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COMMISSION HOUSES.

ARMY AND NAVY CLOTHS.
WILLIAM T. SNODGRASS'
CLOTH HOUSE,
No. 34 South SECOND and 33 STRAWBERRY STS.

ARMY AND NAVY. 6-4 Blue Flannels, 7-4 Dark Blue Cassimeres, 6-4 do. do. 3-4 Light Blue do. 6-4 do. do. 3-4 Dark Blue Doeskins, 6-4 do. do. 6-4 Blue Cloths, 6-4 do. Castors, 6-4 do. Pilots, 6-4 do. Beavers, 3-4 and 6-4 Meltons, Trimmings, &c.

CIVIL LIST. Black Cloths, Do. Doeskins, Fancy Cassimes, Do. Cassimeres, Sequimaux, Chinchillas, Super Velvets, Russian Sables, Tricots, True Blues, Scarlets, Billiards, Bagatelles.

Unexpectedly, we have succeeded in replenishing our Stock with some entirely New Styles of beautiful COATINGS. no22-1m

THE ATTENTION OF THE TRADE IS CALLED TO
OUR STOCK OF
SAXONY WOOLEN CO. all-wool Plain Flannels,
TWILLED FLANNELS,
Various makes, in Gray, Scarlet, and Dark Blue.
PRINTED SHIRTING FLANNELS.
PLAIN OPERA FLANNELS.
"PREMIERE QUALITY,"
Square and Long Shawls.
WASHINGTON MILLS Long Shawls.
BLACK COTTON WARP CLOTHS,
15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 oz.
FANCY CASSIMERES AND SATINETTS.
SALMORAL SKIRTS, all grades.
RED BLANKETS, 10-4, 11-4, 12-4, 13-4.
COTTON GOODS, DENIMS, TICKS, STRIPES, SHEETINGS, &c., from the various Mills.
DE COURSEY, HAMILTON, & EVANS,
33 LETITIA Street, and
33 South FRONT Street.
no25-fmw3m

NOTICE TO GRAIN DEALERS AND SHIPPERS.
200,000 UNION A, SEAMLESS BAGS,
All Linen, weight 20 ounces.
The Best and Cheapest Bag in the market.
Also,
BURLAP BAGS,
Of all Sizes, for Corn, Oats, Bone-dust, Coffee, &c., are manufactured and for sale, for net cash, by
CHARLES H. GRIGG, Agent,
No. 137 MARKET St. (Second Story).
Late of 219 Church alley.
no10-3m

SHIPLEY, HAZARD, & HUTCHINSON.
No. 113 CHESTNUT STREET,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
FOR THE SALE OF
PHILADELPHIA-MADE GOODS.
oct22-6m

BAGS! BAGS! BAGS!
NEW AND SECOND HAND,
SEAMLESS, BURLAP, AND GUNNY
BAGS,
Constantly on hand.
JOHN T. BAILEY & CO.,
No. 112 NORTH FRONT STREET.
WOOL SACKS FOR SALE. ap22-6m

SILK AND DRY-GOODS JOBBERS.
THOS. MELLOR & CO.,
IMPORTERS,
Nos. 40 and 42 NORTH THIRD STREET.
We invite the attention of the trade to our large stock of
HOSIERY, GLOVES,
SHIRTS, DRAWERS,
GERMANTOWN FANCY WOOLENS,
LINEN CAMBRIC HDKFS.,
4-4 LINENS, AND SHIRT FRONTS.
se15-3m

LADIES' FURS.
LADIES' FANCY FURS.
JOHN FAREIRA,
No. 718 ARCH STREET, BELOW EIGHTH,
Importer and Manufacturer
OF
LADIES' FANCY FURS.
My assortment of FANCY FURS for Ladies and Children is now complete, and embracing every variety that will be fashionable during the present season. All sold at the manufacturers' prices, for cash. Ladies, please give me a call. oct4-4m

WRITING FOR FANCY FURS.
JOHN A. STAMBACH,
IMPORTER AND MANUFACTURER OF
LADIES' FANCY FURS,
NO. 536 ARCH STREET, BELOW NINTH,
Has now open a splendid stock of
LADIES AND CHILDREN'S FURS,
Which will be sold at the
LOWEST CASH PRICES. oc3-3m

FURS! FURS!
GEORGE F. WOMRATH,
NOS. 415 AND 417 ARCH STREET,
HAS NOW OPEN
A FULL ASSORTMENT
OF
LADIES' FURS,
which the attention of the public is invited. se24-4m

YARNS.
WOOL.
On hand, and consignments daily arriving, of
TUB AND FLEECE.
Common to Full Blood, choice and clean.
WOOLEN YARNS,
16 to 30 cuts, fine, on hand, and new supplies coming daily.
COTTON YARNS,
Nos. 8 to 30s, of first-class makes,
In Warp, Bundle, and Cop.
N.B.—All numbers and descriptions procured at once, on orders.
ALEX. WHILLDIN & SONS,
18 North FRONT Street,
no11-mwfif Philadelphia.

