Wit and Humor.

THE COURTIN'.

BY JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

Zekle crept up quite unbeknown
An' peeked in through the winder,
An' there sat Huldy all alone,
'Ith no one nigh to hinder.

The wal-nut logs shot sparkles out
Towards the pootiest, bless her!—
An' leetle fires danced all about
The chiny on the dresser.

Agin the wall the crookneck hung,
An' in amongst 'em rusted,
The old Queen's arm that gran'ther Young
Brought down from Concord busted.

The very room, coz she was in,
Looked warm from floor to ceilin',
An' she looked full as rosy agin
As the apples she was pilin'.

She heerd a foot, an' knowed it tu,
A raspin' on the scraper—
All ways to once her feelin's flew,
Like sparks in burnt up paper.

He kin' o' fitered on the mat:
Some doubtful of the sockin',
His gret hart kept gittin pitterpat,
But hern went pity 'Zekle.

STITCHING A BUTTON-HOLE.

"The best shot I ever knew, was a tailor, at Albany. He used to be very fond of a brousin' in the forest sometimes, and the young fellows were apt to have a shy at Thimble. They talked of *skirts* of the forest, the *capes* of the Hudson, laughing in their *sleeves*, giving a fellow a *basein*, having a *stitch* in the side, *cuffing* a fellow's ears, taking a *tuck-in* at lunch, or calling mint-julip an *inside lining*, and so on; and every time any o' these words came out, they all laughed like anything.

"Well, the critter, who was really a capital fellow; used to join in the laugh himself, but still grinnin' is no proof a man enjoys it:-for a hyena will laugh, if you give him a poke.—So what does he do, but, practice in secret every morning and evening at pistol-shooting for an hour or two, until he was a shade more than perfection itself. Well, one day he was out with a party of them same coons, and they began to run the old, riz on him as usual. And he jumps up on end, and in a joking kind o' way, said: 'Gentle*men*, can any of you *stitch a button-hole*, with the button in it?'—Well, they all roared out like mad.

"'No, Sirree,' sais they, 'but come, show us. *Thimble*, will *you*? that's a good fellow. Tom fetch the *goose*, to press it when it's done.—Dick, *cabbage* a bit of cloth for him to try it upon. Why, Tom, you are as *sharp as a needle*.'

"'Well,' said he, 'I'll show you.'

"So he went to a tree, and took out of his pocket a fippenny bit, that had a hole in the centre, and putting in it a small nail, which he had provided, he fastened it to the tree.

"'Now,' said he, taking out a pair of pistols, and of ammunition, from the bottom of his prog-basket, where he had hid them. 'Now,' said he, '*gentlemen*, the way to stitch a button-hole, is to put balls all round that button, in a close ring, and never distarb them' that's what we tailors call workmanlike,' and he fired away, shot after shot, till he had it.

"'Now,' said he, '*gentlemen*, that button has to be fastened,' and he fired, and he drove the nail that it hung on, into the tree. 'And now, *gentlemen*,' said he, 'I have stood your shots for many a long day; turn about is fair play. The first man that cracks a joke with me, on account of my calling, must stand my shot, and if I don't stitch his button-hole for him, I am no tailor: that's all.'

"Well, they all cheered him when he sat down, and they drank his health; and the boss of the day said: 'Well, Street,' said he, 'you *are a man*.'

"There you are again, said Street; that is a covered joke at a tailor being only the ninth part of one. I pass it over this time, but let's have no more of it."

"No, Sirree, no," said boss; 'on honor now, I didn't mean it. And I say, too, let there be no more of it."

QUANDARIES.—Knocking at the wrong door, and hesitating whether you shall run away and say nothing about it, or stay and apologize.

Crossing the road until you see a gig coming one way, and a cab another so that if you move on, you are sure to be knocked by one, and if you stand still, you may possibly be crushed by both.

Finding yourself in a damp bed on a cold night, and cogitating whether you will lie still and catch your death, or get up and dress, and pass the night on the two cane-bottom chairs.

Paying your addresses to a pennyless fair one, under the impression that she is an heiress; and on discovering your error, having the option of marrying the young lady, or of being shot by the young lady's brother.

