MINERS' JOURNAL,

AND POTTSVILLE GENERAL ADVERTISER.

"I WILL TEACH YOU TO PIERCE THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH, AND BRING OUT FROM THE CAVERNS OF MOUNTAINS, METALS WHICH WILL GIVE STRENGTH TO OUR HANDS AND SUBJECT ALL NATURE TO OUR USE AND PLEASURE."—DR. JOHNSON.

WEEKLY BY BENJAMIN BANNAN, AGENT FOR THE PROPRIETOR, POTTSVILLE, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PA.

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PHILADELPHIA

CARD.

To Storekeepers or Manufacturers purchasing OILS OR GROCERIES.

E. BOURNE,

NO. 12 North Water street, and No. 11, North Front street, Counting house on Front street, Philadelphia, manufacturer and wholesale dealer in the following Oils for burning and machinery:

White bleached & winter pressed head Sperm Oil.
Body Sperm do do
Solar do do do
Sea Elephant do do
Winter and Cradle Whale Oil.
Lard Oil, Neat's Foot Oil.
Table Oil in bottles.
Strait's & Cod Bank Oil
Straits, Blubber &c. for Tanner's use, warranted genuine.
Germantown Lampblack, Sperm Candles, &c.

FRESH TEAS AND GROCERIES.

Also, wholesale dealer in fresh green and black Teas, which will positively be sold as low as can be imported.

Rio, Laguayra and old Java Coffee.
Sugar in Hhds. and barrels
New Orleans, West India & Sugar house Molasses.
Brandy Spices, Cassia in Mats.
Yellow, white Castile and fancy Soap.
Friction Matches,
Raisins, Spices Ground Nuts,
Cheese in boxes and casks,
Pine Apple Cheese, Herring, Codfish, Starch Indigo, Mustard, and Tobacco,
American and Havanna Segars,
Pearl, Barley and Saleratus.
Table Oil, Pails, Salt,
White Wine Vinegar.
Sponge, Washing Soda, &c.

Any goods sold by the subscriber, if not proving as represented, may be returned without any expense to the purchaser. A careful cooper who has been six years in his employ, attends to the delivery of the Oils, so that purchasers may rely upon receiving it in good order. E. BOURNE,

No. 12 North Water street, and No. 11, North Front street, Philada.

Philada., Oct. 25, 1845. 43—3mo

Philadelphia Auction Sales.

C. J. WOLBERT, Auctioneer.

No. 51 MARKET ST. BELOW SECOND, ST. PHILADA.

Imported and American Dry Goods } Regular sale days: Tuesday & Friday Mornings.

Shop Goods—Every Wednesday Afternoon.

Boots, Brogans &c.—Tuesdays and Fridays at 12 o'clock

☞ Country Merchants will find at these Sales, a large and general assortment of Imported and Domestic Staple and Fancy Goods, to which their attention is invited

Goods delivered on the day of Sales at as a responsible person will be in attendance, who or a small remuneration, will pack and forward goods as directed.

Philada., January 11, 2—1y

MINING ENGINEER, AND Mineral Land Agent.

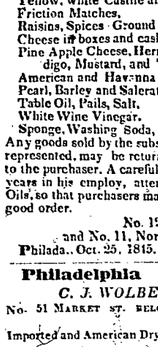
EXAMINATION of Mines and Estates. Surveys, Topographical Plans, Transverse and vertical sectional drawings exhibiting the Geological stratification of property; tracing beds of iron ore and coal; examinations for sites of Iron Blast Furnaces, and Reports made thereon, by

THOMAS S. RIDGWAY, jr.,

Mining Engineer, and Real Estate Agent for Mineral Lands, No. 953 Walnut street, back.

Philadelphia, July, 12, 1845. 28—

DALE'S DOUBLE BEAM PLATFORM SCALES.



DALE'S Single Beam Patform Scales
" Double " Counter
" Single " "
"Even " "
Brass Beam " "
Iron " "
Patent Balances, "
Spring " "
Ring and Nest Weights for sale WHOLESALE AND RETAIL at the SCALE WAREHOUSE OF GRAY & BROTHER, No. 34 WALNUT St.,

Dealers in all kinds of Scales and Weights.

N. B. All Scales sold by us are warranted to give satisfaction in every particular. G. & B.

Philadelphia March 29 13—

SPRING BALANCES,

10 DOZEN SALTER'S IMPROVED SPRING BALANCES, with and without Dishes, with a full supply of the different sizes of *Dale's Platform and Counter* SCALES, just Received and for sale at the SCALE Wharehouse of

GRAY & BROTHER,

No. 34 WALNUT St., below Second.

Philadelphia March 29, 13—

SCALES $4 50.—DALE'S EVEN BEAM COUNTER SCALES ARE MORE DURABLE ACCURATE, AND CONVENIENT than any Scale in the will weigh from one grain to 100 pounds for sale at a very low price of $4 50 each. Larger size $5, an $5 50 with Dish, warranted to give satisfaction.

