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From the New York Mercury. ANCIENT AND MODERN HUMBUGS OF THE WORLD.

When I come to sit down earnestly to fulfill my engagement with the publishers of the Mercury, to write for them a series of articles upon the "Humbugs of the World," I confess myself somewhat puzzled in regard to the true definition of that word.

Webster says that humbug, as a noun, is an "imposition under fair pretences"; and as a verb, it is "to deceive; to impose on." With all due deference to Dr. Webster, I submit that, according to present usage, this is not the only, nor even the generally-accepted definition of that term.

We will suppose, for instance, that a man with "fair pretences" applies to a wholesale merchant for credit on a large bill of goods. His "fair pretences" comprehend an assertion that he is a moral and religious man, a member of the church, a man of wealth, etc., etc.

A respectable-looking man sits by your side in an omnibus or rail-car. He converses fluently, and is evidently a man of intelligence and reading. He attracts your attention by his "fair pretences."

Two actors appear as stars at two rival theatres. They are equally talented, equally pleasing. One advertises himself simply as a tragedian, under his proper name—the other boasts that he is a prince and wears decorations presented by all the potentates of the world, including the "King of the Cannibal Islands."

Two physicians reside in one of our fashionable avenues. They were both educated in the best medical colleges; each has passed an examination, received his diploma, and been dubbed an M. D.

When the laying of the Atlantic Telegraph was nearly completed, I was in Liverpool. I offered the Company one thousand pounds sterling (\$5,000) for the privilege of sending the first twenty words over the cable to my Museum in New York—not that there was any intrinsic merit in the words, but that I fancied there was more than \$5,000 worth of notoriety in the operation.

By thus illustrating what I believe the public will concede to be sense in which the word "humbug" is generally used and understood at the present time, in this country as well as in England, I do not propose that my letters on this subject shall be narrowed down to that definition of the word.

In writing of modern humbugs, however, I shall sometimes have occasion to give the names of honest and respectable parties now living, and I felt it but just that the public should fully comprehend my doctrine, that a man may, by common usage, be termed a "humbug," without by any means impeaching his integrity.

money, they never patronize him a second time, but they very properly denounce him as a swindler, a cheat, and an impostor; they do not, however, call him a "humbug." He fails, not because he advertises his wares in an "outré manner," but because, after attracting crowds of patrons, he stupidly and wickedly cheats them.

When the great blacking-maker of London dispatched his agent to Egypt to write on the pyramids of Ghiza, in huge letters, "Buy Warren's Blacking, 30 Strand, London," he was not "cheating" travelers upon the Nile.

The "Times" published these letters, and backed them up by several of those awfully grand and dictatorial editorials peculiar to the great "Thunderer," in which the blacking-maker, "Warren, 30 Strand," was stigmatized as a man who had no respect for the ancient patriarchs, and it was hinted that he would probably not hesitate to sell his blacking on the sarcophagus of Pharaoh, "or any other"—mummy, if he could only make money by it.

In fact, to cap the climax, Warren was denounced as a "humbug." These indignant articles were copied into all the Provincial Journals, and very soon, in this manner, the columns of every newspaper in Great Britain were teeming with this advice: "Try Warren's Blacking, 30 Strand, 10 up!"

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Speaking of "blacking-makers" reminds me that one of the first sensationists in advertising who I remember to have seen, was Mr. Leonard Gosling, known as "Monsieur Gosling, the great French Blacking maker." He appeared in New York in 1830. He flashed like a meteor across the horizon; and before he had been in the city three months, nearly everybody had heard of "Gosling's Blacking." I well remember his magnificent "four in hand."

The celebrated originator of negro delineations, "Jim Crow Rice," made his first appearance at Hamblin's Bovey Theatre at about this time. The crowds which thronged there were so great that hundreds from the audience were frequently admitted upon the stage. In one of his scenes, Rice introduced a negro boot-black establishment. Gosling was too "wide awake" to let such an opportunity pass unimproved, and Rice was paid for singing an original black-Gosling diatribe, while a score of placards bearing the inscription, "Use Gosling's Blacking; were suspended at different points in this negro boot-polishing hall. Everybody tried "Gosling's Blacking;" and as it was a really good article, his sales in city and country soon became immense.

