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OF
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To the Jobbing Trade, on the most liberal terms.
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EDWARD'S CANVAS,
GILROY'S BURLAPS,
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HEAVY CANVAS,
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SHEETINGS, DAMASKS,
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AT THE
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au5-3m

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FALL IMPORTATIONS.
To which they invite the attention of purchasers of such goods. au5-1m

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Stock now complete and ready for buyers. [au5-3t

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SMITH, WILLIAMS & CO.,
NOS. 513 MARKET, and 510 COMMERCE STS.
We have now ready a full stock of
AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN FABRICS,
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OUR OWN IMPORTATION,
And brought direct from the Manufacturers.
We have many styles of STAPLE GOODS, especially adapted to the
SOUTHERN TRADE,
Manufactured for, and confined EXCLUSIVELY TO OURSELVES. au5-fmw1m

W. G. CHITTICK & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS,
436 MARKET, AND 433 MERCHANT STREETS,
Are now receiving from Europe their
FALL IMPORTATIONS,
Embracing a full assortment of goods adapted to the present season. These, with their home purchases, in
AMERICAN FABRICS,
will enable them to offer to the Trade one of the most attractive stocks in the market.
CASH AND SHORT-TIME BUYERS
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IMPORTERS OF
LINENS,
WHITE GOODS,
LACES, and
EMBROIDERIES.
NO. 329 MARKET STREET.
Our Stock, selected in the best European markets by ourselves, is large and complete. au5-3m

SILK GOODS, FALL '59,
SIBLEY, MOLTEN, & WOODRUFF,
NO. 531 MARKET STREET,
(North Side,)
Invite the attention of Buyers to their choice and complete stock of
SILK, DRESS, AND FANCY GOODS.
au5-1m

FIRST OPENING
OF
MERRIMACK PRINTS,
FALL STYLES,
THIS DAY, AUGUST 1.
JOSHUA L. BAILY,
213 MARKET STREET,
au1-tf PHILADELPHIA.

JAS. R. CAMPBELL & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
DRY GOODS,
LINENS, WHITE GOODS, CLOTHS,
CASSIMERES, BLANKETS, &c.
NO. 304 MARKET STREET.
au5-3m

FALL IMPORT,
1859.
HERRING & OTT,
Have now in Store their usual
SPLENDID STOCK
OF
SILKS,
RIBBONS,
TRIMMINGS,
EMBROIDERIES, AND
FANCY GOODS.
N. W. CORNER FOURTH AND MARKET STS.
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ABBOTT, JOHNES & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
SILKS
AND
FANCY DRY GOODS,
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EMBROIDERIES,
LACES,
MANTILLAS, &c.
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BEST EUROPEAN MARKETS.
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IMPORTERS
AND
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
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DALE, ROSS & WITHERS,
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IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
SILK
AND
FANCY GOODS,
Have now a complete stock, to which they invite the attention of buyers. au5-3m

SMITH, MURPHY, & CO.,
237 MARKET ST., AND 226 CHURCH ALLEY,
Are now opening their
FALL AND WINTER STOCK
OF
STAPLE AND FANCY
DRY GOODS,
To which they invite the attention of
CASH AND PROMPT SHORT-TIME BUYERS.
PHILADA., August, 1859. au5-3m

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COMMON, MEDIUM, AND
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AT WHOLESALE.
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ADAPTED TO THE
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TO WHICH
THEY INVITE THE ATTENTION OF BUYERS.
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B. P. WILLIAMS & CO.,
NO. 18 SOUTH FOURTH STREET.
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Have now on hand a full assortment of Eastern and Philadelphia work, to which they invite the attention of Southern and Western Merchants. au12-2m

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WHOLESALE DEALERS
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BOOTS AND SHOES.
JOSEPH H. THOM SON & Co.,
314 MARKET STREET,
Have now on hand a large stock of
BOOTS AND SHOES
OF
EVERY VARIETY, EASTERN AND CITY MADE.
Purchasers visiting the city will please call and examine their stock. jy23-tf

WHELAN & CO.,
WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
BOOTS AND SHOES,
NO. 513 MARKET STREET.
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HADDOCK, REED, & CO.,
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BOOT AND SHOE WAREHOUSE
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We have now on hand an extensive Stock of Boots and Shoes, of all descriptions, of OUR OWN and EASTERN Manufacture, to which we invite the attention of Southern and Western buyers. au5-3m

J. W. McCURDY & SON,
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LADIES', MISSES', AND CHILDREN'S BOOTS, SHOES, AND GAITERS.
Manufactured expressly for the Retail Trade. au11-3m

