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ROBESON'S BLUE, &c.,
STARK SHEETINGS AND DRILLS.
APPLETON SHEETINGS AND SHIRTINGS.
SUFFOLK BLEACHED DRILLS.
HAMILTON BROWN AND BLEACHED FLANNELS.
HAMILTON WIDE EXTRA BLEACHED FLANNELS.
ON HAND AND FOR SALE BY
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aug18 stu6m

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F. V. KRUG & CO.,
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Offer to City, Western and Southern Wholesale Purchasers the following line of Staple and Fancy HOSIERY GOODS.
GERMANTOWN FANCY WOOLENS,
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Being the best selected and most complete line of the goods we have ever offered, and which are suited to the market in price, quality and style.
Sole Agents in Philadelphia for the
WATERVILLE HOSIERY MERINO AND ALL WOOL SHETLAND
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WALLACE & SONS' STEEL SPRING SKIRTS.
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Also Agents for the
AMERICAN AND HOWE'S PIN CO.'S PINS.
1y7-stu13m

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CHARLES WEILER. SAMUEL NEEDHAM.
GERMANTOWN
HOSIERY MANUFACTURERS.
We would call the special attention of Hosiery Buyers and Manufacturers to our new and much-needed improvement in CHILDREN'S and MISSES' PLAIN RIBBED TOP HOSIERY in Striped and Mixed Colors
(PATENT APPLIED FOR.)
Also,
FANCY WOOLEN GOODS,
HOODS, CLOAKS, TALMAS,
SACKS, SONTAGS, NUBIAS,
&c., &c., &c.
Comprising OVER 300 STYLES from the latest hand-knit designs. Firm and even long practical experience, and employing none but first class mechanics, we are prepared to offer to Hosiery Buyers a line of these goods SECOND TO NONE in point of workmanship, style, or prices, and respectfully solicit the patronage of the Trade.
Sole Agents for
F. V. KRUG & CO.,
1y7-stu13m 825 CHESTNUT STREET.

THOMAS R. GILL,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 219 CHESTNUT STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.
For sale by the Package:
CLOTHS, FANCY COATINGS, SHAWLS
BEAVERETTS, VELVETS, &c.
MILLINETS, MASS. CORDURAY, FINE BEST ROYALTON
AND OTHER MAKE OF FINE
FANCY CASSIMERES.
HARRIS' FANCY, UNION CASSIMERES, SATINETTS, LININGS, VESTINGS, SILESIAS, &c.
EAGLE LADIES' CLOTHS, VELVETS, &c.
aug8-3m

SHIPLEY, HAZARD, & HUTCHINSON,
NO. 115 CHESTNUT ST.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
FOR THE SALE OF
PHILADELPHIA-MADE GOODS.
aug28

WELLING, COFFIN & CO.
115 CHESTNUT STREET,
Offer, by the Package, the following description of
AMERICAN GOODS,
OF STANDARD MAKES AND IN GREAT VARIETY:
GREENE MANUFACTURING CO.'S FRAMES;
BLEACHED AND BROWN SHEETINGS,
SHEETINGS AND DRILLS,
OSNABURGS, DENIMS, AND STRIPES;
CORDED CHAMBRAYS, GINGHAMS, AND MADRASES;
CANTON FLANNELS AND PRINTED LININGS;
RHODE ISLAND LINSEYS;
PHILADELPHIA LINSEYS AND CHECKS;
KENTUCKY JEANS AND CUTTONADES;
NEGRO CLOTHS AND KERSEYS;
ALL-WOOL AND UNION CLOTHS;
BLACK AND FANCY CASSIMERES;
BLACK AND MIXED DOESKINS;
SATINETS AND UNION CASSIMERES;
TWEEDS, CASSIMARETTES, &c., &c. aug-3m

WASHINGTON MILLS,
FORMERLY BAY STATE MILLS,
SHAWLS of all sizes, in great variety.
Embossed and Printed TABLE COVERS.
UNION BEAVERS and BROAD CLOTHS.
BALMORAL SKIRTS.
DOESKINS, and Double and Twisted COATINGS.
4-4 SACKINGS and heavy ZEPHYR CLOTHS.
Twilled and Plain FLANNELS and OPERA FLANNELS.
Printed FELT CARPETINGS.
For sale by
FROTHINGHAM & WELLS,
34 South FRONT Street, and
34 LETITIA Street.
jy24-tf

CLOTHING.
1000 BOYS' CLOTHING. 1002
F. A. HOYT & BRO.
HAVE THIS DAY OPENED,
FOR FALL BUSINESS,
WITH THEIR USUAL ASSORTMENT OF
YOUTHS' AND BOYS' READY-MADE
CLOTHING.
Also, on hand, large stock of GOODS to order, from ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS,
and obtained TENTH and CHESTNUT Streets.