Here let me digress, in order to observe that one of the most difficult things in life is for men to bear discreetly sudden prosperity. Unless considerable time and labor are devoted to earning money, it is not appreciated by its possessor; and, having no practical knowledge of the value of money, he generally gets rid of it with the same ease that marked its accumulation. Mr. Astor gave the experience of thousands when he said he found more difficulty in earning and saving his first thousand dollars than in accumulating all the subsequent millions which finally made up his fortune.

Mr. Gosling, however, was not a man to be put down by a single financial reverse. He opened a store in Canajoharie, N. Y., which was burned, and on which there was no insurance. He came again to New York in 1839, and established a restaurant, where, by devoting the services of himself and several members of his family assiduously to the business, he soon revealed in his former prosperity, and snapped his fingers in glee at what unreflecting persons term "the freaks of Dame Fortune." He is still living in New York, hale and hearty at the age of seventy. Although called a "French" blacking-maker, Mr. Gosling is in reality a Dutchman, having been born in the city of Amsterdam, Holland. He is the father of twenty-four children, twelve of whom are still living, to cheer him in his declining years, and to repay him in grateful attentions for the valuable lessons of prudence, integrity, and industry through the adoption of which they are honored as respectable and worthy members of society.

When the tickets for Jonny Lind's first concert in America were sold at auction, several business-men, aspiring to notoriety, "bid high" for the first ticket. It was finally knocked down to "Genin, the Hatter," for \$225. The journals in Portland (Maine) and Houston (Texas) and all other journals throughout the United States, between these two cities, which were connected with the telegraph announced the fact in their columns the next morning. Probably two millions of readers read the announcement, and asked "Who is Genin, the Hatter?" Genin became famous in a day. Every man involuntarily examined his hat, to see if it was made by Genin; and an Iowa editor declared that one of his neighbors discovered the name of Genin in his old hat, and immediately announced the fact to his neighbors in front of the Post Office. It was suggested that the old hat should be sold at auction. It was done then and there, and the Genin hat sold for fourteen dollars! Gentlemen from city and country rushed to Genin's store to buy their hats, many of them willing to pay even an extra dollar, if necessary, provided they could get a glimpse of Genin himself.—This singular freak put thousands of dollars into the pocket of "Genin, the Hatter," and yet I never heard it charged that he made poor hats, or that he would be guilty of an "imposition under fair pretences." On the contrary, he is a gentleman of probity, and of the first respectability.

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CLOCKS, WATCHES, JEWELRY.

Silver and Silver-Plated Ware. SHREINER & SPERING, FRONT ST., COLUMBIA, PA. In John Folli's Old Established Stand.

We would respectfully call the attention of persons wishing a good time piece to our assortment of American Watches, which for reliability, durability, accuracy and time, cannot be excelled. We are at all times prepared to order from the manufacturers such goods as we have not on hand, at less than city prices.

FAMILY GROCERIES, WINES AND LIQUORS. GEORGE TILLE, Agent, has just returned from the city with a new and well selected assortment of fresh Groceries, choice Wines and Liquors, etc.

CORN VINEGAR. CORN VINEGAR, manufactured according to the process patented by Frederick Michael, of Columbus, Ohio, is now being extensively used, and wherever it is used, it has given universal satisfaction.

THE COLUMBIA INSURANCE COMPANY, OF COLUMBIA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PA. FORTHY ANNUAL REPORT.

WINE LIQUORS, SEGARS, &c. THE subscriber would invite attention to his large and fine stock of ALL KINDS OF LIQUORS. SEAGRAM TOBACCO, PIPES, &c.

AMERICAN OYSTERS!! BY THE BUSHEL, GALLON, or qt. CONTINUALLY ON HAND and for sale. BALTIMORE AND PHILA. OYSTERS.

