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MILLINERY GOODS.

SPRING OPENING
OF
CHILDREN'S GOODS,
THURSDAY, APRIL 11.
LINCOLN, WOOD, & NICHOLS,
ap11-tf No. 725 CHESTNUT STREET.

SPRING. 1861.
ROSENHEIM, BROOKS, & CO.,
NO. 431 MARKET STREET,
North side, near Fifth.
Invite the attention of buyers to their
LARGE AND HANDSOME VARIETIES OF
RIBBONS, FLOWERS,
STRAW AND FANCY
BONNETS.
MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S HATS AND FLATS, SHAKER HOODS, RUCHES, AND ALL ARTICLES APPERTAINING TO THE MILLINERY LINE.
mh30-2m

FRENCH
FRAMES,
FRENCH FLOWERS,
STRAW GOODS.
THE LATEST STYLES CONSTANTLY RECEIVING.
THOS. KENNEDY & BRO.
NO. 739 CHESTNUT Street, below EIGHTH.
ap2-3m

CABINET FURNITURE.

CABINET FURNITURE AND BILLIARD TABLES.
MOORE & CAMPION.
No. 261 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. fe26-3m

LOOKING GLASSES.

LOOKING-GLASSES.
Now daily exhibiting and completing new and elegant styles of
LOOKING-GLASSES,
Combining all the latest improvements and facilities in manufacture.
Great novelties in Walnut and Gold and Rosewood and Gold Frames for MIRRORS.
The most extensive and varied assortment in the country.
JAMES S. EARLE & SON,
EARLES' GALLERIES,
mh7-tf 816 CHESTNUT STREET.

GROCERIES.

EXCELSIOR HAMS.
J. H. MICHENER & CO.,
GENERAL PROVISION DEALERS,
AND CURERS OF THE
CELEBRATED
"EXCELSIOR"
SUGAR-CURED HAMS.
Nos. 142 and 144 NORTH FRONT STREET
(Between Arch and Race Streets.)
PHILADELPHIA.
We justly celebrated Excelsior Hams are cured by J. H. M. & Co. (in a style peculiar to themselves), exclusively for family use; are of delicious flavor, free from the unpleasant taste of salt, and are pronounced by epicures superior to any now offered for sale. ap15 3m

NEW BURLINGTON HERRING.
FIRST OF THE SEASON.
ALBERT C. ROBERTS,
DEALER IN FINE GROCERIES.
CORNER ELEVENTH AND VINE.
ap15

JEWELRY, &c.

BEST CHOICE YET OFFERED.
NEW GOODS. NEW STORE. NEW STYLES.
GREAT METROPOLITAN
JEWELRY DEPOT.
FOUR THIRTY-TWO CHESTNUT STREET.
GREAT SACRIFICE, TO INSURE QUICK SALES
I have opened, at the above store, one of the finest and best-assorted stocks of Jewelry, Silver-plated ware, and Fancy Goods, ever before offered to the public.
I will guarantee to give perfect satisfaction to every purchaser.
Call and examine my stock and you will find a class of goods equal to any in the city.
OBSERVE THE PRICES:
Coral, Enamelled, Cameo, Lava, Gold-stone, and Onyx sets, for ..... $1, usual price $3
Delicate Enamelled do. Enamelled Slide, Bouquet, &c., do. ..... $1 do. $3
Mosaic, Jet, Lava, Carbuncle, Turquoise, Etruscan do. ..... $2 do. $6
Etruscan, Carbuncle, Gold Cluster, Ribbon Twist do. ..... $3 do. $5
Engraved and Chased Gold Band Bracelets ..... $1 do. $4
Very Rich Engraved and Chased do. $3 do. $6
Very Rich Carbuncle and Gold Cluster do. ..... $2 do. $6
Infants' Armlets ..... $1 do. $3
Misses' Necklaces, great variety ..... $1 do. $3
Do. do. with Medallion ..... $1 do. $3
Medallions, great variety ..... $1 do. $3
Do. with Double Sides ..... $1 do. $3
Sets of Studs and Sleeve Buttons, great variety ..... $1 do. $4
Sets of Studs and Sleeve Buttons, Carbuncle, Enamelled, &c. ..... $1 do. $4
Ladies' Gold Chains ..... $2 do. $4
Gents' Vest Chains ..... $2 do. $6
Do. do. do. ..... $2 do. $6
Ladies' Earrings ..... $2 do. $6
Do. do. ..... $1 do. Pair
Do. Sleeve Buttons, 50c to $1, usual price $1.50 to $3
Gents' do. do. 50c to $1, do. $1.50 to $3
Also, Gold Pens and Pencils, Tooth Picks, Watch Keys, Belt Slides, Chain Pins, Crosses, &c., &c.
I have a small lot of PINE GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES, which I will sell at equally low prices.
Goods sent by Mail or Express to all parts of the United States and Canada free of cost.
WM. S. MUSTIN, Agent,
ap2-mwf3m fp 432 CHESTNUT Street.

