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THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends, and the public generally, that he has opened the "Lawrence House" and will do his best endeavors to please the public.
SAMUEL THOMPSON.
Sunbury Feb. 26, 1853.—tf.

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Where they always keep on hand a large stock of every variety of Hardware, Cutlery, &c.
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WHERE may be found the largest and best selected stock in the City.
COUNTRY PURCHASERS may here be accommodated without the inconvenience of looking further, and may be assured that they will receive the advantage of their money.
BURTON & LANING,
124 ARCH Street, above Sixth, Philadelphia.
March, 12, 1853.—3m.

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or Singing Schools. He is also opening at this time, a large assortment of Books, in every branch of Literature, consisting of
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February, 21, 1852.—tf.

Lycoming Mutual Insurance Company.
DR. J. B. MASSER is the local agent for the above Insurance Company, in Northumberland county, and is at all times ready to effect Insurances against fire on real or personal property, or renewing policies for the same.
Sunbury, April 26, 1851.—tf.

CHAIN PUMPS.—A small number of these excellent pumps have been received and are offered for sale by
H. B. MASSER.
Sunbury, Nov. 6, 1852.—

EMERSON'S ARITHEMETIC Nos. 1, 2 3, and Porter's Rhetorical Reader, just received and for sale by WM. McCARTY.
Sunbury, May 1, 1851.-

GEORGE W. ZIMERMAN,
VENITIAN BLIND MANUFACTURER,
No. 61 Arch Street, four doors above Second,
PHILADELPHIA,
CONSTANTLY ON HAND A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF
BLINDS,
Which for style of finish and workmanship cannot be surpassed. Wholesale and Retail at the lowest prices. Also—TRANSPARENT WINDOW SHADES AND REED BLINDS
WHOLESALE, AT MANUFACTURERS' PRICES.
☞ MERCHANTS and others are invited to call and examine.
Philadelphia, August 21, 1852.—1y.

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SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,
consisting in part of
Dry Goods, viz:
Cloths, Cassimers Cassinets, Jeans, Drillings, Muslins, Vestings, Linens, &c.
LADIES DRESS AND FANCY GOODS,
Calicoes, Muslin de Leios, Lawns, Ginghams, Berages, Robes, &c.
GROCERIES,
Sugar, Teas, Coffee, Rice, Molasses, Cheese, Spices, Fish, Salt, &c., &c., &c.
Hardware,
Nails, Screws, Files, Saws, Knives & Forks, &c.
Queensware,
of various styles and patterns,
BOOTS AND SHOES,
A large assortment of Boots and Shoes, for men, women and children.
HATS CAPS, &c., of various sizes and styles.
Besides a large and general assortment of fashionable goods. Call and examine for yourselves.
☞ Country produce of all Kinds taken in exhange at the highest market prices.
Sunbury, 4 mo. 30, 1853.

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The great reputation and success of this apparatus, its ease, comfort, and the support it affords by wearing it, have combined to give it a most extensive sale in all parts of the States. Ladies will apply only to *MRS. BETTS*, and Merchants to *JAMES BETTS*, Wholesale Agent, 321 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, or to her Agents.
Phila., April 30, 1853.—1m.

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J. W. BRADLEY,
No. 48 North Fourth Street, Philadelphia.
Phila., April 30, 1853.—6t.

Centre Turnpike Road.

THE Stockholders are hereby notified that an Election for officers to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the House of William Strecter in Northumberland, on Wednesday, the 6th day of June, between the hours of 10 A. M., and 3 P. M.

J. R. PRIESTLEY,
President.

April 30, 1853.—6t.

ORDER OF DISTRIBUTION.

THE Judgment creditors are hereby notified that the monies arising upon the sale of Real Estate of Henry Wilhelm will be distributed according to priority of Liens, on MONDAY, the 23d day of May, 1853.—

JAMES BEARD, Proth'y.

Prothonotary's Office.
Sunbury, April 30, 1853.—3t.

