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The Press.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1860.

Authors and Books.

Considerable activity prevails in the English publishing circles. The *Cornhill Magazine*, edited by THACKERAY, was announced to appear, not upon the usual "Magazine Day," (the last of the month,) but upon the 23d ult. time, probably to catch readers at Christmas. It will be sold at a shilling, and liberally illustrated. *Harper's Magazine* contains double the quantity of letter-press and four times the probable number of engravings, at the same price. It is said that 60,000 copies of the first number have been printed. It will open with a serial tale by Mr. THACKERAY, illustrated by himself, and the first of a series of essays from the same pen, to be called "The Roundabout Papers." Two other serials will be commenced, and Sir JOHN BURGOYNE supplies an article on Rifle Clubs, an essay upon Animal Life being supplied by Mr. G. H. LEWES. The payment to contributors will be unusually high, (double the rate paid to *Blackwood's* writers,) but the copyright, contrary to the general custom of periodicals, will wholly pass from the authors to the publishers.

A rival to this publication, bearing the title of *Macmillan's Magazine*, the first number of which appeared in December, will publish a new poem, by ALFRED TENNYSON, in the January number. It bears the name of "The Seadreams, an Idyll," and will not extend beyond one hundred lines, for which the poet will receive the sum of two hundred and fifty guineas—equal to $1,812. Exactly sixty years ago, BYRON attacked WALTER SCOTT for making money by his poetry, saying

"Thomas Murray with his Miller should combine
To yield thy muse just half a crown a line."

But here we have TENNYSON paid over thirteen dollars a line. This, it may be presumed, is the largest rate ever paid for a like quantity of English verse. Last July, in the third number of *Once a Week*, appeared a ballad by TENNYSON called "The Grandmother's Apology," extending to 108 lines. The sum of 100 guineas, or over five dollars a line, was paid for this. The advanced price is very great.

Mr. WILKIE COLLINS has addressed a letter to a London critic denying that in his new serial called "The Woman in White," he was to be assisted by the pen of CHARLES DICKENS. He claims originality of plot and treatment, and says: "All the characters are of my painting, and all the incidents of my inventing." Mr. COLLINS's new story appears in *All the Year Round*, and also in *Harper's Weekly*.

The London *Critic*, remarking on the air of *vraisemblance* about the way in which the stories in the Haunted *House* are introduced, hints that "Mr. DICKENS had some particular house in his eye at the time when he resolved upon that device. This we believe to be really the case. Not that any such party of friends really did occupy the house under such circumstances, any more than Mr. DICKENS really spent an evening and stood pulch at the house of the Seven Poor Travellers. Still we believe that, when these tales were in preparation, Mr. DICKENS had, or fancied he had, his eye upon a real, substantial house of brick and timber. A short time before there was a story afloat about a house at Chesham, which was haunted to an extent surpassing any since the never-to-be-forgotten mansion in Cock-lane. There were noises, and 'eyes,' and ringing of bells, and perpetuitie furniture, and tenant after tenant had been spiritually ejected; even the name of a definite person, the sister of a well-known actress, was mentioned as having been the last victim to the Chesham ghost. It was upon this foundation, we believe, that *The Haunted House* was constructed, and the result has been one of the pleasantest contributions to our Christmas reading that we have enjoyed for some time past. The sequel, however, is perhaps the best part of the whole story. Having made such excellent literary capital out of the house, Mr. DICKENS took it into his head the other day that it would be a desirable thing to know something more about it, and accordingly proceeded with some friends to Chesham. What did they find? We are told, nothing. There was no house, no ghosts, no noises, no eyes, neither was the reringing of bells, nor saltatory bedsteads; at least, nobody at Chesham, nor even 'the oldest inhabitant,' had heard of any such matters. So that, unless we are to believe that the ghosts have removed the house bodily, and have bewitched the inhabitants at Chesham, so as to destroy all their recollection of it, we must presume that such a house has never had existence."

Talking of ghosts, the same journal tells us that on New Year's Day was to appear a new magazine, to be called *The Spiritualist*, in which articles will appear by Mr. W. HOWITT, Mr. E. RICH, Judge EDMONDS, Dr. ASHBURNER, Dr. DIXON, Hon. ROBERT DALE OWEN, Mrs. CROWE, Mr. D. D. HOME, Rev. T. L. HARRIS, and other able contributors.

New Publications.

