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MARRIED.
In the City of Philadelphia, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., by the Rev. William Bacon Strouss, D.D., Minister of the Gospel of the late Charles Strouss, of the Parish of St. Charles, and the late Mrs. Elizabeth Strouss, daughter of Charles H. Strouss, of Philadelphia. [Survivors, &c., please copy.]

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

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The Second Series,
COMMENCING JANUARY 31.
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FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTERS FROM ROME.

The Rains in Rome—Threatened Overflow of the Tiber—The Austrian Emperor's Reception—Deaths of Ecclesiastics—The Late Cardinal Reisch.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.]
Rome, Italy, Dec. 24, 1869.—Such weather as we are having in Rome and have had for some weeks! Rain, rain, rain—and on Wednesday night, by way of variety, there was hail and thunder and lightning. The Tiber has mounted up to these heavy rains several times; and unless these heavy rains stop, I may see one of those terrible Tiber overflows, such as are marked on the stone walls of some parts of the city, as a memory of what has been, and which have always seemed to me incredible.

But, notwithstanding the weather, everything goes on as usual in Rome at this season—dinner parties, receptions, breakfasts and kettle-drums. On Wednesday evening a friend called to see me. He was in full court-dress, and had just come from the Austrian Emperor's reception. It had taken place at five o'clock in the afternoon, at the Palazzo Venezia, at the Embassy. One hundred invitations were given out to the Roman princesses and a few other distinguished persons now in Rome. The Emperor, my friend said, looked "replendently beautiful," and although the mother of several children, appears like a young woman. The report circulated, or rather whispered, last week, about the poor ex-Queen of Naples and the probability that she would be born, is now proved to be born, is contradicted on very high authority. The celebrated Countess, Dr. Brown, of Vienna, whom Queen Sofia consulted this summer, has accompanied the Emperor to Rome. He is now at the Farnese Palace, awaiting the event, and stakes his reputation on the result being favorable. There have not been so many Bourbons assembled together in a long while as now in Rome. They are waiting this event, so interesting to them and of so little consequence to us, as the world really is. "Oh to see," said the Emperor, "a great man may really be on the way for the service of his country."

But while some are watching for the advent of new souls, and merry Christmas and prosperous New Years, others are mourning over deaths and deaths of the past week is remarkable. A Polish Bishop died on Saturday—a man of considerable position. Ternerani's death I think I mentioned in my last letter. His funeral, which took place on Saturday, will be a thing to remember. It is said that 10,000 persons were in the procession, and I would fully credit it. It was at night. The monks and people were packed down the Via di Propaganda from the Fountain of Trevi, near which the great sculptor lived—into the Piazza di Spagna; wheeled around the Virgin's Column, and looked from a distance like a great river arrested by some obstacle; the mass of torches, picturesque monks and Sacconi seemed to mount up for a few instants as a pent torrent; then it turned into the Cortile, and flowed along like a flaming lava current. Body after body of chanting brotherhoods passed by, singing about the funeral pliny in the night. The echoes of one solemn litany came streaming back with the smoke and flame of the torches, as if by themselves to the sad anthems sung by succeeding troops of monks. It was very grand and picturesque, a fit funeral for this eminent sculptor.

The second great man who has died is Cardinal de Reisch. The news reached Rome on Tuesday night from Upper Savoy. I was at a dinner-party on that evening. A Montagnone attached to the Papal household took the Cardinal, and on our way we talked of "Even as we speak, the news of his death may be here; for the last we heard from him gave us no hope."

Poor Cardinal de Reisch! When I first came to Rome, last year, it seemed to me that everything centered in his Eminence. He was the leading spirit in so many works. He was always a busy, active man. From his youth he was noted for his capability and energy. He was one of the leading students in the famous German College at Rome. Then at the University of Bonn, he was appointed rector of the College. His first step was to establish an Episcopal Seminary, which reason ranked among the first of such institutions on the continent. Then he was made Archbishop of Munich; and the Cardinal's had did not linger long on the road, for, like Emerson's Guy, he was one of those mortals who

"Had soaped his wise affairs,
That he might rest in his snare."
Stream could not so pervasively wind.
But corn of Guy's was there to grind."

Pretty soon he became Cardinal Prefect of studies in Rome; and when poor Monsignore Talbot went mad last year, of course his offices fell into the lucky de Reisch's lot; among others the Protectorship of the English College. He was also appointed President of the Ecclesiastical Committee of the Ecumenical Council, was selected by Pius IX. as one of the five Cardinals who are to preside over the General Congregations, and placed at the head of one of the Delegations.

"The world's sun seemed to rise,
To drudge all day for Guy's Wise."

But the Cardinal, like all successful persons, drugged as hard as any slave. Achievement is never gained without hard, hard work. We may talk as much as we please of genius and luck—Guy's Wise labors for his reward always.

This summer the busy, active, energetic prelate was suddenly stricken down—he who had no time to be ill! Overwork had done the fataldest of all business for him. Every one who works at all in Rome does it to excess. There is that tendency in the climate and the influences of the place either to make one very indolent or very industrious, according to the temperament. You are either kept constantly stimulated or depressed.

But to return to the Cardinal. How he clung to life! How he strove to battle against fate! To live to see the Council accomplished, the great preparatory work completed—this was his eager longing, almost determination.

THE DARREN SHIP CANAL.

The Survivors Expedition.