BARREL CHURNS, Cedar and painted Buckets and Water Cans, Willow Baskets and children's Willow Coaches, just received and for sale by I. W. TENER & CO.
Sunbury, April 30, 1853.

SPORTSMEN.—A lot of double and single barreled guns for sale by I. W. TENER & CO.
Sunbury Apl 30, '53.

ANOTHER REVOLUTION
In the Dry Goods Business.
J. F. & I. F. KLINE,
RESPECTFULLY announce to their friends and the public in general, that they have taken the Old Stand in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, Pa., formerly occupied by Isaac Campbell, & Co., and have just returned from Philadelphia, and opened
A New and Splendid Assortment of
SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,
Consisting in part of Cloths, Cassimers, Sattinetts, Linens, Checks, and all kinds of Summer Wear.
Also a splendid assortment of
Ladies Dress Goods,
Calicoes, Ginghams, Lawns, Berage de Laines, Alpaccas and Shawls.
Also a fresh supply of Groceries of all kinds,
Hardware and Queensware, Drugs and Medicines.
Also a large assortment of Boots and Shoes, suitable for Men, Women and Children. Hats and Caps, such as Panama, Straw, Palm-leaf and other Hats. Salt, Cheese, &c. Call and See.
Cheaper than the Cheapest,
All of which will be sold for cash, or in exchange for country produce, at the highest market price.
Upper Augusta, April 30, 1853.

C. S. WEISER, M. D.
HAVING located himself permanantly in Sunbury, offers his professional services to the Town and Country, office, corner of Deer and Market streets (formerly telegraph office,) where he may be found unless professionally engaged.
Sunbury, April 30, 1853.—6m.

For Sale.
500 BUSHELS OF POTATOES by the subscriber.
CHARLES CAWLEY.
Dry Valley, March 16, 1853.—

SPRING MILLINERY GOODS.
JOHN STONE & SONS,
IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN
French Millinery Goods,
No. 45 South Second Street,
PHILADELPHIA.
HAVING received by late arrivals a large and well selected assortment of
SPRING MILLINERY GOODS,
are now prepared to offer their customers, at the lowest market prices -
Glace Silks for Bonnets,
Fancy Bonnet and Cap Ribbons,
French and American Artificial Flowers,
Crapes, all colors,
Fancy Nets and Laces,
Together with every article appertaining to the Millinery trade.
March 12, 1853.—2m.

Wood & Willow Ware.
20,000 Fancy Corn Brooms,
1,500 Doz. Buckets, Assorted Colors,
600 Nests Cedar Wash Tubs,
800 Cedar Churns.
500 Doz. Willow Baskets,
300 Doz. Wall and Scrub Brushes, &c., &c.
The largest Stock ever offered in Philadelphia, and the cheapest in the world. Orders promptly filled.
M. & J. M. ROWE.
No. 111 North Third Street, Philadelphia.
March 12, 1853.—3m.

Gas Fixtures & Lamps.
HENDRICK, HORNING & BROTHER,
No. 221 North 2nd st. above Vine,
PHILADELPHIA.
HAVING had many years practical EXPERIENCE in the business and as all work sold by us is manufactured under our immediate supervision we are enabled to offer to purchasers superior articles in every branch of our trade upon the most favorable terms. At our store may be found in every variety and style of finish—Gas and Lamp Chandeliers, Pendants, Side Brackets for Halls, Churches, &c., THE IMPROVED PINE OIL LAMP, Also, Fluid, Lard and Oil Lamps, Seriandoles, Boquer holders, Parlor, Night and Reading Lamps on hand. Lamp Glasses, Globes, Wick Shades, &c.
All work warranted or no sale.
Factory No. 86 Noble street near 4th.
Remember Store 221st 2nd street, next door to J. Stewart Depuy's Carpet store.
Phila., April 2, 1853.—3m.