SHOE FINDINGS.
ISAAC HARTON & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN
SHOE STUFFS,
FRENCH AND ENGLISH SADDLES, CALF SKINS, PATENT LEATHER, &c.
Also,
GOODS FOR CARRIAGE MAKERS.
25 SOUTH SECOND STREET, Philadelphia.

WOOL.
Wool is now in store, and for sale at the lowest market price, a large stock of the most desirable grades of Spring Wool, of the growth of PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO AND FLEECES.
Also,
LAMB AND MERINO WOOL,
which purchasers are respectfully invited to call and examine.
BENJ. COATES,
aug8-3m 127 Market Street, Philadelphia.

LADIES' DRESS TRIMMINGS.
WILLIAM H. HORSTMANN & SONS,
FIFTH AND CHERRY STREETS,
(Adjoining the Manufactory,)
Invite the attention of buyers to their Fall stock of
LADIES' DRESS
AND
CLOAK TRIMMINGS,
comprising
FANCY DRESS GIMPS, CORDS, BINDINGS,
VELVETS, FRINGES,
SILK AND GILT BELTINGS, BUTTONS, BRAIDS,
BERTHAS, &c., &c.
Our new stock of
BERLIN ZEPHYRS, SHETLAND WOOL, &c.,
Is very large and embraces a full line of all colors and shades.
Our facilities for home production, as well as direct communication with foreign markets, enables us to offer inducements to purchasers. aug-1m

SEWING MACHINES.
WHEELER & WILSON.
SEWING MACHINES.
629 CHESTNUT STREET, SECOND FLOOR.
jy24-3m

HARRIS' BOUDOIR
SEWING MACHINE.
No. 1—FOR FAMILY USE.
No. 2—A NEW MACHINE, FOR QUILTING AND
HEAVY WORK.
Both sewing from two spools without the trouble of winding, and runs with little or no noise.
For sale at No. 19 ARCH Street, Philadelphia, and No. 73 BALTIMORE St., Baltimore, Md. aug8-1m

W. P. UHLINGER & CO.'S
SHUTTLE AND DOUBLE-LOOP STITCH
SEWING MACHINES,
FOR
FAMILY USE, TAILORS, BROOMMAKERS, SADDLERS, &c.,
No. 628 ARCH STREET.
Price of SHUTTLE MACHINE, $50.
Price of DOUBLE-LOOP STITCH MACHINE, from $25 upwards.
The simplest and most efficient machines manufactured for all kinds of work.
P. S.—MACHINE SILK, COTTON, NEEDLES, OIL, etc., constantly on hand. jy14-3m

WILCOX & GIBBS' SEWING MACHINE. The great and increasing demand for Wilcox & Gibbs' Sewing Machines is a guarantee of its superior excellence. Price $20. For sale at FAIRBANKS' Scale Warehouse, 178 CHESTNUT Street. jy4-tf

PERFUMERY.
CRISTIANI & CO.,
PERFUMERS AND IMPORTERS,
HAVE REMOVED TO
NO. 56 SOUTH FOURTH STREET,
(Five doors above their former stand.)
C. & Co. continue the importation of the materials, utensils, &c., of the late firm of T. H. Faynes & Co., (No. 712 Chestnut street,) and have added all their styles to their own variety, and have now come for the ensuing season, combining the most complete assortment of any house in this country.
C. & Co. continue the importation of
DRUGGISTS' ARTICLES,
of which they keep the whole year completely. They will more as usual in this department, as the wants of their customers, and maintaining the good quality of their wines. aug1-tool

PAPER HANGINGS.
PAPER-HANGING
(FALL TRADE.)
HOWELL & BOURKE.
Having removed to their new Store,
CORNER FOURTH AND MARKET STREETS,
Are now prepared to offer to the Trade a large and elegant assortment of
WALL PAPERS,
BORDERS,
FIRE SCREENS,
WINDOW CURTAIN GOODS, &c.,
All of the newest and best designs, from the low-est priced article to the finest.
GOLD AND VELVET DECORATIONS.
Southern and Western merchants will do well to visit the establishment of
HOWELL & BOURKE,
N. E. CORNER FOURTH AND MARKET STREETS,
aug18-3m PHILADELPHIA.

