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THE MINERS' JOURNAL. THIS Journal was materially enlarged and otherwise improved at the commencement of the year, and will now rank with any paper in the state, out of Philadelphia.

its pages will be devoted to a General Chronicle of the Coal Business; Improvements in the Manufactory of Iron; The progress of the Arts and Sciences;

A Summary of European Intelligence; The Current News of the Day. And in addition, each number will be furnished, unless a press of local matter should exclude it, with ORIGINAL TALES,

Thereby making it equal in interest to many publications whose subscription prices double it in amount.

To those interested in the Coal or Iron business, as To those interested in the Coal or from business, as well as the general reader, its pages will it is hoped, afford valuable information and amusement, and no pains shall be spared to render it worthy the patrosage of all classes of the community.

ANOTHER ENLARGEMENT. LS In the first week in January, 1840, the Miners' Journal will again be enlarged by the addition of another column to each page, which will make it the largest paper published in the State, out of Philadelphia, provided an per published in the State, out of Philadelphia, provided each subscriber will, in the mean time, procure us an additional one. Those who do not, will be charged \$2.50 per annum after the enlargement takes place. The Coal Region will then have a representative abroad that will add credit to the enterprise and liberality of its citizens.

B. BANNAN.

#### PENNSYVANIA HLL, In the Borough of POTTSVILLE, PA.

### J HAUGHAWOUT.

ANNOUNCES to the travelling public that he has refuted his commodious establishment with every attention to the omfort and convenienc of his pairons. The contiguity of its situation to the Miner Bank and the different Coal Landings recommends it to the man of business, while us extensive parlors and well ventilated sleeping apartments, give it peculiar advantages for the summertravel leror the invalid.

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The culturydepartment is in experienced hands, and he Leder and Bir stocket with every sensonable dencacy of visual and liquor, indimerous accommodating servants will all times conduce to the pleasure and attend

The salubrity of the Borough of Pottsville, and the many sources of smusement, both natural and artificial, ted to take 300 which its vicinity affords, gender it a desirable place of 1 in his instance. which its vicinity affords, fender it a desirable place of resort, and the proprietor pleages his continued exertions to make a sojourn therein, doildusive both to comfort and

#### EXCHANGE HOTEL, POTTSVILLE.

Pottsville, Pa. March 30, 1839.

## William G. Johnson

HAS taken this commodious establish. ment recently occupied by Joseph Weaver, Esq. as the "National Hetel," corner of Centre and Callowhill streets, and has materially improved its arrangement for the accommodation of customers. The situation is pleasant and central, being contiguous to the Post Office and Town Hall, and in the business part of the borough; and three Daily Lines of Stages arrive and depart from the Exchange to and from Reading, Northumberland, Danville and

PRIVATE FAMILIES, who desire spending the nmer months in the Coal Region will be furnished with parlours and chambers calculated to please the fancy and render comfortable the most fastidious guests; and TRAVELLERS will always find those accommodations which are most desired, and the

strict attention of servants.

It were superfluous to say that his TABLE and Ban will always be furnished with the choicest viands and liquors; and with a wish and exertions to gratify his guests he antic.pates the patronage of Potteville, april 13, 1839.

#### Philadelphia & Reading RAIL ROAD.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT. To COMMENCE APRIL 1, 1839.

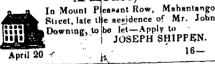
HOURS OF STARTING.

ROM Reading, at 8 A. M. and 2 P. M.
From Norristown, at 7 A. M. and 5 P. M.
These hours are arranged to connect with the
Rail Road between Norristown and Philadelphia,
the hours of starting from the latter place, being 5

## FARES.

Between Rending and Norristown, First Class Cars. \$2 Fecond Cluss, \$1,50. The morning Train from Philadelphia, will stop for Breakfast at Pottstown. Reading, Marc 30

# A House.



White Italian Silk Mulberry Seed.

THE best kind for making Silk, just received and for sale by the ounce of pound by B. BANNAN.

## VALUABLE Real Estate

#### AT PRIVATE SALE.

DURSUANT to the last will and Testament of William Linvill, late of Strasburg township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, dec'd, will be offer

A TRACT OF LAND,

containing 322 acres and 50 perches, with allowance &c. situate in Roaring creek township, Columbia county, Pennsylvania; bounded by lands of Mahlen Hibbs, George Creig and others, about eight miles east of Catawissa, at the Susquehanna North branch canal; four miles west of Catawissa and little Schuyl kill Rail Road; and twenty-five miles North of Potts ville, where there is always a market for produce,

equal to that of Philadelphia for prices.

