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THE GIANT.

BY CHARLES MACKIE.

There came a giant to my door,
A giant fierce and strong;
His step was heavy on the floor,
His arms were ten yards long.
He scowled and frowned; he shook the ground:
I trembled through and through—
At length I looked him in the face
And cried: "Who cares for you?"

The mighty giant, as I spoke,
Grew pale, and thin and small,
And through his body, as 'twere smoke,
I saw the sunshine fall.
His blood-red eyes turned blue as skies,
He whispered soft and low—
"Is this," I cried, with glowing pride,
"Is this the mighty foe?"

He sunk before my earnest face,
He vanquished quite away,
And left no shadow on his place
Between me and the day.
Such giants come to strike us dumb—
But weak in every part,
They melt before the strong man's eyes,
And fly the true of heart.

The Effects of Flouncing.—Fashion, like fever, will run its course, in spite of all efforts to check or modify it. Miss Martineau's sarcastic article in a cotemporary has had no cramping influence upon flounces, and will not have until flounces go out of fashion in the natural way. Meantime, it appears that flounces are making a brisk weaving trade. Mr. F. F. Maudley, of Manchester, thus writes in his Trade Circular, dated the 16th, of their effects upon manufacturers:—"The home trade or domestic consumption, of the manufactures of those districts, especially as regards the textile fabrics of the various fabres—silk, wool and cotton, &c. adapted for ladies clothing—has been enormously increased of late under the empire of fashion. Robes aux volantes a disposition (flounced dresses) have become the vogue in Paris and London, and this taste has spread into our provinces, and latterly into the cheif cities in the United States of America. It originated in rich silk brocades and the fine mixed stuffs of the Norwich and Yorkshire looms, and now, with great taste and elegance, it has extended to printed calicoes. Some of our best printers are actively engaged in the production of these novelties. It is a noticeable feature that this new style of garments leads to an enormously increased consumption of material. A piece of 7-8ths printed calico 24 in. by 28 yds. or 9-8ths, 33 in. by 24 yds., was computed, some 20 years ago, to contain ample material for four dresses; now the same quanty is not deemed too much for two dresses. The consumption of other fabrics for the same purposes bears a relative increase."—The material of two dresses in one—surely the flouncing craze has reached its utmost circumference. It is very gratifying to and that the use of flounces is not confined to making "frights" of their wearers, but that trade extends with their extension. At the risk of being thought a monster, and particularly shabby, might we be allowed to ask whether flounces are as fashionable with gentlemen who pay for, as the ladies who wear them.—*Edinburgh Express.*

The Church Property of Mexico.—A correspondent of the New York Tribune, writing from Mexico, says that the sales of the church property are on the increase, but there is still a fear to embark in this speculation. The amount of sales up to the 25th August last, was $1,811,-528,023, as follows:

In the District of Mexico, 40 estates	$466,039.97
In the State of Mexico, 24 estates	86,001.95
In the State of Puebla, 123 estates	903,607.43
In the State of Oaxaca, 6 estates	19,500.00
In the State of Michoacan, 10 estates	172,419.38
In the State of Vera Cruz, 16 estates	33,299.53
In the State of San Louis Potosi, 10 estates	2,693.03
In the State of Queretaro, 1 estates	50.00
In the Terret of Colima, 7 estates	545.16
Total	$1,811,628.023

Since that date, and up to within a short time, the sales had increased to $2,245,000, and they go on slowly. On the 25th of the present month, the period will expire for the sale of this property to the tenants renting the same, and all unsold to them will be offered to the public under the hammer. He adds:

It may not be out of place here to state that, according to a statistical report ordered to be formed by the Government, there are 129 religious and civil corporations in the *District of Mexico alone.* The total amount of the value of the property belonging to them is, according to the rent it now yields, $16,821,359 02. I will here make an extract from this report, showing the number of estates belonging to each one of twelve convents of this city, and the value of the same, all of which property, according to law, must be sold:

Convent of la Conception, 127 estates	$1,660,995
Convent of la Encarnacion, 52 do	1,007,191
Convent of Jesus Maria, 79 do	359,665
Convent of San Geronimo, 92 do	682,260
Convent of San Bernardo, 64 do	605,750
Convent of San Lorenzo, 65 do	367,174
Convent of Balvanera, 53 do	627,009
Convent of San Jose deGracia, 35 do	485,638
Convent of Santa Clara, 62 do	589,450
Convent of San a Ysabel, 129 do	241,455
Convent of Santa Ynez, 25 do	197,066
Convent of Santa Teresa Nueva, 25 do	172,500

There are twenty-seven other convents and monasteries in the district, possessing property, of nearly the same value as that above enumerated.

Give Hens Meat.—Many persons complain that their hens will not lay, and that, notwithstanding their assiduity in furnishing them with all the articles ordinarily recommended to insure fecundity, the eggs they produce will not 'half pay the expences.' Now, we presume there is something lacking, or the fowls would not run their owners in debt. It is not generally understood, even by those who profess to be most deeply versed in the mysteries of 'henology,' that the hen being omniverous, requires, to insure fecundity, a very liberal allowance of meat! When enjoying her liberty in the fields, pastures, or door-yards, the principal part of her sustenance is derived from insects, worms, &c. She partakes but sparingly at such times of grain; and often, when that article is supplied, leaves it for the more inviting food which nature supplies her with, in her favorite haunts. Now, if we confine her where the natural propensity for this description of food cannot be gratified, even though we supply the best of grain, and in abundance, she will cease to lay. The privation affects her health, and will necessarily be an end of profit until the deficiency is supplied. When fresh meat or fresh fish cannot be supplied, the common scraps of the butcher, which are hard and compact, can be kept any length of time, answer all the desired purposes.—*New England Farmer.*

Future Prospects.—Our Courts were in session last week, and attracted a large concourse of our political friends from the country. We were gratified to find, on all hands, the most buoyant spirit prevailing. The future is looked to with confidence, and the large popular vote against the Buchaniers is hailed as an omen of undoubted success hereafter. The glorious victory in the county elicited gratulations on all hands, and friend confidently predicted to friend, a heavily increased majority in after contests.—The union of the opponents of locofocoism in the county is not only perfect but hearty and cordial, and all look forward to the next trial of strength with eagerness and undoubting faith.—The clouds are all dispersed: suspicions and doubts—so artfully instilled into the breasts of many by our ancient foes—are scattered to the winds, and old friends who have hitherto been sundered, again stand shoulder to shoulder for Freedom and the Right.—*Somerset Herald.*

Prince Albert, they say, is getting unpopular. On several public occasions, lately, he has been received with marked coldness, almost amounting to disrespect. The Queen has by degrees become a mere cypher and relics, is said, implicitly upon her husband. The consequence is that a complaint is raised about his interference. But it is hinted,—the real cause of his unpopularity lies deeper than this.—Among the higher and middle classes high church doctrines are said to have attained to such a pitch that England is fairly in the way of going over to Rome. Against this the Prince has put his protest, and the consequence is that all the ecclesiastical appointments of late years have been made in favor of the low or evangelical party. Hence the disaffection of the High Churchmen,—and hence the "unpopularity" of the Prince Consort.

Dying Out!—The Fillmourner papers that started up like Jonah's gourd on the eve of the Presidential election, are dying out as rapidly. The New York *Daily Dispatch*, one of the biggest, boldest and best conducted of the lot, which puffed out to the size of the *Tribune*, and strutted for a brief month, collapsed to a weekly again last Saturday. Dying words of truth it uttered. It said:

"After this date, the *Daily Dispatch* will cease. The Americans of this city seem to be entirely paralyzed by the result of the late election. And well they may. It was a regular Waterloo defeat."

