The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Allegheny Councils will hold a regular meeting Thursday evening of this week.

A meeting of the Alumni of the Western University will be held this evening.

The Year of 1869 began on Friday, and will end on Friday. Those who have had "ill-luck" can now account for it.

New Music.—We have received from Messrs. Hoffman & Hale a copy of the Christmas Eve Polka, composed by Adolphus R. Baker.

The semi-annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Western University will be held this evening at the University Building, Ross street.

Let Loose.—Thomas Smith, who was arrested on a charge of larceny, on account of which we published yesterday, was after a hearing yesterday discharged.

Discharged.—J. McLaughlin, Robert Ramsey, Michael Sweeny and Mrs. McGrady, charged with Sunday liquor selling, were discharged after a hearing yesterday.

Patrick Murphy was arrested and committed on a process yesterday for trial on a charge of selling liquor on Sunday. Patrick has kept out of the way since June last.

Western University Alumni.—A meeting of the Alumni of the Western University will be held this evening at 7½ o'clock, at the University Hall. A full attendance is desired.

Yesterday morning Perry Cassiday, a boy thirteen years of age, fell through the hatchway of the Grey Eagle, lying at the Monongahela wharf, and was severely injured about the back.

A meeting of the Presbyterian ministers of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, is held in the Lecture Room of the First Church, every Monday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Tea is taken at 6 o'clock, and the meeting adjourns at 9.

The attention of persons wishing to purchase the good will of a large boarding house and doing a very fine and profitable business, are directed to an advertisement under the head of "For Sale," in to-day's paper.

Seriously Injured.—Yesterday morning about eleven o'clock, Perry Cassidy, son of Matthew Cassidy, boat carpenter, fell through the hatchway of the steamboat Grey Eagle, injuring his back and legs very severely.

Committed.—Jack Bradford, charged with the larceny of an overcoat, from Mannach's clothing store, on Market street, was, after a hearing yesterday, committed to jail for trial in default of bail for his appearance at Court.

For Sale.—The good will of a large boarding house, admirably located for doing a regular and prosperous business, having now twenty boarders, and increasing patronage. Lease, good will and furniture for sale. Cause, ill health of lessee. Possession given 1st January. Address M. E. R., GAZETTE office.

At a Meeting of the Washington, Pa., Library Association, the following persons were elected Executive Committee for the ensuing year: Dr. W. A. Davidson, President; Professor Henry Woods, Secretary; Mrs. V. Harding, Treasurer; Miss M. Grayson, Librarian; Miss J. LeMoyne, Assistant Librarian.

Washington County Teachers' Institute.—The friends of education will bear in mind that the annual Washington County Institute meet at the Court House, in Washington borough, the 27th inst., and continue five days. Mr. Wm. G. Fee, County Superintendent, desires a full attendance of all the teachers of the county.

Directors Elected.—At the annual election, on Tuesday, the following gentlemen were chosen to serve as Directors of the Peoples Savings Bank, Allegheny, for the year 1870: Messrs. S. H. Hartman, J. C. Patterson, R. B. Mcgraw, W. H. Burt, Samuel Dyer, Jeremiah Robins, Geo. W. Gibson, J. P. Henderson, Sam'l B. Smith.

Yesterday morning Mayor Drum committed half a dozen hale and hearty young men, who had caught lodgings in the lock-up during the night, to the work house. They didn't seem to have anybody to care for them properly, and this was undoubtedly the most humane and benevolent disposition of the unfortunate creatures.

The "Republic."—The proprietors of the *Daily* and *Sunday Republic* have transferred their interest to the "Allegheny Printing and Publishing Company," who will hereafter conduct its publication, and owing to important changes there will be no issue for a few days, when, we are assured, it will appear enlarged, and under new and improved auspices.

A Grand Concert was given at West Newton on Monday evening, by the West Newton Silver Cornet Band, assisted by the Quartette Club of Allegheny City. The affair was a complete success in every respect. The hall was filled with a large and appreciative audience, and the entertainment was all that could be desired. The band furnished excellent music for the occasion.

