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CLOTHS,
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To which the attention of BUYERS is invited.
feb1-3m

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ABBOTT, JOHNES, & 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

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CASSIMERES,
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feb1-3m

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IN
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Four doors below Third, South side,
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sp4-1m

CANTON MATTINGS.
J. F. & E. B. ORNE,
(SUCCESSORS TO
J. & E. B. ORNE,
619 CHESTNUT STREET,
OPPOSITE THE STATE-HOUSE,
HAVE NOW OPEN
THEIR
SPRING IMPORTATIONS
OF
CARPETINGS.
ALSO,
1,000 PIECES
OF
CANTON MATTINGS,
OF ALL THE DESIRABLE STYLES,
AT
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Between Market and Arch,
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THE LARGEST STOCK IN THE CITY.
☞ Sign of the GOLDEN STIRRUP. [feb4-2m

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SHIPLEY, HAZARD, & HUTCHINSON,
113 CHESTNUT STREET,
Are now opening a large and varied stock of
LAWNS, CHALLIES, PRINTS, and other
DRESS GOODS,
To which the attention of the trade is invited.
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Such as Sheetings, Shirtings, Cottonades, Tickings, Denims, Woolens, Woolen Goods, Flannels, Canton Flannels, and Batting, Mattress Bunting, Blue Drills, Tow Cloths, &c., &c.

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WHOLESALE
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"METROPOLITAN TEA STORE."
TEAS! TEAS! TEAS!
A choice selection of
GREEN AND BLACK TEAS,
OF RECENT IMPORTATION:
ALSO,
COFFEE,
ROASTED AND GROUND DAILY,
BY STEAM ENGINE.
"YOUNG AMERICA."
CHARLES SMITH,
Nos. 913 and 915 MARKET STREET.

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ARE PREPARED TO
RECEIVE GOODS FOR STORAGE,
Whether in Bond or Free from, at Current Rates, and will make liberal advances on Merchandise generally.
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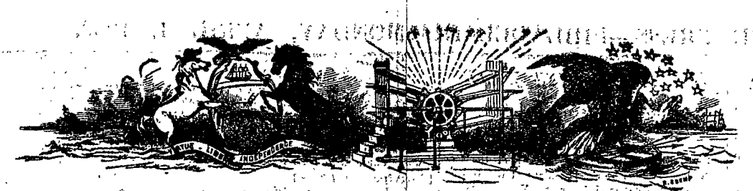

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McCALLUM & CO.,
CARPET MANUFACTURERS,
GLEN ECHO MILLS, GERMANTOWN.
ALSO,
IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN
CARPETING,
OIL CLOTHS,
MATTING,
RUGS, &c.
WAREHOUSE, 509 CHESTNUT STREET,
OPPOSITE THE STATE HOUSE.
We have now on hand an extensive stock of Carpeting, of our own and other makes, to which we invite the attention of Western and Southern buyers. fe21-2m

STAIR ROD MANUFACTORY.
WILER & MOSS,
225 SOUTH FIFTH STREET,
BELOW WALNUT. sp4-1m

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 this market, at
LOW PRICES,
AND
FAVORABLE TERMS.
GREEN, GLAZED OIL CLOTH, a beautiful article for Window Shades. fe12-2m

RIDGWAY, HEUSSNER, & CO.,
Importers of WOOLLENS,
Are receiving full supplies of
SUPERIOR CLOTHS,
DOESKINS, CASSIMERES, &c.
TRICOTS, FANCY CASSIMERES, &c.
From the following celebrated manufacturers—
FREDERIC BECKENS (Little Ticket.)
WM. JOHN ABBOTT, (Middlesex.)
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ZAMBONA BROTHERS.
E. DOEMELES & CO., and others.
fe9-3m 326 CHESTNUT Street.

CARPETINGS,
OIL CLOTHS, AND MATTINGS,
WOLFE, WILSON, & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 123 CHESTNUT STREET,
Agents for
TAPESTRY VELVET,
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 desirable 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.
feb1-3m

FARRELL & MORRIS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
IMPORTERS
OF
CLOTHS, DOESKINS, &c.
232 CHESTNUT STREET,
feb1-3m Philadelphia.

