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The undersigned would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he has taken charge of the above named house. The house is large and commodious, and well ventilated, and is fitted up in single rooms and rooms for families, and is open day and night. Persons wanted for any train. The best attendance given—terms as reasonable as the times will admit.

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OFFERS his professional services to the citizens of Juniata and adjoining counties. Being in possession of all the latest improvements he flatters himself that he can give entire satisfaction to those who may need his services.

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LARGE and good variety of ALL WOOL, ARTIFICIAL and HEMP CARPETS on hand and for sale cheap, at

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Teeth inserted upon an entirely new style of base, which is a combination of Gold and English Rubber, (vulcanite.) Also American Rubber, (vulcanite,) which for beauty, durability, cleanliness, and the restoration of the natural color of the face, cannot be surpassed. Either of the above basis.

Special attention will be made to diseased gums, and a cure warranted or no charge made. Teeth filed to last for life.

Teeth extracted without pain by a new process, without the use of ether, chloroform or nitrous oxide, and no danger. Having been in business for upwards of ten years, five of which has been spent in Mifflintown, and being in possession of the latest improved Instruments and Machinery I warrant entire satisfaction, or the money will be refunded. Office on Bridge Street, opposite the Court House Square.

G. L. PERR,
Resident Dentist.

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We are constantly manufacturing and make to order, every description of Coaches, Carriages, Buggies, Sulkeys, Wagons, &c., also Family and York enter sleighs. We are also prepared to manufacture Road Wagons—from one to four horse.

Having been working at the business for a number of years ourselves, and employing some of the best workmen. We flatter ourselves that our work cannot be surpassed for neatness and durability; in this or adjoining counties.

We always keep on hand from twenty to thirty sets of best second growth, Jersey Hickory Spokes, in order to make durable wheels. And still warrant our work for any reasonable time.

Sleighs and Buggies re-painted with neatness and dispatch. All other repairing heavy or light will receive strict attention. Come and examine our stock and work before purchasing elsewhere. Don't forget the name, HEFFLEFINGER & CRISWELL.

SADDLE AND HARNESS MANUFACTORY
located in Perryville, Pa. The undersigned having located in Perryville, Pa. in the Borough of Perryville, two floors above Back's Store, takes this method of informing the public, that he is prepared to manufacture all kinds of Saddles, Harness, Bridles, Collars, &c., &c., on short notice, and on the most reasonable terms. Fancy Single and Double Harness, Whips, Fly-nets, and everything in his line of business, always on hand and for sale at lowest prices.

Work neatly executed, and all work warranted.

Having had several years experience in the business he flatters himself that he can give general satisfaction. Call and examine for yourselves before going elsewhere.

JACOB BEIDLER,
Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, &c.

Would respectfully inform the citizens of Mifflintown and surrounding country that he has just received from the East a large and well selected assortment of Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Pure Wines and Liquors for medicinal purposes only, and a general assortment of everything pertaining to his business.

Physicians orders promptly filled at a small advance of eastern wholesale prices. Prescriptions carefully compounded at his store, at Hollman Brothers' old stand, Main street, two doors west of Ballard's store, Mifflintown, Pa. Jan 29, 1867-ly.

COAL AND LUMBER YARD.—The undersigned begs leave to inform the public that he keeps constantly on hand a large stock of Coal and Lumber. His stock embraces in part, Stone Coal, Smith Coal and Lime-burned Coal, at the lowest cash rates.

Lumber of all kinds and quality, such as White Pine Plank, two inches, do 1 1/2 White Pine Boards, 1 inch, do one-half inch, White Pine worked Flooring, Hemlock Boards, Sashboards, Joists, Roofing Lath, Plastering Lath, stringers, Striping, Sash and Doors.

Coal and Lumber delivered at short notice. Persons on the East side of the River can be furnished with Lumbermen's Coal, &c., from the coal yard at Tysons Lock.

NEW DRUG STORE, Patterson, Pa.—Dr. N. P. C. HUNTER wishes to inform the public that he has just received an assortment of Fresh Drugs and Medicines, of all kinds, which he offers for sale at the Patterson Post Office. He also keeps on hand Perfumery of all kinds, and Hair Dye and Extra Black Ink of his own manufacture. Persons in need of anything in his line will find it to their advantage to give him a call.

Persons afflicted can write a statement of their symptoms or disease and receive medicine and directions for their use. All communications strictly confidential.

