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THEY INVITE THE ATTENTION OF BUYERS.
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Has finished and for sale a full assortment of all the most modish styles of
CARRIAGES.
Also, a quantity of desirable SECOND HAND CARRIAGES, that have been but very little used, which will be sold low. m4?21-3m

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CARRIAGE REPOSITORY,
Nos. 1217, 1219, and 1221
CHESTNUT STREET.
mar24-3m

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OF THE MANUFACTURE OF
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REPOSITORY,
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PHILADELPHIA,
Keep constantly on hand a large stock of
HARDWARE,
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Which are offered to BUYERS on Liberal Terms.
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IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
HARDWARE,
CUTLERY, GUNS, PISTOLS, &c.
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FANCY GOODS,
PERFUMERY,
BRUSHES,
COMBS,
DAGUERREAN ARTICLES, &c.
Now in store, a very large and complete assortment for the
SPRING TRADE,
Including every variety of articles in his 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. fs1-3m

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MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
HATS, CAPS, FURS,
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AND
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, FEATHERS, BUCKLES, &c., &c.
No. 640 MARKET and 623 MINOR STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.
WITH THEIR USUAL STOCK, PRICES, AND TERMS.
fs21-3m

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AGARD & CO.,
116 MARKET STREET,
Have the honor to inform their friends and the public that they have just received a large and complete stock of
HATS, CAPS, STRAW GOODS, &c.,
Which they offer on terms to be very much under the prevailing prices. fs18-3m

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McCALLUM & CO.,
CARPET MANUFACTURERS,
GLEN ECHO MILLS, GERMANTOWN.
ALSO,
IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN
CARPETING, ... OIL CLOTHS,
MATTINGS,
RUGS, &c.
WAREHOUSE, 500 CHESTNUT STREET,
OPPOSITE THE STATE HOUSE.
We have now on hand an extensive stock of Carpeting, of our own and other makes, to which we invite the attention of Western and Southern buyers. fs4?-3m

CARPETINGS.
SOLE AGENCY IN THIS CITY
OF THE
AUBURN THREE-PLYS,
SUPERFINES,
AND VENETIANS,
MANUFACTURED BY
JOSIAH BARBER,
With all grades of WOOL, WOOL AND COTTON, and ALL COTTON INGRAINS.
ATWOOD, HALSTON, & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS' AGENTS,
fs31-3m 508 MARKET STREET.

BLABON & SMITH,
MANUFACTURERS OF
OIL CLOTHS,
146 NORTH THIRD STREET,
Offer to the trade a large stock of OIL CLOTHS of every description, the largest assortment of
WINDOW SHADES, and
BUFF HOLLANDS,
In the market, at
LOW PRICES,
AND
FAVORABLE TERMS.
GREEN GLAZED OIL CLOTH, a beautiful article for Window Shades. fs12-2m

RIDGWAY, HEUSSNER, & CO.,
Importers of WOOLLENS,
Are receiving full supplies of
SUPERIOR CLOTHS,
DOESKINS, ... TWILLS,
FANCY CASSIMERES, etc.
From the following celebrated manufacturers—
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ZAMBONA BROTHERS.
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fs24-3m 105 CHESTNUT Street.

CARPETINGS.
OIL CLOTHS, AND MATTINGS,
WOLFE, WILSON, & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 132 CHESTNUT STREET,
Agents for
TAPESTRY, VELVET,
BRUSSELS, THREE-PLY,
INGRAIN,
VENETIAN, HEMP, DUTCH,
COTTON, LIST, AND RAG
CARPETS.
Which we are receiving daily from the Manufacturers, and are prepared to offer the Trade on liberal terms.
Having the Agency for some of the best and most fashionable goods, we can offer inducements not heretofore to be had in Philadelphia. All goods sold at Manufacturer's prices. Orders carefully attended to.
☞ Also, Agents for Black and White Wadding, a large supply of which we have constantly on hand.
fs9-1m

FARRELL & MORRIS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND DEALERS IN
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS,
CLOTHS, DOESKINS, &c.
212 CHESTNUT STREET,
fs9-3m Philadelphia.

Fancy Dry Goods.

