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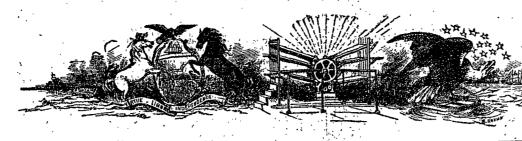
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The history of the Bible has repeatedly been it is curious to trace the various books of which it is composed, back to their ascertained or traditional source. Much learning is neces- the bindery-room, in which the sheets were sary to do this, and some learning is requisite to understand it. A more popular and intelligible work would be one which should take tures," sewed, cut, gilt, bound, lettered, and up the Bible from the time it was thrown before the world through the invention of print- (directly over the Inquirer office) where saming, down to the present time, when every ples are kept, and orders for shipment execu family has at least one copy of the Holy ted. Lastly, underneath the newspaper of

plied only by the tedious and laborious process of transcription. The religious, in monasteries, piously employed themselves in not only the Bible, but other good bookshich as the writings of the early Fathers of the their own transcription upon the comparatively clean surface. Those parchments, thus valuable than that which replaced it. We are acquainted with one instance of this. In the Library of Trinity College, Dublin, there was a palimpsest of veilum, on this manuscript, saw nearly effaced earlier letters upon the vellum, and, after years of is obtained from New York. The fine qual portion of the Gospel of St. Matthew, part | the manufacture of fancy leathers. of Isaiah, and some orations of GREGORY Naztanzen, all written in the uncial Greek idea of Bible-making in Philadelphia, a de letter, probably as early as the second cen- partment of production of which JESPEE fury. He transcribed every letter, and the Handing & Son is undeniably the head. We discovered treasure was published in quarto, assure our readers that we have been careful to In 1801, at the expense of the University, a avoid exaggeration, and have plainly stated copperplate of each page being engraved, the case as we found it. ntaining a fac-simile of the uncial Greek.

with the ordinary Greek version opposite, and Latin notes and references at foot. The Psalter was the carliest printed portion of the Bible, in Hebrew, and appeared, in small form, in 1477. Eleven years later, the entire Hebrew Bible was first printed at Soncino. From the Gerson edition, printed at Brescia in 1494. LUTHER made his translation: but the earliest volume produced by Gorren-BERG's types, 1450-'55, was a Latin Bible. There is a tradition, which we met only in an old French book, that when this Bible, in which the initial letters were printed in bright red ink, (to imitate the illuminated letters of the manuscripts,) was offered for sale, at Paris, for a sixth of the usual selling price of he a written book, the copyists, not detecting that it was mechanically executed, made a solution scomplaint to the magistracy that the work must have been executed with diabolical baid, and that the vivid red of the initial letters was made by using human blood. The book-tyender, it is said, to avoid being human as a

been over one hundred years in the same the same the same to the policemen and when the latter entered the house the rogues eacaped through the back way without having had time to secure any booty. income of \$50,000, and in Scotland and Iroland about half as much. These patents secure to the respective holders the exclusive privilege of printing the Bible, the metrical version of the Psalms (by Tate and Brady), and the Prayer Book of the established Protestant Episcopal Church. Should any other person print these interdicted works, he would be subjected to a State prosecution. In England income of \$50,000, and in Scotland and Iroland RETURN OF MR. WILLIAM J. PHILLIPS.—The

there is a uniform duty of three cents per there is a uniform duty of three cents per pound upon paper of all qualities. But, with the nominal view of reducing the cost of the word of God, all paper used for Bibles, Fsulters, and Prayer Books, is duty free. This monopoly of Bible printing, commenced nearly two centuries ago, was originally based on the necessity of having the book accurately necessity of having the book accurately printed, which, it was thought, irresponsible private parties might fail to effect. The Roman Catholic version, rendered from the Douay Bible, slightly differs from the common English translation, and, therefore, is not subject to the restrictions of the patents.

