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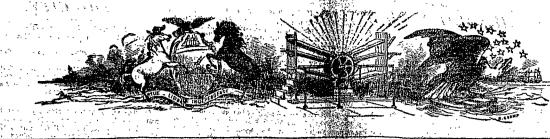
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The entire amount of Philadelphia leather, taking the average receipts of 1858, which was a bad year, owing to the effects of the Panic, may be estimated at \$3,500,000. A preity large amount for one branch of business to

sold in Philadelphia, in one year, may be estimated at about \$17,000,000 This includes stock manufactured in Massachusetts,-the selling price lower than that of the Philadelphian produce, but the wear and tear being ameasurably quicker. The amount actually realized as gross return of the sale of Philadelphia-made boots and shoes is about 36,600,000 a year. At Lynn, in Massachusetts, a great quantity

of cheap work is turned out, from fragile and SPECIAL NOTICE.—Dealers in Goodyear's gaiters, of good Philadelphia average, one was, and all other Fabrics and articles made by combining throughstances with thirds or sheets of vulcanised Rubber are notified in the same are properly at many annot be legally disposed of in the United States Marchants and dealers are invited to examine specimens now in store, and to give their orders for the Birling Trade to the undersigned, EXCLUBIVE OWNER OF THE TITLES AND EXCLUBIVE OWNER OF THE TITLES AND EXCLUBIVE AND EXCLUSIVE nierior materials. To make a pair of Ladies' \$3. The poer needle-girl who disburses her streets are unpopular. In some respects they have thrown it into the Delaware, for the gaiters are neatly worn out before they have become accommodated to the shape of the feet. The soles are often made of leather which imbibes water like a sponge, and are ket street, the trains with freight to the east principally put on with paste! Parents who find their children's gaiters with the outer-front by horses, for the two miles distance esn

sole coming off-curling off, more exactly describes the process-may depend on it, they have got Yankee made catchpennies. It will be scarcely credited that as much as \$10,500,000 are annually paid, from Phila- centre of the street, would not interfere with its and boots. The great consumption of these is not in this city or State—but they are sent street suitable for the purpose, which is not off to the West, Southwest, and very largely crowded always with vehicles. But a very little to California. The Philadelphian remittances to Massachusetts, on this account, will not ntinue at the high figure quoted. Efforts have been successfully made, by Mr. E. P. MOLINEAUX and others in this city, to give a better article than the Yankee-made, with greatly superior work and materials.

All over the Union, the Philadelphian proluce is held in the highest repute, and the diference in price is held as only a fair differemployed, and the manufacturers here have the pick of the leather market, which is a decided advantage. Oritically speaking, the great superlority of

gaiters and shoes are made-equalled only in The work is cut out, at the manufactory, byja cutting-machine, we believe. The semi-circular cutting kulfe generally used by cordwainers, is precisely the same shape as that ormerly used by the Egyptians. The sewing, on ladies' gaiters, formerly done by hand, is now executed by machine. The pegging may be done by a machine, (invented at Reading, we have heard,) but is here chiefly done

TANNER'S OIL.—220 bbls of Straits and or sale by the company, and so arranged the produced into every power in the city of also and strains, in endless variety of also and strains, in endless variety of also and strains, in endless variety of also and strains, may be introduced into every power in the city, or contry, without recommendation of the store of a product of the produced coming down the railroad and destined the produced coming down the railroad and destined for these cities. The property of the company at the produced coming down the railroad and destined for these cities. The property of the company at the produced coming down the railroad and destined for these cities. The property of the company at the produced coming down the railroad and destined for these cities. The property of the company at the produced coming down the railroad and destined for these cities. The property of the company at the produced coming down the railroad and destined for these cities. The property of the company at for these cities. The property of the company at the produced coming down the railroad and destined for these cities. The property of the company at the produced coming down the railroad and destined for these cities. The property of the company at the produced coming down the railroad and destined for these cities. The property of the company at the property of the company at the produced cities. The property of the company at the property of the company at the property of the company at the property of the ordinate of the produced cities. The property of the company at the propert by hand.

