THE COUSINS.

[One of the best stories we have lately read, is entitled—"The Cousins, A Country Tale." It is from the chaste pen of Miss Mitford, an English authoress of considerable reputation. The whole is too long for one paper, and it is a story which it will not spoil to divide. The first half of the story, like the bigger portion of the first volume of some of Scott's novels, is merely introductory to what follows. So we will sum up the preliminary part in a few words, and then give the *denouement* in Miss Mitford's own beautiful language.]

Lawyer Molesworth was a rich landlord in Cranley, the native town of Miss Mitford. He had two daughters, to whom his pleasant house owed its chief attraction. Agnes was a beautiful woman, Jessey was a pretty girl. The fond father intended that Jessey should marry a poor relation, one Charles Woodford. Charles had been brought up by his uncle's kindness, and had recently returned into the family from a great office in London. Charles was to be the immediate partner and eventual successor to the flourishing business of his benefactor, whose regard seemed fully justified by the excellent conduct and remarkable talents of the orphan nephew. Agnes, who secretly entertained an affection for Charles, was destined by her father for a young baronet, who had lately been much at the house.

But in affairs of love, as in all others, says Miss Mitford, man is born to disappointments. '*L'homme propose, et Dieu dispose,*' is never truer than in the great matters of matrimony. So found poor Mr. Molesworth, who—Jessey having arrived at the age of eighteen, and Charles at that of two and twenty—offered his pretty daughter and the lucrative partnership to his penniless relation and was petrified with astonishment and indignation to find the connection very respectfully and firmly declined. The young man was very much distressed and agitated; he had the highest respect for Miss Jessey, but could not marry her—he loved another! And then he poured forth a confidence as unexpected as it was undesired by his incensed patron, who left him in undiminished wrath and increased perplexity.

This interview had taken place immediately after breakfast; and when the conference was ended the provoked father sought his daughters, who, happily unconscious of all that had occurred, were amusing themselves in their splendid observatory—a scene always as becoming as it is agreeable to youth and beauty. Jessy was flitting about like a butterfly among the fragrant orange trees and bright geraniums. Agnes was standing under a superb fuschida that hung over a large marble basin—her form an attitude, her white dress, and the classical arrangement of her dark hair giving her the look of some nymph or naiad, a rare relic of Grecian art. Jessey was 'prattling gaily, as she wandered about, of a concert they had attended the evening before at the country town.

"I hate concerts," said the pretty little flirt; "to sit bolt upright on a hard bench for four hours, between the same four people, without the possibility of moving, or speaking to anybody, or anybody's getting to us!—Oh! how tiresome it is!"

"I saw Sir Edmund trying to slide through the crowd to reach you," said Agnes, a little archly; "his presence would, perhaps, have mitigated the evil. But the barricade was too complete; he was forced to retreat, without accomplishing his object."

"Yes, I assure you he thought it very tiresome; he told me so when we were coming out. And then the music!" pursued Jessey, "the noise that they called music! Sir Edmund says that the likes no music except my guitar, or a flute on the water and I like none except your playing on the organ and singing Handel on a Sunday evening or Charles Woodford's reading Milton and bits of Hamlet."

"Do you call that music?" asked Agnes, laughing. "And yet," continued she, "it is most truly so, with his rich, Pasta like voice, and his fine sense of sound; and to you, who do not greatly love for its sake, it is doubtless a pleasure much resembling in kind that of the most thrilling melodies on the noblest of instruments. I myself have such a gratification in hearing that voice recite the verses of Homer or Sophocles in the original Greek—Charles Woodford's reading is music."

"It is a music which neither of you are likely to hear again," interrupted Mr. Molesworth, advancing suddenly towards them; for he has been ungrateful and I have discharged him."

Agnes stood as if petrified. "Ungrate!! oh, father!"

"You can't have discharged him to be sure, papa," said Jessey always good natured, "poor Charles what can he have done?"

"Refused your hand my child," said the angry parent; "refused to be my partner and son-in-law, and fallen in love with another lady? What have you to say to him now?"

"Why, really, papa," replied Jessey, "I'm much more obliged to him for refusing my hand, than to you for offering it. I like Charles very much as a cousin, but I should not like such a husband at all; so if this refusal be the worst that has happened, there's no great harm done." And off the gipsy ran—declaring that she must put on her habit, for she had promised to ride with Sir Edmund and his sister, and expected them every minute.

The father and the favorite daughter remained in the conservatory.

"The heart is untouched, however," said Mr. Molesworth, looking after her with a smile.

"Untouched, by Charles Woodford, undoubtedly," replied Agnes; "but has he really refused my sister?"

"Undoubtedly."

"And does he love another?"

"He says he does, and I believe him."

"Is he loved again?"