The improvements, are a comfortable two story squared log House, a squared log Barn with stone stabling underscath; and a good orchard of grafted fruit trees. About \$5 acres are cleared and under good fence, divided into convenient fields, and in a high state of cultivation, having been all recently cleared. The remainder is well set with lofty thriv ing timber, a large portion of which is heavy white oak, suitable for sawing into plank for boat building,

which from its convenience to the public impreve-ments, must find a regular and good market.

A branch of Rosting creek passes through the property, with sufficient fall for a saw-mill. There are also, a number of never failing springs of excel-tent water on the premises. With all the advantages this property possesses, it is considered as being, one of the most valuable in the section of the coun-

try to which it is located.

For terms apply to Edward Linvill, residing near the premises, or to the executors in Salisbury town-ship, Lancaster county.

BENJAMIN LINYLL,

JOHN LINVILL,

Executors of Wm, Linvill, dec'd,

# AND POTTSVILLE GENERALA DVERTISER.

intains, Metals which will give strength to our Hands and subject all Nature to our use and pleasure. - Da. JOHNSON. I will teach you to pierce the bowels of the Earth and bring out from the Caverns of the M

Weekly by Benjamin Bannan, Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

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SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 18, 1839.

# ENGLAND.

Exchange at New York, on London 83 to 9 per cent. premium.

At the close of his services as curate of Hey Chapel, near Oldham, the sum of £310 was presented to the Rev. John Mattison, by Joseph Taylor, Esq. of Rhodes-hill. This handsome sum was the product of a subscription entered into by the congregation, aided by liberal donations, to this aged and respected minister and tutor, from his nuerous friends and pupils.

Sic Transit -The silver coffee-pot presented by the woman of Manchester to Henry Hunt. Esq., at the Peterloo meeting, is now exhibiting in the shop of Mr. Hirst silversmith, Briggate, Leeds, for sale

The Port of Newcastle General Shipping Compane rort on the weather General Shipping Company have at present six fine vessels in the Tyne, preparing for fiveign voyages. The number of vessels already belonging to the company is ten, of the value of £31,000, exclusive of three which are con-

During this last week, considerable excitement has prevailed in the borough of Rochdale, occasioned by the discovery of a pike, which had been manusectured on the premises of Mr. Petrie, one of the most respectable ironfounders in the town. By some means or other it came to Mr. Petrie's knowledge, that some of his men had been making pikes on the premises, unknown to him. Alarmed, as might hatuth!ly be expected, at such a discovery, he immediately commenced a thorough investigation of the subject, and discovered that the delinquent was the apprentices. This young lad stated, that one of the apprentices. This young and sate of the journeymen had ground and polished the pike for hing; he also told the name of the person who had given him the order for it. The journeyman Mr. Retrie immediately ordered to quit that premises. What steps he will take with the apprentice is not yet known.

Extraordinary Leaping.—A considerable party assembled at Noctorum, near Birkenhead, on Tuesday last, in consequence of a leaping engagement appointed to come off, in which Mr. Alexander M. Donough and his brown hunter were the heroes --The match was for 100 guineas a side; the condi-tion, that the sforsaid horse, piloted by Mr. M Don-ough, should clear a six feet wall three times with-in an hour. The match was won within the ten minutes, without the noble animal being, in the slightest degree, distressed. Mr. M'Donough offered to take 300 guiness to 104 that the pair, which, seemed to be one, should clear a scv en fect wall but the losers were quite satisfied with the day's sport, and thought it quite good enough as it was.

Robbery in a Court of Justice .- One day last week a basto of soup was conveyed from the Cas-tle Tavern, King street, as a dejeune for Lord Chief Justice Tindel, and placed on the table of the ante room of the pourt. The officer who placed it there having immediate occasion to go below to regulate the furnaces some thief who had seen the silver spoon pass through the hall, availed himself of the opportunity; and stole that valuable utensil, with which he got clear off before the learner judge pro-

