STERLING HOUSE.
Letter from New York.

[Correspondence of The Press.]
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It is reported that drafts to a large amount, forwarded a few days since from Montreal to this city, have been abstracted from the mail. Mr. Holbrook, special agent of the Post Office Department, is working up the case.

The following instant indictable new fortunes are made in this city:—In 1845 Major Wood purchased three acres of land, at Bloomingdale, four miles from the City Hall, for seven thousand dollars. The same land is now bedecked with the city corporation, and is valued at $300 000. He has refused $400 000 for it. The same gentleman owns three hundred lots contiguous to the Central Park, valued at $10 000 each.

The *World* newspaper was out early enough this morning, and the whole edition of 50 000 rapidly disappeared. The editorial was fairly written and the correspondence good, but the social small talk, letters from Philadelphia and Washington, were not up to the usual standard. It took seven columns of book advertisements, three of patent medicines, and five of miscellaneous, but very little of what is strictly commercial advertising.

Mark Antony's "I come to bury Cæsar, not to praise him," would suit the Republican party to a T at the present time, but, fortunately for it, to be stark dead is not one of the features of the case. Its capital has been subsidized by several Southern gentlemen. It will be printed on paper manufactured in Georgia, and will be devoted, to the interests of peace, the Union, and prosperity. It is to be a home and a New York institution, the latter position to be occupied by Mr. F. C. Adams.

Mr. Charles Hallock, of the *Journal of Commerce*, was the youngest of the family of editors, but has just retired with a party of gentlemen for the coast of Labrador, to be absent about three months. The Residents of it are to be written out and illustrated for *Harper's Magazine*.

Mr. Leonard Kip, formerly the owner of the fashionable station George M. Patchen, has just refused $30 000 for him. He was also offered $30 000.

The Brooklyn Directory for 1860, just issued, contains over 5 000 more names than the one of last year. It gives the population of 16 wards, with a sectional capital of $3,350 000; 4 savings banks, 12 ferries, 4 cemeteries. The churches are divided as follows: 16 Baptist, 12 Congregational, 24 Protestant Episcopal, 5 Lutheran, 1 Methodist Congregational, 34 Methodist Episcopal, 6 Methodist Episcopal African, 2 Methodist Protestant, 19 Presbyterian, 15 Reformed Dutch, 18 Roman Catholic, 2 Unitarian, 4 Universalist, and 11 miscellaneous.

Rooney, the famous, swindling, begging, gift-book agent, is at length reported his deserts. In April last, he was convicted of swindling a poor German out of $100, under pretext of employing him as a travelling agent. He was yesterday brought before Recorder Barnard, and sentenced to three years' imprisonment at Sing Sing.

A name still more elevated in the roll of fashion and notoriety, is Mr. Gardner A. Forrest, whose scandalous affair with Mrs. Woodman of New Orleans, a few years since, created a great sensation and considerable gossip in the public prints. A few days since Mr. F., thinking a drive would be agreeable and reinvigorating, proceeded to a livery stable in Greenwich street, leading his own horse. He then requested the proprietor to "attend to him" in a wagon, which was done, and he drove off. From that time until yesterday, nothing was seen of him or the property, although a diligent search had been made, the only clue to his identity being the description, that the elegant gent of his acquaintance, his sympathizers, who he presumed the wagon having been false; and Mr. Harmon knowing nothing about this. He was finally apprehended at No —Pearl street, where he was engaged as treasurer to the Columbia Fire Insurance Company, and after an examination before Justice Welsh, was held in $1,000 bail to answer the complaint. Mr. Edward A. Hearne, counsellor-at-law, becoming his surety. It subsequently transpired that he had exchanged Mr. Harmon's wagon for an express wagon at the stables of the Express near the Fulton ferry, Brooklyn, and his last acquisition had attracted the notice at the Union Course.

The managers of the American Institute have decided not to hold their usual agricultural exhibition, owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable rooms. By next year they hope to have a permanent building of their own. The usual annual horticultural show will take place under their auspices some time in September.

IMPORTATIONS.

(Reported for The Press.)

LIVERPOOL—Ship Vortumnus, Atkins—1 case paper; J Bailey; 2 do W Stagg; 50 do Towers & Carnick; 5 do Wm Rosse, Son & Co; 10 do Wm Rosse & Sullivan; 5 do Sharpless & Brothers; 27 packages do Wm Rosse & Co; 131 do George Hammersley; 131 do A P Sherman, 201 do S Powers & Co; 70 do Harrison, Cassidy & Co; 200 do Wm Rosse & Co; 200 do Wm Rosse & Brother; 2027 bbls iron; 1 do Wm Wood & Brother; 2027 bbls do; 4 do Wm Wood & Brother; 2027 bbls do; 2 do Wm Rosse & Co; 200 do Wm Rosse & Brother; 200 do Wm Rosse & Co; 2