The Sweet Potato Business.—It is a fixed fact, that sweet Potatoes will grow in Michigan. Everybody has seen them grow—may have eaten them. Some have raised them, but nobody has ever raised them from seed grown here—in other words, they will run out in one year. They don't ripen or mature sufficiently to germinate. As an agricultural experiment, looking to reproduction, they are a dead failure. Now, we will suppose that for some political reason the Legislature of Michigan, having the will and the power, conclude to protect that class of the people of Michigan who raise sweet potatoes, and with that view, enact a law which declares that all sweet potatoes brought into Michigan must pay a duty of 30 per cent., *ad valorem.*

This pleasant arrangement makes two bushels of Michigan sweet potatoes equal to three bushels raised in Kentucky, those in Michigan being decidedly inferior, as all unnatural growths are such to be. But we will suppose the legislature of Michigan, not satisfied with merely protecting the sweet potato trade, determine to appropriate $75,000 for the purchase of sweet potato sets, to be brought from climates nearer the topic, and supplied gratis to Michigan. Would not the world say that Michigan was cherishing a fond and expensive partiality for a sickly, limited and inefficient branch of agriculture, at the expense of her entire people outside of the growers of sweet potatoes? Yet Congress has done the same thing for the Louisiana sugar-growers, and the people, thus far, acquiesce.

Louisiana can raise sugar, after a fashion. It is not a healthy industry, because the staple runs out. Every few years the cane has to be renewed from the West Indies, or elsewhere. It degenerates to a point below reproduction—it dies out. Government takes up this sickly trade, which is struggling against natural obstacles and bad husbandry, and protects it, by a virtual tax, for its benefit, upon all the population of the Union. Government goes further, and imposes a tax of $75,000 for the purchase of cane plants, in order to revive the sugar fields of Louisiana, after having in turn refused a like protection to manufacturers of iron, wool and cotton, because the South, who do not manufacture, but buy these fabrics, threaten to dissolve the Union if such protection is granted. The principle of protection, as applied to a forced and unnatural branch of industry, which cannot sustain itself at any stage of existence, is a mere burden.

We are not arguing at this time, that it is beneficient when applied to encourage the early stages of manufacturers which are in their nature self-sustaining, natural and practicable. We are not treating of the principle of protection, upon its general merits. But we insist that if there is justice in the general and popular condemnation with which the principal has been visited time and again, there is a double justice in maintaining and applying that principle to a branch of industry which is of its own nature languishing, insecure, and tending to decadence. No possible good can come of it, and very present evil has come of it, in the exclusion of the sugars of Havana, Matanzas, Cardenas, Porto Rico, Muscovado, Manilla and Brazil. A dollar's worth of sugar, bought at retail, was wont to make a package of fair size and weight—now it's about the size of a child's head. The difference is in the pocket of the Louisiana sugar planter. How long will it be endured?—*Detroit Advertiser.*

The Hair Trade.—In most countries the hair is regarded as one of the finest ornaments of the female head. Among the inhabitants of Brittany, however in France, a contrary idea prevails, and while the men wear theirs hanging over their shoulders in long tresses, it is a mark of modesty for a woman to reveal a single lock or ringlet. A close fitting cap, which effectually hides the hair, is the height of propriety.—But there are other prudential reasons for this besides that of modesty. The females turn their hair to account in other markets than that of love, and make a good profit out of it.—Shocking as it may appear, "many London and Paris ladies are indebted for the magnificent hair which adorns their heads, to the wilds of Britanny."

