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AND
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In which will be found a full assortment of
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VESTINGS,
TAILORS' TRIMMINGS, &c.,
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OF MY OWN IMPORTATION,
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CANTON FLANNELS,
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WRIGHT'S PATENT ANVILS AND VICES,
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And other kinds in every variety.
SOLE AGENTS FOR
SHARP'S RIFLE AND PISTOL,
WEIGHING ONLY 8¾ OUNCES.
SHARP'S NEW MODEL RIFLES AND PISTOLS.
EDWARDS, HANDY, JNO. S. BRENNER. G. P. BRENNER.
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HARDWARE,
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and GUN
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NORTHEAST CORNER
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WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,
Importers and Dealers in WINDOW GLASS, PAINTS, &c., invite the attention of
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LASTINGS, GALLOONS,
SHEETINGS, PATENT LEATHER,
FRENCH KIDS, LACETS,
SLIPPER UPPERS, &c.
N. E. CORNER FOURTH AND ARCH STREETS.
fe3-3m

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1860. STRAW GOODS. 1860.
THOMPSON & JENKINS,
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OF
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HATS AND CAPS,
SILK BONNETS,
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS,
RUCHES, &c.
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Consolous of our superior facilities in obtaining our supplies, we flatter ourselves that superior inducements, both as regards choice of selection and moderation in prices, cannot be met with. fe3-3m

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CAPES, SETS,
SLEEVES, and CUFFS,
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Blond and Imitation,
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Also,
4-4, 6-4, 8-4, 9-4, 10-4 ILLUSION,
TARLATANS, CRAPES, &c.,
Much below the usual prices.
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fe12-tf

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COMPLETE STOCK OF
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FANCY AND CRAPE BONNETS,
FRENCH FLOWERS, RIBBONS, and MILLINERY GOODS IN GENERAL.
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FEBRUARY 4, 1860.
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FIFTH AND CHERRY STREETS, ADJOINING FACTORY,
MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS
OF
LADIES' DRESS
AND
MANTILLA TRIMMINGS,
We are now prepared to offer a large and desirable stock of Ladies' Dress and Mantilla Trimmings, together with a full line of colors.
ZEPHYR WORSTEDS,
SHETLAND WOOL,
EMBROIDERING CHENILLE,
&c., &c.,
To which the attention of the Trade is directed.
SOLE AGENTS FOR RYLE'S SPOOL-SILK.
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1860. SPRING. 1860.
EVANS & HASSALL,
IMPORTERS OF
LADIES' DRESS TRIMMINGS,
No. 51 S. FOURTH STREET.
Are now opening a fine assortment of
NOVELTIES FOR THE SPRING SEASON,
To which they invite the attention of buyers. fe3-1m

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MRS. WINSLOW, AN EXPERIENCED NURSE AND FEMALE Physician, presents to the attention of mothers her
SOOTHING SYRUP
FOR CHILDREN TEETHING,
which greatly facilitates the process of teething, by softening the gums, reducing all inflammation; will allay ALL PAIN and spasmodic action, and is
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Depend upon it, mothers, it will give rest to yourselves and relief and health to your infants.
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We speak in this matter "what we do know," after ten years' experience, and pledge our reputation for the fulfilment of what we here declare. In almost every instance where the infant is suffering from pain and exhaustion, relief will be found in fifteen or twenty minutes after the Syrup is administered.
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NEW SPRING STYLES.
CASHMARETS,
ALL COLORS AND QUALITIES.
BLACK DOESKINS,
FINE TO SUPER.
KENTUCKY JEANS,
ALL-WOOL FILLING.
SATINETS,
PRINTED, PLAIN, AND MIXTURES.
COTTON WARP CLOTHS,
ALL GRADES AND COLORS.
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FOR SALE BY THE AGENTS,
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COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 219 CHESTNUT,
AND
30 STRAWBERRY STREETS,
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CHECKS,
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DENIMS, and
PHILADELPHIA-MADE GOODS GENERALLY.
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Of desirable makes and styles. fe8-th m-tf

