Valentines From Notorious Characters.

This is St. Valentine's Day, or the beginning of the season-for it is supposed to last throughout the month-devoted to the exchange of poetical declarations of love and fidelity between those whose hearts have been pierced by the arrows of the naïve little god. Of course there will be a host of sentimental verses, embowered in all styles of dainty design, sent and received, and a still greater number of comic allusions to the foibles and frailties of the recipients will be despatched through the mails. custom of sending valentines is very old. St. Valentinus flourished in the third century (beheaded in Rome under the reign of the Emperor Claudius, A. D. 270), and was according to Wheatley, "so famous for his love and charity that the custom of choosing valentines on this festival took its rise from thence." Others derived the custom from birds being supposed to select their mates on this day; others again from the practice prevalent in ancient Rome at the festival of the Supercalia, held during the month of February, when, among other ceremonies, the names of young women were placed in a box and taken thence by young men as chance directed. It is claimed for St Valentine that, finding it impossible to extirpate this custom, he changed its form among the Christian men and maidens of Rome, substituting the transmission between levers of Scriptural excerpts and religious motttoes, for the usual declarationsof passion. The custom has greatly changed since the days of the good old saint, and none probably ever think of the idea which animated him. much less of carrying it out practically. Of late years the sending of valentines has been gradually falling into disuse; though on the recurrence of this season, with its attendant devices of love and serio-comic sentiment, the fancy stores and toy shops give evidence that it is not entirely extinct. Daubs of every hue are for sale, as usual, and costly valentines can be purchased, if desired.

The advent of St. Valentine's Day brings to mind what is said by old Burton, the anatomist of melancholy: "It is worth the trouble to inquire of love whether it be a god or a devil or a passion of the mind, or partly god, partly devil and partly passion." Judging from the devices of the Valentinal prints on exhibition, however, the purchaser, like the boy in the managerie, "pays his money and takes his choice." Every style and description may be had, from the costly embossed and gilt missive that carries on its face the gentlest breathings of the universal passion to the commonest and most comical halfpenny affair that can be imagined.

We give below some specimens of valentines writing by Mr. Weller and other less distinguished

SAM WELLER'S VALENTINE The particular picture on which Sam. Weller's eyes were fixed, as he said this, was a highly colored representation of a couple of human hearts skewered together with an arrow, cooking before a cheerful fire, while a male and female cannibal in modern attire, the gentleman being clad in a blue coat and white trousers, and the lady in a deep red pelisse with a parasol of the same, were approaching the meal with hungry same, were approximated mean with indiging eyes, up a serpentine gravel path leading thereto. A decidedly indelicate young gentleman, in a pair of wings, and nothing else, was depicted as superintending the cooking; a representation of the spire of the church in Langham sentation of the spire of the church in Langham Place appeared in the distance; and the whole formed a "valentine," of which, as a written in-scription in the window testified, there was a large assortment within, which the shopkeeper pledged himself to dispose of, to his countrymen generally, at the reduced rate of one and sixpence

"I should ha' forgot it; I should certainly ha' forgot it!" said Sam; so saying, he at once stepped into the stationer's shop, and requested to be served with a sheet of the best gilt-edged letter paper, and a hard nibbed pen which could be warrented not to splutter. These articles having been promptly supplied, he walked on direct toward Leadenhall Market at a good round pace, very different from his recent lingering one. Looking round him, he there beheld a sign-board cooking round him, no there beheld a sign-board on which the painter's art had delineated something remotely resembling a cerulean elephant with an aquiline nose in lieu of trunk. Rightly conjecturing that this was the Blue Boar himself, be attended to the beautiful to the same than the same trunk. he stepped into the house, and inquired concern-

ing his parent.
"He won't be here this three-quarters of an hour or more," said the young lady who superintended the domestic arrangements of the Blue

Boar. "Werry good, my dear," replied Sam. "Let

me have nine penn'orth o' braudy and water luke, and the inkstand, will you, miss?" and the inkstand, will you, miss?"

The brandy and water luke, and the inkstand, having been carried into the little parlor, and the young lady having carefully flattened down the coals to prevent their blazing, and carried away the poker to preclude the possibility of the fire being stirred, without the full privity and concurrence of the Biue Boar being first had and obtained. Sam. Weller sat himself down on a box near the stove, and pulled out the sheet of gilt-edged letter-paper and hard-nibbed pen. Then, looking carefully at the pen to see that there were no hairs in it, and dusting down the table, so that there migut be no crumbs of bread under the paper Sam tucked up the cuffs of his coat, squared his clows, and composed himself to write.