ceeded to his refection. Smuggling Extraordinary. - One of the most inrepid instances of smuggling on record occurred in the vicinity of Hastings, Sussex, a few days since. It appears that a party had for some moths determined on an endeavor to run tube at the most ac-cessible park of the cliffs to the eastward of town, near Eclesbourn, and directly under the nose of the Coast Guard men on duty. The cliffs at this spot and overhanking to a fearful extent. Still that was the spot selected for the enterprise. The boat con-tained about 70 tubs. Information had been given to the officer on duty, but the apparent impossibility of the daring attempt caused it to be treated rather as a feir,t toldivert attention from some more accessable spot. Still the officer visited the place about the time, when, from what has since transpired, the li-quor was all but held to his nose, without his being able to smell it out. A dog that was with the man on duty on the cliff, was far more asgacious in detecting the gresence of the plunderers of the revenue for he kept baying at something under the cliff, which excited the attention of his master, who approached the edge to ascertain what it was, but was desired by his officer to retire, lest he should fall over. At length the tubs were all run, without the knowledge of the look-out. When morning dawned the fact was discovered, but scarcely believed. It appeared that the bold smugglers had contrived to hang up a ladder of rope, with wooden rounds, from several projections on the cliff, which they dlimbed with the tubs, thereby avoiding the immense difficulty of ascending an overhanging precipite, of at least 150 feet in height. The slightest fault, in any form, must have been instant death to the adventu rers, who would inevitably have been dashed to atom; on the pointed rocks beneath. A bolder attempt, it in every where admitted is not recorded

# IRELAND.

The Great British Conservative .- An able and as far as we are competent to judge an accurate por-trait of Sir Robert Peel is given in a late number

of the Dublin Review.

He is described as one of the most perfect debators that ever sat in Parliament or ever led a party. He thoroughly understands the peculiar prejudices and passions of the audience whom he addresses, and his whole aim seems to be to work upon those passions, not by an appeal to their reason of by aid of their intellect, but by means of their prejudices; he essays not an appearance of argument, except such as accords with the preconvinced notions of a vast portion of his hearers; his chief object is not to convince by the force of his argument and the sound-ness of his deductions, but to find for his followers some plausible reasons for their conduct; and in this he is eminently successful. It is, probably, the consequence of the possession and great cultivation of these inferior qualities that we find the absence of those high powers in which he is deficient. For enlarged and statesman like views, is vain may we search his addresses: amid the war of words, with difficulty may we pick out a general principle.— He expends his strength in endeavoring to break He expends has strength in endeavoring to break down or fritter away the outworks of his opponents' positions, and not unfrequently leaves the stronghold intouched, and even unapproached: rarely do we find him establishing or maintaining with cummon dexterity an independent position. Well read, however, in history, and possessing much acquaintance with classical literature, he applies his knowledge in such a manner as may best suit his purpose he moment, and he expresses himself chastely, often elegantly. At the same time, no man dan deiver common place observations with a more pom pous or a more laughable air.

The Architchop of Tuon, the Hon. Doctor Le Poer Trench; is dead. His Lordship's family, in consequence of his having survived beyond the 25th ult. will receive an addition to their property of from £20,000 to £30,000. His Grace's life was insured for £50,000. In his Lordship's demise, the Archdiocess of Tram becomes extinct in the Established Church. Doctor McHale, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Tuam, has for time borne the title, and

will continue to do so. New Poor Law .- A verdict of manslaughter has been returned by a coroner's jury against a ralieving officer under the Poor Law Bill, for having by residing near ing officer under the Poor Law Bill, for having by neglect of duty caused the death of a pauper named flurgess. The coroner said, that no man, whether a relieving officer or pot, was justified in dancing as person half over the country, but particularly those in authority, were not the less culpable. The relieving officer had acted irregularly, and it the jury should the of opinion that the deceased's death was accelera-

ted in consequence of such irregularity, then he had laid himself open to manalaughter. Mr. Barret's house, at Ballinasloe, had a very great escape on Monday of being blown to pieces, owing to the explosion of a small cask of gunpowder, which he had for sale in his shop.

The people of this town and neighbourhood have been marrying-mad during the week; scarce a girl of the lower orders, from 15 to 30, but has joined hymen's bands.

The Countess of Norbury and her sorrowing fainily have departed from Ireland-driven by murder. ers from their native home and never to return.

## SCOTLAND.

A most distressing accident occurred at the printworks of Messra. John Bartholmew and Co., Dalmarnock, by the falling in of a section of an arched brick floor on the third flat of a part of their fire proof premises, which carried with it an equal portion of the two lower floors, and immured in the ruins no less than seven individuals, of whom one man and three young men under fourteen years of age, were taken out lifeless; and another man and two boys injured, it is hoped not dangerously. The cause of this most distressing event is wholly inexplicable, as there was no pressure upon the floor, one of the iron joists of which seems to have given way, and no indication of weakness in that joist was ever observed: indeed this part of the premises were erected only a few years ago. The following are the names of the persons killed, viz: John Stevenson, James Watson, William Finley, and Robert Smith .- The injured are David Ross, Wm. Roger, and Wm. Forbes.