A recent English traveler detected the traveling hair merchants in the very act of spoilation. He says:

"Strolling through the scene, my attention was attracted by a crowd around a half-ruined house. Wedging my way to the entrance I saw a man standing in the middle of the room, armed with a formidable pair of scissors, with which he was clipping the hair from a girl's head, a rapidity and dexterity bespeaking long practice. For not only was the operation performed with almost bewildering quickness, but when the girl was liberated, her head assumed the appearance of having been shaved. There was a great laughing among the peasants, as she emerged from the house, leaving the long tresses in the hands of the hair merchant, who, after combing them carefully, wound them up in a wreath and placed them in a basket already nearly half full of hair. For, as I heard, he had been driving a highly profitable trade all the day; and girls were still coming in willing, and in some cases—which would have been the glory of girls anywhere but in Brittany—for three poor little hankerchiefs of gaudy hues scarcely worth a dozen sous!

This terrible mutilation of one woman's most beautiful gifts, distressed me considerably at first; but when I beheld the difference of the girls to the loss of their hair, and remembered how studiously they concealed their tresses my feelings underwent a change and I looked at length upon the wholesale croppings as rather amusing than otherwise. Great was the the apparent disappointment of girls, when the hair, although seemingly abundant and fine did not come up to the hair merchant's standard; but the fellow had so abundant a market, that he was only disposed to buy when the goods were particularly choice. His profits, too, must have been great, as the average price of a good head of hair, when cleaned, is eleven shillings."

New York Election—Complete and Official.—The latest corrections and footings of the vote in this State (all official except New York, Kings and Clinton) show the following results:

	Rep.	Dem.	Amer.
PRESIDENT.			
Electors	275,440	195,314	124,206
Fremont over Buchanan			80,126
Fremont over Fillmore			151,234
GOVERNOR.			
Governor	264,057	196,282	129,277
King over Parker			68,675
King over Brooks			135,680
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.			
Lieut. Gov.	269,855	197,145	126,845
Selden over Vanderbilt			72,710
Selden over Odell			143,010
CANAL COMMISSIONER.			
Canal Com.	268,465	196,680	127,825
Sherrill over Russell			71,857
Sherrill over Prescott			140,640
STATE PRISON INSPECTOR.			
State Prison Insp't	269,018	137,068	127,474
Bailey over Brennan			71,950
Baily over Sanders			141,544
CLERK OF COURT OF APPEALS.			
Clerk of Appeals	268,834	197,712	127,015
Hicks over Warner			71,124
Hicks over Mann			141,819

The full vote of the State on President is 594,960. There were some few stray candidates and scattering, which make up probably 600,000. —*N. Y. Tribune.*

Damascus.—Independently of its central position, it has attractions in itself superior perhaps to any city in the East. We have heard of 'rose red cities half as old as time;' but Damascus is at least as old as any received history, and is in fact the *oldest* city we know of which preserves to this day its original importance. From the time when Abraham left his home 'between the rivers' to journey westward to the 'Land of Promise' its name has been familiar; its beauties and riches have been proverbial for four thousand years, and it has been a link never broken between the patriarchal age and that of the steam-engine. It has come under the dominion of David, of Jeroboam, of Pharaoh Necho, of Nebuchadnezzar, of Alexander, of the Ptolemies, of Pompey, of Cleopatra, of Herod, of the Moslem, of the Crusaders, of Timour the Tartar, of the Sultans of Constantinople, and the Pashas of Egypt, yet it survives and still flourishes. Here is still the 'street called straight' where Ananias came, directly by a vision, to inquire for 'one called Saul of Tarsus.' Here is still shown a window from which it is said the Apostle was let down. Here is the reputed site of St. Paul's conversion; and here are the tomb of Saladin, the head of John the Baptist, the house of Naaman, and the mosque of Sultan Selim. So varied are the associations, near and remote, real or apocryphal, of a city which crowns them all by its rare position and luxuriant verdure, its gardens, its pasture, and its 'clear streams;' its Abana and Pharpar, 'better than all the waters of Israel.'

