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Poor House Business.

The Directors of the Poor meet at the Poor House on the 2d Tuesday of each month.

BENEDICT & CO., BANKERS,
LEWISTOWN, PA.,
Collections and remittances promptly made. Interest allowed on time deposits. jan23-1y.

GEO. W. ELDER,
Attorney at Law,
Office Market Square, Lewistown, will attend to business in Mifflin. Centre and Huntingdon counties mv26

H. J. CULBERTSON,
Attorney at Law,
LEWISTOWN, PA.,
OFFERS his professional services to the citizens of Mifflin county. Office in Northeast corner of the Diamond, next to Hoffman's store. my2

C. S. HURLBUT, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
Lewistown, Pa.,
OFFERS his Professional Services to the Citizens of Lewistown and vicinity.
Dr. Hurlbut has the EXPERIENCE of 15 years in the active practice of Medicine and Surgery.
Office on south side of Mill street, in the building formerly occupied by Dr. Worrall. jul7

LYCOMING COUNTY
Mutual Insurance Company.
Capital, $2,500,000.
THIS Company continues to issue Policies of Insurance on Buildings and Personal Property, in Town or Country, at cash or mutual rates.
JAMES RANKIN, President.
JOSHUA BOWMAN, Secretary.
JOHN HAMILTON, Agent.
jan16'67 Lewistown, Pa.

DR. JOHN J. DAHLEN,
Practicing Physician,
Belleville, Mifflin County, Pa.
DR. DAHLEN has been appointed an Examining Surgeon for Pensions. Soldiers requiring examination will find him at his office in Belleville.
Belleville, August 22, 1866.-y

H. M. DUNMIRE,
DENTIST,
OFFERS his professional services to the citizens of Mifflin county. He is prepared to perform all operations in the dental profession. Office first door from the Lewistown House, Main street, where he will be found the first two weeks of each month, and the last week of each month he will visit Kishacoquillas Valley. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of nitrous oxide my1-tf

DR. S. G. M'LAUGHLIN,
DENTIST,
OFFERS his professional services to the citizens of Lewistown and vicinity. All in want of good, neat work will do well to give him a call.
He may be found at all times at his office, three doors east of H. M. & R. Pratt's store, Valley street. ap19-1y*

Teeth Extracted Without Pain!
By M. R. Thompson, D. D. S.,

By a NEW PROCESS, without the use of Chloroform, Ether, or Nitrous Oxide, and is attended by no danger or bad effects.
Office west Market street, near Eisenbise's hotel,
LEWISTOWN,
where he can be found for professional consultation.
Lewistown, Sept. 10-tf

THE BEST IN THE WORLD!
THE UNDERSIGNED IS AGENT FOR THE
IMPROVED SINGER SEWING MACHINE,
which will be placed upon trial with any other now in use. He invites competion. It can be tested
One Month
with any other machine to enable purchers to choose
THE BEST. TERMS LIBERAL.
Give him a call. [mar19-6m] WM. LIND.

JAS. A. THOMPSON,
HAS taken the Store formerly occupied by John Baum, for the purpose of carrying on the WATCH MAKING and JEWELRY Business. He will be pleased to see all Mr. Baum's old customers, and as many new ones as will favor him with a call. All work warranted. Store on East Market street, nearly opposite the Post Office.
Lewistown, April 24, 1867-tf

MRS. M. E. STEWART,

FANCY STORE,
West Market st., Lewistown,
LADIES & GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, Sacks, Cloaks, Hats, Bonnets, Ladies Fine *DRESS GOODS* and Trimmings.
Patterns of latest styles always on hand.
Millinery and Dress-Making
executed in the most approved style.
Lewistown, April 18, 1866.tf

NEW
Meat Establisment.
THE undersigned has fitted up the building in Brown street, above Frank's store, for a meat shop where Fresh Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal, &c. can be had at all times, an ice house for the preservation of meat being connected with the establishment. The public are invited to call.
☞ The room will be opened for the first time on SATURDAY MORNING, 10th inst.
JAMES S. GALBRAITH.
Lewistown, March 13, 1867—tf.