Art Notes.—Messrs. Boyd, Murray & Fawcett, No. 110, Wood street, have in store a very fine collection of the best foreign and American paintings, chromos, steel engravings, and general goods peculiar to their line of trade, which they offer during the holidays at prices to suit the times. An invitation is extended to all persons to visit the store and look through the stock.

Between this and Saturday, people who are thinking of giving others a happy Christmas, should bear in mind the hard-worked newspaper and letter-carriers. If each citizen who has been faithfully and honestly served by his letter and newspaper carrier would enclose to him a trifle in money, the amount would not be missed, and a nice sum for each man would be added to his earnings.

All Saints' Church.—Christmas Day service at this Church will begin at midnight with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Morning prayer and a second celebration at 10 A. M. on Christmas Day. Evening prayer, with Christmas carols, by the children, at 4 P. M. For the midnight service it is arranged that the last street car will leave Penn street station at 11 P. M. Friday, and returning, leave All Saints' Church at 1:30 A. M.

Stolen Sweets.—William Birsh yesterday called the attention of Alderman McMASTER to an alleged criminality on the part of John Heibling. The parties are interested in the confectionery trade. Birsh alleges he gave Heibling a lot of loose maple sugar to mould into cakes, for sale. Heibling, he states, disposed of the sugar for $37 and never returned any account of it. Hence he institutes proceedings against him for larceny as bailee. The accused was held for a hearing.

A Note in Dispute.—Thomas Dunn made information before Alderman McMaster yesterday against Patrick Dolan for disposing of his property, with intent to defraud. Dunn alleges he loaned Dolan twenty-five hundred dollars, taking his judgment note for the amount. At that time he owned property on Boundary street, Seventeenth ward, valued at more than the note, but before he could have the paper entered and judgment secured, Dolan transferred the property to another party. Upon this alleged action the proceedings are instituted. Warrant issued.

"Every Saturday," for 1870, will be more attractive than ever. It is to be enlarged in size, and, with all its other features, will present illustrations of the first artistic excellence, embracing views of famous places, incidents of travel, figure-pieces, copies of celebrated paintings, and portraits of contemporary celebrities, after all the modern masters, making *Every Saturday* not only the most readable, but the handsomest illustrated paper in America. Fields, Osgood & Co. send it for $5 00 per year, or for $4 00 to subscribers for any other of their periodicals. A year's subscription would thus be the nicest of Christmas gifts to a friend.

Defacing Houses.

One of the most annoying of the various pranks which juveniles indulge in is the practice of defacing houses and fences by chalk or charcoal marks. Boys seem to think it nice fun to write their initials or draw figures on walls or corner fences, and they generally pick out the finest places. It is sometimes very difficult to remove these marks, and citizens are thereby put to great trouble and inconvenience. This style of sport appears to be carried to a fuller extent now than has ever been known before, and if the police would pay a little attention to the matter and capture some of the youths engaged in it, it would have a beneficial effect in putting a stop to a great nuisance.

THE LATE HOMICIDE.

Coroner's Investigation—Another Adjournment.

The Coroner's jury empanelled to investigation and inquire into the matter of the death of John Bienfang, met yesterday, pursuant to adjournment, at 3 o'clock at the Coroner's office, when the following testimony was elicited:

Christ Kruse, sworn—I was in the house after the fight occurred. Do not know anything about the difficulty, only what I heard.

