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BUSINESS CARDS.

W. WALLACE KEELER, HOUSE, SIGN AND FRESCO PAINTER, Towanda, Sept. 18, 1870.-tf

O. D. BARTLETT & SON, INSURANCE AGENTS, Towanda, Pa. None but responsible companies represented. O. D. BARTLETT. C. GRAHAM BARTLETT. Nov. 13, 1872.-1y*

R. FOWLER, REAL ESTATE DEALER, No. 278 South Water Street, Chicago, Illinois. Real Estate purchased and sold. Investments made and Money Loaned. May 16, '70.

JOHN DUNFEE, BLACKSMITH, MONROETON, PA., pays particular attention to ironing Buggies, Wagons, Sleighs, &c. Tire set and repairing done on short notice. Work and charges guaranteed satisfactory. 12.15.69.

AMOS PENNYPACKER, HAS again established himself in the TAILORING BUSINESS. Shop over Rockwell's Store. Work of every description done in the latest styles. Towanda, April 21, 1870.—tf

LERAYSVILLE WOOLEN MILL. The undersigned would respectfully announce to the public that he keeps constantly on hand Woolen Yarn, Cassimeres, Flannels, Yarns, and all kinds at wholesale and retail. HAIGH & BROADLEY, Proprietor. Aug 1, 1870

C. S. RUSSELL'S GENERAL INSURANCE AGENCY, Jan. 1, 1870—tf TOWANDA, PA.

WM. H. MORGAN & CO., DEALERS IN REAL ESTATE.—Lots from $100 upwards. Also Real Estate Agents. Land bought and sold and money loaned. Parties desiring to sell Will Lands, Farms or Lots, can have a map of lands or subdivision made at this Agency, and property sold on a reasonable commission. Office over Post office, Mercur's Block, Towanda, Pa. L. L. MOORE. [Dec 4'72] WM. H. MORGAN.

THE UNDERSIGNED ARCHITECT AND BUILDER, wishes to inform the citizens of Towanda and vicinity that he will give particular attention to drawing plans, designs and specifications for all manner of buildings, private and public. Superintendence given for reasonable compensation. Office at residence N. E. corner of Second and Elizabeth streets. J. E. FLEMMING. 6-1871 Box 511, Towanda, Pa.

NEW PARLOR OF FASHION. SHAVING, HAIR CUTTING, SHAMPOOING, and HAIR DYEING Done in the Latest Style. Also particular pains given in Cutting Ladies' and Children's Hair, Shampooing, Curling and Frizzing. CASSAWAY & LINCHCOME, over the National Hotel, Main Street, Towanda, Pa. March 6, 1872.

W. W. KINGSBURY, REAL ESTATE, LIFE, FIRE, & ACCIDENT INSURANCE AGENCY. Office, corner of Main and State Streets, March 13, 1872. TOWANDA, PA.

SASH, DOORS, AND BLINDS. I am prepared to furnish Kiln-dried Doors, Sash and Blinds of any style, size, or thickness, on short notice. Hang your doors ten days before you want to use the articles, and be sure that you will get doors that will not shrink or swell. Terms cash on delivery. Towanda, June 19, 1871. GEO. F. ASH.

DAYTON & BROTHER, Dealers in WOOL, HIDES, PELTS, CALF-SKINS, FURS, &c. For which the highest cash price is paid at all times. Office in M. E. Rosenfield's Store, Main-st., G. A. DAYTON, J. E. DAYTON. nov.14,'70 TOWANDA, PA.

NEW FIRM! NEW GOODS, LOW PRICES! AT MONROETON, PA. TRACY & HOLLON, Dealers in Groceries and Provisions, Drugs and Medicines, Kerosene Oil, Lamps, Chimneys, Dye Stuffs, Paints, Oils, Varnish, Yankee Notions, Confectionery, Cigars and Snuff. Pure Wines and Liquors of the best quality, for medicinal purposes only. Products sold at the very lowest prices. Prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours of the day or night. Give us a call. TRACY & HOLLON. Monroeton, Pa., June 21, 1869—1y.

CHARLES F. DAYTON, Successor to Humphrey Bros., HARNESS MAKER, Over Moody's Store, Keeps on hand a full assortment of DOUBLE and SINGLE HARNESS, and all other goods in his line. Repairing and manufacturing done to order. Towanda, August 23, 1871.