GAS FIXTURES, &c.
517 ARCH STREET.
C. A. VANKIRK & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF
CHANDELIERS
AND OTHER
GAS FIXTURES.
Also, French Bronze Figures and Ornaments, Porcelain and Mica Shades, and a variety of
FANCY GOODS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
Please call and examine Goods. de25-1y

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FRENCH FLOWERS, 1863.
FEATHERS, LACES, RIBBONS, &
NEW-STYLE HATS,
JUST OPENED AT
THOS. KENNEDY & BRO.'S,
No. 739 CHESTNUT Street, below Eighth.
se10-3m

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ROBERT SHOEMAKER & CO.,
Northeast Corner FOURTH and RACE Streets,
PHILADELPHIA,
WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,
IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
WINDOW AND PLATE GLASS,
MANUFACTURERS OF
WHITE LEAD AND ZINC PAINTS, PUTTY, &c.
AGENTS FOR THE CELEBRATED
FRENCH ZINC PAINTS.
Orders and consignments supplied at
VERY LOW PRICES FOR CASH.
se17-3m

CABINET FURNITURE.
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 the 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. 1m14 6m

SILK THREADS AND COTTONS
FOR
SEWING MACHINES,
Wholesale and retail.
LAING & MAGINNIS,
no14-1m* No. 30 North THIRD Street.

RETAIL DRY GOODS.
SPECIAL ATTENTION SOLICITED
TO OUR STOCK OF
BLANKETS.
Having unsurpassed facilities for obtaining all the best makes of
BLANKETS,
we are now prepared to offer the largest assortment of goods in this line to be found in this country. Our long experience in this branch of our business gives us the opportunity to offer such inducements to the public as cannot be found in any other establishment. Selling more of these goods than all the trade combined, enables us to handle much larger quantities, and thus gives us great advantages over others who do not devote special attention to this department.
We have now in store the following celebrated makes:
ROCHDALE, OTNABRIG, HOLLAND, NORWICH, YORKSHIRE, COCHECO, CUMBERLAND, HAMILTON,
In their various sizes and qualities.
CRIB AND CRADLE BLANKETS;
ALSO,
A Good Assortment of
FOREIGN BLANKETS,
Blankets Ranging in Price from $3 to $25 per Pair.
The best All-Wool Blankets in the City at $7.50; the same as others are selling at $8 50.
A large lot of good, warm Blankets for Hospitals will be sold LOW, for that purpose.
To the Trade we can offer extra inducements, either by the pair or package.
To Hotels and Schools at Wholesale prices.
COWPERTHWAIT & CO.
N. B.—We would call the attention of buyers to our immense stock of Sheeting and Shirting MUSLINS. 10-4 Pepperell and 11-4 Lenox Sheetings.
For the Dorcas, Ladies' Aid, and other charitable Societies, we would invite attention to our stock of WOOLEN FLANNELS. All-Wool Red Twilled Flannel, heavy, at 45 cents by the piece.
COWPERTHWAIT & CO.,
N. W. cor. EIGHTH and MARKET Sts.
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NOW OPEN.
RICH AND RELIABLE
FURS
Of our own Importation and Manufacture.
HUDSON'S BAY SABLE,
ROYAL ERMINE,
DARK SABLE MINK,
REAL CHINCHILLA,
DARK SIBERIAN SQUIRREL,
In every fashionable style, for
LADIES, MISSES, AND CHILDREN.
FURS MADE TO ORDER
AT THE
PARIS MANTILLA, CLOAK, AND FUR EMPORIUM,
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J. W. PROCTOR & CO.
no6-frmw2m

BOYS,
CADET SUITS,
ADAPTED TO
MILITARY SCHOOLS;
ALSO,
JACKETS, PANTS, AND OVERCOATS,
OF FANCY CASSIMERES, MELTONS, &c.
COOPER & CONARD,
NINTH AND MARKET.
de5-tf