"That he did not say."

"Did he tell the name of the lady?"

"Yes."

"Dou you know her?"

"Yes."

"Is she worthy him?"

"Most worthy."

"Has he any hope of gaining her affections? Oh! he must! he must! What woman could refuse him?"

"He is determined not to try. The lady whom he loves is above him in every way; and as much as he has counteracted my wishes, it is an honorable part of Charles Woodford's conduct, that he intends to leave his affections unsuspected by its object."

Here ensued a short pause in the dialogue, during which Agnes appeared, trying to occupy herself with collecting the blossoms of a cape jessamine, and watering a favorite geranium; but it would not do; the subject was at her heart, and she could not force her mind to indifferent occupations. She returned to her father, who had been anxiously watching her countenance, and resumed the conversation.

"Father! perhaps it is hardly maidenly to avow as much, but although you never have in set words told me your intentions, I have yet seen and know, I cannot tell how, all that your kind partiality towards me has designed for your children. You have mistaken me; dearest father, doubly mistaken me fit to fill a splendid place in society; next, in imagining that I desired such splendor. You meant to give Jessey and the lucrative partnership to Charles Woodford, and designed me and your large possessions to your wealthy and titled neighbor. And with little change of person these arrangements may still for the most part hold good. Sir Edward may still be your son in-law and heir, for he loves Jessey and Jessey loves him. Charles Woodford may still be your partner and adopted son, for nothing has changed that need diminish your affection or his merit. Marry him to the woman he loves.—She must be ambitious, indeed, if she be not content with such a destiny. And let me live on with you, dear father, single and unwedded, with no thought but to contribute to your comfort, and to cheer and brighten your declining years. Do not let your too great fondness for me stand in the way of their happiness! Make me not so odious to them and to myself, dear father! Let me live always with you and for you—always your own Agnes!" And blushing at the earnestness with which she had spoken, she bent her head over the marble basin, whose waters reflected her fair image, as if she had really been the Grecian statue to which, while he listened, her fond father's fancy had compared her. "Let me live single with you, and marry Charles to the woman he loves."

"Have you heard the name of the lady in ques-

tion? Have you formed any guess whom she may be?"

"Not the slightest. I imagined from what you said that she was a stranger to me. Have I ever seen her?"

"You may see her—at least you may see her reflection in the water, at this very moment; for he has had the infinite presumption, the admirable good taste, to fall in love with his cousin Agnes!"

"Father!"

"And now, mine own sweetest! do you still wish to live single with me?"

"Oh, father! father!"

"Or do you desire that I should marry Charles to the woman of his heart?"

"Father, dear father!"

"Choose, my Agnes! It shall be as you command. Speak freely. Do not cling around me, but speak."

"Oh, my dear father! Cannot we all live together? I cannot leave you. But poor Charles—surely, father, we may all live together!"

And so it was settled. And a very few months proved that love had contrived better for Mr. Molesworth than he had done for himself. Jessey, with her prettiness, and her title, and her foppery, was the very thing to be vain of—the very thing to visit for a day. But Agnes, and the cousin whose noble character and splendid talents so well deserved her, made the pride and happiness of his home.

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PITTSBURGH:

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 29, 1851.

☞ "*No American citizen can ever cease to esteem the Union as the first of all blessings. Disunion! God forbid—Nations yet unborn would rue the rashness of the deed.*"—BUCHANAN.

Progress of the Shunk Monument.

The Shunk Monument, now being built by Thos. Hargrave Esq., of Philadelphia, is rapidly approaching completion. The following are the inscriptions directed; that in English by the Committee, and the German by Gov. Shunk in his last will, The English is in these words:

Erected by the citizens of Pennsylvania,
July 4, A. D., 1851.
As a Testimonial
of their high regard
for the public character and services,
and private worth
of
FRANCIS R. SHUNK,
Governor of Pennsylvania.
Born at Trappe, Pa., 7th Aug, A. D, 1788.
Died at Harrisburg, Pa., 20th of July, A. D., 1848.
An affectionate son, brother, husband, parent
A sincere and constant friend;
A self-educated and patriotic statesman,
A virtuous, humane and upright man,
Who exhibited the beauty of the Christian Character in his life, and the triumph of the Christian's faith in his death.

The German:

Zum Gedactniss
Der hier ruhenden gebeine des weiland
verstorbenen,
Franz Rahn Schunk.
Er wurder geboren in der Trappe, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, den 7ten August, in jahre unsere Herrn, 1788. Er Starb den 20ten juli, 1848.
Im alter von 59 jahren, 11 monaten, 18 tagen.
Ich weiss dass mein Erloser lebt. Hiob Cap. 19, vers. 15.