BAKERY! CONFECTIONERY!! GROCERIES! The undersigned begs leave to return thanks to the people of Towanda and vicinity for the very liberal patronage extended to him during the past year, and at the same time to give notice that he has added to his business a stock of BEST FAMILY GROCERIES Which he is prepared to offer AT THE LOWEST PRICES. He will still continue the Baking business in all its branches, and can furnish anything in this line at the shortest notice and GUARANTEE SATISFACTION. He has also fitted up a DINING ROOM, Where he will at all times be ready to furnish Meals or Lunches at much lower rates than usual. Farmers and others visiting town are invited to call. ☞ Parties supplied with Ice Cream, Cakes, Fruit, and Confectionery at short notice. Remember the place, nearly opposite the Means House. Sept 11, 1872. HORACE A. COWLES.

MERCURS BANK, TOWANDA, PA. (Successor to B. S. Russell & Co., Bankers.) Receives Deposits, Loans Money, Makes Collections, and does a GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS, same as an Incorporated Bank. To persons desiring to send money to ANY PART of the United States, Canada or Europe, this Bank offers the best facilities and the lowest terms. PASSAGE TICKETS To and from Nova Scotia, England, Ireland, Scotland, or any part of Europe and the Orient, over the CELEBRATED INMAN LINE. Of Steamers always on hand. Buys and sells Gold, Silver, United States Bonds at market rates. Agent for the sale of Northern Pacific 7 3-10 Bonds. M. C. MERCUR, President. WM. S. VINCENT, Cashier. mar.15'71

TOWANDA COAL YARD, CORNER RAILROAD AND ELIZABETH STREETS, SOLE AGENCY SULLIVAN ANTHRACITE AND BARCLAY BITUMINOUS COALS. ALL SIZES PITTSTON ANTHRACITE COAL At Market Prices. Aug. 11, 1872. WARD & MONTANYE.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

JAMES WOOD, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Towanda, Pa.

SMITH & MONTANYE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. Office—corner of Main and Pine Streets, opposite Porter's Drug Store.

DR. H. WESTON, DENTIST.—Office in Patton's Block, over Gere's Drug and Chemical Store. jan 1, '68.

DR. T. B. JOHNSON, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Office over Dr. H. C. Porter Son & Co.'s Drug Store.

F. G. MORROW, PHYSICIAN AND Surgeon, offers his professional services to the citizens of Warren and vicinity. Residence first house north of J. F. Cooper's Store, Warren Centre, Pa. apl8'72 1y

DR. C. M. STANLEY, DENTIST, successor to Dr. Weston. Office in Patton's Block up stairs, Main Street, Towanda, Pa. All kinds of plate work a specialty. Jan 15'73

DR. S. M. WOODBURN, Physician and Surgeon, Office over Wickham & Black's Crockery store. Towanda, Mar 1, 1872.-1y*

H. STREETER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. may30,'72. TOWANDA, PA.

H. B. MCKEAN, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Towanda, Pa. Particular attention paid to business in the Orphans' Court. july 20, '66.

I. MCPHERSON, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Feb 27,'73—1y. TOWANDA, PA.

W. H. CARNOCHAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW (District Attorney for Bradford County), Troy, Pa. Collections made and promptly remitted. feb 15, '69—tf.

W. B. KELLY DENTIST.—Office over Wickham & Black's, Towanda Pa. Teeth inserted on Gold, Silver Rubber, and Aluminum base. Teeth extracted without pain. Oc23 '72

DR. L. L. BEACH, PHYSICIAN AND Surgeon Permanently located at Towanda, Pa. Particular attention paid to all Chronic Diseases. Cancers and Tumors removed without pain and without use of the knife. Office at his residence on State street two doors east of Dr Pratt's. Attendance in office Mondays and Saturdays. May 16,'72.

MADILL & CALIFF, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, Towanda, Pa. H. J. MADILL. J. N. CALIFF. Office in Wood's Block, first door south of First National Bank up stairs. Jan 8 '73-1y

OVERTON & ELSBREE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Towanda, Pa., having entered into copartnership, offer their professional services to the public. Special attention given to business in the Orphan's and Register's Courts. apl 14'70 E. OVERTON JR. N. C. ELSBREE.

W. A. PECK'S LAW OFFICE. Main street opposite the Court House, Towanda, Pa. Oct. 27,'70.

A. A. KEENEY, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, Towanda, Pa. Office with B. M. Peck, second door below the Ward House. Will be at the office the last Saturday of each month and at all other times when not called away on business connected with the Superintendency. All letters could hereafter be addressed as above. dec.1,70

DR. J. W. LYMAN, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Office one door east of Reporter building Residence, corner Pine and 2nd street. Towanda June 22, 1871.