15. J. T. PIGGOTT, 15.
IMPORTER AND JOBBER OF
LACES, BIBBONS, EMBROIDERIES,
HOSIERY, GLOVES, WHITE GOODS, &c., &c.
HAS REMOVED TO
No. 15 NORTH FOURTH STREET,
Has a full line of the above Goods. Also, receiving daily, JOBS from Auction, to which Cash and Short-time Buyers are invited. mar4-3m

SPRING TRADE.
H. DURBING & 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-selected stock, which they assorted
ESPECIALLY ADAPTED TO
SOUTHERN AND SOUTHWESTERN TRADE.
fs9-3m

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 selected, which they offer for sale to buyers from all parts of the United States, on the most liberal terms.
fs9-3m

McCAULEY, BROTHER, & BREWSTER,
23 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.
fs1-2m

SCHAFFER & ROBERTS,
108 MARKET STREET,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
HOSIERY, GLOVES,
SMALL WARES, COMBS,
BRUSHES, LOOKING-GLASSES,
GERMAN AND FRENCH FANCY GOODS,
AND
TAILORS' TRIMMINGS.
fs1-3m

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THE OLD-ESTABLISHED AND
UNRIVALLED
HOUSE-FURNISHING ESTABLISHMENT,
JOHN A. MURPHEY & CO.,
522 CHESTNUT STREET.
Housekeepers, and those about commencing housekeeping, will find at our store the largest assortment of useful articles in the city. mar14-m&w-tf

NEW HOUSE-FURNISHING STORE,
NO. 1020 CHESTNUT ST.,
(OPPOSITE THE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS.)
The subscriber will this day open with a VERY DESIRABLE ASSORTMENT OF GOODS, CONSISTING OF
TABLE CUTLERY,
OVAL WAITERS,
WOODEN WARE,
TEAS, PLANISHED, and JAPANNED TIN-WARE,
And such articles in general as are usually to be found in a
FIRST-CLASS
HOUSE-FURNISHING
STORE,
All of which will be offered at reasonable prices.
WILLIAM YARNALL,
(Late of the firm of MURPHY & YARNALL.)
mar7-m&w-3m

Retail Dry Goods.

THOS. W. EVANS & CO.
HAVE NOW OPEN
FOR THE INSPECTION OF their CUSTOMERS
THE LARGEST AND HANDSOMEST
ASSORTMENT OF
SPRING GOODS
EMBRACING
THEY HAVE EVER OFFERED,
SILK ROBES,
TWO-FLOUNCED DO.,
ROBES A LES,
CHENE SILKS,
Do. BAYADERES,
PLAID, STRIPED, &c.,
WITH
ALL THE NEWEST STYLES
IMPORTED THIS SEASON.
ORGANDIES,
Do. ROBES,
ARGENTINES,
NEW STYLE TISSUE ROBES,
BAREGE ROBES,
BAREGES,
GRENADINES,
CHALLIES, &c.,
EMBROIDERIES, LACES, GLOVES,
MITTS, VEILS,
PARASOLS, UMBRELLAS, &c., &c.
REAL THREAD POINTS.
CAMEL'S HAIR SHAWLS,
A
BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT
NOW OPEN
AT
THOS. W. EVANS & CO.'S
818 and 820 CHESTNUT STREET.
mar23-3t

SPRING
CLOAKS
AND
MANTILLAS
OPENING
AT THE
PARIS
MANTILLA EMPORIUM,
708 CHESTNUT STREET,
ON
TUESDAY, March 22.
J. W. PROCTOR & CO.
mar22-tf

BLACK LYONS SILKS.
SHARPLESS BROTHERS have received, by recent arrivals, a complete variety of the best manufactures of LYONS, BLACK TAFFETA, of rich and glossy texture, as well as Black PO DE SOIES, GROS-GRAINS and ARMURES.
ALSO—SWISS GROS DA RHINES, in all widths and qualities, of approved makes, which are offered with great confidence, as regards price and the wear of the fabrics.
BAYADERES; STRIPED AND WATERED BLACK SILKS; DOUBLE-FLOUNCED BLACK SILK ROBES.
SHARPLESS BROTHERS,
mh26 CHESTNUT and EIGHTH Streets.

WIDE BAREGES AND MERINOES.
7-4 and 8-4 colored—White and Black—for Shawls and Mantles.
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mh26 CHESTNUT and EIGHTH Streets.

CORDS, TWINES, &c., manufactured and for sale by WEAVER, FITLER, & CO., No. 22 N. WATER St. and 23 North WHARVES. mh21

Millinery Goods.