This Monument is to be erected on the approaching Fourth of July. The foundation thereof has already been laid, the Committee of Arrangements are busily engaged in their duties, and are happy to announce, that upon the occasion of the erection, an address will be delivered by Hon. George Woodward, of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

For the Morning Post.

The Judgeship.

MR. EDITOR—As the time is drawing near to hand when it is customary for the "dear people" to interrogate the candidates for public service, perhaps it would not be entirely out of place for one taking some small interest to reverse the rule, and to ask them "a few" in relation to their opinions about who shall be "Judges in Israel."

If a man wants a house built, a suit of clothes, a pair of boots, or any thing else made, to whom should he go? to a good mechanic—a man who has learned his trade—to one skilled in the art which he professes. A seeker after truth in religious matters prefers a divine well versed in the truths of Holy Writ. A man suffering from pain and disease, wishing to be cured, goes to one who from years of hard study has acquired that information which enables him to give relief.—From the imperfections of the human race, the wickedness of the heart, the uncertainty of the judgment of the mind, and the sudden cessation of human life, the whole community in which we live constantly require the Sword and the Balance to restore or preserve our rights or punish those who do us wrong. The choice of the mechanic, the religious tutor, or physician, is a matter of private judgment with each individual; the choice of our Judges will be made up from the opinion of the *mass*—let me, then, according to the latest and most improved mode of acquiring the truth, ask of them a few questions:

Do you or do you not want a man for Judge officially, who will be able to judge correctly when occasion may require? Must a Judge be a man skilled in the law, or must he not? If he is quick in his perception and rapid to decide, will he economize the time of the County, or will he not? Should he sit on the bench with quiet dignity and impartial manner to all, or should he not? or should he be a man pleasant, agreeable, easy and funny off the bench—partial, petitish, antagonistic to every one, and like a "tiger, first chained and then made mad" when on it, or should he not? Should he, for Bunkum, hurry on the business of the Court with manifest injustice to the parties (the people who put him in), and then, when a simple question of law arises, permit days and weeks to roll on in a collateral inheritance or two hours, or should he not? Should he decide and stick to his decision, or should he be constantly telling the jury and the balance of those about, that "we don't know any thing about the law on that matter any more than you do," but we'll try and do what's right; or might he not sometimes say, "This, gentlemen of the jury, is purely a question of fact, and comes entirely in your province, and not mine; and where such is the case we make it a rule not to intimate any opinion—swear a constable—we'll say, however, merely that a more rascally, patched up, mixed up case never came on the part of the *plaintiff*, we never saw brought into a court of justice," or might he not? Should he have "an eye" to what is going on about him, or should he have that "leaden look" that speaks "incomprehension?" The one imparts confidence; the other *proves* that imbecility of mind that never knows its own opinion—that has no legal acumen, no knowledge of human nature, of science, or of mechanism, and could not even see the ingenuity displayed in that useful little article for holding locks and window shutters, which, deriving its name from a well remembered lecture, is commonly denominated a "*Megigger*"!!!

Yours respectfully, T. M.

Progress of the Forrest Case.

The New York *Herald* of Sunday reports the progress of the great Forrest divorce case as follows:

MAY 24.—*Catherine N. Forrest vs. Edwin Forrest.*—In the application for a special jury in this case. Judge Daer gave his opinion against the necessity of granting the request of the plaintiff but suggested the propriety of one hundred and twenty jurors being selected by the commissioner of jurors, under the supervision of a judge, each of the parties to strike off thirty, so as to reduce the panel to sixty, from whom the jury of twelve should be called.

Mr. Van Buren on behalf of Mr Forrest, and Mr. O'Conor, for Mrs. Forrest, assented to this mode of obtaining a jury.

Mr. Van Buren then applied for a commission to examine Anna Flowers, in New Orleans. He applied on the affidavit of Mr. Forrest, which stated that he expected to prove an act of adultery between Mrs. Forrest and Captain Howard. The application was resisted by Mr. O'Conor. The Judge will give his decision in this case on Wednesday.—A commission, on behalf of Mrs. Forrest, to examine Mr Forney, of Philadelphia, was granted without opposition.

FARE BETWEEN PARIS AND LONDON.—We fancy the cities far apart, separated by the broad Channel; but the present fare of travel between them will make them seem near enough to speak the same language, at least.

"Travelling in France, like every thing else there, has been reduced to a science. Companies are now formed at Paris which convey passengers to London and back at an expense of only thirty francs—about six dollars. They will pay all your expenses for this sum, and give you four days in London to see all the lions. It took more money a few years ago to journey from Paris to Rouen, which is only a few miles off. These pleasure trains, as they are called, quit Paris on Sunday, reaching London in the afternoon, give the voyagers Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the city, leaving in time to go back to Paris by Friday night."