JOHN W. MIX, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa. GENERAL INSURANCE AGENT. Particular attention paid to Collections and Orphans' Court business. Office—Mercur's New Block, north side Public Square. apr. 1, '69.

DOCTOR O. LEWIS, A GRADUate of the College of "Physicians and Surgeons," New York city, Class 1842-4, gives exclusive attention to the practice of his profession. Office and residence on the eastern slope of Orwell Hill, adjoining Henry Howe's. jan 14, '69

DR. D. D. SMITH, *Dentist*, has purchased G. H. Wood's property, between Mercur's Block and the Elwell House, where he has located his office. Teeth extracted without pain by use of gas. Towanda, Oct. 20, 1870.—tf

Hotels.

DINING ROOMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BAKERY, Near the Court House. We are prepared to feed the hungry at all times of the day and evening. Oysters and Ice Cream in their seasons. March 30, 1870. D. W. SCOTT & CO.

ELWELL HOUSE, TOWANDA, PA. JOHN C. WILSON Having leased this House, is now ready to accommodate the travelling public. No pains nor expense will be spared to give satisfaction to those who may give him a call. ☞ North side of the public square, east of Mercur's new block.

RUMMERFIELD CREEK HOTEL, PETER LANDMESSER, Having purchased and thoroughly refitted this old and well-known stand, formerly kept by Sheriff Griffis, at the mouth of Rummerfield Creek, is ready to give good accommodations and satisfactory treatment to all who may favor him with a call. Dec. 23, 868—tf.

MEANS HOUSE, TOWANDA, PA., COR. MAIN AND BRIDGE STREETS. The Horses, Harness, &c. of all guests of this house, insured against loss by Fire, without any extra charge. A superior quality of Old English Bass Ale, just received. T. R. JORDAN, Towanda, Jan. 24,'71. Proprietor.

WARD HOUSE, TOWANDA, BRADFORD COUNTY, PENN'A. This popular house, recently leased by Messrs. KOON & MEANS, and having been completely refitted, remodeled, and refurnished, affords to the public all the comforts and modern conveniences of a first class Hotel. Situate opposite the Park on Main Street, it is eminently convenient for persons visiting Towanda, either for pleasure or business. sep6'71 KOON & MEANS, Proprietors.

MANSION HOUSE, LERAYSVILLE, PA. W. W. BROWNING, PROPRIETOR. This House is conducted in strictly Temperance Principles. Every effort will be made to make guests comfortable. Good rooms and the table will always be supplied with the best the market affords. Nov. 1, 1871.

SUPERIOR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, for Sale by R. M. WELLES, TOWANDA, PA., Office No. 3 Mercur's Block, north side of Court House Square, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER AND MANUFACTURERS AGENT. Mowing Machines, Horse Powers and Threashers, Wheel Rakes, Plaster Sowers, Grain Seeders, Hay Tedders, reversible and steel Plows, Cultivators, Thill Horse Hoes, Clover Hullers and Fanning Mills. LAWS MOWERS, WATER DRAWERS, BEST BELITING, BEST CHURN POWERS IN THE WORLD, CORN SHELLERS FOR HAND OR POWER, &c., &c. Catalogues and descriptive, illustrated printed circulars, furnished or mailed free to all applicants. It will cost but three cents to send for circulars in postage. Farmers when in Towanda, call and see me. April 22,'72. R. M. WELLES.

MRS. E. J. MINGOS (formerly Miss Kingsley,) has now on hand FALL & WINTER MILLINERY & FANCY GOODS in a large variety, such as real and imitation Laces, Sashes, Bows, Ribbons, Lace Collars and Neck Ruches in all the latest novelties. She has also the latest styles in hair goods real and imitation, Kid Gloves, Shell and straw ornaments, DOLLY VARDEN JEWELRY, In Brooches, Combs, &c., &c. She has given special attention to old Lad es Bonnets and Dress caps, also Infants Caps, Ruches, &c. I have secured the services of a first class straw Milliner, and shall give good satisfaction in all manner of straw work. Rooms at the old stand, over Wolff Brothers clothing store.

WEEKLY ARRIVAL OF ANTHRACITE COAL On the Railroad, at Canal Street, which will be sold by the car load or less quantity, and delivered on reasonable terms. Please call at the Coal Yard. JAMES WILBER, Salesman. Aug. 23, 1872. L. S. CASE, Proprietor.

Miscellaneous.