Mann's Establishment
25 *South Sixth Street,*
Philadelphia.
For the Manufacture and sale of
Patent Letter Copying Presses,
Patent METALLIC DAMPENERS, Brushes, Oil Papers, Blotting Boards, Copying Ink, &c. Patent Parchment Paper,
LETTER COPYING BOOKS,
Superior to all others, and each page printed.
PATENT LETTER BINDER,
A most valuable invention for keeping in a book-like form, Letters received, Original Invoices, &c.
Phila., April 9, 1853.—1y.

MACKEREL, CODFISH, SALMON, PORK, HAMS & SIDES, SHOULDERS, LARD & CHEESE, } Constantly on hand and for sale by J. PALMER & Co., Market Street Wharf Philadelphia.
Phila., April 23, 1853.—3m.

OIL WINDOW SHADES, Leather Trunks, Valises and Carpet Bags, just received and for sale by I. W. TENER & CO.
Sunbury, April 30, 1853

LATE ARRIVAL OF CHEAP
Spring and Summer Goods.
FRILING & GRANT.
RESPECTFULLY inform their customers and the public, that they have just received and opened the best and cheapest stock of
Spring and Summer Goods,
at their store in Market square, Sunbury.
Their stock consists of every variety of
Dry Goods, viz:
Cloths, Cassimeres, Sattinets, Vestings, Flannels, Woltens, &c.,
And all kinds of Spring & Summer Wear.
Also a splendid variety of
LADIES DRESS & FANCY GOODS,
Calicoes, Ginghams, Chintzes, De Laines, Berages,
And every variety of goods suitable for Ladies wear.
Also an extensive assortment of
HATS AND CAPS FOR MEN AND BOYS.
Also a large assortment of GROCERIES,
SUCH AS
Sugar, Teas, Coffee, Molasses, Spices of all kinds.
Also a large assortment of
HARDWARE and QUEENSWARE,
Fish, Salt and Plaster.
Also a fresh supply of
DRUGS AND MEDICINES.
Besides the largest and most general assortment of all kinds of goods to be had in this place.
☞ Country produce of all kinds taken in exchange at the highest market price.
Sunbury, April 30, 1853.

NOTICE
To Merchants, Travellers and Others
Throughout the United States,
Alexander L. Hickey & Co.,
THE GREAT WORLD'S FAIR PRIZE MEDAL
TRUNK MANUFACTORY,
No. 148 Chesnut Street, (Front of Jones' Hotel)
Philadelphia.
ARE now prepared to exhibit to the Merchants and Travellers one of the largest and most improved solid Sole Leather Spring Trunks ever offered for sale in this city, together with a general assortment of every kind of Trunk which can possibly be imagined, ranging in price from two to thirty dollars. Also, a splendid assortment of Ladies' Dress Trunks, Bonnet Boxes, Travelling Satchels, Valise Trunks, Carpet and Leather Bags, Hand Coaches, Gigs, &c., &c., all of which we are prepared to sell at reduced prices. We respectfully invite a call from the Merchant or Traveller to examine our extensive assortment before purchasing elsewhere.
ALEX. L. HICKEY & CO.,
No. 148 Chesnut Street.
Phila., April 9, 1853.—6m.

COME AND SEE
The New and Splendid assortment of
SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS
Just received and for sale by
Sunbury Apl 30, '53. I. W. TENER & CO.

CHEAP WATCHES, JEWELRY AND
SILVER WARE, Wholesale and Retail at No. 72 N. SECOND ST., opposite the Mt. Vernon House. Gold Lever Watches, full jeweled, 18 k. cases, $28,00; Silver Levers, full jeweled, $12,00; Silver Lepines, jeweled, $9,00—all warranted to keep good time. Gold Pens and Silver Cases, $1,00; Gold Pencils, $1,00; Gold Pencils and Pen Cases with good Gold Pencils for as $1,25, &c.
Also, always on hand a good assortment of fine gold Jewelry, Gold Chain, Guard and Fob Chains, Gold Vest Chains, Ladies' Gold Fob Chains and Belt Pins.
Silver Table Spoons from $14 to $18. Dessert, $9 to $21, and Tea, $4,75 to $6,50 per set, warranted equal to coin. All goods warranted to be what they are sold for.
☞ Watches and Jewelry repaired and warranted.
☞ All orders sent by mail or otherwise, will be punctually attended to.
M. AYISE, Agent.
No. 72 North SECOND Street, opposite the Mt. Vernon House.
Phila., April 23, 1853.—1y.

