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THOS. D. WINCHESTER, PROPRIETOR.
This Hotel is central and convenient for Pennsylvanians.
ABLE MISHLER, *of Reading*, Pa., is an assistant at this Hotel, and will be glad to see his friends at all times. oct10-tfw

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THIS HOTEL IS PLEASANTLY LOCATED, close to the Stations of the Reading and Columbia, and Pennsylvania Railroads,
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Ample accommodations for Strangers and Travelers. The Bar is stocked with
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And the Tables furnished with the best fare.
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LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE!
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3rd. 20 per cent. less in cost than other schools of equal grade.
☞*Folly and fashion* are not part of our program. We aim at *refinement*, but a *refinement* springing from a *good* heart and a *cultivated* intellect.
For Catalogues or further particulars, address
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And Marble Work of every description.
☞Orders promptly attended to
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Thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon him, he respectfully solicits a continuance of the same. He has on hand the largest, most varied and complete stock of finished
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to be found in the city, and which will be sold at the lowest prices. Building work and Jobbing of every description punctually attended to.
Persons in want of Monuments, Mantles, or Grave Stones, are invited to call and examine the stock on hand, also the portfolios of designs.
June 29-tf

SEEING IS BELIEVING!
AT 704 ARCH STREET.
NEW PRICES! NEW GOODS!
RICH SILVER AND SILVER-PLATED WARES,
Including every Style and description, made expressly for the Winter Trade, which, for neatness and durability cannot be surpassed at
JOHN BOWMAN'S
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Re-Plating at Short Notice.
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Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
Wines and Liquors!
Has removed his Store to his Building, adjoining Haldeman's Store, Locust St., Columbia, Pa., where he has fitted up rooms, and greatly *increased his facilities for doing* a more extensive business.

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These Bitters are celebrated for the great cures they have performed in every case, when tried.
Dr. Mishler offers *five hundred dollars* to the proprietor of any Medicine that can show a greater number of genuine certificates of cures effected by it, near the place where it is made, than
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JUST PURCHASED, AT REDUCED PRICES, a splendid Assortment of new and desirable
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COOKING STOVES—*Anti-Dust Quaker City, and the Niagara.*
BRITANNIA WARE, in Sets or separate, to suit purchasers.
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Agent for the Celebrated DOTY'S CLOTHES WASHER. The most popular, best and cheapest Washing Machine ever invented.
In connection with the above Washing Machine, he has the
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Call at the corner of Second and Locust streets, and satisfy yourself that you can get better bargains there than at any other establishment.
HIRAM WILSON,
Cor. of Second and Locust Sts. Columbia, Pa.
April 20, 1867-1y.

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LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!
GOODS WELL BOUGHT ARE HALF SOLD. The finest and best lot of goods ever brought to Columbia, may be seen at the
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OF
P. S. McTAGUE,
Where the Public are cordially invited to call and examine the Goods and Prices. The greater part of the goods were bought before the late advance in cotton, and consequently can be *sold much cheaper* than present Wholesale Prices. The Stock is now full and complete, comprising the different grades of goods, viz:
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A fine lot of Spring Styles of SUMMER DELAINES, besides MUSLINS, CALICOES, TICKINGS, DENIMS, FURNITURE and SHIRTING CHECKS, TABLE DIAPER, GINGHAMS and LINSEYS.
An elegant selection of Spring and Summer BALMORALS at the lowest prices. Bargains in SILKS, in all widths of Sheetings and Pillow Cases Muslins of the Best Makes.
A perfectly new line of CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, SATINETTS, TRENTON PLAIDS, JEANS, Ladies' Cloaking Cloths, and Ready-made Coats, latest Fashions.
The Subscriber is just entering into the BOOT and SHOE business, and being determined to keep none but the best Goods in this line, and sell at less than usual prices, respectfully solicits the patronage of the public.
P. S. McTAGUE,
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There is no necessity for "Swinging around the Circle" of
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We offer for sale the
GROVER & BAKER
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Making the Elastic Stitch *which will not rip or break by tension*, and for proof of its excellence, refer to those having them in use.
☞We have at all times a COMPETENT PERSON in attendance—not to picture imaginary perfections, nor to describe with voluble fluency the defects of other machines, in order to hide anything in those we sell, but to show what can *be done* with *ours.*
We have also the best
LOCK STITCH
MANUFACTURING MACHINE,
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SECOND-HAND MACHINES,
In good running order, of the following makes, which we will sell at ABOUT HALF *the original* PRICE:
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June 8,'67-tf]

