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STAIR ROD MANUFACTORY. WILER & MOSS, 225 SOUTH FIFTH STREET, BELOW WALNUT. ap4-1m

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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 fa12-2m

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RAIGUEL, MOORE, & CO. Are now receiving their Spring Importations and exhibiting at their Salesrooms, 220 & 222 N. THIRD ST. The most extensive, elegant, and complete stock of FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS ever before offered by them, and presenting unusual attractions to the trade generally. Their extensive stores having been remodelled enables them to appropriate to each class of Goods a separate department, viz: DOMESTICS, GINGHAMS, PRINTS, AND LAWNS, SILKS, DRESS GOODS, WHITE GOODS, CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES, SHAWLS AND MANTILLAS, HOSIERY, NOTIONS, & TRIMMINGS, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, UMBRELLAS & PARASOLS. To all of which the attention of CASH AND PROMPT SIX MONTHS BUYERS is solicited. fab23-2m

325 MARKET STREET. 325

A. W. LITTLE & CO., IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS OF SILKS, FANCY DRESS GOODS, RIBBONS, TRIMMINGS, GLOVES, SHAWLS, MANTILLAS, EMBROIDERIES, &c., &c. fa21-3m

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NEW CARPETING.

JAMES H. ORNE, CHESTNUT, BELOW SEVENTH, Has received, by late arrivals FROM EUROPE, A full assortment of New Styles CARPETING. CANTON MATTING, A large variety of all widths and colors. ap9-1m

NEW CARPETINGS, CANTON MATTINGS.

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S. W. JACOBS, No. 625 ARCH STREET, Has finished and for sale a full assortment of all the most modern styles of CARRIAGES. Also, a great variety of desirable SECOND HAND CARRIAGES, that have been but very little used, which will be sold low. mar21-3m

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

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

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W. E. BARBER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW WEST CHESTER, PA. REFERENCES: Hon. Wm. A. Porter; Hon. James Cooper. B. B. Comegys, Esq., Philadelph Bank. Messrs. Boyd & Bates. ap18-1m*

The Press.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1859.

Lieutenant Maury.

To have the right man in the right place is a greater difficulty than is generally imagined. To find a man exactly fitted for a particular position is almost to find a *rara avis*. For many things must be in combination to adapt a man for such a position. Natural ability, taste, feeling, education, enthusiasm, industry, physical as well as mental organization, and, above all, the influence of Circumstance, "that unspiritual God," (as BYRON called it,) must unite, in various proportions, to produce such a combination. Above all, a man must have not only a natural aptitude for his work, but more or less enthusiasm in performing it. Sir ISAAC NEWTON did not mind being laughed at when, studying the laws of gravitation, he watched the fall of apples from the trees in the orchard. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN incurred no small share of ridicule, from various wiseacres, when he made those experiments, by means of a school-boy's kite, which literally drew the lightning from the heavens, and fixed his own rank among the first of modern philosophers. These were enthusiasts—as all men must be, to succeed. With innate knowledge of this, DICKENS has invested the character of Tim Linkinwater, the old clerk of Cheeryble Brothers, with an enthusiastic love of his calling, unromantic as is the art of Bookkeeping. How he dwells, most lovingly, on the length of time ("forty-four year, next May,") since he first entered that counting-house. How intently he watches the important moment when Nicholas Nickleby first "dipped his pen into the inkstand before him, and plunged into the books of Cheeryble Brothers." And then, when he sees that Nicholas "dots all his small i's and crosses every t as he writes it," how exultingly old Tim proclaims, "Now, when I've shown him a little more, I'm satisfied. The business will go on when I am dead, as it did when I was alive—just the same; and I shall have the satisfaction of knowing that there never were such books—never were such books! No, nor ever will be such books—as those of Cheeryble Brothers."