FAIRBANKS'
Platform Scales,

Long known—Severely tested—Always right—The Acknowledged Standard.
Railroad, Hay, Coal, and Farmers' *SCALES*, set in any part of the country, at short notice.
AGENTS.—GEO. W. COLBY,
240 Market st., Philadelphia,
E. Y. Bright, Sunbury.
Phila., April 23, 1853.—

THE CHEAPEST, THE NEATEST AND THE BEST.
Excellence and Beauty combined,
BLAYLOCK'S
Model Spring Style Hats,
UNEQUALLED by any others in all that can render satisfaction to the Wearer.—Give them a trial. The Very Finest MOLESKIN HATS for 3,50; Second Quality, very fine, 3,00 Third Quality, a capital article, 2,50. All these are warranted.
Model Hat Store, No. 46 North 8th Street. Philadelphia,
Phila., April 9, 1853.—6m.

DENTISTRY.
DR. A. VALLERCHAMP, Dentist, would respectfully announce to the inhabitants of Sunbury and the surrounding country, that he has taken rooms at the Lawrence House, kept by Mr. Samuel Thompson, where he will be happy to attend to all calls in the line of his profession. All operations or Mechanical work warranted to answer all the useful and ornamental purposes of the art.
Sunbury, April 23, 1853.—3t.

JUST RECEIVED a Splendid assortment of Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes, for sale by
Sunbury Apl 30, '53. I. W. TENER & CO.

CARPETS, Oil Cloth, Matting, Door Mats, and Carpet Chain for sale by
Sunbury, Apl 30, '53. I. W. TENER & CO.

DRIED BEEF, Hams and Shoulders, just received and for sale by
Sunbury Apl 30, '53. I. W. TENER & CO.

MACKEREL, Salmon and Herring, just received and for sale by
Sunbury Apl 30, '53. I. W. TENER, & CO.

WRITING FLUID and self sealing Envelopes, just received and for sale by
April 19, 1851.— H. B. MASSER.

BLANK NOTES, waiving the exemption law of $300, for sale by
April 26, 1851.— H. B. MASSER.

BLANKS.
BLANKS of every description can be had by applying at the office of the American.

FEE BILLS.—Justices and Constables Fee Bills handsomely printed on card paper for sale at this office.

SELECT POETRY.

GENTLE SMILES.

The sweet young flowers of early spring,
Are beautiful to me,
And bright the many stars that shine
Upon the calm blue sea;
But gentle smiles and loving hearts
And hands to clasp my own,
Are better than the brightest flow'rs,
Or stars that ever shone.

The sun may warm the grass to life—
The dews the drooping flow'r,
And eyes grow bright, and watch the light
Of autumn's opening hour:
But gentle smiles of tenderness,
And smiles we know are true,
Are warmer than the summer time,
And brighter than the dew.

Miscellaneous Matter.

A GAME AT CARDS.

BY CHARLES HAND.

The following narrative—a true one—describes a scene that actually took place not many years since, in a country town in the State of Maine.

One evening in the month of December, 1834, a number of townsmen had assembled in the store of a Mr. Thomas Putnam, to talk over 'matters and things'—smoke—drink—and in short do anything to 'kill time.'

Three hours had thus passed away. They had laughed, and talked, and drank, and chatted, and had a good time, generally, so that about the usual hour of shutting up shop, each of the party felt particularly first-rate.

'Come,' said Charles Hatch—one of the company—'let's all liquor, and then have a game of high, low Jack!'

'So I say,' exclaimed another, 'who's got the cards?'