Watches, Jewelry, &c.

AMERICAN, ENGLISH, AND GENEVA WATCHES.—New and fashionable GOLD JEWELRY, with Coral, Onyx, Lava and Jet Settings; Gold Chains, Bracelets; Miniature Lockets; Shirt Studs and Sleeve Buttons, &c.; Silver Forks, Spoons, Ladles, &c., of standard Silver; plated Spoons and Forks of superior quality. Watches and Jewelry promptly repaired, and warranted, at
GEORGE RUSSELL'S,
mh14-1m No. 21 North SIXTH Street.

JAMES WATSON,
IMPORTER
OF
WATCHES, JEWELRY, &c.,
No. 325 MARKET STREET.
Constantly on hand a full assortment of Vacheron and Constantin Watches. fe1-6m

BAILEY & CO.,
FORMERLY
BAILEY & KITCHEN,
Have removed to their new Fire-proof, White Marble Store,
819 CHESTNUT STREET,
NORTH SIDE, BELOW THE GIRARD HOUSE,
Now opening their Fall Stock of
IMPORTED JEWELRY, PLATED WARES, AND FANCY GOODS,
To which they invite the attention of the public.
SILVER-WARE, WATCHES, DIAMONDS, AND PEARLS,
AT WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
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J. B. JARDEN & BRO.
MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS OF
SILVER-PLATED WARE,
No. 804 Chestnut Street, above Third, (up stairs,)
Philadelphia.
Constantly on hand for sale to the Trade, TEA SETS, COMMUNION SERVICE SETS, URN PITCHERS, GOBLETS, CUPS, WAITERS, BASKETS, CASTORS, KNIVES, SPOONS, FORKS, LADLES, &c. &c.
Gilding and plating on all kinds of metal. se3-1y

Furnishing Goods.

GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS
AND
TAILORS' TRIMMINGS.
LONGCOPE & PEARCE,
No. 9 SOUTH FOURTH STREET,
Have now in store a full assortment in their line, to which they invite the attention of their customers and buyers of such goods. fe24-dtapl

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HENRY COHEN,
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
STATIONERY.
MANUFACTURER OF ENVELOPES IN EVERY VARIETY AND STYLE.
☞ AGENT FOR ARNOLD'S ENGLISH WRITING FLUID.
507 CHESTNUT STREET,
ma22-3m OPPOSITE THE STATE HOUSE.

REMOVAL.
HANCOCK & CO.
HAVE REMOVED TO
No. 1026 CHESTNUT STREET.
mar4-2m

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. P. HEALEY, (formerly of Wilcock, Rogers, & Fraley,) now engaged with the above house, solicits from his friends an examination of the stock of Messrs. Thompson & Jenkins. feb18-2m

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,
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, at
STRAUS, LIPPERT, & 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. fe9-2m

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. feb1-3m

STRAW AND MILLINERY GOODS.
I. S. CUSTER,
MANUFACTURER AND WHOLESALE DEALER IN
STRAW HATS
AND
MILLINERY GOODS,
607 NORTH SECOND STREET,
PHILADELPHIA. fe21-3m*

Provision Houses.

J. R. MICHENER & CO.,
WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
PROVISIONS,
And CURERS of
CHOICE MEATS,
No. 11 N. WATER St., and 054 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. feb28-3m*

STERLING
SILVER-WARE,
AT MANUFACTURERS' PRICES.
TEA SETS,
PITCHERS,
GOBLETS,
CUPS,
KNIVES,
FORKS,
SPOONS, &c.,
On hand and made to order at the Manufactory of
MEADOWS & CO.,
mar 10-1m 310 CHESTNUT STREET.

HAMS! HAMS! HAMS!
Prime and sugar-cured Hams,
10 CENTS PER POUND.
Also, new sugar-cured Shoulders
AT 8 CENTS PER POUND.
CHARLES SMITH,
mh14-3m Nos. 913 and 915 MARKET STREET.

