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J. T. WAY & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
DRY GOODS,
HAVE
REMOVED
FROM
No. 421 MARKET STREET,
TO THE
NEW MARBLE BUILDING,
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AMERICAN AND FOREIGN DRY GOODS.
Purchasers will find our stock well assorted at all seasons of the year.
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SHORTRIDGE & BRO.,
(Successors to Zieber, Snyder, & Co.,)
IMPORTERS & JOBBERS
OF
DRY GOODS.
430 MARKET STREET,
Have in store a complete line of
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC GOODS,
Selected expressly with a view to the interests of CASH AND PROMPT SHORT-CREDIT DEALERS.
To which they respectfully invite the attention of the Trade.
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feb1-2m

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1859.
HERRING & COPE,
N. W. Corner FOURTH and MARKET Sts.,
Are now prepared to offer a
SPLENDID AND COMPLETE
ASSORTMENT
OF
SILKS, RIBBONS,
TRIMMINGS, EMBROIDERIES,
FANCY GOODS, &c.
feb1-3m

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IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN
SILKS, RIBBONS, DRESS GOODS,
WHITE GOODS, LACES, LINENS,
EMBROIDERIES, &c.
HOSIERY, GLOVES, MITTS & SHAWLS.
feb1-3m

DECOURSEY, LAFOURCADE, & CO.,
Importers and Jobbers of
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS,
AND GOODS GENERALLY ADAPTED TO
MEN AND BOYS' WEAR.
NO. 325 MARKET STREET,
Are now receiving their
SPRING IimportATIONS,
To which they invite the attention of their customers, and purchasers of such goods. feb1-3m

SITER, PRICE, & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS,
515 MARKET STREET.
feb1 3m

SPRING GOODS.
BARCROFT & CO.,
Nos. 465 and 467 MARKET STREET,
Importers and Jobbers
OF
Foreign and Domestic DRY GOODS.
Stock now complete and ready for buyers. feb1-3m

SHAPLEIGH, RUE & CO.,
IMPORTERS OF
LINENS,
WHITE GOODS,
LACES, and EMBROIDERIES,
No. 229 MARKET STREET.
☞ Our present stock, selected in the best European markets, by ourselves, is the most complete we have ever offered. feb1-3m

SPRING OF 1859.
WM. H. BROWN & CO.,
No. 415 MARKET STREET,
Are now receiving an extensive and carefully selected Stock of
FOREIGN AND AMERICAN DRY GOODS,
To which they invite the attention of regular buyers.
feb1-3m

W. S. STEWART & CO.,
SILK JOBBERS,
05 MARKET STREET.
Constantly receiving
NEW GOODS
FROM AUCTION.
feb1-3m

PRICE, FERRIS, & CO.,
Importers of
WHITE GOODS,
LINENS,
LACES,
EMBROIDERIES, &c.,
LACE REMOVED
To their New Store,
No. 525 MARKET Street, below Sixth.
feb1-3m

JOSHUA L. BAILY,
IMPORTER AND JOBBER
OF
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
DRY GOODS,
No. 218 MARKET STREET.
NEW GOODS receiving every day for
feb1-3m CITY AND NEAR TRADE.

M'CLINTOCK, GRANT, & CO.,
Importers and Wholesale Dealers
IN
CLOTHS,
CASSIMERES,
VESTINGS, and
TAILORS' TRIMMINGS,
232 MARKET STREET
(UP STAIRS.)
feb1-3m Philadelphia.

JOHN H. BROWN & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
IN
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
DRY GOODS,
No. 307 MARKET STREET
North side, above Third Street,
feb1-3m PHILADELPHIA.

1859 SPRING IMPORTATIONS 1859
DALE, ROSS, & WITHERS,
521 MARKET Street, and 518 COMMERCE Street,
PHILADELPHIA,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
SILK AND FANCY GOODS,
Have now open a complete stock, to which they invite the attention of buyers. feb1-3m

Dry Goods Jobbers.

JAMES, KENT, SANTEE, & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, AND AMERICAN
DRY GOODS,
289 AND 241 NORTH THIRD STREET,
Above Race Street.
☞ Sole Agents for
MERRIMACK SECONDS
feb16 2m

FRYER SINGER, JACOB SINGER, WM. S. BAIRD, JNO. WIEST, D. B. HEVIN
RIEGEL, BAIRD, & CO.,
LATE SINGER, LAMB, & CO.
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
IN
DRY GOODS,
No. 47 NORTH THIRD STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.
OUR
SPRING STOCK
Is now complete in all its departments, and ready for Buyers. Prompt-paying merchants, from all parts of the Union, are respectfully solicited to call and examine for themselves. feb16 3m

ANSPACH, REED, & CO.,
WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
DRY GOODS,
No. 130 NORTH THIRD STREET,
(Southwest corner Third and Cherry sts.)
feb16 2m. PHILADELPHIA.

