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We are confidently rely on their merit to recommend them to public favor.
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PLAIN AND FANCY JOB TYPE,
Now include all the most desirable styles, and spare no effort to deserve a continuance of the favors we have received.
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COMMISSION HOUSES.
THE ATTENTION OF THE
TRADE
Called to
OUR STOCK OF
DRY WOOLEN CO. all-wool Plain Flannels.
RED FLANNELS,
Various makes in Gray, Scarlet, and Dark Blue.
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OPERA FLANNELS.
COTTON WARP CLOTHS,
15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 oz.
CASSIMERES AND SATINETTS.
FLANNEL SKIRTS, all Grades.
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CARPET WORSTED AND YARNS,
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Single and Bundle, manufactured by
ZABRISKIE,
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Of the CENTRAL MILLS, INGRAIN, AND VENITIAN CARPETS.
LINEN THREAD.
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Sold by
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NEW AND SECOND-HAND
SEAMLESS, BURLAP, AND GUNNY
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FLOUR AND SALT BAGS, ALL SIZES,
PRINTED TO ORDER, BY
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Various sizes, for sale by
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Nos. 405 and 407 MARKET Street.
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1864. SPRING DRY GOODS! 1864.

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IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS OF
DRY GOODS,
No. 17 N. THIRD Street, PHILADELPHIA,
Now in store, and are daily in receipt of, all kinds of
FRESH SPRING DRY GOODS,
TO WHICH THE VERY LATEST STYLES.
Have a Full Stock of all the different kinds of
PHILADELPHIA-MADE GOODS.
Merchants will find it to their interest to call and examine our stock, as we can offer them UNEQUALLED INDUCEMENTS.
mh16-2m
JAMES S. YEATSON. FRANKLIN JANNEY.
NEW SILK HOUSE.
WATSON & JANNEY,
No. 333 MARKET Street,
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
SILKS,
DRESS GOODS, SHAWLS, WHITE GOODS, EMBROIDERIES, &c.
Which they respectfully invite the attention of
mh16-3m
DAVID YOUNG. H. C. MOORE.
DAVID YOUNG, BRO., & CO.,
Importers and Dealers in
EMBROIDERIES, LACES,
WHITE GOODS, HOSIERY,
MITTS, GLOVES, TRIMMINGS, &c.,
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418 COMMERCE Street,
PHILADELPHIA.
1864. SPRING, 1864.
JAMES, KENT, SANTEE, & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS OF
DRY GOODS,
No. 249 and 241 North THIRD Street, above Race,
PHILADELPHIA,
Have now open their usual
LARGE AND COMPLETE STOCK
OF
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS.
Notwithstanding the scarcity of many kinds of Dry Goods, our stock is now full and varied in all its departments.
Particular attention is invited to our assortment of
PHILADELPHIA-MADE GOODS.
Assortment of Cloths, Cassimeres, &c.
Assortment of Prints, De Laines, &c.
Assortment of Notions, White Goods, &c.
Assortment of Sheetings, Shirtings, &c.
Assortment of Omnish Goods, &c. fe17-3m
BASKETS & WILLOW WARE.
1864. 1864.
WHITE & PECHIN,
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
WOOD AND WILLOW WARE,
425 MARKET STREET.
Tubs, Pails, Tubs, Wash-Boards, Baskets, Chair-backs and Chairs, Table and Floor Oil Cloths, Patent Looking Glasses, Tie Yarns, Wick, Cord-wood Chains, Twines, Cotton Yarns, Wadding, Rope, Batts, &c.
BRUSH AND GERMAN FANCY BASKETS.
Agents for the HALEY, MORSE, & BOYDEN
ADJUSTING CLOTHES WRINGER.
WEBER & REEVES,
WHOLESALE GROCERS,
No. 36 North WATER Street, and
No. 35 North DELAWARE Avenue,
Offer for sale, at the Lowest Market Prices, a large assortment of
MOLASSES, COFFEE,
SPICES, TOBACCO,
Generally, carefully selected for the trade.
Sole Agents for the products of FITHIAN & POGUE'S Canning Factory at Bridgeton, N. J.