REFINED SUGARS, &c.—1,000 bbls. refined, 500 hhds. New Orleans Sugar for sale by JAMES GRAHAM & CO.,
mh31 tf Nos. 20 and 22 LETITIA Street.

Dry Goods Jobbers.

J. T. WAY & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
DRY GOODS,
HAVE
REMOVED
FROM
No. 221 MARKET STREET,
TO THE
NEW MARBLE BUILDING,
No. 28 NORTH THIRD STREET.
We offer, by the package or piece, (CASH or prompt SIX-MONTHS BUYERS,) a very large and attractive stock of
AMERICAN AND FOREIGN DRY GOODS,
Purchasers will find our stock well assorted at all seasons of the year.
J. T. WAY, JAS. L. DUNLAP,
WM. P. WAY, feb1-3m GEO. C. WAY.

1859. SPRING TRADE 1859.
SHORTRIDGE & BRO.,
(SUCCESSORS TO HANMAN, SNYDER & CO.,)
IMPORTERS & JOBBERS
OF
DRY GOODS,
420 MARKET STREET,
Have in store a complete line of
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC GOODS,
Selected expressly with a view to the wants of CASH AND PROMPT SHORT-CREDIT DEALERS,
To which they respectfully invite the attention of the Trade.
N. B.—A full Stock constantly on hand, and orders will be executed promptly at the
LOWEST MARKET RATES.
fe1-2m

SPRING IMPORTATIONS.
1859.
HERRING & OTT,
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

YARD, GILLMORE & CO.
Nos. 40 and 42 NORTH THIRD STREET,
IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN
SILKS, RIBBONS, DRESS GOODS,
WHITE GOODS, LACES, LINENS,
EMBROIDERIES, &c.
HOSIERY, GLOVES, MITTS & SHAWLS.
feb2-3m

DECOURSEY, LAFOURCADE, & CO.,
Importers and Jobbers of
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS,
AND GOODS GENERALLY ADAPTED TO
MEN AND BOYS' WEAR,
NO. 335 MARKET STREET,
Are now receiving their
SPRING IMPORTATIONS,
To which they invite the attention of their customers, and purchasers of such goods. fe1-3m

SITER, PRICE, & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS,
315 MARKET STREET.
fe1-3m

SHAPLEIGH, RUE & CO.,
IMPORTERS OF
LINENS,
WHITE GOODS,
LACES, and
EMBROIDERIES
No. 329 MARKET STREET.
☞ Our present stock, selected in the best European markets by ourselves, is the most complete we have ever offered. fe1-3m

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 purchasers.
fe1-2m

PRICE, FERRIS, & CO.,
Importers of
WHITE GOODS,
LINENS,
LACES,
EMBROIDERIES, &c.,
HAVE 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
feb1-6m CITY AND NEAR TRADE.

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

JOHN H. BROWN & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
DRY GOODS,
No. 307 MARKET STREET,
North side, above Third Street,
feb2-3m 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

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

PETER SIEGER, JACOB SIEGEL, WM. S. BAIRD, JNO. WIRT, D. B. ERVIN
RIEGEL, BAIRD, & CO.,
LATE SIEGEL, 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

The Press.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1859.

English and American Literature.

Several years ago Mr. S. AUSTIN ALLIBONE, of this city, known as "a scholar, and a ripe one," announced "A Critical Dictionary of English Literature and British and American Authors, living and deceased, from the earliest accounts to the Middle of the Nineteenth Century; containing thirty thousand biographies and literary notices, with forty indexes of subjects." It was a stupendous work for any man to undertake, unless he were multo-minded and Briareus-handed and Briareus-headed. However, Mr. ALLIBONE proceeded with his labors, and may be said to have fully compassed and fairly conquered all the difficulties of his subject. He has, indeed, been eminently successful.