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CASSIMERES,
DOESKINS, AND
SATINETS.
SPRING AND
SUMMER COATINGS,
MANTELETS,
PANTALOON STUFFS,
&c., &c.
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☞ Agency for Philadelphia Carpet Manufacturers.
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Suitable for both Clothiers and Jobbers, in large variety.
SUMMER COATINGS AND CASHMERETTS
Made by Washington Mills.
Orders taken for these desirable goods for Spring trade.
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FOR THE SALE OF
PHILADELPHIA-MADE GOODS.
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M'CALLUM & CO.,
CARPET MANUFACTURERS,
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Also, Importers and Dealers in
CARPETINGS,
OIL CLOTHS,
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Southern and Western buyers are respectfully invited to call. fe3 2m

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F. A. ELIOT & CO., Nos. 32 and 34 North FRONT Street, are the SOLE AGENTS in Philadelphia for the ROXBURY CARPET COMPANY, and have constantly for sale a full assortment of VELVET and TAPESTRY CARPETS, of choice patterns.
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N. B.—F. A. ELIOT & CO. being the Sole Agents in Philadelphia for the sale of the Worsted and Carpet Yarns spun by the Saxonville Mills (formerly the New England Worsted Company,) and being agents also for the Baldwin, Wilton, and Abbott Companies, have peculiar facilities for keeping constantly for sale the various kinds of Carpets manufactured in Philadelphia, on the most favorable terms. Ja17-3m

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WILLIAM YARNALL,
No. 1020 CHESTNUT STREET,
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USEFUL HOUSEKEEPING GOODS.
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CHAFING DISHES,
FIRE SCREENS,
PLATE WARMERS,
TEA TOYS, &c., &c.
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CHEESE.—375 boxes Herkimer County Cheese, in store, and for sale by C. O. SADLER & CO., ARCH street, 2d door above Front. fe4

The Press.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1860.

Queen's English.

Cobbett, in the very amusing English Grammar which he wrote, used to draw his examples of bad grammar from Pitt's King's Speeches, and Castlereagh's House of Commons harangues. The result was a marked improvement—not in Castlereagh's slip-slop talk, which was incorrigible, but—in the composition of the documents severally called "The Speech from the Throne."

The *Times*, which always reminds us of an elephant, equally capable of rending an oak of the forest and picking up a pin, has an amusing criticism on the Queen's Speech, which she read, in the House of Lords, on the 24th of January, on the opening of the present Parliamentary Session. It asks, "Has the Queen—being impelled thereto by her constitutional advisers—a right to clip her own English, to cry down the good old sterling idioms that have passed current since the time of Elizabeth, and to issue forth with her own image and superscription, a certain base money vulgarly known as 'slip slop?'" It adds, "The best Queen's Speech that was ever made has come out in the worst English that ever was written. It is strange how so many singularly inappropriate words were ever got into so many singularly inappropriate places."

Whoever *wrote* the Queen's Speech, knew little of the English tongue. It is a jungle of words through which a pathway has to be cut with an axe to arrive at any meaning. The *Times* (which is a little hypercritical, we think) quotes several instances of clumsy wording, and adds: "There is not in the whole Speech a good old ringing English idiom, nor even a happy plagiarism from any of our neighbor tongues; but the idioms, although they are flabby, and lack the sinew and muscle of true English, are not so ridiculous as the metaphors. When her Majesty 'endeavors, by friendly means, to prevent a rupture,' we strive in vain to realize the scene; and we should like to have all the authors of this composition locked up together, until they produced a satisfactory picture of one of those 'embers of disturbance' which are so feelingly spoken of in relation to the Indian mutinies. In old times, when constructive treasons were numerous, an earnest Attorney General might have got a verdict of 'high treason' against the framers of this Royal Speech for conspiring to take away the Queen's breath. He would have had little more to do than to desire the twelve good men and true all to stand up and read through the paragraph which relates to the Conference. It consists of two sentences—one of eight lines and another of thirteen—and is such a labyrinth of assertions and conditions, with parenthesis within parenthesis, and with nominative cases irregularly divorced from their verbs—it involves such a holding of breath and continuity of utterance, that very few ladies except the Queen could get through it without breaking down. On a wet day, when the Hampton Court labyrinth is inaccessible, we recommend this Congress paragraph to an idler as a capital puzzle. Let him once get into it, and run up and down among the twisted phrases, and then let him get honestly out of it if he can."