'Fetch on your keerds,' drawled out a third, his eyes half closed through the effects of the liquor he had drank.

After drinking all around, an old pine table was drawn up before the fire-place, where burned brightly a large fire of hemlock logs, which would snap and crack—throwing large live coals out upon the hearth.

All drew up round the table, seating themselves on whatever came handiest.—Four of them had rolled up to the table some kegs, which from their weight were supposed to contain nails.

'Now,' said Hatch, 'how shall we play—every one for himself?'

'No—have partners,' growled one man.

'No, hang'd if I'll play so,' shouted the former, bringing his fist down upon the table, knocking one candle out of the stick, and another upon the floor.

'Come, come,' said Hatch, 'no quarrelling—all who say for having partners stand up.'

Three arose.

'Now, all who say each one for himself—stand up.'

The remaining four immediately got up.

'You see, Barclay,' said Hatch, 'the majority are against you. Come will you play?'

'Well, as I don't want to be on the opposite side, I'll play, answered Barclay somewhat cooled down.

Mr. Putnam was not in the store that evening, and the clerk, who was busy behind the counter, had taken very little notice of the proceeding. About half past ten, Mr. Putnam thought he would step over to his store and see that everything was safe. As he went in he walked towards the fire.

When within a few steps of where the men were sitting, he started back in horror.

Before him sat seven men, half crazy with drink and the excitement of playing cards. There they were, within a few feet of the fire just described—and four of them seated on kegs of powder!

Barclay—who was a very heavy man—had pressed in the head of the keg on which he sat, bursting the top hoop, and pressing the powder out through the chinks. By the continued motion of their feet the powder had become spread about the floor, and now covered a space of two feet all around them.

Mr. Putnam's first movement was towards the door, but recovering himself, he walked up towards the fire. Should either of them attempt to rise—he thought—and scatter a few grains a little further into the fire-place, where lay a large quantity of live coals!

At that moment Hatch looked up, and seeing Mr. Putnam with his face deadly pale, gazing into the fire, exclaimed;

'Good, God, Putnam, what ails you,' and at the same time made a motion to rise.

'For Heaven's sake, gentlemen do not rise,' said Mr. Putnam. 'Four of you sit on kegs of powder—it is scattered all around—one movement might send you all to eternity. There are two buckets of water behind the bar. But keep your seats for one minute, and you are saved—move, and you are dead men!'

In an instant every man was perfectly sobered—not a limb moved—each seemed paralysed.

In less time than we have taken to describe this thrilling scene, Mr. Putnam had poured the water, and completely saturated the powder on the floor, and extinguished the fire, so that an explosion was impossible. Then, and not till then, was there a word spoken.—*True Flag.*

PHILIP ALLEN has been elected by the legislature of Rhode Island as the successor of John H. Clarke in the United States Senate.

MARY DELANY, charged with the murder of Jacob Shaw, at Pittsburg, has been convicted of manslaughter.

HUMANITY OF ROBERT BRUCE.

Robert Bruce was universally celebrated as a wise and good prince; a circumstance which happened during his retreat from Ireland, shows that he was likewise a kind and humane man. One morning, when the English with their Irish auxiliaries pressed hard upon Bruce, he gave orders to continue a hasty retreat; for a battle with a much more numerous army, and in the midst of a country which favored his enemies, would have been extremely imprudent. On a sudden, just as King Robert was about to mount his horse, he heard a woman shrieking in despair. "What is the matter?" said the king; and he was informed by his attendants, that a poor washer-woman, mother of a new-born infant, was about to be left behind to the enemy, as being too weak to travel. The mother was shrieking for fear of falling into the hands of the Irish, who were accounted very cruel; and as there were no carriages or means of sending her and her infant on in safety, they must needs be abandoned, if the army retreated.

