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Price Two Cents.

CLOTHING.

JOHN FALCK,
MERCHANT TAILOR AND GENTS' FURNISHER,
No. 44 West King Street.

Having removed opposite from my old stand to the room occupied for many years by the Lancaster Fire Insurance Company, I am now prepared to show my customers and the public a line of goods for the

SPRING TRADE,
which for quality, style and price are equal to any in the city.
A full line of Gents' Furnishing Goods available on hand.
All goods warranted as represented and prices as low as the lowest.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Today we open a full line of Spring and Summer Goods for Men's Wear, which has never been equaled in this city or any house in the country for quality, style and high priced character. We claim superiority over anything we handled before during our experience of a quarter of a century in business, and our reputation is established for keeping the finest goods in our line. Our opening today is an invoice of Novelties captured from the wreck of a large Boston house, whose failure has precipitated these goods on the market too late in the season and consequently at a sacrifice, so they are within reach of all desiring a first-class article at a moderate price. The consignment includes a full line of the celebrated Talmon's French Novelties, the handsomest and finest goods imported to this country, a new feature in Silk Warp; Talmon's Tricot-a-Long, Serpentine Tricots, Cork Screw Diagonals and Granite Weave. A full line of Taylor's English Trouserings of beautiful effects. Also a fine line of Choice American Suits as low as \$29 a Suit. All the Latest Novelties in Spring Overcoats at moderate prices. All are cordially invited to examine our stock and be convinced that we are making no idle boast, but can substantiate all we say and respectfully urge persons to place their orders at once before the choicest styles are sold, for they cannot be duplicated this season. For further particulars in regard to dress consult

J. K. SMALING,
THE ARTIST TAILOR,
121 N. QUEEN STREET,

Several Fine Coat Makers wanted.

SPRING OPENING

H. GERHART'S

New Tailoring Establishment,
No. 6 East King Street.

I have just completed fitting up one of the finest Tailoring Establishments to be found in this state, and am now prepared to show my customers a stock of goods for the

SPRING TRADE.

which for quality, style and variety of Patterns has never been equaled in this city. I will keep and sell no goods which I cannot recommend to my customers, no matter how low in price.
All goods warranted as represented, and prices as low as the lowest, at

No. 6 East King Street,
Next Door to the New York Store.

H. GERHART.

NEW STOCK OF CLOTHING

SPRING 1881,

D. B. Hostetter & Son's,
No. 24 CENTRE SQUARE.

Having made unusual efforts to bring before the public a fine, stylish and well made stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

we are now prepared to show them one of the most carefully selected stocks of clothing in this city, at the Lowest Cash Prices.

MEN'S, BOYS' AND YOUTHS' CLOTHING!

IN GREAT VARIETY.

Price Goods of the Most Stylish Designs and at prices within the reach of all.

D. B. Hostetter & Son,
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LANCASTER, PA.

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ROOTS AND SHOES.

B. B. MARTIN,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in all kinds of LUMBER AND COAL.

62 1/2 Yard: No. 429 North Water and Prince Streets above Lemon, Lancaster. n3-17

COHO & WILEY,
350 NORTH WATER ST., Lancaster, Pa.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in LUMBER AND COAL.

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GOOD, CLEAN FAMILY COAL,
Farmers and others in want of Superior Manure will find it to their advantage to call. Yard, Harrisburg Pike. Office, 20 1/2 East Chestnut street. ag17-11

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LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER.

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 2, 1881.

Premium on Murder.

Some sample Cases of the 'Insurance Speculation.

Philadelphia Press.

One of the oldest societies in the state is represented by Louis Strayer, of York, who from a poor boy has risen to a worth over \$100,000. He made his money almost wholly by having policies issued on the lives of persons of questionable health and afterward had them transferred to himself. In this way the company he represented, namely, the U. S. Aid Society of Lebanon, by allowing such policies to be transferred, really became responsible for the introduction of speculative insurance.

Mr. Strayer's success in this branch of business and consequent prosperity excited considerable inquiry as to how it was done, and first a number of citizens of Hanover, York county, concluded to organize a society, which is the Southern Pennsylvania Relief Association, solely for the purpose of speculating in human lives. Its success soon induced other similar concerns to organize. They followed the exposition of the nefarious business by the newspapers, which virtually advertised it, and induced many who never followed it before to embark in the disreputable affair.

There are one hundred and sixty-five companies in this state actually engaged in the speculative business. In addition to the old life insurance companies there are only eight in the state that are entirely free from the speculative taint.

The sheriff of an interior county is said to be in financial trouble, as he is carrying upward of \$100,000 on the aged and decrepit, and it is alleged that to enable him to carry his enormous sum of insurance he has made an inroad on the public funds to the extent of about \$8,000. This party is very much worried about the uncomfortable position in which it has placed him, and the state of his mind may be inferred from his own language, the purport of which is "the buggers don't die fast enough."