SPRING IMPORTATIONS, 1859.
SIBLEY, MOLTEN, & WOODRUFF,
326 MARKET STREET,
PHILADELPHIA,
Have now in store a complete and
SPLENDID STOCK
Of new and choice styles
DRESS SILKS, ROBES A LES,
ROBES DEUX VOLANTS IN BARGE,
GRENADINES, PARIS GRENADILES,
JACONET, &c., &c.
Also a full line BONNET RIBBONS, PARIS MITTS, KID GLOVES, &c.
SHAWLS all qualities, Round Corner, Square, Stella Borders; Paris and Chantilla Lace Mantillas, new and desirable shapes, &c., &c.
We would call the attention of buyers to our varied Stock, feeling confident that we can offer inducements that will prove satisfactory, as our stock embraces some of the most desirable goods now in market. feb16-1m

SPRING OF 1859.
JOHN B. ELLISON & SONS,
255 MARKET STREET,
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE JOBBERS OF
CLOTHS,
CASSIMERES, AND VESTINGS,
To which the attention of BUYERS is invited.
feb1-3m

SILKS AND FANCY GOODS.
ABBOTT, JONES, & CO.,
339 MARKET STREET
Are now prepared to offer a large
NEW AND ATTRACTIVE STOCK,
To which they ask
THE ATTENTION OF BUYERS.
feb1-2m

JAS. R. CAMPBELL & CO.,
Importers and Wholesale Dealers
IN
DRY GOODS,
LINENS,
WHITE GOODS,
CLOTHS,
CASSIMERES,
BLANKETS, &c.
No. 304 MARKET STREET.
feb1-2m

FITHIAN, JONES, & CO.,
WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
DRY GOODS,
240 MARKET STREET,
Four doors below Third, South side,
feb1-3m PHILADELPHIA.

Fancy Goods.

WM. D. GLENN,
NO. 26 SOUTH FOURTH STREET,
IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE DEALER IN
FANCY GOODS.
PERFUMERY,
BRUSHES,
COMBS,
DRUGGISTS' ARTICLES, &c.
Now in store, a very large and complete assortment for the
SPRING TRADE,
Including every saleable article in the line, and many novelties.
The attention of buyers is respectfully solicited. Prices as low as those of any house in the trade, either in this city or New York. feb1-2m

Provision Houses.

J. H. MICHENER & CO.,
WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
PROVISIONS,
And CURERS of
CHOICE MEATS,
No. 11 N. WATER St., and 954 and 956 N. FRONT St.
PHILADELPHIA.
MESS BEEF, PORK, LARD, and an assortment of PROVISIONS generally, including HAMS, TONGUES, and BEEF of our own curing, both City and Western, constantly on hand; quality guaranteed.
BUYERS are particularly invited to call and examine our stock. feb23-3m*

Saddlery Hardware.

WM. P. WILSTACH & CO.
IMPORTERS,
MANUFACTURERS,
AND DEALERS IN
SADDLERY HARDWARE,
CARRIAGE TRIMMINGS,
AND HARNESS MOUNTINGS,
No. 88 NORTH THIRD STREET,
Between Market and Arch,
PHILADELPHIA.
THE LARGEST STOCK IN THE CITY.
☞ Sign of THE GOLDEN STIRRUP. feb1-2m

Cabinet Ware.

THE LARGEST DESK DEPOT IN THE UNION.
HOGUET & HUTTON
(Successors to J. T. Hammitt,)
MANUFACTURERS OF
A. L. ADAMS' IMPROVED DESK RACK.
No. 249 South THIRD Street,
feb1 Philadelphia.

OFFICE, BANK, and SCHOOL FURNITURE;
EXTENSION TABLES, BOOKCASES,
WARDROBES, &c. d3-3m

CABINET FURNITURE AND BILLIARD TABLES.
MOORE & CAMPION,
No. 261 SOUTH SECOND STREET,
In connection with their extensive Cabinet Business, are now manufacturing a superior article of
BILLIARD TABLES,
and have now on hand a full supply, finished with MOORE & CAMPION'S IMPROVED CUSHIONS, which are pronounced by all who have used them to be superior to all others.
For the quality and finish of these Tables the manufacturers refer to their numerous patrons throughout the Union, who are familiar with the character of their work. ja14-6m

Millinery Goods.