WILD MAN OF THE WOODS.—A gigantic man of the woods has been discovered in Green county Arkansas, and a party has been organized to endeavor to catch him. When last seen he was pursuing a heard of cattle, who were flying in a state of great alarm, as if pursued by a dreaded enemy. On seeing the party who discovered him he looked at them deliberately for a short time, turned and ran away with great speed, leaping from twelve to fourteen feet at a time. His foot-prints measured thirteen inches each. He was of gigantic structure, the body being covered with hair, and the head with long locks that fairly enveloped his neck and shoulders.

— The Clarion Democrat expresses a preference for THOMAS STITSON, Esq., of that borough, for the office of President Judge of that Judicial district.

Democratic State Conventions.

AT READING,

For nominating candidates for GOVERNOR and CANAL COMMISSIONER, on the 4th of June, 1851, as fixed by the Williamsport Convention.

AT HARRISBURG,

For nominating candidates for SUPREME BENCH, on the 11th of June, 1851, as fixed by the regular action of the State Central Committee.

☞ We shall notice the *Gazette's* misrepresentations in a day or two. Our time is otherwise occupied at present.

DECIDEDLY COOL!—A firm in Reimersburgh, Clarion county, Pa., have sent us an advertisement which would occupy nearly a column of our paper, requesting us to publish the same gratuitously, and thereby confer a favor upon them! That is about as cool a piece of impudence as we have lately heard of!

☞ We are indebted to our friend BENNETT, the enterprising and popular proprietor of "Our House," Diamond alley, for a fine cut of Halibut, fresh and sweet. We never tasted any thing that was more delicious. As our neighbor of the *Journal* would say, Bennett is always "ahead of the foremost."

☞ We would call the attention of those who wish to purchase choice old wines, to the great sale which takes place this morning, at 10 o'clock, at Washington Hall, on Wood street.

Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad.

In the hurry of business we yesterday neglected to call the attention of the public to the advertisement of Gen. ROBINSON, President of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad, inviting proposals for the grading and bridging of the Western portion of said Road, extending from Wooster, by Loudonville and Mansfield, to the Cleveland Road, near Galion.—The contracts will be opened at Wooster on the 10th of June, and at Mansfield on the 11th of June. This letting will complete the work of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad, and we are quite sure that every friend of that great improvement will rejoice that the work is advancing so rapidly towards completion.

THE READING CONVENTION.

The Convention to nominate candidates for Governor and Canal Commissioner, will assemble in the city of Reading, on the 4th of June. The business of this Convention, we presume, will be transacted in such a manner as to result to the advantage of the Democratic party throughout the state. For Governor, Col. BIGLER, of Clearfield, will undoubtedly be nominated, having over one hundred delegates instructed for him already. He is a sterling Democrat, and will beat Gov. JOHNSTON or any other man the Whigs may bring upon the track, from 10,000 to 15,000. Of this, there is no manner of doubt amongst well-informed politicians of either party. For the office of Canal Commissioner, it is is difficult to say at present who will receive the nomination. The principal candidates are WM. S. CAMPBELL, Esq., of Cambria, Gen. SETH CLOVER, of Clarion, JOHN B. BATTON, Esq., of Cumberland, and Col. WM. SEARIGHT, of Fayette. Either of these gentlemen, if nominated, is sure of an election, by a large majority.

After the transaction of the business for which the Reading Convention has been assembled, it should adjourn. Any attempt to procure an expression of opinion upon other questions, especially the Presidency, should be determinedly opposed and promptly voted down. It will be suicidal to the Democratic party of Pennsylvania, if the Presidential question is mixed up in the coming fall election. The party should do one thing at a time, and *do that well*. After we have effectually whipped the Federal-Whig-Antimasonic-Abolition party, and have given Gov. JOHNSTON notice to retire to the shades of his pleasant home upon the margin of the beautiful Allegheny, *then* we can talk over the Presidential question, and become excited upon the subject, *if we think it necessary!*

There are a thousand reasons why the Presidential question should be kept out of the Reading Convention. But the great fact that most of the delegates were selected without the slightest reference to that subject, will be sufficient argument to sustain the position we have here taken. In this county, the Democratic Convention that selected delegates to the Reading Convention, deemed it advisable to express no opinion in regard to the Presidency, and the private preferences of those chosen as delegates from this county, on that subject, were not inquired into. And we presume such was also the case in nearly every county in the state.

VOYAGE AROUND THE WORLD.—In the days of Capt. Cook this was considered a vast enterprise.—Now vessels arrive in the United States almost every week, after circumnavigating the globe. Ship Wisconsin, Capt. Mumford, which arrived at New York the 19th instant, sailed from New York Feb. 20, 1850, for San Francisco, thence to China, thence to London, and from London to New York. She has been absent 357 days, has laid in the different ports she has visited 150 days; has been at sea 207 days, in which time she has sailed 47,000 miles, and has reefed her topsails but five times since she left New York.

