RECOLLECTIONS OF A PORTRAIT PAINTER.—To portray upon ivory the features which will probably grow black in the dust long before even his fragile tints have faded—to give to those who are parting with the one nearest and dearest to their hearts, some shadow of their visible presence—*this* is the task of the Painter.

Many have been the glad, and many the sorrowful occasions upon which my pencil has been summoned; one or two of the scenes it is my purpose to lay before the reader, in colors not bright, perhaps, but true.

Years have passed since, one morning in the early season, I was aroused from my labors in my studio by the arrival of a visitor. He was young, and there was in his air that which indicated the union of high birth and mental superiority. His manner was elegant, and yet it was not without a touch of embarrassment.

"I have called," said he, "in the hope—in the belief that it is possible for an artist to take a likeness from—from memory—should there be a dislike to sitting."

"I have been able to do so," replied I, a little surprised at his marked confusion.

"If you would do it for *me*, I should be more grateful than you can imagine—but the circumstances are peculiar, and I am fearful you may refuse; but," added he, and his eyes filling with tears proclaimed his emotion—"my happiness—my only *chance* of happiness is in your hands! I am about to leave England for years, and would wish to continue unknown to you * * * * * but there is a lady—one in whom my very existence is bound up—we have been brought up together, but we must be separated. You shall see her, and if you will give me a sketch, however slight?—

For a moment he covered his face with his hands. I promised a ready compliance with his wishes, if he would instruct me how to proceed. It was arranged that I was to go with him that night to the opera—that I should see the arbitress of his fate—the keeper of his heart's treasure. "One glance at her features," he said, "will be my best excuse." It would have been impossible for me to hesitate long, for his passionate entreaties would have prevailed upon a far less sensitive nature than mine.

To the opera I went with him that night; and in all the dazzling circle around, there was not one whose beauty could for a moment compare with that of the young and exquisite face that I was to *remember!* Who that had ever seen it could forget it?

My companion entered her box, and the change that came over her bright cheek told its own tale, whilst the aid of cold politeness with which the lady of stately and matronly appearance who was by her side, greeted his approach, showed that it was by stealth alone he could ever hope to win even the dim, imperfectly-pictured remembrance of that glorious face.

Once more I went to gaze upon it; and with a throbbing heart I sketched her matchless features. I had caught the smile with which she welcomed him, and when I placed it before my stranger guest, I thought that, in the folly of his young love, he would have worshipped the hand that gave consolation to his exile.

Months passed by, when I received a request from Lord R—— that I would paint a miniature of his young "fiancée." I of course complied, and at the hour appointed for the sitting, his lordship entered the room, a lady leaning on his arm; the same, aye, the same fair creature whom I had already sketched for *another!*

With cold and evident reluctance she allowed him to lead her to a seat. Beautiful as she still was, a shadow seemed to have passed over her. Sorrow had been in the depths of those blue eyes, and had stolen away the lustre and the light that were native to them; whilst, for the gladness of youth which I had seen in them before, there was a settled expression of despair. I read in that face a fearful story!

The next day I was informed that Lady Louisa G—— was too unwell to resume her sitting. I heard, at the same time, that it was of her father's will that she should become the bride of Lord R——. A short time after, I saw their union announced in the papers.

The next spring found me still surrounded by the implements of the art I love, when one evening I received a hurried note from Lord R——, requesting my immediate presence at the house in —— street.

I went, and in the most agitated manner did he beg of me to take a likeness of his "beautiful, his dying wife."

Shocked beyond expression, I accompanied him to the drawing-room; and there extended on a couch, was laid the wreck of the young girl I had seen but one little year before, in all the "pride and prodigality" of beauty!

The glorious eyes were sunk and dim; the exquisite features sharpened by the hand of death; the dark hair thrown back in the impatience of sickness! She welcomed me with a faint smile but met her husband's anxious eye with an expression—which was not *love*.

I sat down to my sad task, and had scarcely commenced when a domestic brought in a card. The pale cheek of Lady R—— flushed deeply, as she trembingly exclaimed, "Let him come in."

"My love," interrupted Lord R——, "you are not well enough to see strangers."

"*Strangers!* We were brought up together," whispered the dying creature.

