a ling ling" went "that dreadful bell."

"What is the matter?" at length roared out the excited and irate occupant of No.——: "Matter enough! Where's my pantaloons? Here I am, bound to be in Frederick by the next stage, and that all ready to start, and I am robbed of my—"

And how much longer and more loudly he would have gone on in his indignation, this deponent cannot venture to say, had not Mr. M.——, the confidential agent aforesaid, interfered with words of soothing import; and closing with a proffer of a substitute from his own wardrobe for that so mysteriously stolen from the stranger.

"But my money, sir, my money, that was in the pocket of the—"

"Well, my dear sir, we may possibly be able to accommodate you in that respect, too. But don't make such a row! You'll wake everybody in the house! Let me see, you'll be home in a few days, I suppose?"

"Of course! of course! Within the week; but I must be in Frederick to-day, and there's the coach just about to start!"

"No, you have five minutes left. There, put on these,—and take this,—twenty-five dollars. I suppose that will answer for the present: and as to the money you have lost, we'll leave nothing behind us to find it. Good bye, sir! pleasant ride to you!"

And in five minutes more, the occupant of No.——was on his way to Frederick, and:

"The world before him, where to choose!"

CHAPTER III.

A few weeks after these startling occurrences, it so chanced that the two Baltimore Bonifaces we have described causally met, and as they smoked their cigars, their discourse happened to fall upon the subject of hotel robberies, and the losses to which landlords are subject from that fruitful source of woe. This superinduced the mention by mine host of the Fountain of his adventure with the stranger-student who tarried so long at that establishment, "waiting for remittances," and who left it, under cover of night, *sans culottes*.

"Well, that was certainly a curious affair," said Barnum. "But there was a most singular robbery took place a few weeks ago in my house—a most remarkable affair, indeed. How it could have happened, who could have done it, where and what has become of the money: I declare I can't make head or tail of it! I was never so bothered in my life. I have had every man servant and maid servant, porter, scullion and every body in the establishment questioned and searched, but all in vain."

"When did you say this occurred, friend Barnum?" asked the other, as soon as he had gone into all the particulars.

"On the night of the 15th of last month," was the reply. "The gentleman, they tell me, was very handsomely dressed."

"In black!"

"Yes, in black!"

"With a carpet bag!"

"A carpet bag"!

"And a long black cloak?"

"Yes, an elegant long black cloak!"

"And his pantaloons?"

"They did not mention those articles in their description of the traveller," slowly murmured Barnum.

"Well, friend B," remarked Beltzoover, with a knowing wink of the eye, and pointing to the ceiling with his dexter thumb, "*I guess I've got those articles up yonder!*"

"Well, said David, taking a remarkably large pinch of snuff, "*I shouldn't wonder if you had!*"

[Exeunt the two B.'s in diverse directions.]

☞ Mrs. Partington, hearing that a young man had set up for himself, said "poor fellow! Has he no friend that will set up for him part of the time?" And she sighed to be young again.

☞ Dobs, on being questioned by the Court, as to whether he had ever been extensively engaged in the hotel business, answered that to rather thought he had, as he once "boarded a *frigate* and two sloops-of-war."

☞ It may seem a paradox, but it is nevertheless true, that, hit a man upon whatever part of the body you will, the blow is sure to go against his stomach.

☞ What did a blind wood sawer take to restore his sight? He took his horse and saw.

The Columbia Spy.

COLUMBIA, PA.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14, 1860.

☞ SEE NEW ADVERTISEMENTS OF A. M. RAMBO'S, ODD FELLOWS' HALL, IN TO-DAY'S PAPER.

☞ Rev. Mr. Raby, of Wrightsville, will preach in the Town Hall on to morrow (Sunday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

THANKS.—We acknowledge favors from Messrs. McPherson and Stevens of the National House of Representatives, and from Messrs. Shaeffer of State Senate and Green of the House, and return our thanks.

EDITORIAL CHANGE.—W. C. Shay has retired from the editorial chair of the York *Republican*, after serving a term of seven years. He is succeeded by Horace Bonham, by whom the paper will be conducted on the same political basis as heretofore.

MUSIC LESSONS.—A card in our advertising columns informs the public that Madame Hegman will give lessons in music; instrumental and vocal. The lady is thoroughly educated in her profession, and has had a European experience in teaching. Her musical ability is well known to those of our citizens who listened to her performance on the piano at a concert given by the Cecilia Society some years since. Applicants for tuition can leave their names at Saylor & McDonald's book store.