P. T. BARNUM.—A little lad of our city called on Barnum when here, with his accordeon, and played several tunes much to the delight of that gentleman. The boy's name is B. P. Maltrack, and he is only six years of age. His worthy parents received a letter of engagement for his services yesterday, requesting the parents to move to New York. The engagement will prove of course, beneficial to Barnum as well as to the Louisville boy.—*Louisville Courier.*

Scribblings and Clippings.

— The Cincinnati Enquirer says: On the last trip of the *Brilliant* down from Pittsburgh, a lady on board, whose residence is in New Albany, gave birth to twins, a girl and boy, fine healthy children. In consideration of the kind treatment she received at the hands of the captain and clerk she named one Grace and the other Beltzhoover.

— Reverend Chauncey and "brother Heman" are now in Wheeling humbugging the people and getting their quarters. Cannot these men be indicted for obtaining money under false pretences?

— The whole population of Ceylon with an area of 24,700 square miles, is a little more than 1,500,000, or about 62 inhabitants to the square mile. The area in acres is 15,808,080, of which not above 1-10th is cultivated or used as pasturage.

— At the request of Mr. BARCLAY, the British consul, Mayor RINGLAND has concluded to despatch officers BOWYER and HOPKINS to London, to watch the movements of the New York pick pockets at the World's Fair. The British Government pays all expenses.

— The bottom lands along the Klatstanm river in Oregon are said to be equal in richness and superior in extent to those of the Cowlitz. There is also fine water power ten miles up the Klatstanm. There is not a single inhabitant as yet who has located a claim of land along this stream.

— Last week a man in Decatur county, Ind., sold his farm, receiving payment in bank bills, which he tied in the corner of a quilt, and hid among some straw in his wagon. Having occasion to leave the vehicle for a moment, he laid down his lighted pipe, and when he came back, the straw, quilt and farm had disappeared in a blaze.

— R. B. MASON, late Superintendent of the New York and N. Haven Railroad, has been presented with a plate worth $800, on the occasion of his leaving to take charge of the Michigan Central Railroad.

— At an evening party recently it was proposed to dispose of the belle of the room by lottery. Twenty tickets were immediately sold at a fixed price. The joke ended not here. The fortunate adventurer has since married the lady.—*Aberdeen Herald.*

— A young German named J. H. Schulcken, a very estimable young man, died in Charleston, S. C., on the 19th inst., in consequence of injuries from the bursting of a gun, while he was firing at a target. Fragments of the barrel penetrated his skull, and he died in 24 hours after the accident.

— The Chester Republican corrects the report that Governor JOHNSTON had pardoned Horner. It says: We gave it on what we considered good authority; and if it is without foundation, we are gratified to state the fact.

— The riches of California are not confined to gold. The last accounts state that an oyster bed has been found between Cape St. Lucas and San Diego. A vessel recently brought to San Francisco 80,000 oysters, put up in jars, from this bed.

— A young German girl, aged 15, who had run away from New Jersey with her lover to get married, on finding him continually intoxicated after she got to Philadelphia, accepted the proposals there of another young man, and was married just before being caught by her father.

— Ladies a la Turk are appearing in all quarters, at the North, but yet they are very few in number in each place. One has come out at New Bedford, another at Newark, N. J., and others are preparing to follow suit. Western New York towns, however, still take the lead.

— The first synagogue in the State of Illinois will be consecrated at Chicago in that State on the 13th of June next. The Rev. S. M. ISAACS, of New York, will conduct the ceremonies and deliver the consecration address.

— Andrew Bazin, an importer of artificial flowers, was arrested at N. York last week, charged with smuggling carmine, satin and other articles, in steamers from France, to the value of $600 or $700.

— There is at present a scarcity of common sailors at Boston—so great that even vessels destined for the "golden gate" of San Francisco cannot obtain their necessary complement of crews.

— Ann Meehan, charged with causing the death of her servant girl by ill-treatment, at New York, was, on Friday last, found guilty of manslaughter in the fourth degree.

— The Shoemakers of Alexandria, Va., are on a "strike" They have adopted a scale of prices, but, so far, not more than one of the "bosses" has been induced to sign them.

— The Hon. J. B. BOWLIN, ex-member of Congress from the St. Louis (Missouri) District, has announced himself as a candidate for Judge of the Circuit Court.

— In the Supreme Court at Philadelphia, on Saturday, it was decided that stocks of other States bequeathed to persons of other States by a person domiciled in Pennsylvania, is subject to the collateral inheritance tax, the estate in question amounts to over half a million, and the tax to be paid is $30,000.