1859 NEW 1859
STRAW GOODS HOUSE.
THOMPSON & JENKINS,
No. 528 MARKET STREET,
Invite the attention of buyers to their extensive stock of Ladies' Straw and Silk Bonnets, Misses' Flats and Bloomers; Men's, Boys', and Children's Hats; Artificial Flowers, Ruches, Trimmings, &c.
Being exclusively engaged in this branch of business, purchasers will find it to their interest to examine our stock before purchasing.
THOS. F. FRALEY, (formerly of Wilcock, Rogers, & Fraley,) now engaged with the above house, solicits from his friends an examination of the stock of Messrs. Thompson & Jenkins. feb16-2m

MILLINERY AND STRAW GOODS.
A MOST COMPLETE AND CHOICE ASSORTMENT
OF
RIBBONS of every description,
BONNET SILKS AND CRAPES,
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, RUCHES,
And other Millinery Goods.
ALSO OF
STRAW GOODS,
OF EVERY CONCEIVABLE VARIETY,
Is now open for examination by, and sale to, CASH AND PROMPT SHORT-TIME BUYERS, At a small advance upon first cost.
Those desirous of saving money in their purchases should give us an early call.
ROSENHEIM, BROOKS, & CO.,
431 MARKET STREET,
feb14-3m (Late of No. 33 South Second St.)

HATS, FURS,
STRAW GOODS,
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, RUCHES, &c.
HOOPES & DAVIS,
MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS
Nos. 19 and 21 South Fourth Street, (up stairs,)
PHILADELPHIA,
Have on hand an entirely new and complete stock of the above goods, laid in for CASH, to which the attention of buyers is invited.
CHAS. HALLOWELL, late of the firm of Chas. Hallowell & Co., long known to the trade, would be pleased to see his friends at the warerooms of Messrs. Hoopes & Davis. feb9-2m

JNO. G. FALCONER & CO.,
DEALERS IN
RIBBONS,
SILKS, AND MILLINERY GOODS,
No. 727 CHESTNUT STREET.
feb7-1m

STRAW AND MILLINERY GOODS.
Having removed from our old stand, 45 South Second street, to
725 CHESTNUT STREET,
BETWEEN SIXTH AND EIGHTH,
We are now prepared to exhibit to our numerous patrons a
COMPLETE STOCK
OF
STRAW HATS, BONNETS,
MISSES' and CHILDREN'S HATS,
BLOOMERS, CAPS, &c.,
FANCY AND CRAPE BONNETS,
FRENCH FLOWERS,
RIBBONS, LACES,
RUCHES, &c.
Embracing in all an assortment unequalled in this city, and we respectfully invite the attention of merchants to our Spring Stock.
Cash and short-time buyers will find it specially their interest to give us a call.
LINCOLN, WOOD, & NICHOLS.
feb9-3m

J. HILLBORN JONES,
Importer and Manufacturer
OF
SILK AND STRAW BONNETS,
LEGHORN and PANAMA HATS,
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, RUCHES, &c.
To which the attention of City and Country Dealers is invited.
NO. 433 MARKET ST.
Below FIFTH. feb1-3m

Boots and Shoes.

HENDRY & HARRIS,
MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
BOOTS AND SHOES,
N. W. COR. THIRD AND ARCH STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA. fe21-1m

WHELAN & CO.,
WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
BOOTS,
SHOES,
AND
STRAW GOODS.
No. 513 MARKET STREET.
fe21-3m

BOKER & BROTHERS,
WHOLESALE
BOOTS AND SHOES,
432 MARKET STREET,
UP STAIRS.
fe24-2m

BOOTS AND SHOES.
The Subscribers have completed their
SPRING STOCK
OF
BOOTS AND SHOES,
Which they are prepared to offer at the lowest prices, on their usual terms.
VAN DUSEN, SMITH, & CO.,
403 MARKET STREET,
feb16-2m Above Fourth, up stairs.

B. P. WILLIAMS & CO.,
WHOLESALE
BOOT AND SHOE
WAREHOUSE,
No. 18 SOUTH FOURTH STREET.
feb3-2m

JOS. H. THOMPSON & CO.,
WHOLESALE
BOOT AND SHOE
WAREHOUSE,
No. 314 MARKET STREET.
☞ A large and general assortment of Eastern and City-made Shoes constantly on hand. feb1-3m

SPRING STYLES, 1859.
J. & M. SAUNDERS,
WHOLESALE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS
OF
STRAW BONNETS AND HATS,
BOOTS, SHOES, &c., &c.
Being prepared to offer as great inducements to buyers as Jobbers in any other market, invite an examination of their stock.
No. 34 NORTH FOURTH STREET,
fe1-2m Near the Merchants' Hotel, Philadelphia.