Lewistown Coach Manufactory,
Junction 3d & Valley street.
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HAVING ASSOCIATED together for the purpose of manufacturing *Coaches, Carriages, Buggies, Sulkies, Spring Wagons, &c.*, invite the public to give them a call and examine specimens of their work, which will be found equal to any in or out of the cities. All kinds of repairing promptly attended dec12-1y

WILLIAM LIND,
has now open
A NEW STOCK
OF
Cloths, Cassimeres
AND
VESTINGS,
which will be made up to order in the neatest and most fashionable styles. ap19

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Plain and richly Gilt, at 1.60 per pair at F. G. FRANCISCUS'.

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THE NEW YORK MICA ROOFING COMPANY, (established 1865) are manufacturing under Letters Patent the Best Article of Composition Roofing ever Offered to the Public. It is adapted to every style of Roof, steep or flat, and can be readily applied by any one.
The U. S. Government, after a thorough test of its utility, have adapted its use in the Navy Yards, and upon Public Buildings.
The Roofing is put up in rolls, and has only to be nailed to the Roof to make a
Durable Fire and Water-Proof Covering.
We particularly recommend its use upon
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For coating TIN, IRON, or SHINGLE ROOFS. It forms a *Body Equal to Three Coats of Ordinary Paint.* No Roof can rust under it, and old leaky Roofs may be made permanently water-proof and durable by its use.
The Paint requires NO MIXING, but is ready to be applied with the ordinary paint brush. *Price, $1 per gallon*, which will cover two hundred square feet.
Also manufacturers of
Black Lustre Varnish,
Tarred Felt and Roofing Pitch.
Discount to the Trade. Circulars and Price List furnished. Rights for counties sold at low rates. Address
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Frank Humphreys, 61 Royal st., N. O.; Schofield Williams & Co., Augusta, Ga.; Baldwin H. Woods Montgomery, Ala.; Thos. S. Coates, Raleigh, N. C.; F. A. Tucker, Richmond, Va.; Henry Wilson, Petersburg, Va., Agents. jan23

Tailoring Establishment
Removed.
CHARLES W. GIBBS,
MERCHANT TAILOR, has removed his shop to the building formerly known as the "green house," at the intersection of Valley and Mill street, adjoining H. M. & R. Pratt's store, where he cordially invites all who need anything in his line. Goods and Trimmings furnished and gentlemen's clothing made, in the latest styles, on short notice, and at reasonable prices. ap11-tf

WHAT'S ALL THIS?
Why the Grain Business is Revived at McCoy's Old Stand.
THE undersigned, having rented the large and commodious Warehouses formerly occupied by Frank McCoy, esq., is now prepared to purchase or receive and forward
ALL KINDS OF GRAIN,
for which he will pay market prices. Also, he will keep for sale, SALT, PLASTER, COAL and FISH.
He returns thanks to all his old customers for their former patronage, and shall feel grateful for a renewal of past business relations.
Merchants will find it to their advantage to give him a call. [mar14-y] WILLIAM WILLIS.

Brown's Mills.
THE undersigned are prepared to buy all kinds of Produce for cash, or receive on store at Brown's Mills, Reedsville, Pa. We will have on hand
PLASTER, SALT AND COAL.
We intend keeping the mill constantly running, and have
FLOUR, FEED, &C., &C.,
for sale at the lowest Market rates, at all times.
☞ The public are requested to give us a call.
sep27tf H. STRUNK & HOFFMANS.

A. FELIX. W. H. FELIX
FURNITURE.
FELIX & SON,
HAVE on hand a good assortment of Furniture of all kinds suitable to furnish a house out and out. Spring and Common Mattresses, and
EXTENSION TABLES,
of any sizes and prices to suit the times.
We cordially invite the attention of both old and young, great and small. No charges for showing goods. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.
Thankful for past favors and hoping a continuance of the same, we remain, yours, &c.
Lewistown, March 13, 1867-tf. FELIX & SON.

LEWISTOWN POTTERY,
THE undersigned having resumed business at this establishment with a force of superior workmen, announces to the public that he has now and will keep constantly on hand an assortment of excellent
EARTHENWARE,
which he will deliver to merchants at a reasonable distance, and at the usual
DISCOUNT PRICES,
or retail, at his Ware-rooms at the Pottery. All orders promptly attended to.
JOHN DIPPLE.
Lewistown, July 24, 1867-3m.

