

The Press

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GENERAL BUTLER'S PRIZE.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

SHAYES SHARPENED. A few weeks ago, a party of five or six persons, including a man named Shayes, were seen in the city. They were dressed in military uniform, and their appearance was suspicious. They were seen in various parts of the city, and their movements were watched.

SAFETY MATCH SAFES.

A variety of other kinds. The safes are made of iron, and are of various sizes and prices. They are safe and reliable, and are suitable for use in any business or household. They are made in Philadelphia, and are of the highest quality.

TRUBS, BRACK AND MECHANICAL.

Trubs, brack and mechanical. These are the names of various mechanical devices and tools. They are used in a variety of industries, and are of the highest quality. They are made in Philadelphia, and are of the highest quality.

HAIR DYE.

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GEORGE STROCK & CO.

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MARRIED.

MARRIED. A list of marriages that have taken place in Philadelphia. The names of the bride and groom are given, along with the date and location of the wedding. The marriages are of various kinds, and are of the highest quality.

LOOK-IT-UP.

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DIED.

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