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PHILADELPHIA POST OFFICE, NOVEMBER 29TH, 1857.

To insure the more rapid and frequent delivery of letters in this city, the Postmaster General has authorized the following changes in the times and manner of delivery within the limits of the Philadelphia Office:

Four sub-offices have been established at the following places:

Northeastern—447 COATES STREET, near FIFTH.
Northwestern—SPRING GARDEN HALL, THIRTEENTH and SPRING GARDEN.
Western—1521 CHESTNUT ST, east of SEVENTEENTH.
24th Ward—MARKET STREET, east of PARK.

Each of these offices, as well as the present, or principal office, is the centre of a delivery and collection district; and from each FIVE DELIVERIES will be made daily by the Government Letter Carriers, of all letters arriving in the mails, or collected from the sub-offices and boxes, for city delivery. The deliveries will be made at the following hours:

7	o'clock,	morning.	
10	"	"	
1	"	afternoon.	
3	"	"	
5	"	"	

In connection with the sub-offices, boxes are located at convenient points in each district, in which letters may be deposited for the mails, or for delivery to other parts of the city. Collections will be made from the boxes FIVE TIMES A DAY, by sworn collectors, detailed for that duty exclusively. The collections will be made at the following hours:

8	o'clock,	morning.	
10	"	"	
1	"	afternoon.	
3	"	"	
5.30	"	"	

The collection at 5.30, in the afternoon, is for the mails only, and will be made every day, including Sunday.

☞ No charge will be made for carrying Letters to the Post Office.

☞ Letters for City Delivery, Two Cents each. (One Cent Postage—One Cent for Carrier.)

To secure rapid communication between the principal office and the sub-offices, there has been provided a special service of horses and wagons, which will arrive and depart with precision, according to a time-table prepared for the purpose.

The city is divided by Tenth street, Vine street, and the Schuylkill river, into five districts.

The Central district embraces that section of the city east of Tenth street and south of Vine street. The present Post Office is the centre point for this district.

The Western district embraces that section of the city west of Tenth street and south of Vine street. Sub-office No. 1521 Chestnut street.

The Northeastern district embraces that part of the city east of Tenth street and north of Vine street, exclusive of the old districts of Kensington and Richmond. Sub-office, No. 447 Coates street, near Fifth.

The Northwestern district embraces that section of the city west of Tenth street and north of Vine street. Sub-office, Spring Garden Hall.

The Twenty-fourth ward district embraces that part of the city west of the Schuylkill. Sub-office, Market street, east of Park street.

The carriers in each district will start from the office of the district, and letters deposited in the boxes of a district will be taken by the collectors to the district office.

The city has been divided into walks of convenient size, with reference to business and extent of territory. On each of these there will be two carriers, who will divide the walk between them, for the despatch of business at the principal mail deliveries, but at other times the whole walk may be attended by either one of the carriers.

The sub-offices will be open daily (except Sunday,) from 7 A. M. until 7½ P. M., and on Sundays from 8 to 9 A. M., and from 2 to 3 P. M. Stamps can be procured at all of the sub-offices, and letters prepaid and deposited for the mails the same as at the principal office.

☞ Letters to be "registered" must be taken to the Central or principal office.

☞ Advertised letters cannot be delivered at the sub-offices, but at the principal office only, as at present.

Wherever the "city" is spoken of in this advertisement, it should be understood to mean the parts compactly built up, except Kensington and Richmond, each of which has a Post Office of its own. The Kensington Postmaster has made such arrangements as will make his district conform, in all particulars, to this system. The charges for the delivery of city letters will be the same, therefore, in the Kensington districts as in other parts of the city, viz, two cents will pay for a letter to and from Kensington.

The system is to be put in operation on Tuesday, December 1st.

A list of the places where United States Mail boxes are located will be published in a few days.

Like every invasion of an old routine, in a vast establishment like the Post Office, this change may create some temporary embarrassment, and not work perfectly for a few days or weeks. It may, therefore, require some short indulgence from the public. No effort, however, will be spared on my part to secure the perfect working of a system which experience elsewhere has shown to be so beneficial to the public; and which I have no doubt will soon be regarded here also as a great progress in postal business.

I respectfully ask the co-operation of the citizens of Philadelphia in behalf of the new system.

no30-3t GIDEON G. WESTCOTT, Postmaster.

Political.