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CORSETS, CORSETS.
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The largest assortment, and best quality and styles in the American Market. Every lady should try them, as they recommend themselves, by wearing longer, retaining their shape much better, being lighter and more elastic than all others—WARRANTED *in every respect*, and sold at very low prices. Ask for HOPKINS' "CHAMPION" SKIRT.
Superior Hand-made Whale-Bone CORSETS, in fifteen different grades, including the "Imperial" and Thompson & Langdon's "GLOVE-FITTING" CORSETS, ranging in prices from 81 cents to $5.50; together with Joseph Beckel's Celebrated French Woven CORSETS, *superior* shapes and quality. Ten different grades, from $1.10 to $5.50. They are the finest and best goods for the prices, ever imported. *The trade* supplied with Hoop Skirts and Corsets at the lowest rates.
Those visiting the city should not fail to call and examine our goods and prices, as we defy all competition. sept12-'68.

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AMERICAN, ENGLISH AND SWISS WATCHES, in great variety. A Stock not excelled outside the city. At very low rates.
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Embracing the following:
Catawba, Port, Lisbon, Cherry, Maderia, Malaga, Champagne, Claret, Rhine, Blackberry, Elderberry, Currant and Muscat WINES.

COGNAC, OF DIFFERENT BRANDS.
Also, OLD RYE WHISKEY and BRANDIES of all kinds:
Blackberry, Jamaica Spirits, Catawba, Kummel, Cherry, Ginger, Rum, Gin, Superior Old Rye, Pure Old Rye, XXX Old Rye, XX Old Rye X Old Rye, Pure Old Rye, Monongahela, Rectified Whisky, London Brown Stout, Scotch Ale, &c., &c., &c.

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POCKET FLASKS,
DEMIJOHNS,
TOBACCO BOXES,
and FANCY ARTICLES, in great variety,
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BEST STOUT. PORTER!
From E. & G. HIBBERT, LONDON.
For sale by
J. C. BUCHER,
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Agent for the
PURE MALT VINEGAR.
Cannot be purchased at any other establishment in town, and is warranted to keep fruits and vegetables perfect.

The Best Brands of Imported
SCOTCH AND LONDON ALE.
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TO SMOKERS AND CHEWERS.
BUCHER will still keep on hand the Best Brands of
SMOKING AND CHEWING TOBACCO, SNUFF, HAVANA, YARA, and COMMON SEGARS. Also, SNUFF & TOBACCO BOXES, PIPES—a thousand and one varieties. Call at
J. C. BUCHER'S,
Locust Street, adjoining Haldeman's Store.
It is the greatest establishment of the kind this side of Philadelphia.
☞Only Agency for Lee's London Porter, and Mishler's Bitters.

HOOFLAND'S COLUMN.

HOOFLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS
AND
HOOFLAND'S GERMAN TONIC.
The Great Remedies for all Diseases of the LIVER, STOMACH, OR DIGESTIVE ORGANS.
HOOFLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS
Is composed of the pure juices, (or, as they are medicinally termed, *Extracts*,) of Roots, Herbs, and Barks, making a preparation, highly concentrated, and entirely *free from alcoholic admixture of any kind.*
HOOFLAND'S GERMAN TONIC
Is a combination of all the ingredients of the Bitters, with the purest quality of *Santa Cruz Rum*, Orange, &c., making one of the most pleasant and agreeable remedies ever offered to the public.
Those preferring a medicine free from Alcoholic admixture, will use
HOOFLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS.
Those who have no objection to the combination of the Bitters, as stated, will use
HOOFLAND'S GERMAN TONIC.
They are both equally good, and contain the same medicinal virtues, the choice between the two being a mere matter of taste, the Tonic being the most palatable.
The Stomach, from a variety of causes, such as Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Nervous Debility, etc., is very apt to have its functions deranged. The Liver, sympathizing as it does with the Stomach, then becomes affected, the result of which is that the patient suffers from several or more of the following diseases:
Constipation, Flatulence, Inward Piles, Fulness of Blood to the Head, Acidity of the Stomach, Nausea, Heartburn, Disgust for Food, Fulness or Weight in the Stomach, Sour Eructations, Sinking, or Fluttering at the Pit of the Stomach, Swimming of the Head, Hurried or Difficult Breathing, Fluttering at the Heart, Choking or Suffocating Sensations when in a Lying Posture, Dimness of Vision, Dots or Webs before the Sight, Dull Pain in the Head, Deficiency of Perspiration, Yellowness of the Skin and Eyes, Pain in the Side, Back, Chest, Limbs, etc., Sudden Flushes of Heat, Burning in the Flesh, Constant Imaginings of Evil, and Great Depression of Spirits.
The sufferer from these diseases should exercise the greatest caution in the selection of a remedy for his case, purchasing only that which he is assured from his investigations and inquiries, possesses in true merit, is skillfully compounded, is free from injurious ingredients, and has established for itself a reputation for the cure of these diseases. In this connection we would submit those well-known remedies—
HOOFLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS,
AND
HOOFLAND'S GERMAN TONIC.
PREPARED BY R. C. M. JACKSON,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
Twenty-two years since they were first introduced into this country from Germany, during which time they have undoubtedly performed more cures, and benefited suffering humanity to a greater extent, than any other remedies known to the public.
These remedies will effectually cure Liver Complaint, Jaundice, Dyspepsia, Chronic or Nervous Debility, Chronic Diarrhœa, or Disease of the Kidneys, and all diseases arising from a Disordered Liver, Stomach, or Intestines.
DEBILITY,
Resulting from any Cause Whatever; Prostration of the System, induced by Severe Labor, Hardships, Exposure, Fevers, &c.
There is no medicine extant equal to these remedies in such cases. A tone and vigor is imparted to the whole system, the appetite is strengthened, food is enjoyed, the stomach digests promptly, the blood is purified, the complexion becomes sound and healthy, the yellow tinge is eradicated from the eyes, a bloom is given to the cheeks, and the weak and nervous invalid becomes a strong and healthy being.
PERSONS ADVANCED IN LIFE,
And feeling the hand of time weighing heavily upon them, with all its attendant ills, will find in the use of this BITTERS, or the TONIC, an elixir that will instil new life into their veins, restore in a measure the energy and ardor of more youthful days, build up their shrunken forms, and give health and happiness to their remaining years.
NOTICE.
It is a well-established fact that fully one-half of the female population are seldom in the enjoyment of good health; or, to express, "Never feel well." They are languid, devoid of all energy, extremely nervous, and have no appetite.
To this class of persons the BITTERS, or the TONIC, is *especially recommended.*
WEAK AND DELICATE CHILDREN
Are made strong by the use of either of these remedies. They will cure every case of MARASMUS, without fail.
Thousands of certificates have accumulated in the hands of the proprietors, but space will allow of the publication of but a few. Those, it will be observed, are men of note, and of such standing that they must be believed.
Testimonials.
HON. GEORGE W. WOODWARD,
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, writes:
PHILADELPHIA, March 16, 1867.
"I find 'Hoofland's German Bitters' is a good tonic, useful in diseases of the digestive organs, and of great benefit in cases of debility and want of nervous action in the system.
"Yours truly,
GEO. W. WOODWARD."
HON. JAMES THOMPSON,
Judge of the Supreme Court of Penn'a.
PHILADELPHIA, April 23, 1866.
"I consider 'Hoofland's German Bitters' a *valuable medicine* in case of attacks of Indigestion or Dyspepsia. I can certify this from my experience of it.
"Yours, with respect,
"JAMES THOMPSON."
FROM REV. JOS. H. KENNARD, D. D., Pastor of the Tenth Baptist Church, Phila.
DR. JACKSON—Dear Sir: I have been frequently requested to connect my name with recommendations of different kinds of medicines, but regarding the practice as out of my appropriate sphere, I have in all cases declined; but with a clear proof in various instances, and particularly in my own family, of the usefulness of Dr. Hoofland's German Bitters, I depart for once from my usual course, to express my full conviction that, *for general debility of the system, and especially for Liver Complaint, it is a safe and valuable preparation. In some cases it may fail;* but usually, I doubt not, it will be very beneficial to those who suffer from the above causes. Yours, very respectfully,
J. H. KENNARD,
Eighth, below Coates St.
FROM REV. E. D. FENDALL,
Ass't Editor Christian Chronicle, Philada.
I have derived decided benefit from the use of Hoofland's German Bitters, and feel it my privilege to recommend them as a most valuable tonic, to all who are suffering from general debility, or from diseases arising from derangement of the liver.
Yours truly, E. D. FENDALL.
CAUTION.
Hoofland's German Remedies are counterfeited. See that the signature of C. M. JACKSON is on the wrapper of each bottle. All others are counterfeit.
Principal Office and Manufactory at the German Medicine Store, No. 631 ARCH ST., Philadelphia, Pa.
CHARLES M. EVANS, PROPRIETOR.
Formerly C. M. JACKSON & Co.
PRICES.
Hoofland's German Bitters, per bottle, $1.00
" " half dozen, 5.00
Hoofland's German Tonic, put up in quart bottles, $1.50 per bottle, or a half dozen for $7.50.
☞Do not forget to examine well the article you buy, in order to get the genuine.
For sale by all Druggists and dealers in Medicines. Jan, 8'68-1y.