GRAY & BROTHER, No. 34 WALNUT street.

Philadelphia March 29, 33—

BOOTS & SHOES

BY THE PACKAGE,

CHEAP FOR CASH,

NO. 69, CHESNUT STREET, PHILADA.

THE subscriber doing an exclusively cash business, will sell good quality Boots and Shoes, of every description, at Manufacturer's prices.

☞ Purchasers are desired to examine the Market, and before buying, to call at No. 69 Chesnut street, Philada. THOMAS L. EVANS.

Philada, July 19, 29—6mo

PHILADA. ADVERTISEMENT.

GEO. W. CROSS,

Wholesale Foreign & Domestic Dry Good Store,

At No. 30, Bank st. Philada.

1st running south st., below Third street.

ALL Goods are sold at Package or Auction cost prices, for nett cash, or if on six months credit, 5 per cent is added to the bill.

The subscriber intends to keep what is strictly called a "one price store," and to sell all his goods at Package or Auction cost prices for nett cash, or on time for approved credit, and will then add 5 per cent to the bill for the credit. He has established his business on that principle, and finds it gives general satisfaction. Customers can rely in buying their goods, at the very lowest market rates, as the lowest prices are asked first, by which time is saved, to both purchaser and seller, and no necessity for beating down.

He has constantly on hand, and will continue to be supplied with a good assortment of seasonable staple Dry Goods, designed for, and adapted to the near country trade; to which he now invites the attention of the Merchants of this neighborhood; impressed with a belief that they like many others, will patronize the system of transacting business adopted and strictly adhered to by the advertiser.

☞ Come and see GEO. W. CROSS,

Philada. July 5, No. 30 Bank street, Philada. 27-3mo

TO COUNTRY MERCHANTS.

INDIA RUBBER OVER SHOES,

OR GUM ELASTIC OVER SHOES.

John Thornley,

135 *Chestnut st. one door above fourth street,*

OFFERS FOR SALE

5000 pairs Men's figured and plain Rubbers.
5000 pairs Women's and Children's do.
3000 do do figured and plain lined and fur bound.
500 pairs Women's ribbon and fur bound Grecian ties.
500 pairs do buskin, leather and gum soles.
2000 do Ladies' Sandal, leather & gum soles
1000 do Men's gum shank sheet rubber over shoes.

Also, Children's gum elastic shoes of every description.

Life Preservers, Life Jackets, Swimming Belts, Money Belts, Capes, Caps and Cloaks, Surtout Coats, Suspenders and Suspender webbing always on hand. | Long and short Leggins, Pantaloons with feet, Hose Pipe, Gambler Surtouts, Miners' Shirts, Air Beds and Cushions.

Having had ten years' practice in manufacturing Indian Rubber goods, I am now prepared to sell to city and country merchants at such prices as will make it an object to call before making their purchases in this article.

☞ All kinds of India Rubber Goods made to order at a short notice, by JOHN THORNLEY.

Philada. Nov. 8, 1845. 45-6mo

PHILADELPHIA, READING AND POTTSVILLE RAIL ROAD.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Passenger Trains.

Hours of starting on and after Monday, Oct. 6, 1845

From Pottsville, at 9 A. M., } Daily except Sunday
" Philada., " 9 A. M., }

HOURS OF PASSING READING

For Philada., at 10 A. M., }
" Pottsville " 12 A. M., }

RATES OF FARE.

Between Pottsville and Philada., $3 50 and 3 00
" " " Reading, $1 40 and 1 20

Philada., Oct. 11 15—

FARQUHAR & CARPENTER,

Conveyancers,

STREET, PHILADA.

56 WALNUT and Real Estate bought

Money Loaned on Mortgage, and sold.

Philadelphia, April 19 16-3t

FIRE INSURANCE.

INDEMNITY AGAINST LOSS BY FIRE

The Franklin Insurance Co.,

OF PHILADELPHIA,

Capital $400,000, Paid in

Charter Perpetual,

CONTINUE to make Insurance, permanent and limited, on every description of property, in town and country on the usual favorable terms. Office 163 Chestnut Street near fifth Street.

CHARLES N. BANCKER, President.

DIRECTORS,

Charles N. Bancker,	*Samuel Grant,*
James Scott,	*Frederick Brown,*
Thomas Hart,	*Jacob R. mith,*
Thomas S. Wharton,	*Geo. W. Richards,*
Tobias Wagner,	*Mordecai D. Lewis.*

CHARLES G. BANCKER, Sec'y.

The subscriber has been appointed agent for the above mentioned institution, and is now prepared to make insurance, on every description of property, at the lowest rates.

ANDREW RUSSEL.