LEVICK, RASIN, & CO.,
BOOT AND SHOE WAREHOUSE
AND
MANUFACTORY,
No. 525 MARKET STREET, Philadelphia.
We have now on hand an extensive stock of Boots and Shoes, of all descriptions, of our own and Eastern Manufacture, to which we invite the attention of Southern and Western buyers. feb1-3m

300 BBLS. PALE No. 1 ROSIN in store and for sale by G. O. RAN AMBINGE, JR., 104 North WHARVES.

ROBERT PALETHORP, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, 815 WALNUT Street, above Eighth, Philadelphia. fe23-3m

Shoe Findings.

LAING & MACINNIS,
No. 30 NORTH THIRD STREET,
Importers of, and Dealers in,
SHOE MANUFACTURERS' GOODS,
And all kinds of Shoe Tools.
UFFIELD'S PATENT BOOT TREES.
CRIMPING MACHINES.
LEATHER ROLLING MILLS.
SEWING MACHINE SILKS,
THREADS, and
NEEDLES.
ENGLISH, IRISH, and AMERICAN SHOE THREADS.
fe15-tmar12

SHOE FINDINGS.
ISAAC BARTON & CO.,
85 SOUTH SECOND STREET,
IMPORTERS OF AND DEALERS IN
FRENCH AND ENGLISH LASTINGS,
SILK AND UNION GALLOONS,
LACETS,
FRENCH KID, PATENT LEATHER,
ELASTICS, BOOT WEB,
LINEN SHEETINGS, DRILLINGS, &c., &c.
feb3-1m*

EDWIN W. PAYNE,
Importer and Dealer
IN
BOOT, SHOE, and GAITER MATERIALS,
Iron Building, N. W. corner ARCH and FOURTH Sts.
LASTINGS,
GALLOONS,
SHEETINGS,
FRENCH KID,
PATENT LEATHER,
CONGRESS WEB, TOILET SLIPPER UPPERS,
feb1-3m SHOE THREADS, LACES, ETC.

Fancy Dry Goods.

SPRING TRADE.
H. DUHRING & CO.,
Nos. 26 and 28 NORTH FOURTH STREET
Have just opened their recent
IMPORTATIONS
OF
ENGLISH AND GERMAN
HOSIERY,
GLOVES, AND SMALLWARES,
And solicit an inspection of their complete and well assorted stock,
ESPECIALLY ADAPTED TO
SOUTHERN AND SOUTHWESTERN TRADE.
febb-3m

BURNETT, SEXTON & SWEARINGEN
Are now opening at their Store,
No. 409 MARKET STREET,
Above Fourth, North Side,
A HANDSOME ASSORTMENT OF
NEW SPRING STYLES
OF
FANCY DRY GOODS,
OF THEIR OWN IMPORTATION
And selection, which they offer for sale to buyers from all parts of the United States, on the most liberal terms.
feb9-3m

McCAULEY, BROTHER, & BREWSTER,
28 NORTH FOURTH STREET,
Have just opened an entire
NEW SPRING STOCK
OF
HOSIERY, GLOVES, and FANCY GOODS,
To which they invite the attention of first-class buyers.
Our stock is particularly adapted to the
SOUTHERN TRADE.
fe1 2m

SCHAFFER & ROBERTS,
429 MARKET STREET,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
HOSIERY, GLOVES,
SMALL WARES, COMBS,
BRUSHES, LOOKING-GLASSES,
UMBRELLAS, and TRIMMINGS,
AND
TAILORS' TRIMMINGS.
fe1-3m

Umbrellas and Parasols.

SLEEPER & FENNER,
Wholesale Manufacturers
OF
UMBRELLAS AND PARASOLS,
336 MARKET STREET,
PHILADELPHIA,
Are now making more than one hundred and fifty different varieties of Umbrellas, of every size, from 22 to 40 inches.
Their assortment of PARASOLS is also very large, and for variety of design, styles, finish, and prices, exceeds that of any previous season.
Buyers who have not had S. & F.'s make of goods will find their time well spent in looking over their well-made stock, which includes MANY NOVELTIES, not to be met with elsewhere. feb1-3m

Dress Trimmings.