The door flew open, and the visitor entered. I knew him at the first glance. He walked hurriedly to the sofa on which the lady sat, in capable of rising (though evidently anxious) to receive him. He appeared to see but one object in the apartment—of Lord R——'s presence he seemed wholly unconscious. He wildly pressed a pale, thin, cold hand to his lips—hers murmured some one word that might be his name, but it was scarcely audible. The hand grew colder in his fevered pressure. Yes, even before Lord R—— could interpose, or proffer assistance—she, with one long, intense look upon features familiar to her from childhood, and imaged probably in her marriage-dreams, had fallen back, the loveliest ruin ever eye beheld.

When I left that stately and splendid mansion it had no mistress.

The Sen Const. (Miss.) *Democrat* learns from "good authority" that a cargo of African slaves is expected in the Ship Island Harbor, the latter part of the present month. They will, if they arrive safe, be landed without any attempt at secrecy, the consignees trusting to the sentiment in Mississippi as to the necessity of increasing the number of laborers, for a triumphant acquittal in the event of a Government prosecution.

The National Health Convention met at Cooper Institute, New York, on Tuesday night, when Dr. Harriet N. Austin made her appearance in the body of the hall, habited in Bloomer costume. Dr. Gaston made some remarks on the physical deterioration of the human race, and the unhealthiness of New York, which he attributed to bad sanitary regulations, and the general habit of using tobacco and drinking. His views were seconded by Mrs. Page, who condemned, in strong terms, the use of tobacco in all its forms.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The Money Market.

PHILADELPHIA, December 28, 1859.

The stock market presents little or nothing on which to remark. City and State loans are firm at previous quotations, with very light sales; Reading more buoyant, and Pennsylvania Central depressed. The business over the road showing favorably, adds strength to the market for North Pennsylvania Railroad bonds.

The directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company have decided upon the foot of Prime street as the Delaware terminus for their road, crossing the Schuylkill at Gray's Ferry Bridge. The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company now have a double track upon this street, along its whole length, and the New Jersey and Camden and Amboy Railroad lines land their through passengers there, as the readiest place to take the cars for Baltimore and the South. If the connection is made west of the Schuylkill, and Prime street used to carry freight through the city, it will greatly relieve Market street of the abominable nuisance of the "mulesters," and transfer from a great and stirring business, the most crowded part of the town, to another locality, where room is abundant, and where a new and large source of daily employment will be felt as a blessing.

The gross amount of bids for the three millions of treasury notes was $5,750,000. $125,000 at 5 3 per cent. per annum interest, which was awarded in full, and $5,625,000 at six per cent. per annum. The balance of $2,875,000 is to be apportioned pro rata among the bidders at six per cent., giving to each about fifty per cent. of the sum bid for. Considering the easy condition of the money market, this can hardly be deemed a favorable negotiation.

J. Ross Snowden, Esq., Director of the United States Mint, in this city, states that the coinage of the *dime* and *half-dime* for 1860 will be in a new and improved dress.

"The present wreath on the reverse will give place to a more appropriate and national one, being a festoon composed of the chief productions of our country, interspersed with oak leaves, as emblematic of strength and durability. The legend 'United States of America,' will be transferred from the reverse of the coin, where it now appears, to the obverse or principal side. The device on the obverse is not otherwise changed, but the execution of the dies is somewhat improved. The devices upon the half-dime will conform in all particulars except the denomination of the coin, to the dime. The cent will also appear with a new reverse one the new year. A much improved wreath, composed of oak leaves, takes the place of the present one, and is surmounted by the national shield, or 'armorial achievement,' as it is termed in the resolution of Congress of June 20, 1782, where it is described as follows: 'Paleways of thirteen pieces, argent, and gules; a chief, azure.' The following is a brief description of their heraldic terms: The horizontal lines on the top of the shield—'a chief, azure'—denote a blue color. The paleways of thirteen pieces and spaces, or vertical lines, represent the thirteen original States; the lines denote a red color. The space between the lines is argent, or silver, and represents the white color in coats of arms. From this description, we learn whence comes the 'red, white, and blue.' The red is symbolical of courage, the white of purity and beauty, and the blue, liberty and equality, particularly as applicable to the union and equality of the States. The import of this heraldic device is frequently nullified by having stars or mullets placed on the chief; but these do not belong to our 'arms,' although the former find an appropriate place on the flag of our country."