FINE WATCH REPAIRING.
PERSONS HAVING FINE WATCHES that have hitherto given satisfaction to their wearers, are invited to bring them to our store, where all defects can be remedied by thoroughly skilful and scientific workmen, and the watch warranted to give secure satisfaction.
Musical Clocks, Musical Boxes, &c., carefully put in complete order.
FARR & BROTHER,
Importers of Watches, Musical Boxes, Clocks, &c.,
ap4-3m 324 CHESTNUT Street, below Fourth.

FLOOR OIL-CLOTHS.
AUSTIN BROWN.
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
FLOOR OIL-CLOTHS,
The largest stock by three times in Philadelphia
PRICES LOW.
At No. 164 North THIRD STREET, (up stairs.)
ap18-3m

BANKING.
AUGUST BELMONT & CO.,
BANKERS,
50 WALL STREET, NEW YORK,
Issue letters of credit to travellers, available in all parts of Europe, through the Messrs. Rothschild of Paris, London, Frankfort, Naples, Vienna, and their correspondents.
fe26-6m*

EPHRATA MOUNTAIN SPRINGS,
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNA.
Dr. Joseph Koniginacher, the late Proprietor of this favorite summer resort, having lately died, the undersigned, Executors of his will, have leased the establishment for the coming season to Col. S. C. SLAYMAKER, who has been an assistant at this place for the last six years, and, we believe, favorably known to the visitors. Thanking the patrons of the place and the public generally for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to the late Proprietor, they respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to his worthy successor.
ADAM KONIGMACHER,
WM. CARPENTER, Executors.
Having leased the above-named place, and engaged H. H. REINHARD, who has been an assistant at Ephrata Springs for some years, the undersigned will open the house on the 1st day of June, 1861, and hopes that his friends, as well as Mr. Reinhard's, long connection with the Springs, together with his determination to conduct the house in every department in their usual popular manner, and to keep a first-class table, with the same accommodating servants, will be a guarantee to the patrons of the place, as well as the public generally, that the house will merit their continued patronage.
Further particulars and circulars please call on or address H. REINHARD, corner of THIRD and VINE Sts., Philadelphia, at the Union Hotel, ARCH Street, near 3d; or, address S. C. SLAYMAKER,
Ephrata P. O.,
Lancaster county, Penna.
ap1 1tr

DRY-GOODS JOBBERS.

JOSHUA L. BAILY,
NO. 913 MARKET STREET,
Invites the special attention of
CASH BUYERS
TO HIS CHOICE STOCK
OF
FANCY AND STAPLE
DRY GOODS,
COMPRISING ONE OF THE BEST ASSORTMENTS
OF
FRESH GOODS
IN THE PHILADELPHIA MARKET. ap24-tf

1861 SPRING. 1861
RIEGEL, BAIRD, & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
DRY GOODS,
NO. 47 NORTH THIRD STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.
Merchants visiting this city to purchase DRY GOODS will find our Stock large and admirably assorted, and at LOW FIGURES. In certain classes of Goods we offer inducements to purchasers unequalled by any other house in Philadelphia. mh13-2m

CHAFFEES, STOUT & CO.
No. 593 MARKET STREET,
JOBBERS IN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
DRY GOODS.
Our stock being
FRESH AND COMPLETE,
We are enabled to offer extra inducements to
CASH AND PROMPT-PAYING MERCHANTS.
☞ Stock kept up throughout the season, and special attention given to orders. mh30-2m

SPRING OPENING
OF
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS,
LADIES' CLOAKINGS,
And all goods suited to
MEN AND BOYS' WEAR,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
AT
C. SOMERS & SON'S,
525 CHESTNUT Street, under JAYNE'S HALL.
mh6-2m

SPRING. 1861.
J. T. WAY & CO.,
NO. 38 NORTH THIRD STREET,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
DRY GOODS.
OUR STOCK IS UNUSUALLY LARGE AND COMPLETE.
fe28-3m

1861.
DALE, ROSS, & CO.,
LATE
DALE, ROSS, & WITHERS,
NO. 521 MARKET STREET,
Have now open their fall
SPRING IMPORTATIONS
OF
SILKS
AND
FANCY DRESS GOODS.
The attention of CASH BUYERS is especially invited. mh29-2m

SPRING, 1861.
WURTS, AUSTIN, & McVEIGH,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
IN
DRY GOODS.
No. 311 MARKET STREET,
Above THIRD, PHILADELPHIA.
Charles Wurts, Henry Austin,
Hamilton V. McVeigh, John S. Wurts,
Joseph Burgin. fe15-3m

COMMISSION HOUSES.