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WHEELER & WILSON,
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Superior to all others for general use, and for SHIRT MAKERS, TAILORS, AND DRESSMAKERS
NEW STYLE ONLY FIFTY DOLLARS!
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WILLIAM PATTERSON, Salem, N. J.
Permanent Offices will be opened shortly, by me, in Reading, Allentown, and Lancaster, Penna.
HENRY COY, Agent.
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PACKAGE HARDWARE HOUSE.—We would respectfully call the attention of the General Hardware Trade to our extensive Stock of BIRMINGHAM HARDWARE, which we offer at a small advance by the package.
Orders for direct importation solicited, and Goods delivered either in this city, New York, or New Orleans.
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And Agents for Foreign and Domestic Hardware.
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We offer to the attention of the Wholesale Buyer,
THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF GUNS AND RIFLES IN THE COUNTRY.
Being Agents for some of the PRINCIPAL MANUFACTURERS OF GUNS in London, Birmingham, Liege, and St. Etienne, we are prepared to OFFER FROM STOCK, or to import to order
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MANUFACTURING OUR OWN RIFLES, we guarantee them as reliable and well made.
GUN TRIMMINGS, BARRELS, LOCKS, CAPS, Flasks, Horns, Pouches, Triggers, &c., in large variety.
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21 North FIFTH Street, Philadelphia.
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PACKAGE HARDWARE HOUSE.
We offer to the trade, AT A SMALL ADVANCE, by the Package, WOSTENHOLM'S, BARNES', and WOODHEAD'S POCKET CUTLERY.
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HENRY C. BOOTH & CO.'s TABLE CUTLERY.
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Together with a full line of
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Has in store and bond, and
Offers for Sale, a Large Assortment of
CIGARS,
Received direct from Havana, of choice and favorite Brands. au5-tf

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HOUSEKEEPERS,
AND THOSE COMMENCING HOUSEKEEPING,
Will find by far the largest and most useful stock of housekeeping and useful articles in the city, comprising many new goods, just received from Europe, of a kind never before for sale in Philadelphia, at the warerooms of
JOHN A. MURPHEY & CO.,
922 CHESTNUT STREET,
jy27-fmwtf ABOVE NINTH.

The Press.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1859.

Robert-Houdin, the Conjurer.

Some months ago, a curious book was published, containing the autobiography of M. ROBERT HOUDIN, the greatest sleight-of-hand man of modern times. It appeared in Paris, as *Confidences d'un Prestidigitateur, d'un Auteur, et d'un Ambassadeur*, but the translation, published in London, some three months ago, is given to the world simply as "Memoirs of Robert Houdin, Written by Himself."

It is surprising that this very remarkable work has not yet been republished in this country. Books of inferior merit and interest are reproduced here, with singular rapidity, but such as this, which ought certainly command immense popularity, for it is almost unique in subject and mode of treating it, seems to have been overlooked by American publishers. We shall give a brief account of its author, to show what manner of book this is, and what our publishers have neglected.

In the year 1805, at Blois, just one hundred miles from Paris, a male child was born unto M. ROBERT, watchmaker in that ancient city, long the favorite residence of numerous French Kings—famous, also, for the celebrated States of Blois, convoked by HENRY III, and held in its castle. Not so famous, but the reverse, (with shame and crime,) for the assassination, first of the Duke of GUISE, and the next day, of his brother, the Cardinal, on their way to attend this meeting. Thither, too, the Empress MARIE-LOUISA retreated when the Allied Armies advanced upon Paris, in 1814, and thence were framed, signed by her, the last acts of her rule as Regent of the Empire.

From an early age, this boy had a fancy for playing with files and other implements from his father's work-bench. What balls and hoops, tops and marbles, paper-kites and bow-and-arrows are to other school-boys, files and pincers, turnscrews and vices, hammers and chisels were to young ROBERT. Of course, he cut his fingers, burnt his clothes, spoiled the *tools*, and did all sorts of mischief, enough to distract his father. Before he was eight years old he had invented curious mechanical toys, constructed with a skill which seemed to be almost intuitive. He did not hesitate to commit the enormity of taking to pieces, and putting together again, the watches and time-pieces left with his father to be repaired. Now and then, we fear, this young imp of mischief actually forgot to replace a small screw or little pinion—greatly to the vexation, as aforesaid, of his worthy and loving father, M. ROBERT, the old watchmaker.

With such an innate taste for mechanics, it might be thought that his father would be delighted to bring this boy up to his own business. But the elder ROBERT was ambitious. He desired that his son should become member of one of the liberal professions, and accordingly sent him to be educated in the College at Orleans. The boy was most unhappy in this new position. Books he did not mind—unless they treated of mechanics. Latin and Greek were at a fearful discount in his young mind. His holidays—all his leisure hours, in fact, were given to his favorite amateur artisanship. He made automata, greatly to the delight of his classmates, but his *chef d'œuvre* was a pump for drawing water, chiefly made of quills, and worked by *mouse*-power. The mouse, however, was not strong enough to overcome the resistance of the cog-wheels, so a rat was laid hands upon to do the work. There was trouble in catching the animal, and difficulty in keeping him. The misconduct of the rat led to the discovery, by the Superior of the College, of the machine which he was to work, and young ROBERT, kindly [illegible] receiving the punishment he expected, gratefully promised to think more of the classics in future, and less of springs and wheels. It is one thing to promise, another to perform; and, try his best, Master ROBERT could scarcely keep his word. However, he really did his best to master the various branches of knowledge in the College, and was sent home, at the termination of his educational course, not badly informed upon these matters.

