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Nov. 19 1864-tf.

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Collections promptly made in Lancaster York counties.
Cola., July 2, 1865.

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COLLECTIONS Made in Lancaster and adjoining Counties.
Pensions, Bounty, back pay and all claims against the government promptly prosecuted.
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COLUMBIA, PA.
June 18, 1864. 1y.*

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Dr. J. K. LINEAWEAVER,
OFFERS HIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES to the citizens of Columbia and vicinity.
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June 17 1y

WASHINGTON HOUSE HOTEL.
Front Street, Columbia Pa.
DANIEL HERR, *Proprietor.*

FRANKLIN HOUSE.
LOCUST STREET, COLUMBIA, PA.
THIS is a first class Hotel, and is in every respect adapted to meet the wishes and desires of the traveling public.
JACOB S. MILLER,
Col., july, 15, '65 *Proprietor.*

MISHLER'S HOTEL,
EVAN MISHLER, Proprietor.
WEST MARKET SQUARE,
READING, PENN'A.
Oct. 7th. 1y.

WASHINGTON HOUSE RESTAURANT,
WHERE may be found Oysters always on hand, of the best quality served up in every style,
Also a room for the accomodation of ladies or families. Oysters can be had by the quart or hundred.
Dec. 3, '64.-tf

GEORGE BOGLE,
Dealer in
LUMBER OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,
Also, PLASTERER'S HAIR
Office and Warehouse—Front Street between Locust and Union.
July 8, 1865.

Confectionery
AND FRUIT OF ALL KINDS IN SEASON. Parties and families supplied with
ICE CREAM
by the freezer, or in moulds, with promptness at
GEO. J. SMITH'S
Adjoining the Franklin House, Locust St
P.S. Also a fine assortment of Toys and fancy articles constantly on hand.
July 22,

COLUMBIA FLOUR MILLS,
GEORGE BOGLE, Proprietor.
THE HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID for all kinds of Grain.
Superfine and Extra Family Flour for sale, also mill feed of all kinds. Wheat ground and packed to order
☞ Town and country custom solicited
July 29th 1865.

SUPPLEE & BROTHER,
Manufacturers of
STEAM BOILERS.
IN addition to our Foundry and Machine work, we are now prepared to manufacture every variety of Boiler and plate iron work,
Mending and Reparing Boilers
Promptly attended to. Thankful for past favors, we would invite the attention of our friends and patrons to this new branch of our business.
SUPPLEE & BRO.,
Jan. 21, ,65. 2d Street, Columbia.

American House.
AND
RESTAURANT,
SAMUEL H. LOCKARD, Proprietor,
Front St., between Locust & Walnut Sts.,
COLUMBIA. PA.
The Proprietor will spare no pains to make his house equal to any in the borough. His bar will always be stocked with the best liquors, and restaurant with all the good things of the season. Oysters for sale at all times by the bushel, gallon or quart.

GROVESTEEN & Co
PIANO FORTE
MANUFACTURERS,
499 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.
THE attention of the public and the trade is invited to our NEW SCALE 7 OCTAVE ROSEWOOD PIANO FORTES, which for volume and purity of tone are unrivalled, by any hitherto offered in this market. They contain all the modern improvements, French, Grand Action, Harp Pedal, Iron Frame, Over-Strung Bass, &c., and each instrument being made under the personal supervision of Mr. J. H. GROVESTEEN, who has had a practical experience of over 35 years in their manufacture, is fully warranted in every particular.
The "Grovesteen Piano Fortes" have received the award of merit over all others at the celebrated World's Fair. Where were exhibited instruments from the best makers of London, Paris, Germany, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, and New York; and also at the American Institute for five successive years, the gold and silver medals from both of which can be seen at our ware-room.
By the introduction of improvements we make a still more perfect Piano Forte, and by manufacturing largely, with a strictly cash system, are enabled to offer these instruments at a price which will preclude all competition.
PRICES—No. 1, Seven Octave, round corners, Rosewood plain case, $275.
No. 2. Seven Octave, round corners Rosewood, heavy moulding, $300.
No. 3, Seven Octave, round corners Rosewood Louis XIV style $325.
Terms—Net Cash in current Funds.
DESCRIPTIVE CIRCULARS SENT FREE.
July 29, 1y. "A. & C."