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JUST RECEIVED,
2,000 ROLLS
FRESH CANTON MATTINGS,
WHITE AND RED CHECKED,
IN ALL WIDTHS,
WHICH WE OFFER TO THE TRADE
AT
LOWEST MARKET PRICE.
McCALLUM & CO.,
my4-6t 509 CHESTNUT STREET.

MATTINGS! MATTINGS! BEST quality, all widths, fresh importations.
R. L. KNIGHT & SON,
my7-1m 807 CHESTNUT Street.

CARPETINGS.
ARCH-STREET
CARPET WAREHOUSE.
The subscriber has just received a well-selected stock of
ENGLISH AND AMERICAN
CARPETINGS,
FOR SPRING TRADE.
JOS. BLACKWOOD,
mh22-3m 833 ARCH STREET, BELOW NINTH.

ENGLISH VELVET AND BRUSSELS CARPETINGS, of best manufacture, imported and for sale at lowest Cash prices, by
R. L. KNIGHT & SON,
my7-1m 807 CHESTNUT Street.

ENGLISH CARPETS FOR STAIRS and Halls, just received, best quality, all widths, in great variety.
R. L. KNIGHT & SON,
my7-1m 807 CHESTNUT Street.

PAPER HANGINGS.
LARGE ASSORTMENT OF PAPER-HANGINGS.
T. J. COOKE,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
PAPER HANGINGS,
No. 602 ARCH Street, Second Door above SIXTH, South Side.
The attention of the Public is invited to his LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT OF
PAPER HANGINGS,
Embracing all qualities, from
12½ CENTS TO THE FINEST GOLD AND VELVET DECORATIONS.
Also, an entirely new article of
GOLD AND SILK PAPERS,
ap30-smw4t JUST RECEIVED.

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.
SPRING AND SUMMER.
ENTIRE NEW STOCK
UNDERCLOTHING.
THE LATEST NOVELTIES IN
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,
AT
McINTIRE & BROTHER,
(SUCCESSOR TO HILL & EVANS,)
1035 CHESTNUT STREET.
The "Model Shoulder-Seam Shirt."
my4-wfm4m

GEORGE GRANT,
No. 610 CHESTNUT STREET,
Has now ready
A LARGE AND COMPLETE STOCK OF
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,
Of his own importation and manufacture.
His celebrated
"PRIZE MEDAL SHIRTS,"
Manufactured under the superintendence of
JOHN F. TAGGERT,
(Formerly of Oldenberg & Taggert,)
Are the most perfect-fitting Shirts of the age.
Orders promptly attended to. ja13-wfm6m

NOS. 1 & 3 NORTH SIXTH STREET.
JOHN C. ARRISON,
MANUFACTURER OF
THE
IMPROVED PATTERN SHIRT,
FIRST CUT BY J. BURR MOORE.
WARRANTED TO FIT AND GIVE SATISFACTION.
ALSO,
Importer and Manufacturer of
GENTLEMEN'S
FURNISHING GOODS.
N. B.—All articles made in a superior manner by hand and from the best materials. ap15-6m

FINE SHIRT MANUFACTORY.
The subscribers would invite attention to their IMPROVED CUT OF SHIRTS,
which they make a specialty in their business. Also, constantly receiving
NOVELTIES FOR GENTLEMEN'S WEAR.
J. W. SCOTT & CO.,
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING STORE,
No. 814 CHESTNUT STREET,
ja17-tf Four doors below the Continental.

CABINET FURNITURE.
CABINET FURNITURE AND BILLIARD TABLES.
MOORE & CAMPION,
No. 26 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. ap12-6m

WINES AND LIQUORS.
"HER MAJESTY" CHAMPAGNE.
THE ROYAL WINE OF ENGLAND.
A limited quantity of this superior Wine has been secured for the undersigned, and the first shipment of 50 cases has arrived by the steamship Olympus, direct from the cellars of the well-known house of
MESSRS. DE VENOGE & CO.,
at Epernay, France. The present invoice will be introduced into this market at the very low price of
TWENTY DOLLARS PER CASE OF QUARTS,
payable in currency, which is much below its first cost. The superior quality of this Wine is guaranteed, and it is offered with confidence of its approval by connoisseurs.
Orders for one or more cases may be addressed, by letter or otherwise, to the undersigned,
WM. HENRY WARD, Wine and Fruit Dealer,
No. 7 BROAD Street, near Wall,
ap5-30t NEW YORK.