J. & A. KEMPER,
33 SOUTH FOURTH STREET,
Importers and Wholesale Dealers in
LADIES' DRESS TRIMMINGS,
Call the particular attention of the Trade to their splendid assortment of FRENCH POMPONNETTE, and AMERICAN FUSCHIA BALL TRIMMINGS, RING PENDANT BUTTONS, &c.
We are prepared to execute large orders for Silk and Marseilles Fringes, Tassels, Cords, Buttons, &c., at our own Factory. feb2-2m

WM. J. HORSTMANN & CO.,
723 CHESTNUT Street,
MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS
OF
LADIES' DRESS TRIMMINGS,
Are now prepared to offer to the TRADE a LARGE and ELEGANT assortment of LADIES' DRESS TRIMMINGS, suitable for the SPRING SEASON, to which they invite the attention of BUYERS.
MANUFACTORY, FIFTH AND CHERRY STREETS.
fe10-stuth 6t*

LEE & BEARE,
230 CHESTNUT STREET,
Are now offering their Spring Importations of
WHITE GOODS,
EMBROIDERIES,
LACE GOODS, &c.,
AT VERY LOW PRICES. feb23-10t

WM. J. HORSTMANN & CO.,
723 CHESTNUT Street,
MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS
OF
LADIES' DRESS TRIMMINGS,
Are now prepared to offer to the Trade a large and desirable assortment of LADIES' DRESS and MANTILLA TRIMMINGS, BELT RIBBONS, &c., &c.
And would call particular attention to
SILK FRINGES and TRIMMINGS,
Of their own Manufacture.
Also, SHETLAND WOOL, which they are now ready to supply in Large Quantities and at the lowest Market Price.
MANUFACTORY,
feb23-12t* FIFTH and CHERRY Streets.

Hardware.

MOORE, HENSZEY & CO.,
Nos. 427 MARKET, and 416 COMMERCE Streets.
PHILADELPHIA,
Keep constantly on hand a large stock
OF
HARDWARE,
CUTLERY, GUNS, &c.,
Which are offered to BUYERS on Liberal Terms.
feb23-3m

TRUITT BROTHER & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
HARDWARE,
CUTLERY,
GUNS,
PISTOLS, &c.,
529 MARKET STREET, 529
BELOW SIXTH, NORTH SIDE,
PHILADELPHIA. fe21-3m

Money.

COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELLING CREDITS available in all parts of the world, opened with the house of Messrs. GEORGE PEABODY & CO., of London. Apply to
GAW, MACALESTER, & CO.,
fe2-tf 816 WALNUT Street.

The Press.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1859.

Mr. Broderick in California.

LETTER FROM ONE OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED MEN OF CALIFORNIA.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

SACRAMENTO CITY, (Cal.,) Feb. 3, 1859.

DEAR SIR: To-day has been consummated, by the Legislature of this State, the most glaring and unheard-of iniquity. In accordance with orders issued from the Federal Capital, resolutions denuncing the Hon. D. C. Broderick for voting against the admission of Kansas as a State into the Union, under a Constitution repudiated by her people, has, under the gag of the previous question, been forced through the Legislature.

The pretended ground-work of the resolutions, as embodied in them, is, that the Legislature of 1858 instructed Mr. Broderick to vote to admit Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution, and that he, having refused to obey the instructions, was no Democrat, and deserving of the censure of the high and honorable (?) men composing the present Legislature. The resolutions bear an untruth on their face. Mr. Broderick did not receive his instructions until after he had cast his vote against the Lecompton iniquity, and; consequently, never disobeyed them.

This exposure of the baseness of the hounds of the Administration, in charging upon Mr. Broderick an offence he had never been guilty of, did not disturb their determination to vent their spleen upon him, and, whipped on by Federal officials, they barked and bayed as though what they said was a virtue, and would give them position and standing with "our worthy Chief Magistrate."

The contest in the Lecompton caucus over the resolutions is reported to have been fierce, and that finally, after a hard-fought battle, and with all the aid of Federal influences that could be brought to bear, they passed by one majority. Since the passage of the resolutions through the Legislature under the gag, numbers of those who voted for the resolutions openly express their regrets and indignation that they had been so imposed upon by those who prepared the resolutions, and forced them, by whip and spur, to support them.

Threats of excommunication from the party, of executive displeasure, of removal of friends from office, were the arguments used to convince the recreatory; with a few hints of suspicions of Republicanism, well directed to Northern men, who are anxious to be held as sound on the "nigger question," did this work; which, it is supposed, will place each and every one of them high in the estimation of "the President."

