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Is now ready to sell all kinds of
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As cheap as any other stand in Columbia. Ladies' Boots and Gaiters made to order.
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From E. & G. HIBBERT, LONDON.
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BUCHER will still keep on hand the Best Brands of
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And will sell them at Landreth's prices.
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J. A. MEYERS,
sept.4'69-tfw] Odd Fellows' Hall.

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COACH WORKS!
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THE LARGEST STOCK OF
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Parties who favor us with their patronage are assured that it will be our constant aim to merit their confidence and support.
Call and examine our well selected stock at at low prices.
BRENEMAN'S
No. 128 Locust Street, Columbia, Pa.
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FINE FAMILY GROCERIES,
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Just received, at the fine Grocery Establishment, corner 3rd and Cherry streets, the following new Goods:
SUGAR CURED HAMS AND DRIED BEEF,
JELLIES,
PRESERVES,
HONEY,
PEACHES,
TOMATOES,
ENGLISH PICKLES, WINSLOW'S GREEN CORN
GREEN PEAS &c., &c.
Together with a very fine assortment of
Family Groceries, of all kinds.
A LARGE LOT OF NEW YORK CANDIES,
FOREIGN FRUITS,
Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Raisins, Cocoanuts, and White Wine Vinegar.
Extra Family Flour, Mercer Potatoes, Rio and Java Coffee, fresh roasted, Lovering's Syrup, &c.
New Goods received almost daily.
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The undersigned is now prepared to sell Coal of all sizes; received from the best mines in the State, and guaranteed to be of superior quality. It is from the Veins of the Celebrated BALTIMORE CO. & LEE MINES at Wilkesbarre; well prepared, and *free* of slate and dirt. The price net ton of 2000 lbs., on Wharf at Basin:

For No. 1 or Grate,	$5.00.
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" " 3 or Stove,	5.25.
" " 4 or Small Stove,	5.25.
" " 5 or Chestnut,	4.75.

The above prices are for the Month of May. Terms Cash before delivery.
The reputation of the above named Coals is a sufficient guarantee of their quality; and as I deal in no other, the public can rest assured they are as represented.
AMOS S. GREEN, Agt.,
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The COLUMBIA NATIONAL BANK will pay Interest on Deposits as follows:

For 1 & 2	Months,	4 per cent.
" 3, 4 & 5	"	4½ "
" 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10	"	5 "
" 11 & 12	"	5½ "

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COLUMBIA.
Interest Paid on Special Deposits as follows:
4 per cent. for 30 or 60 days.
4 1-2 per cent. for 90 days and under 6 months.
5 per cent. for 6 month and under 11 months.
5 1-2 per cent for 11 & 12 months.
S. S. DETWEILER, Cashier

ATTENTION!
Parties, Pic-nics, &c.
THE Columbia Cornet Band having leased "Big Island, just above the Bridge, respectfully inform the CITIZENS of COLUMBIA and the public generally that they will rent it to Parties, Pic-Nics, Excursionists, either day or evening.
The strictest order must be maintained, and the Band is determined to make it a PLEASANT PLACE of RESORT.
The Band also gives notice that SWIMMING and BATHING near the Island is strictly prohibited, under penalty of the law, and that this regulation will be enforced in every instance.
Application for the use of the Island must be made to the undersigned. By order of the Band.
CHAS. HEPTING.
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TO THE PUBLIC.
The undersigned having purchased the Jewelry Store, formerly occupied by E. Spering, announce to the public of Columbia and vicinity, that they have now open at
No. 39 FRONT STREET,
A large and full stock of
Clocks, Watches & Jewelry.
Which they will sell at lowest prices
FOR
CASH. We ask you to examine our stock as it will cost you
NOTHING
We make it a specialty to have constantly on hand a Stock of CLOCKS and WATCHES, perfectly regulated and ready for immediate use.
E. MASSEY & SON,
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PACIFIC GUANO CO.
CAPITAL, $1,000,000.
JOHN S. REESE & CO.,
GENERAL AGENTS,
OFFICES:
122 South Delaware Ave., Phil'a.
10 South Street, Baltimore.