The first volume, containing over a thousand pages, large octavo, in small but clear type, was published early in the year. The first edition was exhausted by subscribers. The second volume, completing the work, will be issued this summer. There has not been, at any time or in any language, a work at all resembling this—at all to be compared to this. It does what it professes—it gives some account of every person, from the remotest to the present time, who has written a book in the English language. It is, therefore, a biographical history of English literature in the United States and in what our forefathers used to call "the old country." It chronicles the name and the writings of *every* author, male or female, American or English. Biographical Dictionaries, numerous though they be, pick out only the more eminent writers, and mention their more celebrated works. The small-fry of authors are passed by, as unworthy of notice. Scarcely any of these compilations recognise living authors. WATTS'S Biographia Britannica, compiled with great industry, extends only down to 1824, and though a large work, (in four quarto volumes,) is little more than a list of authors and their writings, with the scantiest biographical particulars. Properly, it should have been called *Bibliographia* Britannica, for it relates more to books than authors, and nearly ignores American writers. LOWNDES'S Bibliographer's Manual (originally published in 1824, and newly edited for one of BOHN'S Libraries) is merely a catalogue of the titles of books.

American writers have been more fortunate than English in this respect. With all his shortcomings, favoritism, hostilities, caprices, and frequent unfairness, the late Dr. GRISWOLD did a great deal for American writers, by giving biographical notices of them. He was followed, far more completely and fairly, by the DUYCKINCKS, whose Cyclopedia of American Literature, published in 1856, gave Personal and Critical Notices of Authors and their Writings, with portraits and autographs, and is generally a reliable work, as far as American writers are concerned.

Lastly, published only the other day, is TRUBNER'S Bibliographical Guide to American Literature, which gives a classed List of books published in the United States during the last *forty years*, with bibliographical introduction, notes, and alphabetical index. This octavo volume has been compiled and edited by Mr. NICHOLAS TRUBNER, the well-known head of one of the great foreign publishing and importing houses of London, who is also editor of LUDEWIG & TURNER'S Literature of American Aboriginal Languages. Besides containing a classed list of books, with an alphabetical index, Mr. TRUBNER'S book has an introduction, in which, at considerable fulness, its author gives a history of American literature, including newspapers, periodicals, and public libraries. It is fair to state that Mr. TRUBNER'S Bibliographical Guide was published subsequent to ALLIBONE'S Dictionary, but printed off about the same time.

According to the original calculation, Mr. ALLIBONE was to have completed his Dictionary of Authors and Books in a single volume. As the work grew upon his hands, he saw the necessity of extending it into two volumes. As we have said, the first, now before the public, contains over 1,000 pages. It includes the names of authors from A to J, inclusive, and contains as much printed matter as would fill fourteen volumes of PRESCOTT'S or BANCROFT'S histories, in 8vo. Over 17,000 authors are noticed in this volume, of whom 189 rejoice in the uncommon name of JONES. At the close of the Dictionary, forty copious indexes of subjects will be given, so that the reader may see at a glance all the authors who have written upon any department of literature. The total number of names in these indexes will be over 50,000. An essential point is that, with scarcely an exception, the records of living writers, at home and abroad, are given, down to the present time.

Mr. ALLIBONE, though he has drawn for the matter of this great work upon a variety of sources, contained in thousands of volumes, is actually more of an author than a compiler. For his work is *critical*, as well as biographical and bibliographical, and though he freely quotes the opinions of others, he as freely expresses his own. Many of his memoirs are models of terse biography. We name, at hap-hazard, those of FRANKLIN, GIBBON, BACON, (who was *not* "Lord" BACON,) FENIMORE COOPER, BYRON, ADDISON, WASHINGTON IRVING, REGINALD HEBER, HALLAM, RICHARD HOOKER, T. HARTWELL HORNE, SAMUEL JOHNSON, JOHN DRYDEN, Lord BROUGHAM, the HOWITTS, FRANCIS JEFFREY, S. G. GOODRICH, THEODORE HOOK, and numerous others whose names do not occur to us at this moment. Mr. ALLIBONE'S high purpose was to produce a work which should be to the Literature of the language what a dictionary of words is to the Language itself. He has succeeded. He has produced what some able critics have called a *national* work—we would say, from its happy blending of American with English literature, that it is rather *international*.