A. & W. SPRAGUES'
PRINTS.
UNION PRINTS.
HOYT, SPRAGUES & CO.,
NO. 235 CHESTNUT STREET.
ap19-tf

WELLING, COFFIN, & CO.,
No. 116 CHESTNUT STREET,
AGENTS FOR THE SALE OF
DUNNELL MFG. CO.'S PRINTS AND LAWNS.
GREENE MFG. CO.'S TURKEY RED AND STAPLE PRINTS.
Fine Bleached Cottons.
LONSDALE, HOPE, BLACKSTONE, SLATERSVILLE, JAMESTOWN, RED BANK, GREENE, UNION, AND BELVIDERE.
Brown Cottons.
EAGLE AND PHENIX, MT. HOPE, FREEDONIAN, STRICK, OHIO, GROTON, VIRGINIA, FAMILY AND MECHANICS' AND FARMERS'.
GRAFTON, SLATERSVILLE, AND JEWETT CITY
DENIMS AND STRIPES.
LONSDALE CO.'S NANKEENS AND SILESIAS.
GLASGOW CORSET JEANS.
BOTTOMLEY'S BLACK AND GLENHAM CO.'S FANCY MIXED CLOTHS.
STEARNS AND SAXTON'S RIVER CASSIMERES.
GREENFIELD CO.'S BLACK DOESKINS.
RODMAN'S FINE JEANS, DOUBLE AND TWISTED CASSIMERES, NEGRO CLOTHS, &c.
MINOT, BASS RIVER, CRYSTAL SPRINGS, CHESHIRE, BRIDGEWATER, AND BRISTOL SATINETS. fa18-tf

SHIPLEY, HAZARD, & HUTCHINSON,
NO. 112 CHESTNUT ST.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
FOR THE SALE OF
PHILADELPHIA-MADE GOODS.
mh22-6m

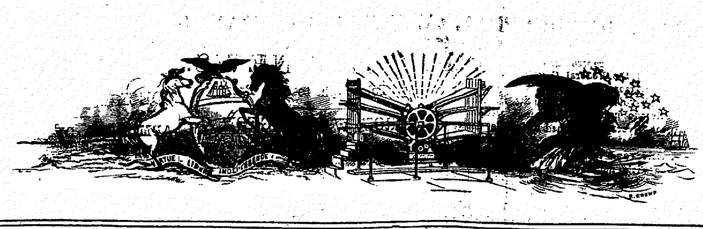
SEWING MACHINES.

WHEELER & WILSON
SEWING MACHINES.
PRICES REDUCED,
NOVEMBER 1ST, 1860.
fe21-3m 698 CHESTNUT Street, Second Floor.

MACKEREL, HERRING, SHAD, SALMON, &c.—2,000 bbls. Mess Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Mackerel, large, medium, and small, in assorted packages of choice late-caught fat fish.
2,000 bbls. New Halifax, Eastport, and Labrador Herrings, of choice qualities.
5,000 boxes extra new scaled Herrings.
2,000 boxes extra new No. 1 Herrings.
3,000 boxes large Magdalene Herrings.
200 bbls. Mackinaw White Fish.
50 bbls. new Scotch Mess Shad.
25 bbls. new Halifax Salmon.
1,000 Quintals Grand Bank Codfish.
200 boxes Herkimer-county Cheese.
In store and landing, for sale by
RUFUS KELLY & SONS,
mh8 No. 148 SOUTH WHARVES.

JUST RECEIVED, per "Annie Kimball," from Liverpool, Mander, Weaver, & Mander's preparations:
25 lbs Extract Aconiti, in 1 lb jars.
25 lbs Extract Hyoscyami, in 1 lb jars.
25 lbs Extract Belladonna, in 1 lb jars.
25 lbs Extract Stramonium, in 1 lb jars.
25 lbs Vin Rad Colchicum, in 1 lb bottles.
25 lbs Oleoresin Capsicum, in 1 lb bottles.
25 lbs Oleoresin Cubebs, in 1 lb bottles.
25 lbs Pil Hydrarg, in 1 lb jars.
WM. REILLY & BROWN,
mh2 47 and 49 North SECOND St.

The Press.



VOL. 4.—NO. 240. PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1861. TWO CENTS.

RETAIL DRY GOODS.