Dining at a friend's house, where you must either drink wine till you become intoxicated, or refrain till you become disagreeable.

Coming to four cross roads, one of which you must take at random, or just walk back a mile or two and inquire your way.

Being blandly informed by a surgeon that you can either have your leg amputated, or leave it alone and die in a few days.

YOU PEPPY, YOU.—A tradesman, where the schoolmaster had not been abroad as much as would have been more convenient, employed a boy to write his letters for him; and, for some cause not being in a very good humor, called the boy, for being absent, a puppy, at the conclusion of every dictated sentence. The boy, in revenge for being so called, wrote every word he said, as follows:

"SIR:—I have purchased the goods, you puppy you, as per order, you puppy you; they are cheap, you puppy you. I shall ship them by canal, when navigable, you puppy you.—Please send me by return of mail, you puppy you, the amount of enclosed bill, you puppy you. By so doing you will oblige

Your humble servant,
you puppy you,
TOM RIVER,
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PHILADELPHIA.

SPRING GOODS, 1855.

J. D. GREEN has now in his store a large and choice stock of SPRING DRESS GOODS, to which he particularly asks the attention of the ladies of Pottsville: Beautiful spring silks, from 62½c. to $1.50, Bereges and Grenadines, Swiss, French Lawns and Lace-cuts, Plain Cambrickes and Percals, British and French prints, Barege de laines, Summer mousellins, &c. Also, a full assortment of Ribbons, Gloves, Hosiery, &c. Also, a super. black silk, unequalled in color and quality. Shawls and Mantillas in great variety, and at the lowest prices.

J. D. Greene has but ONE PRICE, and that the LOWEST for CASH. Corner of Ninth and Arch streets, Philadelphia.

March 17, 1855 11-6m

GAS FIXTURES AND LAMPS.

GREAT Bargains at No. 224 North Second street, above Vine, Philadelphia.

The subscribe offer to the trade and public in general, of their own manufacture, in all its various branches, of latest style and finish, Gas Chandeliers, Pendants, Side Brackets, Drop Lights, Pillar Lights, &c., &c. Also, new and desirable patterns of Lamp Chandeliers, Side Brackets, Pendants, Improved Pine Oil Lamp, Fluid, Lard, Oil, Burning Fluid, Stand and Night Lamps, both Cut and plain, suitable for all purposes where light may be required. Grandelier, Burnt-bronzed, 8 lights, large variety of Hall Lamps, Bracket Side and Stand Lamps. All work *warranted* and *prices reduced*, in consequence of having extensive machinery and being *Practical Mechanics*, giving strict attention to the manufacturing part; also, to the accommodation of customers.

HEDRICK, HORNING & BROTHER.

Philadelphia, March 31, 1855 13-3m

BARLOW'S INDICO BLUE

IS now well established as the best article ever offered for *Blueing Clothes*; it is entirely free from *Acid*, or anything injurious to the finest article.

All Housekeepers who have not used it will find it much cheaper and less trouble than Indigo or any other article out. The great demand for it has brought out several *bad imitations*. Storekeepers and consumers will be careful to get BENJAMIN BARLOW'S, put up at *Alfred Willcox's Drug Store*, No. 169 North Second Street, Philadelphia. Storekeepers can get their supplies from the Grocers and Druggists they deal with, at prices that will pay them a good profit.

Drugs, Chemicals, Paints, Varnishes, Dye Stuffs, &c., &c., with a full rate assortment of everything in the line. *Stoneless* jars, Phyalcians and Manufacturers supplied at reasonable rates. ALF. WILLCOXEN, Druggist.

No. 169 *North Second Street, Philadelphia.*

April 7, 1855 14-6m

F. H. SMITH,

MANUFACTURER OF

Port Monnaies, Pocket Books & Dressing Cases,

N. W. Cor. Fourth & Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia.

ALWAYS on hand, a large and varied assortment of

Port Monnaies, Work Boxes,
Pocket Books, Ladies' Companion Cases, Writing Desks, Port Folios, Pocket Memorandum Books, Dressing Cases, Portable Desks, Cigar Cases, &c. &c.

Also, a general assortment of *English, French and German Fancy Goods*.

