



The Jeffersonian.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1871.

LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Liturgical Services next Sunday. MORNING, 10 1/2. EVENING, 7. MORNING SERMON: Sun, Moon and Stars. EVENING SERMON: Liability to fall from Grace.

Donation.—The friends of Rev. J. R. Focht, desirous of making a donation to him will meet at the Lutheran Parsonage, Hamilton Township, on New Year's evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Donation.—The friends of the Shawnee Church, Monroe county, will make a Donation visit at the residence of the Pastor, the Rev. Arthur Folsom, on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday December 26th. If stormy, the next fair day.

Donation.—The friends of Rev. J. T. Shaw, will make him a donation at his home at the Bushkill Parsonage, afternoon and evening, December 29. The congregation and friends are invited to attend.

A donation Festival will be held at the Cherry Vally Methodist Episcopal Church on Tuesday evening December 26th. If stormy the next fair evening. The public is cordially invited.

Festival.—The friends of Rev. J. Pastorfeld, (Fowlers Appointment) will hold a festival, at the house of Aaron Stone, on Monday evening December 25. The proceeds for the benefit of the Pastor.

The carpet which is being put down in the State House of Representatives cost \$2.50 a yard, or, \$1,750 for the whole.

Hon. GEORGE H. WILLIAMS of Oregon, has just been appointed Attorney General of the United States. In place of Amos T. Akerman, resigned.

The Agricultural Department at Washington reports the wheat crop this year in this State at 2,100,000 bushels, an increase of 400,000 bushels over last year. Rye, corn and potatoes are also a better crop, oats not up to the average and cranberries only a half or two thirds crop.

A correspondent advocates the nomination of ex-Gov. Rutherford B. Hayes of Ohio as the Republican candidate for the next President of the United States. Gov. Hayes was twice chosen by the people of Ohio as their highest administrative officer, the first time over George H. Pendleton, and the second over Allen G. Thurman.

FIVE Congressional districts in Pennsylvania that elected Democratic Representatives by small majorities in 1870, gave in October last decided majorities for the Republican State ticket. The lowest of the five is 704 votes. Unless decided changes are made in the apportionment the Republicans will doubtless regain all these districts next year.

The Postmaster General has decided that circulars sent in the mails must be unsealed and not clipped on the ends, as is frequently the case. Circulars sealed and merely clipped on the end cannot be sent at less than letter rates, i. e. six cents for each ounce, and three cents for the half ounce. Everybody should remember this decision.

THE Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have just published their statement for the year 1871. The amount of debt redeemed and purchased during the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1871, is \$2,131,490.17. Total State debt on Nov. 30, 1871, \$29,279,820.64. Under Republican rule our State debt is rapidly decreasing. A few years more, and it will have entirely disappeared.

OFFICERS who disregard the laws for which they are elected to prosecute, should take warning by the following case from the Sunbury Gazette: Ephraim Miller, of Shamokin township, some time since brought suits against Freeman W. Sober and Furman Farnsworth late Auditors of said township for neglecting or refusing, while they were in office, to publish an annual statement of the Bounty finances of the township.

THE Commission of the Sinking Fund have just published their statement for the year 1871. The amount of debt redeemed and purchased during the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1871, is \$2,131,490.17. Total State debt on Nov. 30, 1871, \$29,279,820.64. Under Republican rule our State debt is rapidly decreasing. A few years more, and it will have entirely disappeared.

THE Apportionment question already troubles Congress, a bill to establish a ratio for the next ten years having been presented in the House on the second day of the session. It provides for 280 members of the House of Representatives, and makes a very equitable division of them among the States. Under its operation, Pennsylvania would gain two members, New York one, Illinois five, Missouri three, Iowa three, New Jersey two, &c. The only States losing representation would be Vermont and New Hampshire—each of which would be reduced from three to two members. The basis of population would be about 135,000 to each member. As this scheme appears to gratify nearly everybody it is probable that it will be passed. With twenty-six members from Pennsylvania, Philadelphia would claim five full districts. If she should get them Bucks county would be left out in the cold, and might be cast into a district that would leave little hope of Republican representation hereafter.—Intelligencer.