PELOUBET ORGANS
AND
MELODEONS,
UNANIMOUSLY AWARDED THE
FIRST PRIZE, A GOLD MEDAL,
AS
"The Best Cabinet Organs,"
American Institute, New York, October, 1865.
Being pronounced superior in QUALITY, POWER, and VARIETY OF TONE, and in number of combinations.
"As the best instruments of America were there contending, whichever won that battle would have nothing left to conquer"—*Am. Art Journal*, (edited by a well-known musical critic.)
They have also taken the first premium wherever exhibited this season.
PEDAL ORGANS, one, two, and three banks of keys—six sizes—$250 to $1,500. Without pedals, single and double bank, in great variety, $65 to $450. These Organs, with their smooth pipe-like quality of tone, beautiful solo stops, strength of chorus, unequalled pedals, and general organ-like effects, are superior for **Churches, Halls, Parlors, and Schools.** They are put up in cases of SOLID WALNUT, fancy veneered Walnut, (new and unique styles) and elegant Rosewood, of splendid designs and finish, and of the best workmanship,—it being intended that each instrument shall be a model of its class. All instruments, down to a five octave portable Melodeon, have the beautiful Tremolante stop, without extra charge.
A large assortment constantly on hand at our GENERAL WHOLESALE & RETAIL WAREROOMS, 841 BROADWAY.
Our Illustrated Circular and Price Lists, with our new styles, are now ready. Send for a Circular.
PELOUBET, PELTON & CO.,
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Weber & Son,
HAVE the largest assortment and best selected stock of
GROCERIES
in this section of country.
Brown Sugars from 10 to 15 cts
White Sugar 16 "
Pulverized, Granulated and Broken Loaf Sugar.
SYRUPS.
Lovering's Syrup, $1 20 per Gallon,
Other Syrups, 25 and 28 cts. per quart.
Baking Molasses.
COFFEES.
Extra Prime Coffee, 30 cts.
Prime Coffee, 28 "
Also, a large stock of
MACKEREL and HERRING.
Ground Alum, and Ashton's Refined Dairy Salt.
PRIME FACTORY CHEESE.
Shephard's Pittsburg Crackers always on hand. feb6.

BEST Bar Iron, at 4¾, and other kinds low at F. J. HOFFMAN'S.

INSURANCE AGENCY.
THE following Fire, Life, and Accidental Companies are represented by the undersigned:

		CAPITAL.
Ætna, Fire of	Hartford,	$4,083,000
Putnam,	"	500,000
Home,	New York	3,500,000
Germania,	"	700,000
Home,	New Haven,	1,000,000
North America,	Philadelphia,	1,750,000
Enterprise,	"	400,000
Lycoming,	Penna.,	2,500,000
Farmers,	York, Pa.,	500,000
American Life,	Philadelphia,	1,000,000
N. Y. Accidental,	New York,	250,000
Horse Thief Ins. Co.	York Pa.,	50,000

This agency is prepared to insure against Fire, Death or Accident, in any part of Mifflin county. Horses are insured against theft. All business pertaining to insurance promptly attended to.
jan16'67 JOHN HAMILTON, Agent.

THE OLD STAND AHEAD!
Hamaker & Montgomery,
HAVE associated together for the purpose of manufacturing Coaches, Buggies, Carriages, Sulkies, Spring Wagons, &c., at
HIMES' OLD STAND,
in Valley street, Lewistown. They are prepared to do all kinds of work in their line, in an elegant and workmanlike manner, and invite the citizens of town and vicinity to call and examine their new stock on hand, before purchasing elsewhere, as all work manufactured at this establishment is warranted.
Prompt attention given to all repairing, which will be done with neatness and durability, and guaranteed to give satisfaction. my1-1y

REDUCTION!
FRANK H. WENTZ,
AT HIS
BOOT AND SHOE STORE,
HAS just received a large Stock of Boots and Shoes direct from Eastern Manufacturers, which he offers at greatly reduced prices:
Men's Congress Gaiters, $3 50
" Glove Calf Congress do, 4 25
Womens' Lasting Gaiters, 1 25
Other work in proportion.
Also, an assortment of Home Manufacture constantly on hand, and made to order at short notice.
Call and examine his stock before purchasing elsewhere. may8-y