We learn from the Charleston *Mercury* that, on Thursday last, two $50 bills of the State Bank, in Charleston, were presented at the counter of that institution, by separate parties, for payment. The bills were from the genuine plate of the bank, but the signatures of the cashier B. M. Lee, and of *the president, Edward Sebring, were a most miserable* forgery, which was detected at the first glance of the teller. The officers of the bank at once investigated matters, to see how many of those bills might have been fraudulently before the public, when it was discovered that from a package of two hundred and fifty sheets—four bills to a sheet—awaiting the proper signatures to give them currency, *four sheets, or sixteen bills, were abstracted.* It is not yet known how the bills were taken from the bank. The parties who presented the bills which led to the detection of the fraud state that they took them from negroes in regular trade.

The editor of the Knoxville *Register* has been shown a counterfeit $5 note on the Union Bank of South Carolina. It is well executed. There is a figure 5 in both upper corners, with the word *five* printed across the lower part of the figure. In the centre of the note the letter V is formed by five portraits, with an eagle and two spears crossed in his talons, and a small 5 each side of the V. There is a female figure in the lower right-hand corner, with scales in the right hand and a spear in the left hand. A tree or shrub is in the lower left corner. The whole bill has a reddish cast, and is dated 1st January, 1859.

The following is a statement of the amount of coal transported over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for the week ending Dec. 24, 1859:

	Week. Previously. Total.
	Tons. Tons. Tons.
Total	15,606 11 40,184 11 55,791 02
Cor'ding week last year	8,423 17 34,014 02 43,556 05
Increase	6,543 14 6,142 01 12,634 17

The iron tonnage over the Lehigh Valley Railroad

	Tons.
For the week ending December 24th, was	1,300
Previously from December 1	3,355
Total this season, since Dec. 1st	4,655

The following is the coal tonnage of the Shamokin Valley and Pottsville Railroad Company:

	Week.	Year.
For the week ending Dec. 24	2,809 05	128,963 18
Same time last year	2,630 11	103,731 04
Increase	178 14	25,232 14
Decrease	331 06	

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES

December 28, 1859.

REPORTED BY S. E. SHOEMAKER, 314½ Walnut Street.

FIRST BOARD.

300 Penna 5s	94½	64 Minehill R loan	58
1350 City 6s	99½	10 Man & Mech Bk 1d	26½
400 do	99½	19 Minehill Scrip	58 23½
1000 Elmira 1st m 7s	55	2 Morris Can pf	52.100½
200 Frank & South 7s	80½	4 Farm & Mech Bk	56½
1000 N Penna R 6s	62½	600 Long Island R	11
56 Penna R loan	58½	15 Mechanics' Bank	26
77 do	56½		

BETWEEN BOARDS.

10 Commonw'th Bk	55	21½ Girard Bank	45½

SECOND BOARD.

1 & 50 Penna 5s	94	6 Penna R	56½
1000 Reading R 6s '76	71	14 do	56½
1000 N Penna R 6s	62½	11 do	56½
10 Ches & Walnut st	18	20 Reading R	45 20½
1 Penna R	56½		

CLOSING PRICES—STEADY.

	Bid.	*Asked.*		*Bid.*	*Asked.*
U. States 6s '74	102		Schl Nav stock		
Phila 6s	98½	98¾	Schl Nav pref	15½	16
" 5s	98½	98¾	Wmsp't & Elm		1½
" New	101	102	7s 1st mort	52½	53
Penna 5s	94½	95	2d mort		14
Reading R	45¾	50½	Long Island R	11	11½
" bds '70	80		Lehigh Coal & Nav	45½	42½
" mort 6s '84	70½		N Penna R	56½	
" 6s '77	71½		" 6s '77	62½	62
Penna R	56½		" 10s		80
" 2d m 6s	82		Catawissa R		
Morris Canal Con 6s	66		" 1st m bds	53½	53½
" pref	150½	100½	Frank & South R		80
Schuyl Nav 6s '62	67½	67½	Race & Vine st R		22
Sch Nav Imp 6s	73	76			

Philadelphia Markets.

