THE BURIED MAN.—BIRMINGHAM, Jan. 20.—The well was commenced by contract, and abandoned after a shaft of over 30 feet had been sunk. A new contractor then undertook the job, and, after sinking it about 20 feet, abandoned it—both without pay. Mr. Lewis then proceeded with it himself about 10 feet, making 60 feet, at which point rock and water were found. The unfortunate man, now 60 feet in the bowels of the earth, is shut down upon by about 20 feet of curbing and sand. No one knows whether he is alive or dead; the curbing does not meet in the centre, and sand holds them tight. The whole curbing is a wreck, and the shaft is now dangerous to descend. One man, however, had nerve enough to descend by a rope, and called out the buried man's name, but without response.

It is truly a frightful sight to look upon. As usual, no one knew what to do. Finally, Mr. Shelton, president of the Birmingham Bank, proposed that one man be selected to take charge of the affair and order and direct. Under this arrangement work has been commenced, a new curbing has been framed, of the most substantial kind, and will be located to-morrow, commencing at daylight, with the hope that it will be perfected to-morrow forenoon, and a beginning commenced to displace the boards, timbers, and dirt. In the interval, this unfortunate man, who had returned from a four years' whaling voyage, lies buried in the earth. Some say that he worked himself up some eight or ten feet, and the last seen of him by those at the windlass was the closing of boards and dirt over him, crushing his hat and body.

The sight is enough to make the stoutest man shudder. To-morrow will tell the tale. All hope for the best, but fear the worst.

The Detroit *Press* has an account of the manner in which Miss Judson, who eloped with the negro, spent the time among her new friends. It says:

"The style of living which the young woman was introduced to on the first day of the honeymoon is worth noticing. Her sable lover, in pursuance of an intention to set up housekeeping, bought some dishes and old furniture, and the two moved into a board shanty in the back part of Windsor. This was in the negro quarter, which, it is needless to say, comprises several quarters of the whole town, and was surrounded by about fifty more negro shanties. The occupants of these, quite taken by surprise, turned out *en masse*, and the bridal calls of the young wife consisted of an indiscriminate rush of darkies of all ages, sexes, colors and varieties. The only room she had was filled with these odorous visitors, from morning till night, who gazed at her with open mouths, while little ebonies climbed on the roof, peeped in the windows, and stole her corn bread.

"It is estimated, by competent Windsor authorities, that she received a thousand calls the first day. How she got through with her receptions is unknown; but considering the fact that she had been brought up in decency, it is natural to suppose that her stomach must have rebelled occasionally, notwithstanding the inoculations of her father, who believed them good enough for her until they actually got her. The story which the parent circulated to the effect that she was insane, and that she should put her in an asylum, is all bosh. No insane asylum will admit her, as she has given not the slightest sign of insanity."

THE HEARING OF COUNSEL takes place this morning in the Superior Court, before Judge Morton, at the lower room of the Tremont Temple, in a case of no little interest, resulting from the nature of the testimony. It is a case of a disputed mercantile paper, and the question is as to the genuineness of a certain signature. In order to test this fact, for the first time in the annals of justice the aid of the photographic art was sought. By the exhibition of specimens of handwriting, thus enlarged and multiplied, the jury are enabled to have in their possession during the whole time of deliberation the most accurate means of comparison. Some of our readers may remember the statement a few days ago, that the eminent artist, Mr Southworth, was kept under examination in court a long time, in reference to this modern manifestation. The photographic copies in the case were prepared by him, and we believe he was on the stand testifying in regard to them for a good part of several days. The event may prove that photography will hereafter be substituted in such cases for the other class of experts usually employed; and surely it will be a matter of no little interest and importance if light is thus thrown upon those judicial proceedings where darkness too often prevails.—*Boston Courier.*

LAMENTABLE OCCURRENCE.—Joseph C. DeWitt (brother of Hon G. DeWitt, Jr., member of the Legislature from the 4th district of this county,) was drowned at Belleville, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while skating. He was in the office of his brother a short time before, and several companions, both male and female, called him to come upon the river, which request he hastened to comply with. His sister, who appeared to have a presentiment of misfortune, told him he had better not go, and asked if the ice was strong. He, however went on, and after skating a few minutes attempted to go under the draw of the bridge. His sister, seeing his danger, called on him, but too late to stop him, and in an instant the treacherous ice, which, though some inches thick, was weak, gave way, and he was precipitated into the water. He managed to sustain himself for a few minutes by catching the edges of the ice, and, in attempting to seize a board which was thrown him, more of the ice gave way beneath his hold, and, though he came within a few inches of grasping the board, the force of the current carried him under, within sight of his sisters and friends, and he was drowned.—*Newark Daily, 20th.*

The *Westminster Review*, for January, has an article upon anæsthetic agents as aids to surgical operations. It estimates the number of operations in the United Kingdom, United States, France, and Germany, during the past ten years, at one million two hundred thousand. The total number of deaths, so far as has been ascertained, from the inhalation of anæsthetic vapors, in Europe and America, has been as follows: Deaths from chloroform, 68; from ether, 2; from mixture of chloroform and ether, 1; from mixture of chloroform and alcohol, 1; from anylene, 2. Total, 74.