Drew's Patent
FOR
CUTTING BOOTS WITHOUT CRIMPING
OR
SIDE SEAMS.
THE greatest improvement of the age, in this line of trade. 1st. It does away with the wrinkles on the instep, also, with the welted side seam which has injured so many feet and ankles. 2d. It makes the easiest sitting and best fitting boot ever worn. This boot is now manufactured by P. F. Loop, who holds the right of use for the county, and is prepared to furnish all who wish to wear this boot. A liberal discount to dealers who wish to deal in these boots. Orders filled at short notice. Prices greatly reduced on all goods at P. F. Loop's Shoe Store. feb6

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Benson, Campbell & Co.,
Commission Merchants & Wholesale Grocers,
507 *Market Street, Philadelphia.*
PARTICULAR attention given to sales of Ginseng, Wool, Woolen Yarn, Fur Skins, Deer Skins, Sheep Skins, Flaxseed, Cloverseed, Feathers, Leather, Roots, Dried Fruit, Butter, Beeswax, Eggs, &c.
All goods warranted to give entire satisfaction, and sold at the lowest city prices.
Please call and be convinced.
Also, a full line of Tobacco kept constantly on hand. jy10-6m*

EMPIRE SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINES.
Are superior to all others for
FAMILY AND MANUFACTURING PURPOSES.
Contain all the latest improvements; are speedy noiseless; durable; and easy to work.
Illustrated Circulars free. Agents wanted. Liberal discount allowed. No consignments made.
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Manufacturing Confectioners,
AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
FOREIGN FRUITS, NUTS, &C.
No. 303, RACE STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.
ALSO, MANUFACTURERS OF ALL KINDS OF
☞ Molasses Candy and Cocoanut Work.
septl2'66-1y.

$20.00 AGENTS WANTED—$100.00—Male and Female, to introduce our NEW PATENT, STAR SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE. It is adapted for family use and Tailoring. It makes a stitch alike on both sides. Price only TWENTY DOLLARS. Extraordinary inducements to Agents. For full particulars, address DUMONT & WILSON,
jn19-3m* 630 Arch st., Phila., Pa.

ROBERT W. PATTON,

SOUTH SIDE OF MARKET STREET,
LEWISTOWN, PA.
HAS just received and opened at his establishment a new supply of
Clocks, Watches, Jewelry,
SILVER & PLATED WARE
Fancy Articles, &c.,
which he will dispose of at reasonable prices. He invites all to give him a call and examine his stock, which embraces all articles in his line, and is sufficiently large to enable all to make selections who desire to purchase.
☞ REPAIRING neatly and expeditiously attended to, and all work warranted.
Thankful for the patronage heretofore received, he respectfully asks a continuance of the same, and will endeavor to please all who may favor him with their custom. feb2

ROOF SPOUTING!
A GREAT IMPROVEMENT!
A MOST desirable article of Solid Wood Spouting—the same finish as tin—costing only about half as much—and will no doubt last twice as long as the tin. For sale by
ju-5 F. J. HOFFMAN.

WALL PAPER. Be sure to go to Hoffman's for this article. A good stock on hand, and prices low.

POETRY.

THE MORNING LAND.

The night will cast no shadow
Upon the morning land;
The dark clouds ne'er will gather
Above the golden strand.
And there the sound of weeping
Shall never more be heard;
With sorrow and with sighing
Our hearts no more be stirred.

CHORUS.

The morning land, the morning land,
How blessed 'twill be there to stand,
And greet the glance and clasp the hand
Of those who've gone before.
Of those who've gone before,
Gone to Heaven's shining shore,
To the morning land, to the morning land,
Where we shall part no more.

We mourn earth's faded blossoms,
But there bright flowers will bloom,
Beyond the grave's cold portal,
Beyond the silent tomb.
Fairer than early Eden,
Fairer than aught below,
Will be that land of morning,
The home to which we go.

CHORUS.—The morning land, &c.

Our days are swiftly gliding,
Fraught with both good and ill;
But though life's draught seems bitter,
We'll trust the Giver still.
By faith we will look forward,
Till joyfully we stand
Beside the loved and loving
In God's own morning land.

CHORUS.—The morning land, &c.

MISCELLANY.

The Storm of Blood and Dirt at Albany.