Original Poetry.

[Written for the SPY.]

"A Feast or a Famine."

BY ANNA LINDEN.

How oft 'tis so, in many a home
Where poverty abides,
They're down beneath its iron heel,
Or up with lofty strides.

And what they have to use or spend,
Is done with lavish hand,
And feast as if they thought they owned
The wealth of all the land.

Many a pressing want and need
Must oft go unsupplied,
For fits of wild extravagance,
And wastefulness beside.

"A feast or famine" is the gage
On which they chose to live,
And think the hand of Providence
Should just as freely give.

They fret and fume because the rich
Can spend a "mickle more,"
And think they should divide with them
A portion of their store.

In lowly homes of poverty,
Pride shows its limping feet,
And says brown bread and kindred things
Were never fit to eat.

New England's grandest, noblest men
Were reared on homely fare,
And women, pure as ocean pearls,
Drew strength and beauty there.

"But what of that"—says lowly born,
"I'll eat the best or none!"
And go in ignorance and rags,
Through all the years to come.

They set home comforts all aside,
And live 'twixt want and woe,
And scorn the word Frugality,
As if it were a foe.

So Luck and Providence are blamed
Instead of self alone,
Because Prosperity will leave
When thrift is not at home.

Miscellaneous Reading.

[From the Daily SPY.]

I Want an Office.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—I want an office. I believe I am cut out for one, and with my experience as a pilot in political affairs can discharge the duties according to the most approved plan of the day, with all the modern improvements. I am not an old fogy, restrained by antiquated notions of sickly propriety, but go in for the largest liberty in doing things up *brown*. I am poor and seedy, and therefore have a preference. The rich have enough to do with their property and their own affairs without going into office to meddle with other peoples. The poor have nothing to do and filling office is their becoming pastime and allotted task in this vale of tears. Now, I am told that at Harrisburg there is any number of good fat places that can be had from Speaker down to Dog Pelter in the Rotunda, with good wages, some of which pay, whether there is anything to do or not. I heard of one man who got last year seven hundred dollars and mileage as paster and folder without being at Harrisburg during the session, or doing anything except being the friend of a very important member. If this be correct, pay as well for doing nothing, how much will I pay when a body works? That is a question to be settled by the rule of three. I would like an office where one has his name on the books as employee and gets full salary for blowing the horn of a member of either House or praising the government officials. There is dignity in such a position. People that see you under such circumstances think more of you than your friends at home do. If you can make it appear that you are the lackey of some great man you will be button-holed, courted and feasted on oysters and wine for your supposed influence, which of course you can readily magnify. They have clerks, assistant clerks, transcribing clerks, sergeant-at-arms, and hosts of deputies, door-keepers and assistants, pasters and folders, runners, lackeys, panders and snuff buyers in such numbers that almost every member has a waiting man provided for him at public expense. One of these posts I would like. It is stated that every editor by virtue of his paper has great influence, and I want you to aid me if I should have to give you twenty per cent. of my earnings. I have tried my luck with the editors in Lancaster, every one of whom has grown either rich or fat in a large three story house, but I am coolly told that their several slates are full, and all appointments at their disposal have been bespoke at such a high per centage that I cannot hope for anything. Therefore I must appeal to you, and I beseech you, Andy, "help me or I sink."