— Mr. WEBSTER, it is said, will be invited by the citizens of Richmond, Va., to visit that city very soon. It is said members of the Convention now in session will unite in the invitation.

From Havana.

[*Correspondence of the Journal of Commerce.*]

HAVANA, May 17, 1851.

In political matters there is nothing of special interest to communicate, and the private seem to believe that the threatened invasion has been averted by the preventive acts of the Government of the United States. At least the best informed of them think thus; but the multitude will doubtless continue to identify the free booters with the government of the country from which they came; more especially since the resident foreigners here, of all nations, whose opinions have much weight, are the most strenuous asserters of the connivance of the officials even at Washington, with the lawless acts of the deluded followers of the Cuban "juntar."

Before the date of my last, some ten or twelve men, most of them young and of good family, were sent here from Principe and conducted to prison, where, however, I am told, they are not treated with the usual severity of State prisoners. I would not mention this until I ascertained its truth; but of course we *know* nothing of the charges against them. Many other arrests have been made, and the government has its hands full of this kind of work. I am told, however, that very severe measures are not likely to be adopted; the government seeks to suppress the action rather than enforce the punishment of the revolutionists.

Washington Items.

It is understood that the Hon. Robert J. Walker intends to sail for California, on the 29th of June next. His professional services have been engaged in two very important cases which are to be argued at the coming term of the U. S. District Court for California.

The report begins to be circulated that Mr. Conrad Secretary of War will soon retire from the Cabinet.

It is no longer denied that Mr. Webster did receive, just before becoming Secretary of State, the forty-five thousand dollars, which Hon. Chas. A Ilen charged that he had received. It is now admitted by all his friends, notwithstanding that the honorable secretary, "by his next friend" Mr. Ashmun, on the floor of the House denounced Mr. Allen's statement as a falsehood, "in its length and breadth, in its entirety, and in all its parts."

Shark Hunting.

The exciting and manly sport commenced for the season on Saturday last. The carcass of a horse having been procured, it was properly prepared and set adrift towards the close of ebb tide, and having floated down opposite the Battery, its convulsive motion gave evidence that the sea wolves were at their feast. Three of our young gentlemen, who are enthusiasts in this sport, having provided themselves with the proper implements, proceeded in a stout boat to the busy scene and soon found themselves in the midst of a large school of sharks, who not all disturbed by their presence, continued their repast—the larger ones imoving up to the carcass, fastening their teeth in it, and then with a jerk, rending off a limb or other portion, while the smaller ones would snatch at the fragments which escaped from their jaws.

Our young gentlemen soon went to work, and in the course of an hour and three quarters killed nine of the monsters, six of which they succeeded in bringing to the wharf. The sport was of the most exciting character, the animals not only making play, but occasionally showing fight. One of the largest, when struck, seized the boat by the cutwater, and shook it most violently, while another came open-mouthed at a colored man, who was cutting a harpoon out of one of those captured alongside but was arrested by a well directed thrust of a spear, which penetrated far down his capacious throat. The six sharks that were brought to the wharf were found to measure respectively as follows: 9 feet 3 inches; 9 feet 4 inches; 10 feet 1 inch; 10 feet 9 inches; 10 feet 9 inches; 11 feet 6 inches.—*Charleston Mercury.*

Once—All the Time.

You ask me, love, how many times
I think of you a day!
I frankly answer *only once*,
And mean just what I say.

You seem perplexed, and somewhat hurt,
But wait, and hear the rhyme;
Pray, how can one do more than once
What one does all the time?

DIFFICULTY IN THE EXCHANGE BANK OF VIRGINIA.—The Norfolk Argus notices an unfortunate controversy existing between the Directors appointed by the Governor and those elected by the Stockholders of this prosperous institution, which at present seems to agitate the good people of Norfolk. At a meeting of the Board last Saturday, the first business being the election of a President, after five unsuccessful ballots—in each of which, the Directors on the part of the Stockholders voting for the present incumbent, W. Sharp, Esq., while those representing the State cast their votes upon some other member of the Stockholders' directory—an adjournment was carried until their next regular meeting day. Although a large number of paper was offered for discount on account of these divisions, it was not acted on.

A LOTTERY PRIZE SUIT.—A case has been occupying the Superior Court in Savannah, Geo., for some days, brought in the name of George W. Wylly against D. Payne & Co., for the recovery of the capital prize of $20,000, alleged to have been drawn in the Georgia State Lottery for the benefit of the Independent Fire Company of Augusta. Wylly was the agent of D. Payne & Co., and brought suit against them for the money, which they had refused to pay. Judge Jackson pronounced his decision, granting the motion for a non-suit, on the ground that the plaintiff could not became the holder of the ticket consistently with his position.