J. O. FROST & SONS, MANUFACTURERS OF FURNITURE! Our ware-rooms at all times contain an UNRIVALED ASSORTMENT OF CHAMBER SETS Of all styles and prices, combining with the Rich and Elegant, the Medium Prices, suitable for all, and so cheap that any can afford to have them. Also the finest and most FASHIONABLE BLACK WALNUT PARLOR AND LIBRARY FURNITURE. Of new and original designs and of the most superb style and finish. Also a choice assortment of TABLES, WARDROBES, DRESSING CASES, SIDE-BOARDS, LIBRARY AND BOOK-CASES. Also a complete line of Tete-a-Tetes, Sofas, Sounges Rocking, Easy and Parlor Chairs, in the greatest variety of styles and prices. Also an endless variety of BEDSTEADS, BUREAUS, CHAIRS TABLES, MIRRORS, MATRESSES, & SPRING BEDS, FEATHER PILLOWS, Of every description, and in fact everything to be found in a First Class Furniture Store, CHEAPER THAN THE CHEAPEST! We pay Cash for Lumber, or will take Lumber in in exchange for Furniture. Also a large stock of COFFINS Of every description from the most common to the finest Rosewood, always on hand. We are sole agents for FISK'S METALIC BURIAL CASES, Which are now conceeded by all parties to be far the best Metalic Case in use. We have the FINEST HEARSE In this section of country, and will furnish anything in the UNDERTAKING line AS LOW as the same quality of goods can be got at ANY PLACE, either in Towanda or elsewhere, and from our large EXPERIENCE and thorough acquaintance with the business, we can save persons many annoyances to which they are always subject when dealing with incompetent parties. STORE 107 MAIN STREET. ☞ Do not forget the place. J. O. FROST & SONS. Towanda, April 2, 1872

PHOTOGRAPHY! The undersigned would inform the public that they have purchased the GALLERY OF ART, of HARDING & MARTIN, on Main street, first door south of the First National Bank, and mean, by strict attention to business, and by the addition of every improvement in the Art of Photography, to make the place worthy of patronage. Mr. Martin is to remain with us, and give his whole time and attention to the making of IVORYTYPES, PAINTINGS IN OIL AND WATER COLORS, As well as PENCILING IN INDIA INK. Particular attention given to the enlarging of pictures, and to the finishing of all kinds of work, so as to secure the best results, and as much time as possible given to making negatives of small children. Those wanting pictures will please give us a trial, and we think that they will be satisfied. GEO. H. WOOD & CO. jan11'72-1

M. E. ROSENFIELD'S CLOTHING EMPORIUM! OPPOSITE THE MEANS HOUSE, (Formerly occupied by H. Jacobs.) The rapid growth of Towanda requires the expansion of business, and the undersigned, realizing this want of the community in the READY MAYE CLOTHING LINE Has opened a new store in Beidleman's Block, (formerly occupied by H. Jacobs,) and is now prepared to offer to his old customers and the public generally, a better stock of MENS' AND BOYS' CLOTHING Than can be found in any other establishment outside the cities. My stock has all been purchased from the manufacturers this season, so that I have no old stock to get rid of, bought at high prices. I have a full line of GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS of the finest quality and latest styles, which I am Offering at low figures. REMEMBER! I have no connection with the old stand, and when you want anything in the clothing line, for yourself or boys, call on me in Beidleman's Block. M. E. ROSENFIELD. Towanda, March 28, 1872.

100 MEN WANTED To buy the celebrated HARD AND SOFT COAL BURNER COOK STOVES. We have the best line of Stoves in the State. MANSARD COOK and MODERN VULCAN Have taken the premiums in all the State Fairs, and we know they are a first-class Stove. DOMESTIC COOK For soft coal, something new. DOMESTIC COOK For hard or soft coal. Also the INVINCIBLE, PRESIDENT, ZENITH, UNITY. All first-class Stoves. PARLOR STOVES. EMPIRE GAS BURNERS 4 sizes), COSY LIGHTS, LIGHT HOUSE, BEACON LIGHT, ROCKET, REFLECTOR, FIRE FLY, AND BALTIMORE HEATERS. A full assortment of Hardware, Tinware, Copper, and Sheetiron Ware always on hand. ☞ All orders filled promptly. Job work done and warranted. Give us a call. LEWIS & SMALLEY, Nov.13,1872. No. 4, Bridge St. Towanda.

NOTICE.—J. A. RECORD, of Towanda, has just received the Agency of the Watertown Fire Insurance Company, of Watertown, N. Y., which is a first-class Company in all respects, with cash assetts of 425 000.—Is confined by its character to Farm Property and Dwelling House Risks; is therefore perfectly safe. Pays all loss or damage of tearing to pieces, whether fire ensues or not. Also pays for live stock killed by lightning in the barns or at large on the premises. You can save money by seeing Mr. Record before insuring elsewhere. Call and get a Circular or send for one. J. A. RECORD, Agent, ap 3 '72-1y Towanda, Pa.