Returning to the paternal roof, he desired to take his seat, as journeyman watchmaker, at his father's work-bench, or, at least, to have something to do with a trade in which mechanism should be the leading point. M. ROBERT, the father, opposed him. He had expended a great deal of money in giving his son a first-class liberal education, and wished him to enter a profession in which he could use it. Besides, having acquired the moderate competency which made him a *rentier*—as much a proof of respectability in France as keeping a gig was once said to be in England—he was on the eve of retiring from watchmaking. The son, who seems to have been an obedient lad, complied with his father's wish, and, abandoning his own, suffered himself to be apprenticed to a notary, named M. ROBER.

He was steady and plodding, for a time. His master was satisfied. His father rejoiced, and, to reward the exemplary son, presented him with a mechanical snuff-box, of involved and intricate construction. Thoughtless old gentleman! Throw oil into the fire and think it will not blaze, and give a piece of curious mechanism to young ROBERT, and expect that he would not examine it!

At cock-crow, on the following morning, the lad jumped out of bed, and took the box to pieces. He put it together again, repairing some defects which he had discovered in it. From that time his old predilection revived. M. ROBER was agent to a nobleman, in whose demesne was an aviary. The moment the lad saw it he began to contrive all manner of unexpected cages, fountains that baulked the poor canaries who came to slake their thirst, and dress their plumes within it, seed to be worked for by the poor birds as the reward of drawing toy-cars by their beaks.

At last, abandoning parchments and the Code, Master ROBERT gave Law what may be called the cut-direct. His father consented, with a sigh, and allowed him to have his own way. But the son had a soul above watchmaking! Had his genius been properly directed he might have *served* mankind by some great mechanical invention. As it was, his life has been devoted to their *amusement*.

By mistake, he received a couple of volumes from a bookshop, in which were explained some of the conjurer's most ordinary tricks. They nearly crazed him. Page after page was eagerly turned over, while he lay in bed, after the close of the day's labor, and the hours stole away, rapidly and unconsciously. The candle burned down in the socket,—the flame flickered,—expired. It was his last candle! He tried to read by the light coming into his window from an adjacent street lamp—but it was impossible. He then went down into the street, to read under the lamp itself. He adroitly stole away the lamp, and, taking it home, triumphantly resumed his studies.

From this book, he derived some knowledge of the art of Conjuring. A corn-cutter, who also followed the profession of Merry-Andrew, showed him how to perform many of the sleight-of-hand tricks in the book. His own quick intellect, untiring practice, and natural talent, did the rest. He soon discovered three principles in Conjuration—namely, that rapidity of sight and delicacy of touch constitute the art, combined with the power of dividing the spectators' attention. Thus, he had made no small progress when he was able to fling and catch four small balls in circles—so easy, to all appearance, but so difficult in fact,—and, at the same time, to read a book while carrying on this ball-play. Many years after he had ceased to execute this, M. ROBERT-HOUDIN (he took the second name from his wife) attempted, while actually describing this trick in his "Confidences," to ascertain whether he really could do all he boasted of as among his early attainments. He found that he retained the old skill, coupled with some slight clumsiness, from want of practice. He could read as before, but only with *three* balls dancing in the air, instead of with *four*.

Another difficult point was to make the hands independent and nimble, even when out of sight of their owner. Coats with huge pockets on the hips, were worn in those days, and he would slip coins, cards, and other articles into these, manipulating secretly within them, even when in the streets or on an errand. At dinner, he would feed himself with one hand, while in his pocket, under the table, he was secretly practising the card trick, called *Sauter la coupe*, which gamblers often use to cheat with, and for the practice of which, within the last five-and-twenty years, Lord DE ROS, one of the most ancient in the Peerage of England, was actually convicted in a Court of Law in London.

Accident threw the younger ROBERT into companionship, at Tours, with a travelling sleight-of-hand man, named TORRINI. In the "Confidences," the history of this adroit scamp occupies considerable space, and is amusing as a tale by EUGENE SUE, or as improbable as a romance by ALEXANDRE DUMAS. TORRINI, it is said, was only a *nom de guerre*—the man's real designation being the Count DE GRISY. We may return to him, by and bye, but it is enough here to say that ROBERT's casual connection with this man, who seems to have been very extraordinary in his natural and acquired varieties of art and skill, decided his career, and gave to the world one, more professor of "White Magic" and the greatest the world has yet seen in that line. One exhibition, made by ROBERT, at Tours, *en amateur*, under the superintendence of TORRINI, was so creditable that it decided ROBERT's wavering mind. He had the sagacity to know that to obtain pre-eminence in the business of a Conjurer, a man must devote himself to it, earnestly and laboriously. ROBERT returned to Blois, and there had another turn at watchmaking—but without success. Next, not having any thing else very particularly claiming his attention, ROBERT the Younger took unto himself a wife. The young lady was a Mademoiselle HOUDIN, whose patronymic he appended to his own. From that time, he has borne the compound appellation of ROBERT-HOUDIN, but is known all over Europe, and also in Algeria, chiefly as M. HOUDIN.