The Congress paragraphs here alluded to are as follows:

"At the close of the last session, I informed you that overtures had been made to me to ascertain if a great Powers of Europe, not including Sardinia, would be willing to join in a Congress for the purpose of settling the future condition of Italy, a plenipotentiary for which purpose would be sent by me to assist at such a Conference. I have since received a formal invitation from the Emperor of Austria and from the Emperor of the French to send a plenipotentiary to a Congress, to consist of the representatives of the eight Powers who were parties to the treaties of Vienna, of 1815—the object of such Congress being stated to be to receive communication of the treaties concluded at Zurich, and to deliberate, associating with the above-mentioned Powers the Courts of Rome, of Sardinia, and of the Two Sicilies, on the means best adapted for the pacification of Italy, and for placing its prosperity on a solid and durable basis.

"Circumstances have arisen which have led to a postponement of the Congress, without any day having been fixed for its meeting; but, whether in Congress or in separate negotiation, I shall endeavor to obtain, for the people of Italy, freedom from foreign interference by force of arms in their internal concerns, and I trust that the affairs of the Italian peninsula may be peacefully and satisfactorily settled."

This certainly is a notable specimen of the description of writing called *rigmarole*. It would puzzle the best scholar in the High School to parse it, because it is put together with a magnificent contempt of the ordinary trammels of syntax. Murdering the Queen's English is a crime of no ordinary gravity, in social life. When the Queen herself is the culprit—the offence forced upon her by her Cabinet Ministers!—it is very difficult to decide what punishment should be meted to her. It is as if a Chief Justice should himself commit one of the offences which he is in the habit of trying in his Criminal Court.

When Victoria announces to the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and "her faithful Commons," who conjointly constitute the British Parliament, that "the last embers of disturbance" in her East Indian dominions "have been extinguished," we are inclined to ask where, in the name of all that is rational, such a remarkable mixed metaphor as this could have been put into her mouth. "The last embers of disturbance"—what *can* it mean? All the "confusion worse confounded" of the Queen's Speech, one learns to think with more tolerance than the sentence has usually received, upon President Taylor's joyful announcement to Congress that this country was "at peace with all the world—and the rest of mankind." Here is tautology, surplusage of words, strange iteration; but here, also, is a plain and straightforward thought, intelligible, if not exactly grammatically correct.

The Queen's Speech is a sort of joint-stock composition framed by the Cabinet Ministers. Not one of these fifteen noblemen and gentlemen but had the advantage of an University education. Some of them have even obtained no small celebrity as men of letters. Lord Palmerston was one of the authors of "The New Whig Guide." Lord Campbell is the biographer of the Chancellors and Chief Justices of England. Mr. Gladstone has written largely in the *Quarterly* and other Reviews, and has written several octavo volumes upon Church and State. The Duke of Argyll is the author of several pamphlets and one volume on the Scottish Presbytery. Sir George Cornwall Lewis, is a philosophical Historian, and has been editor of the *Edinburgh Review*. Lord John Russell has written history, criticism, plays, politics, poems, and so forth—after a fashion. Here, at all events, are six men who have written books, yet these, assisted by nine more, (every one of whom has published at least one Parliamentary speech, which is one degree of authorship), were unable to compose a Queen's Speech which should be intelligible and grammatical! What a pity it is that while the dead and living languages had been crammed into the heads of these public men, they were not also taught how to explain plain thoughts, correctly and plainly, in their mother-tongue.

In fact, the Aristocracy of England, who, as Mr. Disraeli tauntingly told them, are born to seats in Parliament, are instructed very much on the system which prevails in some of the Female institutes in this country, where a young lady who shows superior proficiency in Mathematics receives the highest premium awarded—though she may be utterly unable to hem or mark a pocket-handkerchief, and may have no knowledge whatever of the domestic arrangements which come under the general term housekeeping. Of course, in a multitude of instances, the fair premium-winner throws the abstract sciences to the winds after she enters into society, and gets married—lamenting, too late, when her domestic arrangements are wholly dependent on the sagacity, experience, and temper of hired menials, that she was not taught something useful.

