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THIS is a first class Lotel, and is in every respect adapted to meet the wishes and desires of the traveling public.
JACOB S. MILLER,
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MISHLER'S HOTEL,
EVAN MISHLER, Proprietor.
WEST MARKET SQUARE,
READING, PENN'A.
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GEORGE BOGLE,
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LUMBER OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,
Also, PLASTERER'S HAIR
Office and Warehouse—Front Street between Locust and Union.
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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.
jan. 21, '65. SUPPLEE & BRO., 2d Street, Columbia.

SUSQUEHANNA IRON CO.
Manufacturers of all sizes of
Refined & Double Refined
ROUND, SQUARE, FLATS, OVAL, AND HALF OVAL IRON.
Car Axles, Shafting and Horse Shoe Bars.
☞ Orders promptly filled from Stock on hand or made to order.
Terms, net cash, at Manufacturer's prices, delivered on Cars or Boat.
Office at their ROLLING MILL, Columbia, Pa.
Sept. 23, '65 1y

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 do	3
" do Joice do 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 subscribet 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.

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 Nanor Grates & Lime Burner.
Shamokin Stove & Nut, a medulum burning coal
Pine Grove, " " "
Lyken 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.

BRUNER HAS REMOVED!
NEW STORE AND NEW GOODS!
Front Street, 2nd door above Locust,
COLUMBIA, PENN'A.
Great inducements offered in the
DRY GOODS LINE.
We have fitted up spacious Store Rooms in
WILSON'S BUILDING,
on Front Street, where we are enabled to keep a large stock of all kinds of goods, consequently we can now offer to our customers and the public generally a greater variety and at prices which we know will give satisfaction.
We have just returned from Philadelphia with a
COMPLETE STOCK of DRY GOODS
purchased at low prices and will be sold
AT SMALL PROFITS, FOR CASH.
Good Calicoes at 20 cents.
Muslins and Sheetings at all prices.
Ginghams, Checks, Tickings, Flannels, &c., very cheap.
Merinoes, Alpacas, Delaines, and other Dress Goods of the latest Styles. Hosiery, Gloves, Trimmings, &c.
Hoop Skirts and Balmoral Skirts, Latest Styles.
Full assortment of
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, TWEEDS, &c.
Also a full stock of
BOOTS, SHOES AND GAITERS,
made of the best material and warranted to give satisfaction.
☞ Call and see our stock before purchasing.
I. O. BRUNER.
Front street, near Locust.
Feb. 17.

NEW STYLE OF WATERFALL Combs at
aug. 26, E. SPERING'S Jewelry Store.

J. F. COTTRELL. W. P. COTTRELL.
J. F. COTTRELL & BROTHER,
Successors to
J. W. COTTRELL, dec'd,
Dealers in Foreign & Domestic Hardware, Bar Iron, Steel, Nails, Glass, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Turpentine Benzine &c.,
A large assortment of Parlor, Cook and and Office Stoves always on hand. Tin Ware manufactured to order at shortest notice.
WOOD AND WILLOW WARE,
in large quantities and of every variety
Plows, Corn Shellers, Feed Cutters, Shovels, Hoes, Forks, Rakes, &c.
Coarse and Fine Salt at lowest market prices.
A large assortment of Double and Single barreled Guns, Powder Flasks, Game Bags and shot pouches.
Rifle & Blasting Powder, shot and caps.
☞ Highest market prices paid for Clover, Timothy and Flax seeds, large quantities of which we have constantly on hand and offer at the lowest rates.
Lubricating, Sperm and Fish Oils, suitable for machinery. A Fine assortment of Coal Oil Lamps, Shades, Lanterns, and Lamp trimmings.
We respectfully solicit a share of public patronage. Locust Street, Columbia.
Nov. 4, 65 tf.