Making a Clean Breast of it.—Our old friend, Ben Bond, in his paper of the 15th inst. makes a clean breast of it in regard to the illegal voting in Egypt in the following honest confessions:

"Being satisfied with the fact that the freedom shriekers intended to stuff the ballot boxes, we advised the judges in the various counties of 'Egypt' to keep the polls open in each and every precinct, and to receive votes until the official returns from the north were all sent into, and reported by, the Secretary of State; *and if our advice has been heeded, the voting is still going on in these parts.*"—*Chicago Democratic Press.*

Curled Hair made from Flax.—We clip the following item from an Indiana paper. We have not noticed anything on the subject in the Dayton papers:

In the neighborhood of Dayton, Ohio, immense quantities of flaxseed are produced; the straw brings from 5 to 10 dollars per ton, depending upon condition. If cut with a scythe it is tangled like hay, and is considered less valuable than when pulled and kept in bundles. The flax straw in Dayton is passed through a series of fluted rollers in the unrotted condition, and sold to the upholsters for stuffing hair cushions, &c. Some is exposed to the weather so as to become partially rotted, then passed through rollers and converted into material for paper makers. Some is converted into tow suitable for certain descriptions of cordage, and the better qualities are rotted, broken out and scutched for the Eastern Flax mills.

A bushel of seed will sow an acre, which will produce ten bushels of seed and a ton of straw. For manufacturing purposes the straw must be pulled, and a machine has been invented and is now in use in New York State, by which one horse pulls and spreads six acres of flax in a day. It is public property, the patent having expired, and it is said that the machine can be had for about sixty dollars.

New York.—The returns of the election in New York State show some curious results.—The Democratic vote for Buchanan is 194,708, being 44,019 more than the combined vote for the Hard and Soft Democratic candidates in 1855, which was 150,689. The Fillmore vote is 124,656, being 23,901 less than the vote for Headley, American, in the year 1855. The Republican vote is 275,855, being 139,157 more than the Republican vote at the State election last year. It is thus evident that, as the Democratic vote has largely increased, and the American vote has fallen off comparatively little, the excitement of the canvass must have called forth a large vote not usually polled. Adding the 23,901 decrease of American votes to the Republican column of last year, the total would only be 160,599, or 115,256 less than the Republican vote polled this year. A natural deduction from this is, that the Free Soil sentiment in New York State has been in a large majority for several years past, but that the vote could not be got out. The old Van Buren, Barnburner or Free Soil party, does not seem to have gone to any extent into the Soft organization, and as the old antipathy to Whig organizations was still strong, the greater part appear to have abstained from voting. But they have all voted this time, as it was well understood beforehand they would do.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

A Desirable Country Seat for Sale. THE undersigned offers his very pleasant and desirable Country Seat, situated in Sewickley, on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, for sale. The location for convenience to the Station, to Churches and Schools, is as eligible as can be desired. The house is large, convenient and contains all the modern improvements, being heated by one of Chilson's Furnaces, and having pure soft water distributed to the kitchen, wash room, bathing room, dressing room, etc. The grounds contain about five acres, handsomely undulating, and admirably calculated for artistic improvements. About half of the ground is in lawn, and about two acres are covered with a fine growth of forest trees, such as White Oak, Red Oak, Black Oak, Chestnut, Hickory, Sassafras, Locust, etc. Many of these trees are of magnificent proportions, and all are in a healthy condition. The lawn is also well stocked with a large number of Evergreens, such as Norway Spruce, Hemlock, White Pine, Scotch Fir, Austrian Pine, American and European Silver Fir, American and Siberian Arborvitae, Yew, Juniper, Cedar, Holly, etc., and also with a variety of the finest deciduous trees. All these trees are well started, and are in a good condition. The grounds are also well stocked with Apples, Pears, Peaches, Plums and Cherries, both dwarfs and standards, and also with Grapes, Currants, Gooseberries, Raspberries and Strawberries. Pains have been taken to select the choicest varieties of fruit. About forty Peach Trees are in a bearing condition. Of Ornamental Shrubs and Roses, there are a great variety, giving a perpetual succession of bloom the whole summer.—The situation, for easy and frequent access to the city, for fine schools, having Edgeworth Female Seminary and Mr. Travelli's Academy for boys within convenient distance, cannot be surpassed. The property will be sold cheap, and on easy terms. Any person wishing to see me on the subject, can leave word at the Gazette Office, or visit me on the premises. D. N. WHITE. Sewickley, Sept. 25, 1856.—se25