WHITE GOODS
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AND
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AND
AND
AND
EMBROIDERIES.
EMBROIDERIES.
EMBROIDERIES.
EMBROIDERIES.
EMBROIDERIES.
TEN THOUSAND PIECES
OF
WHITE GOODS AND LINENS,
AT
HALF!
THEIR!
USUAL!
RETAIL!
PRICE!

IMMENSE BARGAINS. IMMENSE BARGAINS.
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On account of the interruption to, and almost total suspension of the WHOLESALE TRADE, consequent upon the "war panic" now raging, the Large and freshly imported Stock of WHITE GOODS, LINENS, LACES, EMBROIDERIES, of Price, Ferris, & Co., will be offered for sale at RETAIL, REGARDLESS OF COST. The greater part of this immense stock has been purchased very recently, in the different European markets, by a member of the firm personally, and the inducements to those wishing to purchase anything in this line will be unsurpassed. To this end, we have taken the store
No. 807 CHESTNUT ST.,
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No. 807 CHESTNUT ST.,
(LATELY OCCUPIED BY CHICKERING & SONS.)
AND ON
MONDAY, 29th INST.,
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MONDAY, 29th INST.,
WILL OPEN FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE PUBLIC AN ENTIRE NEW STOCK,
CONSISTING OF
WHITE GOODS,
LINENS,
LACES, &
EMBROIDERIES,
IN ENDLESS VARIETY.

To those who purchase by the entire piece or dozen a liberal deduction will be made, *in addition to the reduction made to retailing.* Retail merchants from country stations, purchasing for cash, will find it greatly to their advantage to give us a call. We respectfully invite the special attention of the ladies, and the public generally, to the above.
PRICE, FERRIS, & CO.,
No. 525 MARKET STREET, and
No. 807 CHESTNUT ST.
ap27-tf

SHEPPARD, VAN HARLINGEN, & ARRISON,
1008 CHESTNUT ST.,
Invite the attention of purchasers to their unusually large and well-selected stock of
LINEN AND HOUSE-FURNISHING
DRY GOODS,
CURTAINS AND CURTAIN MATERIALS,
HOSIERY, EMBROIDERIES,
CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, ETC., ETC.,
which, having been imported under the old tariff, can be sold much below the present market rate.
They beg leave also to inform their customers and the public generally that they will from this date DEDUCT FIVE PER CENT. on all goods bought at the store and paid for on delivery. my6-6t

RETAIL DRY GOODS.

PARIS MANTILLAS.
THOS. W. EVANS & CO.
Invite attention to their
LARGE AND HANDSOME STOCK
OF
SPRING MANTILLAS,
IN
SILK, LACE, CLOTH, &c.,
Their
MANTILLA DEPARTMENT
Being a speciality, the assortment will be found
COMPLETE AND UNEQUALLED.
my6-3t 818 and 820 CHESTNUT Street.

BLACK SILK BASQUINES.
FRENCH SACQUES.
GORED MANTLES.
CIRCULARS. Mantilla Shape.
Plain styles, for first-class sales.
READY MADE, OR MADE TO ORDER.
COOPER & CONARD,
ap25-1m S. E. corner NINTH and MARKET.

NEW MANTILLA STORE.
The most splendid SILK MANTLES in the city.
HOUGH & CO.,
ap20-1m 25 SOUTH TENTH STREET.

SILK MANTILLAS,
In every new style, the richest qualities ever seen, at the elegant New Store,
25 SOUTH TENTH STREET.
HOUGH & CO.
ap20-1m

CLOSING OUT STOCK—GREAT BARGAINS.—We are now closing out our entire stock, in consequence of the unsettled state of affairs.
GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.
No regard paid to Cost.
Great Bargains offered to Cash Buyers, in
FANCY AND BLACK SILKS,
and every variety, style, and quality of
SPRING AND SUMMER DRESS GOODS,
SILK AND CLOTH COATS AND MANTLES,
*Twenty five per cent. under cost prices.*
Great bargains in Domestic Goods.
A bankrupt stock of Men and Boys' Wear, At less than manufacturers' prices.
R. STEEL & SON,
my4 No. 713 North TENTH, above Coates.