The press, we notice, have generally bestowed very high eulogies upon this work. Native authors of great repute have written of it, to the publishers, in equal spirit of high appreciation. Historians and divines, essayists and poets, novelists and diplomatists, *scholars* and *statesmen*, *statisticians* and critics, teachers and artists, orators and professors, have all united in bearing testimony to its worth.

The opinion of English critics and authors would naturally be expected with some anxiety. Whatever fears others entertained, we had none. We knew that the book was honestly and ably executed, with a fulness and accuracy of information beyond all precedent, all expectation, and we knew what the verdict *must* be.

The London *Athenæum*, which, to say the least of it, is not accustomed to give a fair hearing or do justice to American books and authors, gives a couple of columns to a critical examination of ALLIBONE'S Dictionary, quotes the biographical notice of OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, and says:

"In looking over the volume we find what, indeed, was to be expected—a larger space devoted to American than to British authors. Some of the biographies are only a line long; excellent specimens of condensation; they tell when some illustriously-obscure personage was born, wrote his forgotten book, and died. To many such notices may seem superfluous, but their presence here shows the minuteness with which the whole work is (or is to be) carried out, and that if an English or American writer existed, here some record of him will, at all events, be found."

From English authors themselves the author or publishers (CHILDS & PETERSON, of this city) have received numerous and genial letters of approbation. Lord MACAULAY says, "It cannot fail, I think, to be a valuable addition to English as well as American libraries." Cardinal WISEMAN says, "I have tested its value in two different ways—first, by looking at the accounts of comparatively unknown or obscure authors hardly to be found in ordinary biographical works; and then, by glancing over the history of celebrated ones, whose lives have occupied volumes. Your work stands both tests admirably. I have found more about the first class of writers than I have ever seen elsewhere, and than I could have anticipated in so comprehensive a work; while the interesting points in the literary lives of those belonging to the second are brought out in sufficient detail, and treated with sufficient accuracy, to render further reference or inquiry unnecessary." Professor OWEN, of London, writes, "On receiving the volume, I forthwith turned over its pages in quest of a few authors, with initials between A and J, and I found every one. I do not remember any Dictionary or Cyclopædia having stood so completely. Moreover, in each instance, the verdict of my judgment on the Article was 'right.'" Dr. TRENCH, the philologist, Dean of Westminster, says: "It remains a wonderful monument of patient and successful toil; and not of this only, but, as it seems to me, of a wise discrimination of the authors to whom a larger space should be allotted—while the well-selected criticisms, not to speak of your own judgments upon authors, will add a further value to your work." The Rev. Dr. JOHN CUMMING, of London, regards it as "impartial, elaborate, and most useful." Sir DAVID BREWSTER describes it as "a work of great labor and merit, which cannot fail to be appreciated by the literary world." Sir HENRY HOLLAND, physician to Queen VICTORIA, an author himself, and son-in-law of the famous SYDNEY SMITH, says: "No addition to my library could have been more welcome than this work, remarkable (as I may fitly say, from various references to its contents,) not less for the vast labor bestowed on its compilation than for the accuracy of its details and the general justness of the critical notices of particular authors. This latter point was obviously one of great importance as well as difficulty in the scheme of the work. As far as I am able to judge, it has been fulfilled with much ability and candor." Dr. W. B. CARPENTER, the physiologist; Miss AGNES STRICKLAND, the historian; JAMES DARLING, the greatest theological bibliographist in England; the Rev. T. HARTWELL HORNE, and many other eminent Old-World literati bear equally laudatory testimony.