INSURANCE CO. OF NORTH AMERICA. PHILA DELPHIA. INCORPORATED 1794. Assets \$1,450,000. Charter perpetual. Insurance against loss or damage by fire on Buildings, Merchandise, Furniture, &c.

FRANKLIN HOUSE RESTAURANT. JACOB S. MILLER would respectfully inform the citizens of Columbia and vicinity, that he has just opened his NEW AND SPACIOUS RESTAURANT.

AMOS S. GREEN, Commission Agent, AND COAL DEALER, Canal Basin, Columbia, Pa. Having several hundred feet of wharf front, on Canal Basin, Columbia, with Railroad connection, I am prepared to receive and forward, Coal, Iron, Lumber, Ore, Ties, &c.

THE QUAKER. LADIES call and see the New Style Quaker Skirt in the most approved skirt in the market, at STEACY & BOWERS, Cor. 21 and Locust St. Col'a, Pa. Feb. 6, 1864.

WRAPPING PAPER! JUST received, 100 boxes of Wrapping Paper, at 25 cts. per Ream, at J. RUMPLE & SON, Col'a, July 4, 1863.

IRON AND STEEL! THE subscribers have received a new factory picture, furnished without repeated sitting. It asks a continuance of the liberal patronage always extended to this establishment. Call and examine specimens, at the lowest rates, at Front and Locust streets. Entrance on Locust street. R. J. M. LITTLE, Col'a, July 4, 1863.

Cabinet Making and Undertaking

The undersigned would inform his friends and the public that he has now improved facilities for turning out work, and his

FURNITURE WARE ROOMS. Are now well supplied with new and beautiful furniture, and respectfully solicits his manufactures to order and will keep constantly on hand Dressing, Plain and Fancy Bureaus, Sideboards, Sofas, Card, Dining and Centre Tables, Common, Fancy and French Bedsteads, all of which will be sold on the most reasonable terms.

CHAIRS, CHAIRS. All kinds of Chairs kept on hand or manufactured to order, such as Camp and Rooking Chairs, Seating, Camp and Rooking Stools, Sofas, Tete-a-tete, and Stuffed Seat Chairs, made to order. Old chairs repaired and refinished.

UNDERTAKING. Funerals will be attended with promptness, to which he gives his personal attention. He is prepared with ice boxes and coolers to preserve corpses, as may be required.

MARIAGANY OR WALNUT COFFINS. Furnished plain or tinned in any style that may be desired, and respectfully solicits a share of public patronage, as well as a continuance of the custom with which he has been liberally favored.

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FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF PHILADELPHIA.

Assets on Jan. 1, 1864, \$2,457,849 95. CAPITAL, ACCRUED SURPLUS, INVESTED PREMIUMS, UNSETTLED CLAIMS, INCOME FOR 1864, LOSS PAID SINCE 1829, 5,000,000.

Perpetual and Temporary Policies on Liberal Terms. DIRECTORS: Charles N. Banker, Isaac L. Tobias, Wm. H. Weaver, D. S. Davis, Samuel Grant, Geo. F. Niles, Jacob R. Smith, Alfred Eiler, Geo. W. Richards, F. W. Lewis, M. D. CHEASE, S. H. ANCKER, President. E. W. C. DALE, Vice-President. JAS. W. McALLISTER, Sec. Pro. Tem. JOHN COOPER, Agt. for Columbia, Mar. 12, 1864.

GEORGE SEIBERT'S CABINET WARE ROOMS AND MANUFACTORY, LOCUST ST., A FEW DOORS BELOW 3rd St., COLUMBIA, LAN. CO. PA. THE subscriber having purchased from his brother, George Seibert, the stock and good will of his extensive Cabinet Manufactory, will continue the business at the old stand, where he will keep on hand an assortment of

FURNITURE OF ALL KINDS, of the best quality, style, and manufacture, and will make to order, of first-rate material, every article in his line. He will give particular attention to business, and respectfully asks of the public a share of its patronage.

UNDERTAKING will receive the most careful attention, at the shortest notice. COLE, July 4, '63. ISAAC STAUFFER, Watch Maker and Jeweler, MANUFACTURER OF SILVER WARE and Importer of WATCHES, No 148 North Second Street, Corner Quarry Street, Philadelphia.

