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And will sell them at Landreth's prices.

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Consisting of White and Colored Shirts, Flannel Shirts and Drawers, English, German and Domestic Hosiery, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Ties, Linen and Paper Cuffs and Collars, &c. Also,

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Call and examine our well selected stock at at low prices.

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Together with a very fine assortment of

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Extra Family Flour, Mercer Potatoes, Rio and Java Coffee, fresh roasted, Lovering's Syrup, &c.

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

mar12'70-1y SAMUEL SHOCH, Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COLUMBIA,

Interest Paid on Special Deposits as follows:

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5 per cent. for 6 month and under 11 months.

5 1-2 per cent for 11 & 12 months.

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FRAMES, ALBUMS, and all things in our line always on hand.

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CONFECTIONERY SALOON!

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Is the best place to procure your supplies of

ALL KINDS OF CONFECTIONERY, CAKES, CANDIES, &c.

☞ Parties and others served promptly at shortest notice

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A large and full stock of

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Which they will sell at lowest prices

FOR

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We make it a specialty to have constantly on hand a Stock of CLOCKS and WATCHES, perfectly regulated and ready for immediate use.

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CAPITAL, $1,000,000.

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GENERAL AGENTS,

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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 free 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 many 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:

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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.

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The patronage of the public solicited.

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Paper Hanger and Varnisher,

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☞ Samples of paper constantly on hand. Call and examine. [July16'70-1y.

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Moravian Seminary for Young Ladies.

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REV. EUGUNE A. FRUEAUFF,

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$300 REWARD!

WHEREAS, a certain person having in his service a number of BUMMERS and LOAFERS who go about as his tasters and spies, has publically pronounced my BEER to be of an inferior quality to his own, I make the following proposition: Let samples of the beer brewed and offered for sale by myself, and that sold by the person alluded to, be subjected to chemical analysis, and a decision made by properly qualified Judges upon the relative quality of the Beer.

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HILARY ZAEPFEL,

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PETER FRALEY,

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Boot and Shoe Maker,

No. 161 LOCUST STREET,

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French Calf Boots & Shoes

Of the finest material and most elaborate workmanship.

At FRALEY'S, 161 Locust Street,

BOOTS & SHOES,

Made with a view to great durability and neatness and yet at very low prices

At FRALEY'S. 161 Locust Street.

Those who find it difficult to get Boots to fit comfortably, are especially invited to call and leave their orders

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All kinds of Boots and Shoes, for Men s wear, made to order at short notice,

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Men's Boots and Shoes very neatly repaired

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And all Kinds of

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—AND—

FEMALE INSTITUTE

ENTERS upon its seventh scholastic year on the **29th of August.** Its growth has been rapid and permanent, while past success and results, in view of its present prosperous condition, promise enlarged usefulness for the future.

Already many of its students have entered the best Colleges, or are found in the various professions and callings in life. This Institution not only affords opportunities to young men equal to the best **Academies,** but Young Ladies also enjoy SUPERIOR EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES—a thorough and extended course in both

SOLID AND ORNAMENTAL BRANCHES.

Special attention given to the

NATURAL SCIENCES, FRENCH, GERMAN

AND

VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC,

including thorough Bass and Harmony.

The pupils of this School will enjoy the advantages of six years' successful operation and the special attention of a full corps of experienced TEACHERS.

It is the design of the Principal to enhance, if possible, the **Efficiency** of the Institution, and to make it still more worthy of the patronage of the citizens of Columbia and vicinity, a School where their sons are thoroughly prepared for College or Business, and their daughters to act their part in life.

Attainments, and not age, is the standard of admittance.

Boys from town or vicinity are admitted as boarders from MONDAY TO FRIDAY inclusive, at reduced rates.

For Circulars or further particulars, address

Rev. S. H. ALEXANDER, Principal,

Aug.6-3m. Columbia, Pa.

Poetry.

WHAT A BLIND MAN SAW.

He saw an honest man on 'Change,
And water run up hill:
Saw rival beauties tender friends—
A doctor take his pill.

He saw a parson "feed his flock"—
A wolf give lambkins suck—
Police decline to pick a lock—
A fox decline a duck.

He saw the poor dote on the rich—
The pigeon on the kite—
Attorneys starve before they'd cheat.
And fleas that wouldn't bite.

He saw a sinner made a saint—
A pig's tail made a whistle,
And nature's bloom on matron's cheek—
Pinks growing on a thistle.

He saw that all men wouldn't steal,
When shielded by the law;
And other very usual things
This very blind man saw.

Miscellaneous Reading.