Susquehanna Planing Mill.
ON FRONT ST. AND PENN. RAILROAD
Columbia, Lancaster County, Pa.
THE subscriber would respectfully announce to the patrons of his Mill, that the advanced prices of labor and expences incident to carrying on the business of his establishment compels him to charge his customers an advance on former rates, and takes this method to inform them that the following are the prices for work done at his Mills:

For working Flooring per M		$4.50
" do Weatherboards	"	4.50
" Surfacing one side,	per M.	2.50
" do two do	do	4.50
" Re-sawing White Pine face measure,	per M.	5.00
" do Poplar face meas.	do	6.00
" do Ash, Oak & Cherry, face meas.	per M.	8.00
" Ripping 4-4 per line,	16 ft.	1½
" do 8-4	do	3
" do Joice	do	4½

☞ Lumber hauled to the Mill and returned to Yard without extra charge.
Accounts for working or dressing lumber will be considered collectable every *four months.*
The subscriber has on hand an assortment of ROUGH and DRESSED LUMBER, which is for sale at Market Prices, and solicits a continuation of public custom.
JOHN B. BACHMAN.
Columbia, March 18, 1864.

W. W. FRY. MARK A. KURTZ.
FRY & KURTZ
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
HOSIERY, GLOVES, NOTIONS AND
FANCY GOODS,
325 ARCH STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.
Jan. 21, 64.

BOSTON CHAIN!
WE Have just received 700 pounds best Boston Linen Carpet Chain, in all colors which we will sell at a reduced price. STEACY & BOWERS.
Opposite Odd Fellow's Hall,
May 6, Columbia, Pa.

TO TOBACCO GROWERS!
I HAVE constantly on hand at my Plaining Mills, Tobacco cases, and will furnish them at reasonable prices, to those who desire to pack their Tobacco.
JOHN B. BACHMAN,
Susquehanna Plaining Mills.
May 13, '65.

COAL! COAL! COAL!
Baltimore Co. Lump for melting Iron.
" " No. 1, for Heaters, &c.
" " 2, for Cannon Stoves,
" " 3, for Parlor Stoves, &c
" " 4, for Ranges, &c.
" " 5, for Name Grates & Lime Burner.
Shamokin Stove & Nut, a medium burning coal
Pine Grove, " " "
Lykens Valley, a free burning coal.
Parties wishing to buy Coal by the car load, which comes via Reading & Columbia R. R., can be accommodated at mine prices, the undersigned having made arrangements so that effect. Coal cleaned before leaving the yard. Our office has been moved south 200 from the old place.
Sept 9. BRUNER & MOORE.

Goods for Holiday Presents.
HENRY HARPER,
520 *ARCH STREET,*
PHILADELPHIA,
Watches,
Fine Jewelry,
Solid Silver Ware,
and superior Silver Plated Ware.
Nov. 4 65

J. DUNCAN COTTRELL,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
375 Penn'a Avenue, nearly opposite National Hotel, Washington, D. C.
Pensions, Bounty, Back Pay, Prize Money, and all claims against the Government promptly attended to
Dec. 2 1865

No. 24
HOYT, BARBOURS & CO.'S SUNNY Side Tobacco, very cheap by gross at
JOHN FENDRICH'S,
Front Street, Columbia.