SPECIAL NOTICE!!
On and after this date
THORNLEY & CHIRM will offer
EVERY POSSIBLE INDUCEMENT
TO
CASH PURCHASERS OF DRY GOODS!
Being determined to *reduce their Stock* they will *give Good Bargains!*
Beautiful Fancy Silks for 75 cents, worth $1.12
Heavy Rich Fancy Silks for $1, well worth $1.25.
Grenadine and Barege Goods, about one half their value.
Gray Mixed Goods, in every variety, from 8 cents per yard to 50 cents.
BLACK SILKS, RICH AND LUSTROUS, VERY CHEAP.
Neat Black Brocade Silks, double faced, &c., &c.
De Laines, Calicoes, Cassimeres, Cloths, Vestings, &c.
Linens, Muslins, Flannels, Quilts, Covers, &c., &c.
SHAWL AND CLOAK-ROOM EXHIBITION
French Lace Mantles, Pointes, Shawls, Sugenes.
Cambric Lace Mantles, Chantilla Lace Goods, &c.
Black Silk Coats, Mantles, &c., in every style.
AT THORNLEY & CHIRM'S,
S. E. Corner EIGHTH & SPRING GARDEN Sts.
my3-tf

BARGAINS.—
Chene Ginghams at 12½ cents.
Traveling Plaids at 25 cents.
Shepherd's Plaids, Mohair Checks,
Black silks, Hoop Skirts, Collars,
Handkerchiefs, Sets, White Goods,
33 cents White Linen, worth 50 cents.
COOPER & CONARD,
ap22 S. E. cor. NINTH and MARKET.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—A RARE CHANCE FOR BARGAINS! THE ENTIRE STOCK TO BE CLOSED OUT! On account of the unsettled state of the country, we will offer in the mercantile line, the entire stock to close out our stock much below the cost of invoice. Great inducements will be offered those wishing Dry Goods to examine it. One hundred pieces Paris Mantilla Silks.
ap23-tf 704 ARCH Street.

CHARLES ADAMS & SON—EIGHTH AND ARCH STREETS.
Will offer, this morning, a fine assortment of STELLA SHAWLS, purchased at auction, and for sale at a very small advance, ranging in price from $4 to $12.
Also, a fine assortment of DRESS GOODS.
Challi Delaines, every variety, from 12½c. to 25c.
Chene Mohairs, neat styles, from 18c. to 25c.
Ottomans, Myrtelines, and Diagonal Poplins.
Silk, Embroidered, and Embroidered Diagonal Poplins.
Neapolitan Silk Check Mohair, 75c. and 87c.
LADIES' CLOAKING, in stripes and plain colors.
The latest shade of HOP GREEN for Ladies and Misses, of the best quality, both tied, and wide and narrow.
FRENCH COLLARS AT HALF PRICE.
A small lot just purchased, which we will *guarantee* to be sold at one-half the usual price.
Grenadine Veils, all colors and qualities.
Veil Barege, all colors, including Solferino and drab.
Particular attention is requested to our House Furnishing Goods.
Shirting Linens, the best article for 25c. ever offered, and better qualities in proportion.
Ballard Vale Flannels, a full line.
1 case 4-4 unbleached Muslin, fine, 9c.
1 case 4-4 unbleached Muslin, heavy, 10c.
1 case ¾ bleached Muslin, 6½c.
1 case 4-4 bleached Muslin, 9c.—splendid.
1 case 4-4 C. Adams & Son, 10c.
1 case 4-4 C. Adams & Son, 12½c.
5-4 Scott Mills, Amoskeag and Dodgeville.
1 case 10-4 bleached Sheeting, 30c. usually 37½c.
1 case 12-4 bleached Sheeting, 50c, usually 40c.
ap15-tf

H. STEEL & SON,
No. 713 North TENTH Street, above Coates.
Will open, TO-DAY, a from New York:
Figured Silk Grenadines, Black Grounds.
Fine Barages, Barege Robes.
Cambric, Jaconet, and Organdie Lawns.
and other choice and desirable Dress Goods.
Great Bargains in Fancy Silks.
French and India Check Silks.
Great Bargains in Black Silks.
RED, WHITE, and BLUE SILKS, DELAINES, and one case WHITE COBURGS, for making Flags.
In our SHAWL and MANTLE ROOM
will be found every variety and style of
SILK AND CLOTH COVERINGS.
SILK and CLOTH CLOAKINGS.
CHEAP BLACK STELLA SHAWLS. ap27-tf

EYRE & LANDELL ARE OPENING
Bargains from New York Auctions.
Seasonable Dress Goods.
Fashionable Shawls.
Newest Shape Mantles.
Plain Challies, choice shades. ap29

PERFECT INDIA SILKS, SHEPHERD PLAIDS.—These goods are perfect and extra gloss.
Black and White Plaids.
Brown and White Plaids.
Blue and White Plaids.
Purple and White Plaids.
EYRE & LANDELL,
ap29 FOURTH and ARCH Streets.

GRAY SHIRTING FLANNELS.
Twilled Gray Flannels.
Striped and Plaid French Gray.
Blue, White, and Red Flannels.
Gray Blankets, 11lbs. per pair.
SHARPLESS BROTHERS,
my1 CHESTNUT and EIGHTH Streets.