You recollect, doubtless, the letter of Senator Gwin, in which he thanks Senator Broderick, for having re-elected him to the United States Senate; and in which he admits that, but for the influence of Mr. B. and his friends, he would have been repudiated by the Legislature of 1856. Notwithstanding all this, the friends of Gwin were the most active in urging through the resolutions.

In the Senate twenty-two votes were cast for the resolutions; of this number *fifteen* are Southern men, and seven "Northern doughfaces." This may seem strange to you, that the South should be unanimous on the question; but it is not so. They have good reasons for it. In 1851 a conspiracy was formed, for the purpose of making California a Slave State. The plan was to call a Convention, frame a Constitution adopting slavery, the Convention adjourn, &c.—the same *trick* as attempted in Kansas, and which Mr. Buchanan not only approved and sanctioned, but congratulates himself upon as the most glorious act of his life.

Mr. Broderick penetrated the scheme of reducing California to slavery, and, being in the State Senate, with one blow demolished all their plans, exposed to the people their designs, and amended the Constitution, requiring a Convention, when called to frame a Constitution, to submit it to the people for ratification or rejection, thus saving this fair land for free white "mud-sills" for all time, and establishing in California the principle of popular sovereignty!

With one or two exceptions, the entire press of the State condemns this vicious movement, and almost every man, woman, and child in the State are with Broderick, and although by the use or abuse of Federal patronage, by frauds and misrepresentation, the enemies of Democracy achieved a triumph last fall, the idea of November next will show that the people, who now understand the questions at issue, are true to themselves and their champions.

A war is waging now most fiercely between the Federal officials and the State Administration. Whether this war was declared at Washington or not we have not yet learned. Certain it is, the "Custom House" party are determined to destroy John B Weller. Bills have been introduced to repeal all laws which confer upon the Governor the power to fill certain offices, and as the Custom House has a majority against Weller in both branches, they will carry their point. We have no sympathy for Weller. He was at first an ardent Douglas man, but when he found that his brother would be removed from the post office at San Francisco, he wheeled into line and became a strong Administration man.

To show the honesty and fairness of our Legislature in the resolutions concerning Broderick, I will simply refer to the resolution passed last winter instructing our Senators to oppose by all means the renewal of the contract to transport the United States mails with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. In the face of those resolutions of instructions, Mr. Gwin has introduced a bill into the Senate of the United States, authorizing a contract to be made with that company to carry the mails to California once per month, or every twenty-four days, for the consideration of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars per annum. The Legislature is acquainted with all these facts, and yet not one word of censure is heard, although it is a known and acknowledged fact that the mail steamship company is, and always has been, a great drawback on the prosperity of the State.

But enough of these disgusting details of a California Lecompton Legislature. We rejoice to hear of Douglas's increasing popularity and strength. The people will honor those who serve them faithfully and honestly. California is for Douglas to-day, and will be Douglas all over in 1860.

Yours, &c.,

Magazines for March.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—Messrs. Peterson & Brothers have handed us the March number. The leading article, from the pen, pencil, and graver of Mr. Benson Lossing, relates to "Mount Vernon as it is," and contains over thirty finely-executed wood engravings. There are many other illustrated papers, but this beats them all. "Vasco Nunez de Balboa," is also worthy of special notice, as a historical picture, graphically drawn. "The Virginians," are not equal to the former sample. The chapter in which George Warrington reads his tragedy is excessively dull. The Editor's Table, Easy Chair, and Drawer are even better than usual. The heavy writer, who supplies didactic articles, by way of ballast, proves, very coolly, on the subject of "Single Life among us." The rhapsody, in imitation of Edgar A. Poe and William North, entitled "What was it?—A Mystery," is at once inflated and wordy; the most stupid paper of the month. By the way, we have counted the number of engravings in *Harper* this month, and find them 120. These, set in 120 octavo pages of letter-press, for *fifteen* cents. What *can* be cheaper?

EECTIC MAGAZINE.—The new number, for March, merits being called an Imperial Number, for it is enriched with the portraits of two Empresses, engraved by John Sartain. The first is Maria Theresa, Empress of Austria, in council with Prince Kaunitz, her prime minister. The other is the Empress Eugenie, of France, from the famous picture by Winterhalter. These illustrations are of a very superior class—from the beauty of their execution and also from their authenticity. The letter-press contains twenty-seven articles, mostly from British periodicals. The selection has been judiciously made, and we notice, with satisfaction, that Mr. Bidwell, the accomplished editor, has had the good sense to make his extracts almost wholly from periodicals less known in this country than the four Reviews and *Blackwood* republished here. The result is greater freshness and variety. We learn that an Index of the whole forty-five volumes of the *Eclectic*, for fifteen years, has been prepared, with copiousness, minuteness, and accuracy, and will speedily be published. Zieber, of South Third street, is agent for the *Eclectic*.