☞ The Cleveland Plaindealer tells a story of the Rev. Mr. Finney, the great revivalist, who after finishing his exhortation, came down among the audience, and effectionately enquired into the particular state of their feelings. Finally advancing to Jim L., a noted player of poker who had been drawn into the meeting, he laid his hand upon his shoulder, and asked in an impressive voice, "Well, Mr. L., what do *you* say?" Oh," said Jim, "*I pass! what'll you do, old fellow?*" turning to his left hand neighbor. As Jim has since frequently observed, they reply "*blocked the game.*"

— The Charleston Courier says that some amateur fishermen of that place captured six sharks in Cooper river on Sunday week. They were all large, one measuring over 11 feet in length.

Ordinance Concerning Water Rents.

BE IT ORDAINED *and enacted by the Citizens of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled,* That it shall be the duty of the Assessor of Water Rents to assess said rents for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, and in each year hereafter, in conformity with the act of Assembly, approved the 12th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, entitled, "An Act to change the name of the Methodist Church," etc., etc.; and that so much of any Ordinance or Ordinances as is inconsistent herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils, this twenty sixth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

ROBERT M'KNIGHT,
President of Common Council.

Attest:—M. W. LEWIS,
Clerk of Common Council.

JAMES B. MURRAY,
President of Select Council.

Attest:—R. MORROW,
Clerk of Select Council. [my29

A Horse for Sale.

A LARGE, WELL MADE HORSE, suitable for the Dray, Wagon or Buggy; of natural pacer, but trots in harness. Will be sold low. Enquire at the Eagle Hotel, Liberty street. my29:1t*

FOWLER'S PATENT FLOUR—For making Bread, Pastry, Cakes, &c., making the best Bread, with the addition of cold water only.

This Flour will be found the most convenient and cheapest that can be used for household purposes, saving twenty-five per cent in Butter and Eggs, and making the most superior Bread, light Pastry, Pudding and Cakes, with a great saving of time and trouble.

The Prepared Flour is put up in convenient sized packages of 2 and 6 pounds, with full directions for use.

To be had of WM. A. MCLURG & CO.,
my29 Grocers and Tea Dealers.

TO the Honorable the Judges of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Allegheny:

The petition of George Lawer, of the Borough of Birmingham, in the county aforesaid, humbly sheweth, That your petitioner hath provided himself with materials for the accommodation of travelers and others, at his dwelling house, in the Borough aforesaid, and prays that your Honors will be pleased to grant him a license to keep a public house of entertainment. And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will pray.

GEORGE LAWER.

We, the subscribers, citizens of the aforesaid borough, do certify that the above petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and conveniences for the accommodation and lodging of strangers and travelers, and that said tavern is necessary.

Henry T Hyman, John Skillen, Philip Yazemum, M Hoover, John Bollinder, John Livermore, John Scogewick, John Herth, Wm A Lougey, Frederick Senft, Jacob Holstein, John Bosmayer. [my29:3t

TO the Honorable the Judges of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Allegheny:

The petition of John Boyd, of Second Ward, Pittsburgh in the County aforesaid, humbly sheweth, That the petitioner hath provided himself with materials for the accommodation of travelers and others, at his dwelling house in the Ward aforesaid, and prays that your Honors will be pleased to grant him a license to keep a public house of entertainment. And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will pray.

JOHN BOYD.

We, the subscribers, citizens of the Ward aforesaid do certify that the above petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and conveniences for the accommodation and lodging of strangers and travelers, and that said tavern is necessary.

Nelson Rodgers, Barnard Burns, Adam Wilson, G M Johnston, Thomas Cherry, George Parsons, John Anderson, John Ross, Samuel M'Lean, Wm Whittaker, James Stewart, Wm Neely. [my29:3t*

A Rare Chance.

A DRUG STORE FOR SALE.—Being an excellent Prescription and Retail location, and now doing a good business. Will be sold at a great bargain, if application be made at once to R. E. SELLERS,
my29:2t No. 57 Wood street.

TRY MORRIS' TEA.—Morris' Tea Man, in the Diamond, second door from Diamond alley.

Bear in mind! This establishment is in no way connected with the store lately opened next door by Haworth & Cairns. [my29

CORN—500 bush. in store and for sale by STUART & SILL,
my29 124 Wood st.

OATS—400 bush. on consignment and for sale by STUART & SILL.
my29

TEAS—75 chests Y. H. and Black in store.
my29 STUART & SILL.