Estate of Househill.-Last week the estate lousehill, extending to about 470 acres; was purchased by Mr. Wm. Galloway, manufacturer. The umored price is, £ 45,000. The estate, we believe, has been bought with the view of working the minerals, which are of a very valuable description. The various seams of ironstone found in it amount together, to from 20 to 30 feet, and may, therefore, be considered almost inexhaustible; the quality, too, is of a very superior kind. Besides ironstone, there is found on the estate abundance of coal, lime, copperas, and alum, together with very excellent free-

The national convention (Chartist) was still holding its meetings in London, but the attendance was very thin and the proceedings attracted no attention. At Devizes there had been two riots, consequent upon Chartist meetings, but there being a sufficient body of troops; (three companies of lancers) upon the ground, nothing more formidable oc-

curred than a plentiful sprinkling of broken heads, &c. Information was still current, however, that the agitators in various places were providing themselves with pikes and other deadly weapons. At Halifax it was said there were no less than 700, all provided

with muskets. Greenock.-We have great pleasure in announcing a most munificent and unexpected bequest to the poor of Greenock. William Scott, Esq., of Rt. Andrews, N. B., son of the late Christophe Scott, Esq., of this town, died suddenly at the former place on the 8th ult, and advices have been received here by Wm Rodgers, Esq., of the Greenock Brewery, to the effect that Mr. Scott had left the whole of the property, with the exception of about £300, for the purpose of maintaining and educating the children of the poor connected with the town of Greenock.

The Wandering Piper. The eccentric individual known by this name, died on Sunday night at Mercer's Hospital in this city. It appears from his own account, that he was induced, many years since for a bet of several thousand pounds, which were staked by a friend, to engage in his extraordinary mode of life. Had he relinquished the undertaking, the money would have been lost to his fam-

# WALES.

Right Han. C. W. Williams Wyan. - If the intention of Mr. Jervis had been effective in unseating the talented and highly respected member for Montgomeryshire, it was the determination of the elec-ors to return the Right Hon. gentleman, free of expense, to that seat in the legislature which he has for a period of forty years filled, with so much honour to himself, as well as satisfaction to his constit uents.— Such indeed was the indignation with which the respectable, and well thinking portion, of the Right Hon. gentlemen's supporters viewed the conduct of Mr. Jervis, that, in order to mark their detestation of such an uncalled for attack, after the ample explanation of Mr Wynn, it was turther intended to have invited Mt. Wynn, to a public din-

Glamorganshire to wit.-It has been said that the parish churches of Barry and Gileston, in the cour ty of Glamorgan, are among the smallest in the kingdom: but the parish church of St. Lawrence, near Tentuor, in the Isle Wight, is only 20 feet long 12 wide, and scarcely six to the eves.

Tredegar Cattle Show. Upwards of 100 guineas have been subscribed for prizes at the next Trede-gar Cattle Show, by the inhabitants of Newport and ite neighbourhood. The original subscription did not exceed 40 gaineas. The liberal sum has been subscribed through the exertions of Mr. Thomas Jones Philips.

The straightforward and constitutional manner in which the Viscount Dungannon parsues his course in the House of Commons on general and truly Protestant principles in defence of our church and constitution, and that of Sir Robert Rowland Hill and Mr. Ormaby Gore, on behalf of the agricultural and mr. Ormany Gore, on benefit of the agricultural body of the kingdom, are earning for them golden opinions among all truly good and well meaning men of various political shades in the northern div-ision of this county.

Several petitions were presented in the House of Lords, on Monday night, by Lord Kenyon and the Bishop of St. Asaph, praying that any surplus revrevenues arising out of the connolidation, too, of the Diocess of Bangor and St. Asaph, &c., may be applied in aid of the insufficiently endowed livings in the Principality. Similar petitions from Llangollen, and other places, have also been presented by the Viscount Dangannon, the Right Hon. C. W. Williams Wynn, &c., in the Commons.