IMPORTERS OF WINES AND LIQUORS,
LAUMAN & SALLADE,
No. 128 SOUTH NINTH STREET,
Between Chestnut and Walnut, Philadelphia.
C. M. LAUMAN,
no14-6m A. M. SALLADE.

50 BARRELS YOUNGER'S ALE,
St. Anne's Brewery, in jugs.
In store, and for sale by
WILLIAM H. YEATON & CO.,
ap3 201 South FRONT Street.

100 CASES PINET, CASTILLON, & CO'S COGNAC BRANDY, landing from brig "Louis," from Bordeaux. For sale by
WILLIAM H. YEATON & CO.,
ap3 201 South FRONT Street.

KENNEDY, STAIRS, & CO.,
Nos. 130 and 132 North Wharves,
ABOVE ARCH STREET,
WHOLESALE DEALERS
IN
PICKLED AND DRY FISH.
A large stock, in assorted packages, suitable for Country Trade, always on hand. ap15-2m

RETAIL DRY GOODS.
E. & L.
EYRE & LANDELL,
400 ARCH STREET,
Have now arranged for sale a magnificent stock of
SPRING DRY GOODS,
Adapted to first-class sales. This stock was laid in before the recent advance in gold, which enables us to offer great inducements to the trade.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
Black Silks, from $20 to $1 per yard.
Brown Silks, $7 to $1.
Moire Antiques, from $6 to $2.50.
Rich Chenie and Spring Plaids.
Brown Figured Silks, double face.
India Plaid Wash Silks, $1.
100 pieces Summer Silks, $1 a yard.
SUMMER DRESS GOODS.
Magnificent Organdy Robes,
French Organdies, new styles.
68 pieces Goats' Hair Glacinas.
Tan-colored Linens and Delaines.
Fine Black Challies and Bombazines.
Good style Grenadines and Foulards.
SHAWLS AND MANTLES.
London style Shawls, open Centres.
Tamartine Ordered Shawls.
Sea-shore Barege Shawls.
Black Shawls, full stock.
TOURISTS' DRESS GOODS.
French Crape Pongees.
Summer Poplins, for suits.
Tan, Pearl, and Mode Mohairs.
Full stock Staple Goods. ap29-1m

CIVIL AND ARMY CLOTHS.
MIDDLESEX 4-4 LIGHT BLUES.
ALL GRADES DARK DO.
3-4 AND 4-4 INDIGO FLANNELS.
3-4 AND 4-4 BLUE CASSIMERES.
3-4 AND 4-4 DOESKINS.
FULL STOCK OF CLOTHS.
DO. DO. COATINGS.
DO. DO. CASSIMERES.
BILLIARD AND BAGATELLE CLOTHS.
CLOTHS FOR COACHMAKERS.
ALL KINDS TRIMMINGS, &c.
W. T. SNODGRASS,
ap23-1m 34 S. SECOND and 33 STRAWBERRY Sts.