Take our word for it, Tim Linkinwater was as well fitted for his position as NEWTON and FRANKLIN for theirs. Aptitude and application would not avail with any of them, will not wholly succeed at all, unless there be superadded the enthusiasm which makes a man's pursuit, whatever it may be, a portion of the man's actual life. Most particularly does this apply to Lieutenant M. F. MAURY, the world-known Superintendent of the United States Observatory and Hydrographical Office, Washington; a man who has done more for navigation in his time (for he is only 53 years old) than any other person living. He is well adapted for his position, by the possession of numerous qualifications, the key-stone of which is a strong, and chastened enthusiasm. Entering the navy at an early age—the purposes of his profession demanded that he should acquire a full knowledge of mathematics, and, to extend his acquaintance with modern languages, made use of Spanish mathematical works. To lighten the labors of others, he composed, while at sea, a Treatise on Navigation, (published about 1835,) which afterwards became the text-book for the navy. After fourteen years service, an accident by which his leg was severely injured, necessitated him from active duty, for a time, when, in 1839, in which year he had published an article to the *Southern Literary Messenger*, on the subject of a Navigable Gulf Stream in the Southern Commerce, containing observations on the Gulf Stream and Great Circle Sailing, which he subsequently developed more fully. His active mind applied itself to the consideration of many subjects, chiefly connected with his profession. Among these, Mr. ALLIBONE informs us, are Naval Reform, with the quaint caption of Scraps from the Lucky-Bag; National Defences; Suppression of the African Slave-Trade; Right of Search; The Gulf Stream; The Packet-Ships of New York; The Warehousing System; Southern Commerce; Overland Communication with the Pacific; The Swamp Lands of the Mississippi, and their Reclamation. Many of his plans and suggestions have been engrafted upon the policy of the country. The Legislature of Illinois entered his papers on the Lake Country in their journal, and passed him a vote of thanks. He published a pamphlet on The Amazon and the Atlantic Slopes of South America, and induced the Government to send out expeditions to explore that river-basin. Herndon's Exploration of the Amazon and that of the Rio de la Plata were the fruits of that suggestion.

When the National Observatory at Washington was established, Lieut. MAURY was placed in charge of the books and charts belonging to the Government, and proceeded to organize that institution and the Hydrographical office. The publication of the first volume of Observations at once established the highest character for both institutions. He was now in the position of all others best adapted to enable him to give a practical direction to his theories and investigations. In 1842, he proposed the plan for a system of observations of winds and currents, to be made daily, at fixed hours, by the commander of the national and mercantile naval service of the United States, when at sea.

The English Cyclopædia, which gives a long biography of Lieut. MAURY, says "the scheme was adopted; and masters of vessels were supplied with model logs, according to which they were to enter the direction of the wind at least once in every eight hours; the direction, velocity, depths, and limits of the various currents; the temperature of the air, and at the same time that of the water of the surface, and, as far as practicable, at various depths of the sea; as well as such other phenomena as might appear to bear upon the main object of the inquiry." With the least possible delay Lieut. MAURY prepared and issued a series of Wind and Current Charts of the Atlantic Ocean, which have been corrected and extended, from time to time, as fresh matter was collected.

In the following ten or twelve years, MAURY steadily worked out his views, placing them before the public in various publications. Men of science, merchants, and ship-owners cheered him on in these arduous labors, and, ere long, he received a continuous series of acknowledgments that his Wind and Current Charts, and his Explanations and Sailing Directions, had enabled them to avoid perilous tracts and greatly shorten the duration of sea-voyages. Here, then, was Science rendered auxiliary to procuring, almost for securing, two great elements of *speed* and *safety*.

Foreign nations were neither slow nor chary in recognising MAURY's merit. When his system of maritime observation had been developed by years of practice, he desired to make it international. The American Government sanctioning his wishes, the British Government directed that the Royal Navy of England should make the required observations, and strongly recommended the mercantile marine to do the same. This co-operation had its effect, no doubt, upon other countries, and, at a Congress held at Brussels in 1858, attended by Lieutenant MAURY, a scheme was agreed to for a uniform system of daily observations at sea, by the commanders of ships of all nations. Ever since, mariners are constantly employed in mapping out paths upon the ocean, with as much precision as engineers lay out roads upon dry land. Three great results were early arrived at—the lessening, by about forty days, of the passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific ports of the United States; the discovery of the true whaling ground; and, by the deep-sea soundings, the ascertaining of the telegraphic plateau, between America and England.