The N. Y. Herald has the following:
THE EXPEDITION
will be under the exclusive control of Lieutenant-Commodore Thomas O. Selfridge, of the United States Navy. The total number of men who will take part in the affair will number about 250, and the gunboat Nipsic will be the flagship of the expedition and the Guard the storeship. The former is now lying off the Battery and the latter is the Navy Yard completing her preparations for her eventful mission. The expedition would have set sail several weeks ago but for the fact that the Guard was detained longer than was expected and could not be got in readiness as soon as the naval authorities had desired.

Besides the officers of the two ships, who have all been selected for the expedition, a telegraph operator, a photographer and a clairvoyant, all civilians, have been especially employed for the occasion. Mr. A. Sullivan, M. O. Leman and Messrs. Ogden, A. Sullivan and Karcher, officers of the Coast Survey, will accompany the expedition and act as assistants to the telegraph operator. The telegraph operator has been furnished with about eighty miles of wire for the purpose of making connections with the regular army signals which are furnished the ships, and these will be made use of whenever they can be of good service. The flags will be used in the daytime to make any progress through the straits, and a scientific instrument necessary for the proper carrying out of the plans of the explorers has been secured and safely packed away.

A large quantity of beads, trinkets and various cheap articles, held in high esteem by the Indians, form part of the "treaty" cargo of the ships, and these will be used by the commanding officer to scatter among the savages with a lavish hand in order to secure their friendship, and thus enable the expedition to make use of them in various ways in which their services will be of great importance to the success of the undertaking.

THE OBJECTS OF THE EXPEDITION.
The primary object of the expedition is to make a thorough survey of the isthmus in order to discover, if there be any, the breaks in the mountains through which a canal might be cut, and to ascertain the best route to the general rendezvous on the coast, and to make arrangements with the Colombian authorities in reference to the expedition, and the Guard to make use of the Calcutta Bay, which is about 250 miles beyond Aspinwall, where the Nipsic will join her. In this bay the two vessels will remain as a base of supplies until the regular party divide into the wilds of the isthmus. After all the preliminary preparations in the bay will have been completed two parties will start out from Sarsard, the southern portion of the Isthmus of Caledonia Bay to discover, if possible, the best route to the mountains and to reach a pass which Dr. Cullen contends exists in the mountains, and which he believes to be covered. Two lines of level will be run from these points to wherever the depressions may be found, thence to the Savannah river and the Atlantic Ocean. In the meantime whatever natives can be induced to work will be organized into regular gangs as laborers, and they will accompany the exploring party to receive their wages in the clearing away of the undergrowth and to make the passage of the explorers as easy as possible. Aid is also expected from the alcaldes, and the Colombian government will do its best to help the expedition in various ways. Aspinwall to ascertain the correct astronomical position of the various points, and the result of the astronomical observations will determine the base of operations of the expedition. After the explorers shall have made a thorough survey and reconnaissance of the country, the vessels will start for the Gulf of San Blas, and these exploring parties will set out to establish a line of level to the mountains, and to make a canal that between Caledonia Bay and the Bay of Darien. The expedition will be for about six months, and Commander Selfridge, who will be in command, will be accompanied by a special telegraph wire of its own, connecting with the place, day after day. The explorers will be provided with all the necessaries of life, and there will be no danger of any one of the parties falling many of the mountains of the region to be traversed is very mountainous, and the ground is a complete network of undergrowth, thick and strong that it will be impossible to make any progress through it without the aid of the Indians, who will be at certain points prove troublesome, and although the savages have been friendly to the white man, the expedition will have to contend with a number of tribes, and the distance from the point where the expedition will start their way to the Bay of Darien, where the United States steamer Nipsic, which will leave readiness to receive them, may be mentioned that, besides the Savannah, the river Chagres, which flows through the region through which the explorers will pass, and it is believed that it has water enough to keep a canal well supplied.

A CANAL ACROSS THE ISTHMUS POSSIBLE?
The doubts of the expedition have not the slightest doubt that they will be able to establish a line of level and reach the Savannah river in safety, though not without a great deal of suffering and hardship. The Chagres, it is said, plays havoc with "stragglers" at all times of the year on the isthmus, and this alone will be as formidable an enemy to the explorers as any that they will be likely to encounter.

Commander Selfridge does not believe that depressions in the mountains will be discovered, but he believes that a well constructed canal, but he believes, nevertheless, that the canal is a feasibility, and that through the mountains if suitable depressions are not discovered.

The Vermont rivers are to be stocked with salmon in the spring. Albert D. Bagar, of North Chester, has 50,000 eggs to be distributed by the fish commissioners as soon as the ice breaks up.

DISASTER AT PITTSBURGH.

Number of Boats Sunk.
The Pittsburgh Commercial says:
On Sunday evening, about eight o'clock, the tow-boat Star, from Pittsburgh for Louisville, with eight barges of coal, struck the first channel pier at Newwood, and in about three minutes five of the barges broke loose and sunk, and the remainder floated off down the river. The Star sunk in a few minutes. As she was going, the water turned bottom up, and the crew were all killed. Her cabin floated off and was met by the Dick-ender, a short distance below the scene of the disaster. She had on board twelve persons on board, two of whom got on the second pier, and were rescued and cared for by Captain Snyder, of the W. H. Harrison. The others were picked up in the water, one of whom was badly injured by being crushed between the boat and pier, that she died about 9 o'clock Sunday night.

A Military Mother.

A German paper gives an account of a strange incident which occurred lately on the occasion of a marriage. The official authorities in Algeria. The official authorities consent of the mother, and asked if she