JOHN F. YOUNG,
No. 70 NORTH FOURTH STREET,
WILL OFFER, FOR THE BALANCE OF THE SEASON,
AT REDUCED PRICES,
THE FOLLOWING DRESS GOODS:
MERINOS, ALPACAS, POPLINS, COBURGS, REPS, DELAINES. de1-12t

ED. GROSJEAN,
1013 CHESTNUT STREET,
Respectfully calls the attention of the ladies to his well-selected stock of
LINEN CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS.
Also, a fine collection of
Fancy and Embroidered Handkerchiefs,
Gentlemen's and Ladies' Handkerchiefs.
INITIALS AND OTHER DESIGNS Embroidered in the latest styles and in the best possible manner.
A full assortment of
EMBROIDERIES,
NIGHT GOWNS, CAPS, CHEMISES, GARIBALDIS, COLLARS, SLEEVES, CUFFS, HOOP SKIRTS, HEAD DRESSES, NETS, GLOVES, &c.
de3-12t

818 OPENING, 818
AT THE
ARCH-STREET CLOAK STORE,
A HANDSOME ASSORTMENT OF
LADIES' AND MISSES' CLOAKS.
no5-tf

SKIRTS! SKIRTS! SKIRTS!
M. A. JONES'
CELEBRATED
NE PLUS ULTRA SKIRT
Can only be found at
No. 17 NORTH EIGHTH STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.
OVER THE WAX FIGURE.
None genuine unless stamped
M. A. JONES'
NE PLUS ULTRA SKIRT,
17 N. EIGHTH STREET.
sel1-fm3m

JOHN H. STOKES, 702 ARCH STREET, would call the attention of the ladies to his immense stock of DRESS GOODS, most of which has been reduced for HOLIDAY PRESENTS, consisting of French Merinoes, Figured Camlet Cloths, Wool and part Cotton Delaines, Figured and Striped Mohairs, English Merinoes, Wool Plaids, Plaid Dress Goods, Calicoes, &c. de1-tf

1024 CHESTNUT STREET.
E. M. NEEDLES,
1024 CHESTNUT STREET,
Invites attention to his extensive assortment of goods suitable for
USEFUL AND ACCEPTABLE
HOLIDAY PRESENTS,
IN LACE GOODS,
HANDKERCHIEFS, EMBROIDERIES,
VEILS, AND WHITE GOODS.
1024 CHESTNUT STREET. 1024 CHESTNUT STREET.

1024 CHESTNUT STREET.
H. STEEL & SON WOULD CALL attention to their Stock of FINE DRESS GOODS, all bought at very low prices, early in the season, and at the recent Auction Sales:
French Merinoes, 75c to $2.50.
French Poplins and Reps, 87½c to $1 75.
Dress Goods of every variety, 20c to $2.
3,000 yards two-yard wide Merinoes, $1.25.
Blanket Shawls, a great variety of styles, $3.25 to $13.
Broche Shawls, great bargains, $8.50 to $14.
Circulars and Sacques, of all kinds of Cloths, at low prices.
Fancy Silks, $1 to $5.
Plain Foil de Soies, $1.25 to $2.50.
Moire Antiques and Corded Silks, $3.50 to $5.
Nos. 713 and 715 North TENTH St.
1 Lot All-wool Shaker Flannels, 62½c, worth 80c. no25

EDWIN HALL & CO., NO. 26 SOUTH SECOND Street, would call attention to their stock of Cloths for Ladies' Cloaks.
Superior quality Frosted Beaver Cloths, $6 a yard.
Velvet Beaver Cloths, all-wool, fine.
Tricot Beaver Cloths.
Fine Plain Beaver Cloths.
Ribbed Beaver Cloths.
Chinchilla Cloths.
N. B.—Cloaks for sale, made out of the above Cloths.
Cloaks made to order.
Superior quality 4-4 Silk Velvets, at $15 and $16.50 per yard. del-1f

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No. 70 North FOURTH Street.
Will open this day, 1 case Figured Mohairs; 1 case Coburgs, at greatly reduced prices.
Also, 40 pairs super all-wool Blankets at $7.50. *Unsurpassed in this market.* del-12t

WINTER SILKS.
A Lot of Fancy Silks,
Autumn and Winter styles.
At very low prices.
SHARPLESS BROTHERS,
CHESTNUT and EIGHTH Streets.