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where the type is set up and the stereotype itten, and an interesting history it is. For "picked out" and corrected. Then, a department where half a dozen steam presse are perpetually printing off the plates. Next subjected to hydraulic pressure, folded, ar ranged according to their respective "signaclasped. After that, to the counting-house fice, in fact under the pavement of Carter In the middle ages, the Bible was multi- street, the steam engine of 20 horse power which sets all the machinery at work, and can

be managed by a child. The materials used up in this establishment copying, with great patience and much skill, every year are most valuable. The paper alone, taking the consumption at 600 tone worth \$250 a ton; costs \$1,500,009. There is Ohurch. Sometimes, when it was difficult to a barrel of the finest flour used every week to obtain new parchment, for this purpose, the make paste, with glue in proportion; about copyists would take old manuscripts, oblite- 500,000 leaves of gold; 50 tons of pasteboard rate the writing as far as they could, and make for book-covers, and so in proportion. The mere debris or sweepings of the gold leaf, brushed off by the binders, when gilding the treated, are called palimpsests. On some edges and covers of the Bibles, are sold for occasions the obliterated matter was more \$2,000 a year, and it has been estimated that if the mere floor of the binding-room were to be burned, there would be a residuum of \$600 from it, so saturated with gold dust has it hecome. All the year round, four gilders are which was written, in Greek, what appeared at work. The folding and sewing is entirely to be a monkish legend of the thirteenth cen. done by females. The book-clasps are chiefly tury. The erudite and eccentric Dr. John | manufactured in Connecticut. The gold rims BARRETT, college librarian, carefully examined are imported from France. The interior, or we should say, the cheaper leather for binding persevering examination, discovered that the ties (Turkey or goat morocco) are made in lmost obliterated writing comprised a large Philadelphia, which has long been famous for This sketch, rapid as it is, may convey som

THE CITY.

DRINEYE BIRT STREET WHEATLEY & OLARKE'S ARCHSTERST THRATER -Our American Cousin "-" Still Waters Run Deep." Miss. D. P. Bowers' Walnut Street Theatre. 'Mesalliance' Faint Heart Never Won Fair Lady

Bold Robbert .- Some time on Tuesday

OLD OFFENDERS.—Yesterday morning Al-

JEWELRY STORE ROBBED.—Early yesterday morning, the jewelry store of Mr. Lephart, in Poplar street, was broken into and robbed of a number of watches, together with a considerable quantity of jewelry, to the amount of \$150. The door was found open, and the key was sticking in the lock upon the inside. There were no marks upon the key of nipers having been used upon it. It is mysterious how admittance to the store was gained, and it is equally strange that but a small portion of the stock was stolen.

SLIGHT FIRE.—About four o'clock, yesterday morning, Officer McKinney, of the Fifth district, noticed a fire in the stable of Mr. McOllaw, in George street, above Twentieth. He proceeded to the spot, and succeeded in extinguishing the fiames before any amount of damage was done.

The CHESS CONTEST.—The return game of JEWELRY STORE ROBBED .- Early yesterday amount of damage was done.

The CHESS CONTEST.—The return game of
the chess crotest, now going on between Philadelphia
and New York, will be played to-morrow evening,
Philadelphia having the first move. The Philadelphia
players will occupy their old quarters, Third below
Chestnut, and the moves will be transmitted from city
to city over the American Telegraph Company's wires,
under the manuscunnent of Mr. Entlock.

FALSE CHARGE.—A few days ago we stated that admirably executed counterfeit gold dollars had been found up in the persons of two men who were arrested for attempting to pass them. It has since been discovered that the colus were really genuine: It seems strange that the genuineness of the colu was not ascertaized at the time the individuals had their hearascertaised at the time the individuals had their hearing, by aubmitting it to some one who was really capable of judging between the spurious and the genuine.

ARRESTS FOR LARGENY.—Joseph Smith was arrested yesterday morning on the charge of having stoten \$45 from Jacob Graham, who resides at Sixteenth and Pitzwater streets. Alderman Femington sent him below to awatt his trial. A colored unan who gave the name of William Kane was arrested yesterday morning that the welcarging to sall a quantity of clother had to the color of the co

THE COURTS. THE ALLIBONE AND NEWHALL CASE

NINTH DAY. Close of the Commonwealth's Case. peeches of Messrs. Brewster and Thayer for the Defence.