We are glad to learn from the Press that the Union League Club of Philadelphia is in a highly flourishing condition, both as to membership and finances. The year closes with a balance in the treasury, after the settlement of all bills and expenses of \$23,775.17, and 1,740 members on the rolls. No wonder, with such an active and powerful organization that Philadelphia gave nine thousand Republican majority at the late election. Victory is secured through perfect organization, while defeat most assuredly follows disorder. There is a lesson here, for our county, which we hope will be heeded; and we feel that it will be, unless the intrigues of a few scheming politicians shall prevent it. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

BOROUGH AND COUNTY.

Keep your feet warm.

Shirts of all kinds at Fried's.

Mad dogs are quite plentiful again in Northampton county.

We only lose nine minutes of daylight this month. After the 27th the days will grow longer.

Wanted.—The subscriber wishes to hire a house now or in the spring. Ad'rs, J. F. S. dec. 14 '71-3t] Jeffersonian Office.

At Diltz's Hotel, Easton, they have the largest turkey that has been seen this winter. It weighs nearly forty pounds, and is a magnificent gobbler.

The best Christmas present you can make your wife, is the Original Howe Sewing Machine, for sale by Darius Dreher, Main st., Stroudsburg.

No Paper next Week.—There will be no paper issued from this office next week. This is in accordance with our usual custom—to afford our hands a holiday.

The New Jersey Central Company announces a dividend of 34 per cent. on the stock and interest, at the rate of seven per cent. a year on the scrip, payable Jan. 20.

George Boffs, sentenced to be hung, at Newark, N. Y., on the 21st inst., for the murder of General Halsted, has been reprieved until the 26th of January.

Over four thousand disabled soldiers are now cared for by the National Asylum, being one thousand more than were supported last year.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company announces a semi-annual cash dividend of five per cent. on its preferred and common stock, payable, free of tax, on the 13th of January, next.

The little snow, the little drizzle, the little freeze, and the little snow again of the last several days made quite a nice little jag of sleighing in these parts. Slods and sleighs slip along finely.

As this is our last opportunity before the holidays, we wish our many readers, a "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year." May they all live to see many a return of the season of fun and good living.

During the past week the squealing of fat porkers was heard, almost without abatement. John Edinger killed one which weighed 495 pounds.

Alex. Raubold followed suit with one weighing 360 pounds.

"Observers" Communication was received, but being without a responsible name found its way to the waste basket. If writers have no confidence in our ability to keep secret the names entrusted to us, in accordance with our inflexible rule, we do not see why they should expect us favor them by the publication of their literary efforts.

List of Letters, Remaining in the Post Office at Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 16, 1871. Cox, John; Coobangh, John; Bachman, Benj.; Barnes, Samuel; Fehnel, George; Heiney, Mrs. Cath'ne; Howard, George; Hindman, Edw.; Metzgar, Thomas; Means, Mollie; Marsh, Isabella; Kelly, Abraham; Shively, Mrs. John; Williamson, Mary A.

A vitriol thrower has lately been arrested in Philadelphia who disdains any motive of malice in his operations. He says he does it merely for an honest livelihood, and gets a commission for his labors from leading dry-goods men, and to show his humanity he devoted his earnings for the week he was arrested to the Chicago relief fund. He says he has already burned more than 50 dresses this season for the first ladies in the place, and hopes fortune will continue to smile upon him.

Men's Rubber Boots at Fried's.

Big Haul.—Nine thousand suckers were caught at a single haul in a seine by John Riegel and brother, in the Delaware, near Frenchtown, last week. The suckers weighed 3,850 pounds. We give this as we received it, but honestly think there is considerable sucker about it.

Boy's Rubber Boots at Fried's.

The new mill of the Bethlehem Iron Company covers a space of over a quarter of a mile square. At present 800 men are employed in the annual production of 20,000 tons of rails. The force and product will be largely increased on the completion of the works. About 30,000 tons of pig and 15,000 tons of puddled iron per annum are produced at the same works.

Ladies' Rubber Boots at Fried's.

A Scranton despatch gives an "authoritative" statement that the companies of Lackawanna Valley "have determined not to reduce the miners' wages for the new year and if the men continue to work at the present rates, there will be no suspension of mining operations." The same despatch pronounces all recent rumors of an impending suspension to be "purely sensational."

Over shoes of all kinds at Fried's.