103 NORTH EIGHTH STREET,
ONLY SECOND DOOR ABOVE ARCH,
is the most known store for the most astonishing BARGAINS in the
STAPLE AND FANCY TRIMMINGS LINE.
Just received, at this very place, a handsome assortment of Ebenille and Invisible Hair Nets for ladies and children; the latest styles of Ladies' Balmoral Skirts; Short and Long Mohair Mitts for ladies and children, at the old, cheap prices; Ladies' and Misses' Kid Gloves, of the best makers, at last year's prices; Gents' Neckties and Scarfs; Linen Hemmed and Linen Handkerchiefs, from 12 cents upwards; Corded-edged Trimming Ribbons of all colors; Linen and Leather Cuffs, very cheap; Black and Colored Velvet Ribbons of all widths, at the old cheap prices; all sizes of Elastic Cords and Braids; Mohair and Silk Embroidering Braids of the most fashionable shades; Alpaca and Skirt Braids at old prices; Real Bone Corsets, of different widths; Crinoline and Tarletans; Mourning Veils of all descriptions; Crape Trimmings and Buttons; Jet and Steel Breastpins and Belt Buckles; Some of the latest designs; Figured Swiss Mull for Garibaldis; Marseilles Trimmings and Marseilles Bands; Some very large figure; White Silk Fringes, Gimps, Girdles, and Buttons, on hand and made to order; &c., &c., &c.
Ladies, don't pass this place of bargains without purchasing your Trimmings, as you are saving money by it. Our motto is "Quick sales and small profits."
WM. LONNERSTADTER,
103 North EIGHTH Street,
Only second door above Arch,
Next to the corner, east side.
P. S.—Dealers in our line will do well to visit our store to buy their supply in the above articles, as we are enabled to offer inducements in regard to prices in connection with the most fashionable goods.
WM. LONNERSTADTER,
my7-7t 103 North EIGHTH Street.

LADIES, COME ONE, COME ALL, and look at the cheapest TRIMMING STORE, No. 103 North EIGHTH Street, above Arch. There you will find the cheapest Kid Gloves in the city, our own importation; just received, black and colored Veils, at old prices; all styles of Lisle Thread and Silk Gloves, at remarkably cheap prices; all kinds of Ladies' Under Garments; the cheapest and best assortment of Bugle-Gimps, Bugle-Buttons, Jet and Steel Buttons, in the city; a full line of Black and Col'd Gutta Percha Buttons, Gents' Suspenders, Gilt Buttons, Mantle Ornaments, of our own importation and own make, at astonishingly low prices; the cheapest Shirt Fronts, for gents and boys, to defy even manufacturers' prices; Silk and Guimpure Laces in the most beautiful patterns, at nearly old prices; Magic Ruffings of all widths, as cheap as ever; all styles of Children's and Ladies' Combs; the best all-Silk Frenadine Bit Ribbon, in all colors, and Scotch Plaids, to match dress goods; Silk and Gilt Tassels and Girdles, for Mantles and Dresses; Leather Facings of all colors; also, Leather Trimmings and Buttons, &c., &c.
Ladies, call at our store, and convince yourselves of our cheap prices. It is at WM. LONNERSTADTER'S,
103 North EIGHTH Street,
my7-7t Second door above Arch, next the corner.

BEAUTIFUL FRENCH LAWNS.
Grenadines, plain and gay.
Grenadines, in neat plaids, at 75 cents.
Black Silks at old prices.
Small plaid Silks—India and French.
Summer Shawls—Mozambique, Grenadine, &c.
White Crape Mantz and Barege Shawls.
At JOHN H. STOKES',
my5 702 ARCH.

CLOAKS! CLOAKS!
SHAWLS! SHAWLS!
An unrivalled assortment of the above goods.
Also, Children's Clothing and Misses' Cloaks, in the latest and most approved styles, made to order in the best manner and at reasonable prices.
Ladies are especially invited to call and examine our stock.
S. WELSH & CO.,
my3-1m N. W. corner of ARCH and TENTH Sts.

BLACK SILKS, BLACK SILKS.
NO ADVANCE IN PRICES.
We are still selling our Black Silks at the same prices as we did early in the season, notwithstanding the recent advances.
MANTLE SILKS, ALL WIDTHS.
Plain Silks, all colors, $1.20 to $5.75.
Fancy Silks, $1 to $2.50.
Rich heavy, handsome Fancy Silks, $2.87 to $6.50.
Rich Chene Silks, at $2.87½, worth $3.50.
" " " at $3.25, " $4.
" " " at $4.75, " $5.50.
" " " at $5.75, " $7.
10 pieces small plaid Silks, at $1.25, worth $1.50.
T. STEEL & SON,
ap23-tf Nos. 713 and 715 N. TENTH Street.