JACOB S. SNYDER,
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN
BOOTS, SHOES, GAITERS, &C.
ALL styles and varieties of Men's, Boy's, Ladies, Misses' and Children's wear.
WE MANUFACTURE TO ORDER,
and keep constantly on hand, a stock of ready-made work, which we warrant to give satisfaction.
Hats, Caps, Straw Goods, &c.
A full assortment of the latest styles, always kept on hand.
Our whole time and attention is devoted to our business, hence we are better able to give our customers satisfaction, The public are respectfully invited to call and examine our stock.
Cor. Front and Locust Streets.
Col'a., nov. 4, '65

Barley Sheaf!
CALL AND SEE THE CELEBRATED Barley Sheaf Cooking Stove. It costs less and saves more coal than any other stove of equal size, at Pfahler's, Locust St., opposite Franklin House. oct 7,-tf

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—reccommends 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 relievee from Rheumatic pains.
Philip Bonee, Lancaster, Cured of an affection of the Kidneys aed 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 Cramp 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 Haag, 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, phthisic sore throat, &c.
J. L. Baker, Lancaster, certifies that his family has been much relieved from affliction by the 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. Musketnuss, Lancaster, cured of what is called a Running Leg, by application of the Bitters.
John Rote, Lancaster, cured of a Runnining 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 Strausburg, 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 Reamstown, 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 Bittters.
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 3-00 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 10.35 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 7.25 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 *Potsville* 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

PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD.
Trains leave Columbia going east,
Columbia train, 8.05 A. M.
Harrisburg Accomodation, 5 00 P. M.
Trains leave west,
Mail trian, 11 50 A. M.
Harrisburg Accomodation, 6 25 P. M.
Columbia train arrives, 8 10 "
Columbia Accommodation.
Leave Columbia for Lancaster 1.50 p.m.
Arrive at Lancaster 2.30 "
Leave Lancaster at 3.05 "
Arrive at Columbia 3.40 "
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 12.47A. M., proceeding to Harrisburg.

Reading & Columbia Raiload.
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
Leave Columbia, 7.30 A. M.
" " 2.45 P. M.
Leave Reading, 6.10 A.M.
" " 6.15 P. M.
Through tickets to New York, Philadelphia and Lancaster sold at principal stations, and Baggage checked through. Freight carried with the utmost promptness and dispatch, 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, 1855.

REMEMBER THE OLD ESTABLISHED STAND.
GREAT BARGAINS AT THE
CHEAP CASH BOOK STORE.
We have just received from the Fall Trade Sale a selected stock of
BOOKS AND STATIONERY,
Which we now offer at Greatly Reduced Rates. A large assortment of
SCHOOL MERCHANDISE
Constantly on hand. Also,
STANDARD EDUCATIONAL WORKS.
Brooks' Normal Elementary Arithmetic, Brooks' Geometry and Trigonometry, Rauh's Normal Speller, Sanders' Union Readers. We call special attention to our large assortment of
PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS,
FAMILY BIBLES,
AND
DIARIES for 1866.
MERCHANTS and TEACHERS
Supplied at Wholesale rates, at
JOHN SHEAFFER'S
Cheap Cash Book Store,
No. 32 North Queen st., Lancaster, Pa.
nov. 18, '65.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Hon. Henry G. Long, President, Hon. A. L. Hayes and Ferree Brinton, Esq., Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Lancaster, and Assistant Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery and Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for said county of Lancaster, have issued their Precept to me directed, requiring me, among other things to make public Proclamation throughout the Bailiwick, that a Court of Oyer and Terminer and a General Jail Delivery; Also, a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery will commence in the Court House, in the city of Lancaster, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the 3d, MONDAY IN APRIL, (the 16th,) 1866 in pursuance of which precept, PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, to the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Lancaster, in the said county, and all the Justices of the Peace, the Coroner, and Constables of the said city and county of Lancaster, that they be then and there in their own proper persons, with their rolls, records and examinations and inquisitions and their other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain, in their behalf to be done; and also all those who will prosecute against the prisoners who are, or then shall be, in the Jail of the said county of Lancaster, are to be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.
Dated at Lancaster, the 11th day of March, 1866.
F. SMITH, sheriff.
Mar 24 tc.