Among these tributes from abroad is one from Mr. DALLAS, American Minister to London, whose own fine scholarship makes him particularly capable of estimating the intellectual labor of others. Mr. DALLAS writes:

"If you go on as you have begun, it will be impossible to appreciate your work too highly. The truth, justice, and taste of your criticisms have struck many of my friends whose attention I have called to them, and the immense labor exacted by the undertaking was little understood until we find, in one octavo, and before you have reached half through the alphabet, more than seventeen thousand notices. As a systematized compilation of most useful and agreeable knowledge, I know nothing superior to it."

The typographical appearance and general getting up of this work is most creditable to the taste and liberality of the publishers. With equal judgment and gratitude, Mr. ALLIBONE dedicates the work to Mr. GEORGE WILLIAM CHILDS, one of its publishers, whose enterprise and zealous and intelligent interest have greatly encouraged and facilitated the labors of the author. This is a well-deserved compliment, handsomely paid.

Letter from New York.

OPENING OF THE TRADE SALE—LARGE ATTENDANCE—ALIMENT PROVIDED FOR THE BODY—FINAL PERFORMANCE AT THE BROADWAY THEATRE—MISS J. M. DAVENPORT—THE FRENCH COMPANY PROPOSE TO VISIT PHILADELPHIA—DEATH OF MR. T. SEDGWICK ALCOTT—BRIEF—BUNKS OF AN ARTICLE OF COMMERCE—THE RAILROAD WAR.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

NEW YORK, April 1, 1859.

The Spring Trade Sale opened yesterday morning with great spirit at the rooms of Messrs. George A. Leavitt & Co. About two hundred book-sellers were present, mostly from New England and the West—the Southern men forming a small portion of the buyers. The demand was quite good, and the prices obtained seemed to be very satisfactory. The largest sale of the morning was that of Mason & Brothers, which amounted to about $4,500. Among the prominent works which were sold in their invoice were 650 copies of Aaron Burr's Life; 840 Abbott's Empire of Austria; 503 Life Baron Stenben; 1,200 popular music books, embracing 300 New Carmina Sacra, and 223 Sabbath Hymns; 1,000 Webster's School Dictionary, in various styles of binding; and 300 Loring's United States. The sale of J. B. Lippincott & Co.'s invoice began about 4 P. M., and lasted until after 10. It embraced their fine editions of the Waverley Novels, over 1,000 volumes of which were sold; 200 copies of their edition of Webster's University Dictionary; 200 copies of their Royal 8vo. and 200 of their school edition of the same work were sold. Their invoice closed with superb editions of Bibles and prayer books, which sold largely.

When the hour of half past one arrived, the audience were given to understand that in the room above a table had been prepared, with certain popular edibles and potables, which were at the service of the crowd. The crowd of course ascended, and there found a sumptuous dinner—mock turtle soup, turkey, saddle of mutton, and "things," and indefinite quantities of fluid, called Champagne, ale, and another drink which I heard somebody call "Croton." This part of the "sale" met the views of sellers as well as buyers, and didn't seem to be bad to take by several literary and artistic gentlemen who were invited to "the meet."

To-morrow being the anniversary of the birth-day of Thomas Jefferson, Mr. Eddy has concluded to observe it by giving the last theatrical performance that will ever be given at the Broadway Theatre. He goes thence to Niblo's, opening with Julia Dean Hayne on the 11th.

Miss J. M. Davenport, so popular in Philadelphia, and wherever else she has been, has taken a short lease of Burton's, and opens there on Monday night with a fair company.

The French company are doing a very handsome business. The *elite* of the French society of New York are among the regular attendants at each performance. I hear it is the intention of the managers, Messrs. Widdows and Sage, to give one or two representations per week in Philadelphia, commencing in ten or twelve days, provided the proper establishment can be had upon fair terms.

Crime—capital crime—is fearfully on the increase in this city. During the last nine days there have been fifteen cases of persons killed, or nearly so, by shooting and stabbing.