UMBRELLAS.
SLEEPER & FENNER,
WHOLESALE MANUFACTURERS
OF
UMBRELLAS AND PARASOLS,
NO. 706 MARKET STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.
are now selling more than ever before, and have one HUNDRED DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF UMBRELLAS of every size, from 26 to 46 inches.
Persons who have not had S. & F.'s make of goods will find their interest quite as much in looking overthis well-made stock, which includes MANY NOVELTIES, not met with elsewhere. aug-3m

HARDWARE PACKAGE HOUSES.
PACKAGE HARDWARE HOUSE.—We would respectfully call the attention of the Country Merchants to our extensive stock of HEAVY 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.
W. G. LEWIS & SON,
411 COMMERCE Street,
Importing and Commission Merchants, and Agents for Foreign and Domestic Hardware. aug3-tf

HARDWARE.
MOORE, HENSZEY, & CO.
ARE NOW OPENING
THEIR FALL STOCK OF
HARDWARE.
427 MARKET, and 416 COMMERCE STREET.
aug-3m

REMOVALS.
REMOVAL.
EVERETT, HICKS, & CALDWELL,
CLOTH HOUSE,
Have removed to
532 MARKET STREET.
Buyers are invited to examine our stock. au11-2m

REMOVAL.
CHARLES HARKNESS,
WHOLESALE CLOTHIER,
HAS
REMOVED
TO
No. 608 CHESTNUT STREET,
South Side, above Sixth,
PHILADELPHIA. au30-1m

REMOVAL.—MISS E. M. REDMOND has removed to No. 1924 WALNUT street. au18 1m*

THOMAS THOMPSON,
SON, & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS OF
CABINET-MAKERS' MATERIALS,
236 SOUTH SECOND STREET.
Brocatells, Plushes, Reps, Damasks, and every description of Furniture and Curtain Goods. au18-2m

AMALGAM BELLS.
Only ONE-THIRD the price of Brass and less than half that of Steel Bells; of equally sonorous and mellow tone. Warranted for twelve months against breakage by fair ringing.
For sale at the SOLE AGENCY in Philadelphia, No 512 COMMERCE Street.
aug28 thstu3m A. M. F. WATSON.

WHITE PRESERVING BRANDY,
PURE CIDER
AND
WINE VINEGAR;
Green Ginger, Mustard Seed, Spices, &c., &c.
All the requisites for Preserving and Pickling purposes.
ALBERT C. ROBERTS,
DEALER IN
FINE GROCERIES.
Corner ELEVENTH and VINE Streets.

FAMILY FLOUR,
MADE FROM CHOICE WHITE WHEAT,
BY
C. H. MATTSON,
ARCH and TENTH Streets.
au18

ANISEED.—4 casks Italian for sale.
WETHERILL & BROTHER,
47 and 49 NORTH SECOND St.
au10

SILK AND DRY GOODS JOBBERS
JOSHUA L. BAILY,
IMPORTER AND JOBBER,
No. 213 MARKET ST.,
Has now open a
LARGE AND BEAUTIFUL
Assortment of
DRESS GOODS
and
SHAWLS,
Of the
NEWEST AND CHOICEST STYLES,
At the
LOWEST PRICES.
The attention of cash and prompt six-months buyers is invited. au8-tf

SILKS
AND
FANCY DRY GOODS.
IMPORTATIONS FOR FALL, 1860.
M. L. HALLOWELL & Co.,
333 MARKET STREET,
AND
97 NORTH FOURTH STREET,
Are prepared to offer to the trade their usual varied assortment of Goods, purchased on the
MOST FAVORABLE TERMS,
By experienced buyers, in the principal
MANUFACTURING CITIES OF EUROPE.
These have been selected with care for
FIRST-CLASS TRADE,
And will be offered at prices to command attention.
Cross Entries, from all sections of the country, are invited to inspect our stock.
TERMS.—Six months credit to Merchants of undoubted standing, or six per cent. discount for cash Twelve per cent. per annum discount for advance payments. aug-thstu-2m

LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE STOCK
FOR
FALL AND WINTER SALES.
SHORTRIDGE, BROTHER, & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS,
No. 490 MARKET STREET,
and
No. 415 MERCHANT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.
Have in store complete lines of FOREIGN and AMERICAN STAPLE and FANCY
DRY GOODS,
selected with a view to the interests of CASH and prompt SIX-MONTHS Dealers, to which they invite the attention of the trade. N. B.—
A FULL STOCK
of the best quality, embracing many styles MANUFACTURE FOR THE TOWN SALES, and not to be found elsewhere.
Orders executed promptly, at LOWEST MARKET RATES. se4-2m

CLOAKS! CLOAKS!
TO
WHOLESALE BUYERS.
EVERY NOVELTY OF THE SEASON,
AT
THE LOWEST CASH PRICES.
Merchants' own materials made up if desired.
HENRY LYNNS,
No. 13 South NINTH Street.
se4-3m

A. W. LITTLE, & CO.,
SILK GOODS.
No. 325 MARKET STREET.
au3-3m

FALL,
1860.
CHAFFEES, STOUT, & Co.
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS.
No. 522 MARKET STREET.
au3-3m