Chester and Chewe Railway .- We learn that Messer and Usene names;—We learn that Messes, Jackson and Bean, who completed a por-tion of the Birminghom and Derby Railway, have undertaken the Bunbury and Wardle contract, in length about ten miles, on the Chester and Crews

Wrezham. -St. David's day was celebrated in this borough, with the usual festivities. A large party sat down to dinner, at the Lion Inn, G. Loyd, Esq. chairman, and Captain Morris, Vice chairman. The proceedings were highly, jevial and convival. The health of Sir Wm. Floyd was drank enthusias The health of Survinion tically, and gratefully acknowledged,

From the Gentleman's Magazine. RESPECTABILITY:

OR, THE TANKEZ MERCHANT'S FAMILY.

" He that hath a trade hath an estate."

EDWARD BELDEN was the son of a New Eng-

land country merchant. He had ten brothers and sisters, the majority of whom were younger than himself. The head and front of these offences was a merchant; that is, he kept a grocery, next door to the principal tavern at the corner of the stage road and main street of a certain village in the State of Maine. All persons who buy goods to sell again across a counter, are, in New England, styled · merchants, ' not tradesmen or storekeepers, but emphatically and aristocratically-merchants. Merchants are gentleman; therefore, Mr. Belden was a gentleman. In the land of steady habits, a gentleman is one who is not a mechanic or operative. Mr. Beldon had never soiled his hands with tools, although justly provoked mother, (for Mr. Belden, reader, he sold eggs and fish-hooks, nuts and raisins, tea and sugar by the pound, rum at three cents per glass. He would sell oats by the peck and strike' the measure himself, whiten his coat by shoveling flour and meal from the barrel or bin' into the scales, and very afternoon, the aristocratic scion, Edward Belgrease his gentlemanly fingers with the weighing of den, played at catch and toss with that young dembutter, cheese, and lard. Yet, Mr. Belden was a ocrat Bill Webster. This brief family scene is not gentleman! he knew no vulgar occupation! Mrs. introduced as affecting materially the general inter-Belden was of course a lady-her husband was a est of our tale, but to disclose a state of manners and merchant! She gave parties, and her entertainments were the envious gossip of the village.

"Oh!" said Mrs. Belden, confidentially, to the ty of American moteriel that hereafter may afford lawyer's lady, who had hinted, in a very neighborly way, that she thought Mrs. Belden was becoming ciples as those we have just heard dretated by a parent somewhat extravagant : "Oh! my dear Mrs. Ed- to his child that the adverse of that child and a thougarton, they don't cost us nothing at all, hardly- sand others of New England's children are to be rewe get 'em all out of the store."

Mrs. Belden never visited mechanics' wives, nor store was from eight hundred to two thousand per allowed her children to associate with mechanics' children.

" Marm! what do you think Ned did. coming iome from school !" shouted a little Belden, folt- en girl's calico and handkerchief to Mrs. Belden's ing into the door, with eyes and mouth wide open, his mother's injunctions fresh in his memory: " he spoke to Bill Webster, he did, for I see'd him!' and the little aristocrat's eyes were popped two inches farther from his head as he delivered the asounding information.

Edward ! did you speak to that Bill Webster ! inquired his mother, in a tone of offended dignity, as she scraped the dough which she was kneading from her lady-like fingers: "didn't you know his father was a cabinet-maker, and hasn't I and your pa repeatedly told you not to speak to such boys " "Well, ma, I only asked him about my lesson, pleaded the culprit in defence. "About your lesson!" exclaimed the angry pa

rent, " and what had Bill Webster to do either with you or your lesson!" "Because he's the best scholar at the academy and at the head of the class, and even Judge Perkins'

son is glad to get Bill to help him when he gets stuck. " I guess if his father knew it, he'd stick him," over after dunner and tell Mrs. Judge Perkins directly. It's a shame 'hose mechanics' children be allow-

ed to go to the academy, and associate with gentlemen's sons. Here's your father ! now we'll see what he says about it." Mr. Belden, a short, stout man, inclined to cor-

pulency, with half whiskers, blueish grey eyes, and rather pleasing physiognomy, entered from the store, which was situated but a few yards distant from his two-story white house, with green blinds, and a fiont yard with flowers and stone steps—as which still hung over her mantel in testimony of her Mrs. Belden was wont to describe it.—His coat was skill; write a neat hand, cypher tolerably, and play from his two-story white house, with green blinds, dusted with flour, and greasy by contact with various a little on the piano. Yet, with all these accomnouinous articles his store contained.

