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**BUSINESS CARDS.**  
**E. M. NORTH,**  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
Columbia, Pa.  
Collections promptly made in Lancaster York counties.  
Cola., July 2, 1865.

**J. W. FISHER,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
Office on Front Street, between Locust and Walnut, Columbia, Pa.  
Feb. 10, '66.

**A. J. KAUFFMAN,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
COLLECTIONS Made in Lancaster and adjoining Counties.  
Pensions, Bounty, back pay and all claims against the government promptly presented.  
Office—Locust Street, between Front and Second, Dec. 17, '64.

**SAMUEL EVANS,**  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.  
OFFICE IN ODD FELLOWS' HALL,  
COLUMBIA, PA.  
June 18, 1863.

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

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

**FRANKLIN ROUSE,**  
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, Proprietor.  
Col., July 15, '65

**MISHLER'S HOTEL,**  
EVAN MISHLER, Proprietor.  
WEST MARKET SQUARE,  
READING, PENNA.  
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.

**Confectionery**  
AND FRUIT OF ALL KINDS IN SEASON. Fruits 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.  
Superior and Extra Family Flour for sale, also mill feed of all kinds. Wheat ground and packed to order.  
Town and country custom solicited July 22, 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.  
Welding and Repairing Boilers promptly attended to. Thanks for past favors, we would invite the attention of our friends and patrons to this new branch of our business.  
SUPPLEE & BRO.,  
2d Street, Columbia, Pa.  
Jan. 21, '65.

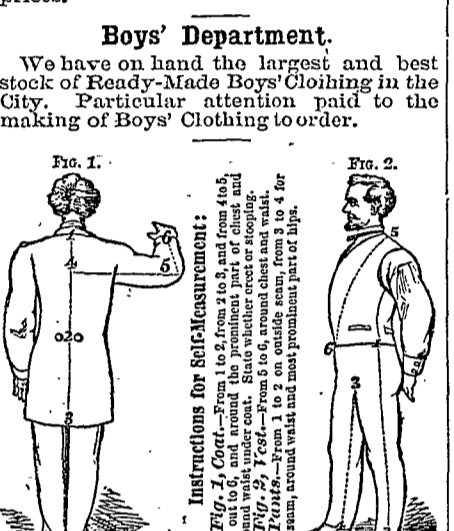
**SUSQUEHANNA IRON CO.**  
Manufacturers of all sizes of  
**Refined & Double Refined**  
ROUND, SQUARE, FLATS, OVAL, AND HALF OVAL IRON.  
Car Axles, Shafting and Horse Shoe Bars, &c. Orders promptly filled from Stock on hand or made to order.  
Rooms, net cash, at Manufacturer's prices, delivered on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

**RODGERS & BROTHERS' SUPERIOR**  
Silver Plated Ware at  
E. SPERING'S  
Cheap Jewelry Store,  
Columbia, Pa.  
Aug. 23, '65.

**NEW STYLE OF WATERFALL COMBS**  
at  
E. SPERING'S  
Jewelry Store,  
Columbia, Pa.  
Aug. 23, '65.

**RASPBERRY VADE.**  
THE best known Summer drink, extra fine and pure, by the quart, gallon or barrel, at  
C. C. BUCHER'S,  
Cor. Front and Locust Sts.

**THE GREAT CLOTHING HOUSE**  
OF PHILADELPHIA.  
BARGAINS IN FINE CLOTHING!!!  
Rockhill & Wilson,  
BROWN STONE CLOTHING HALL,  
603 and 605 Chestnut Street, PHILADELPHIA.  
**READY-MADE CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.**  
The choicest stock of READY-MADE CLOTHING FOR FALL AND WINTER WEAR.  
Ever offered to purchasers, comprising all the NEWEST AND MOST APPROVED STYLES.  
**Custom Department.**  
Our newly fitted up custom department for Gentlemen, Youths and Boys, now contains a carefully selected stock of Foreign and Domestic Goods, which we are prepared to make to order, in the best manner, and at reasonable prices.  
**Boys' Department.**  
We have on hand the largest and best stock of Ready-Made Boys' Clothing in the City. Particular attention paid to the making of Boys' Clothing to order.



**ATTENTION HOUSEKEEPERS.**  
We are almost daily in receipt of new and fresh groceries, such as  
Meat, Fish, Cheese, Eggs, Butter, Coffee, Spices, Fruits, &c.  
Provisions of all kinds, together with Wood and Willow-ware, Glass and Queens-ware, SWITZER and LIMBER CHEESE, German fruits, &c.  
**ENGLISH AND AMERICAN PICKLES.**  
Fresh Peaches, and all the fancy groceries pertaining 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 ft.