"Yet if you want to go into the business right," said the agent, "let me advise you to run no risk. I have here a policy on Mary Walker, 73 years of age, for \$1,000, which I will sell for \$11. Mary Walker is a consumptive and may last a month. If she does I will give you another I have here on which you will realize sooner. The subject is Catherine Peter, 81 years old, badly diseased with hernia and black and blue from her ankle up, caused by a pile in the eye. She lives near Slatington and the policy is in my hands. Or I will give you one on Mrs. Eckert, of Sigfried's Bridge, Northampton county, aged 85, who is all gone and apt to die any minute. It is on the Commonwealth, which is sound, solid and right. And then here is the case of a man named Boehm, a school keeper in Bethlehem, who insured his old father. I have taken a chance in him myself and know he cannot last long, as he is all worn out and has hernia. But here is a daisy: Oh! Gilmore, of Allentown, has irreducible hernia and is worked about Womelsdorf borough and offered for ten dollars per thousand each by the agents who wrote them. John Heck of Bern township is bedfast, and only a few days ago certain persons succeeded in getting policies on his life amounting to \$100,000. The aged wife of John Dundore of Mt. Pleasant, this county, was insured for upward of \$50,000, both cases being in Dauphin and Lebanon county insurance companies. The agents are extremely careful not to divulge the names of the companies. They generally pay the old people two dollars per thousand. If policies are written for \$100,000 the old man is paid cash down \$200. Those policies are then transferred or assigned to the "policy broker," who sells them to the highest bidder. Each policy of \$10,000 costs the agent \$3 paid to the insured, together with the necessary premium to the company issuing the policy. All above that which the agent realizes on the market is clear profit. There is a story in Berks county without hitting a man with a policy in his pocket.

In the northern portion of Lebanon county, within a mile from the home of Hummel, one of the Haber murderers, there is a man named Boehm, who has been ailing continuously during the past sixteen years, and during the past twelve years has not had the use of one of his limbs, the result of a cutaneous affection accompanied by running sores from the knee to the tip of his toes, and has not as much healthy skin as could be covered with an old fashioned dime. For eighteen months last past he has been continuously at death's door, and yet on this old man, entirely bankrupt in health, the gambling concern of this county, York and other counties have within the last mentioned period, eighteen months, placed over \$200,000 on his life, while every new concern springing up, no matter where, at once ships its agents after old John Mease. The policies on this man's life are in the hands of reputable bankers, merchants and farmers, as well as among some of the poorer classes in the neighborhood, who expect to profit by the old man's death, but he seems to live too long for some of them, judging from a rumor that there was a movement projected some time ago, which if carried out would have materially expedited the order of his going.

Self-Murder.

John W. Minturn, a member of the firm of Grinnell, Minturn & Co., shipping and commission merchants, shot himself in New York on Saturday at his office, No. 78 South street. Mr. Minturn's health had been poor for a number of years and he had spent much time abroad. He only returned from Paris last Monday, leaving his family in that city. The only explanation of the suicide seems to be that Mr. Minturn took his life while temporarily insane.

Henry W. Mead, the representative in Chicago of the tea firm of Frederick Mead & Co., of New York, committed suicide at his house, No. 2256 Wabash avenue. He was at his place of business, but returned home about noon, and went directly to his sleeping apartment, where he was shortly after found lying upon the floor with his throat cut from ear to ear and a bloody razor by his side. Mr. Mead had been suffering from mental depression for several weeks, which probably caused him to commit the fatal act.

John Koster, age sixty-two, a once

wealthy architect who emigrated from Holstein, Germany, robin financial misfortune overtook him, swallowed a dose of oxalic acid, at his boarding house, in New York. He was taken to the Chamber street hospital, and hopes were entertained of his recovery. Koster has long been out of work and had asked in vain for a considerable sum of money due him in Germany. His poverty made him desperate and caused his attempt at self destruction.

A Frenchman named Ferdinand Mier, forty-six years old, a laborer living in Brooklyn, shot himself through the heart. He had been suffering for some time from an incurable disease. He had been at work in the morning, but came home, and while his wife was gone for a doctor he fired the shot. He leaves no children.

Helle Arouson, aged twenty, of No. 453 East Houston street, attempted to cut his throat after a family quarrel. The knife did not cut deeply enough, and only wounded him slightly.

Lie in the Animal World.

Seventy-five lambs have been killed by eagles within the last two months on the farm of Albert Charles in Vallejo, California.

White alligators found in Brazil travel far and well on land. Their skulls and bones are frequently seen in the forests, and they deposit their eggs in the woods.

A milk-white red-breasted robin is building a nest in a tree at Sewickley, Pa., assisted by a male robin with a white head. They are exciting considerable interest among the citizens of that village.

A herd of forty camels belong to a Frenchman living in Nevada. Thirty-seven of them were born in that state. They are to be used this summer in carrying goods from the terminus of the Carson & Colorado railroad to camps far out in the wilderness.

Some boys in Pottsville, Pa., caught a rat in a trap, saturated it with turpentine and set it