FOR SHERIFF—CALEB S. WRIGHT, FIFTH WARD.
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Signed,
ENOCH REISS,
ISAAC REISS,
JAMES REISS,
M. GANS,
JOHN POTTER.

November 16. no16-d3t&tuths-tf

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BOOTS AND SHOES.—The subscriber has on hand a large and varied stock of BOOTS and SHOES, which he will sell at the lowest prices. GEO. W. TAYLOR. no21-1y S. E. corner FIFTH and MARKET Sts.

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THOS. RICHARDSON & CO. no21

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.—The ship PHILADELPHIA, Captain Pool, from Liverpool, is now ready to discharge at Shippen street wharf. Consignees will please deliver their permits to the Custom house officer on board. All goods not permited in five days will be sent to public store.

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PUBLIC PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.

Academy of Music, (Operatic,) corner of Broad and Locust streets.
Arch Street Theatre, Arch, above 6th street.
Parkinson's Garden, Chestnut, above Tenth.
National Theatre and Circus, Walnut, above Eighth.
Sandford's Opera House, (Ethiopian,) Eleventh, below Market.
Walnut Street Theatre, northeast corner Ninth and Walnut.
Thomas' Varieties, Fifth and Chestnut.
Thomas's Opera House, Arch, below Seventh.

ARTS AND SCIENCES.

Academy of Natural Sciences, corner of Broad and George streets.
Academy of Fine Arts, Chestnut, above Tenth.
Artists' Fund Hall, Chestnut, above Tenth.
Franklin Institute, No. 9 South Seventh street.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

Almshouse, west side of Schuylkill, opposite South street.
Almshouse (Friends'), Walnut street, above Third.
Association for the Employment of Poor Women, No. 222 Green street.
Asylum for Lost Children, No. 36 North Seventh street.
Blind Asylum, Race, near Twentieth street.
Christ Church Hospital, No. 8 Cherry street.
City Hospital, Nineteenth street, near Coates.
Dickson's Hall, No. 163 Cherry street.
Dispensary, Fifth, below Chestnut street.
Female Society for the Relief and Employment of the Poor, No. 72 North Seventh street.
Guardians of the Poor, office No. 56 North Seventh street.
German Society Hall, No. 8 South Seventh street.
Home for Friendless Children, corner Twenty-third and Brown streets.
Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, Cherry, east of Eighteenth street.
Penn Widows' Asylum, West and Wood streets Eighteenth Ward.
Masonic Hall, Chestnut, above Seventh street.
Magdalen Asylum, corner of Race and Twenty-first streets.
Northern Dispensary, No. 1 Spring Garden street.
Orphans' Asylum, (colored,) Thirteenth street, near Callowhill.
Odd Fellows' Hall, Sixth and Haines street.
Do. do. S. E. corner Broad and Spring Garden streets.
Do. do. Tenth and South streets.
Do. do. Third and Brown streets.
Do. do. Ridge Road, below Wallace.
Pennsylvania Hospital, Pine street, between Eighth and Ninth.
Pennsylvania Institute for the Instruction of the Blind, corner Race and Twentieth street.
Pennsylvania Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, Sixth and Adelphi streets.
Pennsylvania Training School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Children, School House Lane, Germantown, office No. 102 Walnut street.
Philadelphia Orphans' Asylum, northeast cor. Eighteenth and Cherry
Preston Retreat, Hamilton, near Twentieth street.
Providence Society, Frame, below Sixth street.
Southern Dispensary, No. 98 Shippen street.
Union Benevolent Association, N. W. corner of Seventh and Sansom street.
Will's Hospital, Race, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.
St. Joseph's Hospital, Girard avenue, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth.
Episcopal Hospital, Front street, between Huntingdon and Lehigh avenues.
Philadelphia Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, S. W. corner of Chestnut and Park sts, West Philadelphia