MARTIN & WOLFF,
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS.
324 MARKET STREET.
Cash and prompt Six-months' Buyers, of all sections are invited to an examination of our Stock. au3-3m

REMOVAL.
In consequence of the destruction by fire of their THIRD STREET STORE,
YARD, GILLMORE, & CO.
HAVE REMOVED
TO
NO. 610 CHESTNUT ST.,
SOUTH SIDE, ABOVE SIXTH,
PHILADELPHIA.
They have now open AN ENTIRE
NEW STOCK
OF
SILKS AND FANCY DRESS GOODS,
SHAWLS, GLOVES, RIBBONS,
DRESS TRIMMINGS, &c.,
Together with a LARGE ASSORTMENT of
STAPLE AND FANCY
WHITE GOODS,
EMBROIDERIES, LACES, MANTILLAS, &c.
Having received but a small portion of their
FALL IMPORTATIONS,
previous to the fire, they are enabled to display
A NEW STOCK,
to which they invite the attention of their Customers and Buyers generally. au6-3m

WURTS, AUSTIE, & McVEIGH,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
IN
DRY GOODS,
No. 311 MARKET Street, above Third.
Charles Wurts,
Henry Austie,
Hamilton T. McVeigh,
John S. Weimer,
Joseph Burrin,
PHILADELPHIA.
au1-3m

FALL AND WINTER
CLOAKS & MANTILLAS
FOR THE
WHOLESALE TRADE.
SOUTHERN and WESTERN MERCHANTS buying Medium to First-class GOODS, are invited to inspect our Stock, which we offer at
LOW PRICES,
AND ON LIBERAL TERMS.
J. W. PROCTOR & CO.
THE PARIS MANTILLA AND CLOAK EMPORIUM,
708 CHESTNUT STREET.
au2-3m

R. WOOD, MARSH, & HAYWARD,
IMPORTERS
AND
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
DRY GOODS
AND
CLOTHING,
NO. 309 MARKET STREET.
Fall and Winter Stock now complete and ready for buyers. au 3m

SPARKLING AND STILL CATAWBA WINES,
MANUFACTURED BY
J. ESHELBY,
Cincinnati, Ohio.
Always on hand, and in lots to suit purchasers, by
CHARLES F. TAGGART, Sole Agent,
jy9-3m No. 631 MARKET Street.

R. SHOEMAKER & Co.
GLASS, PAINTS,
OILS AND VARNISHES.
Northeast Corner FOURTH AND RACE Streets.
my28-3m

REFINED SUGAR.—1,000 Barrels LO-VERING'S Crushed, coarse and fine pulverized, A, B, and C Coffee, and refined yellow Sugar, for sale by JAMES GRAHAM & CO., LETITIA street.

CARPETING AND OIL CLOTHS.
FALL TRADE.
McCALLUM & CO.,
CARPET MANUFACTURERS,
GLEN ECHO MILLS, GERMANTOWN,
Also, Importers and Dealers in
CARPETINGS,
OIL CLOTHS,
MATTINGS, RUGS, &c.
WAREHOUSE, 509 CHESTNUT STREET,
(Opposite the State House.)
Southern and Western Buyers are respectfully invited to call. au17-3m

AUSTIN BROWN,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
FLOOR OIL-CLOTHS,
164 North THIRD Street, southwest corner of RACE, (up stairs.) se12-1m*

CARPETS, CARPETS.
BAILY & BROTHER,
No. 920 CHESTNUT STREET.
AN INVOICE OF
ENGLISH INGRAINS,
Just opened from auction. Price 75 cents a yard.
BAILY & BROTHER.
VELVET CARPETS.
Now open, the newest patterns of
ENGLISH VELVET CARPETS.
BAILY & BROTHER,
No. 920 CHESTNUT Street.
TAPESTRY BRUSSELS.
We now offer for sale the largest assortment of these popular Carpetings; at
ONE DOLLAR A YARD.
BAILY & BROTHER,
No. 920 CHESTNUT Street.
BRUSSELS CARPETS,
Of the best quality, in great variety, at
No. 920 CHESTNUT Street.
BAILY & BROTHER.
DRUGGETS,
CRUMB CLOTHS, &c.
The most extensive stock we ever offered, in all widths and sizes.
BAILY & BROTHER.
MATS, RUGS, &c.
Axminster, Velvet, Tourney, Brussels, Wool Tufted, Coco, plain and bordered, of all sizes, in great variety.
BAILY & BROTHER,
se12-thstu-3m No. 920 CHESTNUT Street.