DECEMBER 28—Evening.

There is a firmer feeling in the Flour market to-day. The demand is only speculative; about 1,200 bbls sold at $5 50 for superfine, $5.75@5 87 for extras, and for *extra selected brands. The trade are buying on a fair extent* at the above rates for supe-fine and extras, and $6 87½ ⅌ bbl for extra family and fancy brands. Rye Flour and Corn Meal are quiet. The former is held at $4 37½, and the latter $3 75 ⅌ bbl. Wheat is offered less freely, but the demand for it is limited; about 1,600 bus sold at 135@135c for fair to prime red, and 144@150c for white, mostly of the former description. Rye is steady, 400 bus sold at 92@93c. Corn is unsettled and lower; about 1,600 bus new yellow sold at 71@73c for dry, and 70@72c for damp lots, buyers now offer less. Oats are selling as wanted at 45c for Penn; Southern are worth 43c. Barley and Barley Malt are quiet. *Bark*—1st No. 1 *Quercitron is wanted at $27 per ton.* Cotton continues dull and a small business only to note at former rates. Groceries are unchanged. There is little or nothing doing in any kind. Provisions—The market for the Hog product is inactive and prices show the same. Seeds—There is a good demand for Clover-seed, and about 300 bus sold at $4 37½@4 50, according to quality; prime lots are scarce. Timothy is in steady demand; 300 bbls Ohio sold at 37½c; 300 bbls Penna at 30½c, hhds 30½c, and drudge 24½c ⅌ gallon.

New York Stock Exchange—Dec. 28.

SECOND BOARD.

5000 Tenn 6s '90	99	100 Hudson River R	41⅝
5000 Virginia 6s	94½	50 Chicago & R I	60 63½
5000 do	94½	200 do	63½
10000 Missouri 6s	89½	100 Reading R	47½
1000 Ill Central 8s	95	100 Mich S & N I Gtd	71
6000 Mod R 2d mtg	89½	50 Panama R	137
70 Union Bk	99	10 do	137½
200 N Y Central	80 78½	50 Ill Central R	150 67½
50 do	80 78½	250 Cal & Chicago R	64½
50 do	80 78½	50 do	63 64½
100 do	80 78½	100 do	63½
100 do	80 78½	100 Erie Railroad	38½

THE MARKETS.

ASHES continue quiet, as holders store their stocks for the new brands, and prices are unchanged, with small sales of pots at $5.12½, and pearls at $5.31½@5.37½.

FLOUR.—The market for State and Western Flour is a shade better, with large receipts and sales of 9,000 bbls at $5 20 for superfine State; $5.40@5 45 for extra do; $5.15@5.30 for superfine Western; $5.35@5 50 for extra do; $5 60@5.75 for extra round-hoop Ohio. Southern Flour is unchanged, with sales of 800 bbls at $5 45@5.75 for mixed to good; and $5.90@7.25 for extra brands. Canada Flour is firm, with sales of 300 bbls extra at $5.50@5.65.

FRUIT—By auction were sold 600 casks seedless Raisins at $3.25, and 500 half do at $4.50@4.55, 4 mos.; also, 7 cases Smyrna Figs at 6¼@7c.

GRAIN.—Wheat is very firm, but quiet, without transactions of moment. Corn is unchanged, with no sales to report. Oats are firm at 40@45c for Southern Pennsylvania, and large, and 40@42c for State, Canada, and Western.

PROVISIONS.—Pork is quiet, with sales of 150 bbls at $19 00@19 62½ for Prime, $19.62½ for Prime Mess, and $21@21 25 for Mess. Beef is dull. Prime Mess Beef is quiet, with sales of 250 bbls at $14@14.50 for country Prime; $22.50 for country Mess; $24@26 for city-packed Western; $29@30 for new do; $10.75@11 for extra Mess. Bacon is dull. Hams are quiet, with small sales of Hams at 9½@10c, and Shoulders at 6½@6½c. Lard is heavy, with sales of 300 pkgs at 10¼@10½c, and 100 kegs at 10c. Butter and Cheese are steady.

