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

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Office on Front Street, between Locust and Walnut, Columbia, Pa.
feb. 10, '66.

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COLLECTIONS Made in Lancaster and adjoining Counties.
Pensions. Bounty, back pay and all claims against the government promptly prosecuted.
Office—Locust Street, between Front and Second. Dec. 1'64.

SAMUEL EVANS,
JUSTICE of the PEACE.
OFFICE IN ODD FELLOWS' HALL.
COLUMBIA, PA.
June 18, 1865. 1y.

J. Z. HOFFER,
DENTIST.—OFFICE, Front Street next door to R. Williams' Drug Store, between Locust and Walnut sts, Cola., Pa.

S. G. ERMENTROUT, M. D.,
LATE of Reading, Pa., offers his professional services to the citizens of Columbia and vicinity. Office in Walnut St., below Second. july 14, '66.

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.

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

onfection ery
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.

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.
rems, net cash, at Manufacturer's prices, delivered on Cars or Boat.
Office at their ROLLING MILL,
Columbia, Pa.
Sept. 23, 65 1y

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

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

Wanted, To Rent or Buy.
A HOUSE in a central part of Columbia or to rent two or three comfortable rooms Apply at THIS OFFICE.
Oct. 13 '66-tf.

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,	10 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 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.

ACCIDENTS!
The Original
Travelers' Insurance Company,
OF
Hartford, Connecticut.
Capital all paid in, - $500,000
Net Cash Assets, - $610,000
INSURES against Accidents of All Kinds causing Bodily Injury or Loss of Life.
IT IS CHEAP! IT IS UNIVERSAL! IT IS RELIABLE!
NO MEDICAL EXAMINATION REQUIRED!
Policies issued from One year to Five years. from $5,00, to $50,000.
Every information given at the office of the Agent, F. X. ZEIGLER.
Walnut Street, above Front.
may 19-'66-6m.

MISHLER'S BITTERS.
Sold only by
J. C. BUCHER,
Corner of Front and Locust streets, Columbia, Pa.
may 19,-tf

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.

TAVERN PROPERTY AT
PRIVATE SALE.
A TAVERN STAND AND DWELLING house in Front Street with Lot of Ground, being 160 feet deep and 50 feet front with Stable, Wash House &c., The property is offered at private sale till 7th of December, if not sold till then it will be offered at public sale at 7 o'clock in the evening.
C. TYSON.
Aug. 18-tf.

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.

ROOSTER!
The Celebrated Rooster Whiskey can be had only at the corner of Walnut and Commerce Streets.—For quality, flavor and purity, it cannot be beat. Also
Bourbon Whiskey
from Bourbon County Kentucky, warranted to be the pure article, or no sale.—We have Wines, Brandies, Gins, Cordials, Old Monongahela of all grades. Give us a call and examine for yourself.
CHARLES GROVE,
Corner of Commerce and Walnut Sts., Columbia, Pa. may 19-,66-tf.

PATENT HINGE BACK ALBUMS
Altemus & Co's. Patent Hinge Back Albums, the best album made. Call and examine at
E. SPERING'S
aug. 26. Jewelry Store.

THE CELEBRATED SETH THOMAS CLOCK. E. Spering has just received from the city a choice stock of these celebrated clocks. The best, neatest and prettiest Yankee Clock warranted for two years. aug. 26,

1866. AUTUMN. 1866.
GRAND OPENING
of
Fancy and Staple Dry Goods, Carpeting, Oil Cloths, &c. &c.
AT
Fondersmith's Store,
COLUMBIA, PA.

POPLINS, MERINOES, VALENTIAS,
$1,25 Lupin's French Merinoes,
$1,00 Lupin's 6-4 Delaines,
$1,00 Plain Poplins, (very cheap
$1,25 5-4 Beautiful Plaid Valentias.
60 cents only, for Embroidered Wincies; a new article for Ladies' dresses.

Cheap Cotton Goods,
12½ cent Calicoes and Muslins,
25 cent Sheeting Muslins,
25 cent Heavy Canton Flannels,
20 cent Yard Wide Muslins,
22 cents for good Ginghams.

BLANKETS & COVERLETS
In all Colors, Sizes, and Prices.