HATS AND CAPS.
1 NEW HAT STORE. 1
JOHN E. FOSTER,
(Late of 109 South Third street.)
Having taken the store at
NO. 331 CHESTNUT ST.,
And fitted it up in superior style, invites the attention of his patrons to his
ELEGANT AND EXTENSIVE STOCK
OF
HATS AND CAPS.
His new fall styles are much admired.
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C. H. GARDEN & Co.,
Manufacturers of and Wholesale Dealers in
HATS, CAPS,
FURS,
AND STRAW GOODS,
FANCY SILK AND STRAW BONNETS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, BUCHES, FEATHERS, &c.,
Nos. 509 and 509 MARKET STREET,
Southwest corner of Sixth.
The most extensive and complete assortment. The best terms and the lowest prices. First-class buyers are particularly invited to call. au15-3m

CABINET FURNITURE.
FRENCH FURNITURE.
GEORGE J. HENKELS,
524 WALNUT STREET,
Has just opened a large invoice of
BOULE,
QUADRILLE,
MARQUETRIE, and
ORMOLU WORK
Which he will sell at very REDUCED PRICES.
FIRST-CLASS CABINET WARE.
GEO. J. HENKELS,
524 WALNUT STREET,
Offers at
VERY REDUCED PRICES
The largest assortment in the Union, all of New Design.
Call and examine before purchasing. se14 s

CABINET FURNITURE AND BILLIARD TABLES.
MOORE & CAMPION,
No. 861 SOUTH SECOND STREET.
In connection with their extensive Cabinet Business, are now manufacturing a superior article of
BILLIARD TABLES.
And have now on hand a full supply, finished with MOORE & CAMPION'S IMPROVED CUSHIONS, Which are pronounced, by all who have used them, to be superior to all others.
For the quality and finish of these Tables the manufacturers refer to their numerous patrons throughout the Union, who are familiar with the character of their work. aug

GAS FIXTURES, LAMPS, &c.
KEROSENE OIL OF SUPERIOR QUALITY.
KEROSENE, or
COAL-OIL LAMPS
CHANDELIERS, BRACKETS, &c.,
Manufactured and for sale, at
LOWEST CASH PRICES,
by
WITTERS & CO.,
No. 35 NORTH EIGHTH STRE
N. E. cor. of Filbert, between Market and Ch.
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LOOKING-GLASSES.
LOOKING-GLASSES,
PORTRAIT AND PICTURE FRAMES,
AND
ENGRAVINGS.
OIL PAINTINGS, &c.
JAMES S. EARLE & SONS,
IMPORTERS, MANUFACTURERS WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS
EARLES' GALLERIES
816 CHESTNUT STREET,
Philadelphia.
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NEW YORK ADVERTISEMENTS.
DE FOREST,
ARMSTRONG CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
DRY GOODS,
75, 77, 79, 81, 83 &
DUANE STREET,
NEAR BROADWAY
OFFER FOR SALE A NEW ELEGANT STOCK of DRY GOODS for the TRADE, suited to all sections of the country, are opening weekly.
AMOSKEAG
AND
WAMSUTTA
PRINTS
IN NEW AND DESIRABLE STYLES. THESE CELEBRATED PRINTS are CHEAPEST and BEST now sold in the UNITED STATES and they beg leave to call the particular attention of buyers to them. au 24-3t

THE PHILADELPHIA, GERMANTOWN, AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD COMPANY.—
PHILADELPHIA, September 17, 1860.—The Directors of this Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five and a half per cent. on the capital stock of the Company, payable on and after the 1st October next. ALEXANDER BIDDLE, Secretary.
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OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA, GERMANTOWN, AND NORRISTOWN RAILROAD CO., September 17, 1860.—The Board of Managers of this Company, at a meeting of the 13th instant, declared a dividend of Five and a half per cent. on the capital stock of this company, payable on and after the 20th instant, clear of the State tax, which will be paid to Stockholders on MONDAY, the 1st of October next. Transfer books will be closed from the 20th instant, and be reopened on the 1st of October next.
W. JONES, Treasurer.
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1860.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Switzerland.

TRAVELS AMONG THE ALPS—THE JOURNEY TO MONT BLANC—THE MOUNTAIN AT A DISTANCE—ITS MAGNIFICENT APPEARANCE—THE ROMANTIC SCENERY ON THE ROAD—THE VALLEY OF CHAMOUNY—THE VILLAGE—BARBARIS AMONG THE ALPS—THE JOURNEY ON FOOT—THE MER DE GLACE—"A NIAGARA IN ICE"—DESCRIPTION OF A GLACIER—&c., &c.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

CHAMOUNY, August 30, 1860.

Having seen the beauties and curiosities of Geneva, at 8 o'clock A. M. we mounted the *banquette* of the five-horse diligence, and were soon off at a rapid rate for Chamouny. Being on the top of the coach, and in front, we had an admirable view of the country. The great anxiety of all was to see Mont Blanc. We had gone perhaps a couple of miles, when between two white clouds towards which I was gazing, the eternal snows appeared! It was with difficulty I assured myself that it was snow I saw, and not a third fleecy cloud, so much were they alike in appearance. But, while the clouds slowly changed their form and position, the mountain stood fixed forever, and soon seemed dressed in a whiter robe than the clouds around.