THE ICE BRIDGE.—In spite of the late rain and thaw the ice bridge over the Susquehanna at this place remains firm, and from present appearances will require another "spell" of juicy weather to shake it from its propriety. The travel over it has ceased, however, and its more stable, if not so commodious, rival, the Columbia bridge, is preferred as a transit route to York County. But it will only require a few hard freezing nights to stiffen up its spine and restore its integrity. The ice men have harvested their crop even to the "rakings," and "never mind the weather." The boys watch the fluctuations of the thermometer with anxiety, and pray for a good hard continuous freze. So do not we, until the streets and pavements are thoroughly bared of their present coating of ice.

HOPE LODGE EVENINGS.—The *Express* of Thursday duly announced J. W. Fisher, Esq., as the speaker at the first "Evening," and his subject "Liberty." We write this notice on Friday, and as this evening is fixed for *the* "Evening" we can no more than conjecture that Mr. Fisher will be eloquent and interesting on his selected subject. We shall probably be debarred by the care of getting off our paper from taking any part in this and future "Evenings," if held on Friday. This will not result in a serious detriment to the entertainments, but precludes any notice in the *Spy*, of one "Evening," until another shall have come and gone. Further, unless the lecturer and subject be selected more than a week in advance, we can make no announcement of them in our columns. Cannot Hope Lodge fix upon some evening earlier in the week? A weekly evening lecture with discussion is a "local" out of which we cannot submit to be defrauded without an earnest protest. We therefore most urgently remonstrate against the permanent establishment of Friday evening as the "Hope Lodge Evening."

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT LAWRENCE, MASS.—The daily papers since Wednesday last have been filled with accounts of a most fearful and destructive accident at Lawrence, Mass., whereby nearly two hundred lives were lost, and a large number of persons wounded, many of them fatally. At about five o'clock P. M. of Tuesday, the Pemberton Mills building, five stories in height, fell suddenly burying some seven hundred of the operatives in the ruins.—Every effort was made to remove the debris and rescue the sufferers, and many were extricated, but at half-past nine o'clock a lantern held to light the rescuers in their work was accidentally broken, the fire communicated to the loose cotton in the ruins, and the whole mass was soon in flames.—Many persons confined in the fallen building, uninjured, or but slightly so, perished in horrible tortures by fire. The town has been carefully canvassed to learn the number of missing, and the list, including the dead bodies recovered, amounts to 162.—Numbers of the wounded will probably die of their injuries. The particulars of this most fatal adair are afflicting. Altogether, it is the most painful and appaling accident that has occurred for years. Liberal subscriptions are being made at various places for the relief of the sufferers.

READING AND COLUMBIA RAILROAD.—At an election held on Monday, Jan. 9, 1860, at Michael's hotel, in the City of Lancaster, Joseph Konigmacher, Esq., was re-elected President, and M. E. Lyons, F. Lauer, of Reading, E. Billingfelt, Sebastian Miller of Adamstown, Adam Konigmacher of Ephrata, Dr. Levi Hull, S. Lichtenthaler of Litiz, Nathan Worley, John Hostetter of Manheim, A. S Green, C. S. Kauffman and H. R. Knottwell, of Columbia, were elected Directors for the ensuing year. Upon organization of the new Board, Col. Samuel Shoch, of Columbia, was re-elected Treasurer; Peter Martin, of Ephrata, Secretary, and J. S. Richards, Esq. of Reading, and H. M. North, Esq., of Columbia, Solicitors of said Company.

POMOLOGICAL NOTICE.—A meeting of the "Fruit Growers' association for eastern and middle Pennsylvania," will be held at Lancaster, on the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF FEBRUARY, 1860, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Those who feel an interest in fruit-culture are invited to attend.