THE OLD STAND.—The undersigned takes this method of informing farmers and others in need of anything in his line that he still continues the Saddle and Harness Manufactory on Water street at the old stand formerly occupied by William Kenny. Everything sold at reduced prices. Repairing done to order. Carriage and Buggy trimming neatly executed.

Select Poetry.

SIGNS OF RAIN.
SOMETHING BEAUTIFULLY CURIOUS.

Some people desire a weather calendar in their almanacs, fully believing, no doubt, that the weather may be foretold by the phase of the moon. As far better, however, than any prognostications of such a kind, we copy the following, said O have been composed by Dr. JENNER, as an excuse for not accepting the invitation of a friend to make an excursion with him:

The hollow winds begin to blow,
The clouds look black, the grass is low;
The soot falls down, the spinnets sleep,
And spiders from their cobwebs peep.
Last night the sun went pale to bed,
The moon in halos hid her head;
The hoarding shepherd heaves a sigh,
For, see a rainbow spans the sky.
The walls are damp, the ditches smell,
Closed is the pink-eyed pimpernell.
Hark! how the chairs and tables crack,
Old Betty's joints are on the rack;
Loud quack the ducks, the peacocks cry;
The distant hills are looking nigh.
How restless are the snorting swine,
The busy flies disturb the lime;
Low o'er the grass the swallows wing;
The cricket, too, how sharp he sings;
Pass on the hearth, with velvet paws,
Sis, wiping o'er her whiskered jaws,
Through the clear stream the fishes rise
And nibble catch the incautious flies.
The glow worms, numerous and bright,
Illumed the dewy dell, last night.
At dusk the equalled toad was seen,
Hopping and crawling o'er the green;
And in the rapid eddy plays
The frog has changed his yellow vest,
And in a russet coat is dressed.
Through June, the air is cold and still;
The merry blackbird's voice is shrill.
My dog, so altered in his taste,
Quits mutton bones, on grass to fast;
And see your hooks how odd their flight—
They imitate the gliding kite,
And seem precipitate to fall,
As if they felt the piercing fall.
'Twill surely rain, I see with sorrow—
Our Jan. must be put off to morrow!

Miscellaneous Reading.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

A Teachers' Institute will be held in the School House, Mifflintown, commencing December 9, at 10 o'clock A. M., and closing Friday night, December 13th.

The exercises will consist of drills and discussions on the various methods of teaching the common school branches, and the best means of obviating or overcoming the difficulties in teaching the young to acquire habits of study. The following subjects will also be discussed: "The true education of man," "The best course to pursue in organizing a school," "The means to be used for self improvement," "Irregularity and how to remedy it," "How to secure the cooperation of parents," "Methods of conducting recitations," "Best methods of teaching object lessons," "School Government," "How far should a teacher go in assisting his pupils."

The services of the following able and distinguished educators have been secured and they are confidently expected to be present viz: Hon. J. P. Wickersham Supt. Common Schools Penna. Rev. Jas. S. Ermentrout, Principal Stat. Normal School, Kurztown, Berks Co. Pa., Prof. James Thompson, S. S. Jack, Esq., Prof. David Wilson, Prof. J. H. Shumaker, Col. Geo. F. McFarland, who will add to the general interest of the occasion by giving lectures and addresses during the continuance of the Institute.

All teachers, both of public and private schools are invited to attend and participate in the exercises.

Section 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the supplement to the Common School Laws of Pennsylvania are here appended.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

Sec. 2. That the County Superintendent of each county in this Commonwealth is hereby authorized and required, once in each year, at such time and place as he or a properly authorized committee of teachers acting with him may deem most convenient, to call upon and invite the teachers of the common school and other institutions of learning in his county, to assemble together and organize themselves into a Teachers' Institute, to be devoted to the improvement of teachers in the science and art of education, to continue in session at least five days including a half-day for going to and a half-day for returning from the place of meeting of said Institute, and to be presided over by the County Superintendent or by

some one designated by him, and subject to his general management to his control.