"Mont Blanc is the monarch of mountains;
They crowned him long ago,
On a throne of rocks, in a robe of clouds,
With a diadem of snow."

On we rolled along the dusty road, with the Môle, (5,800 feet high,) the Salève, (4,500 feet high,) and other towering peaks around us, our eye fixed upon the distant Mount Blanc, whose noble proportions were becoming more and more distinctly visible. Soon he revealed some of his body guard, immense peaks that stand around their king, looking towards him expectant and submissive. What a charming ride! Although in this instance, whenever the horses slackened their rapid pace, the dust literally enveloped us, and an impatient French lady kept repeating in a most piteous tone, *quelle poussière, quelle poussière*, we did not fail for a moment to enjoy it.

On both sides were mountains nearly as lofty as Mount Washington, now frowning over our heads, now respectfully receding, while over and beyond them all was the majestic, hoary head of the *Giant, surrounded* by the various peaks that add so much dignity to him—the Monarch of them all. The beauty increased with every mile of the way. We were in some of *Nature's wildest domains*—where her works seemed to be on exhibition to man. One longs to go nowhere but directly on towards the goal—this the way to Chamouny emphatically does. It leads where the eager admirer of *Nature desires to go. Two* beautiful water falls, upon the left, drew my attention from the mountains for a time. The cascade of *Nant d'Arpenaz* is the prettiest. The stream of water is small, and falls from a great height down the mountain side. *Some* sixty feet below the leap it is nothing but a band of mist, which, upon this occasion, was blown ten yards to one side by the wind. Further down, the only traces of the fall were the dripping rocks and the little stream that trickled across our way. We passed so nearly under this beautiful cascade that upon looking up it appeared to pour forth from the bright blue sky.

We soon arrived at *Sallenches*, where the heavy lumbering diligence is exchanged for mountain carriages. From this point Mont Blanc appeared in much greater distinctness and beauty. Every one stood around in admiration of the fields of snow and the glaciers, now plainly marked upon its sides. With the aid of a pocket telescope I saw places where avalanches had occurred, leaving a perpendicular wall of snow many feet high.

After enjoying the prospect for half an hour, the carriages were ready, and we were again off for Chamouny. The apparent distance to the top of Mont Blanc was some five or six miles, and two-hours on foot seemed enough to overcome it. It was, however, twelve miles to its foot, so much do such grand proportions deceive the unpracticed traveller. What a misfortune to mount the same for the beautiful in Nature through which we had passing as for the laws of common politeness that he was continually transgressing. We got rid, however, of this burden, by leaving the carriage behind, and making the remainder of the way on foot. The scenery now grew in grandeur. The *mountains*, the precipices, and the *Arve rolling* beneath, were magnificent. Then, along the fields of snow we climb our mountain road, and soon are in the wild and beautiful Chamouny.

This valley is, perhaps, from eight to ten miles in length, by from two to three in width. It is more than three thousand three hundred feet above the level of the sea, and surrounded by mountains. The only feasible entrances are three, from Sallenches, over the *Col de Balme*, and, through the *Fetts Noire*. To the eye of the observer at the village, no egress is perceptible. It is indeed a *Campus Munitus*, a *Champ Muni*, a *Chamouny*, or *Chamounix*.

The village is quite small, consisting of a few hotels, and stores, and dwellings, and a little church upon the rising ground. Inside of the town, there is nothing to give it a name. Its fame comes from the valley around, and is spread afar by the mountain peaks above. Here Nature has been most lavish. The snow-covered domes, the bare granite needles piercing the sky, the immense massive ranges of mountains, the quiet fields and valley, the Alpine horn, and tinkling bells, all conspire, all mingle their various charms, in most grand, enchanting, and beautiful proportions. I looked and looked, I gazed long in strolling along the path that winds through the fields of grain opposite the *grand spectacle*, and as the sound of the shepherd's horn rose and died in the distance, I watched the rays of the setting sun, as they crept slowly up the mountain, tinged in purple the topmost snowy point, and passed away against the sky. The sun had set, and its rays had left the highest peak, but there was Mont Blanc still, shining in its robe of everlasting snow—a robe that is never laid aside, and yet surpasses all others in whiteness and purity—and now late at night, as I gaze upon it, those rugged, snowy forms appear amongst the stars.

—"Above me are the Alps,
The palaces of Nature, whose vast walls
Have pinnacled in clouds their snowy scalps,
And throned Eternity in icy halls
Of cold sublimity, where *forms and falls*
The avalanche, the thunderbolt of snow!
All that expands the spirit, yet appals,
Gather around these summits, as to show
How earth may pierce to Heaven, yet leave vain man below."