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GUANO.
No Fertilizer introduced to the Farmers of the Middle and Southern States has given more general and uniform satisfaction than this GUANO.
The trade in it has steadily increased until the consumption now throughout The Union country far exceeds that of any other Fertilizer.
The large capital involved in its production affords the surest guarantee of its continued excellence. The Company has a far greater interest in the preminence of its trade than any number of consumers can have; hence it is the highest interest of the Company to put the best Fertilizer into market, that their unusual facilities, aided by the best scientific ability can produce.
This Guano is sold at retail by Local Agents of the Company throughout New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania and the Southern States and at wholesale by
JOHN S. REESE & CO.,
General Agents for the Company.
GEO. BOGLE, Agent,
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IMPORTANT TO INVENTORS
AND PATENTEES.
INVENTORS' AND PATENTEES'
Bazaar and Sales Rooms
529 *Chestnut St., Philadelphia.*
BARBER & CO.
NO FEES IN ADVANCE.
The undersigned would respectfully inform the public that they have opened an establishment under the above title, where Inventors, Patentees, and Owners of Patents are invited to resort for the negotiation of the sales of their Invention and Patents.
The feature of this Bazaar consists in this, that Inventors, Patentees and Owners of Patents and Inventions may transact their business and effect sales themselves, without any interference on the part of the Proprietors. On such sales they charge no commission whatever nor do they ask registration or like fees, nor any commissions in advance, believing it to be unfair to ask pay for services not yet rendered. But if any of their Patrons desire to employ them as their personal agents, for the sale of their interests, the Proprietors will then charge such commissions as may be mutually agreed upon. The only charge made by this Establishment is for the storage of Models and Machinery of all size, on exhibitions therein, as follows:
FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) CENTS TO ONE DOLLAR PER WEEK PER SQUARE FOOT OF SPACE.
For this very small compensation the Models and Machines are kept in good order and their Workings completely explained to the numerous visitors of the Bazaar and brought forward to the best advantage, with a view to preparing the way to eventual sales.
An experienced PATENT LAWYER and an able CONSULTING ENGINEER, are attached to this establishment, thus enabling the undersigned to procure, at all times, the best legal and practical advice to their Patrons. The Patronage of all is respectfully solicited.
BARBER & CO.,
529 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa
P. O. Box 1373.

Poetry.

CHURCH SCANDAL.

That tall young fellow's here to-day,
I wonder what's his name!
His eyes are fixed upon our pew—
Do look at Sally Dame!

Who is that lady dressed in green?
It can't be Mrs. Leach!
There's Mrs. Jones with Deacon Giles!
I wonder if he'll preach!

Lend me your fan, it is so warm—
We both will sit to prayers—
Mourning becomes the Widow Ames
Her Mary's bonnet flares!

Do look at Nancy Stooper's veil,
It's full a breadth too wide:
I wonder if Susanna Ayres
Appears to-day as bride?

Lord, what a voice Jane Rice has got;
Oh, how that organ roars!
I'm glad we've left the singers' seats—
How hard Miss Johnson's snores.

What ugly shawls there are in front;
Do you observe Ann Wild?
Her new straw bonnet's trimmed with black
I guess she's lost a child.

I'm half asleep—that Mr. Jones!
His sermons are so long;
This afternoon we'll stay at home
And practice that new song.

TO L. M.

REPLY TO "THE HOME-SICK TEACHER'S SOLILOQUY."

Why soliloquize, M, as you sit all alone,
Over brooms, vacant seats, and the juveniles gone?
Why harbor a thought, in your unnatural gloom,
Of ruthlessly leaving that "dingy old room?"
Have you not found a rare pleasure, forsooth,
In teaching and training the light-hearted youth
The way they should go? Oh! fie, fie, teacher M,
You should not regret, now, the parting with them.
The broom and your pupils, alike, may be gone
Your patience and books may be tattered and worn,
But I see no just reason why you should repent
The season so useful and fruitfully spent:
Rather pride yourself, M, on the good you have done,
And seek not to follow the beams of the sun,
For, perhaps, all too soon, like "the smile of the West,"
You may sink—be forgotten in the unbroken rest
Of that *band* where the *now absent* juvenile throng,
Can never awake you with laughter and song.

Aug. 2nd, 1870. H.

Miscellaneous Reading.

LEGAL STRATEGY.

BY JUDGE CLARK.

Charles Lamb gives a funny account of the origin of roast pig. The owner of a litter of juvenile porkers, roasted to death by the casual burning of the family sty, in picking about among the ruins, and sorrowfully handling the crisp remains, chanced to burn his fingers. Clapping them to his mouth, he tasted a pleasure so exquisite, that it made him at once forget his pain and his pigs. Pouncing on the prize, he not only dispatch the whole barbecue at a sitting, but licked his lips for more. The story got wind, and the entire country was ablaze with burning pig-pens; nor was it till many years after that some adventurous innovator shocked the adherents of conservative cookery, by proposing a new and less expensive process of preparing the favorite dish.