Christ. Bienfang—sworn—I was in the house at the time of the fight. I am a brother of the deceased. My brother called for three glasses of beer and we sat down at a table. We drank that beer and then called for more. Two fellows were setting at another table; we did not notice them. We sat at our table and talked together, and those fellows threw ed at us. My brother said, "Fellows you had better quit that throwing." One fellow setting behind those men, jumped up and said, "We did not throw." I said, "Yes you did throw." They then jumped up and struck me four or five times in the face. I jumped back, and they then took my other brother and whipped him; my other brother went to the door and called "watch," and the fellows then ran out; my brother, who is now dead, then said that his finger had been cut; we were getting ready to go home when those fellows came around again, and the bigger one said: "By G—d, I can whip any Dutchman." We then started home and had gone about a square when my brother, the deceased, missed his pocket book, which contained his week's wages; I did not see any glasses thrown; I saw no knife; I would know the parties if I saw them.

Christ. Kruse recalled—Jim O'Hare and Gust. Ebbert told me that they had had a fight with some Dutch at Philip Schanzebaugh's; I met them after the fight occurred. They did not tell me anything about the fight only that one of the Dutch threw a castor and cut Jim O'Hare on the head. He did not say anything about using a knife. I afterwards went up to the saloon with O'Hare; went in and took a drink and walked out again. Do not know whether either of the Bienfang brothers were there or not.

Emil Poertzel sworn—All I know of this case, deceased came to my store on Wednesday after the difficulty; I asked him what was the matter with his hand; He said that he went to a beer hall and got into a difficulty, and wascut or stabbed in the hand; He said one of the parties was Gus Ebbert, and from the discription of the other I thought it was Jim O'Hare; He said he did not know which one of them cut him.

The investigation here closed in consequence of the absence of the proprietor of the beer saloon and his wife, who were thought by the Coroner to be important witnesses. The jury will meet at seven o'clock this evening, when the case will be concluded.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Fall of a Wall—Two Boys Injured—A Listressing Case.

Yesterday afternoon a terrible accident occurred at the ruins of the Fifth Ward Allegheny School building. About four o'clock, two little boys named respectively John and Charles Jeckel, nine and fourteen years of age, were playing on the steps of the building on the Page street side, when a strong gust of wind blew down the gable wall between the towers, directly above them. All of the rubbish, inside, except three bricks, which took the opposite direction. Two of them in coming down, alighted upon the heads of the boys and felled them instantly. A passer by observed the accident and hastened to the spot, when the boys were found bleeding and senseless. They were taken into the house of Mr. J. Woods, and Drs. L. H. Willard and James Herron summoned. Upon examination it was found that Charles had been struck with the end of the brick, causing a comminuted fracture of his skull. John had received the brick on top of his head. His skull was also fractured. The physicians, after learning the condition of the boys, had no hopes of their recovery, but performed the trepanning for each, and did all that could be done under the circumstances. The little victims were then removed to their homes, corner Western avenue and Strawberry alley. The father of the boys is Christian Jeckel, a saloon keeper, No. 6 Western avenue. It was rumored last night that they had died, but upon investigation at the house of our reporter, this was found to be untrue. They were, however, insensible, and were not expected to survive longer than a few hours.

A New Theatre.

We are pleased to announce that the long talked of project for the building of a new theatre is about crystallizing into substantial action. Mr. William Henderson, lessee of the New Opera House, is now in this city for the purpose of taking the matter in hand, and will, to-day, proceed to form a joint stock company with liberal capital to build a first class theatrical establishment. He notifies us his willingness to subscribe ten thousand dollars, cash, as his share in the enterprise. We hope there will be enough public spirit manifested to secure the desired end. The theatre would well pay. Pittsburgh has no good hall or theatre, and the amusement community has of late years grown so numerous as to demand better facilities and accommodations. We wish the enterprise an abundant success, and on behalf of our community thank Mr. Henderson for being the first to move in the matter.

That Indecent Assault.

A hearing was had yesterday morning before Mayor Drum in the case of the man, So'mon Lightcap, charged with attempting an outrage upon the person of a little girl Tuesday afternoon. The child made her statement, as heretofore given. It appeared, however, that the man was intoxicated and not of very sound mind at any time. The prosecutor refused to carry the case any further, and the Mayor imposed upon the accused a fine of $25 and costs, for disorderly conduct, which was paid by his brother. The fellow as it was received a severe punishment. He appeared before the magistrate with a countenance swollen and disfigured by the thrashing which he had received, added to which he complained that his jaw had been broken. It is quite likely the adventure will prove a valuable lesson to him.