Whatever the sex, whatever the condition of life, a knowledge of one's own language ought to be the first and greatest object of instruction. There cannot be, there ought not be, any excuse for the person, who cannot speak and write his or her own language with propriety, if not with elegance. It is very discreditable to English education that fifteen of the highest men in public life in England, several of them authors of no small pretence, should not be able, among them, to produce a better-written state-paper than they made Queen Victoria read aloud, the other day, as her Speech from the Throne. As far as capacity to write good English goes, American publicists are very much ahead of the same class in England. They rarely murder the Queen's English.

Eloquent Eulogies on the Death of Hon. D. C. Broderick,

ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY FOURTEENTH.

IN SENATE.

Mr. SEWARD. Mr. President, the great national event of our day, I think, is the extension of our empire over the interior of the continent, from the border of Missouri to the Pacific ocean. He who shall write its history will find materials copious and fruitful of influence upon the integrity of the American Union and the destiny of the American people. He will altogether fail, however, if he do not succeed in raising Houston and Rusk and BRODERICK to the rank among organizers of our States, which the world has assigned to Winthrop and Villiers, Raleigh and Penn, Baltimore and Oglethorpe, as well as in placing Taylor and Scott and Worth and Quitman, as generals, by the side of Washington and Greene and Marion. Impartiality will require him to testify that BRODERICK, more vigorously and resolutely than any of his predecessors, overcame accidents and circumstances which opposed his success. Neither birth, nor fortune, nor education, nor training, nor patronage, nor association, nor prestige of any kind, favored ambition in his case. While yet very young, he disappeared, unobserved, from among the excitements of mere municipal elections in a great commercial city on this side of the continent, and rose as suddenly on the other side, towering and conspicuous among the ill-assorted and irregular troops of adventurers from all parts of the world, who appeared there, reckless, as it seemed, of all restraint, and animated by the one absorbing purpose to become quickly rich by being the first to scoop up the golden dust in the beds of the rivers of California. As we looked upon these tumultuous assemblages, we asked, how shall even peace and life be secured among them? How and when shall this political chaos be reduced into the solid substance of a civil State? Even while we were yet asking these questions, we saw that State rise up before us in just proportions—firm, vigorous, strong, and free; complete in the fullest material and moral sufficiency, and, at the same time, loyal and faithful to the Federal Union. The hand that principally shaped it was that of DAVID C. BRODERICK.

Sir, when I heard in a foreign land of the death of our late associate, I experienced, beside the sentiments of sorrow which I am sure are common to us all, a keener sorrow that arose from the reflection that he had fallen prematurely, while yet there was need and room for further public service to augment his fame. But in this I erred. It is not the amplitude, but the greatness of achievements that secures the statesman's renown.

The manner of his death gave a severe shock to the moral sensibilities of the nation. But I will not dwell on this painful subject, because, if he could hear me, he would forbid complaint. He consented, I trust, reluctantly; but he nevertheless consented to the combat in which he fell. I never have known a man more jealous of his honor, or one who could so ill endure to be an object of pity or compassion in misfortune or in disappointment. I leave him, therefore, in his early grave, content to confide my expressions of grief within the bounds of sorrow for the loss of a friend, than whom none more truthful and honest survives; a Senator, than whom none more incorruptible ever entered these Halls; and a statesman, who, though he fell too soon for a nation's hopes, yet, like Hampden, left behind him noble monuments well and completely finished.

Mr. TOOMBS. Mr. President, I wish simply to announce my entire concurrence with the resolutions proposed by the Senator from California. My own acquaintance with Mr. BRODERICK commenced in this body and ended here. It was purely and exclusively of a public character. I had not the pleasure of any personal acquaintance with him outside of his public capacity in the performance of our relative duties here as American Senators. But, sir, there were striking points in his character that won my respect, and I may say my admiration. I found him bold, honorable, truthful, attached to the interests of his country, "clear in his office," and a man that I considered an honor to the American Senate. He was one of the best specimens of self-made Americans; springing from strength but walks of society, by virtue of his life, almost uncultivated literature, and in early year of the proudest in the land, and conducted himself after he came to this body in such a manner as to win respect and approbation, notwithstanding the many prejudices which had surrounded his advent into this body, produced, it may be, by the many and stern partisan conflicts which marked his active but troubled career. I trusted him as a faithful, an honest, an upright, a fearless Senator.