FOR SALE.—A house and lot in Smithfield Centre, suitable for residence and store. Enquire of James H. Webb. Jan.30

Selected Poetry.

WINTER NIGHT VOICES.

I.

'Tis but the icicles dropping down,
Clattering down from the frozen eaves;
And the snow-send on the frosty pane
Rustling like autumn leaves.

Crack! crack! like a pistol-shot!
Ah, me! 'Tis only a breaking nail
Which the frost in its icy grip has got:
Was it a moan? or a sobbing wail
Of some unfortunate at the door,
Weary and famished, wan and pale?
'Twas but the prelude of the gale
Which shall come ere the morrow's sun
Out of the caves of the desolate north;
Out of the cave's of eternal cold,
Out of the soundless wold—
Wintry, pitiless, ramping forth!

II.

Name it the sigh of one who wrought
A spotless shroud for the frozen earth;
As one who sits by a fireless hearth,
And fights the battle she long has fought
With winter, and famine, and cold neglect,
And the bitter pride which her life has wrock'd
And murmurs aloud,
As she fashions a shroud,
Of the pain of living and death's delay;
Envying one whom yesterday's sun
Shone upon, happy, and rich, and gay,
And who lies rigid and cold to-day:
"Dead! Dead!
"Why should the bolt have struck *her* down!
Her—to whom it was joy to live?
What would I give? What would I give?
Give?
My cross of life for her icy crown!"

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III.

Who is without? Who is without?
Open the door and bid him in!
Rising above the crash and din
Of loosened shutters swung about,
There rings a clear, echoing shout
Of one returning home-ward late,
Breasting the eddying tides of snow,
With failing strength and progress slow;
Whose wife and children watch and wait.

Never again—never again,
Shall his children cling to that reeling form!
They shall watch and wait, and wait in vain,
For his coming home thro' the awful storm.
He will come—but rigid, and stark, and cold;
He will come—but not as of old,
To shelter the young things in his arms;
He struggled manfully and well,
While heart and brain turned faint and wan,
And then the poor, weak body fell
And turned to ice as the soul passed on,
Freed forever from life's alarms.

IV.

The storm sweeps by with a rush and roar,
Shaking loosened shutter and sash,
And latch, and bolt, with a clang and clash,
As it beats against the outer door.

And thus the voices of night are heard,
Rising higher, and higher, and higher,
As I sit within by the glowing fire,
And though it utters no spoken word,
It speaks no riddles to you and me
Who write our thoughts on the glowing brand,
Who have lordly cities and temples planned
In the wasting embers, with fancy free.

M. H. COBB.

—North American.

Miscellaneous.

[For the REPORTER]

A TRIP across THE WATER.

No. XL.

—"Here behold
The treasures of the mind—collections vast
Of all that Science or that Art may prize."

TRAFALGAR SQUARE, apparently formed out of the wide and central area, long known as Charing Cross, combines many features of interest in its details, and of grandeur in its general view. Here are the equestrian statues, in bronze and marble, of several of England's kings, and similar memorials of Havelock and Napier, as well as the magnificent Nelson monument; its height detracting, as is thought by Ruskin, from the otherwise impressive effect of fine surrounding edifices. The immense lions, executed in stone, which seem in dignified repose, to guard the basin of the great central fountain, are of extraordinary workmanship, and one feels himself involuntarily awed by their life-life and majestic expression; even the eye, a feature considered peculiarly difficult, if not impossible, of representation in statuary, is strikingly natural and expressive. Seldom in passing them, could I resist an inclination to linger and gaze upon these wonderful productions of the genius of Thorwaldsen.

The National Picture Gallery, standing at the north of the square, is a fine building, and contains many treasures of art, among which are rare specimens of the Italian, Spanish, French and Flemish schools. The Royal Gallery, in the eastern half, gives an annual exhibition of modern sculpture and painting, and permanent additions are made each year to the collection by purchases from a fund provided by Parliament. The extensive and admirable Turner collection is here to be seen, being the gift of that artist to the British nation.

A little way east, on the south side of the Strand, is the immense edifice, which combine under the same roof, the Charing Cross Station and the extensive and well appointed Charing Cross Hotel; where the traveler arriving in London, finds himself at once established in his quarters, on descending from the railway carriage. Upon a similar grand scale of combination, is the Cannon Street Hotel and Station, in the eastern part of the city.