BARGAINS IN FLANNELS!
40 cent Flannels,
50 cent Heavy Twilled Flannels,
Real Shaker Flannels,
All Colors Opera Flannels.

MEN'S WEAR,
Good Pant Stuff, 25 to 65 cents,
Good Satinetts. 75 to 1,00,
A full line New Cassimeres,
Over coatings, Velvet Cords, &c.

ALL THE NOVELTIES
In SHAWLS, CLOAKS, and
CLOAKING CLOTHS.
BALMORAL AND HOOP SKIRTS.
To this large and beautiful selection of Goods, we cordially invite the attention of our customers and the public generally.
H. C. FONDERSMITH
ADJOINING THE COLUMBIA NATIONAL BANK.
Sept. 15 1866

ATTENTION HOUSEKEEPERS.
WE are almost daily in receipt of new and fresh groceries, such as
Sugars, Meat,
Teas, Fish,
Coffee, Cheese,
Spices, Flour,
Fruits, &c.
Provisions of all kinds, together with Wood and Willow-ware, Glass and Queensware.
SWITZER AND LIMBER CHEESE, German fruits, &c.
ENGLISH AND AMERICAN PICKLES.
Fresh Peaches, and all the fancy groceries pertainining to a well regulated grocery store. I am determined not to be surpassed in cheapness and in the excellent quality of my goods,
Call around and inspect our stock whether you buy or not. A share of public patronage is solicited.
GEORGE TILLE, Agent,
Locust street, above 2d.
july 7 '66 tf.

NEW GROCERY STORE.
THE Subscriber would respectfully inform the Public generally, that he has just received a general assortment of
Groceries, Provisions,
TEAS AND SPICES.
Sugar cured Hams.
No. 1. and Mess Mackerel.
Extra Fine Syrups.
Refined sugars of all kinds.
Old Rio and Java coffee.
English and American Pickles.
DRIED AND CANNED FRUITS.
Raisins, Prunes and Prepared Mustard always on hand and of the very best grades.
Our stock of staple and fancy groceries is full and complete and we intend keeping it fresh, by almost daily additions,
Notions of different kinds always on hand.
FREDERICK BUCHER.
corner 4th & Locust Streets.
may 26th, 1y.

RASPBERRYADE.
THE well known Summer drink, extra fine and pure, by the quart, gallon or barrel, at J. C. BUCHER'S,
Cor Front and Locust Sts.

P. SHREINER & SON,
SOLE AGENTS
for the sale of
MORTON'S GOLD PENS,
Dealers in
WATCHES, JEWELRY,
AMERICAN CLOCKS,
SILVER AND PLATED WARE,
SPECTACLES, &c.
FRONT ST., NEAR OLD BRIDGE,
Columbia, Penn'a.
READER.—You can get an always ready and reliable Gold Pen exactly adapted to your hand and style of writing with which your writing will be done vastly cheaper and with greater ease and comfort than with Steel Pens (prices 50 cents and upwards) by calling at
P. SHREINER & SON.
June 9

1866, AUTUMN. 1866.
MALTBY & CASE
LOCUST STREET, BELOW SECOND,
Have now open
A COMPLETE ASSORTMENT
of
FALL
and
WINTER GOODS,
offering
GREAT INDUCEMENTS
TO PURCHASERS.

ATTENTION
Is especially invited to their
SPLENDID ASSORTMENT
of
DRESS GOODS.
embracing all the
LATEST STYLES AND FABRICS,
In the market.

HOOP SKIRTS,
BRADLEY'S DUPLEX,
And other popular makes at all prices.
BALMORAL SKIRTS,
WHITE GOODS:
LADIES' SACK CLOTHS
BLACK CLOTHS & DOESKINS,
FANCY CASSIMERES,
SATINETTS, JEANS, TWEEDS & VESTINGS,
IN GREAT VARIETY.

GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.
Comprising every desirable make and style
UNDER-SHIRTS, DRAWERS,
HOSIERY, GLOVES, SCARFS,
COMFORTS, SHIRTS,
COLLARS TIES &c., &c.