MISHLER'S HERB BITTERS.—Below the afflicted will find a condensed statement of the cures of various individuals whose names are herewith appended, whose Certificates can at any time be seen by calling at the Store of the Proprietor, Centre Square, Lancaster, Pa.
B. MISHLER, Sole Manufacturer.
John C. Walton, Lancaster, cured of Disease of Spine and Kidneys, &c., contracted in the Army.
Thomas Groom, Glen Hope, cured of Disease of the Back and Nervous system.
Henry Nagle, Lancaster, cured of a stroke of the Palsy, causing the loss of the use of the right arm.
Joseph Witmer, Philadelphia, certifies that Mishler's Bitters has restored him to health, having been much afflicted with various ailments for a long time.
James Kennedy, Lancaster, cured of Chronic Diarrhœa and Rheumatism.
Daniel Finefrock, Lancaster, cured of Chronic Rheumatism, which he was much afflicted with while in the Army—recommends the use of the Bitters to soldiers and others similarly afflicted.
Levi Hart, Sen., Lancaster, cured of Rheumatism occasioned by exposure in the Army.
Charles B. Williams, Lancaster, certifies that his daughter was cured of a lingering sickness of eight months from various diseases, by Mishler's Bitters.
Henry Maderf, Lancaster, was cured of difficulty in passing his water, by the use of the Bitters, and his wife also relieved from Rheumatic pains.
Philip Bonee, Lancaster, Cured of an affection of the Kidneys and Bladder, by the use of Mishler's Herb Bitter.
Daniel B. Herr, Rohrerstown, Lancaster Co., certifies that he was cured of severe stitches in the side which he was afflicted with for nine years.
Jas. Bicking, Litiz, Pa., was cured of a severe attack of Chronic Rheumatism.
Jos. H. Watson, Lancaster, relieved of pains in his shoulders and limbs, that he was unable to sleep
Andrew Eberly, Lancaster, Cured of Camp Cholic—was so severe that he became apprehensive of Rupture.
Mary J. Carney, Lancaster, cured of weakenss of the breast and pain in the side by Mishler's Bitters.
Wm. H. Jordan, Lancaster, relieved of Cholera Morbus in 10 or 15 minutes, by the Herb Bitters.
Jacob Haug, Lancaster, says that his son was relieved of extraordinary pains in his arms and legs.
Samuel McDonnel, Lancaster, cured of Dispepsia of 20 years standing by Mishler's Bitters.
H G. Kendig, Farmer, near Lancaster, was cured of a severe attack of Dispepsia, by the Bitters.
Hugh Dougherty, Lancaster, says his daughter was cured of weaknes, pathisic sore throat, &c.
J. L. Baker, Lancaster, certifies that his family has been much benefited from attack of Fever and Ague, by the use of Mishler's Bitters.
E. H. Rhoads, Reamstown, Lancaster Co., cured of Inflammatory Rheumatism of some years standing.
Jonathan Styer, of Haywood Hospital Va. was cured of Rheumatism by the Bitters—contracted in the Army.
Thomas Brophy, Lancaster, recovered from attack of Fever and Ague, by the use of Mishler's Bitters.
A. Musketmuss, Lancaster, cured of what is called a Running Leg, by application of the Bitters.
John Rote, Lancaster, cured of a Running Leg of 20 years' standing, by Mishler's Bitters.
Isaac McIntyre, Lancaster, relieved of a severe pain across his kidneys, by the Herb Bitters.
C. B. Mayer, Lancaster, cured of a severe cold which had settled in his teeth, by Mishler's Bitters.
J. F. Fredenberg, Lancaster, was entirely cured of a remarkable distressing Abscess by the Bitters.
Henry G. Kendig, Camp Potomac, was cured of Diarrhœa by the use of Mishler's Bitters.
A. Fairer, Lancaster Co., Poorhouse, cured of Dispepsia and disease of the Kidneys, by the Bitters.
Mary Rives, Lancaster, relieved of a terrible cold on the breast of three months standing, by the Bitters.
John Weidman, Lancaster, says that himself and wife were cured of severe Rheumatism by the Bitters.
A Lady of Lancaster, writes to Mr. Mishler, that the Bitters cured her of Piles of a year's standing.
John Gilman, Lancaster, cured of Disease of the Heart and a severe pain in his breast, by the Bitters.
G. W. Whitefield, Agent at Altoona, Blair Co. writes of the success he has met in selling the Bitters.
Amos Aument, of Stransburg, Lancaster Co., used the Bitters for a wound in the leg received at the Battle of South Mountain, and and has now no more pain.
J. C. R., a member of Co. E, 195th Regiment, P. V., writes to the Proprietor, that the Bitters cured him of a distressing cold which has unfitted him from duty.
Martha Bents, Lancaster, was cured Inflammatory Rheumatism, from cold taken by a broken arm.
John Neidich, Lancaster, was cured of Palpitation of the Heart, which he had for 25 years.
John Schock, Peques, Lancaster Co. was relieved from an attack of the Gravel by the Bitters.
Mrs. Druckenmiller, of Mount Joy, Lancaster Co., was cured of excruciating pains in her hands and feet by the use of of Mishler's Bitters.
John Lesher, of Renmstown, Lancaster co., was cured of a swell in the neck and jaw by the use of Mishler's Herb Bitters.
H. C. Ginkinger, Philadelphia, after being confined to the house for two years, was cured by the use of Mishler's Bitters.
Geo. W. Killian, Lancaster, was confined to the U. S. Hospital for 10 weeks, by prostration, is restored to health by the Herb Bitters.
Mrs. Margaret Kirk, Lancaster, was cured of a severe pain in her side and nervousness, by the use of the Herb Bitters.
Mrs. Eliza Wenditz, Lancaster, was cured of Inflammatory Rheumatism by the use of the Bitters.
Amos Groff, Lancaster, was relieved of a severe cold in the throat by the use of the Bitters.
Henry J. Etter, Lancaster, had his sight restored, (which he had been deprived of for about 5 years,) by the use of Mishler's Bitters.
Charles P. Miller, Philadelphia, writes of a lady in that city having been cured of the Dumb Ague, by the use of the Bitters.
Harriet Orr, Lancaster, was cured of inward weakness and pain in the back, by the Herb Bitters.
John Kautz, Lancaster, had a slight attack of Lockjaw, which was cured by the Bitters.
Theodore Wenditz of Pa. Reserves, was shot in the arm at the battle of Fredericksburg. By using the Bitters he was soon relieved from pain in the arm.