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Custom House, Chestnut street, above Fourth
County Prison, Passyunk road, below Reed.
City Tobacco Warehouse, Dock and Spruce streets.
City Controller's Office, Girard Bank, second story.
Commissioner of City Property, office, Girard Bank, second story.
City Treasurer's Office, Girard Bank, second story.
City Commissioner's Office, State House.
City Solicitor's Office, Fifth, below Chestnut.
City Watering Committee's Office, Southwest corner Fifth and Chestnut.
Fairmount Water Works, Fairmount on the Schuylkill:
Girard Trust Treasurer's Office, Fifth, above Chestnut.
House of Industry, Gaskill, above Arch street.
House of Industry, Seventh, above Arch street.
House of Refuge, (white,) Parrish, between Twenty second and Twenty-third streets.
House of Refuge, (colored,) Twenty-fourth, between Parrish and Poplar streets.
Health Office, corner of Sixth and Sansom.
House of Correction, Bush Hill.
Marine Hospital, Gray's Ferry road, below South street.
Mayor's office, S. W. corner Fifth and Chestnut streets.
Eastern Penitentiary, Coates street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets.
Navy Yard, on the Delaware, corner Front and Prime streets.
Northern Liberties Gas Works, Maiden, below Front street.
Post Office, No. 227 Dock street, opposite the Exchange.
Post Office, Kensington, Queen street, below Shackamaxon street.
Post Office, Spring Garden, Twenty-fourth street and Pennsylvania Avenue.
Philadelphia Exchange, corner Third, Walnut and Dock streets.
Philadelphia Gas Works, Twentieth and Market; office, No. 33 Seventh street.
Pennsylvania Institute for Deaf and Dumb, Broad and Pine streets.
Penn's Treaty Monument, Beach, above Hanover street.
Public High School, S. E. corner Broad and Green
Public Normal School, Sergeant, above Ninth.
Recorder's Office, No. 3 State House, east wing.
State House, Chestnut street, between Fifth and Sixth streets.
Sheriff's Office, State House, near Sixth street.
Spring Garden Commissioner's Hall, Spring Garden and Thirteenth streets.
Union Temperance Hall, Christian, above Ninth street.
United States Mint, corner of Chestnut and Juniper streets.
United States Arsenal, Gray's Ferry Road, near Federal street.
Naval Asylum, on the Schuylkill, near South street.
United States Army and Clothing Equipage, corner of Twelfth and Girard streets.
United States Quartermaster's Office, corner of Twelfth and Girard streets.

COLLEGES.

College of Pharmacy, Zane street, above Seventh.
Eclectic Medical College, Haines street, west of Sixth.
Girard College, Hope road and College Avenue.
Homeopathic Medical College, Filbert street, above Eleventh.
Jefferson Medical College, Tenth street, below George.
Polytechnic College, corner Market and West Penn Square.
Pennsylvania Medical College, Ninth street, below Locust.
Philadelphia Medical College, Fifth street, below Walnut.
Female Medical College, 229 Arch street.
University of Pennsylvania, Ninth street, between Market and Chestnut.
University of Free Medicine and Popular Knowledge, No. 68 Arch street.

LOCATION OF COURTS.

United States Circuit and District Courts, No. 24 Fifth street, below Chestnut.
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Fifth and Chestnut streets.
Court of Common Pleas, Independence Hall.
District Courts, Nos. 1 and 2, corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets.
Court of Quarter Sessions, corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets.

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

American Baptist Publication Society, No. 118 Arch street.
American and Foreign Christian Union, No. 144 Chestnut street.
American Sunday School Union (new), No. 1122 Chestnut street.
American Tract Society (new), No. 929 Chestnut.
Episcopal Reading Rooms, 524 Walnut street.
Mennonist, Crown street, below Callowhill street.
Presbyterian and Philadelphia Bible Society, corner of Seventh and Walnut streets.
Presbyterian Board of Publication (new), No. 821 Chestnut street.
Presbyterian Publication House, No. 1334 Chestnut street.
Young Men's Christian Association, No. 162 Chestnut street.
Northern Young Men's Christian Association, Germantown Road and Franklin.
Philadelphia Bible, Tract, and Periodical Office (T. H. Stockton's), No. 535 Arch street, first house below Sixth street, north side.
Lutheran Publication Society, No. 732 Arch street, below Eighth.

RAILROAD LINES.

Penna. Central R. R.—Depot, Eleventh and Market.
7 A. M., Mail Train for Pittsburgh and the West.
12.30 P. M., Fast Line for Pittsburgh and the West.
2.30 P. M., for Harrisburg and Columbia.
4.30 P. M., Accommodation Train for Lancaster.
11.30 P. M., Express Mail for Pittsburgh and the West.

Reading Railroad—Depot, Broad and Vine.
7.30 A. M., Express Train for Pottsville, Williamsport, Elmira and Niagara Falls.
3.30 P. M., as above (Night Express Train.)