His father-in-law was fortunately in the mechanical line—a maker of astronomical clocks and time-pieces. He was practising his business in Paris, and received ROBERT HOUDIN with open arms, as his assistant. All the spare time, however, was employed in training his hands to a multitude of dexterous movements, and in the invention of strange machines. Removing to Paris, he resolved to get up a Conjurer's *Cabinet*, for the exhibition of sleight-of-hand tricks and the exposition of curious mechanical toys. To acquire skill in constructing these last, he frequented the workshops of numerous ingenious artificers and mechanics in Paris, who, pleased with his evident taste for such pursuits, cheerfully gave him all the instruction and assistance in their power. He also read largely upon mechanics, and closely studied the history of inventions. Above all, he was a constant attendant at the magic theatre of Comte, at that time the King of Conjurers in Paris.

One whole year of his life, ROBERT HOUDIN devoted, during this study-living in Paris, to putting together and repairing a great piece of mechanical music called The Componium, which has annexed a mere mass of fragments. All this time, he was busy in planning the *automata* and fanciful devices, many of the latter operated on by electricity, which were one day to astonish the world, in his own exhibition. He was dependant on his father-in-law, who seems to have upheld him by even more than pecuniary support. But his pursuits were carried on, for the most part, under money difficulties.

Many of his *automata* are wonderfully ingenious—though he had to execute even their [illegible] who could understand what he required, [illegible] could execute it. He made a *fac-simile* of a pastry-cook's shop, with journeymen employed in the various processes of the trade, while the master was bringing and handing a dish of patties to a purchaser. He made two wooden clowns—one of which performed acrobatic tricks, while the other smoked a pipe, and finally closed the performance with a tune on the violin. He made an orange tree on which flowers and fruit burst into life at the request of the ladies. He made a dial of transparent glass, mounted on a pillar of the same material, which marked the hours, apparently without any machinery, at the will of the spectator, and struck the time on a crystal bell. He also constructed an automaton conjurer playing with cups, like the Chinese exhibitors, and a very remarkable figure, representing a dancer performing on the tight rope, as adroitly as if it really were the *confrère* of that adventurous M. BLONDIN, who crosses the waters of Niagara, upon a rope which looks like a thread stretched across the deep abysm—or rather almost like the shadowy "embodiment of an airy nothing." These *automata* and curiosities of invention were long the marvels at ROBERT HOUDIN's Magical Theatre in the Palais Royal in Paris. But we are anticipating.

Amid these studies and performances, his father-in-law became insolvent. ROBERT HOUDIN manfully went back to his old trade of repairing watches and clocks, and removed, with his family, to humble rooms in the Rue de Temple. This was to obtain bread.

How he did this, with the further steps in this enterprising and able man's career, we must postpone the relation of, until to-morrow.

Letter from Lake Superior.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

SUPERIOR CITY, Lake Superior, Aug. 12.

The contested town-site case in the matter of the 320 acres of the upper town or Superior City site, still continues. The lawyers even are growing weary, and the only ones who appear at all interested, are several of the prominent squatter claimants to tracts of forty acres. I made a visit lately to the scene of warfare and was greatly surprised and pleased with the improvements going on. One party has enclosed two and a half acres, built a comfortable frame house and barn, laid out a handsome garden; his apple, cherry, and other trees, set out last fall, are growing finely; some of the first exceed four feet in height.

The Lake Superior Agricultural Society have handsomely fitted up a large room, decorating the walls with plates relating to agriculture. Among the specimens are stalks of rye seven feet two inches in height, extra fine wheat, potatoes, peas, etc. One proof of the strength of the soil is shown by a weed seven feet four and a half inches (7.4½) high. The Society's room already surpasses that of the United States National Society at Washington, and that of the Philadelphia Society. Files of *The Press*, *Inquirer*, and *Public Ledger* of Philadelphia are to be found on the table, together with other papers, pamphlets, and books. Colonel John W. Forney was elected lately an honorary member, and also Senator Douglas. Superior, you recollect, is the county seat of Douglas county. Every non-resident property-holder in Superior City or the "North Shore" of Minnesota is requested to become a contributing member. The annual sum of three dollars per annum will include a copy of the Superior *Chronicle*, which is two dollars per annum. The United States Agricultural Society, regardless of the interests of this region, hold their seventh annual exhibition September 12th, just two weeks too soon for us; therefore, a Lake Superior exhibition will be held here in October. For products of immense size we are equalled only by California.