Mr. Meehan, Editor of the "Gardener's Monthly," has been misinformed as to the time, and in the January No. erroneously gives the 2nd Wednesday. We make this correction direct from "head quarters,"—as the Constitution of the Society expressly designates—*the First Wednesday of February.*

PROGRESS OF CIVILIZATION.—LIGHT IN YORK COUNTY.—In the last number of our cotemporary, the Wrightsville *Star*, the editor, at the suggestion of a correspondent, broaches a project, upon which he has for some time thought, for lighting Wrightsville with gas, to be supplied, at least temporarily, from our Columbia Gas Works. He estimates the cost of pipes, meters, gas, &c., and the consumption of gas by the citizens of Wrightsville, and deduces a fair profit to the undertakers. We will let the *Star* speak for itself:

"The Columbia Company could supply the gas at a low rate, and in such quantity as might be wanted; the Wrightsville company to lay the pipes and put in the meters, and arrange the terms for the Gas with the citizens consuming it. We presume there might or should be at least one hundred persons or families, that would be consumers, and supposing the consumption to be in the same proportion as it is in Columbia, it would require for each consumer, an average of twenty cubic feet; or about seven cents worth of Gas per night, equal to 730 000 cubic feet per annum. If the Gas Company at Columbia could furnish the gas to the Wrightsville Company at such rate as to afford a profit of one dollar per thousand feet to the latter company, an annual profit of $730 dollars would be realized. The amount, no doubt, would pay a good dividend upon the capital required to lay the pipes, &c. The next question, then, is, what will it cost?

Supposing the Bridge to be the channel or means by which the gas shall be conducted to our place, it will require for the Bridge and Street mains, say

2¼ miles of 3 inch pipe, costing 23 cts per foot,	$3 036 00
100 meters, at $8.50,	850 00
Other expenses, say	1,114 00
Making	$5,000 00

yielding $730, or about 14 per cent on the investment."

We can neither verify nor combat this estimate, but presume the editor of the *Star* made his calculations on reliable data; and supposing this to be the case there seems to be feasibility in the proposed undertaking. The main question, as it suggests itself to us, is the rate at which the Columbia Company can supply the gas. Even should it be impossible to allow the profit proposed, to the Wrightsville Company, the advantages of gas light in the town would be equivalent to at least half of the 14 per cent estimated above.

We have always considered the furnishing of gas to Wrightsville an enterprise worthy the attention of the Gas Company, but have appreciated the embarrassment of so large an additional outlay for extending the mains while a constant demand for a similar outlay has been pressing in our own town. Here, however, another company would incur the expense and take the risk of non-payment by consumers, leaving to our Company such certain profit as might be considered fair and proper. We recommend the *Star*'s suggestion to the careful consideration of the proposed high contracting parties of our side of the river, and may light come of it.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.—The Democratic County Convention assembled in Lancaster on Wednesday, 11th inst., for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention, to be held in Reading, on the 29th of February next. The Delegates from Columbia were:

North Ward.—H. M. North, Sam'l T. Wilson, Charles Grove, Thomas Welsh, Joseph M. Watts.

South Ward.—Peter A. Kimburg, Samuel E. Maxton, James Schroeder, Morgan Hayes, George Tille.

Previous to the balloting for Delegates, H. M. North, Esq. Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions reported a series endorsing President Buchanan, the Cincinnati Platform, Governor Packer, Senator Bigler, Captain George Sanderson; recommending an increase of the tariff on Iron and Coal and the acquisition of the Island of Cuba, by fair and honorable means, and condemning the late John Brown, dec'd, his aiders and abettors.

That arch disorganizer, Thos. Welsh, Esq., made an ineffectual effort to table the touching and heartfelt tribute to Mr. Buchanan, and the Cuba resolution he was signally and properly rebuked in the rejection of these resolutions by a vote of 14 to 4. Thomas was not sent to Reading.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for delegates, and the following gentlemen were selected:

Col. John Rankin, Dr. A. S. Barr, H. M. North, Wm. T. McPhail, Dr. J. K. Rankin, Jacob G. Peters.

On motion, the convention adjourned.

WASHINGTON AND MARYLAND LINE R.R.—An election for a President and twelve Directors of the Washington and Maryland Line Rail Road, was held at Philip's tavern, Fulton township, on the 9th inst, which resulted as follows:

President: Jeremiah B. Haines.

Directors: Joseph Ballance, James M. Sparron, J. A. Sheaff, John Long, John C. Walton, Jeremiah Brown, Thos. R. Neel, J. J. Heckert, B. A. Shaeffer, Wyatt W. Miller, Christian S. Kauffman and Jacob B. Shuman.

At a meeting of the Board, immediately after the election, Joseph Ballance was re-elected Treasurer, and Jeremiah Brown, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.—A special meeting of the Town Council was held January 4, 1860.

Members present, Messrs. Bruner, Brenneman, Fraley, Hippey, Hershey, McChesney, Pfahler, Welsh and Watts.