In 1855 MAURY's "Physical Geography of the Sea" was published—the book, giving in a popular form the results of his investigations on maritime geography and meteorology, by which he is best known out of his own country. Many editions of this have appeared, each containing additional matter. It is an earnest, eloquent, and practical work, well worthy of its high repute.

Of MAURY's "Explanations and Sailing Directions, to accompany the Wind and Current Charts," there has just been published, by authority of the Secretary of the Navy, a greatly enlarged edition, (the eighth,) of Vol. II. Even to non-professional readers it is full of interest.

We learn from it that, up to the present time, there have been published (of the Wind and Current Charts) 68 sheets; that 20 more are in the hands of the engraver; and that 32 additional sheets, including a Physical Map of the Ocean, are projected and in course of construction. The Charts and Sailing Directions are distributed to ship-masters, who will make the required observations, not only in this country, but by the heads of Government departments, in Holland, England, France, Portugal, Russia, Sweden and Norway, Denmark, Spain, Papal States, Sardinia, Brazil, Chili, Austria, Bremen, Hanover, and Oldenburg.

The whole number of Lieutenant MAURY's publications have not been mentioned in this general notice. His great art, as a man of science, has been to reduce into a practical form observations and information, wherever or by whom collected. The fervor of his language, which often soars into eloquence, is the result of the deep enthusiasm with which his mind is filled. This enthusiasm has sustained the wings of his genius all through his laborious yet brilliant career. We dare say that he has not been exactly on a bed of roses all the time he has been working in the United States Observatory. The best tribute to his worth is that, amid the changes of office which characterize this country, Lieutenant MAURY has been retained in the place he so worthily fills. Emphatically, here is the right man in the right place. We scarcely think that, under any pretext, any Government would incur the opprobrium of removing him.

While foreign nations have acknowledged the service which MAURY's Scientific labors have rendered to their Commerce, what has his own country done? What recognition has he received at home? He was mentioned, with deserved eulogy, in President PIERCE's Message to Congress in 1855. But what have American merchants, ship-owners, navigators, done for the man who has saved life and property for them, by showing how to help the safety and accelerate the speed of their vessels? We venture to suggest that the merchants, shipowners, and ship-masters of every American port should at least take steps for impressively making known to Lieut. MAURY their high estimation of his labors in the cause of navigation. We should be right glad to find Philadelphia doing herself honor by commencing this desirable movement.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE FORREST AND WILLIS LIBEL CASE.—The suit instituted by Mr. Forrest to recover damages against Mr. Willis for publishing a libellous article in the *Home Journal*, to which we alluded in last week's paper, resulted on Wednesday in a verdict of $500 damages for the plaintiff. The jury had considerable difficulty in coming to a unanimous conclusion, and the verdict, under the circumstances, may be considered a decided triumph for Mr. Forrest.

The trial excited a great deal of interest, and attracted a large audience to the court-room. Mr. Forrest's friends, who assert that he has been unfairly treated by juries, claim that the verdict in this trial is the first substantial benefit the "eminent tragedian" has reaped from the great change of public sentiment, that has taken place in his favor, since the unfavorable termination of his suit for a divorce, some years ago.—*New York Atlas, Sunday 17th April.*

SOME curious experiments have been made at the veterinary school at Alfort, (just outside of Paris,) by order of the Minister of War, to ascertain the endurance of horses, at a besieged town for example. It appears a horse will live on water alone five and twenty days; seventeen days without eating or drinking; only five days if fed but unwatered; ten days if fed and insufficiently watered. A horse kept without water for three days drank one hundred and four pounds of water in three minutes. It was found, too, that a horse taken immediately after "feed," and kept in the active exercise of the "squadron school," completely digested its "feed" in three hours; in the same time in the "conscript's school" its food was two-thirds digested; and if kept perfectly quiet in the stable its digestion was scarcely commenced in three hours.