THE trial of the two Fort Pitt guns at the proving ground near Pittsburg has concluded, and the removal of the guns to Old Point Comfort been ordered. Up to the conclusion of the trial, twenty-four hundred and fifty rounds had been fired from each gun. At the close, the "hollow" gun was but little injured, and, in the opinion of those conducting the proof, would have stood as many more rounds. The bore was as polished and smooth as when the firing commenced, the only wear being at the point where the ball rests in the chamber. The vents also suffered less than in the "solid" gun. The latter was cut out considerably in the bore, though otherwise still in serviceable condition.

SHOCKING MURDER.—We have received an extra from the office of the Omaha *Nebraskian*, announcing that on the 8th, two men imprisoned at that place for horse-stealing, named Braden and Daley, were taken from jail by a mob and carried some eight miles from the city, and hung by the neck to a tree. The prisoners were shackled at the time they were taken from the jail, and the irons were still on when the bodies were discovered. The corpse of Braden presented the most frightful *spectacle* of which it was possible to conceive—the rope, either by accident or design, having been placed in his mouth instead of under his chin, by his inhuman murderers.

LEFT HER HOME.—A young and beautiful girl, named Susan Blake, whose mental faculties were nearly destroyed in consequence of physical injuries received in childhood, left her home, in East Nineteenth street, New York, about ten weeks ago. No tidings whatever of her whereabouts, although untiring search was made, reached her family until last Wednesday. She was found by a policeman, at an early hour in the morning, strolling through Eighth avenue, and was, of course, unable to give any account of herself. Her parents will make every effort to unravel the mystery at present surrounding her prolonged absence.

CITY ITEMS.

REV. DR. CHAPIN'S LECTURE.—Concert Hall was filled last evening to its utmost capacity, to hear the closing lecture of the "People's Literary Institute" course, for the present season, by the Rev. E. H. Chapin, of New York. We may state that this lastand in many respects most brilliant effort, was an extra entertainment provided for our citizens by this society, having been the ninth, whereas *eight* was all they had been promised for the season tickets issued, and we may say, moreover, that it was a splendid dessert to the programme. The subject of the lecture last evening was "Order of Nobility," and it was nobly treated The oratory of Mr. Chapin was scarcely ever exhibited to better advantage than in some of his lofty strains as he poured them forth to an enraptured audience on this occasion.

GREAT DEMONSTRATION AT JAYNE'S HALL.—According to announcement, the Rev. Henry Martyn Scudder, of India, delivered a discourse at Jayne's Hall, last evening, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. There was a brilliant audience in attendance, a large portion of the galleries having been occupied in addition to the floor of that spacious edifice. The discourse was a remarkable effort in behalf of the object most dear to his heart—the cause of Foreign Missions—sustaining, in every respect, the high reputation of Dr. Scudder as an eminent orator and able divine.

At the close of the sermon the Rev. Mr. Chambers rose upon the platform and stated that a collection would be taken for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association, and that, in view of the arguments presented by their beloved brother, it was expected that all present would contribute liberally. If, however, said Mr. Chambers, there were any in the hall mean enough not to contribute anything, there would be just one minute and a half given for such to leave the house before the collection was taken up. [Laughter.] It is needless to add that no one left the room until the boxes had been handed round. The collection, we are glad to learn, was a generous one.

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CORPORATION WORK.—"Doestickes," in his amusing sketches of fortune tellers, entitled "The Witches of New York," describes a waiting maid of Madame Cargo as "a shabby looking girl, with her hair in as much confusion as if the city had contracted to keep it straight!" A graphic description of an unkempt maiden, that! We wonder how friend "Doestickes" would describe a "waiting man" arrayed in a gorgeous suit of Granville Stokes's last? Our fashionable friends should call at No. 607 Chestnut street.

THE BURNS' CENTENARY.—The centenary of Robert Burns was celebrated by his admirers, yesterday, in a variety of modes. Some just tasted the Urquebaugh; some indulged in a haggis pudding; many read Tam O'Shanter over again; while not a few procured for themselves agreeable remembrances of the occasion in the shape of new and elegant garments from the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605 Chestnut street, above Sixth.

