



WAR IN EUROPE.—The late accounts from Europe are warlike. There has already been a slight skirmish between the Prussian and Austrian troops.

Dr. Wm. H. CHANDALL, who was tried at Bloomsburg last week for the murder of Miss Elizabeth Smith, by the administration of medicines for unlawful purposes, has been found not guilty.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives: Being suddenly called, in the midst of the last session of Congress, by a painful dispensation of Divine Providence, to the responsibility of this office, I have felt it my duty to address you in person.

Nations, like individuals in a state of nature, are equal and independent, possessing certain rights, and owing certain duties to each other, arising from their necessary and unavoidable relations; which rights and duties there is no common human authority to create or enforce.

Among the acknowledged rights of nations is that, which each possesses of establishing that form of government which it may deem the conducive to its happiness and prosperity of its own citizens; or changing that form, as circumstances may require; and of managing its internal affairs according to its own will.

The Evening Bulletin, the only afternoon daily published in Philadelphia, appears in an entire new dress of type. The Bulletin is one of the best conducted and most interesting papers published in the city.

The Philadelphia Ledger is again out in a new suit of type—the second this year. Rather extravagant. But its ramifications are so extensive and numerous, (about 40,000 daily) that a new dress wears out in a few months.

OYSTERS.—Who does not love good oysters? There are few indeed that are not fond of these bivalve testaceous fish. We know some individuals who look upon them as equal to half of all the other comforts of life, and would deem existence almost a blank without them.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK FOR JANUARY 1851. Most heartily and with the utmost sincerity can we speak of Godey's Lady's Book in terms of the highest commendation. The present number stands unequalled and is undoubtedly the finest specimen of a periodical ever got up in America.

Another important feature in the Lady's Book is, that it is a thoroughly American work. In getting up the book, Mr. Godey employs no less than one hundred and fifty females, some of whom have earned a handsome competence through the employment afforded by Mr. Godey's work, which is in more sense than one, the Lady's Book.

An OFFER.—We will agree to furnish those who wish to subscribe, with the Lady's Book and the American, for one year, for \$3 75 in advance.

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