LADIES, MISSES' and CHILDRENS
FURS,
SHAWLS, BREAKFAST SHAWLS
SONTAGS, CAPS; NUBIAS,
SCARFS, HOSIERY, GLOVES,
MITS &c., &c., &c.

Boots & Shoes
of all descriptions for
MEN A. D BOY'S,
LADIES, MISSES & CHILDREN.

READY MADE CLOTHING.
CARPETS, AND OIL CLOTHS,
GROCERIES, & QUEENSWARE.
with a great variety of other
SEASONABLE GOODS
An examination of our Stock is respectfully solicited—all goods sold at the very
LOWEST CASH PRICES,
and
Warranted as represented.
MALTBY & CASE.
Columbia, Pa.
Oct. 27 66.

MERCHANT TAILORING.
Having secured the services of an experienced
Fashionable Tailor
Merchant Tailoring in all its branches will also be carried on in connection with our other already large mercantile business.
All orders in that line will be executed with
PROMPTNESS AND DESPATCH.
Entire satisfaction. both as to Workmanship and Fit guaranteed.
PRICES MODERATE.
☞ Orders respectfully solicited.
MALTBY & CASE,
Columbia, Pa.
Oct. 27, '65.

F. HINKLE,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.
HAS located premanently in Columbia, and offers his professional services to the citizens of his place.
He may be found at his office at the residence of B. Haldeman, on Locust street, every day from 8 to 10 A. M., and from 7 to 8 P. M. Persons wishing his services in special cases, between these hours will leave word, by note, at his office, or thro' the Post office. Oct. 6, '66.

PHOTOGRAPHS.
THE OLD ORIGINAL GALLERY.
The subscriber has completely re-fitted his establishment, and his gallery cannot be surpassed by any in the county, and he hopes by careful personal attention to give the public better pictures than have heretofore been produced.
AMBROTYPES, PHOTOGRAPHS, Ivorytypes, Melainotypes, *Carte de Visite,* and pictures on canvass taken in the best style, and at prices which cannot be beaten for cheapness.
☞ Likenesses warranted, and a satisfactory picture furnished without repeated sittings. He asks a continuance of the liberal patronage always extended to this establishment. Call and examine specimens at the rooms, northeast corner of Front and Locust streets. Entrance on Locust street. R. J. M. LITTLE.
Oct. 24 1863.

Reading & Columbia R. R.

Will commence running regular Passenger Trains on
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23d, 1866,
Between
Lancaster, Columbia AND Reading
AS FOLLOWS;

Leave Lancaster and Columbia at
8.15 a. m., and arrive at Reading 10.30 a. m.
3.00 p. m. " " 5.30 noon.
Leave Reading at
7.15 a. m., arrive at Lancaster & Columbia 9.45 a.m.
6.15 p.m. " " 8.30 p. m.

☞ The Sunday train is discontinued.

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.

GEO. F. GAGE, Supt.
E. F. KEEVER, Gen. Freight and Ticket Agt.
Columbia, Sept. 8, 1866

PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD.

Trains leave Columbia going East,

Lancaster train,	8, 30 A. M.
Harrisburg Accommodation,	5.38 P.M.

Trains leave West,

Mail train,	11.55 P. M.
Harrisburg Accommodation,	6. 30 P. M.
Lancaster train arrives,	8. 10 "

Columbia Accommodation.

Leave Columbia for Lancaster,	1.40 P.M.
Arrive at Lancaster	2.10 "

Connecting with day express for Phil'a.

Leave Lancaster at	2.45 "
Arrive at Columbia	3.20 "

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

Leave Wrightsville	8 00 A. M.
" "	1 50 P. M.
" "	6 45 P. M.
Leave York	6 45 A. M.
" "	12 10 P. M.
" "	3 50 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.