The steamer Lady Elgin of Chicago, and propeller Northern Light of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived last week with a large party of travellers. The band of the Northern Light marched up the main street to the Superior House, and presented quite a martial appearance. It is now the height of the pleasure travel, the weather for the past two weeks everything one could desire, and the lake calm. The view of the bay of Superior by the light of the full moon is alone worth a visit to this place, leaving out our delightful climate, cool nights, etc. Two gentlemen from Boston arrived last week, purchased a suitable "Mackinaw" boat, provisions, tent, and equipments, hired two experienced boatmen or "voyageurs" and started for a cruise around the entire North Shore of Lake Superior. I regretted being unable to accompany them, as this voyage is without exception the finest in America. There is something very romantic in cruising along these almost unknown shores, camping out, hunting, fishing for brook-trout in the numerous streams emptying in the Lake, and observing the wonders of Nature as displayed in the geological formation of the rocky walls which stand forth in silent grandeur, and against whose sides the waves during a storm dash with a continuous roar. I trust our New England friends may have a glorious time of it. One of them proposes to organize a party in Boston and bring up a pleasure yacht next summer.

In a religious newspaper lately published in your city, I observed proposals for emigrants to unite, form a Presbyterian colony, and emigrate West. If these parties are wise they would send agents here to secure tracts of our celebrated farming and timber lands along the North Shore at one dollar and a quarter per acre before the United States land sale. Chills, fevers, and kindred complaints peculiar to the prairie States are unknown at Lake Superior. NORTH SHORE.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

A young lady, about 16 years of age, arrived at the Glen House, White Mountains, with a party from Shelburne, a few days ago, after a ride of 17 miles, and ascended to the Tip-top House, and then returned to the Glen all the way on foot, and then left for Shelburne the same evening, without evincing the slightest fatigue. She left the Glen at 10 o'clock, and got back at five, beating those of the party who rode both ways. The descent from the mountains was made in two hours. The guide said she skipped over the rocks like a deer, and apparently with as little effort. Few men could equal this feat.

General Wheat arrived at Old Point Comfort, Va., some days since, on business connected with a rifled cannon, to be tested by the Ordnance Board now on duty there. It is quite a ponderous and formidable monster of death, and, in the event of its success, (which the General is quite sanguine of,) will turn a pretty penny for those interested.

Isaac Brooks, one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of Baltimore, Md., died on the 20th inst., in the 90th year of his age. He was a native of Darby, Delaware county, Pa., whence he removed, in 1793, to the neighborhood of Woodbury, and thence to Baltimore in 1797, where he resided until the period of his death.

We copy from a private letter, written by a gentleman at Brenham, Texas, August 12th, the following regarding the recent election:

"Old Sam Houston elected Governor by a large majority, and his vote against the Kansas-Nebraska bill thus endorsed by the people. He ran as the anti-open-the-slave-trade candidate, and the two Representatives just elected to Congress are of the same stripe. Texas is, therefore, all right on that important question."

The will of the late Colonel Herman Thorn has been offered for probate in the Surrogate's Court, New York. Its provisions contain bequests of over $1,000,000, which is distributed among the relatives of the testator; none being bequeathed to charitable, religious, or other institutions.

The cricketers are getting themselves in fine condition preparatory to the grand demonstration to be made next month in New York. The arrangements for a hearty reception to the All England Eleven are completed on a very handsome scale. The new grounds at Hoboken, prepared expressly for this international contest by the liberality of Commodore Stevens, are in thorough order, and the St. George men report themselves in excellent practice. Our Philadelphians are ready to meet them also, and await their time with impatience.

REAL INTREPIDITY.—The feat of Blondin in carrying Colcord across the Niagara river pales before that of Colcord himself, who, with the greatest confidence in Blondin's strength, trusted himself to an almost certain death, in being carried over that fearful chasm, when but a false step or quivering nerve would have precipitated both to certain destruction. He has gone beyond all we ever dreamed of human courage, and established himself as a fit man, and the only one, who can successfully rival Blondin in real intrepidity.

The *Louisiana Journal*, of Louisiana city, Missouri, nominates the Hon. Edward Bates as a candidate for the Presidency, subject to the decision of the National Union Convention.

We are gratified to be able to state that the health of Secretary Floyd is much improved, and that in a very short time he will resume his duties at the War Department. There is no probability of his retirement from the Cabinet, and it is doubtful whether Mr. Buchanan would accept his resignation, even if Governor Floyd were to press it strongly on him. Mr. Buchanan desires no change in his Cabinet during the remainder of his Presidential term.—*Washington States.*

Exhibitors for the State Fair at Freeport, Ill., through the liberality of the railroad companies of that State, Wisconsin, and Iowa, can transport their stock to and from the fair free of charge.

