PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.
THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 17, 1853.

ST. AUGUSTINE is said to be the oldest city in the United States. Its appearance is thus described by a correspondent of the N. Y. Commercial Advertiser:

"You would feel amused at the apparent quietness of St. Augustine, should you ever visit its seaport, without a vessel in port or in sight, and of any description, and but three or four yachts. I say *apparent* quietness, for I am speak*ing* of out-door, but in doors the case is very different. Balls and parties are frequent. Those disposed to attend them can have the opportunity almost every night. Mask balls are also in vogue. The people are hospitable, but how they live, and what they live upon, is a question I cannot answer. There is employment for none except laborers, or negroes, who perform the usual routine of every day duty. A cart or carriage is seldom seen in the streets, except when in use by some of the invalids or visitors. The lowest classes (for I have not seen a beggar since I came here) live on fish and oysters, procured in the harbor and adjacent waters; and although I have been out early and late, I have never seen any kind of vegetable go in or come out of any house, or sailed the perfume of the kitchen in passing through or along the houses; yet it is very evident they live on something else besides air—the women fresh and plump, the men only middling. This town or city was, until a few years ago, clad and surrounded by orange groves, giving it a most beautiful and picturesque appearance, and affording nourishment and support, by the use and sale of the delicious fruit, to the inhabitants. A frost destroyed them almost in a night; and an insect, before unknown or harmless, has since infected the trees, and destroyed what the frost left, as well as discouraged the inhabitants from cultivating any more. The consequence is, that the place presents the appearance of desolation; and is the hardly conscious of one more ruined and unsightly."

FASHION.—The Home Journal is responsible for this piece of important information to whom it may concern.

"The disputed question—May a gentleman wear a frock coat as an evening party? seems to have been decided in the affirmative; and, accordingly, young gentlemen take particular pleasure in wearing that long obnoxious garment, with additional innovation of black neckcravats. White waistcoats are generally discarded, and white kids yield precedence to gloves of color."

Notice.
STOLEN, OR ABSTRACTED, from the office of the PELAWARE MUTUAL SAFETY INSURANCE COMPANY, at the Pottsville Exchange, on the night of the 8th inst., a Policy of Insurance, No. 503, issued in favor of P. A. WAGNER, for $1000 on his Store and Stock of Goods, situate in Pottsville, and occupied by him. Said Policy was dated 29th Dec. last. All persons are cautioned against negotiating for said Policy, as application has been made for a renewal of the same.
fe16 W. C. ROWLAND, Secretary.

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