Internal Revenue Assessments.

Below is a statement of the Internal Revenue assessments in the Twenty-second District for the month of November, 1869, in the seven divisions comprising the Twenty-second District, Russell Errett, Esq., Assessor:

Spirits	$12,906 96
Tobacco	339 42
Fermented liquors	125 00
Banks and bankers	4,249 06
Gross receipts	10,978 15
Sales	6,522 12
Other specials	1,443 84
Income	175 92
Articles in schedule A	22 00
Dividends and profits	16,261 75
Legacies and successions	1,128 70
Gas	3,432 46
Penalties, etc	3,171 01
	$61,656 39

Sent to Dixmont.

Yesterday evening, Mr. Joseph Blakely, a resident of the Twenty-second ward, came to the Mayor's office, accompanied by his son, a little boy of about eight years of age. He stated to the Mayor that there were two hubdred men following him for the purpose of killing him, and asked the protection of the authorities. This statement in connection with his manners and other facts known to the Mayor convinced him that the unfortunate man was insane, and he was sent to the Dixmont Hospital. The little boy was almost worn out with fatigue, having been following his insane father since early in the morning, and he was in the office but a few moments before he fell asleep and slept soundly for several hours. He was taken in charge by an aunt.

Holiday Gifts.

To the purchaser of holiday gifts, the establishment of Messrs. Orr & McConogby, corner of Water and Federal streets, Allegheny, presents an attractive appearance. The firm, with judicious care, have just purchased, for the holidays, one of the finest assortments of jewelry and silver ware ever seen in our vicinity. The stock comprises silver sets and single pieces of silver ware. Gold and silver watches, rings, all varieties, styles and prices, ladies' jewelry in endless profusion, gents' watch guards and chains of every variety, statuettes, vases and mantle ornaments—in fact, there is hardly an article in the trade which cannot be found in the store. For beautiful, durable and choice presents, a selection from their large assortment could not be excelled.

Merchants and Dealers in fancy goods supplied at Eastern prices, at MACRUM, GLYDE & CO.'s, Nos. 75 and 80 Market street.

THE COURTS.

District Court—Judges Hampton and Collier.

WEDNESDAY, December 22.—The argument list is still under consideration in this court. No business of public interest was transacted.

Common Pleas—Judges Sterrett, and Collier.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22.—In the cases of Waring vs. Thomas, and Same vs. Loeffler, previously reported, plaintiff took non-suits.

The first case taken up was that of Beale vs Bracken. Action on book account. Jury out.

In the case of McCready vs. Penna. R. R. Co., motion to take off non-suit.

The next case taken up was that of Rodgers vs. King et al. Action to recover damages alleged to have been sustained by plaintiff in consequence of a nuisance maintained by defendant. On trial.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Stowe.

WEDNESDAY, December 22.—The first case taken up was that of the Commonwealth vs. Michael Hagmeyer, indicted for assault and battery, James Baninger prosecutor. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Mary Higgins, indicted for felonious assault and battery, was next placed on trial. The defendant was charged with feloniously cutting and wounding Michael Siberts, while the latter was engaged in a fight with her husband. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and directed that the costs be divided between the prosecutor and defendant.

Harry Girt, indicted for larceny, was next placed on trial. It was alleged that the defendant stole an overcoat from Jacob Buchanan, the prosecutor. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and recommended the defendant to the mercy of the Court.

The next case taken up was that of the Commonwealth vs. Henry Hershauser, indicted for maintaining a nuisance by keeping a ferocious dog. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

John Walls, against whom there were several indictments for illegal liquor selling, was arrested on a process and brought into Court yesterday, when the cases were settled and *nolle pros.* entered on payment of costs by defendant. The costs amounted to $117.55. John starts square with the Courts once more. How long he will keep so is to be determined.