ADVICE (WORTH MILLIONS) GRATIS.—Every man should keep the wolf from the door, if he can. Every woman has a right to be any age she pleases, if she can. Every man who carves has a right to put away a few of the best bits for himself, if he can. Every woman has the right to think her own baby prettiest, which she can. Every man has the right (and should maintain it, too,) of wearing the fashionable and durable clothing gotten up at B. H. Eldridge's "Old Franklin Hall Clothing Emporium," No. 321 Chestnut street, if he can.

OLD MAIDS.—Although we would not be understood to approve the state, or inculcate the cold comforts of "single blessedness," it is but justice to admit that the satirical aspersions cast on "Old Maids" are infinitely more to their praise than is generally imagined; or, as it would seem, intended. It has been remarked, with truth, that if a woman is remarkably neat in her person, people say of her, "She will certainly die an old maid." Is she particularly reserved towards the other sex? "She has all the squeamishness of an old maid." Is she frugal in her expenses, and exact in her domestic concerns? "She is cut out for an old maid." And if she is kindly humane to the domestic animals about her, nothing can save her from the appellation of an "old maid." In short, we have always found that *neatness, modesty, economy*, and *humanity*, are the never-failing characteristics of that terrible creature—an Old Maid.

WRONG.—A little wrong done to another is a great injury done to ourselves. The severest punishment of an injury is the consciousness of having done it; and no man suffers more than he that is turned over to the pains of repentance.

SCHOOLS FOR THE HEAD AND HEART.—Though men may improve their heads in the company of their own sex, we may affirm that the company and conversation of women is the proper school for the heart.

Importations.

[Reported for the Press.]

LIVERPOOL—Ship Tuscarora, Dunlevy—14 cs mdse Wm Raphael; 3 do W McKee & Co; 1 do L Johnson & Co; 4 do Shadrack Hill; 2 do Gullion, Anderson & Co; 49 do Barcroft, Beaver & Co; 8 do Benson & Son; 9 do Isaac Barton & Son; 20 do Robt Pollock; 97 do Sheppard, Van Harlingen & Arrison; 1 do Aldridge, Higdon & Co; 2 do T & F Evans; 2 do Wright, Bros & Co; 4 do T W Evans & Co; 3 do W H Horstmann & Sons; 2 do Wight & Tevery; 1 do stillings, Roop & Washington; 9 do Wm Watson & Co; 9 do Thomas Mellor & Co; 3 do Stuart Bros; 3 do McCauley Bros & Brewster; 1 do Stouffer & Roberts; 13 do Frost, Bros & Co; 7 do J Pearce & Co; 2 do Abbot, Johns & Co; 8 do Cauley, Neville & Hughes; 4 do Somers & Snodgrass; 1 do Wm Brotherhead; 13 do Sharp, Haines & Co; 1 do Shapleigh, Rue & Co; 1 do Garrett & Son; 2 do H Duhring & Co; 1 do R G Stotesbury; 6 do David Graham & Co; 18 do A Wray & Co; 2 do Martin, Peddle & Hamrick; 10 cs 22 bdls steel 3 casks tiles N R G Taylor; 7 pkgs Reeder & Thacher; 1 John Baylis; 1 cask R Buist; 2 do mdse 6 bbls steel Kelker & Bro; 24 casks H M Dick; 2 do Thos Thompson, Son & Co; 2 bales S A Harrison; 11 casks H A Drexel; 20 do 5 cases, Trulits, Brock & Co; 11 bales 33 cases Lewis & Co; 1 bale 4 cases 1 cask 20 bags nails Laing, Maginnis & Brown; 438 bars 300 bdls iron O D Robbins & Co; 2 casks McDaniel & Fort; 1 do 10 bags 2 B Stitchter; 2 casks R Roberts; 13 do Frost, Bros & Co; 7 do J Pearce & Co; 2 do Abbot, Johns & Co; 8 do Cauley, Neville & Hughes; 4 do Somers & Snodgrass; 1 do Wm Brotherhead; 13 do Sharp, Haines & Co; 1 do Shapleigh, Rue & Co; 1 do Garrett & Son; 2 do H Duhring & Co; 1 do R G Stotesbury; 6 do David Graham & Co; 18 do A Wray & Co; 2 do Martin, Peddle & Hamrick; 10 cs 22 bdls steel 3 casks tiles N R G Taylor; 7 pkgs Reeder & Thacher; 1 John Baylis; 1 cask R Buist; 2 do mdse 6 bbls steel Kelker & Bro; 24 casks H M Dick; 2 do Thos Thompson, Son & Co; 2 bales S A Harrison; 11 casks H A Drexel; 20 do 5 cases, Trulits, Brock & Co; 11 bales 33 cases Lewis & Co; 1 bale 4 cases 1 cask 20 bags nails Laing, Maginnis & Brown; 438 bars 300 bdls iron O D Robbins & Co; 2 casks McDaniel & Fort; 1 do 10 bags J