**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.

**J. W. REASIN,**  
MERCHANT TAILOR,  
Hellam Street, seven doors above Second, WRIGHTSVILLE, PENNA.  
**CLOTHS, GENTS' CASSIMERES AND VESTINGS,** all styles and suited to any season, kept constantly on hand and manufactured to order at short notice, and warranted to give perfect satisfaction.  
Aug. 19, 1865, 1y.

**F. HINKLE,**  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.  
HAS located permanently in Columbia, and offers his professional services to the citizens of this place.  
He may be found at his office at the residence of E. 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 through 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 country, and he hopes by careful personal attention to give the public better pictures than have heretofore been produced.  
**AMBROTYPE, PHOTOGRAPHS, FORTYTYPE, Melinotype, 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 east street.  
R. J. M. LITTLE,  
Oct. 24 1865.

**RAY BIN FOR THE TOILET.**  
Recommended by all Doctors, for washing purposes. 75 cents per Doz. at  
J. C. BUCHER'S,  
Cor. Front and Locust Sts.  
July 65 ft

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 CLOTHES**  
**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,**  
SEAWALS, BREAKFAST SHAWLS, SONTAGS, CAPS, NUBIAS, SCARFS, HOSIERY, GLOVES, MITTS &c., &c., &c.  
**Boots & Shoes**  
of all descriptions for  
**MEN AND BOYS',**  
**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 '65.

**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 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.

**PURSE WINES & LIQUORS.**  
THE subscriber calls the attention of his friends and public, generally to his large and well assorted stock of pure wines and liquors at wholesale, only retail for medicinal purposes and family use.  
**IMPORTED WINES & LIQUORS,** such as Cognac of different grades and brands, Holland and Cordial Gins, Port Lisbon, Sherry, Madeira, Malaga, Champagne, German, Rhine, Claret, &c.  
**Domestic Wines and Liquors,** Domestic Brandy, Domestic Gin, XXX Old Rye, XX Old Rye, XXX Old Rye, Bourbon and Monongahela Whiskies, Vines, Catawba, sweet and tart, Currant, Blackberry, Elderberry, St. Louis Port, &c.  
**BITTERS,** Mischler's Herb, The great Zingari, Bruner Stovers, Wine and Cook Tail, Brown Stout, Scotch Ales, Selters' Water, Ginger, Blackberry, Catawba, Cherry, &c.  
J. C. BUCHER,  
cor. Front & Locust.  
may 26, '66

**MISHLER'S BITTERS.**  
Sold only by  
**J. C. BUCHER,**  
Corner of Front and Locust streets, Columbia, Pa.  
may 19, '66

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

**PARRY'S**  
Golden Mortar Drug Store  
is the  
**HEADQUARTERS**  
for  
**Ring's Ambrosia!**  
WARRANTED TO  
RESTORE GRAY HAIR,  
AND  
PREVENT ITS FALLING OUT!  
FOR SALE

**PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD.**  
Reading and Philadelphia, Pa.  
WINTER ARRANGEMENT.  
December 1st, 1866.  
**GREAT TRUNK LINE FROM THE** North and North West for Philadelphia, New York, Reading, Pottsville, Tanawana, Ashland, Lebanon, Allentown, Easton, Ephrata, Litz, Lancaster, Columbia, &c., &c.  
Trains leave Harrisburg for New York, as follows: At 5.00, 6.10 and 8.35 A. M., and 2.10 and 5.00 P. M., connecting with similar Trains on the Pennsylvania Rail Road, and arriving at New York at 5.00 and 10.10 A. M., and 4.40 and 9.25 P. M. Sleeping Cars accompanying the 3.00 A. M., and 9.00 P. M. Trains without change.  
Leave Harrisburg for Reading, Pottsville, Tanawana, Minersville, Ashland, Pine Grove, Allentown and Philadelphia, as follows: At 5.00 A. M., stopping at Lebanon and principal Way Stations; the 4.10 P. M., making connections for Philadelphia and Columbia only. For Pottsville, Schuylkill, Hazleton and Auburn, via Schuylkill and Susquehanna Rail Road, leave Harrisburg at 3.30 P. M.  
Leave New York for Philadelphia, as follows: At 6.00 and 8.00 A. M., and 2.10 and 5.00 P. M.; Philadelphia at 8.15 A. M., and 2.45 P. M.; Allentown at 11.20 A. M., and 1.55 P. M.; Tanawana at 9.45 A. M., and 1.00 and 4.55 P. M.  
Leave Pottsville for Harrisburg, via Schuylkill and Susquehanna Rail Road at 7.00 A. M.  
Reading Accommodation Train: Leaves Reading at 6.20 A. M., returning from Philadelphia at 1.30 P. M.  
Columbia Rail Road Trains leave Reading at 4.00 A. M., and 6.15 P. M. for Ephrata, Litz, Lancaster, Columbia, &c.  
On Sundays: Leave New York at 8.00 P. M., Philadelphia at 8.00 A. M., and 3.15 P. M., the 8.00 A. M. Train running only to Reading; Pottsville at 6.00 A. M., Harrisburg at 5.35 A. M., and Reading at 1.20 and 7.30 A. M. for Harrisburg, and 11.22 A. M. for New York, and 4.25 P. M. for Philadelphia.  
Commutation, Milage, Season, School and Excursion Tickets, to and from all points, at reduced Rates checked through; 80 pounds allowed each Passenger.  
G. A. NICOLLS,  
General Superintendent.  
READING, Pa., January 1st, 1867.