King Robert was silent for a moment, when he heard this story, being divided between compassion for the poor woman's distress, and the consideration of the danger to which a halt would expose his army. At last he looked round to his officers, with eyes that kindled like fire: "Ah, gentlemen!" he exclaimed, "never let it be said that a man who was born of a woman, and nurtured by a woman's tenderness, left a mother and her infant to the mercy of barbarians. In the name of God, let the odds and the risk be what they will, I will fight rather than have these poor creatures left behind me. Let the army, therefore, draw up in a line of battle, instead of retreating."

The story had a singular conclusion; for the English general seeing that Robert Bruce halted and offered him battle, and knowing the Scottish king to be one of the best generals then living, supposed that he must have received some large supply of forces, and was afraid to attack him.—Thus Bruce had an opportunity to send off the poor woman and her child, and to retreat at his leisure, without suffering any inconvenience from the halt.—*Sir Walter Scott.*

MAY MORNING.

Now the bright morning star, day's harbinger,
Comes dancing from the East, and leads with her
The dowry May, from her green lap throws
The yellow cowslips and the pale primerose.
Hail, bountious May! thou dost inspire
Mirth and youth, and fond desire,
Woods and groves are of thy dressing,
Hill and dale doth boast thy blessing
Thus we salute thee with our early song,
And welcome thee, and wish thee long. [MILTON.

THE MURDERER OF RINK.

On Friday last, the Grand Jury presented to the court of Oyer and Terminer, of Philadelphia, "A True Bill," charging Arthur Spring with the murder of RINK, in January last. Accompanying the bill was a statement of the reasons that had induced them to believe Spring to be the murderer. As in all human probability he can never be tried for this offence, the Grand Jury felt it to be their duty to give this statement to the public. It is a carefully prepared and conclusive condensation of the evidence sumitted to them, and must convince the community that the assassin of the unfortunate Rink has at last been discovered. The umbrella found in the store, the evidence of the witnesses who were in the vicinity when the deed was committed. And the statements of Spring himself, can leave no doubt of the fact that it was he who committed the deed. The Jury also ignord the bill against Jerome Feckett, who has been confined some time on suspicion of having committed the murder.

THE number of horses in the city of New York is estimated at 22 540, and their value at $2,495,000. The number of men directly dependent upon the labor of their horses for subsistence is stated at 12,710, while many thousands rely more or less upon them in the transaction of their daily business. In 1825, the proportion of horses was one to every thirty inhabitants; now it is one to every twenty-three, thus showing that the application of steam to machinery, and the different mechanical inventions which have since been made, have not had the effect either of diminishing the value of horse labor, or reducing the number.

OFFICIAL AGES.—The respective ages of the British Cabinet Ministers are as follows:—Lord Lansdowne, 73; Lord Aberdeen and Lord Palmerston, 69; Lord Cranworth, 63; Lord John Russell and Sir James Graham, 61; Sir C. Wood, 53; Mr. Gladstone, 44; Sir W. Molesworth and Mr. Sidney Herbert, 43; Duke of Newcastle, 42; Lord Granville, 39; Duke of Argyll, 30.

THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY.—An anecdote is related by Mr. Hale, of New Hampshire, in one of his Free Soil speeches, to this effect:

"A couple came to me one night, and wished me to join them in wedlock. I consented to perform the ceremony, and said to the man—

"Do you take this woman to be your wedded wife?"

"Certainly," he replied.

"Do you take this man to be your lawful husband?"

"Yes, I do,"

"Then you are man and wife—that's all."

Both looked at me with great astonishment, and the lady asked—

"Is that all?"

"Yes, that's all."

"Well," she remarked, "taint such a mighty affair after all."

'GO NOT IN THE WAY OF SINNERS.'

The following beautiful allegory is translated from the german:

Sophronius, a wise teacher, would not suffer even his own grown up son and daughter to associate with those whose conduct was not pure and upright.

'Dear Father said the gentle Eulalia to him, one day, when he forbade her, in company with her brother, to visit the gentle Lucinda, 'dear father you must think us very childish if you imagine that we should be exposed to danger by it.'