SUICIDE.—On Friday morning, the 7th inst., George Rufe, a farmer residing in Durham township, Doylestown, Pa., committed suicide. Early in the morning he told his family that he had some work about the farm that he wanted to attend to, but would soon return. He started out in the direction of where the work was, but as he did not return at the appointed time, a member of his family went out to ascertain the cause of his detention, and found him hanging to the top rail of a fence, his knees touching the ground. His mind had been distressed for some time concerning the will of his father-in-law, and about which he had frequently expressed great dissatisfaction. It is thought by his friends that this led him to the commission of the rash act.

WILLIAM TELL OUTDONE.—We saw a sportsman of this city, on Saturday last, shoot an apple from the head of a friend with a rifle. The apple was plumped neatly through the centre, and the young man who had made a target of himself seemed to regard the matter as a very good joke! By request we omit giving names, but vouch for the truth of the statement. The distance was about fifteen feet, and we were shown two apples that had been hit in the same way previous to our arrival.—*Hartford (Conn.) Courant.*

ESCAPED.—On Monday last James M. Carr, of the village of Bushington, Pa., who was committed to prison in the latter part of the week previous, by Hiram Rice, Esq., on the charge of stealing a horse from Joseph Carroll, of Buckingham, amused himself by practising a humorous feat of legerdemain in scaling the jail wall, and then taking a flying leap from the battlement. The performance concluded with an exhibition of his propelling faculties, which was so mysterious that he has not been heard of since.

DUEL AT NEW ORLEANS.—On the 18th inst. a duel was fought, near New Orleans, between W. C. Lipscomb, of the firm of Wilson, Lipscomb, & Co., and Samuel Nelson, of the house of W. S. Nelson & Co. The weapons were shot-guns loaded with musket balls, and the distance forty paces. Three shots were exchanged, without harm to either party. One of Mr. Lipscomb's bullets killed a horse which was grazing in the field within range of his gun.

THE FRENCH REVENUE.—The Paris *Moniteur* publishes the official return of the custom's revenue of the Empire for the month of February. The amount was equivalent to two millions seven hundred and sixty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty-six dollars, being an increase of nearly forty-two thousand dollars upon the corresponding month last year. The improvement in the first two months of the present year, as compared with 1858, has been equal to one hundred and seventeen thousand dollars.

THROWN DOWN BY RATS.—A large brick building, 60 by 40 feet, 4½ stories high, and situated on Newtown creek, near Brooklyn, N. Y., fell with a tremendous crash on Friday. Being used as a grain house, the probable cause of the disaster is that the rats had undermined some of the brick pillars which supported the first floor, and that these giving way, the whole structure came down. The supposed loss is $10,000.

IT IS PROPOSED to establish a school on Long Island, about forty miles from New York city, for the purpose of teaching horticulture to orphan girls. The land has already been given, and the foundation of the necessary building laid. As much of the labor necessary to grow all the finer fruits and vegetables can be performed by females, a new avenue for the employment of women can thus be opened.

MELANCHOLY CASUALTY.—TWO PERSONS KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—On Saturday afternoon last, as Martin Webber and his wife, of the town of Germantown, Wisconsin, were working in a sugar bush, near the line of the La Crosse Railroad, they were both struck by lightning and *instantly killed*. They leave a large family of children, to mourn the sudden and fatal stroke.

A COMPANY of twelve hundred miners is at the Kansas gold mines, but some fifty only are at work. Most of the party are engaged in building houses on the various town sites. The Indians are gathering in great numbers in the neighborhood of the settlement, and their presence excites apprehensions of trouble.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT.—A young woman, in Warwick N. J., lately fell upon the stairs of her father's house, while carrying a bowl of earthenware. The bowl was broken, and the fragments severed her jugular vein, causing her death in a few moments.