DRIED APPLES, PEACHES, PRUNES at JACKSON'S.
NEW SUGAR CURED HAMS at JACKSON'S.
jan, 27, '66.

$1,500 PER YEAR! We want agents everywhere to sell our improved $20 Sewing Machines. Three new kinds. Under and upper feed. Warranted five years. Above salary or large commissions paid. The only machines sold in United States for less than $40, which are *fully licensed by Howe, Wheeler & Wilson, Grover & Baker, Singer and Co., and Bachelder. All* other cheap machines are *infringments* and the *seller* or *user* are *liable to arrest, fine, and imprisonment.* Illustrated circulars sent *free.* Address, or call upon Shaw & Clark, Biddleford, Maine.
mar. 10, '66.-1y*

RODGERS & BROTHERS' SUPERIOR Silver Plated Ware at
E. SPERING'S
Cheap Jewelry Store.

Poetry.

Written for the Columbia Spy.

Duty.

BY EVA ALICE.

Rest not content with duty done,
Still the Heavenly path pursue,
Nor strive the active life to shun,
We have a noble work to do.

Each have their talents to improve,
Ye are not gifted all the same,
Act well the scene in which you move,
And thine shall be a higher fame.

House-Cleaning.

The melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year,"
Of cleaning paint and scrubbing floors, and scouring far and near;
Heaped in the corners of the room, the ancient dirt lay quiet,
But now the carpets all are up, and from the staircase top
The mistress calls to man and maid to wield the broom and mop.

Where are those rooms; those quiet rooms, the house but now presented,
Wherein we dwelt, nor dreamed of dirt, so cosy and contented?
Alas! they're turned all upside down, that quiet suite of rooms,
With slops, and suds, and soap, and sand, and tubs and pails, and brooms;
Chairs, tables, stands are standing round at sixes, and at sevens,
While wife and housemaid fly about like meteors in the heavens;

The parlor and the chamber floor were cleaned a week ago,
The carpets shook and windows washed, as all the neighbors know;
But still the sanctum had escaped—the table piled with books,
Pens, ink, and paper all about, peace in its very looks—
Till fell the women on them all, as falls the plague on men,
And then they vanished all away—books, papers, ink and pen.

And now when comes the master home, as come he must of nights,
To find all things are "set to wrongs" that they have "set to rights!"
When the sound of driving tacks is heard, though the house is far from still,
And the carpet woman on the stairs, that harbinger of ill—
He looks for papers, books or bills, that all were there before,
And sighs to find them on the desk or in the drawer no more.

And then he grimly thinks of her who set this fuss afloat,
And wishes she was out at sea in a very leaky boat;
He meets her at the parlor door, with hair and cap awry,
With sleeves tucked up and broom in hand, defiance in her eye;
He feels quite small, and knows full well there's nothing to be said,
So holds his tongue, and drinks his tea, and sneaks away to bed.

Original

Written for the Columbia Spy.

ALCOHOL.

Its Physiological and Medicinal effects upon the Human System.

MR. EDITOR:—In my last communication, I endeavored to show that alcoholic stimulants possessed no qualities that rendered them preventatives of consumption, beyond that possessed by other poisonous drugs, such as Indian hemp, Prussic acid and fusil oil. I also endeavored to show that their application as a medicine during its incipient and formative of consumption stages and after the disease was fully developed, depended upon such special indications as rendered their indiscriminate use hazardous.