HALL'S
VEGETABLE SICILIAN
HAIR RENEWER,
The effects of which are to
RESTORE THE HAIR
TO ITS
NATURAL COLOR,
AND PROMOTE ITS GROWTH.
It is an entirely new scientific discovery, combining many of the most powerful and restorative agents in the *vegetable kingdom.*
It cures all diseases of the scalp, and allays all that heat and irritation, and furnishes a nutritive principle by which the hair is nourished and supported, and by its remedial virtues, it causes the hair to grow where it has fallen out, and restores it to its natural color when gray. The old in appearance are made young again. It will keep the hair from falling out.
It is not a Dye, it strikes at the roots and fills the glands with new life and coloring matter. It is the best
HAIR DRESSING
Ever used, making it moist, soft and glossy. It removes dandruff, and all those scurvy eruptions. It does not contain oil and alcohol, which dry up the secretions upon which the vitality depends.
No person, old or young, should fail to use it. *It is recommended and used by the FIRST MEDICAL AUTHORITY.*
☞ Ask for HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN HAIR RENEWER, and take no other.
Our Treatise on the Hair sent free upon application.
R. P. HALL & CO., Proprietors,
NASHUA, N. H.
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

BAY RUM FOR THE TOILET.
Recommended by all Doctors, for washing purposes. 75 cents per bottle, at
J. C. BUCHER'S,
Cor. Front and Locust Sts.
july 66 tf

PARIS FANCY GOODS!
For Holiday gifts consisting of Fancy Work Boxes Segar Stands, Watch Stands, Vases, &c. Fine Cutlery, Pocket Books, Combs, &c., at E. Spering's Cheap Jewelry Store.

Poetry.

For the Spy.

My Pretty Brunette.

BY EVA VLICE.

My heart with a treasure is laden,
Far richer than gems of the sea;
'Tis the love of yonder sweet maiden,
Whose tears are now falling for me.

O! sweet are the thoughts which I cherish,
Love's arrows are causing me pain;
I can bleed, can suffer, near perish,
If only to meet her again.

Such charms of unspeakable beauty!
Those smiles I can never forget.
But alas! I'm a soldier on duty,—
Farewell to "My Pretty Brunette!"

Miscellaneous.

Ventilate Your Children's Rooms.

Most parents, before retiring to rest, make it a duty to visit the sleeping rooms of their children. They do so in order to be satisfied that the lights are extinguished, and that no danger is threatening their little ones. But if they leave the room with closed windows and doors, they shut in as great an enemy as fire, although his ravages may not be so readily detected.—Poison is there slow but deadly.

Morning after morning do may little children wake weary, fretful and oppressed. "What can it mean?" "What can it be?" the mother cries. In despair she has recourse to medicine. The constitution becomes enfeebled, and the child gets worse

The cause, perhaps, is never traced to over crowded sleeping-rooms without proper air, but it is nevertheless the right one. An intelligent mother having acquainted herself with the principles of ventilation, will not retire to her own room for the night without having provided sufficiency of air for her children in the same manner that she provides and regulates their night covering, or any requisite for refreshing slumber. Sometimes by judiciously lowering a window, and at other times by leaving a door wide open, this end may be attained.

In many houses the day and night nurseries communicate. When this is the case the window of the farther room should be left open, and the doors between the rooms likewise open. Even in severe weather young children can bear this arrangement if they are not exposed to a direct draught.

"Dame Fortune's Freaks."

The Newville *Star* says that a young man now engaged in teaching "the young idea to shoot" in Mifflin town-ship, Cumberland county, is reported to be the happy recipient of an estate valued at $75,000. This freak of fortune is tinctured with the colors of romance.—Belonging to one of the Pennsylvania regiments, he was engaged in the battle of Gettysburg, in which he received a wound in the arm. Returning from the field he became faint from the loss of blood, and was kindly taken care of by a benevolent family living near by. During his confinement, women whose heart is always alive to suffering humanity, tenderly watched over him. Her tender nursing kindled love's flame. The nurse and patient promised each other days of future bliss. The father of the family perceiving this state of affairs and weakening under the infirmities of age made his will prior to their marriage, in which he bequeathed this clever estate to the soldier and his expectant bride unconscious of such paternal favor. The young soldier engaged in teaching, nobly striving to honestly earn his bread, and was thus laboring when his attorney notified him of his happy fortune—Fortune smiles on the brave.

Tobacco.