QUARTER SESSIONS Judge Thompson. of the fire-proof in the present at the open of the fire-proof in the president's room; the con a of this fire-proof consisted of b.lis receivable and properties of

iel Deal (not endorsed).

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OPENING OF F. C BREWSTER, ESQ, FOR DEFEN-I trust I say it reverently.—I know it is said truthfully.—when I declare before this court and jury that I thank God it is this day Thomas Allibone's privilege to

nearly two thousand shares of its stock owned by him. He southed a ship, they say, of which he was master —of which he swamded oue-tenth—which was freighted with the labors and earnings of a life, with fortune and with sacred honor: did all this, and staid on board while the waves closed over him.

I may be pardoned, I trust, a brief history of this prosecution. It may serve to give you proper information, and to convey to your minds more clearly my arrangement of the Commonwealth's case and my defence.

fence.

Mr. Allibone had been laboring for many years under a disease which was finally brought to a criss by the excitement and abors of the fall of 1857, and compelled his departure from the city.

His objections to this—arising from the enormous interests had at state beres—were all overriled, and, finally, driven away by his physician, he left—left to find a greater curse invoked by his absence than loss of health or life itself would have entailed upon him and his family.

he resources of the surrounding country, the incresses of population, or any information that will be interes TWO CENTS. to the general reader.

and "they who are the olive branches round about his table" will appland the act, though it leave her and him and them beggars.

He was here from January until April, and no one, of all who professed to be injured and suffering, issued the warrant his presence invied.

This prosecution was 'shally commenced by the extraordinary, procedure of sending up an indictment without any preliminary binding over. No murderer, since the days this late was more province, has ease the days this late was presented and any appropriate for the initiation of parasecution this indictment was returned on Good Friday. Mr. Allifone heard of this action; and immediately presented himself in open court, and gave scoulty for his appearance. A speedy trial was desired by both defendants. A witness was then, in this city about to return to his home in England, who was regarded as most material for this defence. He was of 'the firm on which this bill for

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

e of the writer. In order to insure correctness in

rent news of the day in their particular localities,

where the revisited of the initial letters were made by using human blood. The books of the property of the pr

GENERAL NEWS.

A CASE OF DREADFUL DESTITUTION is mentioned in the Cincinnati papers. A woman was found stretched on dirty straw in a stable, clasping to her bosom a child apparently about two months old, and valuly endeavoing to give it sustenance but, instead, it drew nothing but blood tenance but, instead, it drew nothing but blood from her exhausted breasts. The woman was apparently not more than thirty-five years old, although the mother of seven children, all of whom were with her in the miserable hovel where she was found be had been well raised, and had seen better days, much better—she could not have seen worse days—and, until a period of two years after her marriage, had known no want. But her husband yielded to an appetite for liquor, became

selves "The Orthodox Catholic Church." Altogether, they number about one hundred. They
bolieve in community of goods. Civil law they do
not regard. Their laws are Bible laws. They
hold that after one has once received the reviving
influence of the Holy Spirit, it is impossible for him,
not only to fall from grace, but even to be tempted. They believe in the speedy coming of the Saviour. The time is not yet revealed, but soon will
be. Three apostles, who are to have charge of
their affairs, have been chosen, who are spoken of
as very successful second-advent preachers in
times past. ESCAPED. A convicted negro murderer.

DUEL BETWEEN PRINTERS .- Two printers,

THE orange crop of Louisiana this season is THE orange crop of Louisiana this season is very large, and the crop is selling from plantations at from six to eight dollars per thousand. Lest year a planter below the city was offered for \$1,500 a small tract of land adjoining his and which was planted with orange trees of full growth. He refused, and this season the owner of the tract in question has sold his orange crep for \$3,000.

schools undertook to correct a scholar, when another scholar interfered to prevent the punish-