FIRE IN RIDGEFIELD, CONN.—About one o'clock on Friday morning, 13th inst., a fire broke out in Rockwell's factory, in the vicinity of the japanning oven. The building and contents were totally destroyed. Books and papers only saved. Loss, $5,500; insurance, $3,500.

THE Cincinnati *Gazette* says that *Weiss bier* is to some extent supplanting lager beer in that city. It has very much more carbonic acid, and so little alkohol that it is almost impossible to get drunk upon it. This bier hails from Berlin.

THE GRAND JURY have found a true bill against Mr. Brigham, of Norwalk, Conn., charged with an attempt to poison his wife, by giving her an apple with arsenic in it. Being unable to give bond in $6,000, he went to jail to await trial.

THE little boy, Hall, who was whipped in Boston for not repeating the commandments, and disobeying his father, has received a second mark of approval, in a gold medal from Alexandria, Va.

TRIAL OF DANIEL E. SICKLES.

Wednesday's Proceedings.

EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENCE CLOSED.

Rebutting Testimony.

VERBATIM REPORT BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, April 20.

The court opened at half-past ten o'clock, with the usual crowd in attendance. After Mr. Sickles came in, he had a hurried conference with Messrs. Brady and Stanton.

George B. Wooldridge's cross-examination continued:

To Mr. Ould. I cannot say at what hour I saw Mr. Sickles after the killing; I saw him as soon as he got in; cannot say how long he remained before he left with the officers; have not the least idea about the time; Messrs. Butterworth and Walker came in either just before or just after him; some half dozen people came in at the same time; among them two or three officers; do not know what part of the house Mr. Sickles went to; do not recollect distinctly seeing him after he came to the house till he was about to leave; I remained in the study all the time; think the door between the parlor and study was closed the latter part of the time; he passed through the library where I was; cannot say whether Mr. Sickles was in the back parlor; knew that more than one person was there from the fact of seeing them come out; have a distinct recollection now from the manner of the parties, than anything else, that there were persons in the back parlor; if anything unusual had taken place in the back parlor, and if the door between the rooms was open, I would have had my attention drawn to it; the library is small, the parlor very deep, and the wall thick; the depth of the library is twelve or fifteen feet, that of the parlor thirty or thirty-five feet; it is long and narrow.

To Mr. Brady. The sofa is near the piano, which is at the extreme end of the room; after Mr. Sickles returned, on that Sunday, there was a great buzz and confusion in the house; some dozen persons were there, talking in couples; did not receive a communication from Mr. Sickles on Friday night; I did not receive one on Saturday, after three o'clock, in regard to exercising caution in the investigation; he told me I must be careful, and not use Mrs. Sickles' name, for suspicion was worse than dreadful reality, and he had knowledge that his wife had not been there on Thursday; it was that which distressed me in having to tell him it was Wednesday and not Thursday that the lady was seen there.

To Mr. Ould. I rode with Mr. Sickles to the neighborhood of the house on Fifteenth street on Friday; he did not get out of the carriage or make inquiries; I returned there about 7 o'clock that night; it was a dark, stormy, snowy night; did not stay more than half an hour in the neighborhood; drove from there to the Capitol; cannot say what time I got to the Capitol; understood that I was to see this lady when she came to ascertain whether it was his wife or not; I was to find it out by seeing the lady myself; had a conversation with the negro boy (Cullender), and found that he was full of knowledge about Mr. Key going there; he did not know who the lady was; did not have to make inquiries; the information came from the negroes to me; did not give any specific or general directions at the second interview on Friday evening; I was acting on the first directions, which were to find out, as his friend, whether this lady was his wife or not; he did not say anything to me on Friday evening about it; he said nothing but what was in the letter about my being guarded in inquiries; he did not say whether I was or was not to make inquiries of other parties.

To Mr. Carlisle. The card I received after being at a presentation to Mr. Allen, Clerk of the House, on Saturday night, and it was to that card I alluded in my testimony yesterday.