The trial of Mrs. Wharton, charged with poisoning General Ketchum while on a visit at her residence in Baltimore, has been in progress at Annapolis for two weeks past. The evidence for the prosecution has been very tedious, and is scarcely yet completed. It has consisted largely of the testimony of physicians and chemists, in relation to the alleged discovery of tartar emetic in fatal quantities in drinks prepared for the General by Mrs. Wharton.

If you are in need of over coats go to Fried's.

Peters' Musical Monthly for January comes to us in a new dress. It is printed on thicker paper, and is in every respect superior to its many predecessors. The selections are evidently made with great care, and it is really wonderful how few poor pieces appear among the hundreds that are given. Volume IX. commences with the January number. Price, 30 cents; or \$3 per year. The publisher offers six back numbers for \$1, and we advise all our Musical readers to take advantage of the offer. Address, J. L. Peters, 599 Broadway, New York.

If you want to get a pair of genuine French Calf Boots, hand sewed go to Fried's.

There is very little apparent change in the sanitary condition of Philadelphia. The total number of deaths reported to the Board of Health last week was 512, of which 211 were from small-pox. Although this is a slight increase over the week preceding, there is no perceptible alarm, and everything goes on much as usual. People in the city have grown accustomed to the presence of the epidemic, and there is really no cause for apprehension on the part of any one, especially when the precaution or vaccination has been recently applied.

The best assortment of Ladies and Misses shoes at Fried's.

Juryman.—At the convening of court, in Montgomery county, recently, nine jury-men out of the number impaneled for the week, failed to respond by their names when called by the clerk. Judge Ross imposed a fine of ten dollars upon each absent juror, which each would be compelled to pay unless reasonable cause for absence be assigned. This course upon the part of the court is, no doubt, very proper and necessary, for if persons were permitted to disregard their duty in this respect, it would be very difficult, if not eventually impossible to conduct our courts of justice and to protect society.

Go to Fried's for genuine Fur caps, gloves and collars.

We learn that Geo. L. Walker Esq., the indefatigable real estate agent, of East Stroudsburg, has sold his interest in the business, to his partner, Wilson Pierson, Esq. Mr. P. has taken in as partner a Mr. Stillman, of Philadelphia, and the Agency will hereafter be carried on under the firm name of Pierson & Stillman, who will give their undivided attention to the interests of all who entrust business to them. Mr. Pierson has resided in East Stroudsburg for some time, and is well known as a prompt, reliable business man, and as his partner comes among us well recommended, we think our public may safely trust business to their hands.

The best assortment of ready-made cloth in Stroudsburg, can be had at Fried's, go there without fail and you will be satisfied.

The undersigned begs leave to inform the Citizens of Monroe county and vicinity, that he has disposed of his entire interest in the Real Estate business, to his late partner, Wilson Pierson, for whom he solicits a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed on him heretofore. GEO. L. WALKER. dec. 14, '71-tf.]

The undersigned beg leave to inform the citizens of Monroe county and vicinity, that they have entered into co-partnership, for the purpose of buying and selling REAL ESTATE, as successors to the late firm of Geo. L. Walker & Co., and respectfully solicit the continuance of the patronage extended to the former firm. WILSON PIERSON, THOS. STILLMAN, dec. 14, '71-tf.]

Four Montrose fishermen, one day last week, caught 115 pickerel through the ice at Montrose Depot.

Fernandina, Fla., has ripe straw berries.

MISCELLANEOUS.

They have a man in Pottsville who eats mice at a lunch.

There is fine sleighing in Eastern Maine.

Providence consumes annually 2,069,437 gallons of milk.

Baker City, Oregon, has cast a gold brick worth \$7,600.

Cincinnati drinks beer to the amount of \$6,699,000 per annum.

Hon. William H. Seward is reported to be very low from a stroke of paralysis.

Governor Geary announces that the State debt has been reduced \$2,181,590.17 during the fiscal year.

Corn in Central Illinois selling for 30 cents a bushel, oats for 35 cents and rye for 50 cents.

The temperance men of the State are organized to besiege the Legislature for prohibitory laws.

Oil strikes are exciting the people of Pithole, and new wells are being opened every day.