After the members elect were duly qualified, Mr. Welsh was called to the chair, and on motion of Mr. Bruner, Council proceeded to the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

President—Peter Fraley.

Clerk—Wm. F. Lloyd.

Market Clerk—Samuel Waits.

Treasurer—Cornelius Tyson.

Supervisor—D. S. Chalfant.

Lamp Lighter—C. A. Hook.

Mr. Welsh moved that the standing committees for the ensuing year consist of two members, except the Road Committee, that to remain as at present, which was not agreed to. On motion, Council adjourned.

Attest: WM. F. LLOYD, Clerk.

FARMER AND GARDENER.—The January number of this Philadelphia Agricultural periodical has been received. The quality the contents and the splendid manner in which it is conducted prove it a live publication and not one of the advertising humbugs heretofore foisted upon the public by interested seedsmen and agricultural implement dealers. First rate talent is employed upon it and it already takes rank with the oldest and best agricultural monthlies of the country. The subscription price is but one dollar a year, and inducements are offered to clubs which will bring it below even this trifling sum. Published at 633 market street, Philadelphia.

☞ Hon. Judge Mason of Iowa, who made himself so popular with the inventors of the country while he held the office of Commissioner of Patents, has, we learn, associated himself with Munn & Co., at the Scientific American office, New York.

Police Items.

"REPORTED BY OUR SPECIAL MOUCHARD."

STILL SO GENTLY.—On Wednesday, 28th ult., Mrs. Amelia Still, of the Hill, came before Justice Welsh and made complaint before the husband of her "buzzum," Joseph Still for drunkenness, wife whipping and general "sloshin' 'round." The 'Squire gave Hollingsworth "letters" on the estate and person of Joseph the a andoned, and the police accordingly produced that worthy at the Blue Front on the 29th. Joseph admitted a little drinking, but in company with Rank Turner, and did not deny a trifle of wholesome castigation administered to Amelia his wife, complainant in the case.—He thought no harm lay in an occasional drunk, and, as regarded the chastisement of Mrs. S., he supposed the 'Squire would scarcely let that prejudice his (Joseph's) cause. If a man can't thrash his wife when she deserves it, what comfort in married life?—how preserve conjugal relations? The woman was licked because she earned a licking, and he administered the correction because he was able. When he heard that his wife had "took de law on him," he departed this burg, via the two-path, and walked all the way to Harrisburg. But he would rather be in Lancaster County Prison than at liberty in the State Capitol; so he returned and threw himself on the 'Squire's mercy. Let him down easy this time and he was a reformed man. The wife, of course, plead for her Joseph; but as this was not the first instance in which the valiant thrasher escaped punishment for a similar offense through a like sympathy on the part of the weaker vessel, the 'Squire concluded to try the virtue of certain "days" at Cadwellville, and ordered prisoner down for twelve of them. Hollingsworth took him down by next day's train.

P. S. Joseph returned from his little retirement on Tuesday, a wiser, and, he says, a better man. He had the politeness to call on Justice Welsh and give news of friends of that magistrate, lately secluded. Joseph occupied a cell with four other worthies—so full is chateau Cadwell—and in the next cell were domiciled Liz Jackson, Frances Jane Cook and Rebecca Jane Cato, who all send their love to "'Squian Welsh." On last Sunday these ladies enjoyed a big fight, and were in consequence put on a limited allowance for the week. The diet consisted of one small saucer of mush apiece *per diem*. The fight had materially subsided in the ladies.