The father took in silence a dead coal from the hearth, and reached to his daughter. 'It will not burn you my child take it.'

Eulalia did so, and behold her beautiful white hand was soiled and blackened and as it chanced her white dress also.

'We cannot be too careful in handling coals, said Eulalia in vexation.

'Yes truly said her father, you see my child, that coals, even if they do not burn, blacken; so it is with the company of the vicious.'

PAINFUL BUT LAUGHABLE.—In Notes of an Army Surgeon, we find the following:

'I remember one day, making my hospital rounds, a patient, just arrived, presented me an amputated fore-arm, and in doing so, could scarcely refrain a broad laugh; the titter was constantly on his face.'

'What is the matter? this does not strike me as the subject of laughter.'

'It is not, doctor, but excuse me, I lost my arm in so funy a way, that I still laugh whenever I look at it.'

'Our first sergeant wanted shaving, and got me to attend to it, as I am a corporal.—We went together in front of his tent; I had lathered him, took him by the nose, and was just about applying the razor, when a cannon ball came, and that was the last I saw of his head and my arm. Excuse me, doctor, for laughing so, but I never saw such a thing before.'

This occurred during the siege of Fort Erie.

THE CINCINNATI NONPAREIL tells the following.—On our upward trip to Dayton on Saturday we noticed in the cars a gentleman and lady seated in close juxtaposition and judging from their conduct, one would imagine that they were exceedingly intimate.—In front of the comfortable pair sat two gentlemen, Editors of two German papers in this city. When near Dayton the train passed through a long dark bridge. Amid the thundering and rattling noise of the cars could be heard a noise, that sounded for all the world like the concussion of lips Such hearty smacks startled all the party. As we emerged into daylight, one of the German Editors slowly drew down his spectacles over his nose, and exclaimed:

"Vel, I thinks dat ish a tam bad bridge. *I hears him crack, one, two, three, four times.*" The lady drew down her veil, and for the remainder of the trip the pair looked mute and quiet.

THE SERENADE.

TRANSLATED FROM UHLAND.

How softly beautiful those tones
That rouse me from my sleep!
Oh, mother, see! Who pours sweet strains
Into the night so deep?

No sound I hear, nor see I ought;
Then slamber on in peace!
All serenades for thee henceforth,
Poor sickly child, must cease!

The music springs not from the earth.
That makes my heart so light;
Angels are summoning me with song—
Oh, mother, dear, good night!

A FORTUNE FOR SOMEBODY.—By the decease, without issue, of a certain Absolom Sharp, late of Mississippi, a very large fortune has fallen to his brothers and sisters, or their heirs, who are supposed to reside in Western Pennsylvania. Besides property in Mississippi, the deceased left an estate in Louisiana, appraised at the sum of $70,000. His brothers were John, Henry and Levi Sharp.

Everett, late Secretary of State, computes that the use of alcoholic beverages costs the United States directly, in ten years, $20,000,000; has burned or otherwise destroyed, $5,000,000 more of property; has destroyed 3,000,000 lives; sent 250,000 to our prisons; and 100,000 children to the poor-house; caused 1,500 murders; 5,000 suicides; and has bequeathed to the country 1,000,000 orphan children.

THE FARMERS of Berks county, at a late meeting of the Agricultural Society, have resolved to contribute a block of native stone, with suitable inscriptions, to the Washington Monument.

A PRINTER was robbed in Boston last week, of implements he uses in his business. What heartless depravity.

WHEN is a candle like a tombstone? When it is set up for a late husband

WHAT throat is best for a singer to reach high notes with? A *soar* throat.

THERE are eighty prisoners in the Penitentiary of the District of Columbia.

IS struggling with misfortunes lies the true proof of virtue.

LEARN to practice self-denial when it will promote the happiness of others.

THE first steamboat from St. Paul, Minnesota this season, arrived at St. Louis last week.

IT is said the U. S. frigate Congress has been ordered to the Philadelphia Navy Yard.