The correctness of the views expressed are evident from the nature and origin of the disease itself. It has been remarked by some one that "consumption was a wise provision in nature to prevent the deterioration of the race, inasmuch as it was an exterminator of persons possessing a low vitality, and feeble and depraved constitution." Be that as it may, it is an acknowledged fact that consumption in a majority of cases, is the result of an inherited tendency from a diseased and enfeebled parentage. The most general and active causes that have operated to transmit to children consumptive constitutions, have been the existence of the disease in the parents and the enfeebling effects of intemperate habits. No fact is better established than that the children of intemperate parents are weak in mind and sickly in body. Visit our schools for idiotic and feeble minded children, and it will be found that one-half are the children of intemperate parents. It is in vain to look for the progress of the human race, physically and mentally, while so many indulge in the indiscriminate use of intoxicating liquors and other narcotic drugs to feed an artificial and depraved appetite. The false notions respecting the curative and preventative effects of alcoholic stimulants, as a remedy in consumption, which prevails in the community are developing the disease in vastly more cases then are benefitted by it. It is often said that physicians use and prescribe it as a preventive of the much dreaded disease. I admit that physicians prescribe stimulants, and very properly too. I admit that stimulants are medicines of incalculable value, but in no proper sense are they preventives.

I have given a good deal attention to the cause, progress and developement of consumption. I am somewhat familiar with the views of the master minds, whose writings are held in respect by medical profession, and I know of none who recommend the indiscriminate and habitual use of alcoholic stimulants as a preventive or as a remedy in any stage of the disease. When recommended at all, it is for some special and peculiar purpose, to correct, change or modify morbid and diseased action.

All the medical men, whose standing and authority are recognized among the profession at large, are agreed that consumption is a disease depending upon the debilitated condition of the system, in which the waste of the tissues exceeds the repair. Alcohol furnishes no material for the growth or repair of the tissues, and consequently whenever it is taken as a substitute for food it must necessarily do harm. If stimulants enable a consumptive to eat and digest more food than he otherwise would, it is indicated as a medicine; but it is notorious that habitual spirit drinkers are usually irregular in eating and taking less food. If a person who has a tendency to consumption from a transmittent taint, or any other cause, can maintain a vigorous digestion, and can assimilate a sufficiency of animal and oleagenous food, take active exercise, breathe pure air, maintain a cheerful, hopeful and happy frame of mind, he may regard himself vastly more safe than the spirit drinker without any such tendency. I am no fanatic in regard to this matter; all I contend for is to place alcohol where it rightfully belongs, among useful and indispensable poisonous medicines, and like them to be used with care and caution. Thus far in the discussion of this subject, I scrupulously restricted myself to well established and demonstrated facts and principles. I have also proceeded upon the supposition that all spirituous liquors are exceptions. The great mass of liquors in the market are an abominable compound unfit for medicine or beverage.

By consulting Annual Scientific Discovery for 1859, page 240, Article, Chemical Science,—you will find this matter of compounding liquors explained. A mixture of six ounces of Cognac amber oil, oil of bitter almond, (Prussic acid,) etherial oil of wine, more or less caramel put into one hundred and seventy-five gallons of spirits, will produce the finest varieties of pale or dark brandy. Six ounces of green oil of cognac, with etherial oil of bitter almond, and tannin, converts one hundred and fifty gallon of natural spirits into brandy. A few pounds of elder flowers give it mellowness and the tannin imparts roughness and age.

Manufactured gin is made as follow: A mixture of oils, of juniper berry and angelica seeds in equal proportions, together with rum; ether, oil of lemon, common salt, and simple syrup is added to spirits of proper proof neutralized by means of spirits of nitre. Sometimes oil of caraway seed and fennel seed, with peach ether, are added to the above, to create an "Aromatic Gin," or give richness, smoothness and creaminess to the liquors.

"Creasote is used to give to gin a certain degree of smokiness; caustic potash is added to make it strong and biting on the palate."

I might go on and give the ingredients, equally poisonous, of numerous other compounds that are sold under the assumed names of whisky, rum, beer and wine of various names, but enough has been given to convey a tolerably accurate idea of the whole. Whisky, which just now has a great reputation for purity contains a large per centage of obnoxious drugs among which are fusil oil, a narcotic poison, but a useful medicine Fusil oil is the medicinal principal in whisky, which renders it valuable as a medicine in consumption, by imparting to it soothing and narcotic properties. A medicine not unfrequently needed by patients harrassed with severe cough. It is a fact should not be overlooked, that in whisky producing countries a disease very fatal, called whisky consumptions and caused by drinking whisky, extensively prevails. This fact alone is sufficient to divest it of all claims as a prevention of that dreadful disease. From the facts that have been deduced in this and previous communications, we may safely infer that alcohol,

1st, Is not needed in the healthy human system.