FOULARD SILK ROBES.
A variety of good and new designs
Of Foulards, some of superior
Quality, *reduced to less prices.*
Also, one case of Linen Lawns, at
Fancy Boining Silks, marked to
Very low prices.
SHARPLESS BROTHERS,
my1 CHESTNUT and EIGHTH Streets.

SPRING CLOAKS, IN EVERY NEW style, at IVENS'.
ap27-1m No. 23 S. Ninth street.

SPRING CLOAKS, IN ENDLESS VARIETY, at IVENS'.
ap27-1m No. 23 S. Ninth street.

SPRING CLOAKS, THE CHEAPEST ever seen, at IVENS'.
ap27-1m No. 23 S. Ninth street.

NEW STYLE CLOAKS, EVERY NEW style, every new material, at prices that astonish every one, at the large store, N. E. corner of Eighth and Walnut streets. ap27-1m

CITY CLOAK STORE, No. 142 N. Eighth street, above Cherry, are now selling every new style of the season, superb qualities, in every new shade of color, cheaper than any other store in the city. ap27-1m

CLOAKS.—Wholesale Merchants are invited to inspect the stock at
IVENS',
No. 23 South NINTH Street, corner of Jayne st.,
ap27-1m Between Market and Chestnut.

RED, WHITE, AND BLUE GOODS FOR FLAGS.
Red, White, and Blue Delaines.
Red, White, and Blue Merino.
Red, White, and Blue Silks.
Red, White, and Blue Flannel.
EYRE & LANDELL,
ap29 FOURTH and ARCH Streets.

BLACK SILK MANTLES.—
Black Silk Coats,
Gored Mantles—Paletots,
Garments of Cloth. Fine display in
OUR NEW, LARGE, WELL LIGHTED ROOM
COOPER & CONARD,
ap22 S. E. cor. NINTH and MARKET.

FREIGHT NOTICES.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS OF FREIGHT.—In pursuance of notice from the regular authorities, all goods forwarded by way of the PHILADELPHIA READING RAILROAD, to the States of MISSOURI, KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE, AND VIRGINIA, Must be distinctly marked "Not Contraband," underneath these words the name of the shipper. Shippers' Receipts must also be marked as above, or no goods of any description will be forwarded to States South of the above named.
my4-1m ASA WHITNEY, President.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—SHIPPERS WILL please take notice that the South Carolina R. R. Co. have discontinued forwarding all through freight, and that all goods formerly consigned to them must now be consigned to a city agent.
Messrs. T. S. & T. G. BUDD will forward all goods to their address.
A. BISHOP, JR., & CO.,
mh8 No. 126 North WHARVES.

LARD.—125 tierces extra Leaf Lard, for sale by G. C. SADLER & CO., 103 ARCH Street, second door above Front. ap27

CARPETINGS.

FRESH CANTON MATTING.
J. F. & E. B. ORNE,
OPPOSITE STATE HOUSE,
Have now open their
SPRING IMPORTATIONS
OF
DOUBLE EXTRA IMPERIAL
WHITE, PURPLE, and RED CHECKED
CANTON MATTING,
IN ALL THE DIFFERENT WIDTHS, AT
MODERATE PRICES.
J. F. & E. B. ORNE,
mh13-3m OPPOSITE STATE HOUSE.

ARCH-STREET CARPET WAREHOUSE.
OLDEN & RICKNER,
NO. 832 ARCH STREET, 2 Doors below NINTH
Have now in Store a splendid stock
OF
ENGLISH AND AMERICAN CARPETINGS,
Of all descriptions,
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## M. Robert-Houdin's New Book.*

Two years ago, when M. Robert-Houdin published his Memoirs, (under the title of *Confidences d'un Prestidigitateur,*) he announced his purpose of writing a volume in which would be explained how sleight-of-hand and other conjuring tricks and deceptions are performed. As M. Robert Houdin, when he retired into private life on the competency which his talents had secured him, was undoubtedly the best, because actually the most accomplished and scientific of living Professors of White or Natural Magic, and also writes with considerable ability, his new book has been looked for with no small interest. But now that it has appeared, it is very different from what was expected, though very entertaining and instructive.