What's the matter, what's the matter, my dear!" he inquired, in a quick and good humored tone, seeing the children grouped around their mother, listening in timid silence, while the placidity of her features was considerably disturbed !- Have the boys been at any of their capers ? "

"Capers!" repeated his offended lady: "all can do and say I can't get these children to mind me. I wish you would take them in hand, Mr. Belden, for they have tried my patience till I can stand is still engaged. it no longer." And she looked as if she were the nost aggreeved woman in the world.

"Why, why, what have they done?" inquired ity, at the age of seventeen, when his father propose the perplexed husband, still holding the handle of

the door by which he had entered. " Done ! here's Edward been speaking to that Bill Webster, when I told him over and over again, not to have any thing to say to any such boys, and expressly told him and all the children to speak to no boys nor girls whose fathers a'n't merchants, like their'n, or lawyers, or doctors, or ministers; and they know it well, too, "

"Well, well, wife, I'll settle it," replied Mr. Belden, soothingly and good humoredly, for he had just made a good bargain with a country customer. "Edward, come here to me. "

The culprit came forward and placed himself by his father, who had taken a chair near the fire, conscious that reproof or advice comes clothed with more dignity from one seated than standing

"Edward, you are now in your fifteenth year." said the parent gravely. "In two or three years more you will enter college, and you should now learn to choose your associates.'

"Children, histen to your father!" commanded Mrs. Belden, seeing the turn her husband's remarks were likely to take; "he speaks to you as well as to Edward."

"In the first place, my son. you must remember that your parents are respectable—that is they move in the first circles, and are not mechanics. Now, in America, where there is no nobility or titles to say what is and what is not respectable,' why wa are so and who are not so. Now the only way you, who are a boy, can tell what boys are 'respectable, and what are not, is by knowing what profession their parents are of. Now a mechanic of no kind is respectable; these all belong to the lower class.

Here his youngest daughter interrupted: " Isn't silliners and manty-makers 'respectable, ' pa !" "No, my child, they are female mechanics, and

re therefore not respectable." " Well, then, I spoke to Miss ( Mrs. generally in New England is projecunced Miss) Miller's hule girl, Jane, and walked most home from school with her, to-day. Oh, I'm so sorry!" The pemtent criminal, after receiving a severe reproof from her mother, retreated behind a chair, and the father

"The question is, my son, when you wish to select your companions at school or at college, first to daughter, married a young merchant of her native

village, who failed the following year, died intera perate the next ensuing—leaving his wife and two children to the tender mercies of her perents or the

world.

The sixth child, a less intelligent, and active boy than his bruthers, his father succeeded in retaining in the store; this being the porter through which all of them made their debut into active life. He soon acquired the habits and tastes of the loungers in the store, to their language and beauty intoxication he soon became familiatized; and imperceptibly, by ommencing with cordials and sharbets, he accoun ed a taste for ardent spirits, and, at the age of twenty-five, after having been for three years a common drunkard, he died in his father's house of mania a

This, reader, is no fiction. Names and localities are only requisite to identify these facts in the manones of many, with the history of a family now alnost extinct. Yet, even without this key, too ready in application of it may be made to numerous families, with, the observation of every New Eng-

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learn whether their fathers are rich! For rich mer

cannot, of course, be mechanics. The next place,

whether they are lawyers, merchants, doctors or min-

isters, for in these four 'professions' are included all

American gentlemen, except senators, state officers

and such like, who are respectable by their office.

With no other families should you associate, for you

should at all times endeavor to keep up the dignity

of your family. Now, my son, you may sit down

Here the merchant concluded, with an emphatic

ahem,' and was about to turn his chair to take

hesitatingly inquired " if a watch-maker wath re-

"Why so, my child ?" rejoined the self-compla-

"Coth, if 'ta'n't, no thpectable people ought to

"Come to dinner, children, and you, little chit,

shall wait, for your forwardness, "exclaimed the now

was unfortunately the son of a watch maker!) Ed-

ward laughed in his sleeve; Mr. Belden carved the

joint in silence, and in silence Mrs. Belden helped

around the vegetables. During the recess of that

mode of thinking, by no means uncommon in New

England, presenting a strange anomaly in the socie-

materials for a puff of volumes. Yet, it is to such prin-

ferred. The income Mr. Belden derived from his

alent throughout the villages and small towns of New

formed, pale and romantic. She had attended the

village Female Academy, from her youth upward.

At eighteen she left school, tolerably well educated.