New York Lines.
1 A. M., from Kensington, via Jersey City.
5 A. M., from Camden, Accommodation Train.
7 A. M., from Camden, via Jersey City, Mail.
10.45 A. M., from Walnut street wharf, via Jersey city.
2 P. M., via Camden and Amboy, Express.
3 P. M., via Camden, Accommodation Train.
5 P. M., via Camden and Jersey City, Mail.
6 P. M., via Camden and Amboy, Accommodation.

Connecting Lines.
6 A. M., from Walnut street wharf, for Belvidere, Easton, Water Gap, Scranton, &c.
9 A. M., for Freehold.
12 M., for Mount Holly, from Walnut street wharf.
2 P. M., for Freehold.
2.30 P. M., for Mount Holly, Bristol, Trenton, &c.
3 P. M., for Palmyra, Burlington, Bordentown, &c.
4 P. M., for Belvidere, Easton, &c., from Walnut street wharf.
5 P. M., for Mount Holly, Burlington, &c.

Baltimore R. R.—Depot, Broad and Prime.
8 A. M., for Baltimore, Wilmington, New Castle, Middletown, Dover, and Seaford.
1 P. M., for Baltimore, Wilmington, and New Castle.
4.15 P. M., for Wilmington, New Castle, Middletown, Dover, and Seaford.
6 P. M., for Ferrytile, Fast Freight.
11 P. M., for Baltimore and Wilmington.

North Pennsylvania R. R.—Depot, Front and Willow.
7 A. M., for Bethlehem, Easton, Mauch Chunk, &c.
10 A. M., for Doylestown, Accommodation.
2.15 P. M., for Bethlehem, Easton, Mauch Chunk, &c.
4.30 P. M., for Doylestown, Accommodation.
10 A. M., for Gwynedd, Accommodation.

Camden and Atlantic R. R.—Vine street wharf.
7.30 A. M., for Atlantic City.
10.45 A. M., for Haddonfield.
4 P. M., for Atlantic City.
4.45 P. M., for Haddonfield.

For Westchester.
By Columbia R. R. and Westchester Branch.
From Market street, south side, above Eighteenth.
Leave Philadelphia 7 A. M. and 3 P. M.
" Westchester 6.30 A. M., and 3 P. M.

ON SUNDAYS

Leave Philadelphia 7 A. M.
" Westchester 3 P. M.
Westchester Direct Railroad, open to Pennelton, Grubbs Bridge.
From northeast Eighteenth and Market streets.
Leave Philadelphia 6, and 9 A. M., 2, 4, and 6 P. M.
" Pennelton, Grubbs Bridge, 7, 8, and 11 A. M., and 4 and 6 P. M.
On Saturdays last train from Pennelton at 7 A. M.

ON SUNDAYS

Leave Philadelphia 8 A. M. and 2 P. M.
" Pennelton 9½ A. M. and 6 P. M.

Germantown & Norristown R. R.—Depot, 9th and Green.
6, 9, and 11 A. M., and 3, 4.45, 6.45, and 11.15 P. M., for Norristown.
6 A. M. and 3 P. M., for Downingtown.
6, 8, 9, 10, and 11.30 A. M., and 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9 P. M. for Chestnut Hill.
6, 7, 8, 9, 10.10, and 11.30, A. M., and 1, 2, 3.10, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11.30 P. M., for Germantown.

Chester Valley R. R.—Leave Philadelphia 9 A. M. and 3 P. M.
Leave Downingtown 7½ A. M. and 1 P. M

STEAMBOAT LINES.

2.30 P. M., Richard Stockton, for Bordentown, from Walnut street wharf.
10 and 11.45 A. M., and 4 P. M., for Tacony, Burlington and Bristol, from Walnut street wharf.
9.30 A. M., Delaware, Boston, and Kennebec, for Cape May, first pier below Spruce street.
7.30 A. M., and 2, 3, and 6 P. M., John A. Warner and Thomas A. Morgan, for Bristol, Burlington, &c.

The Press.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1857.

A DRAMA OF REAL LIFE.