From W. B. Zieber we have received the new number of the *North American Review*, just published by Crosby, Nichols, & Co., Boston. This is the best number we have seen for a long time, and, indeed, this periodical has latterly shown considerable accession of ability and spirit. Out of eleven articles, half a dozen are of great merit. The best, beyond all comparison, is that upon the China Question, tracing the into war down to its present *status*. This, fortified on all points from official data, is by far the most complete history of the case yet published, here or in England. Another excellent paper is that upon George Canning, the British statesman, tracing his whole career. It is slightly in error when it says that, on his return to England in 1820, Caroline of Brunswick "took up her abode with Alderman Wood in the City." She went to his house in South Audley street, which is in the west or fashionable part of Westminster, and at least two miles distant from the city of London, a trading place wherein very few persons of means reside. We have to notice, also, a satisfactory article on Wesleyan Methodism, based upon the admirable biography of John Wesley, contained in two volumes of the Rev. Dr. Abel Stevens's "History of the Religious Movement of the Eighteenth Century, called Methodism," published last year, by Carlton & Porter, New York—the fairest account of Wesley yet written, while it also fully traces the rise and progress of Methodism. Papers upon the Assyrian Empire, the Indian Tribes, the Commerce and Currency of the United States, Washington's Farewell Address, George Withers, the poet, the Literature of the Italian War, (a notice of French books on that subject,) and Mr. Starr King's new "White Hills," make up the remainder of the contents. The first twenty pages are occupied with a review of the whole of Tennyson's poetry—surely a dilatory notice.

We may state, *en passant*, being reminded of it by the above mention of the book, that we made a mistake, a short time since, when noticing that charming volume, "The White Hills," by Thomas Starr King, in saying that it was published by *Gould & Lincoln*, Boston. On the contrary, it was published by Crosby, Nichols, & Co., of that city, and our copy was received through T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Chestnut street, who have the work on sale.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

The great peculiarity of Children's Books of the present day is that, for the most part, they are as readable by adults as by young folks. They are not written down to the juvenile comprehension, according to the fashion of other times, but are written intelligibly. Moreover, they instruct as well as entertain, and their illustrations are well designed and well engraved. Desiring to clear our table of the remaining Children's Books, after the great Christmas overflow, we shall briefly notice them here, as we have read them through, and our opinion may assist parents and others who desire to buy.

"Martha's Hooks and Eyes," (received from Hazard, published by Appletons,) is a tiny volume, the first production of a young lady who has shown, in this essay that she possesses ability to write more important books, by and bye. It is the story of a little girl, Martha Sanford, who, living, "down East," helps her reduced family and establishes useful habits of industry by putting hooks and eyes upon cards, at the humble remuneration of two cents for a dozen cards. It is a simple tale, remarkably well told.

Brown, Taggart, & Chase, Boston publishers, have sent us a leash of children's books, neatly printed, illustrated, and bound. The first is the Life of Whitcomb Woodchuck, by Uncle Faunus, related in prose and verse; just the book to charm little folk, and initiate them into the mysteries of natural history; the next, called "Our Summer House, and what was said and done in it," is written by the author of "Violet," a story-book which, we believe, is in half the houses in this city. This volume, which has some very fine wood engravings, is the commencement of the Summer-house series, and, in its frame-work, is very different from the usual run of juvenile books. It breathes of nature, of the open air, of actual life, and of the realm of fairies. Lastly, from the same publishers, is a small volume entitled "Pictures from the History of the Swiss," with neat engravings. This is a mixture of historical fact, strictly true, with legend, tradition, and romance. It may be readily imagined what a delightful series of narratives is thus produced, and our young friends will be glad to learn that other foreign countries will be dealt with for their instruction and pleasure in the same way.

Mr. Jacob Abbott, second only to "Peter Parley" in his productive authorship for the rising generation, has brought out a new History of Peter the Great, Emperor of Russia. Messrs. Harpers, the publishers, have made the volume unusually attractive, with numerous illustrations. It is a concise but clear biography of the great founder of the Russian Empire.

Letter from New York.

BUSINESS OF THE NEW YORK POST OFFICE FOR 1859—THE HEAVIEST CASE OF INSOLVENCY EVER BROUGHT INTO OUR COURTS—THE WEATHER AND THE POOR—GERRIT SMITH—TAMMANY HALL AND THE 8TH OF JANUARY—THE "INDEPENDENT" NEWSPAPER—PRESENTS TO THE PREACHERS—DRY GOODS AND IRREPRESSIBLEISM—GEORGE TICKNOR'S A PERFECT COMPANY—THE COMMERCIAL FAILURES OF 1859—MR. BONNER—REORGANIZATION OF THE NEW YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.