On the same meridian with Westminster Abbey and Trafalgar Square, and half a mile north of the latter, is the British Museum. It is in a quarter of the city known as Bloomsbury, and but a little way out of Oxford street, one of the finest thoroughfares of London. All departments of knowledge are here represented; not alone in its immense library, but also in its museums of Greek, Assyrian and Egyptian art, and its rare, extensive, and in many cases unrivalled specimens of natural history and science; of its design, extent and progress the British nation may well be proud. The institution originated with the collection of Sir Hans Sloane, an eminent physician of the last century; great additions from time to time have been made in the contribution of entire collections and the outlays of Government, amounting to about $6,000 000. In 1823, George IV. added to it the private collection made by his father, during his long reign, and said to have cost $1,000,000. This had been selected with great care, and was considered the most extensive ever formed by a single individual. The ancient Royal Library which had been accumulated from the reign of Richard II. to that of George II., a considerable part of which had been taken from those depositories of literature, the Monasteries, was also incorporated with it; as well as numerous valuable and extensive private collections from time to time by bequest or purchase. Every English publisher is required by law to furnish a gratuitous copy of each publication issued from his press. Thus the list is swelled by the addition of some 20,000 volumes a year; the whole number is said to exceed 1,000,000. Some idly laborious calculator has demonstrated that upon the leaves of its volumes, spread out and laid edge to edge, one might walk a distance of 25 000 miles, or entirely around the globe at the equator.

Amid the wonderful collection of original manuscripts, may be seen letters written by distinguished authors, poets, painters and statesmen of the past; a deed signed by William Shakspeare and an agreement written and signed by Milton, disposing of the copyright of his "Paradise Lost" for a few pounds, (the agreement itself afterwards selling for the price of 100 guineas),—the original manuscripts of several well known works of such authors as Sterne, Johnson, Scott and Pope; a plan of the Battle of the Nile, drawn up on the previous day by Lord Nelson; and a despatch written by Wellington on the field of Waterloo; the Will of Mary Queen of Scotts, and the autographs of a long line of the English kings. Here are also several ancient charters granted by the Norman sovereigns, and that renowned document, *Magna Charta*, yielded on compulsion to the Barons at Runnymede by King John. The immense lumps of wax, attached by way of seals to these important documents, add much to their singularity and weight: the seal being evidently in those days the most important feature of a signature.

Montague House was for some time occupied by this institution, but so immense and increasing a collection required and will continue to require, an increase of space and suitable accommodation. The new building, occupying the site of the former, was completed in 1857, with a front on Great Russell street of 370, and additions of 200—in all 570 feet. A peculiar feature of its construction consists in the immense size of the building stones—said to weigh from 5 to 9 tons each. The magnificent dome surmounting the great central reading room which is calculated to accommodate 300 readers, has a diameter of 140 feet, and a height of 106; more lofty than the admired arches of Westminster, and of greater dimensions than the dome of the Basilicon of St. Peter's. Although unsupported by pillars, the weight of its material is more than 4,000 tons to afford room for the volumes of the library, there are three miles of book-cases and 25 miles of shelving.

Among the various saloons and galleries of ancient art, is one called the Anglo Roman, containing numerous Roman relics, excavated within the limits of London, and attesting to the importance of the city at so distant a period as its occupation by Julius Cæsar, when Roman fortifications are said to have occupied the site of the Tower, and a temple consecrated to Diana, that of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The immense size of some of the specimens of Egyptian and Assyrian statuary, is a matter of wonder. I saw here a foot and ankle carved from red stone, and apparently broken from the original statue, which, were it of brass, might well answer for a Colossus of Rhodes; other parts of the foot being of relative size, the *big toe* alone measured eighteen inches in length. One skilled in anatomical proportions, might readily give the dimensions of such a statue, when standing entire: it is easy to conclude, on the principle of *ex pede Herculem*, that the whole work must have been an undoubted specimen of high art.

The famous collection of Grecian sculpture known as the Elgin Marbles, is here—and at the same time, clearly out of place. England was among the foremost to cry out against Napoleon, at his removal of various treasures of art from the conquered capitals of Europe to the galleries of the Louvre; but here are fine specimens of statuary and portions of the building itself, plundered from the Parthenon of Athens, that model of elegance, the most admired specimen of ancient art—and by what right? By none, save the permission of the Turk, then in brief and wrongful possession of the Greek territory, accorded to Lord Elgin, English Ambassador to the Porte; none but a Turk would have granted it, and he must have been but little less who availed himself of it. The return of the Elgin Marbles to the despoiled niches and columns of the Parthenon, would be far more honorable to the British nation than the empty glory of their wrongful possession.