HIGH RANK.—On Tuesday, 3rd inst., complaint was made before Esq. Welsh against Rank Turner, of the Hill, for being drunk, disorderly and "high old." It was also whispered that Rank had a weakness for fowl—in fact, lived on poultry; and as the darkey was known to entertain constitutional objections to manual labor, and had not very recently been detected in "letting himself down" to a good honest day's work, it was shrewdly surmised that his provend was surreptitiously, not to say feloniously, obtained. Hollingsworth was duly empowered and R. T. was duly arrested arraigned. Rank acknowledged the drunk, qualified the disorderly, &c., and flatly and indignantly repudiated the chicken charge. He admitted his fondness for the tender and nourishing meat of the feathered race, but gave his word of honor that no innocent fowl had suffered from his violent hands. Had been working at Middletown early and late, and only returned for a visit to his Row Hill friends at Christmas. There he fell in with his old friends, Joe Stills, Nate Smith, and "dat lame nigga," and had a few drinks and a few fights, but meant no harm. He appealed to the 'Squire to do the fair thing by him and let him off. The justice ruled that inasmuch as Rank was young, able-bodied, healthy and averse to work for his support, it would be true charity in the County to provide for him for the term of sixty days. "Oh! 'Squiah, yo' don't mean it! Jis' lemme off dis time, an' I d'clar' to goodness I'll go any whar an' do anything yo' want. 'Squiah, sen' me down South an' sell me sure 'nuff, but don't sen' me down to dat mis'able, uncomf'able, dismo'alisin' heapin'-full, *h.iinted* jail. Bless yo' soul, now, 'Squiah, don't! Bless yo' heart, now, 'Squiah, lemme off dis once!——Ah, Lawd! I know'd I'd fetch him. Bless yo' good ole symphatisin heart! gib a nigga a fair chance," and Rank's troubled countenance began to clear.

The 'Squire considered a moment and then asked the prisoner how long it would take him to "pack" and leave town. Rank asked ten minutes, and further demanded but one hour to reach the boundary of Dauphin county, *via* the tow-path. The commitment to the county prison, which was made out, was placed in Hollingsworth's hands, with orders to put the darkey through if he was found within the prescribed limits after the time specified. The last seen of Rank he was making fugitive Harper's Ferry insurgent time towards Middletown.

THE "SHERIFF" MAKES HIS BOW.—On Friday 6th inst., our newly chosen High Constable, Samuel Waits, waited on Justice Welsh at the Blue Front with the certificate of his election. After the solemnities of the oath to support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Pennsylvania, and to well and truly perform the duties of High Constable of the Borough of Columbia, so help him, &c., the Sheriff was pronounced by the Justice duly qualified to seek and arrest all vagrants, stragglers, tramps, hen-roost ravishers, rioters, thieves, robbers, burglars, traitors, murderers, little boys, and other offenders against the peace and dignity of our good borough. The 'Squire further indued the chief with the appurtenances of his office—with the insignia of his rank, a stout hickory, the Sheriff was already provided—viz: the key to the lock-up, and exhorted him to go forth into the highways and by-ways, seeking whom he might overcome.

Next morning the Sheriff produced at the Blue Front four miserables, found the previous evening roosting in a shed near Buck Hall. The prisoners severally gave the names of Michael Murphy, Dennis Malone, Patrick Donnelly and Jemmy O'Brien, and volunteered the superfluous information that they were from the "Ould Country." They had come to "Amerikey" to take possession of the fortunes which awaited their arrival to be claimed and picked up; but bad luck to the fortune could a decent Irishman get hold of, unless he adopted the profession of politics; and even then years of probation were necessary—barring the intervention of a general election, when the time was shortened to accommodate the exigencies of the party—and a poor devil might starve to death meanwhile, to the serious detriment of the Democratic persuasion. "'Squire is there iver a good job to be got around about this town?"

The 'Squire informed the applicants for office that Democrats were so plenty in Columbia that there was strong talk of discharging a few of the old and faithful ones—reading them out of the party—and he could not give the foreign friends much encouragement should they remain in the County. True, they might succeed in being elected delegates to the Reading Convention, and then their chances for a trip to Charleston in April might be good, if they were only good enough Douglas men; but on the whole he would recommend them to extend their travels to York County, where the well and many Democratic friends. The Sheriff escorted them to the bridge and bid them an affectionate farewell.

LARCENCY.—On Monday, 9th inst., complaint was made before Esquire Welsh charging one James Sturtzman with the larcency of a quilt, a blanket and a pair of trousers from the landlord of the Mount Vernon House. High Constable Waits, on a warrant duly issued, produced the offender wearing the stolen garment, at the Blue Front. Sturtzman is a boatman from Huntingdon, where he had laid himself under the ban of the law, and consequently made up his mind to winter in Columbia. He had taken rooms in a Canal boat at the basin, but one of the late cold nights drove him to the Mount Vernon for warmer accommodations. Next morning, after the departure of the lodger; the articles above mentioned were missing and suspicion naturally fell upon the prisoner. The complaint and arrest followed. Startzman acknowledged taking the trousers, which were identified, but denied all knowledge of the bed clothing. The Constable, with a search warrant, failed to procure the quilt and blanket. The prisoner, a good looking young fellow, of powerful build, in default of bail, was sent down to await trial at the approaching Quarter Sessions.