Masses of gelatinous matter, containing minute granules arrayed in it in some regularity, were found in the streets early yesterday morning.—Viewed through a microscope, the small brick-colored bodies were somewhat like the grains of wheat; and the gelatinous matter seemed to be connected to each one as a separate covering. They were apparently separate cells, very uniform in size, being 1-120 of an inch long, and 1 255 of an inch thick, filled with glanular particles from which they derive their color The gelatinous envelope and their appearance gave them at first somewhat the character of one of the single-celled protophytes, resembling most the Palmoglæa, one of the humblest kinds of vegetation. That they were not these, was proven by their containing a distinct cell wall.

Several persons claim to have seen them falling as a shower, and they were not found under trees or shelter. They have probably been carried for a great distance by the wind. They are more like to be the germ cells of some marine growth, perhaps the fucus platycarpus, which they resemble.—The presence of chloride of iodine (sea salt) which is found largely in the gelatinous envelope is corroborative of their marine origin.

Dust storms and blood rains, so called from the character of the dust which they deposit, usually occur in the spring or fall, though they have been observed during every month of the year. On the 14th of October, 1755, a blood rain descended at Locarno, Switzerland, during which nine inches of rain fell and the red matter that was deposited during the shower was found, by actual measurement, to be an inch deep. The same storm reached Suabia, on the Alps, and on these high mountains it changed into a reddish snow, which fell to the depth of nine feet. A storm of red hail is stated by Humboldt to have occurred at Paramo, in South America. In Tuscany, March 14, 1813, there fell hail of an orange color.

In March, 1808, a fall of over five feet of red snow fell in Carniola, in Germany; the ground had been previously covered with white, and the storm of colored snow was succeeded by another, the flakes of which were, as usual, of a pure and brilliant white—the two kinds being perfectly distinct. A portion of red snow melted in a vessel and the water evaporated left a fine rose-colored brick-red, fell in Italy, in 1816, and in the Tyrol, 1847. A black snow fell at Walpole, New Hampshire, a few years since, so intense in its color that a correspondent of the Boston Journal remarks concerning it: 'I send you some writing written with the snow as it fell, and with a clean pen' The different colors of many of these storms may depend upon the same coloring matter under different conditions.

Microscropic investigations in various parts of the world have revealed the cause of these dust storms and blood rains to be either portions of various minerals or shells of infusoria, or parts of plants and insects carried into the atmosphere by the winds—Infusorial shells and aquatic plants of especial localities have been identified after having crossed the ocean and been deposited in dust storms, thus tracing ærial currents.

Ehrenberg found 320 different species of organisms in the dust of various showers; of these, five were of marine origin. This distinguished naturalist mentions 340 instances of dust storms and blood rains, of which 81 took place before the Christian era, and 259 after it.—*Albany Argus.*

The Volcano of Santorin.

A correspondent of the Boston Advestiser, writing from Greece, thus speaks of a visit to the volcanic island of Santorin:

Before us is now seen a vast column of vapor and smoke rising as it seemed out of the sea, and soaring high aloft over the isle Santorin. It is the new volcano now in full blast.

Santorin itself is evidently 'sea-born' and was known as such by the ancients It is about twelve miles long and three to four broad in the broadest part. It is shaped like a crescent, the horns pointed westward, and tapering towards the points like a new moon. Between the horns are two other volcanic islets, so there is a vast basin enclosed which is the crater of an old volcano, but now the great harbor of Santorin.

The volcano sleeps for an uncertain number of centuries, and men thinking it dead go to work and build houses and plant vineyards upon the old crambling lava. But all of a sudden the submerged mountain seems to be taken with great pain, and belches up smoke and vapor, and finally throws off vast heaps of stone, which seem to relieve it, and it goes to sleep again.

It had a fit of this kind nearly three centuries ago, but was quiet until last year, and men began to think of it as a thing lost in past ages, never to be heard of more. But suddenly there began to be seen signs of uneasiness under earth and sea—

'As when
The vanquished Titan hiccoughs in his den.'

At last it began to heave and to belch up such vast volumes of smoke, and such noxious vapors, that the affrighted islanders fled away, thinking that they might all be swallowed up in some general 'caving in' of the island. A small vessel ventured too near and the captain and one of the crew were killed by falling stones.

The eruption continued through the last year, but being confined to one locality, the inhabitants returned, and not only got over their fear of the monster, but even turned him to some account. Their harbor was actually improved by the new heap of rocks thrown up, for it narrows the too wide mouth of the harbor, and without making the entrance any more difficult, it forms a valuable breakwater. The monster has done in a few months more than 40,000 men could have done in forty years.