TRIAL LIST FOR THURSDAY.

127. Com. vs. Laurence Bell—4 cases.
133. " Anne Gordon—2 cases.
86. " Jessie Jones.
88. " John Silvis and John Tilbrook.
" Wm. Lloyd, et al.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—Miss Emily Maddern at the Opera House last night was received with great favor. She will appear again to-night in two performances, "Pet of the Petticoats" and "Katy O'Shea." For a pleasant evening's entertainment, attend the Opera House.

THE GRAND Opera Company "Faust" was presented last night to a very respectable audience at the Academy of Music, by the brilliant German Opera Troupe now holding forth at this place under the managerial auspices of Mr. Grau. The sterling opera was well put on the stage in the usual elegant style devoted to opera bouffe. To-night the "Magic Flute" will be presented, introducing the celebrated prima donna, Miss Jane Pinder, Mlle. Friederici and Miss Dziuba. Seats may be secured at the music store of Kleber & Bros., No. 122 Wood street.

TONY PASTOR'S THEATRE.—The splendid variety entertainment at the Theatre attracted a crowded audience last evening. The singing of Miss Clara Burton, and the dashing and brilliant acting of Miss Lucy Clifton, are the attractions, together with the inimitable Herr Holtum. These will appear this evening in a new programme.

MASONIC HALL.—Sargeant, the Magician, opened to a good house at Masonic Hall last night. He will continue until the end of the week every evening, with a grand Christmas matinee. Added to the entertainment of his inexplicable and hundred presents are given away nightly.

ORPHAN'S FAIR.—The fair for the benefit of the orphans is now in successful operation in the basement of the Catholic cathedral. The booths, museum, printing office and refreshment tables surpass in beauty and appointments any that have marked previous similar gala occasions.

The Best Gifts.

In selecting holiday gifts care should be taken to secure something of real value, something which in after years will be looked upon with pleasure, and bear with it the evidences of friendly feeling, while at the same time it is of practical utility. If any of our readers are in doubt as to the place to secure such presents, we would advise them to call at the musical establishment of Messrs. Mellor & Hoene, Fifth avenue. There is nothing in the immense stock at this popular emporium, which would not be acceptable to any recipient who has at all an appreciation of the "divine art." Not to speak of the pianos, melodeons and organs, of which the assortment cannot be excelled, there are the lighter instruments, violins, guitars, flutes, banjos, drums, music boxes, &c., &c., in endless variety. Added to this, what more appropriate article could be given than an elegant musical folio, or one of those superbly bound volumes of the choicest music. Before deciding upon the purchase of any particular gift, this assortment should be looked over.

"The Crescent and the Cross."

Last evening a very large and intelligent audience assembled at Lafayette Hall to hear Bishop Simpson's lecture on "The Crescent and the Cross." The distinguished divine was introduced shortly after eight o'clock by the Rev. Dr. Nesbitt, of the *Christian Advocate*, and occupied about an hour and a quarter with one of those peculiarly eloquent, comprehensive, and brilliant productions which have won him such a world wide fame.

The lecture was simply a comparison of the two forms of religion symbolized by the two standards. Their rise, progress, success and effects on humanity were reviewed in a style at once very instructive and very entertaining. Many beautiful and thrilling passages excited the hearty approval of the audience, altogether the lecture fully sustained the high reputation of the orator, and we very much regret that a want of space prevents a publication of the full synopsis prepared.

Home and Harmony.