2nd, That it is a narcotic poison, operating first upon the brain and secondly upon the stomach, liver, lungs and other organs.

3rd, That it enters into the formation of none of the tissues.

4th, That it prevents the oxidation of the matter in the blood, and diminishes the generation of animal heat, prevents the metamorphosis of the different tissues, giving rise to the bloat peculiar to hard-drinkers.

5th, That spirit drinkers are more susceptible to the influence of cold than water drinkers.

6th, That in no proper sense is it a preventive of disease.

7th, That like other narcotic poisons is a useful and valvable medicine.

8th, That the greater part of the alcoholic liquors in the market are abominable compounds.

6th, Total abstinence is safe and dram drinking is always dangerous to persons in health.

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A Singular Sickness Prevailing—Lead Poisoned Flour.

The Middletown Mercury of last week reports that there have been quite a number of persons, hundreds perhaps, in the town of Wallkill, Crawford, Hamptonburgh, Goshen and Wawayanda, attacked with a new and singular form of sickness. In some cases whole families have been taken down with it; in others only one or two members of a family were attacked. Sometimes the disease has assumed a violent type and has produced death, again it has taken a milder form and the patients have recovered.—Many persons are now sick with it.

The symptoms, as described to us by the physicians, are severe pains in the stomach, inflammation of the epigastrium, vomiting, and extreme cases, paralysis of the limbs, and spasms. The symptoms are almost identical with those of what is commonly called "lead colic," or lead poison.

Certain circumstances have led some of the physicians who have been testing these cases, to suspect that their patients were poisoned by the use of unwholesome flour. Common report, whether rightfully or wrongfully we cannot say, indicate a certain mill in that neighborhood, as the place where the unwholesome flour was obtained.

We have since learned that Mr. Thomas Marsh, miller at Philipsburgh, having procured a new stone for his milling purposes, found in it some flaws or seams, which he unwittingly filled with lead; that in grinding, portions of the lead had worn off and become mixed with flour, thus rendering it deleterious, and causing considerable sickness among those using it.

This circumstance should be carefully remembered by millers elsewhere, that a like event may not happen; for those whose business it is to prepare the materials for the most important part of our diet, and that which effects the health the most, cannot be too carefully guarded from impurities and deleterious matter.

A CHANGE OF BASE.—The Boston *Gazette's* "Old Apple Man" writes: I have thought somewhat of changing my base of operations and going into the Fenian bond business, there is such a splendid field open for making money.—There can be no doubt, I think, in the mind of any intelligent man, of the success of the Fenian movement. The only obstacle in the way is England, a mere bagatelle, that an iron-clad or two can blow out of the water.—This must be evident at a glance, and the investment in bonds will soon bring about this very desirable result. Doubtless the whole of Europe, excepting the Pope, will join in this movement, and the United States, it is well known, stands ready to help by investing its surplus debt in some sinking fund, than which none better is known than this. However, in hope of better times, I shall defer decision until the first successful battle, and then put up the coupons; and speaking of coupons, it reminds me of a boast of my friend Sleet, who is an inventor of wearing apparel made of paper. He tells me he has invented a paper shirt, with coupons attached, an expedient that will undoubtedly be a success.

A FUNERAL IN MEXICO.—At the funeral of a child in Acapulco, the body was dressed magnificently, crowned with roses, and the table upon which it was laid was covered with flowers. The table was carried through the streets, with the child on it; three or four men and boys walked in front, firing rockets, and the military band followed, playing the gayest music. Regarding the death of children as merely their translation to an angelic existence, such an event among these people is an occasion of rejoicing rather than mourning.