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To ladies and gentlemen who are not in the habit of devoting themselves practically to the science of penmanship, writing a letter is no very easy task; it being always considered necessary in such cases for the writer to recline his head on bis left arth, so as to place his eyes as nearly as possible on a level with the paper, and while glancing sideways at the letters he is constructing, to form with his tongue imaginary characters to correspond. These motions, although unquestionably of the greatest assistance to original composition, retard in some degree the progress of the writer; and Sam had unconsciously been full hour and a half writing words in small text, smearing out wrong letters with his little finger, and putting in new ones which required going over very often to make them visible through the old blots, when he was roused by the opening of

the door and the entrance of his parent.
"Vell, Sammy," said the father.
"Vell, my Procedure Blue," responded the son, laying down his pen. "What's the last bulletin about mother-in-law?"

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"Mrs. Veller passed a wery good night, but is uncommon perwerse, and unpleasant this mornin'. Signed upon oath, S. Veiler, Esquire, Senior. That's the last vun as was issued, Sammy," replied Mr. Weller, untying his shawl.

"No better yet?" inquired Sam.

"All the symptoms aggerwated," replied Mr. Weller, shaking his head. "But wot's that you're a doin' of—pursuit of knowledge under difficulties—eh Sammy?"

"I've done now." said Sam with slight ambar.

"I've done now," said Sam with slight embar-rasement; "I've been a writin,"
"So I see," replied Mr. Weller. "Not to any young 'coman, I hope, Sammy?"
"Why it's no use a sayin' it ain't," replied Sam; "It's a walentine."

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"A what!" exclaimed Mr. Weller, apparently horror-stricken by the word.

"A walentine," replied Sam.

"Samivel, Samivel," said Mr. Weller, in reproachful accents, "I didn't think you'd ha' done it. Arter the warnin' you've had o' your father's wicious propensities; arter all I've said to you upon this here wery subject; arter actiwally seein' and bem' in the company o' your own mother-in-law, vich I should ha' thought wos a moral lesson as no man could never ha' forgotten to his dyin' day! I didn't think you'd ha' done kt'".

"Nonsense," said Sam. "I ain't goin' to get married; don't fret yourself about that! I know you're a judge o' these things. Order in your pipe, and I'll read you the letter—there."

Sam dipped his pen into the ink to be ready for any corrections, and began with a very theatri-

Lovely -"Stop," said Mr. Weller, ringing the bell, "A double glass of the inwarible, my dear."

"Very well, sir," replied the girl; who with great quickness appeared, vanished, roturned, nd disappeared. They seem to know your ways here," obcerved Som.

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"Yes," replied his father, "I've been here befere, in my lime." Go on, Sammy."

"Lovely creetur," repeated Sam.

"Taint in poetry, is it?" interposed his father.

"No, no," replied Sam.

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"Wery glad to hear it," said Mr. Weller.
"Poetry's unnat'ral; no man ever telked poetry cept a beadle on boxin' day, or Warren's blackin' or Rowland's oil, or some o' them low fellows: never you let yourself down to talk poetry, my

boy. Begin agin, Samny."

Mr. Weller resumed his pipe with critical solemnity, and Sam once more commenced, and read as follows: 'Lovely creetur i feel myself a damned

"That ain't proper," said Mr. Weller, taking his pipe from his mouth.
"No; it aln't, 'damned," observed Sam, hold-

ing the letter up to the light, "it's 'shamed,' there's a blot there—'I feel myself ashamed."
"Werry good," said Mr. Weller. "Go on."
"Feel myself ashamed, and completely cir——' I forget what this here word is, 'said Sam, scratching his head with the pen, in vain

attempts to remember.
"Why don't you look at it, then?" inquired Mr. Weiler.
"So I am a lookin' at it," replied Sam, "but there's another blot. Here's a 'c,' and a 'i,' and

"Circumwented, p'raps," suggested Mr. Weller.
"No. It ain't that," said Sam; "circumscribed;

"That sin't as good a word as circumwented,
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Sammy, "Isaid Mr. Weller, gravely.
"Think not?" said Sam.
"Nothin' like it," replied his father.
"But don't you think it means more?" inquiged

Sam. "Vell, p'raps it is a more tenderer word," said Mr. Welfer, after a few moments' reflection. "Go on, Sammy."