Sec. 3. That each County Superintendent upon the assembling of the Teachers Institute of his county, shall cause a roll of members to be prepared which roll shall be called at least twice every day during the session of the Institute and all absentees be carefully parked, and from which upon adjournment of the Institute he shall ascertain the exact number of teachers who were in attendance and the length of time each attended, and upon the presentation of a certificate at the close of the session of each annual Institute setting forth these facts and signed by the County Superintendent, to the treasurer of the proper county he is hereby authorized and required to pay immediately out of any money in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated to the County Superintendent, one dollar for every three days spent by teachers of the county in attendance at the Institute for that year or as much of it as may be needed, such money to be expended by the County Superintendent in procuring the services of lecturers and instructors for the Institute, and in providing the necessary apparatus, books and stationery for carrying on its work; Provided, That the amounts which may be drawn from the county treasury shall in no case be more than two hundred dollars but may in all cases be sixty dollars if it shall appear from the vouchers presented by the County Superintendent to the County Auditor as required by the fourth section of this act, that this same has been actually expended for the purposes herein specified; Provided further, That all boards of directors may allow the teachers in their employ, the privilege of attending such Institutes without making any deduction from their salaries, and that any teacher who absents himself from the Institute of his county without a good reason, may have his want of professional spirit and zeal indicated by a lower mark on his certificate in the practice of Teaching than he would otherwise have received.

Sec. 4. That each County Superintendent who may draw money from the county treasury for the purposes named in this act, shall file his account of all expenditures under the act, in the office of the county treasury, with vouchers for the same, which shall be examined by the auditors of the county in like manner as other county expenditures, and any misapplication of the funds shall be punished in the same manner as collectors of State and county taxes for like offences are now punished.

Sec. 5. That all County Superintendents, upon the adjournment of the Teachers' Institute in their respective counties are hereby required to report to the Superintendent of Common Schools, the number of teachers in attendance, the names of the lecturers or instructors who officiated, the subjects upon which the instruction was given, and the degree of popular interest awakened by the proceedings.

Hence the Teachers' Institute is now established by law, and has become a part of the machinery of the Common School System. It is no longer optional whether such meetings are held or not, but it is made obligatory upon the County Superintendent to call together the teachers of common schools in his county once in each year for the purpose of holding an Institute. The same high authority warrants the deduction that the privilege of the teacher to attend such Institutes, or remain at home as may seem most convenient no longer exists; it is made a part of the duty of every live teacher to attend and take an active part in the exercises, or at the very least to be an attentive listener. This supplement to the school law of Pennsylvania was enacted by the Legislature for the benefit of the teacher; common gratitude to the General Assembly for such munificence in thus providing for their welfare and improvement should impel every teacher of common schools in the county to be in attendance at the Institute.

Directors too can aid much in this educational enterprise, and contribute towards making the Teachers' Institute a success by giving the teachers the time to attend the Institute without reduction of salary or requiring them to make up the time spent in attending the Institute. Such liberality on the part of Directors would ensure a proper response from the

teachers and establish between them such relations as would assuredly redound to the benefit of the schools. It is confidently expected that every District in the county will be represented, and that the teachers will be present during the entire session of the Institute.

Directors and all friends of education are respectfully invited to attend.

GEORGE W. LLOYD,
County Supt.

A HARD PLACE.

A Confederate official high in authority (whose name I will not mention, he having received a "special pardon" for his innumerable political sins, not unfrequently went through the force of an inspection of prison rations, quarters, etc. Upon such occasions he was usually accompanied by a number of staff officers—gay young sprigs, the very flower of the epaulet—whose principal duty seemed to be to "stir up the animals" and show them off to such foreign diplomats and distinguished citizens as saw fit to accept an invitation to see the "Yanks."

One fine May morning just after the prison had received a large accession of captive Yanks (owing to a recent "backward movement") this high official, whom I will call "the judge," made his appearance, accompanied by the usual retinue of staff-officers and distinguished civilians. Among the late arrivals at Libby was a waggish Down Easter, who didn't take at all kindly to prison fare or discipline. Upon the morning referred to this officer was seated upon a box near one of the windows, apparently in a very melancholy mood. The Judge, observing his disconsolate appearance, approached him, when the following conversation ensued, which was intended to be by all who could crowd around:

Judge—"Good-morning, Sir?"
Yank—"G-d-d-morning, Sir?"

Judge—"Your impression of the Confederacy do not seem to raise your spirits?"
Yank—"What Confederacy?"

Judge—"Why, Sir, this Confederacy—the Southern Confederacy?"
Yank—"Do you mean to say that I am in the Southern Confederacy?"

Judge—"What do you mean, Sir? Of course you see."

Yank (rising and button-holing the Judge)—"Stranger, you've taken a great deal from my mind. I'll explain. You see, the last thing I remember before coming here was being in a fight, and since then I've been under the impression that I was killed in that fight, and that I went to hell; but I'm glad to know it's the Southern Confederacy, although it hell is any worse a place than this I pity traitors! Don't you?"

You can imagine the scene which followed, but it cannot be described. Such a roar of laughter! I am sure it did us more good than all the rations we received for the next month.