Pottsville, June 19, 1841, 25—1y

OFFICE OF THE

Spring Garden Mutual Insurance Company.

THIS Company having organized according to the provisions of its charter, is now prepared to make Insurances against loss by Fire on the mutual principle, combined with the security of a joint stock capital. The advantage of this system is, that efficient security is afforded at the lowest rates that the business can be done for, as the whole profits (less an interest not to exceed 6 per cent. per annum on the capital) will be returned to the members of the institution, without their becoming responsible for any of the engagements or liabilities of the Company, further than the premiums actually paid.

The great success which this system has met with wherever it has been introduced, induces the Directors to request the attention of the public to it, confident that it requires but to be understood to be appreciated.

The act of Incorporation, and any explanation in regard to it, may be obtained by applying at the *Office Northwest corner of 6th and Wood sts., or of* B. BANNAN, Pottsville.

LAWRENCE SHUSTER, President.

L. KRUMBHAAR, Secretary.

DIRECTORS,

Curwin Stoddart,	Robert L. Loughead,
Joseph Wood,	George M. Troutman,
Elijah Dallett,	Samuel Townsend,
P. L. Laguerenne,	Charles to kes,
George W. Ash,	Abraham R. Perkins,

May 11, 1844 19—

The subscriber has been appointed Agent for the above Company, and is now ready to make insurances on all descriptions of property at rates much lower than usual, varying from 2 50 on the 1000 to $10 per 1000 annually. The rates perpetually on stone and brick Buildings in good locations is only 2 per cent—and if the Company should prove to be a profitable concern, the persons insuring in it partake of the profits without incurring any risk. The charter is the same as those of the Insurance Companies in New England. For further part culars appy to the subscriber.

B. BANNAN.

LIFE INSURANCE.

THE GIRARD LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITY & TRUST CO., OF PHILADA.

OFFICE 159 CHESNUT ST.

MAKE Insurance on Lives, grant Annuities and Endowments, and receive and execute trusts.

Rates for insuring $100 on a single life.

Age	For 1 year.	For 7 years, annually.	For Life, annually.
20	0 91	0 95	1 77
30	1 31	1 36	2 36
40	1 69	1 83	3 20
50	1 96	2 09	4 60
60	4 35	4 91	7 00

EXAMPLE:—A person aged 30 years next birth-day, by paying the Company $1 31, would secure to his family or heirs $1000, should he die in one year; or for $13 10 he secures to them $1000; or for $13 60 annually for 7 years; he secures to them 1000 should he die in 7 years; or for $23 60 paid annually during life he provides for them $1000 whenever he dies; for $665 50 they would receive $5000 should he die in one year.

JANUARY 20, 1845.

THE Managers of this Company, at a meeting held on the 27th December ult., agreeably to the design referred in the original prospectus or circular of the Company, appropriated a Bonus or addition to all policies for the whole of life, remaining in force, that were issued prior to the 1st of January, 1842. Those of them therefore which were issued in the year 1836, will be entitled to 10 per cent upon the sum insured, making an addition of $100 on every $1000. That is $1100, will be paid when the policy becomes a claim instead of the $1000 originally insured. Those policies that were issued in 1837 will be entitled to 81 per cent, or $57 50 on every $1000. And those issued in 1838, will be entitled to 71 per cent, or $35 on every 100, and in ratable proportions on all said policies issued prior to 1st of January, 1842.

The Bonus will be credited to each policy on the books endorsed on presentation at the Office.

It is the design of the Company, to continue to make addition or bonus to the policies for life at stated periods.

B. W. RICHARDS, President.

JOHN F. JAMES, Actuary.

☞ The subscriber has been appointed Agent for the above Institution, and is prepared effect Insurances on Lives, at the published rates, and give any information desired on the subject, on application at this office.

BENJAMIN BANNAN

Pottsville Feb. 8th, 5—1

NATIONAL LOAN FUND

LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY of LONDON

Empowered by Act of Parliament.

CAPITAL £500,000 STG.

United States Board of Directors.

Jacob Harvey, Esq. Chairman,	
John J. Palmer, Esq.	
Jonathan Goodhue, Esq.	
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Samuel M. Fox, Esq.	
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GENERAL AGENTS AND MANAGERS.

For the New York Branch, J. L. Star, 74 Wall st. New York; for the New England Branch, E. A. Grattan, Merchant's Exchange, Boston; for Maryland and Washington Branch, D. McIlvain, German st. Baltimore; for the other Branches, Wm. Peter, 63 south 4th street Philadelphia.

BANKERS—Merchant's Bank, New York.

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SOLICITORS.—W. Van. Hook, New York; F. Dexter, Boston; J. M. Campbell, Baltimore; Wm. W. Haley, Philadelphia.