"Feel myself ashamed and completely circumscribed in a dressin' of you, for you are a nice gal, and nothin' but it." "That's a wery pretty sentiment," said the elder Mr. Weller, removing his pipe to make way

for the remark.

"Yes, I think it is rayther good," observed
Sam, highly flattered.

"Wot I like in that 'ere style of writin'," said
the elder Mr. Weller, "is, that there ain't no callin' names in it,—no Wenuses, nor nothin' o' that
kind. Wot's the good o' callin' a young 'ooman
a Wenus or a angel, Sammy?"

"Ah! what, indeed?" replied Sam.
"Yen; might, its as well call her a griffin or a for the remark.

"Ah! what, indeed?" replied Sam.

"Yen might jist as well call her a griffin, or a unicorn, or a king's arms at once, which is wery well known to be a col-lection o' fabulous animals," added Mr. Weller.

"Just as well," replied Sam.

"Drive on, Sammy," said Mr. Weller.

Sam complied with the request, and proceeded as follows: his father continuing to smoke with

as follows; his father continuing to smoke, with a mixed expression of wisdom and complacency, which was particularly edifying.

"'Afore I see you, I thought all women was

"So they are," observed the elder Mr. Weller, parenthetically.
"But now, continued Sam, 'now I find what a reglar soft-headed, ink-red'lous turnip I must ha' been: for there ain't nobody like you, though I like you better than nothin' at all. I thought it best to make that rayther strong," said Sam, looking up.

Mr. Weller nodded approvingly, and Sam re-

"So I take the privilidge of the day, Mary, "So I take the privilidge of the day, Mary, my dear—as the gen'I'm'n in difficulties did, ven he valked out of a Sunday,—to tell you that the first and only time I see you, your likeness was took on my hait in much quicker time and brighter colors than ever a likeness was took by the profet! macheen (wich p'raps you may have heerd on Mary my dear) altho it does finish a portrait and put the frame and glass on complete, with a hook at the end to hang it up by, and all in two minutes and a quarter."

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"I am afeerd that werges on the poetical, Sammy," said Mr. Weller, dublously.

"No it don't," replied Sam, reading on very quickly, to avoid contesting the point:

"Except of me Mary my dear as your walentine and think over what I've said.—My dear at I've and I've said.—My dear at I've said.—My dear when I've said.—My dear was conclude." That's all." said Sam.

Mary I will now conclude.' That's all. "That's rather a sudden pull up, ain't it, Sammy?" inquired Mr. Weller.
"Not a bit on it," said Sam; "she'll vish there was more, and that's the great art o' letter-

writin'."
"Well," said Mr. Weller, "there's somethin'
in that; and I wish your mother in-law 'ud only

In that, and I wish your mother-in-law 'dd only conduct her conwersation on the same gen-teel principle. Ain't you agoin' to sign it?"

"That's the difficulty," said Sam; "I don't know what to sign it."

"Sign it, Veller," said the oldest surviving proprietor of that name.

"Won't do," said Sam. "Never sign a walenting with your own name."

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"Sign it 'Pickvick,' then," said Mr. Weller;
"It's a wery good name, and a easy one to spell."
"The wery thing," said Sam. "I could end
with a werse; what do you think?"
"I don't like it, Sam," rejoined Mr. Weller.
"I never know'd a respectable conchman as wrote poetry, cept one, as made an affectin' copy o' werses the night afore he wos hung for highway robbery; and he was only a Cambervell man, so ven that's no rule."

But Sam was not to be dissuaded from the poetical idea that had occurred to him, so he signed the letter, "Your love-sick

And having folded it, in a very intricate manner, squeezed a down-hill direction in one corner: "To Mary, Housemaid, at Mr. Nupkins's Mayor's, Ipswich, Suffolk;" and put it into his pocket, watered, and ready for the General Post.