From certain indications, I believe that the coming session will be profitable to the members. There will be a very sharp contest for the U. S. Senatorship, and as much as twenty-five hundred dollars have been offered for a single vote. Many thought the candidate thus liberal would succeed, but now another appears on the ground with a larger purse and he can afford to offer more. This has driven the first off the track, conscience-smitten and disgusted, who now upbraids himself because his purse is not longer and declares that he thinks it very wrong and a mean business that any one should offer or accept pay for a vote. There will be contests for seats in one or both Houses. These always pay well if the contestants are rich and spunky, because you know committees of three or five are always appointed, and it is sometimes necessary before a decision can be come at, that one party should give a bonus for a decision in his favor, and when that is done, the other party must give a larger amount for a decision on his side, and then the claims of each are equal and the Committee men are by this wise arrangement enabled to see the case in its true light, and decide honestly and conscientiously. Other items of legislation will be worked up so as to give the members an opportunity of earning their pay and mileage and making a little something for themselves besides, because it is really a shameful thing for people to suppose that an honest man can leave his wife, his family, his friends and his business for the paltry sum of $1,000 a session and mileage, and devote his time, health and talents to the service of the public, while other men remain at home making fortunes for themselves and contributing nothing but their taxes. A man in public life must have some substantial return or he cannot pay off his old debts—buy houses or farms, or start as a partner in a bank or indulge in summer trips to the Springs, and I am sure that you, like me are pleased to see a man double or treble the "talents" entrusted to him, and receive the commendation of well done, good and faithful servant, make all the money you can. What say you, will you help me or not.

A VOTER.

A BOASTING young fellow joined without invitation, a party dining at a restaurant, and indulging as usual in his egotistical talk, one of the party observed to him: "You have told us enough of what you can do; now tell us what you can't do." "That's easy enough," said he; "I can't pay my share of the bill."

Editors.

Editors have frequent reasons to be thankful for the generosity of their patrons and the public in the matter of advice. Money may be scarce. That dreadful disease, impecuniosity, may have laid hold on a publisher's pocket. Bankruptcy, starvation, ruin, may stare him rudely in the face, but, thanks to the good and noble-hearted public, he has always on hand a plentiful and bounteous supply of good advice. Herein lies the sweetest solace of editoral life. Haggard with care, oppressed with trouble, driven by details, worried, wane, wasted, though the poor devil may be, he has always the extreme felicity of knowing that the poorest, the meanest, the most ignorant and the most "ornery" of his readers will promptly honor his draft at sight for advice.

He has only to draw. No endorses wanted. What cares he for banks or bankers, money kings and greenback princes? Let him draw. Even the ignorant scrub who spells God with a little "g," is prompt, quick, active to give his advice. He knows it all.

But woe to the conceited editor who fails to take and follow all the advice given him. He's a fool. When, unasked, men volunteer without compensation, to bestow freely, gratuitously and bounteously upon him advice as to how he should conduct his paper, what infernal and base ingratitude not to take it, and bow meekly and humbly in gratitude for the favor. We have heard of editors of this kind, but never knew one to succeed, for it is well understood that every fool that fails at everything else, is perfectly competent to conduct a newspaper. It has always been a mystery to us how it happens that the men who are perfectly competent to the business of journalism are never employed in it, while the poor devils whom unlucky fortune has condemned to the tripod freely admit their incapacity.