The Sheriff not having yet started a prison van, took the 8 A. M. Train with prisoner for Cadwellville.

VANITY FAIR-INGS.—A Dew Bill—The early bird's beak.

The Game of the Edinburg Brower—Hop Scotch.

Why the Great Balloon didn't go up last Fall—Because it was intended to keep Lowe this winter.

The Other Side of the Question—Though schoolmasters, according to a popular superstition, teach the young idea how to shoot, Paterfamilias, we have observed, always has to Pay the Shot.

Peregrine, the traveler, says the reason the Arabs are so distinguished for personal grace, is that they have a perfect knowlege of Scimetary.

The Seat of Disease—An invalid's chair.

The Senator from Ohio claims precedence for his State over that of New Jersey. He must have forgotten the familiar phrase, "Pearls before Swine."

What is the most important point in amateur violin-playing? Stopping!

Motto for the Stampeding Students—"Cut and run."

Republican Rally—Great cry and a little wool.

A Brown Study—Wendell Phillips' Library.

MRS PARTINGTON AND DELILAH.—"Who is that lady?" asked Mrs. Partington as she saw Madame Bishop, in the oratorio of Sampson. "That's Delilah," she was informed. "Well, it is to be hoped that she has learned how to behave better than she did for poor Sampson's sake; for she led him a terrible life, selling him to the Philippians for a mess of potash, and cutting his hair off like a jail bird. Well, heaven knows I don't want to disparidge nobody, and I hope she *has* altered, because she appears very respectably dressed, and is in good company, for I saw the Colonel very attentive in leaning her out. But how grief and blindness have worn poor Sampson down.—He isn't half as large as he was when he he carried off the gates of Gaza, and though he must be very mad while the heathen is abusing him, he don't show the least temper, but acts like a real forgiving converted Israelite as he is." Ike sat chewing up his libretto into spit balls and firing them at the toe of a boot projecting from the gallery above him. There was much complaint at rude people in the gallery who threw things over, but Ike said nothing.—*Boston Gazette.*

☞ "You can't do that again," as the pig said when the boy cut off his tail.

☞ There are Low Dutch and High Dutch in Germany but they all get *high* over here

A GREAT BLESSING TO THE AFFLICTED.

☞ The number and terrible character of diseases of the Liver have long challenged the attention of medical men. Some of these diseases, ranked under the general term of Consumption, have been supposed incurable, and the unhappy patient allowed to die, without medical science to offer him a hope of recovery.—Happily this can no longer be the case. A remedy has been found which will cure all complaints of whatever character, arising from derangement of the Liver. The Pills discovered by Dr. M'Lane, prepared solely by Fleming Bros., Pittsburgh, Pa., act directly on the Liver, and by correcting its operation and purifying it from disease, cut off and extirpates the complaints which have their origin in the diseases of this organ.—Remedies hitherto proposed for liver complaints have failed to operate upon the seat of the disease; but Dr. M'Lane's Pills make themselves felt upon the action of the Liver, and by cleansing the fountain, dry up the impure streams of disease, which thence derive their existence.

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Jan 14, 1860. [4t] FLEMING BROS.

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BARNES & PARK,

Jan. 14, '59-1m] Proprietors, New York.

FITS! WHY PROMINENT

For a long time there was paragraph making its regular weekly appearance in our columns, with the brief, but emphatic words "Fits! Fits!" always at the head, to some an offensive caption, but not so to the benevolent and humane, who could sympathize in the sorrows of others. Some persons are shocked at any indication of disease, and are even thrown into nervous excitement on witnessing a hearse or a coffin. Such are to be pitied. We should always strive to look disease and even death in the face with calmness, and especially take every opportunity for alleviating disease.—Viewed in this light, the advertisements of S. S. Hance of 108 Baltimore street, Baltimore, Md., possess a certain interest, and those who know of any one suffering from Epilepsy, Spasms, or Fits of any kind, should feel it a pleasure to cut out his advertisement, or in some other way send word to the afflicted of the great value of his remedies. They can be sent to any part of the country by mail. Price, $3 per box. Two, $5. Twelve, $24.

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AND

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A few doses will also at once check, and cure the most severe **Diarrhœa** *proceeding from* COLD IN THE BOWELS.