1024 CHESTNUT STREET.
E. M. NEEDLES
Would call special attention to his large stock of LACES, EMBROIDERIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, VEILS, AND WHITE GOODS, all bought before the recent advance, comprising many novelties, in fabrics suitable for ladies' bodies and dresses, in striped, figured, plaid, tucked, and putted muslins, &c.
100 pieces White, Buff, and Figured Piques.
200 Printed Linen Cambric Dresses.
In view of the heavy additional tariff about to be imposed on all imported goods, ladies would do well to give my stock an early inspection, as prices must be necessarily largely advanced in a short time.
I am still selling at old prices.
1024 CHESTNUT STREET.
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DESIRABLE GOODS.
FROM AUCTION.
25 pieces Russia Diaper, $2.75.
20 pieces Russia Diaper, $3.50.
30 pieces Russia Diaper, very wide, $4.
14 pieces Russia Diaper, very wide, $5.
Also, 10 lots of Table Linens—all prices.
Now open at JOHN H. STOKES',
mh26 702 ARCH Street.

BEST BLACK SILKS IMPORTED.
Wide and heavy Black Corded Silks.
Magnificent Moire Antiques, all colors.
Splendid quality Corded Silks, all colors.
Rich Figured Stripe and Plaid Silks.
Magnificent Grenadines and Organdies.
New styles Spring Shawls.
New styles Cloths for Ladies' Cloaks.
EDWIN HALL & CO.,
mh21 6 South SECOND Street.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
The undersigned would inform their friends and the public generally that they have removed from their Old Stand, 617 ARCH Street, to their
SPLENDID NEW WAREROOMS,
NO. 912 ARCH STREET,
where they will continue the sale of
GAS FIXTURES, CHANDELIERS, COAL-OIL BURNERS, &c.
Having associated with our house Mr. CHARLES PAGE (formerly the Principal Designer for Cornelius & Baker), we are now prepared to execute orders for Gas Fixtures of all grades and designs, *from the plainest to the most massive and elaborate.*
VAN KIRK & CO.,
fe22-3m No. 912 ARCH STREET.

LOOKING GLASSES.
JAMES S. EARLE & SON,
816 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILA.,
Have now in store a very fine assortment of
LOOKING GLASSES,
of every character, of the
VERY BEST MANUFACTURE AND LATEST STYLES.
OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS,
ap20 PICTURE AND PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

IMPROVEMENT IN
GAS REGULATORS.
The undersigned, sole owner of
"HOLZER'S IMPROVED GAS REGULATORS,"
Is now prepared to SELL RIGHTS for the use of this valuable Patent on the most advantageous terms.
E. B. HARPER.
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my6-1m

GOLD'S IMPROVED STEAM AND WATER-HEATING APPARATUS,
For Warming and Ventilating Public Buildings and Private Residences,
Manufactured by the
UNION STEAM AND WATER-HEATING COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.
JAMES P. WOOD,
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ap29-1f B. M. FELTWELL, Superintendent.

PERFUMED PARLOR MATCHES.—Just received 25 additional cases of these celebrated (Allxander's) Matches, for sale to the trade only.
ap27-6m HOWES & BUSTON, 107 & 109 N. THIRD St.