431 MARKET STREET. 431
We are offering for sale,
AT A SMALL ADVANCE UPON COST,
A most extensive and complete assortment of
RIBBONS of every description,
BONNET MATERIALS, in Silk and Crape,
FRENCH and AMERICAN FLOWERS,
RUCHES, TARLATANS,
BLOND LACES,
And other Millinery Goods.
ALSO OF
STRAW GOODS,
Comprising every possible variety in BONNETS, BLOOMERS, HATS, MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S HATS, SHAKER HOODS, and TRIMMINGS.
Call and judge.
ROSENHEIM, BROOKS, & CO.,
431 MARKET STREET,
feb14-3m (Formerly No. 33 South Second St.)

METROPOLITAN RIBBON HOUSE.
RIBBONS, RIBBONS, RIBBONS,
AND
MILLINERY GOODS,
Of every description. CRAPES, BONNET SILKS, FRENCH FLOWERS and SPRIGS, RUCHES, &c., &c.
J. C. & W. E. TABER,
No. 25 South SECOND Street,
PHILADELPHIA. mh1-2m

1859 MILLINERY 1859
AND
STRAW GOODS.
New and complete assortment of
SILKS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS,
CRAPES, RUCHES, LACES,
And every other article in that line.
ALSO,
STRAW BONNETS
AND
STRAW TRIMMINGS,
Embracing in all an assortment unequalled in this city, and to which we invite the attention of buyers. Those purchasing for cash, or on short time, will do well to give us a call before selecting elsewhere.
M. BERNHEIM & CO.,
fe24-2m No. 21 SOUTH SECOND STREET.

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. feb15-3m

NEW STRAW GOODS.
A complete and choice assortment of
BONNETS, HATS,
FLATS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, RUCHES, &c.
Now open at the
NORTHEAST CORNER OF MARKET AND SIXTH STREETS,
Which will be sold at a small advance on first cost.
GEO. H. ROGERS, Agent.
mar16-12t

A GOOD ASSORTMENT
OF
STRAW GOODS,
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, RUCHES, AND STRAW TRIMMINGS,
Of every variety, are now open, and for sale, at a small advance upon first cost, for cash, at
H. WARD'S,
Nos. 103, 105, and 107
NORTH SECOND STREET,
mar10-2m Above Arch, East side.

MILLINERY, STRAW GOODS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, SILKS, RUCHES, &c., are now open and for sale, at very low prices for cash and short-time buyers.
STRAUS, LIPPERS, & CO'S,
31 South SECOND Street,
mh18-1m* Between Market and Chestnut.

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

NOW OPEN
AT
THOS. W. EVANS & CO.'S
818 and 820 CHESTNUT STREET.
mar23-3t

STRAW AND MILLINERY GOODS.
Having removed from our old stand, 45 South Second street, to
725 CHESTNUT STREET,
BETWEEN SEVENTH 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 solicited.
NO. 432 MARKET ST.,
Below FIFTH fs9-3m

STRAW AND MILLINERY GOODS.
I. S. CUSTER,
MANUFACTURER AND WHOLESALE DEALER IN
STRAW HATS
AND
MILLINERY GOODS,
607 NORTH SECOND STREET,
PHILADELPHIA. fe21-2m*

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. fe23-3m*

REMOVAL.
HANCOCK & CO.,
MEN'S FURNISHING STORE and MANUFACTORY
OF THE CELEBRATED HABIT SHIRTS,
HAVE REMOVED TO
No. 1026 CHESTNUT STREET.
mar4-2m

The Press.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1859.

The Atlantic Telegraph Once More.

It must be confessed that, for a long time, we have been shamefully neglectful of our retiring friend, the Atlantic Telegraph. After all the noise that was made about it, last Fall, and, more especially, after the remarkable manner in which, following the example of New York, which went off, about it, at half cock, we had that affecting holiday of our own, on the memorable First of September, it does seem rather careless, if not ungrateful, to have been so silent on this subject, as we have lately been. Ungrateful, because we have had our own fun out of the failure, and even unkind—for we should have had more humanity than to abandon even an acquaintance, in his downfall and distress.