A new brick and stone theatre will be opened in Chicago, Christmas eve. It will hold 1,200 persons.

The loss of life by the Chicago fire will probably not exceed 200, including all those now missing.

There are three towns in Massachusetts over sixty years old which never have had a building burn down.

Returns received at the Agricultural Bureau indicate that the cotton crop will yield three and one third million bales.

There is now living in Williamsport, Vt., a lady, aged eighty-four years, who has had thirty-three children of her own. She has been three times married.

The Chicago Post says the bell worn by the cow that kicked over the lamp that set fire to Chicago is on exhibition in that city in sixty-one different places.

They do the marriage business by wholesale in Bradford county. Eight couples were united by one ceremony in Towanda, one day last week.

It is said that two young ladies were recently caught jumping over a stick in a down-town back yard the other day.—When asked what it meant, they said they were "practicing for leap year."

The Abilene (Kansas) Chronicle says cattle shipping is about over. Since the tenth of May 1888 carloads, or 35,784 head of cattle, have been shipped at that point.

A man who "ordered everything on the bill of fare" at a Syracuse hotel, was shortly astonished to behold approaching him fourteen waiters in single file, bearing one thousand and twenty-four dishes.

An Iowa merchant sent a dunning letter to a man, who replied by return mail: "You say you are holding my note yet. Just keep holding on to it, and if you find your hands slipping, spit on them and try it again. Yours affectionately."

The cold weather of last week through out Pennsylvania is represented by our exchequer as having been intensely severe, and a number of cattle in different localities were frozen to death in their stalls.

Alexis is expected to reach Chicago on the 29th inst., and General Sheridan has invited him to participate in a buffalo hunt, and, to enhance the interest of the occasion, one thousand Sioux Indians are to be on hand.

Some astounding developments have just been made relative to the New York city voucher theft. Several of the parties who are implicated having fled to Europe warrants were sent after them, and there is a probability of their arrest.

One of the men who recently robbed the Southern Express Company, at Union City, Tenn., while being taken there for trial, in custody of a detective, yesterday, attempted to escape by jumping from a steambot, but being unable to swim ashore was drowned.

Col. Dickes' California mustang mare Kate, trotted twenty miles over a heavy track in fifty nine minutes and thirty seconds, in San Francisco, last week. Her owner then offered to wager \$1,000 that she could trot another mile immediately inside of 2:55, but there were no takers.

Miss Mary H. Graves was on Thursday last ordained as pastor of the Unitarian Church in Mansfield, Mass. Miss Graves is the first of her sex to enter the Unitarian ministry Massachusetts, and the second in the whole denomination, Mrs. Celia Burleigh being the first.

On the 25th ult., one hundred and eight cases of cabinet work were shipped to Glasgow, from New York, on the steamer India; fourteen packages of furniture were shipped to Jamaica, one case of furniture to Tompica, and four rolls of matting to Paris.

A colony of 1000 persons is now on its way to Western Minnesota from New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana. A large number of thrifty emigrants from Scotland have lately moved there, also taking with them their flock of thorough-bred cattle. They intend to undertake stock raising on a large scale.

Eight men attacked the jailer at New Brunswick, New Jersey, on Sunday night, and attempted to get into the jail, apparently for the purpose of liberating a bank robber who is incarcerated there. After a severe struggle the assailants fled, evidently fearing capture, as aid was summoned by the attacked party.

The whale lately captured in the vicinity of Boston, is now moored to a wharf at Hartford, Conn., and is daily visited by curious persons, who pay twenty-five cents a head. The monster is about 80 feet long, girls 60 feet, his jaw is about 18 feet long, and it is estimated that he will yield about 100 barrels of oil when cut up.

Two thousand and seventy dollars was the price awarded Mrs. Peter Stouffer by a jury in Westmoreland county for her husband, who lost his life by falling through a defective township bridge.

Farmers would do well to place strong locks and bolts on their doors and windows, as burglars are prowling in all parts of the rural districts, committing many bold robberies.

Dr. Willard Parker, of New York, stated recently that one third of all the deaths in New York were the result, directly or indirectly, of the use of alcohol, and in the last thirty-eight years 190,000 persons in the city have died from its use.