A policeman in Chicago, Ill., the other day, was fined fifty dollars and costs for arresting and brutally treating a mulatto woman without cause.

The Democratic primary meetings were held in Hudson county, N. J., Friday evening last. They were well attended. The entire delegation is understood to be in favor of General E. V. R. Wright for Governor.

The accomplished soprano, Mrs. Bostwick, during her recent pleasure trip to Lake Superior and the Green Bay region, gave two concerts in the wilderness north of Lake Michigan. Her audience were composed principally of Indians and half-breeds. [illegible] completed their line to Sarnia, [illegible] Company have completed the railway station in that town.—*Port Huron (Mich.) Commercial, Aug. 18th.*

The committee of arrangements, appointed at the last annual banquet of the association of editors of New York State, having made the necessary arrangements for the annual meeting of 1859, have appointed the Mont Eagle House at the suspension bridge near Niagara Falls on Thursday, Sept. 8th, as the place of meeting.

A Blondin affair came off at Espy, in Columbia county, Penna., on the 11th inst. A Mr. Price walked a distance of twelve hundred feet, fifty feet above the water.—*Carbondale (Pa.) Advance.*

On what did he walk?—ED.

Isaac Snyder has been appointed postmaster at Carbondale, Penna., in place of H. B. Beardslee.

We learn from the Georgetown (Ky.) *Gazette* that the Democrats of Big Eagle, Scott co., illuminated their houses on the road for twelve miles, in honor of the election of Simms to Congress.

The New York *Atlas and Argus* says, "It is rumored about the streets that the Rev. Mr. Seeley is to be sued for damages by a railroad employee for remarks made by him last Sunday, during a sermon on the recent Northern Railroad disaster."

Wesley B. Fisher, who for some time past has been on trial at Ottowa, Illinois, for the murder of his wife, has been found guilty of murder, and has been sentenced to be hung on the 17th of next July.

DOUGLAS WINS.—The Louisville *Journal* of last Saturday says:

"An exciting race, mile heats, in harness, best three in five, took place over the Oakland course yesterday, between a Chicago horse named Douglas, and Mr. Duncan's Davy Crockett. The latter won the first and second heats; Douglas the third, and in the fourth Crockett was ruled out by the judges in consequence of foul driving. Time: 2.35, 2.44, 2.47.

"In the third heat Crockett came near being distanced, and some of the spectators thought he had been distanced; but the judges decided differently. After the first two heats, bets on Crockett of two to one were freely made. The race was for $100 a side."

The celebrated magician, who has travelled the country over as the Fakir of Siva, is now pastor of one of the congregations at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and is known as the Rev. Dr. Haskill.

The offensiveness of the water at Cincinnati is disappearing. The cause is still a mystery.

Mr. E. E. Cross, the Arizona correspondent of the Cincinnati *Times*, who, it was rumored, was slain by a band of Mexicans, turns out to be alive, and the *Times* of last Saturday contains an interesting letter from him.

The Opposition party of Tennessee advertise a grand jubilee, which is to come off at Nashville on the 30th of this month.

The approaching fair of the North Kentucky Agricultural and Mechanical Association, near Maysville, Kentucky, promises to be one of the very best the association has ever held.

Mr. James E. Murdoch, the popular tragedian, has just returned to his farm near Loveland, Ohio, where he will spend two or three weeks.

Berlin Weiss beer is now offered as a substitute for river water in Cincinnati, on account of the bad taste of the water for the last few days.

Henry Clay Erwin, a grandson of Henry Clay, died suddenly in Louisville, Ky., on Thursday last.

The town of Newport, R. I., appropriated $3,000 to the celebration of the Sons of Rhode Island, which took place yesterday.

Governor Banks, of Massachusetts, has accepted the invitation to deliver the address at the State Fair of Michigan, to be held at Detroit the first week in October.

A Judge Butler, of Norwalk, Conn., challenges Professor Henry of the Smithsonian Institute, or Professor Loomis, or both, to meet him before an impartial board of three, in defence of the theory of atmospheric currents and storms which they promulgated, at Springfield. He proposes to deposit $500, $100 of which is to be paid to the professors for each one of his five propositions which he fails to prove.

It is proposed to erect a statue of Horace Mann in Boston. Henry Wilson, Esq., has engaged to deliver a discourse in commemoration of his life and services. It is also proposed to make a provision for his family, by public subscription. An other proposition is to make a large distribution of his works on education.

The St. Louis (Mo.) *Republican* publishes a letter from Arizona, giving a very favorable account of the silver mines in that region. There can be no doubt that the metal abounds there, but the difficulties of working the mines at such a distance from all skilled labor, and with such imperfect communications, must be very great.

Jenny Lind Goldschmidt is a member of the New Episcopal Church, of St. John, in the parish of Putnam, London.