It is not for us lawyers to laugh at this. None have been more prone than we, to roast pigs according to precedent. All of us can remember when, in every action to recover the value of one man's property wrongly appropriated by another, it was necessary to allege a fictitious *losing* by the former and *finding* by the latter; and all because the first case of the sort, hundreds of years ago, happened to be one of real losing and finding. Nay, I have even known the loss and finding of a patch of cabbages to be solemnly averred and no lawyer thought of smiling at it.

In the department of Evidence, we have been especially slow to learn. If you want to know how cramped and artificial its rules are, just get into the witness-box to tell all you know about some case, and see how much you'll be let tell.

Twenty years ago it was worse. No one was then admitted as a witness who was either a "party to the record," or interested to a cent's value in the controversy. The consequence was a frequent impossibility of proving by competent witnesses, undoubted facts, which neither of the litigants, had they been suffered to speak, would have thought of denying. The devices to which counsel and clients were driven by a rule so unreasonable, were often amusing enough.

On one occasion a countryman visiting the city, deposited his money—some two hundred dollars—with his landlord, no one being present at the time. Next day, having occasion to make some purchases, he applied for his money, and was met with a cool denial of its having been ever received. On taking legal counsel, the gentleman was astonished to learn that being without a witness, as matters stood his case was hopeless.

The lawyer, however was a man of resources. Dismissing his client with directions to return in a couple of days, he called to his aid a reliable friend, to whom he privately unfolded his plans.

Acting under the lawyer's instructions, the friend presented himself at the inn as a guest, and, after securing quarters, deposited three hundred dollars in the landlord's hands, taking good care to have a witness by. Some hours after, he called *alone* for the money, and the landlord knowing there was proof of the deposit made no difficulty of handing it over.

The same day Boniface was served with a writ for the three hundred dollars and, on seeking advice, was told that as there was a witness to his receipt of the money, and none to its return, he had nothing for it but to pay it again. With two hundred dollars of it, the lawyer reimbursed the countryman, and kept the remainder for his fee.

Not less adroit was the march that Lije Loomis stole on the "Statute of Limitations." Lije was the *factum* of Guy's Neck. He did a miscellaneous business as carpenter, cow doctor and coffin-maker—adding to his other functions that of undertaker to the country poor-house. He was, withal, an easy, good-natured fellow free to trust, and a most indulgent creditor

Among others whom Lije had trusted to his cost was Greg Grimes, without exception the greatest promise maker and breaker in Guy's Neck. I verily believe he would, if possible, have put a creditor off till the Last Judgment, and then, on the score of its being a busy day, have begged him to wait till to-morrow.

Greg had wheedled Lije with promises, till the latter's claim was "outlawed." Losing patience at last, Lije took his account over to the Squire's, when, to his no small discomfiture, he learned that unless he could get a new promise from his debtor, with a witness to it, he might whistle for his bill.

Such fellows as Greg always know a good deal of law, especially the sharp points of it. Greg would talk as freely, and was as full of promises as ever, when he and Lije were *alone*, but before others, would either evade the subject, or else remain provokingly mum.

One day Lije drove up to Greg's door with his old gray mare and spring-wagon, a plain pine coffin—one of those flat-topped affairs deemed good enough for poor folks—being visible behind the seat.

"Mornin', neighbor," said Lije.

"Same to you," said Greg. "Goin' to plant a pauper, I see."

"Ya-a-s; old Bope took rather sudden leave last night, and went to try the charity of another world."

"Which it's no more'n fair," said Greg "seein' how long he's lived on the charity of this."

"Would you mind gittin' in and comin' along, neighbor?" said Lije; it's mighty dull goin' to a funeral all alone by one's self."

Greg did'nt mind, and straightway mounted by Lije's side.

The two chatted away after a sort to prove how cheerful good company can render even a *sure* occasion.

"I 'spose you hev'n't forgot that little bill o' mine?" Lije at last took the liberty to hint.

"Not by no means," said Greg. "Let's see now—how much did you say it was? I misremember rightly."

"Even sixty-nine dollars, besides seven years intrust."

"Quite right," Greg assented: "I recollect it now."

"If it's at all inconvenient to pay it," said Lije, "don't you put yourself out, on no account."

"I've been threatenin' to setleit for at month back," said Greg; but times hev been tight, an'—an'—how would Monday week do?"

"To a dot," answered Lije.

"I'll send it round," said Greg.

A curious sound came from the coffin. The ghost of a chuckle. Durdles would have called it. Greg gave one jump, and "*thi*" in an adjacent cow pasture. Looking back, he saw Lije's 'prentice, the most mischievous imp in Guy's Neck, but with plenty of sense, and of lawful age to be a witness, sitting up in the coffin laughing like mad!