It is with reluctance that, upon so calm and beautiful a night, one closes his eyes to shut out images so grand. But no! These images are stamped upon the soul, and shall be borne as the likeness of a dear friend, to be brought forth and looked upon at pleasure.

The next morning was the Sabbath, and upon opening my eyes the first thing that greeted them was Mont Blanc. It was distinctly visible from my pillow. There was not a cloud to be seen. The sun's rays had tinged the mountain-tops, and were creeping slowly down into the valleys. As I went to the window and gazed forth upon Chamouny, with Mont Blanc to the left, and the Brevent to the right, it seemed as though the morning air came forth from that valley, and from off those mountains, fresher and more exhilarating than any I had ever breathed.

Just at this moment the bell of the little church that stands upon a green slope behind the town, rang forth in the clear morning air, and its tones were echoed back, subdued, from the mountain's side. The peasants started forth, winding slowly their way along the paths leading from the various houses upon the slope, to the little house of worship common to them all. The horn of a shepherd, *already* high up upon the mountain, added still another charm. Under such circumstances, surely every soul is ready to obey the call to worship Him who existed before these mountains and those valleys, and who made them all. We attended service in the *Hotel d'Angleterre*, where a chaplain of the English church is sent to officiate during the travelling season. We recognized in the minister, on this occasion, the elderly gentleman that passed our car from Paris to Geneva. He appeared much more at home in his robe, and among travellers, than amid unavailing attempts to speak French. He read a quite good discourse to a congregation of *English* and Americans. As we came away from the service, large fleecy clouds rested upon the top of Mont Blanc. Then they sank so low that the snowy peaks stood out above them, piercing the sky; again they assumed various fantastic forms around the giant's head, and then sailed forth as a bird in the air, and left the eternal snows unclouded. We looked upon all this not without some longings for to-morrow, that we might plunge further into the depths and beauties of those mountains and glaciers, hitherto beheld at a distance.

At 6 o'clock we were up and selecting our *batons*. These are *strong*, round, wooden sticks, *firmly* shod with iron at one end, and often ornamented by a chamois horn at the other. The horn, however, is dangerous, as in case of a slip, it may do very serious injury. No traveller in the Alps should start upon a mountain excursion without the *baton*. It is a great help in going up or down steep declivities, in walking upon ice or frozen snow; while in crossing crevices it has been known to save life. Many a traveller so honors his baton as to have the names of his various mountain excursions burned upon it, in spiral lines, and then carry it with him over all Switzerland, and even home to America, or England. It is a curiosity, a souvenir, a trophy, perhaps chiefly a witness, since *read my baton*, is equivalent to telling what mountains, and passes, and glaciers you have *done*. But here, as in all courts, there may be perjury, as was the case with the young American who burned "Mont Blanc" upon his baton, *to fill it*, and not because he had climbed the mountain. Equipped then with this necessary instrument, and discarding the (for the present) unnecessary guide, we set out for the *Mer de Glace*. We crossed the leaping, muddy *Arve*, passed through meadows to the foot of the mountain, and in a forest of pines, up a winding path, were soon fast leaving the valley behind.

Being upon the same side of the valley as Mont Blanc, it was invisible, but the peeps of the Breven and Flegere, opposite, of the valley of the Arve, and the little town of Chamouny, which we had through openings in the forest, refreshed us, and gave us strength for the remainder of the steep ascent. Farther up, that gigantic, wonderful *Aiguille du Dru* peered down, over the pine tops, upon us, seeming like the earth's spire. After two hours of climbing, we reached the little inn upon Montanvert, over six thousand feet above the level of the sea. Here wine and milk, and other refreshments, are offered to the tired tourist. A bed, even, is provided for those who may come up thus far in the evening, in order to have a full day before them to push on farther into the wonders around Mont Blanc.

Having refreshed ourselves, and chosen a *souvenir* of this lonely *pavillon* from the collection of crystals, chamois horns, and carved wood, here offered for sale, we descended to the edge of the famous Mer de Glace, which is but a few rods distant from the inn.