Five or six large rooms are devoted to the Zoology of all portions of the globe; one of the specimens, is the African Gorilla, of which but one other is to be found in Europe, at the *Jardin des Plantes* in Paris. A number of other apartments contain the Geological Department, with its great variety of specimens of the fossil remains, animal and vegetable, of past ages of the world. There are about 250 specimens of Meteorites—some with the date of their descent from unknown regions of the upper air duly recorded. Three of these, found in Tennessee, are of the weight of from 50 to 60 pounds each; while one, brought from the Argentine Republic in 1788, weighs 1400 pounds, and another from Cranbourne, Australia, no less than 8,200 pounds.

—South of Kensington Gardens, (within which is Kensington Palace, the birth-place of Queen Victoria), and two miles west from Trafalgar Square, is situated the South Kensington Museum. There is much of interest in its varied collections, but chiefly in its admirable paintings, the work for the most part of British artists. Here are a number of the best productions of Landseer, who was probably unrivalled in his delineations of animal life. Dogs and horses seem to have been especially his forte; and the prints we so often gaze upon, of wonderful canine expression, in "High Life and Low Life," "Dignity and Impudence," "The Twa Dogs," etc., here find their admirable originals; in the same department of animal life, never could anxiety and sorrow be more expressively depicted than in "Suspense" and the "Old Shepherd's Chief Mourner," two other paintings by the same master. In the gallery are also several of the most admired works of such artists as Eastlake, Wilkie, Maclise and Leslie; a fine portrait by Sir T. Lawrence, of Benjamin West, and the great original painting by the latter, of "Christ Healing the Sick in the Temple."

This picture, it is said, was intended by the painter as a gift to an American hospital; but on its completion in England, it was so much admired, that the strongest remonstrances were made against its leaving the country. West accordingly compromised the matter by painting a copy, which is now in Philadelphia.

The South Kensington Museum had its origin in the munificent gift of a private individual to the British nation; for which the public may well be thankful; but how can poetry ever embalm his virtues under such a name as Sheepshanks?

—Another query not necessarily connected with the foregoing subjects is, Who owns London? Its soil for the most part is held in fee by two individuals, the Marquis of Westminster and the Duke of Bedford; the actual occupants holding it on long leases, as is the case with a great part of the city of Philadelphia. The annual income of the Marquis is about $5,000,000; and that of the Duke cannot be much less, as in some parts of his domain (the "East End,") land is valued at £150 the square foot; thus in the vicinity of the Bank of England a lot 25 by 100 feet is worth $375,000. Ownership is seldom transferred; in most cases titles are so burdened with entails, reserves and incumbrances, that their more examination involves great expense, often amounting to thousands of pounds. C. C. P.

ADVICE TO YOUNG MARRIED PEOPLE.

Before marriage and afterward, let them learn to center all their hopes and lasting happiness in their own fireside; let them cherish the faith that in home, and all the English virtues which the love of home engenders, lies the only true source of domestic felicity; let them believe that round the household gods contentment and tranquility cluster in their gentlest and most graceful forms; that many weary hunters of happiness through the noisy world have learnt this truth too late, and found a cheerful spirit and a quiet mind only at home at last. How much may depend on the education of daughters and the conduct of Mothers—how much of the brightest part of our old national character may be perpetuated by their wisdom or frittered away by their folly—how much of it may have been lost already, and how much more in danger of vanishing every day—are questions too weighty for discussion here, but well deserving a little serious consideration from all young couples, nevertheless. To that one young couple on whose bright destiny the thoughts of nations are fixed, may the youth of England look, and not in vain, for an example. From that one couple, blest and favored as they are, may they learn, that even the glare and glitter of a court, the splendor of a palace, and the pomp and glory of a throne, yield in their power of conferring happiness to domestic worth and virtue. From that one young couple may they learn that the crown of a great empire, costly and jeweled though it may be, gives place, in the estimation of a queen, to the plain gold ring that links her woman's nature to that of tens of thousands of her humble subjects, and guards in her woman's heart one secret store of tenderness, whose proudest boast shall be that it knows no royalty save Nature's own, and no pride of birth but being the child of heaven! So shall the highest couple in the land for once hear the truth, when men throw up their caps, and cry with loving shouts—God bless them!

—Charles Dickens.

THE EVIL OF THE AGE.

