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The table on the outside page of the Spy today is wrongly credited to the 'Columbia Spy' instead of to 'Columbia's Journal'...

Major Richards.—We are glad to learn that Captain John Richards, of First Pennsylvania Cavalry...

The Death and Retreat of Gen. Banks.—The telegraphic despatches published in our news columns tell the tale of defeat in the Shenandoah Valley...

BERRY'S "SCENERY SCHEDULE."—Our neighbors down stairs, Messrs. Ehrisman & Flannery, have prepared for the Summer Campaign by the excavation of a Lager Beer Vault...

CHANGE IN THE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.—It was with general regret that our citizens learned last week that Thos. F. Wright, Esq., Collector on the Pennsylvania Canal...

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—The directors of this company have unanimously elected Thomas A. Scott, Esq., vice president of the company...

THE MILITARY EXCITEMENT AGAIN.—It seems scarcely worth while, now that the excitement has completely subsided, to reproduce the various proclamations and general orders calling out troops for three months' service...

A LITTLE SECRET.—By Mrs. Ellen Wood, Author of "The Earl's Heir," "The Channings," &c., &c. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Bros.

WAR AND EMANCIPATION: A THANKSGIVING SERMON.—By Henry Ward Beecher, Philadelpia: T. B. Peterson & Bros.

GOOD.—Vanity Fair says: If we were disposed to follow the barbarous example set us by the rebels, couldn't we make some very neat "dollar jewelry" out of the Knights of the Golden Circle?

TERRIBLE DEATH ON THE RAILROAD.—On Thursday, about noon, an old man named Wolfberger, from Marietta, whilst returning from Church at this place, was overtaken on the Pennsylvania Railroad...

THE MONTHLIES.—We find HANCOCK'S MAGAZINE for June, noticed in a number of our exchanges as the best number ever issued. This is strong commendation...

Among valuable articles in the June AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST will be found "Tobacco Culture, No. IV," "Cast of Keeping a Horse," "Tim Bunker Esq. on roots," "Insects on Fruit Trees," by Dr. Asa Fitch...

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for June opens with an article on "Walking," by Thoreau. Agassiz continues his admirable "Methods of Study in Natural History," T. W. Higginson in "The Health of our Girls" advocates more active life for our American women...

IN THE CONTINENTAL MONTHLY for June we have the usual variety of very readable articles, chief among which we welcome a continuation of "Among the Pines," (We are glad to notice that the publisher announces the issue of this story in book form.) Richard B. Kimball commences a new serial entitled "Was he Successful," which promises well...

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OUR ISLAND was the scene of some bustle and excitement on Tuesday last, caused by the appearance of a strange-looking steamer coming into port. Soon the signal from the ship Dale announced danger, and in the quickest time imaginable our troops were under arms...

THE COMPANY of Rhode Island Artillery so long with us, has been removed to Elisto Island, and Company I, Capt. Gill, of our own regiment, has joined us in their stead. Our Company—K—has been detailed to work the guns in the fort, and have already made great progress in the Artillery Drill...

THE OBJECT of all this introduction is that everybody may understand the disposition of our City, which described, I proceed to tell everybody that a mighty change is about to come over the said City. Already, in contemplation thereof, the drivers aforesaid look disconsolate. They no longer block up the Hotel porches...

CONGRESS has decreed us railroads through the principal streets. "We, the people," were to take stock, the minimum amount of which was fixed by our Legislators at three hundred thousand dollars...

ANOTHER sign of prosperity here is, that not a slave breathes within the boundary. Our citizens, generally, rejoice at this, and especially the late slaveholders. We shall prosper now, indeed, and be long present to the world a healthy breed of a healthy country...

I have said as much about the advancement of Washington because it is the child of the Union—and one cannot hear too much of the prosperity of one's child. The poor little thing has been in great danger, moreover, and has been redeemed...

WAR NEWS! THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC. Crossing the Chickahominy—Stelling out of the Rebels at New Bridge. HEADQUARTERS GENERAL McCLELLAN, TEN MILES FROM RICHMOND, May 23.

OUR TROOPS crossed the Chickahominy yesterday, both at Bottom's Bridge and at the Railroad Bridge, and now occupy a position one and a half miles beyond. A few of the enemy's pickets only were seen. In front of the advance under General Stoneman, at New Bridge, a strong guard of the enemy is still visible on the opposite side of the creek...

Hunter's order of emancipation has, of course, excited as much attention and comment in the north as here, where it causes considerable excitement among officers and men. It is not my place to criticize, however. We of Company K treat the negroes humanely and use them judiciously...

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON CITY, May 27, 1862. DEAR SPY.—If you were ever in Washington, you remember the following incidents of your visit, among a thousand others: After breakfast, you descended to the porch of your Hotel, where you paused, to consider whilst the business or the pleasure of the day?

"Have a hack, Sir?" The question was not from one voice only, but from twenty or more, and in each case accompanied by the presentation of a whip close to your astonished nose, the more certainly to attract attention. Having gratified one of the drivers by accepting his proffered offer, you were wheeled a long journey, at the end of which, being a stranger, you are "taken in"—in the matter of charge.

I say "a long journey," and so it is, to whatever place may be your destination; for the City of Congress is a great City, on the map. In reality, it is a congregation of villages, sometimes with a slight connection of houses, on one side the street, perhaps, from village to village, and often with no connection whatever. The reason of this division in the centre of the Union is easily explained: When the woods which for centuries had admitted themselves in the moving mirror of the Potomac at last fell before the axe, and wide streets, grand avenues, and square, triangular and circular parks were staked off for future improvement, sites were selected for the Government edifices...

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