Instead of showing how his own legerdemain feats were performed, M. Robert-Houdin unveils the cunning and curious tricks of a class of swindlers who abound in great European capitals, but especially in Paris. These people are called *Grecks*, and they live by cheating at cards. The term *Greek*, applied to the sharper who does this, is derived, M. Houdin tells us, from a certain Chevalier of that nation, Apoulos by name, who was admitted to the Court of France. He won so much money, however, that doubts were entertained as to the nature of his luck, and presently he was caught in the act of cheating, and sentenced to twenty years at the galleys. This adventure caused a great excitement, and thenceforth the name of Apoulos, or simply of Greek, was given to every individual who sought to assist fortune by knavery. When gaming-houses were publicly opened in Paris, the more skilful of the sharpers united, and may be said to have taken possession of the principal saloons, adroitly playing into each other's hands. Whoever has read M. Houdin's Memoirs may recollect that there are some revelations therein respecting tricks with cards—every magician, indeed, being expected to have great skill in manipulating the pack. To write about cheating with cards, therefore, comes quite naturally to Houdin.

Gaming-houses in Paris, which, with little intervention, were publicly licensed by the State, from the time of Cardinal Richelieu down to that of Louis Philippe, when they were peremptorily put down by the Government, were pretty much in the hands of the *Grecks* during greater part of two centuries. Picket and quadrille, lansquenet and pharaon, were the pet games of the Empire. Roulette, invented to prevent cheating, soon was made subsidiary to the *Greeks*, one of whom made a roulette-board, on which the black holes were slightly but not perceptibly larger than the red, so that the ball, as it whirled about, had small chance of falling into a red hole. Roulette, a comparative modern game, was in great vogue at Frascati's and the rival houses of the Palais Royal, but cheating was so notorious that the Government had to shut up the *hells*, (as they have been called,) and they are not likely to be ever opened again, by license from the State. Of course, there still are gaming houses in Paris and in London, despite of all legal prohibition. The Greek practises his art there during the winter months, visiting Baden-Baden, Spa, and other German watering-places, where gaming is allowed, in the summer.

The Greek often wins large sums, and frequently lives in luxury,—but most of this class perish miserably. Dishonesty does not "pay." Mr. Houdin expressly states

"On seeing me constantly allude to enormous profits, the reader must have supposed that the majority of the Greeks finally become millionaires, and transform themselves, some fine day, into large capitalists or châtelains. It is nothing of the sort; in spite of their repeated gains, this reprobate class never make a fortune. On the contrary, we may feel assured that 99 x I Greeks in a hundred end miserably. This may be easily explained. The recruits of Infidel Greece are obtained, without exception, from those people whom debauchery and prodigality have led to ruin. Now, nothing is less suited to produce habits of order and saving than Hellenism. Every Greek is a debauched, prodigal, and expensive, according to his means: these gentlemen, far from regulating their expenses by their gains, discount the future and live in an impossible luxury. They keep horses and mistresses, and outvie each other in lavish expenditure. The Greek, though it may be hardly credited, loses his money also at play. This man who is most frequently *blasé* with the enjoyments of material comfort, needs the emotions of gambling, that is, true gambling. Hence, he applies to the *roulette* or *rouge-et-noir* table. At these games, as the punters are passive instruments, the Greek finds a Nemesis. That Fortune whom he corrects elsewhere, avenges herself by reasserting her rights, and takes severe reprisals on him."

There are grades of Greeks. Between the fashionable, who keeps his carriage, and the wine-shop sharper, comes the Nomade—so called because he wanders about the world. He requires confederates—one being a less fortunate Greek, and the other a sharp, pretty, fascinating woman, who acts as a decoy-duck. The Nomades will play at almost every game of chance and skill. In such hands, the cards own their master; in their boxes, the rattling dice turn up exactly as they please.

M. Houdin thus explains the mystery of telegraphing, in which a confederate (called a *Comtois*) conveys to the Greek all the knowledge of his antagonist's hand necessary to win: "Although there are thirty-two cards in a piquet pack, they may all be designated by twelve different signals—that is, eight for the nature of the cards, and four for the colors. At *écarté*, the number of signals is even further reduced, as it is only necessary to point out the court cards. But to give these hints, it is not requisite, as some authors have said, to indulge in an exaggerated performance, such as blowing one's nose, coughing, drumming on the table, sneezing, &c. We must have a very poor opinion of a Greek to suppose him capable of such silly evolutions. Such a row would excite the attention of the gallery, and would soon be detected as clumsy trickery. The compatriot of Homer does not indulge in such child's play; and, unfortunately for his dupes, the signals he gives are only appreciable by his comrade. This may be judged by the following example: If the *Comtois* looks, 1, at his partner, he indicates a King; 2, at the adversary's hand, a Queen; 3, at the stakes, a Knave; 4, at the counters, an Ace: and, while indicating the nature of the cards, he tells their color by the following signs: 1, The mouth slightly opened, Hearts; 2, The mouth closed, Diamonds; 3, The upper lip drawn slightly over the lower, Clubs; 4, The lower lip drawn over the upper, Spades."