COFFEE—40 bags for sale by STUART & SILL.
my29

EGG BUTTER—14 kegs prime to close out by STUART & SILL.
my29

MACKEREL—75 bbls. No. 3 and 4, on consignment; 20 hf do 1 Herrings, for sale by STUART & SILL.
my29

BROOMS—500 doz. for sale by STUART & SILL.
my29

NAILS—100 kegs assorted for sale by STUART & SILL.
my29

CHEESE—60 bxs. W. R. for sale by STUART & SILL.
my29

POTATOES—40 bbls. prime in store to close out STUART & SILL.
my29

FLOUR—170 bbls. superfine; 70 do extra; For sale by STUART & SILL.
my29

DRIED APPLES—200 bush. in store and for sale. by STUART & SILL.
my29

PAPER—100 reams medium and brown straw Paper. STUART & SILL.
my29

TOBACCO—25 bxs. Stringer's extra 5's; 15 do Moore's 5's, for sale by STUART & SILL.
my24

100 BAGS Prime Green and Fancy Rio COFFEE, for sale by J. D. WILLIAMS & CO.,
my29 115 Wood st.

DRIED BEEF—1,000 lbs. prime cured;
500 do prime Venison;
500 do Mutton Hams;
my29 For sale by J. D. WILLIAMS & CO.

FEATHERS—12 sacks just received and for sale by KING & MOORHEAD.
my29

POPLINS! POPLINS!—Just rec'd this day, per express, twenty pieces beautiful shades of colored Poplins, which we will sell at 25 per cent. less than they have ever been sold in this city.

A. A. MASON & CO.,
my29 Nos. 62 and 64 Market st.

CRIMPED TARLETONS!—A. A. MASON & Co. have this day received 20 cartons of those very desirable Crimped Tarleton Trimmings, assorted colors, which will be sold very cheap at retail or by the box. [my29

FINE DRESS GOODS!—A. A. MASON & Co. have just received another splendid assortment of black, brown, pink, blue and mode Bereges and Tissues. Also, English and Foland Silk, which they are offering at very low prices. [my29

SUNDRIES—2800 lbs. Rye Flour best quality;
50 bush. Seed Potatoes;
50 bbls. prime Nechannocks;
10 bbls. Eggs;
20 do best Cider Vinegar;
50 do Louisville Lime;
100 do Family Flour;
100 do fine Flour;
100 bush. ear Corn;
500 do Oats;
For sale on consignment, by T. WOODS & SON,
my29 No. 61 Water street.

200 BUSH. PRIME RED POTATOES for sale by T. WOODS & SON.
my29

Notice.

TO Contractors, Bridge Builders, &c—Herr's Island Saw Mills are now preparing to receive and execute promptly all orders for Bridge and other Timber, on the most favorable terms the market will permit. (my5) JAMES CARMAN & CO.

FEATHERS—3,000 lbs. live Geese Feathers for sale by
my17 CARSON & M'KNIGHT.

Special Notices.

Type for Sale.

Having determined to furnish our extensive Job Office with entirely new materials, we shall sell about 100 founts of type now in use, very *low*, for cash or approved paper. We have type enough to fit out 8 or 10 country offices complete. The sizes and varieties of type are such as are to be found in all large city job offices, from Nonpareil up to 20 line Pica, plain and ornamental. Also, for sale, several varieties of borders, in good order. Persons wishing to purchase will please make immediate application.

Petroleum!

Shirleysburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa., March 4, '51.

S. M. Kier: Dear Sir—Your Petroleum is working wonders in this vicinity; therefore, we would thank you to send us two dozen by the Pennsylvania Railroad. We are entirely out, and it is being inquired for almost every day. Yours, respectfully,

JOHN LONG & CO.

Haysville, Ashland Co., Ohio, March 10, '51.

S. M. Kier: Dear Sir—Your Agent, a few weeks since, left with us four dozen Rock Oil, which we have sold. Please forward to us six dozen immediately.

Your medicine is working wonders in this region.—We can obtain several excellent certificates, if you desire them. Yours, &c., W. W. SCOTT.

For sale by Keyser & M'Dowell, 140 Wood street; R. E. Sellers, 57 Wood street; B. A. Fahnestock & Co., corner of Wood and Front streets; D. M. Carry, D. A. Elliott, Joseph Douglass, and H. P. Schwartz, Allegheny. Also, by the proprietor, S. M. KIER,
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Thousands of individuals are cursed with grievous complaints, which they inherit from their parents. The use of the Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla will prevent all this, and save a vast amount of misery, and many valuable lives, for it thoroughly expels from the system the latent taint, which is the seed of disease, and so takes off the curse by which the sins or misfortunes of the parents are so often visited upon the innocent offspring.

Parents owe it to their children to guard them against the effects of maladies that may be communicated by descent, and children that have at any time been affected with Consumption, Scrofula or Syphilis, owe it to themselves to take precaution against the disease being revived in them. Guysott's Extract of Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla is a sure antidote in such cases.

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