WHISKEY is lower, with sales of 100 bbls at 25c.

Markets by Telegraph.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Flour is dull at $5.25 for Howard-street and Ohio. No wheat of consequence is offered; the quotations are nominal. Corn dull; white 70@70c, yellow 72@73c. Provisions steady. New Mess Pork $19.75. Bacon—Sides 9½c. Whiskey dull; Ohio 26½c.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—The Cotton market is easier; sales to-day of 11,000 bales, and yesterday 8,500 bales; Middling 10½@10¾c. Sales of three days 27,500 bales. Receipts thus far about of last year at the port, 109,000 bales. Sugar firm at 7@7½c Exchange on New York unchanged.

MOBILE, Dec. 27.—Cotton—Sales to-day of 4,000 bales at 10¾c for middlings; sales of three days, 17,000 bales; receipts, 17,940 bales. Freights on Cotton to Liverpool, 17-32d@9-16d; to Havre, ⅞.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Southern mail furnishes the following:

GALVESTON, Dec. 17.—Total Cotton receipts here, 88,000 bales, against 67,520 bales to the same period last year; the stock in port is 34,940 bales, against 23,460 bales at the same time last year.

At Houston, on the 7th inst., the stock was 15,385 bales.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—The holders of Hogs demand an advance, but buyers are unwilling to concede it; 3,000 were sold at $5.80@5.85. Mess Pork 91½. Bulk Meats 5½@5¾c on the spot, and 6@6½c for delivery in February. Flour quiet at $5.30@5.40. Whiskey is 25c lower.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—The weather is very cold. It has been snowing slowly since seven o'clock this morning.

CITY ITEMS.

AN ENDLESS VARIETY of useful and entertaining Books—beautifully bound in gilt for $1—with a mostly present of use or ornament to each purchaser—may be had daily at the Gift Book Emporium of G. G. Evans, No. 439 Chestnut street.

Gold Watches,
Diamond Rings,
Bracelets, &c.,

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A case containing one dozen Nut Picks, either pearl, plated, or ivory handles.

A case containing one dozen Dessert or Fruit Knives, with ivory, pearl, or plated handles.

A case containing a pair of fine plated and gilt Salt Cellars and Spoons.

A case containing a plated Knife, Fork, and Spoon for a child.

A case containing a beautiful plated, chased, and gilded Child's Cup.

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A case containing one dozen plated Nut Picks, and two plated Nut Cracks.

A case or chest containing a full Breakfast, Dinner and Tea service of Carryl & Co.'s fine plated ware.

A beautiful chased and plated Pitcher, Salver and Goblet to match.

A fine Breakfast, Dinner or Supper Castor.

A richly chased and plated Cake Basket or Fruit Stand.

A gilded, chased, and plated Spoon Vase or Rack.

A plated Egg Boiler, with gilded cups, and three-minute glass attached.

A pair of fine plated Butter Dishes.

A Magic Sugar Dish—that can also be used as a Butter Dish.

A case containing two, six, or one dozen fine plated Napkin Rings.

A beautiful plated Glasses Card Basket.

A fine Toast Rack, Syrup Cup, or Spoon-holder.

A finely engraved Cake, Fish, Pie, Crumb, or Ice Cream Knife.

A plated Tete-a-tete set, with Cup and Saucer.

A Sugar Basket, lined with Bohemian Glass or Gold.

A plated Urn, Kettle, or hot Milk Pitcher.

An Ice Pitcher, with Salver and Bowl.

A plated Chafing, Vegetable or Entree Dish.

A French Balance Cafitier, with plated Mountings.

A beautiful Canary Bird Cage.

An elegant French Willow Work Stand, or a Sewing Chair.

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A child's Table or Rocking Chair, with one thousand and one (1001) other useful articles, to all of which the attention of those in want of Christmas *presents* is invited.