There are about thirty species of tobacco, all posessing nearly the same properties. It is said the plant was first found in Yucatan. It was taken to Spain and from there to Portugal. From Portugal it was carried to different European kingdoms. Snuff-taking commenced in Paris, Catherine de Medicis, whose name has an unpleasant history, from its connection with the massacre of Protestants, being is first patron. Soon after the settlement of this country it became an important article of commerce, and one hundred and twenty pounds was the stipend paid for a wife by some of the early settlers of Virginia.

—Cyrus W. Field has twice failed—once in 1857 and again in 1860—both times from the effects of commercial panics, superadded to his investments in the Atlantic cable scheme. His creditors of 1857 he subsequently paid in full, and he is now engaged in the same service toward those of 1860, the successful laying of the cable having put him in funds. The amount he is now thus disbursing is about $200,000.

Steel Rails.

Burd Patterson, in an article in the *Miner's Journal* says that steel rails for railways will last twenty times as long as iron rails. He alludes to the iron rails on the Reading Railroad at Pottstown lasting but three years, and remarks as follows:

"All the steel rails now used in England have two treads. Mr. John L. Pott and Mr. Lewis Griffith, have returned to this place from a three months visit to England, Scotland and South Wales, for the purpose of examining the Steel Works making steel by the Bessemer process. They took letters of introduction from Governor Curtin, and were freely admitted into all the large works. They have obtained much valuable information. They saw a portion of 10,000 tons of steel rails now being made by Brown & Co., of Sheffield, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Steel rails imported at this time will cost about two hundred dollars per ton; iron rails ninety-five dollars per ton. We must make our own steel rails and quit using iron rails. Safety and economy both demand it.—Very many of the old iron works in England, Scotland and Wales are putting up Bessimer Steel Converters. The process is very simple, and requires only thirty minutes to convert melted pig metal into Bessemer steel, by blowing cold air into it at a pressure of fifteen pounds to the square inch."

The Dead Alive.

In the year 1849 a young man left the city of Richmond for California, where his efforts proved successful, and in time he amassed a fortune. He kept up a correspondence with his relatives there until the beginning of hostilities, when mail facilities being cut off, his family heard no more of him. After the close of the war a report of his death reached Richmond, and he was duly mourned as a son and brother lost. His father, a wealthy citizen, died in the mean time, and his estate was duly administered upon and divided among the remaining heirs. Recently the young man reported and lamented as dead made his appearance, well and hearty, as agent of an immigration society and was not a little surprised to learn that he had been thus summarily consigned to an early tomb. As a matter of course he is entitled to a share in his father's estate, and the administrator is much perplexed as to how he shall act in the premises.

Whiskers and Kisses.

The editress of the Lancaster Literary Gazette says she "would as soon nestle her nose in a rat's nest of Swingletown as a man with whiskers to kiss her." We don't believe a word of it. The objections which some ladies pretend to have to whiskers all arise from envy. They don't have any. They would if they could; but the fact is, the continual motion of the lower jaw is fatal to their growth. The ladies—God bless them!—adopt our fashions as far as they can. Look at the depredations they have committed on our wardrobes the last few years. They have appropriated our shirt bosoms, gold studs and all. They have encircled their soft bewitching cheeks in our standing collars and cravats, driving us to flatties and turn-downs. Their innocent little hearts have been palpitating in the inside of our waistcoats, instead of thumping against the outside, as naturally intended. They thrust their pretty little feet and ankles through our unmentionables, unthink abouts, and they are skipping along the streets in our high-heeled boots. Do you hear?—we say boots.

Ladies and Newspapers.

It is a great mistake in female education to keep a young lady's time and attention devoted to the fashionable literature of the day. If you would qualify her for conversation, you must give her something to talk about—give her education with this actual world and its transpiring events. Urge her to read the newspapers, and become familiar with the present character and improvements of our race. History is of some importance; but the past world is dead, and we have nothing to do with it. Our thoughts and our concerns should be for the present world, to know what it is and improve the condition of it. Let her have an intelligent opinion and be able to sustain a conversation concerning the mental, moral, political and religious improvement of our times.

—A sea wall for the protection of a portion of the harbor of San Francisco, is to be constructed at a cost of $2,500,000

—Slander is more accumulative than a snow-ball. It is like a salad, which every one will season to his own taste, or the taste of those to whom he offers it.