To CUT GLASS.—Any had steel tool, says the Boston Journal of Chemistry, will cut glass with facility when kept freely wet with camphor dissolved in turpentine. The ragged edge of glass may also be thus smoothed with a flat file.

An invitation has been extended to the Grand Duke, Alexis, by Hon. Asa Packard and others, to have him visit the Lehigh Valley. His Royal Highness has accepted the invitation. The "handsomest girl in Mauch Chunk" is in a "flutter."

A boy in Cambridge was recently excused from school to attend a funeral, but the truant was found by an officer soon after, witnessing a game of base ball, and upon being asked why he did not go to the funeral, said that he would when the man died, but he wasn't dead yet.

Some Michigan boys, feeling the need of wholesome recreation, stuffed a suit of clothes with straw and buried it; killed a couple of chickens and strewed the blood around the grave, and trampled the ground so that it gave evidence of a fearful struggle. The horrified citizens soon discovered the grave, summoned the coroner, had a jury impaneled, dug up the body, and—adjourned in a hurry.

A new disease is said to have broken out in certain parts of North Carolina, which is terrible in its character and of ten fatal in its results. The symptoms are exactly similar to those of yellow fever, and the patients suffer almost as much as with the latter disease. It is not thought to be epidemic, but to result from severe malarial causes.

The canvass among the friends of the several candidates for Governor of Pennsylvania grows more interesting as the time approaches to elect delegates to the nominating conventions. On the part of the Republicans it is very generally conceded that the choice lays between Hartranft, Ketchum, White, Coleman and Jordan. The latter is comparatively new in the field.

It has been decided, in conformity with the decision of the Supreme Court, to refund the income tax paid on their salaries by Judges of the State Courts. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has been directed to transmit to the Fifth Auditor proper proof, to enable that officer to report the amount due to each Judge.

Delegate Hooper of Utah will return home this week. He expresses himself in favor of the adoption by the people of Utah, preliminary to the admission of their Territory as a State, of such a constitution as will be acceptable to Congress. A bill was introduced at the last session of Congress for the admission of Utah, on condition that polygamy shall cease.

The New Hampshire Democratic State Convention met last Wednesday and re-nominated Governor Weston. The platform adopted pledges obedience to the Constitution; opposes privileged classes and privileged capital; demands a tariff "for the necessary expenses of the Federal Government," not for the benefit of monopolists; denounces the establishment of martial law at the South, and advocates reform in the civil service.

During the year ending Sept. 30, 1871, there were admitted into the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital, at Harrisburg, 103 males, 103 females; total, 206. Discharged for the same period, 95 males; 95 females; 190. Restored, 37; improved, 37; stationary, 85; died, 31.

Number in the Hospital, September 30, 1871, 450; males, 231; females, 219. Whole number under treatment during the year, 640.

Fifteen thousand women have signified to Congress their unwillingness to have the responsibilities of suffrage thrust upon them. Their memorial against woman suffrage was presented last Thursday to the Senate by Mr. Buckingham. The protest is said to contain the names of many of the most respectable, talented, and influential ladies of the different States. Over 1,500 of the signers to the paper live in Connecticut.

The Houston county (Miss) Democrat confirms the statement that a man at Spring Grove, in that county, is turning into stone. His name is Harmon Silverson. He is completely petrified in all his limbs and body—the only exception being a portion about the mouth, throat and eyes. He has a good appetite, eats and prays day and night for the Lord to deliver him from this terrible affliction. He is perfectly helpless. The process of petrification commenced some time last spring in his feet and knees, since which time it has gradually increased.

A committee appointed on Saturday by Secretary Boutwell has examined all the books, accounts and moneys in the U. S. Treasurer's office, except the sealed packages in the vaults, which represent \$80,000,000 of securities. All the accounts, with two exceptions, were found to tally exactly with the money each officer is responsible for. The exceptions were, the account of one teller was \$30 in his favor, that of another, 20 cents short. The Marden and Johnson "defalcations" were found to be about the sum first stated, \$32,000.

Odd Fellow's Semi-Centennial.

The fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Odd Fellowship in the State of Pennsylvania, occurring on Tuesday, December 26, will be celebrated on that evening by the pioneer lodge of the State, Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, by a regal festival at Musical Fund Hall, in Philadelphia. The occasion promises to be a joyous one, every exertion to that end being made by the board of managers.