HE has constantly on hand an assortment of Gold and Silver Patent Lever watches and plain Watches; fine gold chains, seals and keys, breast pins, ear rings, finger rings, bracelets, miniature cases, medals, locket, pencils, thimbles, spectacles, silver table, desert, tea, salt and mustard spoons, sugar spoons, cutlery, pocket knives, fruit and butter knives, shields, combs, diamond pointed pens, etc., all of which will be sold low for cash.

THE FAMILY MEDICINE STORE, 103 FELLOWS' HALL, COLUMBIA, PA. A FRESH supply of Drugs and Medicines, Pure Ground Spices, Flavoring Extracts, Rice Flour, Farina, Corn Starch, &c., all of the New Preparations, and PATENT MEDICINES, Castle, Palm and Fancy Soaps, Tooth Powders and Tooth Paste, (one in particular, the best ever offered in Columbia), Hair Dye, Indelible Ink, Cologne, Bay Rum, Perfumery, TOILET ARTICLES IN GREAT VARIETY, and everything usually kept in a Good Drug Store.

NEW AND FASHIONABLE STYLES. THE largest and best assortment of Boots and Shoes in the city of Lancaster, embracing always the newest styles worn by LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, Boys, Girls and Children. As I manufacture the best quality of the above goods at the very lowest prices (lower than any other), I respectfully invite the public to my establishment.

NEW STYLES OF RUBBERS. And German Wollen shoes with felt or leather soles, just received. Every kind manufactured at short notice. Every kind of Worked Slippers for Ladies and Gentlemen made handsomely to order. A. N. BRENNEMAN, Queen Street, Hotel, Dec. 12, '63. 17, King St., Lancaster

NEW FRUIT. NEW Raisins, Currants, Dried Apples &c., &c. For sale by HENRY SUYDAM, Cor. Front and Union sts. ENGLISH AND AMER CAN PICKLES. Also, Sauces, Ketchups, &c. For sale by HENRY SUYDAM, Cor. Front and Union sts.

SEAMLESS RAISINS. SHAKERCORN, Hominy, Beans, Macaroni, Farina, Chocolate, &c. For sale by HENRY SUYDAM, Cor. Front and Union sts. CITRON. CRANBERRIES, New Orleans Molasses, Prepared Fruits, Also, Dried Fruit of all kinds. HENRY SUYDAM, Cor. Front and Union sts. SPICES. Particular attention is called to our Pure Spices, Pepper, Cloves, Mustard, Allspice, Nutmegs, &c., whole or ground. HENRY SUYDAM, Cor. Front and Union sts. Columbia, Dec. 5, 1863.

GREAT VARIETY STORE. JUST received, a larger and finer stock of Toys and fancy goods than ever before. My friends and others are invited to call and examine the stock before purchasing elsewhere, as they will here find an unlimited assortment, suitable for presents to persons of every age and taste. An immense assortment of Portmanteaus, Pocket Books, &c., &c. China and other fancy articles, too numerous to mention, for sale by G. J. SMITH, Locust street, between the Bank and Franklin House, Columbia, July 4, 1863.

STONE CHINA, QUEENSWARE AND GLASSWARE. WE have received a large stock of Dinner Plates, Teapots, Coffee Cups, &c. Having made large purchases for Cash prior to the late advance on Gold and Exchange, we are enabled to offer goods much below the current rates as they are held at in this market. Please give us a call before purchasing elsewhere, as we know we can offer you some Real Bargains. STEACY & BOWERS, Corner of Second and Locust streets, Col'a, Jan. 25, 1864. Columbia, Pa.

LADIES TAKE NOTICE! YOUR attention is specially called to the very handsome and choice varieties of dry goods we have just received. For sale at very low prices. STEACY & BOWERS, Opposite Odd Fellows' Hall, Columbia, Pa.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS. THE Columbia Bank will receive money on deposit, and pay interest thereon, at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent. for six months, and 5 per cent. for twelve months. SAMUEL SHOCH, Cashier. Jan. 30, '64-'65.