HOLIDAY GOODS.
GENTLEMEN'S WRAPPERS
FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
THE FINEST ASSORTMENT
AT
JOHN C. ARRISON'S,
Nos. 1 AND 3 NORTH SIXTH STREET,
FIRST STORE ABOVE MARKET. de3-4t

LEWIS LADOMUS & CO.,
802 CHESTNUT STREET.
CHRISTMAS GIFTS.
If persons, desirous of purchasing PRESENTS for the HOLIDAYS, will call and examine our large stock of
ELEGANT WATCHES AND CHAINS,
SUPERB JEWELRY, and
FINE SILVER AND PLATED WARE,
we will guarantee to give them every satisfaction in regard to appearance, quality, and style they can desire, and cheaper than they can get elsewhere. no3-10t

THOMAS C. GARRETT,
No. 712 CHESTNUT STREET,
In view of the approach of the
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS,
Has laid in a very elegant stock of
WATCHES, FINE JEWELRY,
SILVER ARTICLES, PLATED WARE,
TABLE CUTLERY, &c.,
OF THE
NEWEST STYLES AND FINEST QUALITY,
AN EXAMINATION OF WHICH HE ASKS OF PERSONS
SEEKING PRESENTS.
de3-1d2t

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
G. RUSSELL,
No. 22 NORTH SIXTH STREET,
Would invite attention to his well-selected stock of FINE AMERICAN AND IMPORTED
WATCHES,
DIAMOND AND GOLD JEWELRY,
SILVER WARE, &c.,
SUITABLE FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
del-1m

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.
CONFECTIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!
NOW READY,
CREAMS LA MODE DE PARIS.
ROASTED, FROSTED, AND GLACED ALMONDS.
CREAM AND ALMOND-PASTE CHOCOLATES.
FINE FRENCH AND AMERICAN MIXTURES,
Put up in neat boxes, from 1 to 10 lbs each.
Our whole stock comprising one of the most delicious and varied assortments of
HOLIDAY CONFECTIONS
EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.
E. G. WHITMAN & CO.,
de3-wsmlit No. 318 CHESTNUT Street.

THE GREAT SKATE DEPOT!
A large and well-selected assortment of
LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S, AND BOYS'
SKATES,
Just received and for sale by
TROTTER & DAWSON,
de2-1m No. 919 MARKET ST., PHILADA.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS FOR GENTLEMEN.—A magnificent assortment of the rarest novelties in
SCARFS, WRAPPERS,
SCARF PINS, HANDKERCHIEFS,
SCARF-RINGS, GLOVES,
NECK-TIES, SUSPENDERS,
MUFFLERS, CARRIAGE RUGS,
UMBRELLAS, &c., &c., &c.
Opening at J. W. SCOTT'S,
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de4 Four doors below the "Continental."

GOODS FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
Writing Desks, Portfolios,
Leather Bags, Chess and Backgammon Boards,
Gold Pens, Fine Cutlery.
With a general assortment of Stationery. Pens and Gold Pencils.
For sale by WM. MANN,
Blank Book Manufacturer,
Stationer and Publisher,
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SKATERS' HEADQUARTERS.
LADIES' SKATES, of every variety.
GENTS' SKATES, of all kinds.
STEEL SKATES. DUMP SKATES.
ROCKER SKATES.
SHELL-GROOVE SKATES, a superior article for learners.
PARLOR SKATES, all sizes.
At PHILIP WILSON & CO.'S,
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HOLIDAY GOODS.—ALL THE
Newest Styles of
FANCY COMBS,
STEEL AND JET JEWELRY,
FANCY FANS.
PEARL HEAD-DRESSES AND NETS.
With a full assortment of Notions and Fancy Goods, adapted to the Holiday trade.
PRICES THE MOST SATISFACTORY.
AT H. DIXON'S,
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F. P. DUBOSQ & SON,
MANUFACTURERS OF
FINE JEWELRY,
1028 CHESTNUT STREET.
Watches neatly repaired and warranted.
Pearl Work of all descriptions repaired. del-1m

R. & G. A. WRIGHT,
624 CHESTNUT STREET,
Offer a beautiful selection of
BOHEMIAN GLASS TOILET SETS,
PARIAN AND BOHEMIAN VASES,
BRONZE STATUETTES AND BUSTS,
CARVED BRACKETS AND BOOK-STANDS,
CIGAR, TOBACCO, AND MATCH STANDS,
ODOR AND LIQUOR CASES,
DESKS AND TRAVELLING BAGS,
MEERSCHAUM AND BRIER PIPES,
and a great variety of Fancy Articles suited for Holiday Presents. del-1m