Moreover they continue to make the monster scrub and clean the bottoms of their vessels. There is part of the harbor hard by the new chimney where the water is so impregnated that it kills barnacles, and animalculæ and weeds; and a ship going in there with foul bottom, and lying a day or two comes out as bright and clean as if she had been careened and scraped.

Into this vast crater our steamer entered by the southwestern pass, and sailed hard by the new chimney—a vast heap of black stones which is continually increasing, and which already forms a respectable islet considering its undergrowth.

As we approached there was a hissing sound, drowning the noise of our engine, and soon growing louder and louder, until it was like to an engine of a million horse-power blowing off steam.

Vapors burst out hither and thither among the stones, and at the water's edge the stones seemed to be hissing hot.

The eruption had ceased for some minutes, but suddenly from the chimney of the crater there shot up a vast compact ball of smoke which seemed to be under immense pressure, for as it rose it rapidly unfolded flake after flake, and rolled out cloud after cloud, rising to a vast height and spreading wider and wider without growing less opaque. This beautiful column was not only of vast size but of regular shape, well defined, and of singular tenacity. I have never seen smoke hang together in the air so compactly. Seemingly not larger than a wine cask when it rushed from the chimney, the trunk rose up swiftly and straight, increasing a little in diameter as it grew in length, until at a great height it spread more rapidly into a sort of capital which still seemed to support a considerable circuit of the heavens, but resting still on the bottom, a solid column of smoke.

It continued to gush out copiously from the chimney a few minutes, and then to cease. But in ten or twelve minutes more another volume would be ejected with great force, sometimes carrying up large blocks of black stone to a considerable height.

This continued as long as our vessel was in sight. We would gladly have remained to enjoy this wonderful spectacle longer, and to understand the phenomena better than we could do by merely raking through the basin or crater of the volcano. But we were thankful for the favor we had; and must refer you to the elaborate reports of geologists for the science of the matter.

A New Cement and Building Material.

In a communication to the French Academy of Sciences, M. Sorel describes a new cement, being a basic hydrated oxchloride of magnesium.—It is obtained by slacking magnesia with a solution of chloride of magnesium in a more or less concentrated state. The denser the solution the harder it becomes on drying. This magnesian cement is the whitest and hardest of all those known to this day, and it can be moulded like plaster, in which case the cast requires the hardness of marble. It will take any color, and has been used by the inventor for mosaics, imitations of ivory, billiard tables, &c. The new cement possesses the agglutinative property in the highest degree, so that solid masses may be made with it at a very low cost by mixing it up on a large scale with substances of little value. One part of magnesia may be incorporated with upwards of twenty parts of sand, limestone, and other inert substances, so as to form hard blocks; while lime and other cements will hardly admit of the incorporations of two or three times their weight of extraneous matter.

By means of these artificial blocks, buildings may easily be carried on in places where materials for the purpose are scarce. All that is required is simply to convey a quantity of magnesia and chloride of magnesium to the spot, if there be none to be had there, and then to mix them up with sand, pebbles, or any other matter of the kind close at hand; blocks can then be made of any shape, and imitating hewn stone. This magnesian cement may be obtained at a very low cost, especially if the magnesia be extracted from the mother ley of salt works, either by M. Balard's process, whereby magnesia and hydrochloric acid are obtained at the same time, or else by decomposing the ley, which always contains a large proportion of chloride of magnesium, by means of quick lime, which by double decomposition yields magnesia and chloride of lime containing a certain quantity of chloride of magnesium, and which, with the addition of various other cheap substances, may be used for whitewashing.

All for a Dance.

'I believe a woman would do a great deal for a dance,' said Dr. Growling. 'I remember once in my life,' he went on to say, 'that I used to flirt with one who was a great favorite in a provincial town where I lived, and who confided to me that she had no stockings fit to wear, and without them her appearance at a certain ball was out of the question.'

'That was a hint for you to buy the stockings,' said Dick.

'No—you're out,' quoth Growling 'She knew that I was as poor as her self; but, though she could not rely on my purse, she had every confidence in my taste and judgment, and consulted me on a plan she had formed for going to the ball in the proper trim. Now, what do you suppose it was?'

'To go in cotton, I suppose,' ventured Dick.