THE CRACK IN THE DOOR.

The prettiest house, the prettiest garden, the best servants, and the largest bank account in X——, belong to Mrs. Mehitable Armstrong, widow. Some people also declared that she was the prettiest woman in X——, but these were not the other women. They said that she had red hair and was too fat, and what the gentleman saw to admire in her they couldn't guess, etc., etc.; but say it s often as they might, every man in the place was Hetty Armstrong's devoted servant, friend and admirer, and a dozen of them her lovers also. A bright, dashing, warmhearted woman she was; as merry as though she had never known a a care.—Not that she had forgotton her lover of her youth—the gallant, blackeyed sea captain whose ship had gone down in mid ocean five years before, and whose pictured face lay near her heart night and day, sleeping or waking—but she was too full of life and hope to live entirely in the past, and loved neither hours of melancholy musing nor what women call "a good cry." To forget all sorrow, if she could, and be as happy as she might, were the two grand rules of her life, and, therefore, people who did not know Hetty Armstrong thought her heartless and made a great mistake.

They called her a flirt, too, and that was not true either. She only flirted with those who began the game first, and that a woman has a right to do. At X——, if a gentleman called twice on a lady, his intentions were reported "very peculiar;" if he "saw her home from meeting," rumor declared that they were "engaged;" and if he spent an evening with her, they were to be married next week for a certainty; but Hetty Armstrong was somewhat not included in the general rule. She had determined to do as she chose. She went everywhere with unmarried gentlemen of her set. She was friendly when she chose to be, and flirted when she liked. After setting gossip afloat a dozen times, she gained her point, and people let her alone. It was Hetty Armstrong's way—that was all—and no indications of matrimonial affections. For years gentlemen had haunted her parlors, escorted her hither and thither, sung with her, danced with her, confided in her, and adored her, and a village gossip had married her, until suddenly a stranger made his *debut* at X——, and set tongues a-going beyond even Hetty Armstrong's power of silencing.

He was tall, he was handsome, he was comparatively young. He'd just that touch of the exquisite about him which is so charming when "a man's a man for a' that;" faultless in toilet, faultless in manner, educated, accomplished, altogether charming—he openly flung himself at Hetty Armstrong's feet, and declared himself her admirer. Of course, we do not mean to say that he ruined the knees of his faultless habiliments by going down upon them, or in any other way conducted himself as did the knights of old when heart smitten; but after the manner of the nineteenth century, he declared his intentions quite openly.

He sang to and *at* the lady. He haunted her parlors like a well-dressed ghost. He wrote poetry for the X—— "Luminary," addressed to H. A., and signed C. R.

He breathed deep sighs, and gave soft glances, and said things that might have double meanings. And this, not for a week nor for a month, but for a year, at the end of which time Hetty Armstrong began to understand that she was expected by everybody to accept Charles Rokewood when he offered her his heart and hand. Meanwhile, the soft eyes, and the sweet voice, the delicate attention and the winning songs of her admirer were not without their effect upon Hetty Armstrong,s heart.

It began to be conscious of certain tremors and flutterings in his presence. Her cheeks flushed as they had in her childhood. Her dreams were not the sober, practical dreams which nature at five-and-twenty should alone indulge in, and as the days rolled on, she felt more conscious that the "yes" which was expected of her would be uttered.

She tried to be prudent and judge the man carefully. The result was that she declared him to be "an angel." At last Hetty Armstrong fairly let go of the rudder of self-will to which she clung so long, and allowed herself to drift down the tide of circumstances which were to lead her into the arms of Charles Rokewood. She let her hand linger on his arm as he bid her good-bye. She smiled up into his eyes as women only smile into eyes they love. She felt that life would be happier with such a bosom to repose upon, and began to wonder whether it really would be necessary for a widow to be married in pearl color when white was so becoming to her complexion. So matters stood when Christmas drew near, and with it Hetty Armstrong's regular Christmas-eve party.

All X——, or nearly all, would be there, even the Rev. Luther Paragon, who amiably forgot to say that he disapproved of dancing and charades, when Mrs. Armstrong declared that she "adored them." It was always the merriest party of the season at X——, and this time Mrs. Armstrong decided that she would outdo herself. There was a dash more of coquetry in her dress; a dash of extravagance in the supper a glitter of rare china, and a perfume of rare flowers in the parlor—just as they say wine warms up the wits and fancy does love at times. All things would be brighter, fresher, more sparkling just now, thought, or rather vaguely felt, the woman who had just begun to know her heart aright, and thought she knew another's.