CANES FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
EBONY CANES, gold head.
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LADIES' CANES.
GENTS' CANES.
SOLDIERS' CANES.
CANES of every variety.
For sale by PHILIP WILSON & CO.,
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OPERA GLASSES, GOLD SPECTACLES,
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BESIDES MANY OTHER
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FOR SALE BY
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Catalogues furnish gratis. no26-1m

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S. P. IFILL & CO.,
DEALERS IN
CURTAINS, CURTAIN MATERIALS,
FURNITURE COVERINGS,
WINDOW SHADES.
HOLLANDS,
UPHOLSTERERS' TRIMMINGS, VENETIAN BLINDS, &c.
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THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT IN
PHILADELPHIA
AT
R. K. SLAUGHTER'S,
517 MARKET STREET.
no10-1m

SCOTCH WHISKY.—GRAHAMS celebrated Scotch Whisky for sale, in bonded warehouse, by CHAS. S. & JAS. CARSTAIRS.
ca27 186 WALNUT, and 21 GRANITE Street.

LAKE SUPERIOR INGOT COPPER, from the Amygdaloid Mine, in store and for sale in quantities to suit, by WOMRATH'S
1y1-6m* 415 ARCH Street.

LACE CURTAINS.
BROCATELLE AND LACE
CURTAINS,
AT LESS THAN
IMPORTATION PRICES,
IN SETS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
I. E. WALRAVEN,
(SUCCESSOR TO W. H. CARYL,)
MASONIC HALL,
de8-5t 719 CHESTNUT STREET.

JEWELRY, PLATED WARE, &c.
GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
25 PER CENT. SAVED BY PURCHASING YOUR
WATCHES, JEWELRY,
AND
SILVER-PLATED WARE,
AT
D. W. CLARK'S,
602 CHESTNUT STREET.
Where may be found a fine assortment of the following Goods, at Twenty-Five per cent. less than at any other establishment:
Gold Watches,
Silver Watches,
Plated Watches,
American Watches,
English Watches.
Brooches, Ear Rings,
Bracelets, Finger Rings,
Sets, Sleeve Buttons,
Pins, Studs,
Medallions,
Neck Chains,
Guard Chains,
Chataine Chains,
Vest Chains,
Pencils,
Thimbles,
Pens and Cases,
Tooth Picks,
Gents' Bosom Pins,
Gents' Scarf Pins,
Gents' Scarf Rings,
Armlets,
Charms,
Watch Keys,
Watch Hooks,
Watch Bars,
&c., &c.
SILVER-PLATED WARE.
Tea Sets,
Wine Castors,
Dinner Castors,
Breakfast Castors,
Cake Baskets,
Card Baskets,
Butter Coolers,
Sugar Bowls,
Salt Stands,
Call Bells,
Goblets,
Tankards,
Spoon Holders,
Napkin Rings,
Syrup Pitchers,
Cream Pitchers,
Table and Dessert Spoons,
Tea and Salt Spoons,
Egg and Mustard Spoons,
Dinner and Tea Forks,
Fish and Pie Knives,
Tea and Dinner Knives,
Oyster and Soup Ladles,
Children's Knives and Forks,
Butter Knives.
One call will convince the most incredulous that the cheapest place in the city to buy Watches, Jewelry, and Silver-Plated Ware, is at
D. W. CLARK'S,
602 CHESTNUT Street.
N. B.—Fine Watches and Jewelry carefully repaired by the most experienced workmen and warranted.
no15-tde31

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OVERCOATS!
SUITABLE FOR THE WEATHER,
PRICE $10 AND UPWARDS,
WANAMAKER & BROWN,
OAK HALL
POPULAR CLOTHING HOUSE,
SIXTH AND MARKET.

EDWARD P. KELLY,
JOHN KELLY,
TAILORS,
142 SOUTH THIRD STREET,
NEAR THE EXCHANGE.
(FORMERLY CHESTNUT ABOVE SEVENTH.
Have now in store a LARGE STOCK and complete assortment of
FALL AND WINTER GOODS.
TERMS CASH.—Prices much lower than any other first-class establishment. de16-tf