These medicines are prepared by Dr. C. M. JACKSON & Co., *No.* 418 *Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and are sold by druggists and dealers in medicines everywhere, at 75 cents per bottle. The signature of* C. M. JACKSON *will be on the outside wrapper of each bottle.*

In the Almanac published annually by the proprietors, called EVERYBODY'S ALMANAC, *you will find testimony and commendatory notices from all parts of the country. These Almanacs are given away by all our agents.*

For sale by all druggists in the country.

April 9, 1859-1y

MRS. WINSLOW,

A experienced nurse and female physician, has a Soothing Syrup for children teething, which greatly facilitates the process of teething, by softening the gums, reducing all inflammation—will allay all pain, and is sure to regulate the bowels. Depend upon it, mothers, it will give rest to yourselves, and relief and health to your infants. Perfectly safe in all cases. See advertisement in another column.

Oct. 29, 1859-1y

The heavens were illuminated on the evening of August 28th, 1859, by the most splendid Aurora Borealis ever seen in the Country. Rays of parti-colored light flashed across the sky, and the changes were beautiful in the extreme. At one time a rapt observer remarked, that he fancied he could see the sparkling figures form themselves into the following words: Buy all your garments at the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, Nos 603 and 605 Chestnut st., above Sixth, Philadelphia.

September 10 1859.

MARRIED.

On Dec. 29th 1859, by Rev. J. M. Shockley, J. W. STEACY, of Lancaster County, Pa., to Miss MARY HERNGER, of Cambridge City, Indiana.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, 1859 by J. W. Hunter, Esq., at the residence of the bride's Father, Jos H. BEATY to SUSAN LARK, all of West Hempfield.

DEATHS.

On Thursday, 12th inst., SARAH, wife of Michael Clepper.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

Estate of John M. Conklin, late of West Hempfield township, dec'd.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

THE undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court, of Lancaster county, to distribute the balance in the hands of Henry Conklin, Executor of said deceased, to and among those legally entitled thereto, will attend to the purpose of his appointment at the Library Room, in the Court House, Lancaster, on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1860, at 2 o'clock P. M., when and where all interested may attend.

GEO. F. BRENEMAN, Auditor.

Jan. 14, 1860-3t

WILLOW GROVE WHISKY.

THE subscriber manufactures and offers for sale his celebrated Whiskies. He has constantly on hand

PURE OLD RYE WHISKY,

HALF RYE WHISKY,

PURE COMMON WHISKY,

all of which he will warrant to be be as represented—first-rate articles.

A. S. HIESTAND.

Willow Grove Distillery, York county, Pa.

ROBERT HAMILTON, Agent for Columbia.

Jan 14, 1860 tf

MUSIC.

MADAME HEGMAN begs leave to inform the public that she is ready to give instruction on the Piano and in Singing, in Columbia and neighborhood. Applicants will please leave their names at the Bookstore of Messrs Saylor & McDonald.

Columbia, January 14, 1860 3t

NOTICE.

THE owner of a pair of gear wheels and axle, now lying on the vacant lot next to the Green Tree Hotel, is notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take them away, or otherwise they will be sold according to law.

Jan.14:60-3t CHRISTIAN MYER.

REPORT

Of the Directors of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., for the year 1859,

READ at a meeting of the Members of that Institution on the 26th day of December, A. D., 1859, being their Annual Meeting for the Election of Officers.

In making up the report of their proceedings, it affords the Directors great satisfaction to be enabled to inform the members of the Company, that during the past year, the losses sustained by the Company have been very small, so trifling indeed, that there has been no necessity for levying any tax during that period. This gratifying circumstance (will be more particularly appreciated, when contrasted with the severity of the preceding year, during which, the Directors were compelled to levy and collect three different taxes. So frequent and onerous were the contributions required, that some began to suspect that the increase of Insurance Companies, in some way led to the frequency of fires, and that the more property there was insured, the more there would probably be burnt. The experience of the "Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company," for the year just brought to a close has fairly exploded a theory not founded in reason or sustained on philosophical principles. The spirit of the incendiary seems, for a time at least, to have been stayed in this vicinity and the impending dread of unseen danger, no longer haunts the peaceful citizen, on retiring to his nightly repose.

How this salutary effect has been attained, cannot be readily explained. No one has been convicted of arson in our county, but some who have been convicted and imprisoned for larceny, or other crimes of interior grade may have been guilty of the more serious one of firing his neighbor's building.