This institution, founded on the Mutual Safety and Joint Stock principle, and embracing all the recent improvements in the science of Life Insurance, after having experienced the most marked sucess in Europe, has established offices in British America and various parts of the United States, where its principles are winning equal favour and approval. Amongst the many advantages which it offers to all persons wishing to insure their lives, are 1st—its PERFECT SECURITY, arising from a large paid up and safely invested capital; 2d—its moderate rates of premium; 3rd—the participation of all profits by the insured, which (as the business of the Society in Great Britain and elsewhere, has become very extensive,) is of the utmost benefit and importance; 4th—the use given to the Assured of two thirds of the amount of their former payments, whenever required—thus obviating the objections against Life Insurances with those whose incomes are precarious, and who might dread the possibility of being in arrear with their premiums, and of thereby forfeiting their previous payments.

Pamphlets containing the Society's rates and every other information, may be obtained on application to the Agent, at No. 68 south Fourth street, Philadelphia, of Charles De Forest, West Branch Valley, and at the office of the Miners' Journal, Pottsville.

June 28th 26—

WILLIAM MURRHEID,

MERCHANTS' HOTEL,

41 Courtandt Street,

NEW YORK.

August 24th 34—

BRIGHT & POTT,

HARDWARE & IRON DEALERS.

At the Town Hall,

RESPECTFULLY invite the attention of the community, to the inspection of their stock, consisting in all the generalities of an exclusive Hardware and Iron Store.

GEORGE BRIGHT, FRANK POTT.

Pottsville, Jun 7 23—

GABELL & HUGHES,

SOUTH EIGHTH STREET, BELOW MARKET ST.

Philadelphia,

AGENTS FOR LOWBER'S

PATENT TIN PLATED

LEAD PIPE.

THE attention of the trade and consumers is solicited to a perfect article of Tin Plated Lead Pipe, manufactured by an entirely New process, for which letters patent have been received, which plates the Pipes on the inside with an even coat of pure unmixed Tin.

The advantages secured by rendering so soft and easily oxidated a metal as Lead sweet and anti-corrosive by plating with Tin—at the same time giving it additional strength and preserving the cheapness of the former metal unimpaired—are too obvious to require comment.

Great perfection having been attained in the manufacture, the subscribers are enabled to offer this superior article at the price charged for common Lead Pipe.

All pipe sold by us is warranted not to burst or split, free from flaws, scales or other imperfections, perfectly uniform in thickness, and not surpassed in quality by that of any other manufacturer.

Also, Sheet Lead, which we can recommend as superior to any other in the market, and which we will sell as low as any other can be procured for.

☞ Persons in want of any of the above mentioned pipe, can be supplied by B. BANNAN, Ag't. at the Manufacturer's prices—and also at BRIGHT & POTT'S, Hardware Store, Pottsville, Pa

Philada., Oct 18, 42-3mo

A CARD.

IT HAS suited the convenience of certain parties, to offer in the market, pipes made in violation of our patent, and *tinned*, with a view to obtain the preference, by pretending that lead pipe is an unwholesome conveyance for good water. This stale imposition has been urged, with extraordinary efforts of perversion and dishonesty, in New York, without effect, and is now about to be attempted elsewhere.

Nature soon provides an insoluble and indestructible coating to lead pipes, (*when in use for* conveying water that is it to drink,) far better than any artificial protection; for the latter can neither be permanent nor secure in any case and sometimes injurious. Persons interested may see at our office some of this "tinned" stuff that was used for ten years by the side of pure lead pipe, and judge for themselves about the corrosion.

A letter from Dr. ROBERT HARE, of the University of Pennsylvania, distinguished as one of the first Chemists of the age, is appended below.

Nevertheless, for the benefit of lovers of the marvellous, we will supply the *tinned* or "*tin plated*" pipe at the price of pure lead pipes; and, as we will not be undersold, we hope to preserve our old relations with our business friends.

TATHAM & BROTHERS.

Manufacturer of Sheet Lead, Lead Pipes &c., No. 15 Minor st., Phila., & No. 249 Water st. N. Y.

Messrs. TATHAM & BROTHERS:—In reply to your note respecting the influence of lead pipes upon the water which they convey, it may be sufficient to say, that having used the Schuylkill water so conveyed, to my laboratory in the University for more than twenty-five years, I have never perceived the slightest indication of the presence of that metal. Had there been any lead in the liquid in question, the reagents, with which I have been accustomed to use it, must have rendered the impurity evident.

I am, gentlemen, yours with regard,

(Signed.) ROBERT HARE.

Philadelphia, March 22, 1843.

☞ Reference in Pottsville, with regard to the quality of our pipe, Robert Smith and B. Bannan.

Philadelphia Oct. 18th, 1845, 42-2mo

ANNEXATION OF TEXAS.

GREAT ATTRACTION!