When last we alluded to the Atlantic Telegraph, that remarkable individual De Sauty, whose name is familiar to all, from Cape May to Frazer's River, from the whales on Baffin's Bay to the giants on Terra del Fuego—the mysterious De Sauty, whom all have heard of, while nobody seems to have laid eyes upon him—that human sea serpent, whose existence is believed in, without his ever showing himself—that man of science, who used to sit in a little wooden box at the head of Trinity Bay, with one foot upon the extremity of the Cable—even he sometimes gave symptoms of vitality, by sending telegraph messages down to Cyrus Field, in New York, pithily communicating that he had nothing to communicate. Pleasant information!—no doubt, to those who hold by the old adage that no news is good news.

Then, as De Sauty was doing nothing, at his end of the Cable, the sagacious Directors, at the other end, in Valentia, in the southwest of Ireland, sent another scientific young gentleman, all across the Atlantic, for the express purpose of bearing him company, reminding one of the old dialogue: "What have you been doing, Susy?" "Nothing, mother." While her cousin, a dashing young sailor, on being asked the same question, frankly answered, "Helping Susy." Just so with the Valentia gentleman sent out to help De Sauty, who was doing nothing.

Next came a report that Mr. Henley, a great electrician, had arrived at Halifax, with a double-barrelled apparatus, which, if once got safely into the little wooden hut, at Trinity Bay, would put a tongue into the Atlantic Cable, and compel it to speak. We have received no intimation of his having yet coerced or coaxed the Cable into utterance. All we know is that Mr. Henley is believed to have reached Trinity Bay, some time ago, and it was also reported that De Sauty, accompanied by his Valentia comrade, had returned to Europe immediately after.

Mr. Henley is said to have quitted Valentia, with a fixed idea that there was utterance in the Cable, which could and must be forced out of it. He had heard, we suppose, of the old saying that the bird which could sing and would not sing, must be made sing. Had he succeeded, perhaps we should have had the Cable spreading itself considerably, by the simultaneous delivery of a great many pent-up and undelivered messages which had been confided to it during the many months of its suspended animation. That there is classical precedent for such an avalanche of communication will be evident to those who are familiar with the veritable adventures of Monsieur De Crac, *alias* Baron Munchausen, who, when he had blown himself out of his trumpet delivered itself of a great number of tunes which his courier had vainly blown into it, during a spell of very cold weather—so cold, that it literally froze up all the melodies in question.

It is said that Mr. Henley relied upon an electrical apparatus of greater power than had ever before been applied to the purposes of telegraphic communication. We believe that each successive experiment with such powerful instruments could have only one result—namely, to extend the flaw which confessedly exists in the Cable, and destroy, by a series of galvanic attacks, the gutta-percha which encircles, with the view of isolating, the wire of communication which runs through the cable, like a core. Our reason for having formed this belief is that, some months ago, we took a portion of the cable to the factory of Cornelius & Baker, in this city, where a galvanic battery of very great power is in ordinary use for the purposes of their manufactures, and kindly complying with our request, one of the intelligent operators, there, sending an electric current of great force through the Cable, actually *melted the gutta percha by which the wire was surrounded.* The same process, frequently repeated, had invariably the same results, and had a greater electric power been employed, the copper wire itself would have been fused—for we saw a steel file fused, while under water, by the same process, on a subsequent occasion. Therefore, if Mr. Henley *has* used his mammoth battery, nothing is more probable than that he has irretrievably spoiled the Cable, instead of mending it.

The Directors of the Atlantic Telegraph Company, at their last general meeting, in London, last month, reported that "the cable remains in precisely the same state as described in the last report, and, for the reasons therein explained, no attempt can at present be made towards raising and mechanically repairing it," and added the expression of a vague hope "that, at the proper time, a judicious effort, seconded by a reasonable period of calm weather, may even yet terminate in bringing the existing cable into working order." They frankly confessed, though their Chairman, that the cable which was laid down last autumn "was not well adapted for the purposes for which it was intended." He owned, also, that the Company had not funds sufficient to raise, with a hope of repairing, the old cable, or to buy a new one, constructed upon better principles.

Therefore, resolved not to give up the ship, the Company have a bill now before Parliament, for raising new capital to the amount of $3,000,000. The British Government declines again to give the Company an unconditional guarantee, but are willing to guarantee eight per cent. for twenty-five years, on condition that this be paid only while the Atlantic Telegraph is in actual working order. The old capital was raised in $5,000 shares. The new capital will be distributed in shares of $5 to $10 each, so as to allow the public at large to be taken in. The sanguine Chairman concluded by saying that, including all past expenditures and all future charges, (that is for the old Cable and the new,) the sum expended would amount to about £1,021,000, and the receipts to £140,850 a year, which would return a dividend of ten per cent. on the entire capital, including the old shares. So, at present, rests the Atlantic Cable.