Valentines from Notorious Characters. The following valentines have come to us by mistake. Evidently they were intended for la dies, who, perhaps, have received certain pub. does, which were to have come to this office. This one seems to have been written by our volatile and frivolous Secretary of State-

"O fly with me, love, to the distant Walrussia. Where we'll sail o'er the seas on the cosy ice.

On each cheek the cool air will produce a soft · blush a—

Bout the very same shade as the one on your nosc.

We'll sport with the walrus, and join in the Of Esquimaux, codfish and great polar bears Or read all I've penned of the ship Alabama,

When we want to be jolly and lighten our 'Or come with me dear to St. Thomas's island,' And be rocked to repose by a gentle earth-

quake; By a volcano's light let me watch your sweet

See no hurricane, love, blows you off by mis-"Or to Feejee we'll wander, sweet, where the kind

savage Will tenderly fatten us both for a fry, Unless some epicure chooses to ravage

Your beauty by cooking you in a meat-pie. "O come with me somewhere;dear angel, between us Irrepressible conflicts shall never take place;

Your heavy papa, love, cannot circumvene us, For I am a diplomat with lots of face."

This one is evidently from the pen of A. J. Observe the exquisite delicacy of sentiment, and the characteristic modesty:

"O once I was a tallor man. And made tight-fighting clothes; And then I was an Alderman,

But gradually I rose. Until at last I'm President, As everybody knows.

"Now that the public offices

Have each of them been mine. I only further want, my love, To be your Valentine: And, when we marry, to know where You keep the cooking wine.

"All through this world's wide wilderness Let me your Moses be; Give me your colemn pledge you will

Support my policy; And never venture once, my love. To do what don't please me.

"O give me all your tenderest love. On me your heart bestow. O give me but a single smile-(A liquid one, you know): O give me all your butcher bills. And let me them veto.

"And if among your household hands You wish a man servant," Don't have a soldier-fellow, love, Or else we really shan't

Agree, because I've had too much Of them there chaps in Grant. -

"And on the day we're married, love, If I should slip away, And come back flushed with tangle-foot, Absorbed during my stay, Reflect, I always do this on Inauguration day."

The following bears the postmark of Cork, Ireland, but there is reason to believe, from the initials. G. F. T., that it was written by an Amer ican :

"E. Pluribus Unum-tooral looral-heigh oh! My name is George Francis-I love you, you Come fly with me-won't you?-we'll go a great

From Paris to Pekin in twenty-six days.

Hurrah for the women?-Down with England hi! hi! Where's your father?-Refer me-name the dayby and by

We'll be married—I'm great!—Look at me!—I'm a man Who can do more big things than any other man

've a thirty-inch head-I've built railways-why, pshaw-Say you love me_I'm a Fenian_I own Omaha-

entine-I'm George Francis—your lover—say will you be mine?"

Derby quakes-I'll stump Ireland-be your Val-

CITY BULLETIN.

ANOTHER HOMICIDE.-A young man named Thomas Brady died at the St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday, from the effects of injuries received two weeks ago. It seems that a man named Henry Stonemetz had been in the habit of visiting the livery stable of Simon Kneedler, on Marshall street, above Poplar. Mr. Kneedler told his employee that he did not wish Stonemetz to be about the place. Stonemetz went into the office connected with the stable about two weeks ago, and Brady, who was employed there, told him to go out. Stonemetz refused to leave and Brady undertook to eject him, at the same time picking up a stick. Stonemetz then struck Brady with his fist, and a tussel ensued. The two men then got out of the office and Stonemetz is alleged to have taken the stick from Brady's hund and struck him upon the head with it. The wound was not considered serious at the time, and Stonemetz was arrested upon a warrant is and Stonemetz was arrested upon a warrant is sued by Alderman Kemble, on the oath of Brady, and was held in \$800 bail to answer the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill. Brady subsequently got worse, and went to the St. Joseph's Hospital, where he died, yesterday, as above stated. Stonemetz gave himself up last evening, and was locked up in the Twentleth Ward Police Station to await the result of the Corpora's incourse. He is a barkeeper, and resides Coroner's inquest. He is a barkeeper, and resides with his parents, No. 1,000 North Sixth street.