TWO CENTS. has had sales to the tune of \$60,000 in one week-and actually did sell \$12,000 in one

is an active and intelligent gentleman, who, besides being a man of business, has a peculiar fortune in making and retaining friends. Almost every description of work is executed by this firm—from the delicate gaiter or slipper for the Southern lady or Cuban signora' lown to the brogans worn by the negroes on the plantations. All sorts, in short, except the primitive sandal and the cumbrous sabot. The busiest seasons are during August, September, and October, and February, March, and April. The work is done, not on and in Progress, Germantown, Trenton, Burlington, Beverley, and other adjacent places. The workmen are chiefly Americans, with some Germans and Irish. The latter (parlcularly the Ducliz men) are said to make the pest ladies' work. Some men have worked thirty years for this house.

The leather used is almost wholly Philadelphian. The drillings, linings, and laces are onvey to our readers some idea of the exten- from New England, and the ribbons from others. The paper boxes in which the finer goods are packed are ordered, a hundred do en at a time, and thousands upon thousand of these are given away in the year.

What we have here said of one house in the ade, with the details of which we are some what acquainted, may be taken as a descrip tion of the particular manner in which the boo and shoe business is carried on here. The astness of that business has scarcely been inderstood, as yet, by our fellow-citizens, but valuers may learn from us with surprise that a very important and capital-employing business it is.

ST. CRISPIN, the marryr, who was formerly shoemaker at Rome, is patron of "the property and Romans, consisting of a sole fastened on among its fellows such distinguished public by a strap across the instep. This, in fact, is characters as ROGER SHERMAN, DANIEL SHEETa sandal, and (Augus Gerrius records) was ver, the Virginian Jurist, and Gideon Lee, sidered effeminate to wear it out of doors. At SAMUEL DREW, THOMAS HOLGROFT, ROBERT meals, the sandals were taken off, the wearer and NATHANIEL BLOOMFIELD, GROEGE FOX, reclining at table, and resumed when the re- and Dr. WILLIAM CAREY, the Oriental mispast was concluded. The antiquity of the sionary, in England. The familiar term Cordwainer, applied to a shoemaker, takes its name from Cordovan, in Spain, where goatskin was tanned and dressed by a peculiar prothis day, was used, in the same shape, by the the French cordonantier, a worker in cord-gyptians, three thousand years ago. The wain, or cordovan leather. To this day, the Scottish shoemakers are called cordinors.

In concluding this rapid sketch, we may mention an anecdote of the celebrated Rich-ARD BRINSLEY SHERIDAN. For many years, he represented the town of Stafford in the British. Parliament. The peculiar trade of that town is shoemaking. At a public din- the fact of its existence is no ner, to celebrate his re-election, Sheridan was called on by Alderman FRITH, a shoemaker himself, for a toast. At that moment, SHERIDAN, who was talking with the chairman, pretended not to hear the call. The Alderman repeated it, in a louder tone, and SHERIDAN, affecting a little petulance at the interruption, testily answered, "You want a "persons;" and this clause has been held by the the city and subjected to the curriers' opera- tonst, do you? Here's one, May the trade of Stafford be trampled under foot all over the world!"." The toast was quickly understood, and duly honored. At a far distance, we take leave to make an application of Sheridan's sentiment to the shoe and boot trade of Philadelphia.

Pennsylvania Railroad Terminus. For The Press.]

If ever there was a subject of m

ortance in regard to the interests of our nity it vement. New York, Baltimore, and Bos have never yet seen the necessity of their great or business tact and intelligence on such things hey are fully equal to ourselves. The Pennsylunia Railroad was originated for the trade of Philadelphia. Millions were subscribed by our city Government, and our citizens individually and it is a most suicidal policy for our people permit the advantages we ought to derive from i melancholy fact that, in spite of the Pennsylva ila Railroad, our comm il we are rated as the fifth commercial city. trade has declined as well. Large and ex-pensive storehouses, built in anticipation of a reatly increased trade, do not pay simple interest n their cost; and there is nothing but the extent and excellence of cur manufactures; and the coal rade of which we can boast. The reasons for hese things are, that our railroads, in their great ignored Philadelphia, as it were, in their great and, after all, the stock of the Pennsylvania Rail road has declined nearly ten dollars per share. would respectfully ask whether the Pennsylvania Railroad was made for the benefit of Philadelphia or Philadelphia for that railroad? If this enter ise succeeds of carrying by steam the product of the West to a distant point on the Delaware, what will it avail our citizens? The property will sion merchants will have all the benefit of the scheme, saving what is realized by the owners and speculators in the land at and near the contemplated terminus. It would be a second or lower Richmond—with this belongs to our own oltizens, and is dug from the soil of our own State. Having made this explanation of my views, I come now to the practicang; this is exclusive, of course, of the cost of | bility of making this road to Greenwich Point. Te materials. But Yankee-made ladies' gaiters can | begin at the beginning : Advantage is taken of the be purchased in Philadelphia for from \$1 to idea that the heavy railroad trains through ou especially where they are taken through Third