A Yankee schoolmaster named Comstock turned a drove of cattle into the cornfield of a farmer in Iowa, and during the confusion which this act created in the family ran away with the farmer's daughter and married her.

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It is said that the Hon. B. H. Hill and the Hon. Robert Toombs are to meet in public discussion at Lexington, Georgia, on the 20th instant. A large barbecue is in contemplation.

A shrewd operation to evade the liquor law has been carried on for some time past, a few miles from West Killingly, on the border of Connecticut and Rhode Island. There has been built a shop one side resting on Connecticut soil, and the other part in Rhode Island. When the officers from Connecticut approach, the contraband article is moved across the shop, which makes it rest in Rhode Island, and *vice versa*.

The portrait of Mr. Choate, by Ames, has found a purchaser at the price named, $500, and a duplicate has been ordered for another gentleman.

MASONIC RELICS.—Wyzeman Marshall, W. M. of St. John's Lodge, was the recipient, this week, of a gift, or rather of a restoration of former gifts, which will be highly prized. The late Dr. John Dixwell was formerly master of St. John's Lodge, and within a few weeks members of his family found in a private drawer in an old cabinet which has been seldom used, four heavy silver ladles, three of which bear inscriptions showing by whom they were presented to the lodge. Dr. Dixwell was probably entrusted with their care, and having put them away for safe keeping in a drawer, they escaped notice at the time of his death.—*Boston Gazette.*

UNPARALLELED GENEROSITY.—A cartman found $2,580 in Front street, New York, last Friday, and the owner, on the treasure being returned, rewarded the finder with twenty-five cents.

Etta, the eldest of the Dutton children, died in Rockland, Me., on Saturday morning last, after being sick a week with cholera morbus. This will be a sad loss to her parents, no less than to the exhibition, which was making a fortune. [illegible] almost totally blind. His general health is, however, good, and his vigorous mental faculties unimpaired.

Mr. Powell, whose picture of the discovery of the Mississippi by De Soto adorns the Rotunda of the Capitol, at Washington, has been commissioned by the State of Ohio to paint the battle of Lake Erie for the capitol of that State. Mr. Powell has visited Dr. Parsons, who is supposed to be the last surviving commissioned officer attached to the flagship on that day, to obtain from him certain details for the picture.

GENERAL NEWS.

ANOTHER FIRE NEAR BOSTON—A BOY THE INCENDIARY.—The large city building on Deer Island, in Boston harbor, was set on fire by one of the boys confined there, on Sunday morning at five o'clock, and damaged to the amount of $20,000. A despatch says:

This building is an immense brick structure, built in the form of a Latin cross, and contains the House of Reformation, the House of Industry, and a number of school-rooms and offices. The House of Reformation is situated in the east wing of the building, which forms the handle of the cross. The fire was set in one of the dormitories of this part, by a boy, named Michael Riley, assisted by two other boys. It was done by placing straw and paper in the ventilator, and setting fire to it. They were first led to do it by reading an account of the fire at the State Reform School, at Westboro'. The officers connected with the building worked with great energy, and succeeded in confining the fire to this wing. The roof is entirely burnt, and the first upper floor. The boy Riley has since confessed the whole affair, and implicates four other boys.

DEATH OF THE CELEBRATED HORSE ALBION.—The Gallatin (Tenn.) *Examiner* of last Saturday says:

"This celebrated race horse died at the stable of Colonel George Elliot, near this place, on the 18th. He had been owned for some years by Col. Elliot, who had been standing him. His oldest colts here are four years old, and have been making their mark upon the turf from New York to Charleston, as amongst the best, if not the best, racers in the United States for all distances. Amongst his most distinguished colts are Bill Cheatham and Bill Dearing, bred by Colonel Elliot; Socks, bred by Dr. Shelby; and Hiawatha, bred by Colonel Guild, and the Keene Richards colt. It is stated that Colonel Elliot had an offer of $8,000 for Albion within a few weeks past. He was about twenty-two years old at his death."

A SECOND SAM. PATCH, ALMOST.—Several days ago a fellow hailing from Rockland county, New York, and calling himself Jim Patch, jumped from the mast-head of the sloop Sophie into the water below, a distance of eighty-five feet, at Albany, N. Y. The sloop at the time laid at the lower dock, Sing Sing, in about seven feet of water. At the appointed time, in the presence of about four hundred villagers, Jim made his jump, firing a couple of pistols in his descent. He struck the water and stuck in the mud, and that was the last that was seen of him until a young man made a dive from the dock and brought him up by the hair. By the aid of a boat-hook he was dragged ashore. After rolling him on a barrel he was restored to consciousness.

A TOUGH DARKEY.—At Cleveland, Ohio, on hoisting a barrel of linseed oil to place on board a vessel, something in the tackle gave way, letting the barrel fall fair and square on the head of a darkey who was in the hold. All supposed he was killed, but he escaped with a few slight cuts and a scare. His head proved too hard for the vessel, knocking both ends out, and so completely enveloping him that it had to be knocked to pieces to release him. While the wounds on his cranium were being dressed, he remarked; "Gor a mighty, guess dis 'ere darkey don't want any more ile on his har." So little was he damaged by the blow that the fellow went to work again the same day.