HARDWARE & IRON STORE.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has just received a splendid assortment of HARDWARE, IRON, STEEL, HOLLOW-WARE, CARPENTER'S TOOLS, &c., which added to his former stock presents a variety to those desirous of purchasing, unsurpassed in the region, for quality and cheapness. A large assortment of the best Axes at prices ranging from 75 cents to $1,25.

Grindstones,	¼	cent per lb.
American Steel,	6¼	" "
Best Cast Steel,	18¾	" "
Lead,	7	" "
Rolled Iron,	5	" "
Nails by the Keg,	5¼	" "

Tin, 2 boxes for $22.00, cheaper than ever.—Wire of all sizes very low. His assortment consists partly of

Anvils, Bellows, Spikes, Nails, Chains, Shovels, and Spades, very cheap; Planes, Saws, Hatchets, Hinges, Vices, Wagon box-es, Hay and Dung forks, Hoes, Rakes, Hammers, Trams &c. Copper and Iron Kettles. Knives and Forks, Spoons, Tea and Coffee Kettles, Buckets, Locks, Rifles, Rifle barrels, Grass and Grain Scythes, Sickles, Files, Rasps, Candle sticks, Hones, Grindstones, Glass, Varnish, Putty. Also, Dye Stuffs.

And every other article usually kept in Hardware Establishments, all of which he sells at a very low rate. Persons commencing housekeeping, Blacksmiths, Carpenters, Cabinet Makers, Saddlers, &c., will find it to their advantage by calling and examining his stock before purchasing elsewhere, at the Hay Scales, corner of Centre and Market street.

He tenders his unfeigned thanks to his old friends and customers for their liberal support, and solicits their further patronage.

GEORGE H. STICHTER.

Pottsville, August 16, 1845. 33—

Glenn's Celebrated Preparations.

GLENN'S INDIAN DYE,

WARRANTED to change Grey, Light, or Red hair, Whiskers, or Eyebrows, to a handsome Brown or Jet Black, without staining the skin or injuring the hair in the least. The colour is natural, and will not rub off or soil the whitest muslin. Price 50 cents.

GLENN'S ROMAN KALYDOR,

A certain remedy for Pimples, Freckles, Tan, Moth or Morphew, Redness, Blotches, Sunburn, Tetter &c. It may be used with perfect safety on the most delicate complexion, and gives the skin a soft and fair appearance. Price 50 cents per bottle

GLENN'S INDIAN OIL,

For promoting the growth and beautifying the hair, giving it a glossy softness, preventing it from falling out, removing dandruff &c. It has the property of making the hair dark, and preventing it from turning grey and being pleasantly performed, it is excellent for dressing the hair in general. Price 50 cents.

GLENN'S ROSE TOOTH PASTE.

This very pleasant and perfectly safe dentrifice gives a pearly whiteness to the teeth, preventing and removing spots of incipient decay, gives firmness to the gums and sweetness to the breath. Price 25 cents

GLENN'S DEPILATORY

Removes superfluous hair from the face; neck; and arms, without injury to the skin. Price 50 cents.

GLENN'S REAL BEAR'S OIL.

Warranted genuine, and refined by a peculiar process; for promoting the growth and beautifying the hair this article is confidently recommended. It is also very useful for removing Scurf and Dandruff, and for the heads of children. It is pleasantly perfumed, and is for sale in bottles of various sizes.

GLENN'S CURLING FLUID

Giving the hair a beautiful curl, and keeping it in curl in warm or damp weather. Price 50 cents.

GLENN'S SUPERFINE PEARL POWDER.

A beautiful Cosmetic, allaying flushes of heat, giving a fairness to the complexion and to the features; in many persons a clear and transparent softness of expression. Price 25 cents per box.

GLENN'S TOILET AND NURSERY POWDER

Is confidently recommended to the ladies as of the very best quality, and entirely free from grit or any pernicious ingredient. It is beautifully white and soft, and is sold plain, or perfumed with various odors.

The above named excellent articles are confidently recommended to the public as really good. They have been in general use for many years past, and have fully sustained their well earned reputation.

Prepared by L. W. GLENN,

Manufacturer of Perfumery, Fancy Soaps, &c., No. 81 South Third Street, opposite the Exchange, Philadelphia.

For sale in Pottsville, by B. BANNAN, Agent.

August 16, 33—

TO PRINTERS.

TYPE FOUNDRY AND PRINTER'S

Furnishing Ware-house.

THE subscribers have opened a new Type Foundry in the city of New York, where they are ready to supply orders to any extent, for any kind of Job or fancy Type, Ink, Paper, Cases, Brass Rule, Steel Column do, Composing Sticks, Chases, and every article necessary for a Printing Office.

The type, which are cast in new moulds, from an entirely new set of matrixes, with deep counters, are warranted to be unsurpassed by any, and will be sold at prices to suit the times.

Printing Presses furnished, and also Steam Engines of the most approved patterns.

N. B.—A Machinist constantly in attendance to repair presses and do light work.

Composition rollers cast for printers.