Correspondence of The Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7, 1860.

The generous-sized and courteous gentleman who has charge of the correspondence of the post-office in this city is preparing the usual yearly statistics. I am permitted to copy from his rough draft the following items: The average number of letters delivered, per quarter, during 1859, at the New York office is 2,400,000. The average number delivered quarterly by carriers is 1,135,000; the number of letter carriers employed is 90; number of letter collectors, 28; number of U. S. mail boxes, for the deposit of letters, scattered throughout the city, about 500; number of subpost offices 6; number of daily deliveries, between the Battery and Fifty-fifth street (about 5 miles), 4; number of collections, 4. It is contemplated materially to increase the number of letter-boxes in different parts of the town, as soon as it is definitely determined what style shall be adopted. More frequent deliveries by the carriers are also indispensable, and, ultimately, must come the abandonment of the box system. The postmaster is desirous of meeting the public requirements to the fullest extent, but can go no faster or farther than the circumlocution office at Washington will sanction.

Probably the heaviest case of insolvency that ever came before an American court, was brought to the consideration of Judge Daly, of the Common Pleas, on Wednesday last, on application of Suydam, Sago, & Co., for relief under the insolvent act, the firm having liabilities, to the amount of nearly $3,000,000. The petition for relief was opposed by four gentlemen for themselves and a large number of creditors. Suydam, Sage, & Co., were for many years the heaviest operators in flour in the American market, and were supposed to be possessed of immense wealth. A succession of great losses, during the last general panic, compelled them to succumb, which they did, to the tune of millions. Unable to effect a settlement with many of their creditors, they now propose to force them through the medium of the insolvent law, and the probabilities are that they will, after a reasonable amount of litigation, prove successful.

The last few days of extreme cold weather has been very severely felt by the poor, who crowd to the office of the Superintendent of Poor, in the rotunda at the Park, for relief. On Tuesday last, up to two o'clock in the afternoon, upwards of three thousand five hundred names were entered as applicants, and on Wednesday nearly four thousand more. This year the following sums have been appropriated for the out-door poor:

Coal	$38,000
Donations in money	34,000
Nursing children	11,100
Total	$83,100

Only those foreigners who have resided in this city for five years can apply for relief at this department, and Americans must have been resident in New York one year, unless in very pressing cases, before relief is given.

Mr. Gerrit Smith has so far recovered from his aberration of intellect as to be permitted to leave the Lunatic Asylum, at Utica, and return to his home at Peterboro'. His physician, however, has interdicted all social visits, and forbids him from giving any attention whatever to business or correspondence. As soon as it can be attempted with safety he will make the voyage to Europe, in company with friends whose discretion and regard for him will prompt to such agreeable and careful attentions as will tend ultimately to his restoration to complete mental health.

On Monday next the warriors of Tammany Hall—the Saachems, the Sagemores, and the Winskinkies, will celebrate the victory of New Orleans, as has been the custom at the wigwam ever since Old Hickory's elevation to the Presidency. In consequence of the recent defeat of the Tammany braves, efforts have been made to make the festivities unusually attractive. Invitations to be present have been sent, as heretofore, to prominent politicians throughout the country.

The proprietors of the *Independent* newspaper have secured another star contributor for 1860—the poet Lowell. Ward Beecher, Mrs. Stowe and John G. Whittier will continue to illuminate its columns.

The "presents to clergymen" business, was carried on quite extensively on Christmas. Besides the $1,500 donation to Dr. Bethune, the friends of the Rev. Mr. Bartlett, of Brooklyn, a youthful sensation preacher of the most express and special sort, presented him with an "eel-skin" containing $500; a good thing to do.

The report that the falling off in the Southern trade had rendered it proper for A. T. Stewart & Co. to discharge fifty clerks from their wholesale department, turns out to be a *canard*. The falling off of the *retail* trade to Southerners, in January, has induced them to discharge a few hands, as has been their usual custom; but in the wholesale department all is serene.

George Law, who owns the Roosevelt-street ferry to Brooklyn, is selling tickets at the rate of 100 for 25 cents, merely for the agreeable pastime of compelling the Peck Slip Company to do the same thing, which they cannot afford to do, any more than Law can; but Law wants to ruin his Peck friends, which, as old Weller once sublimely remarked, is "the consekens of the manoover."

The annual statistical table of commercial failures in the United States in 1859, made up by the mercantile agency of Dun, Boyd, & Co., shows that the failures