READING RAIL ROAD.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

GREAT TRUNK LINE FROM the North and North-West for Philadelphia, New York, Reading, Pottsville, Lebanon, Allentown, Easton, &c., &c.,

Trains leave Harrisburg for New York, as follows: At 3.40 7.25 and 9.05 A. M., and 1.45 and 9.00 P. M. arriving at New York at 5.40 and 10.00 A. M. and 3.40 and 12.35 P. M.

The above connect with similar Trains on the Pennsylvania Rail Road, and Sleeping Cars accompany the 3.00 and 9.05 trains, without change.

Leave for Reading, Pottsville, Tamaqua, Minersvill, Allentown, and Philadelphia at 7.35 A. M. and 1.45 and 9.00 P. M. stopping at Lebanon and all way stations; the 9.00 p. m. train making no close connections for Pottsville nor Phila. For *Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven &c,* leave Harrisburg at 4 p. m.

Returning Leave New York at 9.00 A. M., 12.00 m. and 8.00 p. m.; *Phil'a* at 8.00 a.m. and 3.30 p. m. and *Pottsville* at 8.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m.

Leave *Pottsville* for Harrisburg via S. & S. R. R. at 6.45 a. m.

An Accommodation Passenger train leaves Reading at 6.30 A. M., and returns from Philadelphia at 4.30 P. M.

Columbia Railroad Trains leave Reading at 6.10 A. M. 6.15 p.m. for Ephrata, Litiz, Columbia.

On Sunday; Leave New York at 8 P. M., Philadelphia 3.15 P. M., and Reading at 1.00 A. M. for Harrisburg.

Commutation, Mileage, Season, and Excursion Tickets at reduced rates to and from all points.

80 Pounds Baggage allowed each passenger.

G. A. NICOLLS,
nov. 27,' 65 General Superintendent

Reading & Columbia Railroad.