I give my full concurrence to these resolutions. I had not intended even to say this much but for the dissent which has been manifested to our proceedings in honor of his memory. He fell in honorable combat, under a code which he fully recognised. While I lament his sad fate, I have no word of censure for him or his adversary. I think no man, under any circumstances, can have a more honorable death than to fall in the vindication of honor. He has gone beyond censure or praise. He has passed away from men's judgment, to the bar of the Judge of all the earth, who will do right:

"Earth's highest honors end in 'here he lies:'
And 'dust to dust' concludes her noblest song."

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. BURLINGAME. I rise, Mr. Speaker, to mingle my sorrow with this general expression of grief at the fall of one so gifted and so brave as was DAVID C. BRODERICK. It is true, that I did not know him so long nor so well as did those gentlemen who have just now spoken so feelingly and so justly of him. But latterly my relations with him were quite intimate, and I presume it was a knowledge of this fact which led those who were near and dear to him when he lived, to request that I would join with them in these last sad tributes to his memory.

And now, sir, standing by his closed grave, I will do what I can to lead your mind, Mr. Speaker, and the mind of the House, far, far away from the causes which laid him in his bloody shroud, and call your attention to a few of those singular qualities which made him the marvel alike of his friends and his foes. I do not shrink, sir, from a defence of the motives and actions of Mr. BRODERICK; but this is not the occasion, this is not the time for resentment; it is the hour sacred to friendship and to grief. In this spirit, sir, I shall offer the few words I have to say.

He was the child of the people; born to that great American heritage, the right to labor and to enjoy the fruits thereof, and he shed a new dignity on the toil of man. It is true, as the gentleman from New York (Mr. Haskin) remarked, that now, worn and tired labor may look up from its toil and be proud. Sir, that was a beautiful incident to which he made reference when in the Senate of the United States, representing, in part, an empire in the West, Mr. BRODERICK permitted the recollections of his early struggles to come upon him, and pointed out with pride, the handiwork of his honored father, as it appeared in the traceries of the Capitol above his head. It was a recognition of his alliance with the great working classes of the country. But it was nobler far, manlier far, on that occasion, when instead of flattering the prejudices of his people, he told them with a fearless tongue their faults, rebuked their prejudices, and yet leaned confidingly on their virtues while he vindicated their rights.

Sir, he was a Democrat, without being a demagogue; he loved the people and he never betrayed them, and with passing time, as they discovered these traits in his character, he won their enduring regard.

Sir, I never knew a man who was so misunderstood—who differed so much from his common fame. I myself sought him in this city, as the Representative of a hardy but tumultuous portion of my countrymen. Imagine, sir, my surprise when I found him a student—a student of history, a student of poetry, a student of man, one who sat apart from his fellows, pondering deeply the great problems of life; one instructed, as the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Hickman) has informed us, in those motives which underlie all the actions of men. I found him firm and dignified in deportment. It is true his struggles with adverse fortune had clouded his brow, and that his face, in the presence of his foes, ever wore a mingled look of scorn and defiance, but for his friends he had a genial smile—an irresistible fascination. His look was honest and sincere, his voice firm and truthful, and sometimes it had a manly melody which caused it to penetrate into the deepest recesses of the human heart.

Sir, he was a born leader. Sitting in his silent, solitary room in San Francisco, his wizard mind went forth over the hills and through the valleys of California, until the whole State was filled with the breath of his power. He had an indomitable will. Before it party names and party organizations disappeared, and men, under the spell of his great spirit, forgot they were Republicans, forgot they were Democrats, and only remembered with pride that they were BRODERICK men. Few men with power to draw the masses to themselves, to cause their multiform feelings to flow in the individual channel of a single will, have appeared at any time. Few have appeared in this country. He, sir, had that