The London *Morning Post* supplies us with a narrative, curious and true, of circumstances elicited in one of the English law courts, which shows some of the working of the matrimonial system in the old country, and really reads more like the plot of an amusing comedy than a chapter in real life. A gentleman of limited means applied to a Matrimonial Agency Office, entered his name, paid his fee, stated his desire—to obtain "a wife with money;"—was shown a large number of ladies' portraits, and, after minute inquiries, expressed himself pleased with one, the original of which had $80,000 in her own right—he was told. A correspondence between the parties was the result—unfortunately the letters have not been published—and, at last, on paying $75 to $100 more to the hymenial go-between, the agent for persons if not hearts, the wife-seeker, whose name is ALLEN, obtained an interview with the lady. As ALLEN had simply described himself as only wanting "a woman with money," it may be imagined that he was not likely to be dissatisfied with *any* crinolined possessor of $80,000. However, the lady whom he saw actually had youth, if not good looks, and Mr. ALLEN, considering himself very fortunate, pressed his suit like an ardent (money-hunting) lover, as he was, and was duly and tenderly accepted. Here ends Act I of this little drama.

Sharp as he was, (or ought to be, for he was a bill-broker by profession), Mr. ALLEN was so completely taken in by the appearance of the *demoiselle*, that he omitted to satisfy himself whether or not her reputed fortune was in notes of the Bank of England, or the "Bank of Elegance." Dazzled by the diamond-flash of her bright eyes, our hero omitted to ascertain whether or not the lady had jewels of a more earthly kind. Yet he did not take every thing for granted. He learned that she resided at Cheltenham, a fashionable watering place, and thither he betook himself. There, he actually saw the lady riding in a private carriage, which he naturally assumed to be her own, and became satisfied that she also possessed the luxury of a lady's maid. "The course of true love never yet ran smooth", and the lady confessed that she had made a sort of pre-contract to marry another swain; that she would surrender him, for the sake of her darling Mr. ALLEN; that it would be necessary, however, to steal a march on this to be dreaded rival; and that, therefore, as she dreaded to excite suspicion by ordering the usual matrimonial *trousseau*, she must start on her bridal tour, *minus* the silks and muslins, laces and feathers, velvets and *moires antique* usual, we believe, on those extremely interesting occasions. Every man, we are persuaded, has some vanity in his composition—sometimes to a much larger extent than much-abused Womankind possess—and what could be more flattering to Mr. ALLEN's *amour propre* than the assurance, gently confessed with half a sigh, and half a smile, that the lady *had* fancied another, but was now willing to devote herself to *himself* alone? ALLEN was properly tickled, no doubt, and agreed to marry the lady, even though she did not appear at the altar in white silk, a Brussels veil, and a darling gossamery bonnet, trimmed with a fitting array of orange blossoms. He married her, and here let the curtain decorously drop on act II.

Having made such a good hit, as he thought, Mr. CHARLES JOHN ALLEN determined to pass the honeymoon, like a man of spirit and means, at Paris. Unfortunately, though not deficient in *brass*, which is part of the stock in trade of a regular bill-shaver, he wanted what is sometimes familiarly called *tin*. He was not making much gear by his business—as he had contrived to spend somewhat more, was certainly not very well off. However, his wife's $80,000 would set all right, and, on the strength of his being about to make such a good match, an opulent friend was so kind as to lend him $1,250. Now, of all places in the world, there is none where "a happy couple" can spend their time and their money more agreeably and rapidly than Paris with its theatres, balls, drives, restaurants, and, above all, the tempting jewelry stores in the Palais Royal, and the fascinating millinery shops in the Boulevards. Reckoning these in the account, and stating that they were nearly five weeks in Paris, the money lasted a long time. When they reached the house of Mr. ALLEN's mother, in London, the $1,250 had dwindled down to $20. Here, with a domestic tableau of reception, closes Act III.

Mothers are much keener than young husbands, just emerging from the honeymoon. The day after the arrival of Mr. ALLEN and his bride, while the fortunate and happy husband was sipping his wine and cracking his filberts after dinner, in stalked, like Mrs. SIDDONS as Lady Macbeth, Mrs. ALLEN senior—in a red turban and a tremendous passion: perturbed, in fact, as well as perturbaned. Without a moment's pause, or note of preparation, she pounces down on her unsuspicious son. "Charles John!" she cried, in a deep voice, "You 'ave been took in. Instead of marrying a lady, you have married a lady's maid." Starting up, Charles John exclaimed, in a melodramatic manner, "Impossible! My dear Sophiar never could deceive me!" How the dowager Mrs. ALL