LOCAL FREIGHT NOTICES.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY. FREIGHT NOTICES.—Freight to be forwarded FREIGHT on the Philadelphia Division, to and from all stations where they are agents, at the following rates per hundred pounds: BETWEEN PHILA. AND COLUMBIA. First Class, 2d Class, 3d Class, 4th Class, 25 cts., 21 cts., 18 cts., 15 cts. Flour in car loads, 25 cts. per barrel. Pig Metal, 10 cts. per 100 lbs. BETWEEN PHILA. AND LANCASTER. First Class, 2d Class, 3d Class, 4th Class, 25 cts., 20 cts., 18 cts., 15 cts. Flour, 24 cts. per barrel. Pig Metal, 12 cts. per 100 pounds. Shipments made to Pittsburg, and all intermediate stations as heretofore. RATES FROM COLA. TO PITTSBURG. First Class, 2d Class, 3d Class, 4th Class, 50 cts., 40 cts., 35 cts., 30 cts. Flour per barrel, 80 cts. Freight consigned to stations where the Company has no agents must be prepaid. Articles of 1st Class. Books, Fresh Fish, Boots and Shoes, Nuts in bags, Cedar and Wooden Portmanteaus, 44 cts. in boxes. Ware, Pottery, dressed, Wrapping Paper, Poultry in coops, Pork, (fresh), Feathers, (dressed), Wrapping Paper, Articles of 2d Class. Apples, Molesters, Cloves & Grass Seed, Molasses, Oil in casks or boxes, Paper in boxes, Casks or Barrels, Peaches, (dried), Printing paper, Paper Hangings, Herrings in boxes and Quarters, Sweet Potatoes, Tobacco in bales, Tea, Tallow, Turpentine, (spts.), Lard, Whisky, Marble Slabs & Marbles, Articles of 3d Class. Alcohol, (pure), Potatoes, (green), Vinegar, Oysters & Clams, (in White Lead, or in Cans), Tobacco, (manufactured), Articles of 4th Class. Codfish, Rosin, Fish, (salted), Tobacco, (loaf), Grain of all kinds, Tin, Nails and Spikes, Pitch, Whisky, Plaster, All Freights payable on delivery. H. H. HOUSTON, General Freight Agent, Philadelphia. For further information, apply to S. B. KINGSTON, Freight Agt., Phila. E. K. BOIGER, Freight Agt., Columbia. W. J. MYERS, Freight Agt., Lancaster, Columbia, July 4, 1863.

TRADE SALES. JUST received from Philadelphia, a large and well assorted stock of Stationery, and Miscellaneous Goods. CHAPMAN AND GOOD BOOKS. Viz: Books of Travels, Books of History, Books for Devotion, Books about Patriots, Books for Mechanics, Books about the Rebellion, Books of Beauty. HYMN BOOKS FOR ALL DENOMINATIONS. PRAYER BOOKS AND BIBLES. All the Writings of Celebrated Authors. Viz: Washington Irving, Mrs. Southworth, Charles Dickens, Bayard Taylor, and all the writings of every Standard Author in every department of Literature. PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS. Having secured a very large stock at the lowest cash prices, we are determined to sell lower than any other house in the city. CARD PHOTOGRAPHS. We have a very large assortment of Fine Photographs, Plain and Colored, suitable for Albums, and for General Stationery, Religious Subjects, Classical, Humorous, Stationery, &c. STATIONERY DEPARTMENT. We have taken pains to get up a very large and good assortment of Stationery of all kinds. Blank Books of every description, Paper, Foolscap, Letter, Note, Billot, Hill, Tissue, &c. &c. Senonog, Envelopes, &c. At the lowest prices. Ink, Ink Stands, Pencils, Rubber, slates, Rulers, Paper Cutters, Portfolios, &c. &c. &c. We have a large stock of every variety of Stationery. JOHN SHEAFFER, 32 North Queen Street, Lancaster, Pa. Nov. 28, 1863.

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