

# THE RACKET

After an absence of two weeks, Miss Lizzie Stover returned to her home on Tuesday last having been to the city purchasing her fall and winter line of hats, caps and millinery goods, and wishing to be posted in feminine head wear a day or two since, I stepped into her parlor, and I must confess I was almost bewildered at the elegant array of the newest ideas in millinery. Beautiful Arazon plumes, darts, Japanese buttons and French novelties were there in an endless profusion. The Shepherdess hat with its lofty plume trimming, is decidedly pretty and meets with great favor, while the Ping Pong and wild rose style are absolutely new correct ideas and strikingly handsome. Miss Stover has certainly displayed a charming taste in selecting her fall and winter line of goods. No wonder her parlors are daily thronged with the gay and anxious sight-seers.

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## Unionville.

David C. Ammerman, about a week ago, fell from the top of the stairs to the bottom. He was severely injured and was unable to be out of the house for several days.

I. B. Stere was granted an increase of pension from \$10 to \$12 per month.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Eva Thompson, only daughter and heir of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Thompson to Jno. P. Brugger, all of this place, which happy event will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, at 11 o'clock a. m. Particulars later.

Will Runkel, of Philip Penno fame, now of Bellefonte, makes semi-periodical visits to our city, attracted hither, no doubt, by—excuse me Will, I'll not give you away.

Wm. Fisher, Esq., a practicing attorney of New York City, with his little son, is visiting at the home of his father, William P. Fisher.

W. J. Carlin, Esq., candidate for county treasurer, was passing around a friendly grip in this section of the county several days in the early part of this week.

Riley Pratt, Esq., is off on a two or three weeks' visit to his brother in Connecticut.

And still "westward the cabbage takes its way." Every day, for over four weeks, from 12 to 25 car loads of cabbage passed through town not excepting Sundays, a rough estimate of the gross amount makes it appear that about 450 car loads have already passed westward—this would mean about 9000 tons or 72,000,000 heads. Where, oh! where, does it all come from?

Hear's another "coal joke" this time its on Paul Shipley. When the next governor, Robt. E. Pattison, passed through town last week, Paul, with the rest of us. The governor dropped something in his hand. Paul said he was sure it was a twenty dollar gold piece; but on examination he found it was a piece of anthracite coal, beautifully polished and about the size and shape of a poker chip. He will retain it as a souvenir.

The many friends of Elwood Fisher will be glad to learn that he has again rallied, and was taken to the Grandview Sanitarium at Ferrandville, Berks county, on Tuesday, in charge of Miss May Wharton, of Milesburg, a trained nurse, and his brother William. It is hoped that a change of scene and the excellent facility for caring for the sick and where the most skillful physicians are in charge, that he will regain his former health.

Next week we will give the result of the first day's hunt for wild turkeys, rabbits and squirrels etc. Game is said to be very plentiful and a large number of hunters from a distance are already in evidence.

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Of Mr. Martin as a preacher Dr. Gibson says: "We have no hesitation in believing that he was able, orthodox and popular." He is said to have been a very earnest, animated speaker. He had a familiar way on a warm summer day of taking off his coat and sometimes his vest and preaching in his shirt sleeves. One of his daughters-in-law told Dr. Gibson that sometimes he would take off his wig, holding it in his hand while he gestured. It was related to me by one of his descendants, that on one occasion two dogs began to fight in the aisle in front of the pulpit while he was preaching. Some one came forward and promptly separated them. Mr. Martin viewed the battle from his lofty perch, and calling down cried, "Give that black one a good beating for he began it." All this sounds oddly in our ears, and yet it may not have seemed so then. Perhaps Mr. Martin's familiar ways brought him in closer touch with the people of his flock than some of the nice mannerisms and little proprieties in vogue today, could possibly have done.

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