The world is all crazy, decidedly so. The call is for show—still show. There is not one person in a thousand who dares to fall back on nothing but his real simple self for power to get through the world, and extract enjoyment as he goes along. There is too much living in the eyes of other people. There is no end to the aping, the mimicry, the false airs, and the superficial arts. And until people take a new view of things entirely, and resolve to turn a very short corner in order to live obediently to such a view, the world will go on as it has been going for a very long time, and all of us will continue to chase bubbles, only to see them burst, mere water drops in our hands.

It requires rare courage, we will admit, to live up to one's enlightened convictions in these times. Unless you consent to join in the general chest, you are hooted and jostled out of reach. There is no room for you in the great mob of pretenders. If a man dares to live within his means, and is resolute in his purpose not to appear more than what he really is, let him be applauded. There is something fresh in such an example. It deserves to be set down as one of the curiosities of the age. The few who devote themselves to such fine resolutions can, we fear, be counted upon the fingers, but still they are the little leaven of the huge lump. The mass will yet be stirred by the truth and simplicity of their example.

LIES are hitherless swords, which cut the hands that wield them.

HAPPINESS IN THE HOME CIRCLE.

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2 TIM. 1. 45.

A church within a church, a republic within a republic, a world within a world is home. If things go not right there, they go wrong everywhere. A man never gets higher than his garret nor lower than his cellar; domestic life overreaches and undergirds all other life. We are all fragments. God makes mankind in parts, then puts them together. Our deficits and surpluses are wheels in the social mechanism. One has courage, one has placidity, one enthusiasm. The whole human race is a vast circle of dependent parts. God has most beautifully arranged this also; thus he balances society. This conservative and that radical keeps things equal. John Wesley balances Calvin. McCosh gives the dry bones of theology, and Gutthrie clothes them in living flesh. We all have our places, and the welfare of society depends on our staying where God has put us. For greater usefulness we are gathered in the home-group, where we may supplement one another. If the husband is all lavishness, the wife must be all prudence.

Mary and Martha are necessities. There would have been no dinner for Christ if there had been no Martha, and no audience if there had not been a Mary! From the broken Eden of our first parents one remnant has been left—home and the marriage institution. This institution has been defamed in our day. Free-love tries to turn it into a Turkish harem. Novels try to educate this nation in holy marriage, which makes or brakes for eternity! Marriage is not a question of place or wardrobe, but of heaven or hell! Alas, for the dispensation of George Sand! The attempt has been made to make marriage a commercial enterprise, a mere partnership of two. Eight thousand divorces in Paris in one year preceded the worst revolution that France ever saw. Unbiblical notions on Christian marriage is a greater cause of outrages than any other.

To all who dwell in homes, I say, have Jesus there; have on the engagement-ring of divine affection. Homes that begin with God end in heaven. Exercise the law of forbearance.

Some of the best men in the world are hard to get along with. There are those who can pray like an angel, and at home are cross and cranky. Stand to your rights, and you will have a Waterloo with no Blucher to the rescue. Never be ashamed to apologise. My own grandfather called his family together, and said to a child whom he had rebuked, "This morning I corrected you without cause and wrongly. I am sorry, and I ask your forgiveness?" This is the noblest thing I remember of him.

Find the weak points of your companion—then stand off from them. The husband who spends all his evenings away is only the cashier of the house; and the wife who goes five nights to the opera and theatre, though she may dress her children in colors that would confound a French milliner, they are orphans.

'Tis sad when a child has no one to say its prayers to. Parents in India throw children into the Ganges. In New York and Brooklyn dissipation swallows more children than the inexorable Ganges. I have seen the sorrows of a mother who knew she had neglected her dead child. No tears came, but she was held as in a scorching simoom. God gives tears as Summer rain to a parched soul. Memory pinches the face, eats up the heart, and remorse corrodes the very soul. O wanderers from your home, go back! Learn to have sympathy of occupations.

Sir James Mackintosh said to a great company of scholars, "My wife made me." The wife should be the advising partner in every firm. If a man dare not tell his wife about his business projects, he is on the way to bankruptcy or moral ruin. Let husbands have sympathy with their wives. It is no easy thing to keep house. Your interests are one. Lay hold of life's work together—with four hands, four shoulders, and carry the trials.

Let love preside in the home circle. Happiness lies stock dead when words are formal and caresses cold. Let no shadow of suspicion come over your affections. Here's a man and wife who think if they have a house they will have a home. They buy for $100,000—agents and workmen go in and out; costly curtains go up, and soft carpets go down; and in a maze of excitement, in the whirl of fashion and show, the establishment is inaugurated. But happiness dwells not