One of the most notable experimenters on what a man can do with himself and live, Dr. Wm. A. Alcott, has just died at his residence in Massachusetts. Believing that meat was useless food, he went in strong for vegetables, and, in order to show the sincerity of his belief, absolutely went without roast or boiled for a long time, and abstained for a year from the use of water—simply to show that the thing could be done. But it was not of much account in his own case, after all, for steadily he denied himself to consuming potatoes and turnips, he was *only able to cipher up sixty-one years*, before finally going to seed. "He was a *good* man, but couldn't keep"—&c. The beef market continues to flourish, notwithstanding the vegetarians. On Wednesday last, the weekly market day, 1,968 head of cattle were sold at an advance of 1½ per pound, live weight—the greatest advance in any one week's average for some time past.

We are having a new article of traffic, viz: the skin of that odoriferous species of game denominated skunk. "Skunks are in active demand at advancing prices." Three prime ones go the hide of these nasty beasts wouldn't be touched with any amount of pole. Now they are eagerly sought for in the Russian, Turkish, and German markets, and are worth from fifty cents to one dollar per skin. Upwards of 50,000 of these skins have been shipped from this city alone within the past two months, and one firm in Maiden lane have now on hand about 18,000 ready for shipment. These are designed for the Leipsic sales—Leipsic being, next to Novgorod, in Russia, the most important fur *entrepot* in Europe. The first intimation received in this market of the value of this new description of fur came from the Hudson's Bay Company, which, having shipped a few to London at a venture, found the returns so profitable, that they immediately presented the business on an extensive scale, and now so large has been the exportation that a glut in the market has been anticipated.

The war between the New York and Erie and the Central Railroad has fairly commenced. The fare by both lines, from New York to Buffalo, has been lowered to six dollars and fifty cents, and will probably be reduced to five dollars, as it did last year.

STARTLING LOVE AFFAIR.—*A Young Lady Attempts to Shoot her Rival.*—A singular affair occurred in Pensacola, Florida, about two weeks ago. Miss Susan ——, daughter of one of the most distinguished jurists and politicians of Florida, entertained a most violent passion for Mr. G., Mayor of Pensacola, who had paid her some attention previous to his marriage with another lady. She took no great pains to conceal from Mr. G. the nature of her feelings, and had on several occasions conducted herself in rather an extravagant and startling manner, but he probably supposed nothing serious would come of it. One day recently, however, she went to his house and called for Mrs. G., and when that lady came to the door, drew a pistol, ready cocked, from the folds of her dress, and fired at her rival. The bullet missed, and Mrs. G. bravely rushed upon the desperate girl and wrenched the pistol from her, but, prepared and determined to shed blood, Susan drew a knife, and before she could be disarmed by others, who interfered, succeeded in inflicting a slight wound upon Mrs. G. The letter states that her father, in order to shield her from criminal prosecution, was about to send her to an insane asylum.

ANCIENT CHESS.—A fac-simile of the first book ever printed in England is in the Astor Library. It is entitled "The Game and Playe of the Chesse," and was translated from the French by William Caxton, who issued it immediately after he set up his press, in Westminster, in 1474.

Letter from Harrisburg.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

HARRISBURG, April 1, 1859.

Senator Seward, whose political eminence and prospects bring him within the range of public scrutiny, and the peculiar purview of correspondents, has made a pilgrimage hither, and is now exploring the hospitalities, convivialities, and congeialities of lovely "Lochiel" the country residence of Senator Cameron. This social union, with its striking manifestations of unusual intimacy and friendship between two men of such high aims and skilful endeavors, (which are vulgarly called *plots*,) very naturally awakens a curiosity and calculation which attach to this event a political significance. Without presuming of wishing to be a reckoner within the dusky precincts of these political prophecies, or an itemizer of the insignia of great men's movements, we would merely hint that, by placing in juxtaposition Seward and Cameron, the Republicans may consummate their earliest and universal desire, and necessity of entering the campaign of 1860 with a vote-winning *dust*, of free trade and tariff, thereby, as they may suppose, removing the perils of a doubtful platform, and making Pennsylvania sure. Such appears to be the tendency of the New England, Western, and tariff States' elements, under the guidance of the Steward Cameron host.

The House adjourned yesterday in order to give the an