THEY have a company of juvenile Zouaves in Chicago. The following is a description of their uniform: "It consists of a blue blouse, reaching only to the waist, buttoning within the pants, trimmed around the neck, and the sleeve slashed with red. The trowsers are red, and set loose, after the Turkish style. A yellow gaiter, of buckskin, covers the foot, and reaches half way to the knees. The cap is small, and a bright red. The whole costume shows, it is said, to splendid advantage in a bright sunlight."

REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER says of the "items column" in the newspapers, that it "is worth more than all the small fry of correspondents, with an editor thrown in to boot! Like a caravan, it stretches along its columns, with packages and parcels, spices and gems, bits of fragrance or cunningly wrought metals, gathered from the Orient and from the whole world besides. The items of the paper, like the stuffing of a Thanksgiving turkey, represent everything in the house, crusts of bread, crackers, and all spices."

A NEGRO woman, belonging to Mrs. Cross, in Hanover, Va., died a few weeks ago. She complained of having a kind of choking sensation about the throat; her mistress gave her a glass of salt water, but it failed to have the desired effect. Shortly after the negro discharged from her bowels a lizard nearly six inches in length, causing her death in a short time. A doctor was called in, and upon examination stated that he thought the lizard was swallowed some two years ago. It is presumed the negro swallowed the lizard while drinking water.

EXPLOSION OF A METEOR.—On Wednesday morning of this week, Mr. J. W. Phillips, of the town of Walker, asserts that he heard a loud explosion, somewhat resembling thunder, the sound appearing to come from near Berlin, to the northwest of where he stood. He saw nothing, however, a patch of woods intervening between his vision and the supposed direction of the sound. He believes the explosion was caused by the bursting of a meteor. Others also heard a similar sound.—*Grand Rapids (Mich.) Enquirer, Aug. 19.*

CONDITION OF DEMARBAIS AND WIFE.—DeMarbais and wife, the actors, in the late tragedy at Cincinnati, have been removed from the Commercial Hospital, on Twelfth, to St. John's Hospital, on Third, between Plum and Western Row, where they can receive more careful attention than at the Hospital. Both DeMarbais and his wife were thought to be improving yesterday morning, and each passed a comparatively comfortable night. They are in as good spirits as could possibly be expected, and the prospect is alleged to be favorable for their ultimate recovery.

AN ENGLISHMAN in Stratford, Conn., the other day, found a prize in the shape of a swarm of bees in a wren box. With the assistance of a brother countryman, after a sharp contest and a number of equally sharp stings, the prize was secured and taken in triumph to the store. The purchaser rapped cautiously upon the box, and applied his ear to the same, when he exclaimed: "We're sold! They are nothing but hornets!" and so they proved to be.

THE Rockville (Conn.) *Gazette* of last week says: "Warren, the escaped murderer, is still at large. He has been heard from in Eastford, and it is said that our vigilant county authorities talk of sending him a letter, requesting him to return in season for his trial at the December term of the Superior Court." Also that Mr. Griggs, the jailor, has resigned his office.

AN HEIR is wanted for the Sherburne estate, the seat of which family was Stoneyhurst, England. It is valued at from ten to twenty millions sterling. It is an entailed property, descending to an oldest son. The family left England during the year 1600. It was left without heir by the death of the eighth Duchess of Norfolk without issue.

WHOLESALE ARREST OF BATHERS.—On Sunday afternoon last, between the hours of one and five o'clock, coxswain James Smiley, with the boat's crew of the harbor police boat No. 8, arrested ten persons for unnecessarily exposing themselves to public gaze while bathing near the Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn, New York.

A BOY, named Jacob Hassel, fourteen years of age, was scalded to death in Peoria, Ill., a few days ago. He was dipping distillery slops out of a vat at the distillery, when the board he was standing on slipped, and he was immersed in the hot liquid from the waist downward. He died the same evening.

MR. WM. SPOONER, of New Bedford, Conn., recently found in the garden of Mr. Irenus Gooding, of Malden, a two-penny copper coin; on one side the word "Masathvses," with a pine tree in the centre, and two rows of dots around the tree; on the other side are the words "Newengland, 1662, II," circled with two rows of dots.

HAIL STORM.—A severe hail storm passed over Moundsville, Virginia, on Tuesday week. It came from the north, and brought hailstones larger than a common marble. A great deal of glass was broken in the town, and the corn was considerably cut up.

MONEY WELL EXPENDED.—Within five years in Indiana, there have been erected 2,700 school houses, at an expense of $1,100,000.

THE widow of Gen. Espinasse has requested the second regiment of Zouaves to accept her son as child of the regiment.