Trains of this road run by Reading R. R. time which is ten minutes faster than that of Penn'a R.R ON AND AFTER MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 th, 1865, trains of this road will run as follows:

Leaving Columbia at

7.30 A. M. *Mail Passenger Train* for Reading and intermediate stations, leaving Landisville at 7.56; Manheim at 8.09, Litiz at 8.23, Ephrata at 8.51, Reinholdsville at 9.17, Sinking springs at 9.43, and arriving at Reading at 10.00 a. m. At Reading connection is made with Fast Express train of East Penn'a. R. R., reaching New York at 3.30 p. m., with train of Philadelphia & Reading R. R., reaching Philadelphia at 12.15 p. m., and also with trains for Pottsville, the Lebanon Valley and Harrisburg.

2.45 P. M. *Passenger Train for* Reading and intermediate stations connecting at Landisville at 3.20 p. m., with Express train of Pennsylvania Rail Road West, leaving Manheim at 3.34, Litiz 3.51, Ephrata 4.18, Reinholdsville 4.44, Sinking Springs at 5.09, and arriving at Reading at 5.25 p. m. At Reading connection is made with train for Pottsville and the Lebanon Valley.

Leaving Reading at

6.10 A. M. *Passenger Train for* Columbia and intermediate stations, leaving Sinking Springs at 6.26, Reinholdsville 6.34 Ephrata at 7.24, Litiz 7.34, Manheim at 8.00, connecting at Landisville with train of Penn'a. R. R., reaching Lancaster at 8.34, A. M., Philadelphia at 12.30 p. m., arriving at Columbia at 9.00 a. m., and there connecting with ferry for Wrightsville and Northern Central R. R., and at 11.45 A. M. with train of Penn'a. R. R, for the West.

6.15 P. M. *Mail Passenger Train* for Columbia and intermediate stations with Passengers leaving New York at 12 m., and Philadelphia at 3.30 p. m., leaving Sinking Springs at 6.31, Reinholdsville at 6.36, Ephrata at 7.20, Litiz at 7.50, Manheim at 8.05, connecting at Landisville with an Express train of the Penn'a R. R. for Lancaster and Philadelphia, reaching Philadelphia at 1.00 a. m. and arriving at Columbia at 8.50 p. m

Through tickets to New York, Philadelphia and Lancaster sold at principal stations, and Baggage checked through. Freight carried with the utmost care, and despatch, at the lowest rates.—Further information with regard to Freight or passage may be obtained from the agents of the company.

MENDES COHEN, Supt.
E. F. KEEVER, Gen. Freight and Ticket Agt.
Columbia, Dec. 11, 1865.

PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD.

Trains leave Columbia going east,	
Columbia train,	8.05 A. M.
Harrisburg Accomodation,	4 30 P. M.
Trains leave west,	
Mail train,	11 50 A. M.
Harrisburg Accomodation,	6 25 P. M.
Columbia train arrives,	8 10 "
Columbia Accommodation.	
Leave Columbia for Lancaster	1.40 p.m.
Arrive at Lancaster	2.20 "
Leave Lancaster at	2.40 "
Arrive at Columbia	3.20 "

E. K. BOICE, Ticket Agent.

N. C. RAILWAY.
YORK AND WRIGHTSVILLE R. R
The trains from Wrightsville and York will run as follows, until further orders:

Leave Wrightsville,	7 00 A. M.
" "	1 20 P. M.
" "	8 00 P. M.
Leave York "	6 45 A. M.
" "	12 10 P. M.
" "	3 00 P.M.

Departure and Arrival of the Passenger Trains at York.

DEPARTURES FROM YORK.
For BALTIMORE, 4.15 A. M. 7.00 A. M., and 2.50 P. M.
For HARRISBURG, 12.52 A. M. 7.10 P. M. and 11.50 A. M. and 10.40 A. M.

ARRIVALS AT YORK.
From BALTIMORE, 10.35 A. M. 11.45 P. M. and 2.50 P. M. and 12.47 P.M.
From HARRISBURG, 4.10 A. M., 9.57 A. M., and 2.45 P. M.

On Sunday, the only trains running are the one from Harrisburg at 9.57 in the morning, proceeding to Baltimore, and the one from Baltimore at 12.47 A. M., proceeding to Harrisburg.