Valuable Farm for Sale. THE subscriber, desirous to go West, offers for sale his farm, containing 84 acres, situate in Upper St. Clair township, Allegheny county, adjoining the coal property of the Little Saw Mill Run Railroad Company, and distant from Pittsburgh 4 miles. The improvements consist of a well finished Brick Cottage House, 35 by 40 feet, with a never failing fountain of excellent water at the door; Frame Barn, Frame Stable and Wagon House and other outbuilding. Upon it there is a splendid Orchard of more than 500 carefully selected Fruit Trees, embracing apple, dwarf and standard pear, peach, plum and cherry trees, all young and in prime bearing condition. This Farm has a good rich soil, lies well, is in a good state of cultivation, (the quarter part being a meadow) and is well supplied with water from a number of excellent springs. There is also a five feet vein of superior coal under the whole tract, capable of being profitably worked. This Farm is quite convenient and of easy access to market, having the Coal Hill Turnpike on one side and the Little Saw Mill Run road on the other. Altogether this a valuable property for either farming or gardening purposes, and can hardly be excelled for a Dairy Farm, and offers fine inducements for any one desiring to go into a coal speculation. It will be sold altogether or divided to suit purchasers. Possession given immediately. Price low and terms easy. Apply to the subscriber, on the premises, or to WM. B. PUSEY, at Mr. Boothe's Lumber Yard Office, corner of Hay and Liberty sts. oc28:2awd&wlmS J. W. STEPHENS.

A MARKET GARDEN FOR SALE—20 acres on Long Island, opposite Killbuck Station, of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, 3 miles from the city. This is as rich a piece of land as any near the city. Improvements consist of a two story frame house containing four rooms, frame barn, small orchard. Will be sold cheap. Terms easy. Apply to BLAKELY & RICHEY, no13 Real Estate Brokers.

FARM FOR SALE—400 acres of very choice farming land for sale about one half cleared, other half heavily timbered lying in Sandy township, Mercer county Penna. about 7 miles east of West Greenville. The Little Shenango runs through the middle of said farm and forms a splendid water power. There is a dam across the stream, with a good saw mill in operation. This would be a good location for a Grist Mill as one is very much wanted in that neighborhood, and the Shenango furnishes ample water power the whole year round. The improvements consist of a good dwelling house and barn and store house. Would be a good location for merchandising. This farm is known as the Pine Hill tract and is considered the best land in the county. We will sell in lots to suit purchasers and on very easy terms—For particulars enquire of JAMES WARD & CO. Niles, Trumbull county, Ohio, or to REIS & BERGER, no8:dlm S. W. corner of Smithfield and 2d sts.

Valuable Property for Sale, ON Liberty street, adjoining the Methodist Grave Yard, near Canal Basin. This is now the only desirable piece of property in this neighborhood not already bought up by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Fronting on Liberty 60 feet, on Elm street 100 feet thence to the Methodist Grave Yard 86¾ feet, to Liberty 100 feet. This property is most desirable as a Hotel. The building now on it, a good substantial three story brick, with all the necessary back buildings, has for a long time been occupied as the Union Hotel, doing a good business. Capitalists and others desirous of making a good investment, will do well to examine the premises. ap29:tf EDWARD FABER.