Fine Pocket Cutlery, Razors, Razor strops, and Gold Pens.

Wholesale, second and third floors.

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MUSIC PUBLISHING HOUSE.

NEW MUSIC — LEE & WALKER, Successors to GEORGE WILLIG, No. 180 (the Sign), under the Sun Hotel, Philadelphia, are constantly publishing the Latest Music from the most popular Authors in the United States, in such a style that will vie with any issued at any other house, either in this country or Europe.

They have also the pleasure to announce to the public that their stock of Sheet Music on hand, consists of the largest and most complete assortment to be found in the country; and are constantly adding to it, as fast as the New Music is published in New York, Boston, &c.

They also publish several Instruction Books, which are in general use throughout the country.

DEALERS will find a large assortment of the finest manufactures of New York and Philadelphia always on hand.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Also, a large assortment of Melodeons, Violins, Banjoes, Flutes, Accordeons, &c., Violin, Guitar and Harp Strings, of the best Italian qualities, all of which will be furnished to the public and the trade at the lowest rates.

Orders punctually attended to.

N. B.—All Law & Walker's Music and Publications can be obtained at R. BANNAN'S Book and Music Store, Pottsville.

Philadelphia, Feb. 4, 1854 5-tf

TO THE LADIES

Of Pottsville and Vicinity.

CNEW & CO., 196 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, are now offering to purchasers a splendid stock of New Spring Shawls, Mantillas and Dress Goods, of the newest styles of Fancy and Staple goods in every description, comprising one of the best selected stocks in the city, and at extraordinarily low prices.

Also—Broche, Cashmere and Bordered Shawls, Blanket and square do., also, a large assortment of Rich Embroidered and Plain Canton Crape Shawls.

Gentlemen are also attention is requested to our stock of Rich Brocade, Satin, Stripe, Moreen Antique and Linsey Skirts, of all qualities and prices. Wash Silks in great variety.

Dress Goods—Flounced Barage Robes, Grenadines, Tissues, Barages, Organdie Mousseline Challie De laines, Brilliants, French and English Calicoes, &c. Embroideries, full assortment of Collars, Sleeves, Ruffles, insertings, Edgings, Bands, a full stock of Gloves, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Kid Gloves, &c.

Constantly receiving fresh supplies of such staple goods as Sheetings, Linen Diaper, Bleached and Brown Muslins, all kinds of Domestic Goods. Purchasers are requested to call and examine our stock of splendid Spring Goods before purchasing.

CNEW & CO.,
196 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

March 31, 1855 13-3m

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

THE SUBSCRIBER respectfully invites the attention of dealers and others, to his large and well assorted stock of Leather and Findings, which is kept constantly fresh by recent arrivals upon the most favorable terms, and offers them at the lowest market rates, and for the quality of the goods, cannot be surpassed by any house in the trade. The assortment is complete in part of the following, viz:—The best oak and hemlock sole leather, calf and kip skins, Morocco, Linings, Binding and Welt leather, Patent Leather, Kid Tops, Lasting Webbing, Gilt and Plain Gimp, Shoe Thread, Silk and Cotton Laces, Eyelet Tubes, Shoe Tacks, Sparables, Pegs, Bristles and Rand Wax; Hammers, Rasps, Lasts, Boot Trees, Lists, Fringe, Clamps, Hammers, Punches, Awls, Knives, Knife Tools, Pincers, Pegging Awls, Tools and Implements of every description, and every article in the line of Findings, all of which will be sold at the lowest market rates by

JOHN WHITE,
Importer and Dealer, 447 Market St., above 12th,
Philadelphia.

Aug. 12, 1854. 6-ly

STEAM ENGINES FOR SALE,

AT the Fairmount Rolling Mill, 3000 Market, above Centre, Schuylkill, Philadelphia.

One 8 inch cut, high pressure, 150 H.P., sixteen inch cylinder, five feet stroke, with four pumps, a copper surface condenser, throttle valve and 3 inch steam pipe, a double bed plate, and a pair of bed plates, all complete.

Also, a small counter shaft and 2 wheels—but without out fixtures—and 2 leathers, rating 8 inch, suitable for a Cabinet Maker, or for a Cutlery, Filing and Engine.