She stood in her rich dress of silk and lace, flowers in her hair and on her bosom, before her guests arrived, before the grate fire in her parlor, when some one touched her on the shoulder, and, turning, she saw Charles Rokewood.

Her face was a little paler, her eyes more earnest in their look than usual, and a sort of a happy terror came upon her as she guessed why he had come so early.

"I knew I should find you alone," he said, "and I have something to say to you—something—"

There she stopped him. "Don't say it now," she pleaded. "I have an evening before me which calls for all my calmness. If it is anything agitating, I—I—I must ask you to wait. After those guests of mine are gone—or to-morrow—I will hear you not now."

Charles Rokewood bowed. "Your will, shall be my law," he said and took her hand and kissed it. She let him do it, blushing the while, not daring now to look at him.

All the evening, after the other guests were there, her thoughts wandered back to the moment. She knew what he would say, and she could answer only in one way only one—she liked him so well.

"And I have felt sure I never could like any one again," thought Hetty Armstrong. "There is fate in it."

But she danced and sung and talked as usual, and no one guessed that she was dreaming—not even Mr. Rokewood, who with a chosen friend had shipped away from the parlors, and was smoking and talking in the dressing room. He was a little out of sorts. Hetty, conscious of her duties as hostess, insisted on being public property, and could not be allured into a *tete a tete*; and the women who were ready to be talked to, he did not care about Engaged men are generally known by their bearish conduct to ladies generally. Rokewood, although not engaged, believed himself far enough on the road to forget his old suavity, and fell back upon cigars and masculine friends, whenever his lady-love could not be whispered to or gazed at. Consequently, damsels who thought Rokewood charming were wondering what could have become of him, when Biddy, the waitress, misteriously beckoned her mistress into the hall, and in an awful whisper said "more spoons were naded for the crame."

"Of course there must be," said Mrs. Armstrong. "Where was my head to forget it? I'll get poor Aunt Martha's set from up-stairs china closet. Wait on the stairs until I come to you."

And away ran Mrs. Armstrong to the second floor, where she plunged into a long, old-fashioned closet, and brought forth a legacy of silver ware, left her years before by a maiden aunt. Counting the spoons over, a murmur of voices from the next room fell on her ear. At the same moment she caught the perfume of a cigar. She knew that Charles Rokewood had the richest voice and smoked the best cigars of any man of his set.

"You dear old fellow," she whispered to herself, "I have been cross to you to-night, but some day I'll be as kind to you as I can, to make up for it.

Then, with a loving woman's wish to see the face that is so dear to her, she stooped forward and peeped through a crack in the door of the china closet, which opened into the little sewing room, devoted for this evening to the gentlemen's toilets. Every word was plainly audible when her prying was approached so closely to the crevice, and the first word riveted her attention. The men were talking of matrimony.

"It's a deuced bore," said the friend.

"You are tied to a woman's apron-strings for life. You can't say your soul is your own. Take my advice, and keep out of it all together, Charles."

"Look here, old fellow," said Charles, taking his cigar from between his lips, "that sort of thing is all a man's fault.—Now, when I marry, my first will be to prove myself master. As you begin so you go on, and before my honeymoon is over, the woman that takes my name shall know that my will is law, and that hers must yield to it."

The spoons in Mrs. Armstrong's hand tinkled together just then, but no one heard them. Charles went on:

"My wife, if I have one, shall have no chance to show her temper. If she does not like my orders, she must obey them without liking. I'll break her in like a horse—bring her down at once to the frame of mind I mean to keep her in; purposely thwart her for a while; contradict her; object to her style of dress; make her alter her way of doing her hair; make her send regrets to party invitations when she wants to accept them; show her at once what she may expect. After a while I might yield a little more; but because I choose, you understand—not to please her."

"Ye-e-s," said the friend, doubtfully; "but you can't think how hard you'd find it; and if you stay out late, they make such a row—sit up for you in a nightcap, and cry when you come in."

I'd manage *that*," said Rokewood, "by staying out every night until daylight.—The one rule I should put in practice would be—never let a woman have her own way." The spoons tinkled a little more, and Mrs. Armstrong's face was terribly flushed, but she listened still.

"Of course, you yield a great deal to the woman you are in love with," said Mr. Rokewood, evidently brushing the ashes from his cigar; "but that's because of the romance and all that sort of nonsense, which dies out with the honeymoon. You can find women enough to write poetry to, and to talk sentimental with, married or single. As for your wife, she's the woman that keeps house for you, and the sooner you make her aware of the fact the better. When I marry, Jones, my dear fellow, it will be with no idiotic ideas of perpetual courtship in my mind. I'd begin as I intend to go on, and be master, you can depend upon it."

