Mrs. Howe continued: "My mind reverts to a short and simple sermon Corner MARKET and HUNTER Streets I once heard Henry Ward Beecher preach. One sentence found me where I sat and nailed itself fast to my heart: 'Do not think you can have the support and comfort of religion if you can order them like a suit of clothes from a tailor.' Never has that noble man; so wickedly as persed only a short time ago, spoken with the assurance that I can meet every de truer words. Sorrows have often come to me since then, and found me without that suit of clothes. I had not oil in my lamp. I was unpre- section. pared for the coming of the bridegroom. It seems cruel that the foolish virgins were not allowed to enter after they had purchased fresh oil and retrimmed their lamps; but it must be remembered that when they were needed they were not ready. what is done cannot be undone. We may repent and repent, but repentance cannot reverse facts that are re-

Mrs. Howe brought her sermon to a close with a fervid appeal to her hearers to keep their lamps trimmed and in order, and so to husband and cultivate their vital energies that when called upon suddenly to exercise them they may be found pre- FLOUR, pared to meet the coming trouble.

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t gathers itself up like a salient goat, and bounces against the bumpor of the next car, and considing snaps. No matter. The train swings around a curve, and you feel as you did years ago when you were the last boy on the string in the game of "snap-the-whip." You steady your lower jaw a little, and ask the con- Carpenter and Joiner, ductor if he is going to stop before he stops for good, to wit: meets the Express-and he says "Genesee!" It occurs to you that he has mentioned the very place you are bound for, though you never heard of it before. The conductor informs you it is safe to bet we are "just dusting," and you believe him-the only safe thing about the train. It is thirty miles an hour. Another head is hung out of a window, and you think you'll try to count fence-posts. It doesn't happen to be a fence, but a stockade: Planing and Matching done .- Moulding of al and as for telegraph-poles, you have seldom observed them thicker to the mile. You look forward, and see lights down the track. Drawing in SASH, BLINDS and DOORS on hand or manu like a turtle, you tell the conductor. "What is it, Joe?" and the brake--man replies, "Nothin'." The conduct tor puts his watch to his ear. Has it stopped? With rattle and roar the engineer keeps launching the train into the midnight. A shrill shriek of the locomotive whistles you up, and you are on your feet like a cat. The brakeman runs up his little iron ladder, the speed slackens, the train comes to a dead halt. It is Genesce, and one grateful passenger leaves that frantic caboose to set foot in it, like Poe's raven, "nevermore." -B. F. Taylor.

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