COLUMBIA INSURANCE CO.
CAPITAL AND ASSETS, $429,920,80
This Company continues to insure Buildings, Merchandise, and other property, against loss and damage by fire, on the mutual plan, either for a cash premium or premium note.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Whole amount insured,		$5,027,020,68
Am't of premium notes,	$426,090,66	
Bal. cash premium, Jan 1, '64,	3,754,47	
Cash receipts in 1864, less fees and commissions,	22,870,56	
		$452,715,69
Losses & expenses paid in '64.	$ 22,794,89	
Balance of Capital and Assets Jan 1st. 1865,	429,920,80	
		$452,715,69

A. S. GREEN, President.
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AGENTS WANTED.
$10 A DAY EASY MADE BY SELLing Engravings. Card Photographs and Stationery. Our Stationery Packets excel all others; each Package contains Paper, Envelopes, Pencil, Pens, &c., and Jewelry worth a dollar at retail. Price only 30 cents. We will send Agents 100 Stationery Packages and a Silver Watch for $17. We will also publish splended Steel Engravings and Portraits, Lithograph prints, &c., very popular and saleable. Will send a fine assortment of 100 for $15.00 that will realize $50, or a $10 lot that will sell for $30 or over. Will send a sample lot for $5 that will sell for 15 dollars.
Send Stamp for Catalogue, Terms, etc.
HASKINS & CO., 36 Beekman St
New York.

Poetry.

Written for the Spy.

"Who cares what the World may Say?"

"Who cares for what the world may say?"
The toper cries and drinks his ale,
While his poor wife must toil all day,
Or drunken husband soon will fail.

"Who cares for what the world may say?"
The Felon shouts and steals your purse,
Then staggers home along the way,
And mutters to the dogs a curse.

"Who cares for what the world may say?"
The venders of his beer reply,
"We got his money all to-day,
Now, damn him, let him beg or die."

"Who cares for what the world may say?"
The honest man will always care,
At home with friends or far away,
The praise of all will strive to share.

Written for the Columbia Spy.

For a Lady's Album.

BY L. LIGHT.

Could I compose a pretty verse,
Or write a piece of prose
Which should be to the point and terse,
I quickly would compose.
Alas! I feel I cannot write,
The muses all forsake me quite;
I could as well take wings and fly,
As write for you some poetry.

I really hope you will excuse me
For putting stuff like this
Into your book! Oh don't refuse me
The pardon which is bliss.
And tho' I can't make you a sonnet,
(I could as well make you a bonnet,)
Remember that I am your friend,
And shall be till this life shall end.

A CAPITAL STORY.

Some years since, an eccentric old genius, called Barnes, was employed by a farmer living in a town some six or seven miles westerly from the Penobscot river, Me., to dig a well. The soil and substratum being mostly of sand, old Barnes, after having progressed downward about forty feet, found one morning upon going out to work, that the well had ess ntially caved in, and was full nearly to the top. So, having the desire which men have, of knowing what will be said of them after they are dead, and no one being yet astir, he concealed himself in a rank growth of burdocks by the side of a board fence near the mouth of the well having first left his frock and hat upon the windlass over the well.—At length breakfast being ready, a boy was despatched to call him to his meal, when lo! and behold! it was seen that Barnes was buried in the grave unconsciously dug by his own hands. The alarm being given, and the family assembled, it was declared to first eat breakfast, and then send for the coroner, the minister, and his wife and children.—Such apathy did not flatter Barnes' self-esteem a bit, but he waited patiently, determined to hear what would be said, and see what was to be seen.