That is, she was versed in geography, and could

readily than those of the various States of her own

phishments, she found herself, at the age of twenty

seven, numarried; and, at last, to escape her moth-

er's tongue, which grew sharper as she grew older

an offer to keep school (this not being mechanical

except in cases of flagellation, is, therefore, respec-

ral mathematical turn, and much mechanical ingenu

ed taking him into the store plead hard to be al-

lowed to become a mechanist, or go to sea-any

thing but to be tied to the counter of a country gro

cery. His parents were shocked at his vulgar taste.

The young man, after staying behind the counter

hree months, during which time he was placed at

the station at the further end, where rum was retail-

ed, because his careful parent could trust no one else

there, and, after hearing more oaths and seeing more

intemperance than would have corrupted a Samuel,

he yielded, disgusted with his employment, to the of-

fers of an intelligent sea-captain, and, amid the

tears, groans and prophecies of his mother, (for the

caste of sea captains is not exactly comme il faut.)

the first officer of a packet ship from New, York, and

The third son, a fine, spirited boy, who wished to

become a jeweler rather than to succeed his sea-

struck brother in the store, eventually followed his

brother's example, by eloping; and after various ad-

ventures, during which he lost both health and repu-

tation, became one of the lowest supernumeraries on

the New York stage. The cholera of 1832 put an

end to his misery, his dissipation, and pecuniary

wretchedness, and the Potter's Field has become his

The fourth was apprentice to a respectable whole-

sale dry goods merchant, in Boston. When he be-

came of age, and desired to enter into business on

his own responsibility, his employer, to whom he

looked for assistance, 'failed,' and he was at once

thrown upon the world with but's few hundred dol-

lars in his possession. He again became a clerk of

man of business, integrity and industry, he was not

nothing but a merchant's clerk. He is still clerk-

ing, although nearly thirty years of age, while he

finds about him men of wealth and independence,

although mechanics, like their fathers before them,

whom, when at school, he was taught to despise.

With what bitter curses upon the foolish system to

which he was a victim, did he contrast their situa-

costs to be a gentleman,!" thought he.

gentleman in spite of his father.

last resting place.

England.

to your dinner."

spectable !

cent parent.

threak to vou."

Besides Edward, there were two brothers and aisers, younger than himself, who, fortunately, did not survive long enough to become either lady or gentle-

Three years after the conversation recorded above Edward entered the sophomore class at Cambridge, His manners were polished, his address winning, his talents of a high order. After six weeks he was the most popular of his class, both with the faculty and his class-mates; while many young gentlemen his seat at the table, when one of the younger boys of the upper class sought his acqueintance. His associates were among the wealthlest in college; his good nature, gentlemanly air, irresistible wit, and high standing in his class, rendered his society universally sought after.

The first year, his bills were paid by his father, and he was allowed fifty dotlars during the year for spending money. This he laid out in books; for he neither gambled nor indulged in the expensive habits which could be afforded by others. - When in the hight of his popularity and scholastic fame, a letter came, in reply to one he had written to his father for a remittance to purchase a few necessary books, stating that "business was dull, his profits small, and that it was more expensive at college than he supposed it would be." And after two pages of advice in relation to the new saity of preserving his standing as a gentleman: he wound up with the suggestion. 4that as he could not afford to pay such large bills any longer, he had best work the rest of his way through the college by keeping school during the vacations." A bank note for twenty dollars was inclosed, with the intimution that he must expect but little more assistance from him, as he had his two brothers and sisters to educate : that he was getting old, and times were hard!"

It will be difficult to picture the mortification of a sensitive, high-minded young man, at such an anennum. The domestic expenses, which could not possibly be very great, as even thing, from the chil-dren's shoes to their spelling-books, from the kitchnouncement. The term bills would in a few days, be presented. Minor accounts, usually liquidated at the same time, were also unpaid. But these difficulties, though instantly occurring to his mind, did silks and laces, besides all the provisions, "came not so much affect him as the sudden change this out of the store." How they came in the store conduct of his father must produce in his situation. never entered the brain of Mrs. Belden. She was Educated like a gentleman, his most intimate assosatisfied her housekeeping could cost nothing; "nevciates had been with those young aristocrats of the er mind, it come out of the store," was the coup de college who had wealth to support their pretensions. grace by which she silenced every qualm of consci-With the beneficiaries, - those noble minded ence or friendly hint from envious neighbors, upon young men who seek science through her most thorher own extravagance in household matters. For ny paths, those of poverty and contumely-he had Mrs. Belden sought to keep up appearances, and never associated; they were a species of literary opthere were other merchant's ladies in neighboring eratives, whom he had not yet decided whether to towns she must rival. What with Mrs. Belden's class with the mechanics or grantemen. He grounexpensive hal its, and Mr. Belden's moderate profits; ed bitterly as he felt that he was degraded to their he seldom laid by more than two or three hundred aste. It was late at night when he received the dollars a year. Yet, on this small income, without etter, and after pacing the room a long time in menthe prospects of having a dollar to give them when al agitation, he seized his hat and hastened to the they became of age, his children must be educated-President's room. The usual lamp shown in the gentleman and ladies !- as if heirs to principalities. window. He tapped lightly at the door and enter-Let us see what gentlemen and ladies he made of cd. The venerable Doctor Kriken, who was engagthem. It will serve briefly to develope a system ed over his desk, raised his head, and politely invitof gentility and genteel education, lamentably prev-