CURTAIN GOODS.
I. E. WALRAVEN,
(SUCCESSOR TO W. H. CARRYL),
MASONIC HALL,
719 CHESTNUT STREET.
CURTAIN MATERIALS.
WIDE FRENCH BROCATELLES.
WIDE FRENCH SATIN DE LAINE.
WIDE WORSTED DAMASK.
WIDE UNION DAMASK.
WIDE DAMASK TABLE CLOTH, per yard.
WIDE MOQUETTE.
FRENCH CHINTZES.
GILT CORNICES AND BANDS.
CORDS, GIMPS, AND FRINGES.
TASSELS AND LOOPS.
HOOKS, RINGS, AND BRACKETS.
FURNITURE COVERINGS.
EMBROIDERED LACE CURTAINS.
LACE CURTAINS, $3 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $4 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $5 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $7 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $8 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $9 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $10 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $12 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $14 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $15 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $16 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $20 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $30 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $40 a Pair.
LACE CURTAINS, $50 a Pair.
WINDOW SHADES.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $1.25.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $1.50.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $1.75.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $2.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $3.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $3.50.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $4.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $4.50.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $5.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $7.50.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $9.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $10.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES, $12.50.
GILT-BORDERED SHADES made to order, any style or size.
U. S. FLAGS ON HAND AND MADE TO ORDER, ALL SIZES.
WALRAVEN, 719 CHESTNUT ST.
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CLOTHING.
SPRING GOODS.
EDWARD P. KELLY,
JOHN KELLY,
TAILORS,
No. 613 CHESTNUT STREET,
(JONES' HOTEL,)
LATE 142 SOUTH THIRD STREET,
Have just received a large stock of choice
SPRING GOODS.
TO LET—ROOMS UP STAIRS, 613, 614 CHESTNUT STREET. ap24-tf

1864. CLOTHING.
LATEST STYLES.
WILLIAM S. JONES,
MERCHANT TAILOR AND CLOTHIER.
SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SEVENTH AND MARKET STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.
Respectfully invites attention to his magnificent stock of FINE CLOTHING, got up in superior style, by tasteful and experienced artists, and offered for sale at exceedingly
LOW PRICES.
Also, to his large and choice variety of PIECE GOODS for CUSTOM WORK, embracing selections from the finest productions of both foreign and domestic manufacture.
WILLIAM S. JONES,
SUCCESSOR TO ROBERT H. ADAMS,
Southeast corner of SEVENTH and MARKET Streets. ap6-3m

CLOTHING.
SPRING OF 1864.
EXTENSIVE CLOTHING HOUSE,
Nos. 303 and 305 CHESTNUT STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.
CUSTOM DEPARTMENT, No. 303 CHESTNUT ST.
EXTENSIVE CLOTHING HOUSE, Nos. 303 and 305 CHESTNUT ST.
The facilities of this house for doing business are such that they can confidently claim for it the leading position among the Tailoring Establishments of Philadelphia. They, therefore, invite the attention of gentlemen of taste to their superb stock of
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
cut by the best artists, trimmed and made equal to Customer Work—AND AT
POPULAR PRICES.
They have also lately added a CUSTOM DEPARTMENT, where the latest novelties may be found, embracing some fresh from London and Paris.
PERRY & CO.,
303 and 305 CHESTNUT STREET.
CUSTOM DEPARTMENT, 303 CHESTNUT STREET. ap2-tf

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IMPORTANT TO NEW COMPANIES.
We have the patterns, and are prepared to furnish, at short notice, all the
BLANKS AND ACCOUNT BOOKS,
SUCH AS
CERTIFICATES OF STOCK,
TRANSFER BOOK,
ORDER OF TRANSFER,
STOCK LEDGER,
STOCK LEDGER BALANCES,
REGISTER OF CAPITAL STOCK,
DIVIDEND BOOK,
BROKER'S PETTY LEDGER,
ACCOUNT OF SALES.
Of good materials and at Low Prices.
MOSS & CO.,
STATIONERS,
ap28-tf 433 CHESTNUT STREET.

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American Opera—Mr. Fry's "Notre Dame."

The third performance of the new opera of "Notre Dame" has been a success quite as general as its first and second, and upon this fortunate fact we congratulate the composer and the public for which he has labored. The cordial hearing Mr. Fry's work has received is a promise, we trust, of much more extended favor. We again express our admiration of the splendid and spirited first scene of the opera, which, in point of stage effect, has never, doubtless, been excelled in America. Produced under direction of an American composer, with American artists and an American chorus, and an orchestra of the largest and best character, it deserves all praise. The grand chorus, which is one of the chief attractions of the opera, has been heard with the greatest applause, and the improved energy and confidence of the principal artists is gratifying, as this part of the production has been the least satisfactory.