Greg took in the situation at a glance. He had been duped into committing himself before a witness.

"It's a dirty, nasty, mean trick!" he exclaimed.

"What is?" said Lije.

"Why, tridin' with a body's feelin's about old Bope, makin' b'lieve he's dead!"

"An' so he is," said Lije, "only I was goin, *arter* the buddy, instid o' fetchin' it away."

Greg turnen off in disgust, Lije bawling after him:

"Don't forgit Monday week, an' perhaps it'll save us both some trouble."

Greg did'nt forget; but he has never more than half enjoyed himself at a funeral since.

THE PICKLED WATCH.

The other day we met Wiggins, and he had a silver cased watch—hunting case at that. We had known Wiggins five-and-twenty years and never knew him to carry a watch before. We asked him where he got it. He gave us a nod and a leer, and said that he would tell us.

"Last fall," he commenced, "I killed the old brindle cow and put the best part of her in the beef barrel. She was fat, and the beef was nice, and I had nigh unto a full barrel. I didn't want to make it very salt, so I set it out in the shed, where the frost might touch it and keep it, and you'd believe it make good eating.

"One day my wife says to me—says she 'Wiggins,' 'pears to me our beef is going mighty fast." I went and looked and, sure enough, it was going—going rather faster'n I thought it ought to. 'I've noticed it lowering unaccountably this long time,' said my wife. 'Somebody is stealing it. Why don't you set a trap?'

"But my neighbors were all good-hearted kind of folks, though one or two of 'em might be just a little inclined to poke round where they didn't belong, and I didn't want to hurt 'em. I concluded, howsomever, that it would be best to put the barrel, with what little beef was left, down the celler, and I did it.

"Well, when the beef was all used up, and I went to clear out the barrel, I found this watch in the pickle. It looked like Tom Sherman's watch. Tom had worked for me considerable, and I have seen him have the watch or one very much like it. When I saw Tom I showed him the watch, and he said right off, it was his.

"'How did ye lose it?' said I.

"'I carried it in my pocket without any chain, and must have dropped it out when I was stooping,' said he.

"'Well,' said I, then you must have been stooping over my beef barrel, for I found it in the pickle.'

"With that Tom looked kind of sheepish; and I guess he saw the twinkle in my eye.

"'Let me look at that there watch again,' said he.

"He looked at it a little while and then he handed it back to me.

"'On the whole, Mr. Wiggins,' said he, 'I guess that ain't my watch, arter all. It must belong to somebody else.' And with that he walked off.

"I carried the watch to our jeweler, and he found that the case had shut so tight that the works hadn't been pickled a bit; and for a dollar he set it up in good shape and set it a running. It's a first rate timekeeper, and I reckon that whoever took my beef paid all 'twas worth."

MRS. DR. WALKER, who at present is honoring Texas with her presence, is rather a good repartee, as the following will show:

During the delivery of a lecture recently, a precocious youth in the audience cried out: "Are you the Mary who had a little lamb?"—No," was the reply, "but you are the boy whose mother had a little jackass."

DETAILS OF THE SCRANTON ROBBERY.

The Scranton *Republican* of August 2 says: One of the boldest, most adroitly planned and successfully managed burglaries occurred in this city yesterday afternoon at the Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank (John Handley & Co.) The street on which this bank is located—Lackawanna avenue—aside from being the main thoroughfare of our city, was crowded at the time with persons looking at the miners' procession, which was just passing the bank. The cashier was alone in the banking office, Mr. Handley, as as well as the errand boy, having stepped out a short time before. The construction of the building is admirably adapted to a scheme of the kind.

The vault stands in the centre of the room: on one side, and in the rear of which is an entrance way leading both around the vault into the space behind the counter, and also back to the private office of Mr. Handley. Aside from this public entrance to the rear of the building, there is also a long hall opening into the street, and communicating with a wide hall leading into Mr. Handley's bank. All of these hallways and doors were open yesterday morning, affording interlopers unmolested range of the building.

It seems that a gentlemanly-appearing person entered the front door of the banking office about ten o'clock and engaged the close attention of Cashier Fuller in a financial discussion of the relative merits of the several interest-bearing securities. Simultaneously with the entrance of this man a boy, apparently about sixteen or seventeen years of age, wearing slippers, entered the long hall way from the street, and quickly and quietly passed around into the banking office, and slipping unnoticed behind the cashier, gained access to the vault and took from the safe several packages of currency.

Both the doors to the vault and the safe were standing wide open. The young man, or little man, having quickly abstracted the greenbacks unnoticed and unmolested, packed them away in a satchel which he suspended by a strap carelessly from his shoulders, and then stepped out of the vault. At this moment the cashier turned around, espied the intruder, and sharply asked him what he was doing there. The response was cooly given that he was looking for Mr. Handley.