REV. HERRICK JOHNSON, D. D.—This young and talented divine, now at Marguette, Mich., but well known as formerly located at Pittsburgh Pa., has received a unanimous call to the old Washington Square Church, of this city, known throughout the country as the "Rev. Albert Barnes's Church," who, for a third of a century, Johnson is a preacher of uncommon power, a young man in every way well fitted to occupy the high and responsible pastorate of the "First" Church of Philadelphia. Information has just been received of the acceptance of the call, and we are glad to be able to state this as a fact to the many who have been interested in receiving to Philadelphia, this accomplished divine. His per-manent settlement will take place about the 1st

An Impostor. -- A rather well-dressed individual, of clerical appearance, is now in this city. after leaving the country where he has been victimizing a large number of credulous and unsuspecting persons of the Catholic persuasion. He represents himself as a student of the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, in this city, which, he states, he was obliged to leave through ill health, and where he intends returning again as soon as his health improves. By this story he naturally enough excites the sympathics of his hearers, who are only too willing to relieve his pretended distress, and pity his supposed misfortunes. He also states he is an A. M. of a College in Ireland

which has never granted degrees. DON'T READ THE PAPERS.—An individual from the country, who has evidently not read the newspapers recently, fell in with one Edward Smith, at Fifth and Catharine streets, yesterday. Smith had a little arrangement commonly known as the ball game, and he succeeded in swindling the countryman out of \$25. Smith was after-wards arrested and was committed for a further

hearing by Ald. Mink. VIOLENT ASSAULT .- Edward O'Neill and Joseph Devergaux were arrested at Thirteenth and Wood streets yesterday, and were taken before Ald. Massey, upon the charge of assault and battery on Pat. Maguire. The affair grew out of a quarrel about a dog. Maguire is said to have had several teeth knocked out. The accused were

held in \$600 bail each to answer at Court. PASSING A COUNTERFEIT.-William Bender, hailing from Allentown, was arrested yesterday by the Seventh District Police, on the charge of having passed a counterfeit \$20 United States Treasury note at a store at Front and Coates streets. He was locked up for a hearing before a United States Commissioner.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT .- Henry Benner and Henry Houpt were caught yesterday in the act of stealing scraps of steel from a cask at New Market and Willow streets. They had broken open the cask and had packed about fifty pounds in a bag when captured. Ald. Toland held the thieves in \$800 ball for trial.

A DERANGED WOMAN, -An Irish woman, about 28 years of age, evidently deranged, who has been at the Police Station at Germantown for a day or two, was sent to prison this morning. The officers could learn nothing from her respecting her name or the address of her friends. When she did say anything it was about fairles.

ANOTHER ARREST.-Charles Bates, aged 17 years, was arrested yesterday upon the charge of having been one of the gang who have been committing depredations in the Sixteenth and. Seventeenth Wards. He was committed in default of \$1,000 ball by Alderman Morrow.

LARCENY.-A man named Joseph McCoy was rrested yesterday upon the charge of the larceny of a lot of dies from the foundry of Morris & Tasker, at Fifth and Tasker streets. He was taken before Alderman Mink, and was committed to answer. 🤌

GALA DAY AT EASTWICK PARK .- On Saturday next a grand fûte will be given at Eastwick Skating Park for the benefit of the Park. The Meagher Brothers, the celebrated Canadian skaters, will be present and will perform some of their most wonderful feats. A very pleasant time may be expected. may be expected.

FIRE. The alarm of fire about nine o'clock last evening was caused by the burning of the drying house at the cloth factory of S. H. Needles, Day street, above Girard avenue. The loss was about

ACCIDENT.-A young man tamed William Duffy, aged 21 years, was severaly injured yesterday, by a bank of dirt at the quarry of Powers & Weightman, at the Falls of Schuylkill. He was taken to his home at haboratary Hill, Falls of Schuylkill.

AMUSEMENTS.

CHARLES DICKENS .- The entertainment at Concert Hall, last evening, was one of the most thoroughly enjoyable that Mr. Dickens has yet given us. The audience was again a large, yet given us. The audience was again a large, brilliant and highly appreciating one, and Mr. Dickens was evidently in the best of humors. His recitation of the "Christmas Carol was even more spirited and effective than on the occasion more spirited and effective than on the occasion of its first presentation. Such a performance as that of last evening should settle the question of Mr. Dickens's peculiar dramatic powers, even in the minds of the few sceptics who have affected to deny his possession of such abilities. "Scrooge" and "Bob Cratchit" and "Mrs. Cratchit" and the "Nephew" and joly old "Fezziwig" were given with an inimitable style of grotesque humor, and Mr. Dickens was repeatedly interrupted by peals of applause from his delighted audience. That goose was, if possible, a more wonderful goose than ever, and when Mrs. Cratchit successfully produced that pudding it could be distinctly smelt all over the pudding it could be distinctly smelt all over the

Master Harry Walmers was very prettily told, and "Boots" of the Holly-Tree Inn will become almost as famous in Mr. Dickens's hands as has that other immortal Boots whom Pick-wick found in the White Hart Inn, High Street,

Borough.