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WATCHES AND JEWELRY.
J. E. CALDWELL & CO.,
822 CHESTNUT STREET,
Have received a large assortment of Rich Goods, of their own importation, comprising
NOVELTIES OF THE PRESENT SEASON:
OPERA AND FIELD GLASSES.
RICH FANS, entirely new designs.
COINS, in Gilt, Shell, and Steel.
ENGRAVED GLASS VASES AND CARD-RECEIVERS.
SPLENDID DECORATED FRENCH PORCELAIN VASES, CARD-RECEIVERS, AND FLOWER STANDS.
DRESSING CASES for Ladies and Gentlemen.
RICH JEWEL CASKETS, GLOVE BOXES, WRITING DESKS, LIQUOR CASES, &c.
CORAL TORTOISE SHELL, AND STEEL JEWELRY.
BRONZE STATUETTES, ANIMALS, INKSTANDS, MATCH-SAFES, CHANDELABRAS.
MANTEL CLOCKS, Marble, Bronze, and Gilt.
RICH JEWELRY, Diamond, Pearls, and all the Precious Gems, Gold and Enamel.
SUPERIOR WATCHES, American, Swiss, and English.
SILVER WARE, of every description.
PLATED GOODS, American and English.
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G. RUSSELL, 22 NORTH SIXTH Street, has just received a very handsome assortment of FINE SEAL RINGS. no2-3m

FINE WATCH REPAIRING attended to by the most experienced workmen, and every Watch warranted for one year.
G. RUSSELL,
no2-3m 22 North SIXTH Street.

MUSICAL BOXES.
IN SHELL AND ROSEWOOD CASES, playing from 1 to 12 tunes, choice Opera and American Melodies. FARR & BROTHER, Importers,
se5-6m 324 CHESTNUT Street, below Fourth.

CARRIAGES. 1863.
WILLIAM D. ROGERS,
Coach and Light Carriage Builder,
Nos. 1009 and 1011 CHESTNUT STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.
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TO SPORTSMEN.
PHILIP WILSON & CO.,
409 CHESTNUT STREET,
Manufacturers of superior
DOUBLE GUNS,
equal, if not superior, to any of the following makes, which we keep constantly on hand:
William Greener, Westley Richards, Moore & Harris, and other makers.
Also, Powder, Shot, Wads, Caps, &c.
We shall be constantly supplied, during the season, with every variety of SKATES. se25-3m

The Press.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1863.

Loyalty and Heroism of Colored Americans.

To the Editor of The Press:

SIR: The negro has never had an equal chance with the white man in this country, having been generally denied the common rights of humanity. Though he has been an inhabitant almost as long as the white man, and has done much for its welfare, yet he has not been treated so well as the foreigner, even in the free States. There is much truth and force in what a highly-respected colored clergyman of New York said a few years since: "We are *natives* of this country; we ask only to be treated as well as *foreigners*. Not a few of our fathers suffered and bled to purchase its independence; we only ask to be treated as well as those who fought against it. We have toiled to cultivate it, and to raise it to its present prosperous condition; we only ask to share equal privileges with those who come from distant lands to enjoy the fruits of our labor."

Notwithstanding the treatment that the colored man has received in this country, yet he has displayed a high degree of loyalty and bravery. Treason and cowardice can by no means be charged on colored Americans, though they have had so little, comparatively, to call out the opposite qualities. Glancing at the facts that the history of the past can furnish on this subject, who can doubt for a moment that the millions of colored men in this country can render most effective service towards suppressing the existing rebellion with the opportunity afforded them, and the powerful motive of *freedom* unquivocally presented before them.

The first martyr to liberty in the Revolution was a colored man by the name of Crispus Attucks. He was the first man shot by the British soldiers in the Boston massacre of March 5th, 1770, which occurred on King (now State) street.

There were several colored soldiers at the battle of Bunker Hill, among whom was one by the name of Salem. Particular allusion is made to him by Swett, in his "Sketches" of that battle. He says: "Major Pitcairn caused the first effusion of blood at Lexington. In that battle his horse was shot under him, while he was separated from his troops. With presence of mind, he feigned himself slain. His pistols were taken from his holsters, and he was left for dead, when he seized the opportunity and escaped. He appeared at Bunker Hill, and," says the historian, "among those who contributed to works was the gallant Major Pitcairn, who exultingly cried out, 'The day is ours!' when a black soldier named Salem shot him through, and he fell. His agonized son received him in his arms, and tenderly bore him to the boats. A contribution was made in the army for the colored soldier, and he was presented to Washington as having performed this feat."

In the Revolution there was a colored company called the "Bucks of America" that rendered most valuable service. At the close of that struggle John Hancock presented them with an appropriate banner, bearing his initials, as an expression of his appreciation of their patriotism and bravery. The "Bucks," commanded by Col. Middleton, were invited to a collation in a neighboring town, and while on their way, were requested to halt in front of the Hancock mansion, on Beacon street, where the Governor and his son united in presenting the banner.