**Reading & Columbia R. R.**  
ON AND AFTER  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 1866,  
Trains will run between  
Lancaster, Columbia  
AND  
Reading  
AS FOLLOWS:  
Leave Lancaster and Columbia, 8.00 a. m.  
Arrive at Reading, 10.20 a. m., and 3.00 p. m.  
Return, leave Reading at 7.00 a. m., and 6.15 p. m.  
Arrive at Lancaster 9.20, and Columbia 9.25 a. m., and 3.30 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.  
GEO. F. GAUGE, Supt.  
E. F. KEEVER, Genl. Freight and Ticket Agt.  
Columbia, Dec. 1, 1866.

**REMEMBER THE OLD ESTABLISHED STAND.**  
**GREAT BARGAINS AT THE CHEAP CASH BOOK STORE.**  
We have just received from the Fall Trade a 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' Natural Elementary Arithmetic, Brooks' Geometry and Trigonometry, Raul's Normal Speller, Sanders' Union Readers. We call special attention to our large assortment of  
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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 healthy 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 scurfy 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.  
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**Parry.**  
[By Request.]  
**"GO IT ALONE!"**  
BY JOHN G. SAGE.  
There's a game much in fashion, I think it's called Parry.  
Though I've never played it for pleasure or lucre, In which when the cards are in certain conditions, The players appear to have changed their positions, And one of them cries in a confident tone—"I think I might venture to go it alone."  
While watching the game, 'tis a whim of the bard's, A moral to draw from the skirmin' in cards, And to fancy he finds in the trivial strife, Some excellent hints for the battle of life. Where, whether the prize be a ribbon or throne, The winner is he who can "go it alone."  
When great Galileo proclaimed that the world In a regular orbit was ceaselessly whirled, And got—not a convert for all of his pains, But only derision, and prison, and chains—"It moves, for all that," was his answering tone, For he knew, like the earth, he could "go it alone."  
When Kepler, with intellect piercing afar, Discovered the laws of each planet and star; And doctors who ought to have lauded his name, Derided his learning and blackened his fame;—"I can wait," he replied, "till the truth you shall own," For he felt in his heart he could "go it alone."  
As for the player who idly depends In a regular orbit was ceaselessly whirled, Whatever the value of blue-jeans like these, They can never atone for ignominious ease, Nor comfort the coward who flinches with a groan, That his crutches have left him to "go it alone."  
There is something, no doubt, in the hand you may hold, Health, family, culture, wit, beauty and gold; The unfortunate owner may fairly regard, As such, in its way, a most excellent card— Yet the game may be lost, with all these for your own, Unless you've the courage to "go it alone."  
In battle or business, whatever the game, In far or in town it is ever the same; In the struggle for power, or scrabble for pelf, Let this be your motto: "Rely on yourself!" For whether the prize be a ribbon or throne, The victor is he who can "go it alone."

**Decision.**  
Decision of character is necessary at all times, but it is most emphatically demanded in times of danger, trouble and death. Where all is quiet, we may be gently borne along by the current, without any serious danger; or particular effort. But when storms rush madly athwart our pathway, then firmness is demanded to stem the gale, and pursue our course. When our companions are all good and true, even though feeble, we may steer clear of danger; but when we are in the midst of those who are grossly immoral, and temptations assail us with tremendous force, we then need a mind of our own as decided as possible, to enable us to pursue the even tenor of our ways.  
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