To-night, Mr. Dickens makes his last appearance in "Doctor Marigold" and in "The Trial from Pickwick." As it is the last chance of hearing the great novellst there will of course be a very crowded house.

THE THEATRES .- At the Chestnut to-night the THE THEATRES.—At the Chestnut to-night the drama, The Flying Scud, will be given. At the Arch Under the Guslight remains upon the stage and draws well. Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams at the Walnut will appear in Shandy Maquire; Customs of the Country, and Paddy the Piper. Mrs. Williams has a benefit this evening. At the American a varied bill is offered.

PHILADELPHIA OPERA HOUSE .- At this popular place of amusement to-night, will be performed a new burlesque entitled *Under the Lampost*. This is a sharp and racy satire, and is filled with good local and political hits, funny incidents, and laughable situations. All of the most accomplished members of this excellent company appear in the parts. In addition to this there will be the usual miscellaneous entertainments, comprising singing, dancing, negro impersona-tions by Mr. Frank Moran and other popular performers, with burlesque, farce and extravaganza by the quantity.

ELEVENTH STREET OPERA HOUSE .- The capital burlesque of Ours, or Maximilian's Avengers will be given this evening at this theatre. The piece is of the best of its kind, and cannot fail to please those who see it. There will also be vocal and instrumental music, farce, dancing and Ethiopian

Assembly Buildings .- Mr. Alf Burnett will give another series of his comic impersonations at Assembly Buildings, beginning February 17th.

A LADY POISONED IN THIRD AVENUE.—Mrs. C. Parker, residing at 322 Third avenue, N. X., being engaged in the laudable operation of cleaning house, was so unfortunate as to get a small particle of Paris green in o a wound on her inger. Great agony was the result. To prevent the virus entering her body, the physicians had her arm tightly corded. The terrible pain made her aimost frantic. Getting worse very last under the medical treatment, she resolved, as a last resort, ogo to Dr. Wolcott's office, No. 170 Chatham equare, N. Y., where all pain of every nature was advertised as being removed free of charge. The ligature was removed. Dr. Wolcott applied his curious remedy, Pain Painr, with a brush. Mrs. Parker went home entirely free from pain and has had no attack since. In all human probability she would have died in a few hours unless immediate relief had come to her rescue. The Doctor is well known to the whole community. He has occupied his present place of business nearly six years. How well he has succeeded is patent to everybody. He established his old standard remedy for Catarrh and colds in the head many years ago, the Instant Pain Anvinitator, the present sales of which are over 100,000 bottes each month. All bottles are sold to everybody under a guarantee, and every person applying is told so most distinctly. The Pain Paint, his new remedy, has at present a larger sale than any medicine ever offered to the public in so short a time, and has caused more wonder and construct a larger short a time, and has caused more wonder and construct a larger short a time, and has caused more wonder and construct a larger short a time, and has caused more wonder and construct a larger short a time, and has caused more wonder and constructions. sale than any medicine ever offered to the public in so short a time, and has caused more wonder and consternation among physicians than anything ever before offered. When all medical skill has utterly fatled, PAIN PAINT has saved thousands of hopeless cases already. He keeps his office open till 9 o'clock at night (not open Sundays). He tells the public emphatically not to touch any of his remedies unless in pure outside wrappers. All pain cured free of charge at Dr. Wolcott's Branch Office, in Drug Store, 622 Arch street, Philadelphia.

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CITY NOTICES.

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White French China Dining Plates, 9% in., per dz.
Do. do. do. Breakfast do., 5% "
Do. do. do. Tea do., 7% "
Cut Glass Goblets, per dozen.
Do. do. Champagnes, per dozen.
Do. do. Wines, per dozen.
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