At the commencement of the War of the Revolution, Rhode Island had quite a number of slaves, but she soon found it make good use of them. A regiment of them was formed, and no braver men went into battle than they were. They were not, however, permitted to become soldiers until they were first emancipated, and their freedom pledged to them forever. In the gallant defence of Red Bank that regiment bore a most honorable part. In that struggle four hundred men met and repulsed, after a terrible slaughter, fifteen hundred Hessian troops, headed by Count Donop.

The capability of the blacks to render valuable services as soldiers, was acknowledged at the Revolutionary period at the South, as well as at the North. In 1779 a convention of delegates from South Carolina sent the special envoy from Georgia suggested "that a force might be raised in the loyal State from among the negroes, which would not only be formidable to the enemy, from their numbers, and the discipline of which they would readily admit, but would also lessen the dangers from revolts and desertions by detaching the most vigorous and enterprising of the negroes."

In the beginning the Georgia delegates gave to John Adams, as recorded in his diary at the time, "a melancholy account of the States of Georgia and South Carolina. They said if one thousand regular troops should land in Georgia, their commander be provided with arms and clothes enough, and *proclaim freedom to all the negroes* who would join his camp, twenty thousand negroes would join it from the two Provinces in a fortnight. The negroes having a wonderful art of conveying intelligence among themselves, it will run several hundred miles in a week or fortnight."

The fact that colored Americans rendered important service in that contest, several leading men North and South have acknowledged, who could not be accused of special anti-slavery tendencies. Charles Pinckney, of South Carolina, in his speech on the Missouri question, and in defence of the slave representation of the South, said: "They (the slaves) then were, as they still are, as valuable a part of our population to the Union as any other equal number of the inhabitants. They were in numerous instances the pioneers, and in all the laborers of your armies. To their hands were owing the greater part of the fortifications raised for the protection of our country. Fort Moultrie gave, at an early period of the inexperience and untried valor of our citizens, immortality to American arms, and in the Northern States numerous bodies of them were enrolled and fought, *side by side with the whites*, the battles of the Revolution."

Mr. Martindale, a member of Congress from New York, in a speech delivered in 1828, spoke in high terms of what colored men had done, and said: "Slaves, or negroes who had been slaves, were enlisted as soldiers in the war of the Revolution; and I myself saw a battalion of them, as fine martial-looking men as I ever saw attached to the Northern army, in the last war, on its march from Plattsburg to Sackett's Harbor."

The loyal and heroic acts of colored men in the last war with England are familiar to some minds, but ought to be more generally known. They reflected honor on themselves both on the land and in the navy.

Captain Perry, writing to Commodore Chauncy, the senior officer, said: "The men that came by Mr. Champlin are a motley set—blacks, soldiers, and boys. I am, however, pleased *to see anything in the shape of a man*." In the letter written by Commodore Chauncy in reply, this passage is found: "I *have nearly fifty blacks on board this ship, and many of them are among my best men*."

The bravery of colored soldiers at the battle of New Orleans did not suffer in the least degree in comparison with that of their white companions in arms. The testimony of Hon. Robert C. Winthrop to this is of great weight, especially when it is remembered that his course has never excited the suspicion that he was particularly tinctured with Abolitionism. In a speech in Congress, in 1850, on the "imprisonment of colored seamen," he declared: "I believe that I shall be borne out in saying that no regiments did better service at New Orleans, than did the black regiments, which were organized under the direction of General Jackson himself, after a most glorious appeal to the patriotism and honor of the people of color of that region; and which, after they came out of the war, received the thanks of General Jackson, in a proclamation which has been thought worthy of being inscribed on the pages of history."

The truly wise derive lessons from the history of the past, as well as from the living present, to guide them in their course of action. Do not these lessons teach us that we should avail ourselves of the services of 4,000,000 of colored Americans in the South to preserve our national existence? We trust that more and more efficient steps will be taken to bring this about. This should be done, not as a matter of mere military necessity, but as a matter of *right*; and then we shall not only secure them on our side, but God himself. A good beginning has been made in this direction, but we should remember that it is only a beginning. The rebels dread the movement that has been commenced in this direction. They know, and the wrest Copperheads must now acknowledge, that the negroes will fight when they have a proper opportunity.

I am, sir, very respectfully yours, P.