Perhaps we should more correctly say, so at present rests *that* Cable. There was some discussion, last autumn, about the feasibility of having an Atlantic Telegraph from some westwardly part of France, Portugal, or Spain, so as to render Continental Europe independent of England, which, with one terminus in Ireland, and the other in Newfoundland, may monopolize or control the communication between the Old and New World at will. With the Azores as a mid-Ocean station, the Cable might be more successful, perhaps, than it has been by running it from Valentia to Trinity Bay.

Even while correcting "the proof" of this article, we notice a telegraphic report from Canada, that "a bill has been introduced in the Legislative Assembly to incorporate the Transatlantic Telegraph Company. It provides for a line from Quebec via Labrador, with a capital of a million, with the privilege of increasing it to five millions; the line to be commenced within one year and completed to Labrador within three years." Labrador is somewhat north of Newfoundland, but we do not see what advantage can be gained by making a cable terminus there.

GENERAL NEWS.

Last week a New York house was advised, from Chicago, that a package marked $2,000 had been lost, and instructing the house to send on proof that it contained the amount, and that the express company would pay it. On referring to their books they found that the package contained $3,300, and that in consequence there would be a loss of $1,300. A visit to the office of the express company, was made by one of the firm who, informed the company that he had also an interest in the package over its marked value, and that he was about to start with a detective for Chicago, and look into the loss of the parcel. On this determination on his part, the express company informed him there was no necessity for this course, as they had his package and two others since received, and had broken the seals, and now held them in their possession. The company offer to return the package, provided the house gives a list of the amounts sent by this express for the last two years, and pays up the extra insurance by risks they did not take. It is time that such a serious question as this, involving as it does the largest interest, was settled. The question whether or not any carrier has a right to break the seal of packages entrusted to his care and detain them because they differ in value from the amount for which they have been insured, cannot be determined too soon. And the other question connected with the same case, whether a banker has a right to claim $3,300, when he holds the receipt of the express company for only $2,000, equally demands a legal decision.

Sound Sense in Illinois.—The vigilance committee recently formed in Pike county, Illinois, for the suppression of gangs of ruffians who have made free with other people's property, seems to have made some important discoveries. A correspondent of the Chicago *Press and Tribune* says: "The amount of iniquity at once developed was astounding. One person was shot in the act of stealing a horse, and a large quantity of counterfeit money found on his person. Another was caught on a stolen horse, and, refusing to testify as desired—his mother urging him to reveal nothing, and saying they would not hang him till hell froze over—was found dead! Persons whose property counts by scores of thousands, acquired with great rapidity, and many who were not suspected, are found to belong to the gang. Some thirty of forty horses have been found, and restored to their owners, and an amount of villainy traced to its authors sufficient to fill a prison."

Baptized in Jail.—John Kain, who killed Singleton for the seduction of his daughter, was sent to the penitentiary, and remained there for two years before he could obtain a new trial, and while he was awaiting that trial in the county jail, was yesterday baptized by Rev. George A. Lamberton and J. M. Stroeffer, and received into the Methodist Church, having become a convert to that faith from listening to the sermons of the chaplain during his confinement at Columbus. Two of Kain's daughters, one of them, the betrayed girl he sought to avenge, are now in the same prison with him on the charge of larceny; both of them since the sad event that destroyed the peace of the family, having fallen into evil ways.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

The Dead Arising.—Last Monday evening a horse attached to a wagon was driven down East King street, at Lancaster, Pa., at a rate equal to that of the courier arriving with the majority from "Old Berks," and continued at the same rate until the "locomotor" arrived about half way down the first block in North Queen street, when nature failed and down he went. Two men were promptly on the spot, and after consultation pronounced him dead, but agreed to give him some oats, but not being in possession of the necessary medicaments, they turned his nose round toward the stable, close by, which revived him, and he immediately became whole.

A Beautiful White Slave Manumitted.—A young and beautiful woman, Agnes Wright, was manumitted in the Probate Court, at Cincinnati, by her owner, Reuben Wright, of New Orleans. Had it not been known she was a slave, no one would have suspected that she had a particle of African blood in her veins. She had genteel manners and style, and was as elegantly dressed as a Fourth-street belle. The peculiar relation her late master bore to her is probably the cause of her freedom. Agnes would pass anywhere for a Caucasian woman.