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"SUNSHINE" IN WINTER.—Our readers will not fail to appreciate the *literary treat provided by the Everett Literary Union*, at Concert Hall, on Friday (to-morrow) evening, in a new lecture to be delivered by the Rev. A. A. Willits, pastor of the First Reformed Dutch Church of this city. The subject of his lecture will be "Sunshine," and we advise all who wish to see a genial spot of way sunshine artistically exh'bited in a bleak December setting to hear it. We learn that this lecture has been the result of much preparation, and we shall be much mistaken if, in the hands of its *eloquent author, it does not prove to be one of the very choicest* gems of the present lecture season. Concert Hall will doubtless be crowded to overflowing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION.—The Sunday School connected with the Fourth Baptist Church (Rev. R. Jeffery's) corner of Fifth and Buttonwood streets, will hold a celebration and concert in that church on this (Thursday) evening, commencing at 7½ o'clock. From the programme which has been handed to us, the entertainment is likely to be highly interesting. It will consist of a choice selection of choruses, duets, solos, dialogues, and recitations of the children of the school.

HOLIDAY GIFTS—The Stereoscope and Pictures, truly a New Year's present. It will afford pleasure for the whole year. Emporium, 18 South Eighth street, James Cremer & Co.

A LENGTHY DOCUMENT.—The President's message is quite verbose, and is variously estimated as a State paper. But one opinion prevails, however, in relation to that portion of it which treats on our domestic relations; and that is the preservation of the Union intact, and promote kindly feelings, citizens from all parts of the States, regardless of sectionalities, should adopt the graceful and seasonable styles of Granville Stokes, the great clothier and fashioner, No. 607 Chestnut street.

ARRIVALS AT THE PRINCIPAL HOTELS,

UP TO TWELVE O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

GIRARD HOUSE—Chestnut st., below Ninth.

W W Welch, Yorkspringe | A Mayer, N Y
H Sanderson, N Y | Geo T Rider, Pittsburg
A L Hollingsworth, Boston | T Durand, N Y
Will. White & wf, N Y | Dr Phillips & la, Va
O P Sangstack & ls, Wash | W E Toombs, Wash, D C
J C Wood, N Y | G G Murray & wf, Ohio
Theo H Harwitz, Baltimore | Capt A Doubleday, U S A
Geo C Kunkel, Harrisburg | Mrs Doubleday
P Dougherty, Harrisburg | G M Lauman, Pa
J C Thomas, N Y | John G Potts, Pottsville
W H Haley, Wash, D C | W T B Duncan, N Y
J H Bradbury, N Y | A H Van Loan, Atlanta, Ga
Saml Rodman & wf, R I | R Macdonald & wf, Mont'l
F A Salmond & wf, Balt | J C Woods & fam, Wash
E W Woods, Wash D C | D B Hutchins & ls, Balt
E W Stephens, Wheeling | S E Lewis, Philadelphia
R J Lauman & ls, Pa | H Faile, N Y
E Emery & ls, Lowell | J B North, Wash, D C
W A Dean, Baltimore | D P Coffin, N Y
Geo P Whitaker, Md | Mrs Lauman, Reading
Mrs McKnight, Reading | John Wayland, N Y
A D Dotmus | E S Sanford, Phila
Jno Butterfield, Utica, N Y | W G Foster, Boston
Jas G Farco, Chicago | J H Guion & wf, N Y
A B Smith, Kenosha | Mrs M E Flynn, Va
Miss J Perkins, Suff lk, Va | J Benton, N Y
Thos B Sharp, Richmond | J H Briggs, N Y
Thos P Cope, N Y | Thos Jones, N Y
C Durand, New Haven | F P Breed, Boston
Geo H Steiner, Boston | P G Tyson, Bordentown, N J
M Jerrell, Hartford | Jno C White, N Y
Geo J Lawrence, N Y | G B Foster, Boston
Geo F Bingham, N Y | W B Fowler, N Y
T M Converse, N O | S Johnston, Buffalo
W Boaler, N Y

MERCHANTS' HOTEL—Fourth street, below Arch.

Louis Schaefer, Canton, O | Miss Rebecca Brown, O
Henry Fletcher, Baltimore | J A McLaughlin, Boston
G C Abbott, Greensburg, Pa | G L Head, Clearfield Pa
A Wolfe, Pa | Mrs M E Sparhawk
John Orr, Crestown, Pa | Wm A Kerr, Kennville, Pa
Jos A Lambert, N Y | J Robinson, Ohio
Jas Sanderson, Erie, Pa | Mr Hampton, Cal
J H Dennison, Phila | Isaac McKinley, Pa
B B Whitney, Milton, Ill

AMERICAN HOTEL—Chestnut st., above Fifth.