"But not *my* master," whispered pretty Mrs. Armstrong; not mine."

"Mistress Armstrong, them spoon, plaze," whispered Biddy, at the stairs-head just then.

Hetty Armstrong gathered up the poons, which had slipped loosely down into her lap. She looked at them as they did so. They were solid and elegant, as was all her silver. Her eyes glanced about the room, which wealth and taste had made the perfection of elegance and comfort. *Her* room! She heard down stairs the merry chat of *her* guests, the sound of music and dancing. She remembered that in the kitchen *her* servants were making ready a supper fit for a king. She turned to the mirror; a handsome woman, still young, and elegantly dressed, glanced proudly back at her. An hour before all this, the woman included, she would have given to Charles Rokewood had he been a beggar. Just a tinge of pain went through her heart. One tear stole down her glowing cheek. Then she gave a little bitter laugh.

"I, alone, am queen of me!" she misquoted; and ran out to give the spoons to Biddy.

"It was hard to find them," she said, "but here they are at last!"

And she laughed a little less than usual, and not quite naturally.

It was the merriest Christmas-eve party of them all, said every one of their guests, and Hetty Armstrong seemed the merriest there. But no one saw her when the door closed upon them all, and she was alone in her own chamber. No metter how brief a love-dream has been, especially if it is sudden.

Hetty Armstrong refused Charles Rokewood the next day, and people who guessed it blamed her bitterly. As for Charles himself, he was amazed and injured and greatly grieved, for he never guessed that his lecture on married life had a second auditor; nor that Hetty would have said "Yes" instead of "No," but for "the crack in the door of the china closet."

AN INDIANA SENSATION.

About 15 miles from Leavenworth, near the Benham salt works, stands a house that seems to have fallen under the displeasure of some spirit or spirits, apparently not in this world. It is occupied by Mr. Benham, and is a new one. About six weeks ago commenced these mysterious doings. Stones weighing from two to four pounds are being constantly hurled at the house, and mysterious knockings and rappings are heard at all times of day and night.

When the throwing of stones first commenced, the occupants of the house supposed it to have been the work of some malicious person, and accordingly a watch was set to discover the mischief maker.—But in vain. Not a stone would be thrown while any one was on the watch, but just as soon as the guard was withdrawn, then the rocks would commence striking the house.

What is more mysterious still, the rocks are invisible, until they strike the house, though frequently thrown at mid-day.—About forty persons determined to solve the mystery. Accordingly the entire party went on guard around the house. Hour after hour passed, and not a stone was thrown. Half the guard were withdrawn and placed inside the house. Still nothing unusual occurred. All the guards, except one, were called in. Everything remained quiet; not a stone was cast.

The remaining guard was called in, and scarcely had the door closed behind him, when whack! bang! crash! went half a dozen stones against the house. The door was thrown open and all rushed out. Not a thing was to be seen. The door was again closed with all the watchers inside, and rocks struck the house as before. Then came the knocking at the door. It was immediately opened, but nothing could be seen. Two men stood holding to the door-knob, and as soon as the first tap was given they threw the door violently open and sprang out, but no cause for the knocking could be discovered.

The owner of the house has frequently concealed himself under the porch, and would crawl out when the noise commenced, but just as soon as he would get into a position to see, all noises would cease. The larger the crowd seeking to discover the mystery, the more frequent and violent are the demonstrations. For six weeks has this state of affairs existed, and the mystery is no nearer a solution than at the beginning. The yard around the house is literally strewn with stones thrown by this invisible hand. The house is covered with dents made cy the flying missils.

The windows have been slatted up, it being found impossible to keep glass in them. As yet no one has been struck by the stones, though there have been some narrow escapes. Every inch of the ground within two hundred yards of the house, on every side, has been carefully searched, and no hiding-place of any kind has been discovered. The family continue to reside in the house, and express their determination to remain as long as there is a plank to protect them from the stones. Various theories as to the cause of these mysterious doings have been suggested, and abandoned for want of grounds to support them.

THE Turcos are a privileged class in Paris, apparently because nobody dares to interfere with them. A correspondent tells of one who, the other day, stood looking on at the exercises of a company of National Guards who were not very bright in their drill. They went through the manual exercise and prepared to march. The merry Turco took advantage of the opportunity; putting a stick between his legs, he cocked the tarboosh, and pranced along with that peculiar hop and step which is supposed by our infant population to represent a horse's canter. There were thousands loooking on. The officer a finical sort of g