VALUABLE CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE—The undersigned offers for sale on favorable terms, a large number of building lots in the 5th Ward of the city. The lots front on Pennsylvania Avenue, Watson, Forbes, Locust, Maria, Vickroy and Bluff streets, are but a few minutes walk from the Court House and will be sold very cheap. Persons desirous of securing a convenient and healthy location for a house, or wishing to purchase for speculation, in a part of the city which must continue steadily to improve, will find it to their advantage to call upon the subscriber. [illegible] MAGEE, Attorney at law, [illegible]

For Sale. THE Flint Glass works known as the O'Hara Glass works. These works are finely situated on the bank of the Allegheny river in the 9th Ward, they have been lately erected and are admirably arranged.—The whole establishment will be sold on reasonable terms and as extensive custom transferred to any parties desirous of engaging in this lucrative branch of manufacture. For particulars inquire of ROBERT McKNIGHT, Esq., 4th st. or of J. O'HARA DENNY, ja9:tf cor. of Market and Third sts.

FINE PROPERTY FOR SALE—We offer for sale, on advantageous terms, a splendid Lot, upon which there is a small Cottage, situated on Bank Lane, and running back to Rebecca st., 1st ward, Allegheny, 45 feet front and 220 feet deep, with an alley running the whole length of it. It is situated high, commands a view of the rivers; is in an excellent neighborhood, and embraces all the advantages in regard to air that a residence in the country does, as well as those pertaining to city residence. It is within ten minutes walk of the bridge. The owner is anxious to sell and will dispose of it on very reasonable terms. Title indisputable. Inquire of AUSTIN LOOMIS, Real Estate Agents, au9 No. 92 Fourth st., above Wood.

Valuable Land for Sale. THE subscriber offers for sale 80 acres of Bottom Land, situated within ½ mile of the town of Livermore, Westmoreland county, and adjoining the Pa. Canal and North Western Railroad. The land is well adapted to the growth of all kinds of grain and vegetables, and to a person wishing to engage in gardening, offers rare facilities. The above will be sold on reasonable terms. For further particulars, address or apply to the subscriber, at Blairsville, Indiana county, Pa. oc25:tf WILLIAM SIMPSON.

SPLENDID RESIDENCE ON PENN'A. AVENUE FOR SALE—situated near the corner of Penn's Avenue and Pride street. There are 3 lots having together a front of 75 feet on the Avenue and extending back about 75 feet to a 12 foot alley. The house is large and well built, contains 11 rooms, bath room with hot and cold water. Price $4,550, one third in hand.—Apply to R. M'LAIN & SON, oc23 No. 56½ Fourth street.

For Sale, THE HOUSE now occupied by the subscriber, No. 143 Second street. This property is in complete order, furnished with Gas and Hot and Cold Water. For particulars, enquire of GEO. R. JONES, de6-dtf firm of Jones & Cooley, 141 Water street.

FOR SALE—5 acres of Land situate in Ohio township, adjoining lands of James Oliver and Paul A Way, and fronting on the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad. Depot on the property. Apply to lal6:tf AUSTIN LOOMIS, 92 [illegible]

Public House for Rent. AS MR. FULTON, the present occupant of the American Hotel, or Fulton House, Washington, Pa., has declined renting for another term—THE HOUSE IS THEREFORE OFFERED FOR RENT. It is in a good state of repair—affords a greater amount of accommodations than any inland house in the State and is at present doing a good business. Those wishing to rent are requested to apply soon. no15:tf JOSEPH TEMPLETON.

WANTED TO RENT—A comfortable Dwelling House and five or ten acres of good Land convenient to the city. Address M. G., Box 253 Post Office. oc3:3m

To Let. WAREHOUSE, No. 114 Second street, three doors east of Wood st. Enquire of J. SCHOONMAKER & CO, fal No 13 Wood street.

TO RENT—That most desirable store, No. 74 Wood street, for particulars apply at the store mhll

FOR RENT—A Dwelling House on Hand st., between Liberty and Penn sts. Store Room on corner of Penn and Hand sts. Also, Store on Hand st. Rent low. Apply to AUSTIN LOOMIS, ad9tf No 92 Fourth st.

TAR—100 bbls N. C. Tar for sale by no4 JOHN FLOYD & CO.