Editors of Newspapers, who will buy three times as much type as their bills amount to, may give the above six months insertion in their papers, and send their papers containing it to the subscribers.

COCKROFT & OVEREND, 68 Ann st.

August 30th 35—6mo

HOUSE FOR SALE:

A convenient two story frame dwelling house and lot in Centre st. for sale. Apply to A. RUSSEL, Mahantango st.

Nov. 1, 44-tf

From an English Paper.

Jack Frost.*

"O, ho! O, ho!" quoth old Jack Frost,
As he sped on his wint'ry way;
And he laughed, delighted,
As he nipped and blighted
The things men deemed most gay.
He made the old oak, and the poplar tall,
Bend low at his stormy blast,
And the last yellow leaves to quiver and fall
Before his might as he passed.

"O, ho! O, ho!" quoth old Jack Frost,
As he looked at the farmer's fireside,
And saw the huge log
On the bright iron dog,
And a flagon and tankard beside;
And heard the gay jest, and the loud merry laugh,
As they thrill'd forth their Christmas rhymes.
How happy they grew as the liquor the'd quaff—
Jack gave a huzza for old times!

"O, ho! O, ho!" quoth old Jack Frost,
As a nobleman's house he passed through,
And saw turkey and chine
And Brandy and wine;
"These, indeed, are rare times for you!"
And the rich man dozed in his easy arm chair,
And his fire blazed fiercely and bold;
But he never thought one morsel to spare,
For those that were hungry and cold.

"O, ho! O, ho!" sighed old Jack Frost,
As he looked in the poor man's hut;
Dark, dirty, and drear,
And no fire to cheer,
Without window or door that would shut!
And a half clad mother her children cuddled,
To give warmth to the nestling brood;
And the little ones cried, as together they huddled,
"Oh, mother pray give us some food!"

"O, ho! O, ho!" sighed old Jack Frost,
At a sight he loved not to see,
For paupers he saw,
Condemn'd by the law,
To feast upon skilligalee.
And he heard the poor wretches refused even that,
By the flint hearted overseer
He believed not their tale, as cozy he sat,
Their heart-rending cases to hear,

"O, ho! O, ho!" doled forth Jack Frost,
As he went far and wide through all parts;
"I came here to see,
Mirth, comfort, and glee,
Not to deaden and freeze up men's hearts,
I'll leave the world to the bright sun's beam,
Whose brilliance I hath'd at before;
And may the gay warmth of its genial gleam,
Cause the rich to remember the poor."

A PRIZE TALE.

THE ORPHAN OF THE MINES.

WRITTEN FOR THE DOLLAR NEWSPAPER, PHILA., BY MRS. M. A. FORD.

For which a Premium of Fifty Dollars was awarded by the Committee of Decision, and paid by the Publishers.

At the close of an autumnal day, the light form of a young and beautiful girl appeared descending the road leading from the neighboring mountains into the valley of the little Schuylkill, or Tamaqua, the name given to it by the Indian tribe, who once dwelt in peaceful security on its borders. But their hunting call has changed to the sound of busy labor, and a different race have reared their habitations under the shadows of the mountains, and are engaged in relieving them of their dark burthens of coal, discovered in late years in this northern portion of Pennsylvania.

With quickened steps the young maiden approached the village, which bears the original name of the stream, and halted at the door of a little cottage standing among the dwellings of the miners. It was opened by a venerable looking woman, in whose face a strong expression of anxiety was instantly changed to one of kindness and affection as she tenderly greeted the maiden, who followed her into the humble, but comfortable room, to which a cheerful fire gave warmth. A young man was seated near it, who arose as they entered, and was leaving the cottage; but as the aged woman, in a voice of kindness, desired him to remain, he lingered for a moment, yet with a look of hesitation and confusion, as he listened to her greeting.

'You staid late on the mountain, Alie,' she said gently untying the strings of the bonnet which confined the luxuriant hair of the young girl:—'You are damp with the dew; come near the fire, for the winds already tell of approaching winter, and Irwin has made a fine coal fire for you.'

A sigh escaped the young being she addressed, who looked kindly, but sadly, at Irwin. Clothed in the dark garb of the miner, there was nothing attractive in his appearance; for the dust, accumulated by the day's toil in the gloomy recesses of the mines, had sullied, and almost hid his features; but hastily leaving the cottage, he did not return until the evening repast had been spread by the hands of Alie on the neat white cloth.

'Now you look like a Christian,' said she smiling, as he entered, with purified face and hands and clean attire. 'I can scarcely believe you are the same being who filled that corner an hour ago.'