These words touch all our hearts, and inspire us with a desire to see them illustrated in every dwelling. We are always pleased, as we pass through the streets, to hear the sweet tones of a piano or organ, for we feel that amid all the changes of life, there is happiness where there is music. Judging by the great activity at Mellor & Hoene's innumerous, we should say that these pianos, organs are sending an unusual amount of "happiness" to various families, in the shape of pianos, organs, melodeons and divers other musical instruments. And is it no wonder that they are doing such a large trade, for their stock of instruments is unrivaled in numbers and variety, and their prices are greatly reduced, to suit the times. Persons wishing to make such an acceptable present as a piano, organ or melodeon, should visit Mellor & Hoene's Musical Palace, No. 53 Fifth avenue, next door to Masonic Hall.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were admitted of record in the office of T. H. Hunter, Esq., Recorder for the county of Allegheny, Wednesday, December 22, 1869:

Simuel W. White to David McClintock, Oct. 2, 1869, 64 perches of land in Fulton township, $2 00.
Wm. Edwards to John Bain, Dec. 16 1869; lot No. 81, Arch-st's plan, West Newport.....$300
Rev. M. Somerset to Theodore Delis, Jan. 9, 1869; 1 A. No. 164, Dormance's plan, Lowe-St.
Clair township.....$250
Daniel P. Smith to Michael Dougherty, December 1869; lot 20 by 80 feet, Jane street, East Birmingham.....$700
Wm. Wharton to George Schramm, July 1, 1869; lot 20 by 100 feet, on Jane street, East Birmingham.....$1,200
Wm. Bach et al to H. Bowles, May 4, 1869; lot 20 by 60 feet, on Joseph street, East Birmingham.....$1,075
French Burkel to Edward Forster, Dec. 22, 1869; lot 40 by 104 feet on Pride street, Pittsburgh.
James Wilkins, Wm. Wilkins, August 1, 1867; lots 25 and 27, Wade's plan, Charlters township.....$300

Excellent Boarding.—Persons desirous of procuring excellent table boarding, can have their wants gratified at Burns' popular restaurant, corner of Smithfield street and Sixth avenue. Mr. Burns, the enterprising proprietor, has adopted a new scale of prices, and hereafter, proposes to accommodate his patrons at four dollars per week. Those who may think this astonishing low price accounted for by inferior culinary arrangements, should call at the restaurant and judge by practical experience. Mr. Burns invites examination, and feels confident the tables—which are always abundantly supplied with the best the market affords—cannot be objected to by the most fastidious epicure. Give him a call.

CHRISTZAG.

How to Enjoy it and What is the Most Suitable Present to Make.

The grandest of all Christian anniversaries, that which commemorates the advent into an unredeemed world of sin, suffering and sorrow of a loving Saviour is swiftly approaching. Already the merry bells ring out that the darkness of night is rolling away and the light of morn is coming in; that Christmas with all its joys, holiday pleasures and peaceful love offerings is at hand. Parents fondly anticipate twinkling eyes of little pets, flashing with new found joy and delight, and innocent hearts bouncing and beating in gladness and gratitude as the trinkets and toys distributed by saintly "Santa Claus" are spread out for contemplation. Loving wives are silently and secretly working with willing hands to complete some article of dress or comfort wherewith to astonish their husbands, and assure them on the morn of the busy holiday of their continued constancy and affection; and husbands with equal pleasure and pride are quietly preparing to furnish like surprise and evidence to the companions of their joys and sorrows. Friends and sweethearts in all classes of society are engaged in conjuring up what will please the object of their affections. Wide and varied is the range of selection, and some gifts will be wisely chosen, others frivolous, but all will come from hearts gushing and overflowing with love. And yet, Christmas comes but once a year! Joy and gladness are but the sunbeams that pierce the clouds of sorrow and sadness, which overshadow our pathway through life. Bright days may be hailed with pleasure, but dark ones must come with them. Death hovers about us constantly, and the sweet sounds of the holiday bells may fade away in the echo of rattling earth tossed on the grim coffin lid by the hands of the self same sexton, who rang out so merrily the main song. In view of the transitions of life, the changes as varying in humanity as in surrounding nature, we can not feel that we should enjoy the sunshine of the day, heedless of the storm-cloud of to-morrow, and hence, in giving expressions to our feelings of gratitude and affection in Christmas gifts we should consider how to confer the greatest present and future pleasure on those we love.