MYSTERIOUS VAULT.—A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* at Jackson, Ohio, gives an account of a subterranean vault discovered there, in which the air was so impure that it was impossible for any one to go down into it. By means of a rake, human bones of gigantic size have been raised, and a small chain of silver, with coins attached to each end. The coins, though much defaced by time, have the appearance of those in use among the Romans in the days of Cicero Africanus, though there were evident traces of hieroglyphic devices that cannot be deciphered.

FOUR MEN TO BE HUNG.—Peter Corrie, convicted of murder, in Baltimore, will be hung at the same time, and on the same gallows, with Gambrill, Cropps, and Stephens.

The Tragedy in Washington City.

[From the New York Times, of yesterday.]

The vulgar monotony of partisan passions and political squabbles has been terribly broken in upon to-day by an outburst of personal revenge, which has filled the city with horror and consternation—I cannot unfortunately add, with absolute surprise.

At quarter past two o'clock to-day, Mr. Philip Barton Key, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, was talking with Mr. Butterworth, of New York, at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Sixteenth street, near the north entrance to the Executive Mansion, and some twenty yards from the club-house on President's square, when he was accosted by the Hon. D. E. Sickles, of New York. Mr. Sickles charged Mr. Key with destroying the honor of his wife and his own happiness, and, drawing a revolver, instantly shot him down. One ball, entering in at the left side, passed completely through the body of Mr. Key; a second was lodged in his thigh, and a third, glancing, inflicted a slight bruise. Mr. Key fell, imploring Mr. Sickles not to kill him, and died in a very few minutes.

For months past the social world of Washington, always as quick to relish the details of private scandal as it is lax in its judgments of those by whom such scandal may be caused, has been busy with the names of Mrs. Sickles and of Mr. Key. Their intimacy was of that marked and peculiar kind which may perfectly well consist in the innocence of any absolute guilt—since, while it was open to public observation, it was hardly concealed from Mr. Sickles himself, who having married his wife, Miss Bagioli, of New York, in her early youth, had always treated her with extreme kindness and tenderness, and doubtless looked upon her relations with Mr. Key as the mere expression of a girlish love of admiration, and of a vanity delighting in the sense of power over a man of fine presence, graceful address, and a certain local renown in the District for high spirit, resolution, and gallantry.

During the whole of the last session of Congress the tall figure of Mr. Key was constantly to be seen in President's-square, opposite Mr. Sickles's Washington residence; and Mrs. Sickles was as constantly in his company at all places of public entertainment. In the interval of the Congressional recess, Mr. Key made a short visit to New York, still without exciting any absolute suspicion of positive impropriety in the mind of Mr. Sickles; although other friends of the unhappy lady, and among them her mother, repeatedly warned her of the fatal precipice on the brink of which she was permitting herself to trifle. It was hoped that the affair would come to an end of itself, and that once or both of the parties most nearly implicated would perceive the real drift of their conduct in time to avoid its almost inevitable consequences.

But on the reassembling of Congress, and the return of Mrs. Sickles to Washington, Mr. Key's attentions, and the scandal consequent upon them, were received with greater ardor than before. Mr. Key was a particularly noticeable man in point of personal appearance; tall, well-formed, a much more athletic man than Mr. Sickles, and especially fond of exercise on horseback. He rode an iron-gray horse; and scarcely a day has passed since the return of Mrs. Sickles to the capital, on which his tall figure, his white riding-cap, well-trimmed moustache, and iron grey horse, might not have been seen two or three times in the course of the morning on the circuit of President's square, or at the door of Mr. Sickles's house, which stands quite alone on the north side of the square, and is a very conspicuous building of white stucco. It was but on Tuesday last, (so swift and fearful a dream does the whole story seem,) that, on visiting Mrs. Sickles, Tuesday being her day of reception, I found Mr. Key there, his horse waiting for him at the door. The rooms were filled with a pleasant company; the soft spring sunlight poured in at the open windows; and Mrs. Sickles herself, in her almost girlish beauty, wearing a bouquet of *evonemus*, the first-lings of the year, seemed the very incarnation of spring and youth, and the beautiful promise of life. What is the twilight; what the house that then was the synonym of hospitality, the most frank, and generous, and easy!