The bright blue eyes of the young man sparkled at her commendation, yet the color rose even to his temples at her last words, for he had seldom allowed Alie to see him before the soil of the mines had been removed, but on this evening other and more anxious thoughts had occupied his mind, and he had lingered in the cottage of old Judith, the grandmother of the maiden, to await her late return. One year before, he came a stranger from a distant part of the country, and as he resided in the next house to the cottage, his obliging and gentle manners had won a place in the heart of old Judith, but only esteem from Alie, while he felt too truly that her image was first in all his plans of happiness for the future. He was poor but virtuous and sensitive.

Judith pressed him to sit down with them at the table, and kindly said—'It is man's lot to toil, and he who escapes it may lead an easier, yet not a happier life.'

'But a life above ground, mother,' said Alie, 'is surely better than being buried all day in the mines, like Irwin, and spoiling his skin with the dust.'

'A little water soon removes the soil,' answered Judith, 'and I wish many with whiter hands had Irwin's heart.'

'He is, indeed, very kind,' said the maiden, as she leaned over the little tea-tray to hide a blush, but it was not the praise of Irwin that had raised it. She felt that Judith intended more than she said, and so she did, for after taking her bowl of tea she returned to the subject.

'It is better to work in the valley,' she said, 'aye, even beneath the hills, earning the reward of labor, than to roam over the mountains, killing the innocent deer, or worse. Did you meet the hunter, Alie?'

She did not immediately answer, for the expressive eyes of Irwin were fixed on her face.

'Why do you ask, mother?' she at length said; 'I have been no farther than neighbor Weir's.'

'True, the road is short, but you staid late.'

Eva detained me talking until sunset,' replied Alie, evasively, but a sudden movement of Irwin interrupted the conversation, as springing from his chair he raised the sash of the cottage window.

'Who is there?' he cried, but no one answered. 'Not a minute has passed,' he continued 'since I saw a face at the window.'

'It was surely some boy of the neighborhood,' said Alie, but her voice faltered. 'Pray, Irwin, do not go!' she exclaimed, catching his arm as he hastened to the door, but he broke from her and left the cottage.

The moon shed its pale lustre on the beautiful valley, as it lay embosomed among the mountains. The lights from the miners' cabins shone cheerfully around, and the quietude of the scene was was only broken by the murmur of the stream, which sparkled like a silvered ribbon along the valley. Irwin, after looking carefully around, was standing in a listening attitude on the road, when the bark of a dog at a short distance drew his attention, and, springing towards the thicket from whence it proceeded, he saw some person escaping from the other side. The fleet footsteps of the stranger were quickly followed by Irwin, but the speed of the deer seemed given to the form before him, and he would have escaped with ease, had not the dog, catching the skirts of his coat, detained him.

'I will shoot your dog if you do not call him off,' exclaimed the stranger, and Irwin's whistle was answered by the return of the animal. But he was now near enough to the object of his pursuit to distinguish by the light of the full moon a tall and well proportioned figure, with the air and dress of a gentleman. He carried a rifle in his hand, and a bugle hung at his side. His face was turned away, but his voice, and a light laugh that broke from his lips, told of youth and gayety.

'Why do you follow me?' he asked; 'Do you allow none but miners to enjoy the valley?'

'Turn your face to the moon and I will tell you,' said Irwin. 'Yes,' he added with a sigh, as the bright eyes of a countenance beaming with manly beauty were turned on him. 'It was you who looked in the window of old Judith's cottage not five minutes ago.'

'You must think I have an antiquated taste,' returned the stranger; 'Pray who is old Judith?'

'One whose family I will always protect from the intrusion of wandering strangers.'

'Family! oh, then there is somebody besides her. I thought as much, or you would not have ran both yourself and me out of breath. And now, young knight of the mines, as it is probable you see little of earth's surface by day, I should think you would be glad to wander at any hour; and yet you prefer moping at the fireside of old Judith, and watching the cottage window, lest some one should peep in at her family. And what if I have seen them?'

Irwin, who had stood biting his lips with vexation during this speech, now quickly replied—

'It is a pleasure you will not enjoy again, if I can prevent it, for you are more bold than courteous; and if you dare intrude——'

'What then?' interrupted the stranger; 'Pray, do you know to whom you are speaking?'

'I do,' replied Irwin, 'and I think I have seen you even more suspiciously employed than you were to-night.'

'The stranger started but did not immediately speak. At length he asked, in a subdued tone—

'Where did you see me?'

'It matters not,' said Irwin; 'I wish to see you no more. Now go, and beware.'

He turned from him as he spoke and walked towards the village, but looked frequently back to watch the stranger, who stood silently, leaning on the rifle, for some minutes then slowly moved, until his figure was lost in the distance.

On returning to the cottage, Irwin found Alie sitting on the step outside the door; but she breathed quickly, like one who had walked fast, and he suspected she had followed him and overheard his conversation with the stranger. This, too, old Judith confirmed by exclaiming, as they entered—

'Where have you been Irwin? Surely, Irwin, you were mistaken; I saw no one at the window. Come, Alie, finish your supper.'