street and by the Exchange, where the ground is always occupied by passenger railroad cars, om as the market houses are to be taken down, with good rails laid down in the centre of Marbe gone over almost as soon as to go seven miles to Greenwich Point by steam, taking into consideration the delays in crossing the proposed bridge over the Schuylkill, &c. This plan would give life to Market street, and, being in the iphia to Massachusetts, for "cheap" shoes business. When the road reaches the Delaware front, it may diverge at Front street, or any expense by this plan will be incurred, and we shall have the terminus of the read in the heart of our city, and its influence will be felt all around But take this terminus away from the city, and there is not even a day laborer but will feel ite disastrous effects: the merchant, by the decline his business; the manufacturer and mechanic also; the owner of real estate; by the decreased value of his property and his untenanted houses, and perhaps increased taxation. Before the things are done, would it not be well for the president and directors of the railcle of manufacture. The best workmen are ces, even to themselves? Eager in pursuit of outside business, that which is at home may be greatly diminished. Are they willing to take upor selves the responsibility of destroying the prosperity of the city they ought to love for the Philadelphian work lies in the perfectly taste-Philadelphian work lies in the perfectly tastes are of doing the Rennsylvania Railroad, inful and yet enduring manner in which Ladies' great doubt? If the Pennsylvania Railroad, inful and yet enduring manner of which Ladies' stead of building an office at immense cost for the transaction of a part of their business, had used the money in the building of a steamship to go to Liverpool in connection with their road, they would have done a good thing for themselves and our city. There is another plan of reaching the Delaware with merchandise for the East; and that is, by unloading the freight at their depot at Powletton into propellers suitable for the purpose, making whatyes along the west bank of the Schuplkill, and deepening the river at that point. A barge with two hundred and nine tons of coal passed down the Schuplkill canal a few days since, and even larger vessels could be used by the company, and so arranged that they could carry to New York and Boston all they could carry to New York and Boston all Tenny to send for help to the lime king, and be the feel through the pride about five feet below, and hung suspended that they could carry to New York and Boston all Tenny to send for help to the lime king, as he would have done a good thing for themselves and

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ne typography, but one side of the sheet should be

his, and other States, for cont urrent news of the day in their particular localities population, or any information that will be inter

plated one at Chestnut street be greatly impeded? Would not all the property of West Philadelinia and Mantus, to say nothing of the country beyond less in value; then a long draw-bridge over the Schuylkill, interrupting very materially the navigation of the river, and injuring the whar roperty above it; then the road to the gas ake any use of it, and whose people will have me of the few pleasant drives we have left to the Point House, about six miles from the business of March, and April. The work is done, not on the city, where it is expected new buildings will the premises, but in various parts of the city, grow up like mushrooms, and lots sell at an imsacrifice will be the result to the company. I would take years to build up such a place, and our citizens love their comfort and health too omes. If the road must go to the river, Mr Hoxie's plan is decidedly the best But let our business men and citizens examine the question carefully, and they must come to the conduction that to take the business of our great Pennsylvania Railroad outside of the city will be to destroy all is usefulness to Philadelphia, and cause a very reat decline in our business as well as a depre tion of our property.

THE SHADE OF THOS. P. COPR. Philadelphia, May 31, 1859.

A Few Plain Questions. For The Press.]
I used to think that if any political question vas really settled in this country, it was this : hat " slaves were property solely by virtue of coal State legislation."