ed him to be seated. Edward laid his father's letter upon the desk. saying hastily, 'A letter from my father, sir." The president read it, and shook his head as

displeased at its contents, "I sympathize with you, Belden. This is not the first case of the kind I have met with since my connection with this institution. This infatuation tell you the capitals of every European State more among the class to which your father belongs of making gentlemen of their sons, when they cannot allow them the means to sustain the rank of such, country; and knew (so deeply learned was she) more about the lives of the Kings of England and has been the ruin of many promising young men. Egypt, than the Presidents of the United States. It is a mistaken notion, and one fruitful with the most baneful consequences that a yout'n to ! e made a gentleman of, must become a member of one-of the learned professions; and that to be a member of one of these, he must first pass through college. It s a mischievous error, and must be eradicated. "It is daily doing incalculable injury to speet. Experi-ence must soon teach such persons the unsoundness of the position they have assumed, and convince and wagged particularly against cold maids,' and to find the wherewithal to purchase dresses, for she had them that an independent farmer or mechanic inherited her mother's love of finery, she accepted (which all may become who will) is intrinsically a better gentleman, and w far more useful member of society, than an impoverished lawyer or doctor, or a table,' and conferring no disgrace) in a neighboring minister who has become such that he may be one village, in which delightful task, peradventure, she in the ranks of 600 use an English term; in America, we neither have nor should have a corresponding The second child, who was a son, having a name

word) the 'gentry.'"

The president concluded by , is ng him much judi cious advice for his future conduct in life, and the oung man took his leave, and went forth into the orld, alone, friendless, and almost moneyless.

We briefly pass over, his short and unhappy career. He went to New York, where he remained several weeks seeking some genteel employment, (for or any mechanical trade or art, he was totally gnorant.) At length a situation offered, after be had spent his last dollar in paying for an advertisement applying for a clerkship or lutorship.

The subsequent events in the life of Edward Belden (save the mystery that still hangs over the place of his exile) are familiar to all who have not forgotten the tragedy which a short time ago sgitated our great commercial metropolis, and filled the minds of went to sea with him. He is now though young, of all men with horror.

The brief outline of what could easily be extended to volumes, is written to expose the rottenness of a mischievous custom, founded in vanity and perpetrated by injustice to its juvenile victime, which reigns all over New England. Alas! that men should think that, because they give their sons an education, they must, of necessity, make professional men of them, or suppose, if they wish to make them gentlemen without the trouble and expense of education, they must make merchants of them !

Let every parent, whether farmer, country merchant, country doctor, country lawyer, or country person, if he have five sons, educate them all well, if he will, but make four of them tillers of the soil or mastes of a trade. He will then be certain of having four independent sons about him. If he have seven daughters, let him make seven good milliners and mantus-makers of them, and they will their be independent of the ordinary vicissitudes of life. Let him another house, on a scanty salary—for although a do this, that is provided he have no torinnes to leave. them. But even if he have, still it would be better a man of capital. He knows no trade—he is fit for for them that he should do this, then if he should leave it undone. It is the opposite plan to this the reaching after gentility, orrespectability, as it is termed for their children, that throngs our metropolitain street with courtezans, and inundates all our cities, from New York to New Orleans, with pennyless adventurera.

Ribbons! Ribbons !!

tion, happy in the bosom of their tamilies, with his own, a lonely salaried bachelor, "How much it costs to be a gentleman," thought he.

The fifth, and next youngest child, who was a laughter, married a young merchant of her native repril 13 own, a lonely salaried bachelor, "How much it