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WM. MCARTY, BOOKSELLER, Market Street, SUNBURY, PA. JUST received and for sale, a fresh supply of EVANGELICAL MUSIC.

PHILIP SHAY, Northumberland, Oct. 16, 1852.—If.

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HAND BILLS neatly printed on new type promptly executed at this office. Also blanks of all kinds on superior paper. Sunbury, Feb. 14, 1852.

SELECT POETRY.

THE LOVERS.

There was a candle maker man, And he was very old, For it was thirty years or more Since he began to mould.

So when the shades of night were spread He round the house would hover, And though he was no warrior, yet He was a nightly lover.

Oh! maiden, maiden, could you now Your lover's plight to see, You'd go, for to see him, could I hate, For he would be will be.

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Miscellaneous Matter.

From the Minutes Republicanism, of Mexico, October 6. COMBAT OF HALF AN HOUR'S DURATION BETWEEN ONE AND ELEVEN ROBBERS ON HORSEBACK.

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it. On seeing this, Speyers becomes still more excited, and exclaims: "Since you are all cowards, I shall defend myself alone—remain where you are."

Meantime the highwaymen were crying, "he is loading again; fire, fire!" and they poured in the coach a deluge of bullets, which respected the valiant Speyers. The landlord, however, loses no time; seizing a firm hold of his revolver he darts forward in pursuit of the eleven robbers, who, on seeing him, leap over the wide trench on one side of the road, there to reload their weapons.

But their only answer is a shower of bullets and slugs, which whistle around the undaunted Speyers. He replies by a discharge of four barrels, that prove ineffective, in consequence of the incessant movement of the horses preventing his aiming with any approach to certainty.

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