I know that, before the formation of the Con stitution of the United States, they were so held, if at all, because there was then no other law or nstitution under which they could be held; ind I know, also, that while there is no act of ongress on the subject, there are very many acts which they are bought and sold in all respects as

But of late I have heard that salayes are property under the Constitution" also, and Judge Ta-ney intimates as much in the famous Dred Scott decision. Now I want you, or some one else, to enlighten

me a little if you please, for the matter is not clear to me in that point. I have looked carefully over every section of the ation for the purpose of ascertaining which one it is that a "States rights strict constructimist" can use in support of this new doctrine, but I have looked in vain Those who are fond of "United States Banks and Fiscal Agents," and, " purely pretective tariffs," I am aware can always find room and verge enough for their favorite project in the "general welfare" clause of the first article; but the Deicoratic destrine, North and South, used to be, hat this instrument should be strictly construed-

that powers not expressly therein granted are "re-(Applying this test, the result is directly against this new doctrine. The words "slave" and "slave" ery" are not to be found in the instrument, but Slaves are several times alluded to, but never as representatives and direct taxes. In art. 1, sec. , where the abolition of the slave trade is prohibited before 1808, they are called "persons In art. 4, sec. 2, page 3, where provision is made for restoring fugitives, they are again called

apprentices, whom no man ever dreamed of calling 1. These being the only allusions made in the lonstitution to slaves or slavery, how con that men, wise and great men, will persist in this

erversion of terms? 2. If this Constitution bo the "supreme law of he land, anything in the Constitution or laws of the States to the contrary notwithstanding, are not slaves "persons," and not "property;" and are not all State laws which make them "proonstitution, pass any law tor any prace of ory under its jurisdiction, declaring that to be,

property?'s which the Constitution always calls 4. Or how can the United States judges, acting under this instrument, refrain from declaring all property" that which the Constitution always

calls persons? Again,
5. If slaves are "preperty," should not the owner. of a fugitive submit to a jury trial in his "claim f property" whenever the chattel is worth more than twenty dollars, as per art. 7, of the amendment of March 4th, 1789? And

6. Do not our Southern friends live in houses that are too "glassy" to warrant this throwing of tones? If they persist in claiming as a cons tutional right the enactment of laws to protect in the Territories as "property" that which the Constitution always calls "persons," may not others he induced to look more closely into the matter, and insist (as they might do straining the letter of the compact), that, so far as the United States laws are concerned, slaves mus hereafter be considered "persons," and not

property?" and 7. Would it not be wise for all men, North and South, who claim to be Democrats, and who love the Union, to abandon this idle bickering, and settle down at once to the only honest, equitable, emocratic adjustment of this question, which is contained in the Kansas-Nebraska bill and the Cincinnati platform, as understood by all men in he campaign of 1856?.

The true De West, are united on this point, and never can be coaxed or driven from it. And no party, whether his crew of office-holders, or whether it demand in 1856, can ever succeed to any great extent vention. If Charleston echoes Cincinnati, her no since will be elected; if not, he will never be resident of the United States.

MR. EDITOR: Will you let me call the attention of your readers to the fact that they will have of hearing, at the Academy of Music, Mr. Chapin upon one of the grandest themes which ever employed the intellect of man? I have heard gentlemen say who listened to his former address, in joyed that pleasure myself, I can youch for the Chapin has been requested to repeat, in his coming address, one or two of those magnificent passages; heard him, go on Thursday night, and, if he shall repeat (as he has been requested to do) his beautiful apostrophe to Water, I believe they will agree with me that never did the pencil of artist

Remarkable Freak of Lightning.

draw so magnificent a picture as Chapin will paint

for them by the magic spell of his cloque

f Edwin Taylor, on Water street, un n diameter, was made through the flat roof of the in diameter, was made the splinters from the boards were boulding, and the splinters from the boards were scattered in the room below. A number of men at work in the shop experienced no sensation when the lightning struck, and there are no other traces, of the fluid than the hole referred to in the races, of the half think chimneys: of iron rising the control of the rising above the building, which ought to be pretty good tonductors. Why this thunderbolt should have