A powder explosion occurred last Tuesday morning in the shop of a gunsmith in Broome street, New York. The proprietor of the shop, Jacob Perth, was knocked insensible, but some severe burns comprised, fortunately, the extent of his injuries. The building, an old wooden structure, was nearly demolished, but, notwithstanding this, none of the members of Mr. Perth's family, who occupied the second floor, were injured.

A young man named James Booth, aged 16, was killed at Burlington, Conn., on Thursday afternoon last. He was placing a heavy plank upon the top of a high pile, when the planks fell, crushing his head between them and a stack of joists. His skull was completely smashed, and the blood and brains scattered about somewhat.

Mary Herbert, a servant girl in the employ of John L. Hood, of Worcester, Massachusetts, was shockingly burned, on Friday last, in consequence of using burning fluid to kindle a fire. It blazed up suddenly, burning the upper part of her body severely, though not dangerously.

Leavenworth City, Kansas, although only four years old, contains a population of 10,460, with an assessed valuation of $3,871,375. It has nine churches, ten schools, four daily and four weekly papers, seven job-printing offices, eighty-nine lawyers, and forty doctors.

A little boy, named Albert H. Stevens, in Boston, lost his life on Saturday last from the careless habit of clinging behind carriages to get a ride. When he let go the carriage to which he had been clinging, an omnibus closely following, ran over him, crushing his head.

St. Peter's College, in Troy, New York, is to be rebuilt, but not on the same spot. It will be located on the hill south of the Poestenkill creek, known as Mount St. Vincent. Father Haverman expresses a confident hope of having it ready by fall.

A Cotton Factory is to be established in Vicksburg, Mississippi. $60,000 have been subscribed for the purpose, and those engaged in the enterprise have no fears of being able to raise $60,000, the sum of cash with which it is proposed to commence operations.

The Milwaukee hotel-keepers recently denied a poor consumptive woman, who was travelling, a comfortable place to die in. Where upon, Messrs. Cook & Co., of the Phelps House, kindly entertained and afterwards buried her.

Miss Helen Dresser, sixteen years old, is lecturing in the Southern cities on Mormonism. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dresser, whose escape from Salt Lake City some two years since made a stir at the time.

Royal Morgan, owned by John Gregory of Northfield, Vermont, died recently, by getting fast in his stall, at the age of thirty-eight. He seemed perfectly well up to the day of his death, and was the oldest horse known.

The Governor of Missouri, who was recently whipped in a rough and tumble fight, is said to have wound up a grand spree the other day by riding his horse into his own parlor, and trying his force feet on the keys of the piano.

The Windham (Conn.) Bank received a package from New York last week, by express, containing $400, which sum a penitent at the confessional owned he had wrongfully obtained from the bank a number of years since.

A Litchfield county (Conn.) man advertises what he calls a "small but comfortable homestead." He says "there is a barn, but no house, on the place." Comfortable homestead!

An Observatory in Nantucket, Mass.—Miss Maria Mitchell, the astronomer, is preparing to establish an observatory at a suitable position within the limits of Nantucket, her native town.

Mrs. Brady, who died suddenly at Norwich, Conn., recently, and has since been supposed to be alive, was buried on Sunday last, all doubt as to her death having been removed.

About two thousand shad were received at Alexandria, Virginia, Monday. They were prime fish, and sold at from eighteen to twenty-two dollars per hundred.

Good.—The Mayor of Reading, Pa., has ordered the police to arrest all minors found hanging about bar-rooms in the evening.

A man in Maine, who had stolen a watch, gave as an excuse, that he was unwell and his physician advised him to *take something.*

The late fatal duel in New Orleans is said to have been all about Piccolomini.

The Lumber Trade—Rafts Arriving.
[From the Pittsburg Evening Chronicle, March 23.]

Notwithstanding the scarcity of snow this year, so essential to the success of the lumber business, the indications are, that the supply will be but little if anything behind that of last year. During the last few days the number of rafts that passed down the Allegheny was very large, and even today they are still running in great quantities. A large number found a market here, while others passed down to points below. The raftsmen complain bitterly of the danger to which they are exposed in running the gauntlet of the numerous piers which stud the river at this point. The Scylla and Charybdis of the ancients had not more terrors for the mariners of those days than the piers of our bridges for the raftsmen of ours. If they escape one pier, they perhaps run upon another, though through the excessive caution, skill and nerve of these hardy voyagers, but few accidents have occurred thus far this season. A board raft struck on the piers intended for the Northwestern Railroad bridge yesterday, and later in the day a similar accident occurred opposite the city—the rafts in both instances being shattered to pieces. The fragments of the latter were caught near the point, and secured. What became of the former we did not learn.