Also, one small Upright Engine—not a locomotive, but Portable and a first rate article—3 hole, with 3 wheel pinion, 6 inch cut—diameter of two and a half inches face—the whole complete, and ready to put in operation. Also, a number of other articles not enumerated, which will be sold at a low price, if not taken sooner. Enquire on the premises.

HENRY DISSTON & SONS.

Philadelphia, March 10, 1855. 12-3m

TO CASH BUYERS.

BAILEY & BROTHER,

No. 252 Chesnut St., above Ninth, Philadelphia,

HAVE JUST OPENED

A LARGE STOCK OF CARPETINGS,

EMBRACING the new and leading styles in Velvet, Tapestry, Brussels, Ingrains and Stair Carpets, Oil Cloths, &c., all of which will be sold at the lowest CASH PRICES.

Wholesale or Retail.

September 23, 1854 38-1y

J. S. DEPUY & SONS,

NO. 223 North Second Street, below Callowhill, and S. E. corner Eighth & Spring Garden Streets, *Philadelphia*, would respectfully inform the former customers and others, that they have just laid in a splendid assortment of *Carpets, Oil Cloths, Mattings, Rugs, Mats, Mattresses, &c.*, at very reduced prices, which sale and retail.

Take Notice—*We will sell our goods as cheap as any in Philadelphia.* We *defy competition*.

Philadelphia, April 7, 1855 14-3m

GUANO & SUP. PHOSPH. OF LIME.

THE subscribers are prepared to supply the above valuable fertilizers at market prices to suit purchasers. In store, 1,000 barrels Super Phosphate of Lime, warranted equal to any that is made.

Mexican Guano.

We call the attention of Farmers and Dealers to this Guano. By special analysis it is found to contain a larger per cent. of Phosphate of Lime than Peruvian Guano—2,000 barrels landing. To sale by

J. B. A. & S. ALLEN,
No. 2 South Wharves.

Feb. 10, 1855 6-4y *Also on Schuylkill.*

CARPETING SELLING BELOW COST

THE Subscriber, determined to close his Carpet business, offers the entire stock, consisting of all the various kinds of English Velvet, Tapestry, Brussels, Ingrains and Fancy and Venetian Carpets made by the celebrated firm of Crossley & Sons now and recently on hand, at a very low price for cash. Those living at a distance have the privilege of exchanging clothing purchased at this store, if they do not suit.

E. A. HOYT & BROTHER.

272 Chestnut St., corner of Tenth, Philada.

May 12, 1855 (Ap 22, 1854 16-1y) 19-

MILLINERY GOODS.

Spring Sales, 1855.

JOHN STONE & SONS, No. 45 South Second Street, Philadelphia, have just opened their Spring Importations of *Silks, Bonnet Ribbons, Flowers, Laces, Crapes, &c., &c.*, including a general Assortment of *Millinery Articles* of the most fashionable styles.

The above goods have been imported expressly for our Spring sales, and comprise the largest and best assortment in our line to be found in this market.

Philadelphia, March 10, 1855. 10-6m

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BOUNTY-LAND WARRANTS.

SOLDIERS, and the Widows of persons who have served in any of the wars of the United States, since 1790, who are entitled, under the late act of Congress, to 160 acres of land, can have their claims promptly attended to at reasonable charges, by applying to J. JONES, Jr., *Attorney & Counsellor*,

April 28, 1855 17-6m 21 Sansom St., Philada.

CITY MARBLE WORKS

And Steam Mantle Factory,

CORNER OF TENTH AND STILLE STS., PHILADELPHIA.

E. & B. SCHELL, having greatly improved their facilities for the manufacture of every variety of *Marble Work*, and having the best styles of *Mantles, Tablestops, Fixings, Tombs and Monuments*, are prepared to supply orders upon reasonable terms.

Philadelphia, March 10, 1855. 10-3m

BOYS' CLOTHING.

THE SUBSCRIBER, would respectfully inform their numerous friends and customers of Schuylkill County, that their assortment of Clothing for Young gentlemen is much larger than ever, and they are disposed to sell cheap. Persons living at a distance have the privilege of exchanging clothing purchased at this store, if they do not suit.

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