'Out again, sir—you'd never guess it, and only a woman would have hit upon the expedient. It was the fashion in those days for ladies in full dress to wear pink stockings, and she proposed painting her legs that color.

'Painting her legs!' exclaimed one and all in horror.

'Fact, sir,' said the doctor; 'and she carried out her proposition to the letter. After she had painted the stockings, she came to me to ask if the cheat was successful. Of course I told her it was. But the little chit boxed my ears for one remark I made. 'Jennie,' said I, 'for fear your stockings should fall down while you are dancing, suppose I paint a pair of garters to them.'

Death-bed Repentance—A tombstone in a Kentucky graveyard bears this inscription:—'He lived a democrat and died a christian!'

A Transformation Scene.

George Alfred Townsend has been to Newport, and among other things which he saw and wrote about is this:

'Here is a bathing scene that struck me yesterday: A lady all dressed in azure, even to her boots, which were of the same ethereal hue; likewise her parasol, her gloves, her little flat farchion of a hat; and the only relief to this rare uniformity was the golden chignon of hair that looked as if it might be the reservoir of all this azure dye. She had that pretty walk and stylish manner of the New York belle, and coming down the sand trippingly she looked only more real than those French lithographs we see of superbly shaped, dead-ripe ladies, peach-tinted, and with the clean cut feet of seabirds. This creature disappeared. I waited with guilty anxiety for her reappearance from the little sentry-box of a bathing house. Merciful Pan! What is this? A low-set, baldheaded, barefooted apparition, rigged out in blood-red smock and breeches, with green veins around the armpits and down the breast, and a green belt, like seaweed, bisecting her like an insect *debout*. The The nightmare of the *auto-da-fe* went straight down the beach into the sea, as if to meet the anthropophagi, and I stole to the bathing-box down by the rear side and looked in. There hung a little skirt and jacket of azure; little azure boots with azure strings were set down coquettishly in the sand; the little hat, like a leaf, was dangling from a nail; and a ball of golden hair as big as a pumpkin swung freely from a beam. I could account for the diminished height of my lady now. She had been decapitated. Directly, all clasped by her wet masquerading garb, so that the roundness of youth was half come back, she re-entered the box. Of course I had quitted it. In five minutes an azure sylph, fit for Thetis herself, came daintily out upon the sand, golden ball and all. I thought Ovid of the Davenport brothers would have a hard time to beat this metamorphosis.

A Rich Valley.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Republican writes as follows in regard to the Kansas valley:

'Leaving the State line for the West, we entered at once the fertile valley of the Kansas river. For a distance of two hundred and thirty miles we ran through the valley of the Kansas and the Smoky Hill, every mile of which was through lands inexhaustibly rich in deep soil, which under ordinary culture would yield the largest returns to the hands of the husbandman. Apparently these valley lands are as rich as the famous lands of the American bottom. Like the latter, the Kansas lands of which I speak are a level plain, flanked on the north and south by beautiful sloping hills, the entire valley covered with luxuriant verdure. It is through this valley, never once forsaking it, that the Union Pacific railroad runs for the distance I have named, encountering nowhere any engineering difficulty, nor being subjected to the expense of deep cuts and fills. It seems as though nature had designed the valley for the encouragement of those undertaking to initiate the gigantic enterprise of spanning the continent with a railroad'

☞ It has been proved by experiment, that milk, placed in an airtight vessel, will keep perfectly sweet for months.

☞ Punch reports the speech of an Irish M. P., who thought Ireland was overtaxed: "Take a tenth of our income, sir. Ay, that they do, and they'd take a twentieth if they dared."

☞ A lady complained of the insolence of some coal heavers. "To tell you the truth, madam," answered the employer, apologetically, "we have failed in our efforts to get gentlemen to undertake the business."

☞ Buffalo bakers are now obliged to stamp every loaf of bread with their initials. The law against light weight and poor material is being rigidly enforced. Bread which does not come up to the standard is confiscated for the benefit of the poor, besides a fine of twenty-five cents per loaf.

☞ To have worn the Federal uniform in the late war makes a man so unpopular in Kentucky that, whenever it is possible, we observe the 'accused' are hastening to deny it by public cards. Union men and ex-Federal soldiers are leaving Kentucky daily by hundreds, while their places are more than filled by disfranchised rebels from other States that were in rebellion.