J L Gwin, Blair co | W E Rice, Mauch Chunk
G McIntire, West Chester | W R Jamison, Reading
Saml Sillins, Md | H Dunning, N Y
L E Wentworth, Mass | J J Dale, Boston
A J Hammond, Lonn | L Noyes
B Rhodes, Bordentown | W O Hooker, Westerley
G A Fenton, Canton, O | B Voss, Canton, O
G H Stewart, Lancaster | J Hobart, Pa
H Yeates, Balt | Bent Little, Balt
Alex Weiss, Easton | F Lincoln, N Y
T B Brown, Newark, N J | E M Brown, N Y
H B Curry & ls, N Y | Miss E L Cooper, N Y
W J Kirk's, Balt | J Martin, R I
F E Whitehead, N Y | G C Bostwick, N Y
J N Duncan, Wilm, Del

ST. LOUIS HOTEL—Chestnut st., ab. Third.

J Frankel, Phila | B Mallmann, N Y
J D Amest, Va | B Stern, Phila
W Wolff, Michigan | J D Murphy, Balt
J Lawrence, Boston | O W Palmer, Quincy, N Y
G A Votter, N Y | F Butterfield, N Y
A T Anderson, Newark, N J | J D Freeman, Newark, N J

JONES' HOTEL—Chestnut street, above Sixth.

R B Marsh, N J | V Whitlock, N Y
John Pointon, Chicago | M Oliphant, Scotland
T Greaves, Ky | H T Fallon, N Y
E B Kershaw, Boston | W H Spangler, Baltimore
J Bryant & wife, R I | Thos Bryant, Pa
L S Delanian, Wheeling | W P Lander, N Y
J Boulder, Pa | S G Pike, Me
W H Ross, Del

STATES UNION HOTEL—Market st. above Sixth.

James M Swank, Pa | Wm Wright & ls, Pa
J Ferver, Freeport | Levi Geesey, Altoona
W R Mendenhall, Pa | Robt C Hopkins, Pa
R W Smith, Wrightsville | J E Bertram, Pottsville
W Paskell, Md | P Breaver, Lancaster co
Miss Hains, Md | Geo Plitt, Harrisburg
Edw Williams, Del | Jesse Pennock & la, Pa
Saml Pennock, Pa | Townsend Pennock, Pa
D S Rochenchefor, Pa

COMMERCIAL HOTEL—Race street, above Third.

L Martin, Chester co | M Gorman, N J
H Spangler, Md | John Rose, Pittsburg
B B Dunstreth, Iowa | Chas Duffey, Conteaville
J Snyder, Lancaster | Jno F Orth, Hummelstown
Wm S Brinton W Chester | Arthur Ebbs W Chester
J W Pratt, Chester co | F Nivin, Chester co
John Lemon, Chester co | O P Bullard, Media, Pa
J G Moore, Buckson | G K Stone, Trenton, N J
A Bunting, Del co, Pa | Robt Baldwin, Lan co, Pa

MERCHANTS' HOUSE—Third st., above Callowhill.

T S Grub, Tylersville | J Hockman, Wmsport
A Ettinger, Allentown | W J Ettinger, Allentown
J Weiskel, Allentown | A Lewis, Allentown
J Weaver, Jr, Allentown | H Warman, Lehigh co
J Goth, Bethlehem | C H Lehr, Allentown
J Ritter, Allentown | G W Hoffman, Allentown
G Mertzler, Bethlehem

NATIONAL HOTEL—Race street, above Third.

A Kunzel, N J | Mr Gorman, N J
J Gerver, Altoona, Pa | John Rose, Pittsburg
E Darlington, Coatesville | Chas Duffey, Conteaville
Henry Fletcher, Baltimore | Jno F Orth, Hummelstown
J G Wolf, Lewisburg, Pa | Worth, Del co, Pa
T Abbot, Catawissa | Chas Smith, Port Carbon
Jas Clemens, Doylestown

THE UNION HOTEL—Arch street, above Third

H T Cross, Elmira, N Y | J Cooper, Md
J E Wellner, Bloomsburg | W H Seip, Easton
J Boyd, Danville, Pa | Saml M Bigins, N J
D Kahn, N Y

BARLEY SHEAF HOTEL—Second st., below Vine.