THE LAWYER FLOODED.

A wag of the incorrigible school—a regular class in fact—was sitting in a company of gentlemen, one of whom was a lawyer of no mean reputation. The wag talking to another individual, but for the ear of the lawyer aforesaid, stated that he desired the services of a good lawyer; that he had an important case, out of which if successful, as he could not fail to be, if the case be properly managed, a good thing could be realized for himself and a good fee made to the lawyer.

At this point the legal gentleman in question put in:

"What's that you say—in need of a lawyer—good case—paying fee? The law is my profession—state your case, Sir."

Wag—"My case is undoubtedly an excellent one, and I am willing to pay a most liberal contingent fee certain. I will give one half of the amount if you succeed—which is five hundred dollars. Do you undertake?"

Lawyer—"I do; state your case."

Wag—"I want you to borrow five hundred dollars for me—and we will divide it."

Exit wag, with a ponderous boot in dangerous proximity to his coat tail.

A PRINTER never leaves any money at home for fear of fire, and never carries any with him for fear of robbers, nor deposits in any bank for fear of speculative bank officers.

ADVENTURES OF A DRESSING-GOWN.

A lady was anxious to make her husband a present on the occasion of his birth day, and it happening to fall in winter, she thought a dressing-gown would be a most useful acquisition to his domestic comforts. So she went and purchased a fine Persian-pattern merino one, well wadded. Not remembering the exact height of her husband, she thought it best to purchase one rather too long than too short, to make sure of its usefulness.

The day was wet, her husband returned in the afternoon, and she presented him with the new article of comfort; and he fancied it indeed a great comfort after he had put off his wet clothes. But it was about ten inches too long. "O never mind," said the affectionate wife. "I can easily shorten it to suit you."

They had a party in the evening and were very merry, and every one of their friends admired the beautiful dressing-gown. After they had gone to bed, the wind and rain made such a noise that the wife could not sleep; her husband, however, snored peacefully. She arose without disturbing him, took the dressing-gown and commenced her work, cutting off about the length of ten inches, to make her husband's stature, and then went to bed again. In the morning she was up early to make some arrangements with her house keeper, as several friends were expected to dinner that day. Scarcely had the lady left the room when her sister—a good natured lady, who lived with them—stepped in on tip toe, in order not to disturb the sleeper, took the dressing-gown, and hastening to her own room cut off about ten inches, as she knew it was too long for him the night before. An hour after the gentleman awoke, and was now anxious to surprise his affectionate wife. Inquiring for the servant, he was told to take the dressing gown to a tailor, and have it made shorter immediately by ten inches. The good wife was detained longer than she expected, and scarcely was the dressing gown returned from the tailor when she came into the room. He had just risen, and proposed now to surprise his wife and enjoy his comfort. But how surprised was his better half to see her husband in a fine Persian-pattern merino shooting jacket instead of a comfortable dressing-gown.

OBJECTS TO SERENADING.

A young gentleman in Derby was anxious to serenade his charmer. He blows the cornet and the bass drum in a most artistic and highly inflated manner. As a drummer he is without a peer. A bass-drum is not exactly the thing to serenade a lady with. Neither is a cornet. He desired company on his serenading expedition, and engaged the services of a colored guitarist. They were going it, these two, at a high old rate, mixing the music of the guitar and cornet in a sort of musical punch, healthful and inspiring. But the gal, the fellecna, the divinity in a watal and a gored dress, didn't like it. She raised the window; she drew from its hidden recesses a minstrel; her beautiful lips uncurled; she spoke in strains as musical as the first low whispered notes of love: "Now, see here, if you darkeys don't go away from there, I'll make things unpleasant for you." And she would have done it. They left before the fall.

A GREAT NATURAL CURIOSITY.—It is an undoubted fact that mermaids are numerous in the Knaw river, Kansas—A few weeks since a party of young men out hunting, came suddenly across six mermaids who were disporting themselves in the water. On the approach of the young men the beautiful creatures "lit out" for the woods, uttering shrill cries somewhat resembling the screams of frightened school girls. What made the matter more singular and mysterious is the fact that the young hunters found six waterfalls, six hoopskirts and six various A's on the banks of the river. Naturalists will please make a note of this.

A WESTERN RHYMER thinks if the proper way of spelling this is "though," and not "tho'uz," the proper way of spelling potatoes must be "poughtrighteuz." The new way of spelling softly would be "poughtrighteuz."

LOVE cannot exist in the heart of a woman, unless modesty is its companion; nor in that of a man, unless honor is its associate.