BRIGADIER GENERAL A. P. HOWE TAKEN BY SURPRISE.—A few days ago the officers of the 2d Division, 6th Corps, Army of the Potomac, surprised their chief, Brigadier General A. P. Howe, by sending to his tent a splendid sword, sash, and belt, enclosed in a tasteful rosewood case. A correspondent of the New York *Tribune*, describing the affair, says that the General, after receiving the testimonial and the flattering note accompanying it, invited the officers of his division to meet him at his tent, at 4 P. M., on the same day, which they did, and we infer had a very pleasant time of it. The correspondent continues:

"I have neither time nor space to give a proper description of this really magnificent gift. It claims especial notice for the chaste style of workmanship which has been bestowed upon it. The elaborate and beautiful was here made to shine with taste and delicacy, reflecting great credit upon the originators and upon its manufacturers, Messrs. George W. Simons & Brother, of Philadelphia. The neat filagree ornaments which adorn the scabbard are made of fine, solid gold, surrounded by chased and appropriate scroll-work. On the scabbard the letters U. S. and a star are formed of diamonds, which glisten in Oriental splendor. The hilt and handle of the sword are studded with circles of pure pearls and emeralds. The sword, sash, and belt were equal in beauty and richness, and the whole was enclosed in a rich rosewood box. The recipient is brave, popular, and efficient—has the entire confidence of officers and men, and though a stranger to your correspondent, I am safe in saying he is a rising and promising officer, and at the time of his promotion held the position of major in the 4th Regular Artillery. His past record in the battle-fields of Virginia is an index of what we may expect in the future."

THE EFFECT OF OUR COURTESIES TO THE RUSSIANS.—We have seen a private letter from a high source in St. Petersburg, which says that the reception extended to the Russian naval officers in this country is producing the most gratifying results in St. Petersburg. "Go where I may," says the writer, "it is the theme of conversation—alike in the clubs, in the theatres, in the cafés, and upon the pavé." The writer adds that in an interview with Prince Gortschakoff, with which he had been honored, he found that officer completely overflowing with satisfaction at what he termed this "gorgeous demonstration." Not, to the surprise of the writer, was Prince Gortschakoff ignorant of the smallest detail, for he even related many incidents of which our legation is said to have known nothing.—*Evening Post.*

Rebel Account of the Battle of Chattanooga.

AN INTERESTING NARRATIVE.

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ARMY OF TENNESSEE,
CHICKAMAUGA, Nov. 25—Midnight.

The Confederates have sustained to-day the most ignominious defeat of the whole war—a defeat for which there is but little excuse or palliation. For the first time during our struggle for national independence our defeat is chargeable to the troops themselves, and not to the blunders or incompetency of their leaders. It is difficult to realize how a defeat so complete could have occurred on ground so favorable, notwithstanding the great disparity in the forces of the two hostile armies. The ground was more in our favor than it was at Fredericksburg, where Gen. Longstreet is said to have estimated that Lee's army was equal to 300,000 men. And yet we raised the battle of Fredericksburg, and lost that of Missionary Ridge.

But let us take up the painful narrative at the beginning, and see how this great misfortune, if not this grievous disgrace, has befallen the Confederate arms.

Lookout Mountain was evacuated last night, it being no longer important to us after the loss of Lookout or Will's Valley, and no longer tenable against such an overwhelming force as General Grant had concentrated around Chattanooga. Gen. Bragg abandoned also the whole of Chattanooga Valley, and the trenches and breastworks running along the foot of Missionary Ridge and across the valley to the base of Lookout, and moved his troops up to the top of the ridge. It was found necessary to extend his right well up toward the Chickamauga, near its mouth, in consequence of the heavy forces which the enemy had thrown up the river in that direction. The Tennessee and Missionary Ridge approach nearer to each other as one goes up, or rather down the valley, the width of which at some points does not exceed one fourth of a mile. Across this valley, now almost an open plain, varying from a fourth of a mile to two miles in width, the Federals advanced to the assault, their ranks exposed to an artillery fire from the ridge while in the plain, and to the infantry fire when they attempted the ascent of the hill or mountain.

The only objection that can be urged against our line was its length and weakness, the latter being the result of the former, and the former the result of circumstances beyond our control, it being necessary to guard the passes in the ridge, and to conform to the length of the line presented by the enemy. The ridge varies in height from four to six hundred feet, and is crossed by several roads leading out from Chattanooga. The steepest side, next to the enemy, was steep and rugged, and in some places almost bare, the timber having been cut away for firewood. Our pickets occupied the breastworks below, while the infantry and artillery were distributed along the crest of the ridge from McFarland's Gap almost to the mouth of the Chickamauga, a distance of six miles or more. In addition to the natural strength of the position, we had thrown up breastworks along the rid