Upon the way a bevy of *guides met us, offering* their services to cross the *sea*. Having engaged a couple to go with us to the other side and thence as far as the *Chapeau*, we sat down upon the shore to take a view before *sailing*. And first, it *must be* remembered that everything around is upon so grand a scale that distance and size are more than double what they appear to be. If this deception is so remarkable under the dome of St. Peter's, what must it be amid these pinnacles of Nature! To the right the enormous bed of ice stretches off in a winding course some two leagues up the valley, where it is divided into two arms by the *Aiguilles* of Lechaud and the Mont Perlaides; at our feet, and to the left, is the same cold, apparently immovable, yet ever-flowing stream, only assuming new shapes and curves, while across the icy sea, high up in front, rise those pinnacled mountains whose highest granite point pierces thirteen thousand feet farther into the heavens than the vessel's tallest mast. There it rises, an immense mass of rock and earth, bleak and desolate, destitute of all vegetation, wrapped only in the snow's cold mantle; up it rises, throwing aside even this covering, and seven thousand feet above me presents its piercing granite top alike proudly to the winter's blast and summer's sun. Around are many other peaks similar in form, only less lofty, seeming to look up to this one, the Aiguille *verte*, as their King.

But we must leave the mountains around and go upon *this far-famed glacier* to examine it more closely. Many "stay-at-homes" suppose it to be a plain of smooth ice, such as a frozen lake or river presents. A more correct idea would be obtained by imagining the Mer de Glace to be Niagara's rapids suddenly chilled into ice, retaining all their graceful curves, their thousand fantastic forms and varied hues. But, then, this would be too pure; it would give too *clean* an idea of the glacier. In many places it is made up of almost equal proportions of earth, and stones, and snow mixed together in a frozen mass. To this must be added a sprinkling of boulders, for on this sea rocks of scores of tons are *floating*. There is no considerable extent where the ice is entirely pure and clean. The *coup d'œil*, however, of the whole is exceedingly beautiful.

Once upon it, we found ourselves in the midst of *crevices*, and *wells*, and upheavings of ice, in all forms and shapes. The crevices are cracks or rents in the ice a yard or two in width, perhaps fifteen rods in length, and certainly, in many instances, more than one hundred feet deep. Within the fissure the ice was generally pure, and of so many varied and beautiful hues as to cause the shutter to cry out in admiration. We saw immense masses of ice, fallen into these crevices—descended several feet, and were now held firm in the icy *vice*. As stones were plenty upon the *surface*, we amused ourselves by rolling them in, and thus trying to sound the depth of the various fissures. The stones would tumble down, cracking from side to side, the noise becoming fainter and fainter, and at last plunge into apparently deep water, or be silently caught by the sides of the fissure, now too close to permit them to pass. The *wells* are round or angular holes, in many instances very deep, and containing water, as is evident from the plunge of the stone.

Through these dangerous places we had to pick our way with great care. At times it was absolutely necessary to cross a crevice. This we did upon a plank, *steadying ourselves as much as* possible with the baton. Though with care there is no real danger, yet a steady head is needed. Ladies sometimes make this excursion, but the greater part go only a few yards upon the ice, and return to the Montanvert. About two hours after leaving the inn, we found ourselves upon the other side of the Mer de Glace, more delighted than we had ever been with the crossing of any other stream.

We now began the descent, along the glacier, and between it and the mountains. We soon came to a descent made by steps cut in the face of an almost perpendicular precipice. It is rendered practicable by means of a rope, fastened to the rocks with staples, and used as a railing.

We next reached a point, or grassy mound, called, from its peculiar shape, the *Chapeau*, where an admirable view of the Mer de Glace is afforded. At this point it becomes very ragged, the descent being more rapid, and is broken up into needles and pyramids and obelisks of ice. These appear of various colors in the sunshine, and are continually splitting and cracking, and coming down with such a crash as to have received the name Avalanche. No one should leave Chamouny without carrying with him his impression of the Mer de Glace from the *Chapeau*.

After a long and steep descent, during which we were delighted by the fine view of the valley below, the glacier at our side, and the mountain peaks around, we reached the green fields. Here a peasant girl met us with some very palatable refreshments, that gave us strength for the two miles along the valley yet remaining.

After a bath and a dinner, discussed with the appetite belonging to mountain tourists, we sat down upon the balcony of the hotel, and, looking back upon the mountains, talked over our excursion, and laid plans for to-morrow. J. S.

A Trip to Atlantic City.

[From the Baltimore Exchange.]

A few days since, a party of gentlemen, thirty-five in number, received an invitation from Mr. Felton, president of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Railroad, Mr. Brodhead, president of the Camden and Atlantic City, and Mr. McKibbin, proprietor of the United States Hotel at Atlantic City, to be "in" at the closing of the season on the 15th inst.

A merrier party never started on a three days' holiday than entered a special car at the President-street depot on Saturday morning. In some respects, the company might have been termed promiscuous. There were lawyers, doctors, merchants, manufacturers, and respectable loafers; statesmen in office and statesmen out of office, Brooks and Dougs, Straightouts and Reformers, with a few "who look wise and say nothing"—all determined to let the world wag by itself for a few days, and bent on having a general good time while it lasted.

At the Philadelphia depot the party was met by Mr. Brodhead, and escorted to the