This reminds us of a snug couple who once victimized Theodore Hook and another gentleman at whist. Man and wife used generally contrive to be partners, in which case *both* would play for money. When opposed to each other, the lady would decline going in for any stake, but would allow her husband to risk money on stakes, or bets, as he pleased. At all events, she played so that *he* must win. When his partner, and she wanted a particular lead, she would affect impatience at his slow play, and, if she wished him to lead clubs, would burst out with an exclamation, "Can't you play, my dear?" Or, if a diamond was required, it would be "Do play." If a heart, "Have you forgotten that you lead?" If a spade, the words would be, "Shall I have to wait all the evening?" The words varied, of course, as their reiteration might be remarked, but the initial letter of the first word, always corresponded with that of the suit required.

Of course, the Greeks who cheat all who play with them, are accustomed to cheat each other—when they can. M. Houdin gives some notable examples. One Raymond, who actually sold his tricks, as a Greek, to M. Houdin, related, among other events of his life, why he quitted the Lynx Society, composed of accomplished Chevaliers d'Industrie, chief among whom was a clever scoundrel named Andreas. What happened, we give in Houdin's own words: "When play was over, and the dupes had retired, all the winnings were placed on the table and equitably divided. But, if wolves do not devour one another, thieves have no hesitation in robbing their fellow-thieves; and the present was a further case in point. It often happened that, after a game in which one hundred louis, say, were lost by the dupes, only sixty were produced when it came to a division. Every gambler allowed that there should have been more money, but no one confessed to having stolen any. They watched and even searched each other (for in such company fellows are not very delicate), but nothing was discovered. Finally, it was resolved that Andreas should institute a secret inquiry. He displayed such zeal that he soon discovered how it was all done, and who were the guilty parties. One of them ordered his servant to come, at the close of the evening, and ask him for a key; and, while giving it him, he handed him a roll of louis. If the stakes were heavy, the servant, upon a signal from his master, brought back the key and carried off another roll. A second rogue was more modest; he fastened a certain number of coins beneath the table, by the assistance of wax balls, and pocketed them when the division was over. A third—a species of human ostrich—swallowed gold pieces, which he recovered by the help of an emetic."

We shall conclude with an anecdote, of which the celebrated Prince de Talleyrand is the hero. He was playing at a French game, called Bouillotte (not to be found in Hoyle), and had just dealt. According to the custom of the game, he waited his turn to declare. The two first players passed. "Ten louis," said the third. "Twenty," the diplomatist replied. "Forty," his opponent continued. "All I have on the table," the diplomatist said boldly, pointing to one hundred louis before him. But at this moment a card slipped from his hands, a nine, which he hurriedly picked up. But his adversary had time to see this card, and although he held a *brelan* of kings, thought it prudent to decline playing. In his idea, M. de Talleyrand must have a fine hand to be so determined. What confirmed him in this notion was, that the turn-up card was a nine, and, in all probability, the nine that fell from the diplomatist's hands formed part of a *brelan carré*. The cards were shown, and M. de Talleyrand won with a wretched hand, in which figured the nine, which he had perfidiously let fall in order to intimidate his opponent.

It is probable that M. Robert-Houdin's new book will be translated and published here. Perhaps we may return to it, as it abounds in capital stories and anecdotes.

* Les Tricheries des Grecs devoilees. Par Robert Houdin. Paris: Librairie Nouvelle.

### Letter from Camp Wayne.

[Correspondence of The Press.]
CAMP WAYNE, WEST CHESTER, Pa., May 6, 1861.

On the morning of the 23d of April, 1861, the Woodward Guards and the Williamsport Rifles were escorted to the depot by an immense crowd of the citizens of Williamsport, and, after bidding adieu to their friends, took the cars and came to Camp Curtin. Being a member of the first-named company, I will be pardoned if I give them more attention in this letter than the others. The Guards were an old company in Williamsport, but, immediately prior to the commencement of hostilities, had agreed to disband. John C. Dodge, their captain, had removed to his native State, Massachusetts. One or two young men, members of the Williamsport Bar, drew up a paper pledging themselves to join this company, provided they would immediately offer their services to the Government. To Jesse Fulmer and Henry W. Watson belong this honor, if it be any honor. D. L. Montgomery and John C. Field immediately fell in, and, by their efforts, in a short time secured one hundred and twenty-four names. John C. Dodge, the former captain of the Guards, being in Williamsport, gallantly offered to take the command. His offer was at once accepted, and he was chosen captain by acclamation.

The Governor, in accepting the Guards refused to receive more than 70 men, so that Capt. Dodge picked his men from the 124. Many of those who were left behind were as brave and patriotic as those were accepted; some of them had families, and that