There are some peculiarities about the business of editing not common to any othe business. It requires some talent to make a good boot, and many an ass spent a whole life at it without succeeding. A little practice is thought to be necessary before one can run a steam engine, manage a case in court, or even successfully sell calico. Not so with editing. The less you know the better, you know. Editors are born, not made, you see. Your true editor feels the divine afflatus within him, and that's the reason he has such a profound contempt, you see, for your poor knight of the quill and scissors whose hard fortune has condemned him to the business for a life-time.

There are some other peculiarities about editing which make it altogether a funny business. It is not so much what *is* in the paper, as what is *not* in it, that determines its value. It makes no difference what you get into it, but take care what you leave out. If you fail to insert the seventh commandment, some pimp may arrest you for adultery, and prove it, too, for there's your paper, and where, oh where, is the Decalogue? The villain has left it out. We always knew he was a rake.

The aspirant for editorial honors should remember that it is not at all necessary he should have any independence of thought or character. In fact, the less he has the better. The drayman may exercise his own judgment as to whether he feeds his horse oats, corn or bran, but that would be a stretch of independence in an editor that would amount to downright recklessness. "We pay him to say what we think, not what he thinks. What business has he to think?" Thus thunders Mr. One-Dollar-and-Fifty-Cents-Per-Year, and your devil ducks his head, for which he has little use, and don't think any more.

The noblest specimen of manhood our era affords is that swelling and consequential individual whose mission is to hector his village newspaper, and who does it right pompously. He belongs, it is true, to an age nearly gone, but he yet exists, a rare relic of the rural life of other days. Like the Chimpanzee and the Gorilla, the race is almost extinct, yet few specimens are left to excite the wonder and the admiration of modern times.

How to Read the Bible.

1. Read it every day.
2. Read, sometimes, one verse at a time.
3. Read, sometimes one paragraph at a time.
4. Read, sometimes, a whole chapter; at others, a whole book.
5. Sometimes, read by subjects; *e. g.*, the parables, by themselves, one after another; the miracles, one after another, etc.
6. Take one "character," and trace it through the Old and New Testaments; thus: direct history or biography; illustrative comment on, either in the way of enforcing as an example or exhibiting as a warning; by contrast with others of a different type.
7. Find out the contrast between the Old and New Testaments; between one saint and another; between some zealous Christian and some zealous persecutor; between Jew and Samaritan.
8. Take a verse, sometime, to pieces, word by word; and find when the potential words are used elsewhere, and in what sense.
9. Use all the helps you can get—if you haven't a commentary, put by the difficult passages to ask your minister the meaning of them.
10. Above all, endeavor to make your reading of God's word improve you in the the article of self-examination and growth in grace.

A Spiritual Trick Exposed.

G. W. Jackson, who claims to be a spiritual medium, has created quite a sensation in St. Louis in the tying up business. He was challengeded to an exhibition of his skill by Hartz, the magician, and on his first trial succeeded in freeing himself from his bonds in a few moments, to the great delight of the spiritualists of that city. On Friday night last the trial was repeated, when the gentlemen selected to tie him insisted upon searching him before commencing operations. They found a sharp penknife concealed in one shoe and a coil of rope wound round his body. His trick consisted simply in being tied with a rope similar to the one he had concealed, and then confined in his "cabinet" cutting the one with which he was tied and secreting the pieces, and substituting for it the one he had concealed on his body, which he exhibited to his audience as having been untied by spirits. When the knife and cord were taken from him the spirits failed to respond to his invocations, and he was released from his "cabinet" bound as securely as when he went in.

CORN CAKE.—Three cups of corn meal one cup of wheat, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar, one teaspoonful of salt. Mix well together; while dry add one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in warm water. Mix the whole to a thin batter with milk or water, and bake in a quick oven.

—New Jersey claims to be the most Methodist of all the States.

Kerosene.