To our former notice of the opera we must add the more emphatic expression of greater praise of the study, care, and wide industry and vigor (especially remarkable in a composer of our own) which Mr. Fry has shown in his chorus and orchestra, and in the same broad and bold style of his work. That it is so generally sustained, and at the same time so broad an effort, is the most important and encouraging fact which we glean from a judgment of its merits. Mr. Fry has been attentive to particulars which better known composers have perhaps neglected. Of course, praise is very inadequate to such a work as "Notre Dame" with the works of Bellini, Donizetti, and Verdi—works of which it is not free of imitation, and with which it doubtfully compares in elaboration. An inspiration of one melody, equal to the least of Bellini's, upon whom Mr. Fry has modelled his sentimental music, would have given him a popular fame long ago. We could name many passages in "Notre Dame" which do credit to the study and fine taste of its able composer; a few, also, which breathe real strength, or very nearly so, in an atmosphere of imperfection; but we shall not do him the injustice of ranking him with his masters.

We again take occasion to praise the admirable light music which gives so much spirit and charm to the ballet scene, and can only regret that this scene is unnecessary to the work as a whole. *Quasimodo's* soliloquy in the belfry is among the best-modelled and strongest passages, but is spoiled in the rendering of Mr. Seguin, and weakened by the concluding Bell song, which is comparatively trivial, though excellent in subject. The fine song of the Royal Scotch Guard, which belongs to the hale and simple, but not uncommonplace English school, is well worked up, admirably sung, and will continue, we think, to receive the greatest share of the popular applause. "I know that I Love Him" is an ingenious and pretty piece of musical broidery; "Vision of Love" is excellent, if we ignore that it is an imitation of *Spirito Gentil*—and other clever and equally attractive things might be instanced with similar qualifications, but all would continue, we think, meritorious imitation, rather than, in the least instance, anything discreditable to the high reputation which Mr. Fry enjoys. We should, perhaps, except one instance, which occurs in the belfry, and in the lines,

"So up and down they go,
The low now high, the high now low."

This last line is measured off into music, (should we call it music?) the "*low*" very low, the "*high*" very high, and, as a piece of construction, is worthy of a carpenter. Mr. Fry may have celebrated proclivities to fall back upon, but such work is only journeywork, nevertheless. Here the question is suggested, whether, if Mr. Fry had grown in a community more critical, he would have made such fripperies of musical diction. It vexes us to think that, with so much industry and ability, he has shown so little tendency to absolute creation. From the nature of the case, it is very difficult or impossible for a foreign composer to render his musical allegiance to the young Italy of Bellini and Donizetti, and preserve the color of originality. This garden of art, if as charming as Italy itself, is limited and ephemeral. Wiser composers than Mr. Fry are content to abide in their own fields, nature having gifted the mind of all lands and the experience of every nation with something that is their own. Such a gift is not to be despised, and is wisely bestowed—if it is only a rock in Scotland, a lawn in Ireland, a grove in England, a forest in Germany, and a wilderness in America. Besides, we regard the different life and enterprise and sentiment of different civilizations, all of which should affect a composer and a man of art. Genius is representative. Why yearn after the Italian mock Eden? Why attempt to rival Bellini's sweetness or Verdi's sonority? It would be ridiculous for an American to think of writing melo-dramas of intrigue and gallantry like Dumas, and it would be just as absurd for him to attempt to follow Verdi. Our composer must think for himself, and not be carried away like a waif in the deluge of another's sensation. If it is right for the doers in every form of literature, how would Mr. Fry stand by the side of Mr. Bryant? Our poet is a literary patriot, and as he breathes the great moral of the Wilderness in Thanatopsis, is a more loyal American than even Fennimore Cooper. But Mr. Fry is neither patriot nor cosmopolitan. Imitation is not the characteristic of the two most prominent English composers, and yet Wallace has given us some melodies, if not as broad, yet almost as profoundly sweet as Bellini, and Balfe has written choruses and ballads perhaps not unworthy of Auber. Both Wallace and Balfe are more or less cosmopolitan, for both are Irishmen, and Irishmen are wanderers; but they have done much, unquestionably, to make an, English opera out of Irish genius, and if they have gone to the continent for their stories, their music is chiefly from themselves. Our American composer has not received his naturalization.