The Allegheny wharf, usually so dull, now presents quite an animated appearance. Crowds of red shirts throng the different houses of entertainment along it, and the vendors of galvanized watches, plated jewelry, broken bills, and "old clothes," are doing a smashing trade among them. An occasional free fight is also gotten up, but since the partial purification of Irwin street of the "rats" which in times gone by made it their resort, disturbances of this kind are not so frequent as before, and generally of a bloodless character.

Worms on Trees.

[For The Press.]

The writer, "Pa Pierro," in yesterday's paper, makes a small mistake in entomology.

If he examines the cocoons he speaks of, he will find they are the mere shell, with nothing in them—the butterfly, or miller, as it is sometimes called, having made its way through a hole in the lower part of the cocoon and deposited its eggs in the bark of the tree last fall. The proper time to destroy them is before the insect comes out, some time in September.

Respectfully, C. H. D.

THE CITY.

Amusements This Evening.

American Academy of Music.—"Camilla's Husband." "The Man Without a Head."

Wheatley's, Cadle's Arch-street Theatre.—"The Huron Chief." "Guy Mannering."

New Walnut-street Theatre.—"Columbus." "Too Late for the Train."

National Circus.—"Cinderella." "Lent's Circus Company." "Equestrian, Gymnastic, and Acrobatic Feats."

Academy of Fine Arts.—Bartholomew's Statue of "Paradise Lost; Or, Eve Repentant."

McDonough's Gaieties.—Selections from Plays, Gems from Operas, Pantomimes, Dancing, and Singing.

Thomson's Varieties.—"Gems from Operas, Negro Eccentricities, Farces, Singing, and Dancing."

Assembly-Buildings.—"Sights of Blue."

The Methodist Episcopal Conference reassembled yesterday morning in Mr. Cookman's Church.

The galleries were entirely filled with ladies. The devotional exercises, consisting of a Scripture reading (1st Corinthians, 13th chapter,) singing and prayer, were conducted by the Rev. J. Humphreys.

On motion, the calling of the roll was in future dispensed with.

The Revs. Dr Wise, of New York, and B. T. Roberts, of Oneida Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

A statement of the affairs of the Book Concern at Cincinnati was made by the Secretary. The concern is in a most flourishing condition. At the close of the year, ending November 30, 1858, the

Aggregate assets were	$630,150 92
Liabilities,	121,921 14
Net capital,	$508,229 78
The sales for the year, ending June 30, 1858, were:	
At Cincinnati—Books,	$76,207 20
Periodicals,	106,644 12
	$182,851 32
At Chicago—Books,	$49,426 71
Periodicals,	88,659 23
	$138,085 94
At St. Louis—Periodicals,	$37,124 24
The net sales of the year amount to	$358,227 48
The decrease from last year ($22,544 40) being accounted for by the financial pressure of the country. The papers and periodicals are generally broadening their ground, with a wide circulation. The *Sunday School Advocate* also has a circulation of 61,558 copies in Cincinnati, and 37,700 in Chicago. The *Western Christian Advocate* is issued in Cincinnati, and 37,700 in Chicago. The *Sunday School Bells* and other papers of the Church, also have wide circles of readers. The profits of the concern for the year amount to $77,977.66, and after deducting losses, and amounts paid by order of General Conference, an increase of capital remains of $11,977.66. The Commentary on the New Testament in the German language, has been delayed in consequence of the great importance, Conference adjourned with Christian doxology and prayer.

A Challenge.—[We publish the following challenge at the request of its author. Should the "glove" be here thrown down he accepts, the Doctor will have additional facilities for displaying his singular genius in unfolding the hidden mysteries of Nature]:

Will you do me the favor to give publicity, through your columns, to the following *challenge* to any skeptic in the United States, to debate the following point viz: that the Bible contains many paragraphs which can be proved, by reason and Nature's law, to have had their origin from a source above the reach of human intelligence at the time they were given?

I shall not undertake to pr