The error must not prevail, that kerosene oil of legal standard will ignite or burn if a lamp containing it is broken. Good oil, such as should be used in families, will *extinguish* flame when brought in contact with it. Oil heated to the usual point while burning in a lamp in the evening, should extinguish a lighted match when thrust into it. If the reader should use in his family unadulterated kerosene, he may take off the cap of the lamp, thrust in a lighted taper; he may turn it out upon the floor, and apply flame; and it will not take fire or explode. Standard kerosene, such as the law recognizes, is *perfectly safe.* We wish to state and re-state this fact, as it would be a great misfortune, especially to the poor, to have the erroneous idea prevail, that all kerosene is dangerous. A cheap light is too great a blessing to be deprived of through unjust prejudice. It is only the wretched adulterated oils, the naphtha fluids, that are dangerous.

We are almost discouraged in our efforts to explain the nature of the illuminating fluids, when we find, as we have during the past month, a daring, reckless fellow traveling through the towns about this city, selling receipts to make a cheap naphtha burning liquid. The discouragement does not arise from the fact that such adventurers are numerous, and attempt to deceive the people, but that they so easily succeed in their evil work. These frauds are not practiced upon the uneducated alone, but upon the learned, the intelligent,—those who certainly ought not to be ignorant of the simplest facts in science. The recipe-peddler alluded to, succeeded in filching his dollar from lawyers, clergymen, a judge of a police court (who instead of patronizing him, should have issued a warrant for his arrest), and many others who are reckoned among the educated classes. We have reason to think the country is full of these men, and our readers must be on their guard. Not only their own lives, but those of their neighbors and friends, are placed in jeopardy by these frauds.

We repeat, at the request of a new subscriber, the test for kerosene, as published in the *Journal* some time time ago. Take a common quart bowl; fill it one-third full of boiling water; now add cold water, a little at a time, until a thermometer placed in it indicates a temperature of 110° F. A tablespoonful of the oil to be tested may be turned into the water, and stirred about with the thermometer. It will float on top, and it may be touched with a lighted match or bit of paper. If it ignites or takes fire, the oil is dangerous, and the seller can be prosecuted under the United States law.—*Boston Journal of Chemistry.*

The Soldier and the Thistle.

LITTLE Minnie, in her eagerness after flowers, had wounded her hand on a sharp, prickley thistle. This made her cry with pain at first, and pout with vexation afterward.

"I do wish there was no such thing as a thistle in the world," she said pettishly.

"And yet the Scottish nation think so much of it, they engrave it on the national arms," said mother.

"It is the last flower that I should pick out," said Minnie. "I am sure they might have found a great many nicer ones, even among the weeds."

"But the thistle did them such good service once," said mother, "they learned to esteem it very highly. One time the Danes invaded Scotland, and prepared to make a night attack on a sleeping garrison. So they crept along barefooted as still as possible, until they were almost up to the spot. Just at that moment a barefooted soldier stepped on a great thistle, and the hurt made him utter a sharp cry of pain. The sound awoke the sleepers, and each man sprang to his arms. They fought with great bravery, and the invaders were driven back with much loss. So you see, the thistle saved Scotland, and ever since it has been placed on their seal as their national flower.

"Well, I never suspected that so small a thing could save a nation," said Minnie, thoughtfully.

"God can make use of small things, as well as great, to accomplish his purpose; and it is said that very small circumstances often turn the tide of battle. In the war of 1812 the British fleet were sailing in the harbor of New-London, and it was asked why they did not destroy the town, when they could have so easily done it.

"I would," replied the commander, "if it had not been for that formidable long fort whose guns commanded the harbor." That long fort, he then learned, was an old rope-walk, and the many guns were the small windows in its side. I presume the New-London people looked with new eyes on that old rope-walk after they learned what a good service it had done.

A Secret of Youth.

There are women who cannot grow old; women who, without any special effort, are always young and attractive. Their number is smaller than it should be, but there is sufficient numbers to mark the wide difference between this class and the other. The secret of this perpetual youth lies not in the beauty, for some women possess it who are not at all handsome; nor in dress, for they are frequently careless in in that respect, so far as the mere arbitrary dictates of fashion are conc