Let us, however, be as patient as Mr. Fry has been. In his time and circumstances it has been an especially difficult matter to write an opera—much more difficult to produce one. Comparatively speaking, the composer has been without critics and without friends. We give him that sincere acknowledgment which we should give to an indomitable man, and heartily trust that his health will be spared for deeper and higher efforts. More than this, we hope that his excellent example will, in good time, lead many others to surpass him. Even if "Notre Dame" does not prove a permanent work, Mr. Fry has achieved a considerable success, which, everything considered, is honorable to himself and the musical cause in America. We trust that he has truly become the father of American opera, and higher recognition than this he need not wish. His brave efforts for his own music and ours deserve the praise and thanks of the public; and, not least in his favor, "Notre Dame" merits criticism. Of course he has not equalled Bellini or Donizetti—it would be enough could he compare with Wallace. But he has done well, and the public may justly admire what he has done, as something much superior in artistic respects to operas which have gained foreign attention.

In this connection, we recall that upon its first performance we gave the necessarily hasty opinion that "Notre Dame" was at least equal, in spirit and purpose, to the lyricized version of Bulwer's "Last Days of Pompeii," recently brought out by the Italians, here and in New York, with some "sensation." So much has the former improved upon our judgment that we are fortunately able to regard it as even preferable to the Italian work which audiences, here and in New York, applauded greatly, and which the criticism of our neighbor city flattered, as it generally flatters everything sensational. "Ione" is an instance of Verdian fanaticism, without the soul of Verdi—melo-dramatic music with plenty of energy, but utterly wanting genius or originality—fierce trash, flash success, but only fit for rabid catgut and extreme lungs. But if "Ione" proved a triumph in Naples, not to mention New York, we have no hesitation in saying that Mr. Fry's opera deserves far more, in comparison, of the public of America. If the American composer is not mad with genius, he is not insane for want of it. Measured by the highest standards, there is much in "Notre Dame" that might be condemned in the same spirit with which we censure "Ione;" but we accept it as rather an excellent home article, and not a pretentious and worthless import. It is to be regretted, however, that in our domestic production of opera we must sometimes take in Verdi and Donizetti, smuggled at second-hand; and it is a compliment to Mr. Fry's sincere efforts to say that he is not well adapted to the business, and that Signor Petrella makes more characteristic Italian music.

The libretto in the drama of "Notre Dame" has been thought worthy of special remarks, and we shall, therefore, pay it attention. As it is written by a brother of the composer (Mr. J. Reese Fry, of this city), we may suppose that there has been a fair understanding between the musician and his dramatist, who has furnished him doubtless with the opportunities he desired. The composer might have had a higher ambition and desired more; for if there is a marked falling off, and want of balance in the last act of the opera, it is especially the fault of the dramatist, whose want of equal tact gives the composer his only excuse for inserting the meritorious but irrelevant ballet scene.

The libretto is tolerably versified, and will compare favorably with the average of libretto-writing, which, as custom goes, is a business, rather than an art, as it should be. The Bell-song, in the second act—we do the librettist the justice to say—is better worded than composed, for, although in most respects only a commonplace piece of writing, it contains one or two felicitous suggestions of poetry, the only lines, we think, in the whole libretto, which the composer has altogether neglected. Poetry seems to Mr. Fry's muse untranslatable—and poetry we must regard as the test of the genius and thought of the composer—as, on the other hand, (we think it worth while to say,) the musical element and feeling is only a less general test, perhaps, of poetry. The two arts, poetry and music, are by nature wedded as man to wife, though they have too often had merely a fashionable understanding—a conventional mutuality. Edgar Poe (and who understood the subject more finely?) suggested everything when he said that music was needed to complete the perfect poem, and the subtle musical quality of his own poems is proof of his theory. That so many fine songs are sung to barren words only shows that the compos