The present of a rich set of furs, cheap, though elegant, is the best selection we could make. Messrs. Wm. Fleming & Co., the great and extensive fur dealers, No. 139 Wood street, have on hand a stock which is calculated to excite wonder and admiration. They sell reasonably. They have been the first to inaugurate cheap prices for good goods. We advise our readers to visit this great emporium before purchasing elsewhere. Their goods are superior and their prices are as low as can be found anywhere in the country. No better choice for a holiday present could be made than a set of furs.

Choice Segars and Tobacco.

Mr. John, Megraw, wholesale and retail dealer in Segars and Tobacco, 45 Ninth (late Hand) street, has now on hand a very large stock of these articles, to which he desires to call especial attention of city and country dealers and consumers. No one possesses better advantages than Mr. Megraw for purchasing the most desirable goods in the market, on the most favorable terms, and he is now receiving daily from the best manufacturers, both East and West, large invoices of the very finest brands. Those desiring to replenish their stock at the lowest possible figures should not fail to call and examine his tobacco and segars.

Mr. Megraw also desires to call the attention of those who contemplate making presents to their friends on Christmas to his splendid collection of Meerschaum and Briar Pipes and Meerschaum and Briar Segar Tubes, as well as his choice Havanas and La Tiaminas, which are selling rapidly and are found in an establishment of the kind. Remember, goods sold wholesale and retail at the lowest prices.

A Substantial Suggestion.

During the holiday season no one can either present himself or his gentleman friend with a more appropriate and seasonable article than a stylish and fashionable suit of clothes, cut and made to order. Messrs. Gray, Fossiel & Rose, whose establishment has long been regarded as one of the most prominent head centers of fashion, have on hand a very large and judiciously assorted stock of seasonable goods, which they offer at very reasonable prices. They have the ample facilities for the manufacture of clothing in the neatest, most fashionable and most durable style, and in all cases the fullest measure of satisfaction is warranted. Their stock of general furnishing goods is large and complete, and selection therefrom can be readily made. We commend the gentlemen composing this firm to our readers, and bespeak for them an increase of the large share of patronage directed towards them.

A Christmas Present.

It is selling rapidly. Seventy-five per week.

Now is the time to get the most useful article which is in use once every week. Being aware that it is the most laborious, and at the same time one of the most necessary duties of housekeeping, and which entirely devolves upon the ladies to do, and every person dreads that day in the old house under the old system.

It is simple, cheap, durable and effective, and is accessible to all families. It can be paid in monthly payments. It has no equal, and is easy worked and only takes two hours to do a washing. It is on the Dexter Washing Machine. All that we ask is a trial. No slopping; no boiling of clothes. Saves soap and time.

R. H. LONG, Agent,
No. 12 Federal street,
Allegheny city.

We have received from W. A. Gildenfenny, 45 Fifth avenue, Harper's magazine for January—a very interesting and racy number. Gildenfenny has all the magazines.

Christmas Presents.—Great variety of fancy articles at lowest prices, at MACRUM, GLYDE & CO'S.

Oysters, Oysters, Oysters.—The celebrated Chincoteaque and Anancock (Va.) Oysters are received fresh and direct from their native waters every Monday and Thursday. Quality guaranteed, and sold at the unprecedented low price of $6 per barrel. Call at once at STERL & BRO'S,
Third street, near Smithfield.

Chincoteague Shell Oysters at Steel A Bro's. Fresh arrival to-day at $6 per barrel.

Gloves, Hose and other useful articles for gifts, at Macrum & Carlisle's, 27 Fifth avenue.

For Holiday Presents.—Just received, a new supply of the celebrated Bartram & Fanton sewing machines, expressly for holiday gifts. A very appropriate and useful present. Office at No. 77 Fourth avenue.