The cashier directed him back to Mr. Handley's private office, where he apparently went, but really took advantage of the little incident to make his escape. The thieves made haste across the avenue, and, hurrying up Wyoming avenue to Spruce street, ran down Penn avenue, where a man awaited them in a buggy, and all three drove across to Hyde Park, after which all trace of them is lost. At a late hour last night nothing further had been heard of the robbers and it is likely that there never will be.

The amount lost by the bank was variously stated upon the street yesterday, and is not publicly known. We are informed by Mr. Handley that it is not as great as it might have been, as a considerable sum of currency and bonds were left untouched. The robbery wi l not in the least impair the strength of the bank or the confidence of our community in the institution.

CHINESE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.

The Cologne *Gazette* says that a Californian savant named Hanlay has created a great agitation in San Francisco by pointing out in a recent work that there were Chinese in the country a thousand years before the Spaniards. Several German papers have thereupon remarked that as long as five-and-twenty years ago Professor Neumann, of Munich, produced proofs from Chinese books spoke of a land in the east which can have been no other than America. Neumann even brings to light an account of the travels of a Chinese monk and missionary to the realm of Fusang. That Fusang must mean Mexico is evident from the details given by the monk respecting the geographical position and products of the country. Among these he mentions a tree of which the shoots were eaten, the bark made into cloth and paper, and the sap an intoxicating drink. This is the great Maguey, or great Chinese aloe, which is still used for these purposes. This monk went to Mexico in A. D. 499, according to our reckoning, but not as the first missionary, for five monks were sent there to spread the doctrine of Buddha in 458. What Mr. Hanlay further says respecting the similarity of certain customs among the Aztecs and Chinese, and the working of Buddhism upon the religion of the former was also previously known. The list, however, is new which he gives of cognate Aztec and Chinese words.

A GEM.

The following little paragraph, which a friend hands us, contains a whole volume of truth and suggestion, and if well studied and acted upon, would prevent much unhappiness in this world, and prove a most effectual remedy for much that now exists: "It is the easiest thing in the world to be happy, if men and women would only think so. Happiness is another name for love; for where love exists in a household there happiness must also exist, even though it has poverty for a close companion. Where the love exists not, even though it be in a palace, happiness can never come. He was a cold and selfish being who originated the saying 'when poverty comes in the door, love flies out the window;' and his assertion proves conclusively that he had no knowledge of love, for, unquestionably, the reverse of the axiom quoted is nearer the truth. When poverty in at the door, love, true love, is more than ever inclined to tarry and do battle with the enemy. Let those who imagine themselves miserable, before they find fault with their surroundings, search their own hearts for the true cause. A few kind words, or a little forbearance, will often open the way to a flood of sunshine in a house darkened by the clouds of discord and unamiability.

THE gait of the Chinamen at North Adams is described by the Boston *Post* as a peculiar, halting, constrained toddle, reminding one of the locomotion of a hen hoppled by the frugal swain as a protective measure in defence of his vegetable beds. When in a hurry they swing their hands directly fore and aft, and as they generally go hand-in-hand, like school children, their appearance on the street is quite ludicrous.

HOME, SWEET HOME.

Though the trite old song, "Home Sweet Home," has been sung within the circle of almost every household, yet how few persons of all who have heard its strains, who was the author of those beautiful words—

"Mid pleasures and palaces, though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home."

It perhaps has never occurred to the mind of any one unacquainted with the circumstances, that the writer of a song, which was found an echo in so many hearts could be other than one who had experienced all the pleasures of a happy home, but sad as is the reflection, it is nevertheless true, that John Howard Payne, the author of "Home Sweet Home," though he has contributed to the happiness of many homes, never had a home of his own.

We clip the article below, suggesting that a monument be erected to the memory of Payne, and give it a place in our columns, believing that it will find a response in the hearts of our readers:

THE AUTHOR OF "SWEET HOME,"—As I sit in my garret here in Washington watching the course of great men, and the destiny of party, I meet often with strange contradictions in this eventful life. The most remarkable was that of John Howard Payne, author of "Sweet Home." I knew him personally. He occupied the rooms under me for some time, and his conversation was so captivating that I often spent whole days in his apartments. He was an applicant for office at the time—consul at Tunis—from which he had been removed.

What a sad thing it was to see the poet subjected to the humiliations of office seeking! Of an evening we would walk along the street. Once in a while we would see some family circle so happy, and forming to be so beautiful a group that we would st