Presently all parties arrived and began "prospecting" the scene of the catastrophe, as people usually do in such cases. At length they drew together to exchange opinions as to what should be done. The minister at once gave it as his opinion that they had better level up the well and let Barnes remain; "for," he said, "he is now beyond the temptation to sin, and in the day of judgment it will make no difference whether he is buried five feet under ground or fifty, for he is bound to come forth in either case." The coroner likewise agreed that it would be a needless expense to his family or the town to disinter him when he was effectually buried, and therefore, coincided with the minister. His wife thought that as "he had left his hat and frock it, would hardly be worth while to dig him out for the rest of his clothes," and so it was settled to let him remain. But poor old Barnes, who had no breakfast, and was not at all pleased with the result of the inquest, lay quiet until the shades of evening stole over the landscape, when he departed to to parts unknown. After remaining incognito for about three years, one morning he suddenly appeared (hatless and frockless as he went) at the door of the old farmer for whom he had agreed to dig the unfortunate well. To say that an avalanche of questions were rained upon him as to his mysterious reappearance, etc., would convey but a feeble idea of the excitement which his bodily presence created. But the old man bore it all quietly, and at length informed them that, on finding himself buried, he waited to be dugout again, until his patience was exhausted, when he set to work to dig himself out, and only the day before susceeded, for his ideas being somewhat confused he had dug very much at random, and instead of coming directly to the surface he came out in the town of Holden, six miles east of the Penobscot river.

No further explanations were asked for by those who were so distressed and sorrowful over his supposed final resting-place.

Are Homes for Show or for Use?

The fashion has come to prevail that the most spacious and pleasant rooms of the mansion, be it large or small—the best furniture—and the largest part of the whole thing called home, is set apart for show and occasional entertainment of visitors, while the owner and his family who are really entitled to the enjoyment of it are rarely permitted to do so. The idea has been carried so far that much personal comfort is sacrificed and families are absolutely scattered abroad to find the room they ought to have at home. Now and then a family is found to rise above this silly practice, and such have a home worthy of possession to those who belong there and which it is a pleasure to visit. On of the New York papers made the following hits at the popular custom in language which will be recommended for its truthfulness and pertinency everywhere:

Call in at brown stone front above Bleecker, at any time except on the occasion of a great "spread," and it has the air of a very nice old maid in morning gown and curl papers—across between iron precision and painful desolation. Everything exists in a state of bagginess. The sofa is a mute, inglorious corpse in a dimity winding sheet. The chairs are put away in aprons and pantalettes. The chandelier wraps its nightgown around it. The shutters are closed to keep from fading the carpets, and only here and there, through the cracks, a little bit of sacred light peeps in and looks around in a tremulous and sickly way. Everything smells of brown Holland, and everything looks as if it considered you fearfully impertinent for daring to come and disturb its elegant uselessness and brown linen repose. It is is very much like going into a family vault after an epidemic, and having a lively time with a party of corpse in grave clothes. In fact you feel decidedly like asking the mistress of the house why she doesn't complete the picture by putting up the clothes-lines in the parlors and hanging up the week's wash.

Soberly, this show-shop arrangement, which makes home a nuisance, and drives father and son out of doors for that comfort which their own house is far too fine to afford them, is a growing nuisance, and lies at the bottom of half the social evils. When a man comes home after the fatigues of business, he he doesn't want a show-wife nor a show-shop house. He doesn't want an invisable; but a visible home. He wants something made to wear and use, and allowed to be used after its kind. He wants chairs that he can lean back in; and carpets made to be walked on; and a house alive all over; and a wife and children whose daily thought is how it can all be made happiest, cheeriest, most thoroughly comfortable for him.

A Noble Old Negro.

A refreshing instance of the gratitude of a negro towards his former owner came under our observation yesterday.—An old gray-headed veteran, of a gingerbread color, came into our counting-room and addressing himself to one of the clerks, said he wished to subscribe to the *Times* for his old mistress. While the address was being taken down, we ventured to inquired in what capacity he was employed at home, when the faithful old fellow replied: "Massa, I'se living on old missus' lot. She is mity poor now, but used to be 'for de confragation powerful rich. For ten years old missus took care of me, and now she's poor, I'm gwine to take care of her. I knows de proper way to act if I am a nigger, massa." Such an instance of the fidelity of an old negro who had once been a slave afforded so striking a contrast to the conduct of the majority of worthless characters of that color who, as soon as the evacuation, took themselves off without even doing so much as giving a day's notice to their employers, that we think it worthy of publication.—*Richmond Times.*