Toys, Dolls, and many fancy articles for Christmas, at Macrum & Carlisle's, 27 Fifth avenue.

Phrenology.—Fowler and Wells, at Lafayette Hall day and evening, will make examinations a few days longer. What to do and how to make the most of time and talent explained.

Elegant new styles Jewelry, just opened at Macrum & Carlisle's, 27 Fifth avenue.

Constitution Water is a certain cure for Diabetes and all diseases of the Kidneys. For sale by all Druggists.

HOLIDAY GIFT.

Bows, Ties, Suspenders, all new holiday goods, at Macrum & Carlisle's 27 Fifth avenue.

Every person when desirous of a pleasant and harmless stimulant should ask, at the nearest restaurant, for a glass of Pier, Dunnis & Co.'s Cream Ale. It is the most delightful and beneficial of drinks.

Real Fine Lace Goods for holiday presents at Macrum & Carlisle's, 27 Fifth avenue.

Alexandre's Kid Gloves—full assortment, black and all colors, just received, at MACRUM, GLYDE & CO'S.

Jewel, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes for presents, Macrum & Carlisle, 27 Fifth avenue.

Handkerchiefs, Collars, Scarfs, &c., for the Holidays, at Macrum & Carlisle's, 27 Fifth avenue.

Diamonds.

It is asserted by competent authorities, that none but those most thoroughly experienced in the business of buying and selling precious stones can tell the true nature and value of what appears to be a rough diamond; that there are not fifty jewelers in England who can tell a rough diamond when they see it; and not twenty who can distinguish between one and a piece of boart, which has only about one-fifth the value of a diamond. There have been some humiliating illustrations of the truth of these assertions, in the recent mistakes of English dealers in these articles who have mistaken Australian quartz for real diamonds.

Computing Interest.

The commercial editor of the Chicago *Evening Journal* gives a new method of computing interest on any number of dollars at six per cent., which so far as it goes is simple and convenient. We give the rule below from the *Journal*, with additional rules for computing interest at eight and ten per cent., handed us by a friend. These additions add triple value to the rule, for the reason that eight and ten per cent. are used more at the present time than six per cent.

SIX PER CENT.—Multiply any given number of dollars by the number of days of interest desired, cut off the two right hand figures and divide by six, the result is the true interest (in dollars and cents) on such sum for such number of days at six per cent.

EIGHT PER CENT.—Multiply any given amount by the number of days upon which it is desired to ascertain the interest, and divide by *for-y-fiss*, and the result will be the interest for such amount for the time required at eight per cent.

NINE PER CENT.—Multiply the same as above and divide by *forty*—the result will be the interest at nine per cent.

TEN PER CENT.—Multiply the same as above and divide by *thirty-six*, and the result will show the interest at ten per cent.

The *Journal* adds:

"This rule is so simple and so true according to all business usages, that every banker, broker, merchant or clerk should post it up for reference. There being no such thing as a fraction in it, there is scarcely any liability to error or mistake."

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Additional Markets by Telegraph.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 22.—Flour: super $4.62½, in advance of 12½c; extra $5.50. Wheat quiet: strictly choice $1.65. Legal tenders 83½.

DIED!

BACKOFEN—On Wednesday morning, Dec. 22, at one o'clock, Mrs. URAN BACKOFEN, consort of J. M. Backofen, in the 63d year of her age.

The funeral will take TO-DAY, at 2 o'clock P. M., from her late residence, No. 41 Ma ion street.

HULTON—On Tuesday, morning, at 11½ o'clock, JAMES HULTON, Sr., at Harmersville, Pa., in the 4th year of his age.

The funeral will take place from his late residence at Harmersville, Pa., TO DAY, at 12 o'clock.

HARTYE—On Tuesday, at half past 12 o'clock, RACHEL, daughter of Wm. and Mary Hartye, aged 3e years and 9 months.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her parents, corner of Chestnut street, Allegheny city, TO-DAY, at 2 o'clock.

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