

CITY BULLETIN.

HALLOWEEN.

Games and Sports of the Night—Summing up the "Spirits on All Hallow's Eve"—Ceremonies in this Country and Europe.

There is, perhaps, no night in the whole year which the popular imagination has peopled with a more peculiar character than the evening of the 31st of October, known as All Hallow's Eve, or Hallow's Eve, and as to-day is.

It is clearly a relic of pagan times, for there is nothing in the ecclesiastical observance of the evening of the day of All Saints to have originated such extraordinary notions as are connected with this celebrated festival, or such remarkable practices as those by which it is distinguished.

The leading idea respecting Hallow's Eve, is that it is the time, of all others, when supernatural influences prevail. It is the night set apart for a universal walking abroad of spirits, both of the visible and invisible world; for, as will be seen, one of the special characteristics attributed to this mystic evening is the faculty conferred on the immaterial principle of humanity to detach itself from its corporeal tenement and wander abroad through the realms of space.

In celebrating it by the fireside, nuts and apples—grateful fruits of October—are everywhere brought into requisition. The name of Apple-Night, by which Hallow's Eve is known in the North of England, indicates the predominance of the former of these events in making up entertainments for the evening of the night.

Brand, in his "Popular Antiquities," says: "It is a custom in relation to Hallow's Eve, to put three nuts upon the back of the grate, naming the nuts after the lovers. If a nut cracks, or jumps off, it is a sign that the lovers are to be separated. If a nut is still on the grate, it is a sign that the lovers are to be united."

Another custom much practiced in Scotland on Hallow's Eve is that of the "Three Dishes," or "Loggies." Two of these are respectively filled with clean water, and the third is empty. They are ranged on the hearth, when the parties, blindfold, advance in succession and dip their fingers into one. If they dip into the clean water, they are engaged to marry; if into the foul water, they are engaged to spin; and if into the empty dish, the party so dipping is destined to be either a bachelor or an old maid.

The ceremonies above described are all of a light, sportive character, but there are others of a more weird and fearful character, which in this country are more numerous than in any other. These are the various forms of divination by means of the "Hallow's Eve" fire, and the "Hallow's Eve" dance.

The only method of celebrating Hallow's Eve that is in use in America is popular among the young people of the cities. It is a form of divination by means of the "Hallow's Eve" fire, and the "Hallow's Eve" dance. This singular custom originated in the belief that the evil spirits which are out on that night would be kept away.

St. James's Church.—The tide of population sweeping toward the western part of the city has at last compelled the abandonment of another of the venerable landmarks of the city, St. James's Church in Seventh street, above Market.

St. James's Church was the outgrowth of the ancient parish of St. James, which was founded in 1791, and St. Paul's in 1792. On the 20th of May, 1896, a Committee was appointed to consider the ways and means of building another church to be united with St. James's. At this time there were only three Episcopal churches in Philadelphia; St. James's, founded in 1791, St. Paul's in 1792, and St. Peter's in 1793.

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It is intended to hold the last service in the old church on the first Sunday of November, when a memorial service, appropriate to the occasion, will be preached by the pastor. On the first Sunday of December, it is expected that the new church will be ready for occupancy, and that the new church will be completed before the close of next year.

THE ANNE PEOPLES CASE.—The concluding portions of the Anne Peoples case were only imperfectly reported in our issue of Saturday. The case is of a peculiar nature, and in regard to the use of the dry-curling dresses to the wounds of the deceased man is not seen to be correctly understood.

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ALLEGED FORGERY.—Alderman Kerr had before him this morning L. H. Landis, charged with the forgery of the signatures of Daniel Landis. It is claimed that the signature of Daniel Landis is a forgery. The accused was held in \$1,000 bail for further hearing on Tuesday next.

ACCIDENT.—John Miller, employed at Turner Hall, No. 418 North 3rd street, was clearing up the stage last night after the close of the performance. A pistol which had been left lying on the floor was accidentally discharged, and in the confusion the bullet struck Miller in the hand, wounding him.

THE STEPHEN E. WHITMAN FINE CONFETTI MANUFACTORY.—At the southeast corner of Twelfth and Market streets, Mr. Whitman has a manufactory containing thousands of specimens of the confectioner's art, designed and finished with a small care as the jewels which are sent forth from the hands of the lapidary. Mr. Whitman is the chief artist in these rare confections, and his store is the resort of the fashionable people of this city, and even of the whole State.

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Have made expensive Shawls a leading article this season.

India Camel's Hair Scarfs, India Style Shawls, Vienna, Long and Square, Paris Quality Broche, Scarlet, Long and Square, Black, Long and Square, Stylish Stripe Shawls, Breakfast Shawls, Carriage Stripe Shawls, Shoulder Shawls.

EXTRAORDINARY REDUCTION IN PRICES OF DRY GOODS.

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727 CHESTNUT STREET, In order to close out their FALL and WINTER STOCK by DECEMBER 1st, will offer EXTRA-ORDINARY BARGAINS in

Silks, Dress Goods and Miscellaneous Dry Goods.

ELDER, WALTON & CO

215 N. Ninth Street, above Race, Are now offering an elegant line

All-Wool Fine and Green Plaids, 70c. Double Width Plaids, 80c. All-Wool Poplins, Alpaca Poplins, 50c. Black de Laines, Bargains, Bargains in Black de Laines, 50c, 62, 62 1/2, 67 1/2, 63, 63 1/2.

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Fourth and Arch Streets.

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BLACK QUINER LACES, BLACK THREAD LACES, POINTE APPOUQUE LACES, BLACK VELVETS, BLACK COLLETS, GAMBRIA VELVETS, FURBER'S PRICE, \$2. HERBOTT'S BDKS FROM 25 CENTS.

TORIAN'S CELEBRATED PURETONE

FOR SALE.

REMOVALS.

R. J. WILLIAMS, Artist, has removed his Free-Press Establishment from 66 South 4th street to 103 South 4th street, southwest corner. oc20 5tr

REMOVAL THE OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA WOOD PAVING CO. has removed from S. W. corner Broad and Front streets to 218 Arch street. The Company are now prepared to enter into contracts with property owners to lay and Re-lay Miller's Improved Wood Pavement. oc21 1tr

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