In the early part of the week before last, Mr. Sickles went on to New York. During his absence, the busy spies of society observed that the attendance of Mr. Key at his house was even more unremitting than usual. Mr. Sickles returned to Washington on the morning of the day of the Napoleon ball, and from that time up to Friday last, nothing occurred to make the matter of his wife's relations with Mr. Key more than ordinarily prominent in his mind. So far was he from manifesting anything like inordinate or tyrannical suspicion, that he allowed Mr. Key to escort Mrs. Sickles as usual on Pennsylvania avenue, and I saw them, in company with Mr. Henry Wikoff, at the theatre on Wednesday night. On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Sickles entertained a large party at dinner. Over that gay and brilliant company how near and fearful a doom impended!

On the next day (the day before yesterday) Mr. Sickles received from some enemy of mankind an anonymous letter, stating with precision so minute as to make suspicion imperative, that Mr. Key had rented a house on Fifteenth street, above K street, from a negro woman, and that he was in the habit of spending two or three days in a week there with Broderick, and although by the time of the interview specified. Accompanied by a friend, Mr. Sickles went to the house designated and found every statement of the anonymous writer corroborated. Mr. Key had taken the house; and he had constantly met there a lady answering very closely in description to Mrs. Sickles.

Mr. Sickles still clung to the hope that the person who had stooped to the baseness of making such charges under the veil of secrecy, might have thoroughly deceived him, and that Mrs. Sickles was not the lady in question. He accordingly requested his friend, Mr. George Wooldridge, of New York, to watch the place from the window of a house just opposite.

On Saturday no meeting took place, and the woman in charge seems to have stated that none had occurred since Wednesday.

On Saturday evening, Mr. Sickles, resolved no longer to play the spy upon his honor, determined to confront his wife directly with his terrible suspicions. At first Mrs. Sickles strongly denied her guilt; but on her husband's asking her whether on the Wednesday previous she had not entered the house on Fifteenth street, in a certain particular dress, and concealed by a hood, she cried out, "*I am betrayed! and lost!*" and swooned away. On recovering her senses, she admitted her guilt, and besought mercy and pardon. Mr. Sickles calmly said he would not injure her, since he believed her the victim of a scoundrel, but that he had a right to a full confession. Two ladies in the house were sent for as witnesses, and in their presence Mrs. Sickles *made a full confession in writing*, stating that her connection with Mr. Key had commenced in April last, under Mr. Sickles's roof, but that Mr. Key had since hired the house in Fifteenth street, in which they had constantly met. Mrs Sickles's confession was made in the midst of the bitterest contrition and misery. Her husband simply asked her to give him back her wedding-ring, and desired her to write to her mother to come and take her from his house forever. Mrs Sickles made no objections, admitting the justice of her punishment in the most affecting language. Her mother will arrive to-morrow to remove her from this fearful scene of guilt, remorse, and blood.

Once having quitted the presence of his wife, Mr. Sickles gave way to the most terrible emotion, and passed the night in a state bordering on distraction—a feeling which was worked into madness this morning on seeing the cause of his misery, Mr. Key, with easy audacity pass opposite the window of his wife's room and wave his handkerchief—the usual signal for assignation.

Asking Mr. Butterworth, who was at his house, to follow Key and engage him in conversation, so that he would not get out of sight, he rushed up stairs for his pistols, and quickly following, found Butterworth and Key together, at the corner of Sixteenth street, when the tragedy took place.

On coming up Sickles walked directly to Key, and said, "You have dishonored my bed and family, you scoundrel—prepare to die!"—at the same time drawing his pistol. Almost simultaneously Key placed his hand inside his vest, and drawing what appeared to be a pistol, but what was really an opera-glass, said, "You had better not shoot!"

Sickles at once fired, Key at the same time throwing his glass at him. This shot only grazed Key, slightly raising the skin of his side, and he immediately leaped behind a tree to avoid another shot. Sickles followed, and Key, catching his arm, endeavored to prevent him from firing, but Sickles disengaged himself, and firing again, shot Key in the upper part of the right thigh, close to the main artery.

Falling on his hip and supporting himself with his hand, he cried, "Murder! don't shoot!" Sickles still following, fired again, with his pistol close to Key, the ball passing through his body below the breast.

In the meantime the report of the pistol and Key's cries startled the people in the neighborhood. Mr. Thomas Martin, a clerk in the Treasury Department, who happened at the moment to be leaving the club, rushed back and calling out, "Key is murdered!" Mr. Doyle, Mr. Upshur, and Mr. Tisball, who were in the club at the time, proceeded hastily to the spot, when they found Mr. Sickles standing over the body of Mr. Key, with his pistol presented at his head, and which he tried twice to discharge, but which snapped both times,