PRECEPT *vs.* PRACTICE.—The Rev. Dr. Channing had a brother, a physician and at one time they both lived in Boston. A countryman in search of the divine knocked at the doctor's door. The following dialogue ensued:

"Does Dr. Channing live here?"
"Yes sir."
"Can I see him?"
"I am he."
"Who? you?"
"You must have altered considerably since I heard you preach!"
"Heard me preach?"
"Certainly. You are the Dr. Channing that preaches, ain't you?"
"Oh, I see you are mistaken now.—It is my brother who *preaches,* I am the Doctor who *practices.*

Above his Business.

It is a serious evil that many a young man has fallen into, to be above his business. A person learns a trade, and he must go to shop-keeping, or street loafing, or turn politician. Fool! If he cannot make a living at his trade, we are sure he cannot any other way. And then young men brought up to shop-keeping, must buy farms, or houses, or some other foolish things they know nothing about, and what is the result? Head over heels in debt and certain failure. Multitudes have been ruined by being above their business, and branching out into what they know nothing about.

There is no trouble about young men who do not feel their importance, and who are willing to work at their trades or professions till they get a little beforehand. With a small capital to fall back upon, they can feel like venturing into other business—and by this time will have formed habits that are likely to keep them straight. Those who succeed best in life, are men who stick to business and make money before they buy farms and houses, and commence speculating. Look at our successful men, and you will see where lies the secret of success.

You will find that they never were above their business, and never paid for the doing of a job which they could just as well do themselves. Of this we are sure; if all men will be prompt and punctual, stick to their business and not be to proud, they will eventually succeed and become independent.

—A few days since, as a lady of a rather inquisitive character was visiting the city, among other places she visited the jail. She would ask the different prisoners for what crime they were in there. It went off well enough, till she came to a rather hard specimen of humanity, when she asked:

"What are you here for?"
"For stealing a horse."
"Are you not sorry for it?"
"Yes."
"Won't you try and do better next time?"
"Yes, I'll steal two!"

—An affecting and painful accident occurred recently, near Chesterfield, Morgan county, Ohio. A young man by the name of Clements, formerly of the Twenty-fifth Ohio, who was engaged to be married to a Miss Baily, was paying a friendly visit at the home of his intended bride, having his gun loaded and was about leaving the house when the young lady caught hold of him, remarking that she must kiss him, as he might get killed before returning, when in the act of turning toward her, the lock of the gun caught on something near snapped, and discharged a ball through the back of her head, killing her instantly.

—At a protracted meeting, held not a thousand miles from here, an ancient sister arose and relieved herself as follows: "I see young ladies here who seem to love gew-gaws, furbelows, ribbons and laces, more than their Creator. I loved them once, and adorned my hat with French artificial flowers, bright-colored ribbons, and sky-blue trimmings; but I found they were dragging me down to hell, and I took them off and gave *them to my sister.*"

—A companion that is cheerful, and free from swearing and scurrilous discourse, is worth gold. I love such mirth as does not make friends ashamed to look upon one another next morning; nor men, that cannot well bear it, to repent the money that they spent when they be warmed with drink. And take this for a rule: You may pick out such times and such companions, that you may make yourselves merrier for a little than a great deal of money—for "'tis the company, and not the charge, that makes the feast."

—Mr. Wagg went to the station of one of the railroads one evening and finding the best carriage full, said in a low tone, "why, this carriage isn't going." Of course these words caused a general stampede, and Wagg took the best seat. The train soon moved off. In the midst of the indignation, Wagg was questioned:

"You said this carriage wasn't going!"
"Well, it wasn't then," replied Wagg; "but it is now."

The "sold" laughed, but Wagg came near getting a good thrashing.

—Young man, when your sweetheart on a Sunday night, begins to yawn, and intimate that she usually retires at ten, it is time for you to take your hat and state that pressing business requires your immediate attention.

—"Where are you going?" asked a little boy of another who had just fallen down on an icy pavement.

"Going to get up," was the blunt reply.