A Liberal Proposition.

Hon. Andrew Stewart, of Fayette county, a venerable ex Member of Congress, and widely known as "Tariff Andy," proposes to give ten or fifteen thousand dollars as the basis of a fund, the interest of which is to go to deserving children of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home when they leave the institutions; and when all these children are provided for, the income to go to other poor children. The proposition is a very meritorious one.

Propagating Cabbage from Beds.

A Cor. of the Pacific Rural Press says:—"Take a large head of cabbage, strip off the outer leaf, and slip off the bud found at the root of the leaf. Take this bud and simply set it in rich dirt, like any other plant. The result will be a fine growth of early cabbage plants with heads larger and sounder than can be raised in the ordinary way."

No More Swearing.

The people of Newport, Perry county, are determined to have the act forbidding the use of profane swearing enforced.—The constable of that ancient borough arrests all those guilty, and the first person who was unfortunate enough to fall into the clutches of the constable on this charge, was the Sheriff of the county, who paid the fine and was discharged. In a short time we expect to see the borough of Newport a model of morality; for, having commenced the enforcement of this act, they must continue it, or the arrest of the Sheriff will seem to have been made more from spite than from a regard for the law.

Fire in Honesdale.

HONESDALE, Pa., Dec. 12.—Between one and two o'clock this afternoon, a fire was discovered in the cellar of a store occupied by Hartley and Rogers (hardware). The flames soon spread to Holmes' wholesale and retail floor and tea store, Brady's drug store and Scott's boot and shoe store. They were all burned, together with a barn belonging to R. W. Kiple, in the rear of Holmes' and Hartley & Rogers'. They saved little or nothing. The building adjoining, occupied by Durland & Torrey, boot and shoe manufactory, was slightly damaged by the fire, but the stock was saved. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Lutherans on Intemperance.

The Allegheny Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which met in Altoona, Pa., on the sixth of Sept., passed the following temperance resolution: Resolved, That any member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church within the bounds of this Synod, who shall engage in the manufacture, sale or use of (as a beverage) intoxicating, spiritous or malt liquors, wine [foreign or domestic] or cider, shall be considered guilty of a violation of one of the cardinal principles of the Christian religion, and on refusing to desist, shall be amenable to the church council, and may be admonished, suspended or expelled at their discretion.

A most romantic, villainous and successful swindle has just been perpetrated at Fairport, near Rochester, New York, in which a widow and her young, charming daughter were victims. The heartless scoundrel—whose name is Beeb, a lawyer of New York—who perpetrated the swindle got himself appointed guardian of the daughter, by promising to marry the mother; succeeded in getting the widow's share of \$30,000 deeded to himself, secretly married the daughter, who is but fourteen years old, incarcerated her in a convent, disposed of all the property and disappeared. Investigation into the matter disclosed the fact that the swindler was a bigamist as he had a wife and ad three children living in New York.

A gentleman who arrived in Kansas City on Saturday reports that on the Sunday previous the following terrible affair had occurred in Saline county, Kansas: A party of emigrants with their families were passing through the county westward, when the weather became so cold that they concluded to camp and light a fire. They were on a piece of high prairie, several miles from any house, but three miles from them was a piece of timber land. After unhitching their teams, the men started for this timber to procure fuel. Not returning for several hours, the women left their children and started to hunt for them. This is all that is known, save that the next day the frozen bodies of seventeen persons who had perished from the intense cold were found. The children who were left in the wagons were the only survivors of the party.

How to Cook Ham.

The Turf, Field and Farm:—The late General Winfield Scott, and acknowledged authority in the culinary art, was of the opinion that few cooks knew how to cook a ham, because they did not boil it until soft enough to be eaten with a spoon! A great artist once told the writer never to serve a ham under one year old; it was then to be soaked all night in soft water, and if possible, running water; it was then to be put on the fire in a large pot of cold water, and slowly boiled at least twenty minutes for every pound it might weigh; and as for skinning a ham, he held it to be an outrage, a sacrifice of quality to mere appearances, which no sensible man should be guilty of. If your ham is to be served cold, as is always done in Europe, it should be soaked in snow or ice-water immediately after coming from the pot because the sudden cold arrests the flow and escape of the juices.