John Watson, Middletown | Geo Dean & sn, N J
G W Eddy, Frenchtown N J | Henry Hunt, N J
J Hutchinson, Bordentown | H Dunning, N Y
Jos W Johnson, Allentown | J Dale, Boston
Wm L H Colpo, Phila | L Noyes
D Good, Cal | W O Hooker, Westerley
John Berkstresser, Cal | B Voss, Canton, O
Isaac Graham, Cal | G W Hobart, Pa
Wm Smith, Minersville | Bent Little, Balt
F Lincoln, N Y
E M Brown, N Y
Miss E L Cooper, N Y
J Martin, R I
G C Bostwick, N Y

EAGLE HOTEL—Third street, above Race.

G Darlington, Chester co | S Routhizer, Chester co
J Anderson, Montgomy co | H Hurling, Phila
J Pim, Cal | S Foster, Phila
W D Briggs, Pottsville | J Haines, St Louis
S Stirling, N Y

BALD EAGLE HOTEL—Third st., above Callowhill.

W H Weaver, Bucks co | W Zigenfuss, Weisport
J Weiss, Weisport | M Uhler, Fremont
J Bechtel, Norristown | Mrs Bechtel, Norristown
J Longstreth, White Marsh | J Shaoffer, Bucks co

BLACK BEAR HOTEL—Third, above Callowhill st.

John O'Neal, Pa | A Lukens, Bucks co
J Bolder, Pa | J Bloomfield, Pa
D D Davis, Phila | W Kline, Earlville
J Grum, Macungie

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

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BY TELEGRAPH.
(Correspondence of The Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.

Arrived. Br bark Return, from Glasgow.
Ship Belgravia, from Liverpool.

The bark Hadley, from Baltimore for Boston, in search of Monomoy Point, with a signal of distress hoisted.

The schr Caroline, from Bath Maine, for Baltimore, struck on the bar off Nantucket last night. She beat over the bar and sunk. Her crew were saved.

MEMORANDA.

Steamship Boston, Sellew, hence, arrived at N York yesterday.

Ship Australia, Dudley, from Sumatra, arrived at New York yesterday.

Ship Golden Eagle, Luce, from New York for San Francisco, put into Talcahuano Nov 12 for water, with fifteen of the crew sick. Had been off Cape Horn eighty days, and the ship remained tight.

Ship Crusader, Eaton, from Cocuimbo, was at Tome, Chili, Nov 12, to sail 17th for Boston.

Ship Silver Star, Wade, sailed from Baltimore yesterday for Annapolis Roads, to finish reloading for San Francisco.

Bark Empress Theresa, for Baltimore, sailed from Rio de Janeiro 12th inst.

Bark Zingarella, Bunker, for New York, sailed from Rio de Janeiro 12th inst.

Brig Comet, Isle, Pratrupp, was at Grand Turk 17th inst. loading for Philadelphia.

Brig Emma, Baker, hence, was below Boston 27th inst.

Schr Lydia Ann, Weaver, hence, arrived at Richmond 27th inst.

Schr J W Godfrey, Weeks, hence, arrived at Wilmington, NC, 26th inst.

Schr Belle, Mitchell, hence, arrived at Richmond 27th inst.

Schr S Jones, Godfrey, from Apalachicola, was at Hampton Roads 26th inst.

Schr T Bodine, Maxfield, hence, arrived at Richmond 27th inst.

Schr Robert King, Loeds, hence, arrived at Richmond 27th inst.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

BRONCHIAL AFFECTIONS.—A clergyman, writing from Morristown, Ohio, speaking of the beneficial effects resulting from the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches," says: "Last spring, I feared my lungs were becoming dangerously involved, and, until I used your Troches, could not preach an evening of ordinary length, without hoarseness; but now, (with the assistance of 'Troches,') I have, in the past five weeks, preached some forty sermons." d29-thstu 3t

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The Family Sewing Machine	50

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