But the mood of the maiden was changed, and traces of tears were on her cheek, as she declined the invitation with half averted face. The evening passed heavily, and Irwin took an early leave.

The next morning was fair and bright, and after breakfast, Judith took her knitting to sit with a neighbor. Alie seemed sad and restless, and after a hurried arrangement of the cottage, she fastened the latch, and with quickened footsteps pursued the road along the base of the locust mountain, which here bordered the river. She walked swiftly on through the shadowy oaks of the Edgeworth tract. The talented authoress who e name it bears would have gazed with delight on the beautiful scenery around, but the footsteps of Alie lingered not. Crossing a log bridge, she turned to the left, and at length reached a saw-mill on the bank of the stream. It had not been used during the past week and the water broke over the dam in white sheets, glistening in the rays of the morning sun. A fine spring issued from the rocks on the mountain's side. To reach this, a simple bridge, composed of single planks meeting each other midway of the stream, had been constructed only supported by rough stakes driven into its bed.

With fearless steps Alie trod the frail planks that tremoled under her light weight. The waters below, impeded by rocks, murmured a warning, but she heard it not, and, as she reached the deeply shadowed spring, she stooped to relieve her thirst, increased by agitation.

The bright berries of the overhanging sumac were not redder than the lips that touched the water, nor the bird that flew from its boughs at her approach more innocent than Alie. Though gentle, she possessed firmness, and her mind had received a refining culture in early childhood from a neighboring lady, whose name, which was Alicia, she bore, though only known now by its simple abbreviation.

Refreshed by her draught, she sat down on a rock to rest; but this moment of inaction and quiet brought with it the timidity of woman, and a rustling among the leaves caused her to start from her seat, fearing it might be the approach of a snake. With a quick bound she regained the plank of the frail bridge, and midway she paused to look back, for her bonnet had been left on the rock, when as she stood in trembling hesitation, her name was spoken in a voice that calmed her fears. Another footstep was on the bridge, and a supporting hand held hers.

'I have anticipated you sweet Alie,' said the intruder; 'for the first time you were seeking him who has so often sought you.'

'It is true,' she replied; 'but I have come to say we can meet no more.'

'Surely, Alie, you are dreaming?'

'No, Edward. I have dreamed, but it is over now. Alas! that I have so long deceived myself. I fondly thought you were all that was noble and bright in human nature, but——" and she burst into tears.

'What can you mean!' he exclaimed, as he supported her to the rock near the spring. 'Lean on me, your devoted lover. Who has dared to say aught to you against me? If I thought——'

'Oh, no! she cried, interrupting him, 'no one has spoken to me, and yet——'

'And yet you condemn me, Alie. How unlike the artless sweetness that won my heart, which untouched by fashionable beauties yielded to the simple charms of a valley maiden, dwelling and mingling with the dark spirits of the mines!'

'Oh! call them not thus. Their hearts are light and pure, unsullied by the dark labor of their hands. Kind, indeed, they have been to my orphan state.'

'Then you espouse the cause of him who chased me from the valley last night?'

'Irwin is to me as a brother,' she replied; and I fear that he and the aged being who has watched over my motherless childhood and youth suspect our meetings. I have thus far kept the secret of our affection, but can no longer deceive those who are so kind to me. If, indeed, you are such as I fondly believed, there is nothing to fear in its being known. If not, oh! Edward, we must part.'

'I have already told you,' he replied, 'that the time will soon arrive, when I can avow my attachment and claim you as my promised bride.—Why, then, do you judge so harshly of one who will raise you to rank and wealth?'

She answered timidly and sadly—

'What are rank and wealth to love and a pure conscience? I know not why but suspicion is awake in the valley. It is said the hunter of the mountains—for thus they name you—is seen in the company of the vicious, and avoids the walks of the industrious and worthy.'

'Who dares thus to impeach my character?' he said, fiercely; 'and what have I done to deserve it?'

'I know not,' she replied; 'but alas! I fear the dark-looking men I once saw with you are leading you into evil; and, oh! if there is aught wrong, let me entreat you to leave this place. I could bear your absence better than this state of anxiety. But I can stay no longer. I feel I have not done right in loving one of whom I know so little.'

She was approaching the slight bridge, but he caught her hand—

'The torrent runs high,' he cried; 'will you not allow me to assist you?'

'No, No—I fear it not. Farewell!' and she hurried to the opposite bank of the stream.

He gazed after her receding form for a moment, then striking his forehead, murmured—'she is too innocent—too lovely to be involved in my fate. Yet we part not thus—I must follow her. But no—she trusts me not—I cannot go.' And he leaned his head in bitter thought, against the rock.

The son of respectable, but too indulgent parents, the lights of education and knowledge shone on his early youth, but the talents they were intended to cultivate were drawn aside by vicious associations into idle and reckless pursuits. A love of gaming soon