By some it is supposed that the rewards offered by the County Commissioners, and the Directors of the "Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company," have been the means of deterring ill-disposed persons from a further perpetration of those deeds of villainy, that strike at the peace of society, and spread ruin and desolation wherever they are developed. May we not indulge the hope that some who have been engaged in this nefarious business, may have become sensible of the enormity of their crimes, resolved to reform their lives and abstain from the destruction of their neighbor's property in future. This would be the most charitable conclusion, and if correct, would be the best safeguard, for our future security. Recreants, however, disclose the facts, that the ruthless incendiary is still in the exercise of his diabolical vocation, and the lull that we have experienced, may be the precursor of a storm that may soon overwhelm us.

The only fire of any consequence that occurred in property insured by this Company, was that of a small barn in Lancaster township, the property of Anthony Lump, which was burnt on the evening of the sixth of August last. How the fire originated was not known. Several other fires occurred which fortunately occasioned but a small amount of damages, which was not deemed necessary to no ice in this report but are adverted to in the statement of the Treasurer. Although but a small amount of property was destroyed during the year, a considerable amount of money has been paid during that period; this was mainly for losses previously sustained, that had not been paid at the last report, and the money collected was for taxes previously assessed, a portion of which still remains unpaid and will be appropriated to the payment of the balance due to the Treasurer. The amount of property insured in this Company during the past year, has been steadily increasing, and although a considerable amount appears to have been withdrawn, it has been greatly overbalanced by new accessions. The withdrawals are more apparent than real, being in most cases occasioned by a sale of the property or the decease of the owner, a great portion of which has been transferred to the new proprietors. The voluntary withdrawals have been very few, a circumstance which indicates the confidence which the public reposes in the stability and utility of this institution.

The whole number of policies issued during the year was one hundred and seventy-five (175) covering property valued at $83,650

The additions made to old policies amounted to 51 585

Making a total of $135 235

The number of policies cancelled was 79, the valuation of which amounted to $214,116

The diminutions on old policies amount to 29 415

Making an aggregate cancelled and withdrawn of $234 561

Which being deducted from the increase, leaves an actual increase of two hundred thousand six hundred and seventy-four dollars, 200,674

To which, if we add the amount exhibited by the last report, 4 447 248

We have an aggregate of $4,647 922

Over four millions and a half dollars as the amount of property insured by the Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company, at this time.

The Treasurer submits the following statement of the financial operations of the Company during the past year.

John Rohrer, Treasurer of the "Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company,"

DR.

To the amount of premiums received since the date of the last report,	$ 774 94
To the amount of tax collected during the same time,	2552 53
Total,	$3327 47

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By balance in his favor at the last statement,	856 50
By the following payments made upon orders drawn by the President, viz:	
By cash paid Benjamin Eshleman and Cyrus N. Herr damages for their barn,	$350 00
" Joseph Buckwalter for his barn,	675 00
" Philip Greiner, jr., damages,	20 00
" Jacob N. Metzgar "	4 50
" Anthony Lump, for his barn,	242 50
" Henry Martin, "	9 00
" Sundry persons for collecting, procuring signatures &c.,	142 06
" Cost in Prothonotary's office	5 00
" Interest on money advanced or borrowed,	54 14
" Tax refunded to sundry persons,	1 74
To cash paid the following persons for printing upon orders drawn by the President, viz:	
" Samuel Wright,	12 25
" Henry B Myers,	9 00
" Hiestand & Co.,	11 50
" George Sanderson,	10 00
" J. J. Gochran & Co,	25 50
" Baer & Brothers,	12 25
" Pentrel & Geist,	10 50
" S. A. Wylie & Co.,	1 00
" Cash paid the Appraisers for their services per diem	6 00
" Cash paid the Directors, for their per diem allowance for services rendered during the current year,	33 00
	$3496 44
" Cash paid Adam S. Dietrich for services rendered,	16 10
" Cash paid John Mecartney for his services as President during the current year,	15 00
" Cash paid John Rohrer his salary as Treasurer during the current year,	75 00
" Cash paid John Strohm his salary as Secretary during the current year,	60 00
Making an aggregate of	$3662 54
From which we deduct the whole amount collected as above,	3627 47
Leaves a balance in favor of the Treasurer of	$1035 07

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MECARTNEY,
ADAM S. DIETRICH,
ANDREW METZGAR,
JOHN ROHR