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DOCTOR I. W. HUGHES, OFFICE on Broadway, near the Episcopal Church, Sunbury, May 14, 1853.—

LAWRENCE HOUSE, SUNBURY, PA. 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.

SLAYMAKER & HASLET, Columbia House, Chestnut Street near 7th, PHILADELPHIA. Beard \$1.50 per day. Phila., May 28, 1853.—

Dilworth, Branson & Co. IMPORTERS OF DEALERS IN Foreign and Domestic HARDWARE, CUTLERY, & C No. 59 Market St. 1 door below 2d St, PHILADELPHIA.

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

EVANGELICAL MUSIC or Singing Schools. He is also opening at 414, a large assortment of Books, in every branch of Literature, consisting of Poetry, History, Novels, Romances, Scientific Works, Law, Medicine, School and Children's Books, Bibles; Prayer, Pocket and Family, both with and without Engravings,—and every variety of Binding; School Books, of all kinds.

NOTICE. BANK OF NORTHUMBERLAND, Northumberland, June 25, 1853. The Directors of the Bank of Northumberland give notice that they intend to apply to the next Legislature of this Commonwealth, for a renewal of its charter with the same capital, and with its present title, location and privileges.

FRENCH Cloth, Fanny Vestings, and Casimere just received and for sale by I. W. TENER & CO. Sunbury, April 30, 1853

FRESH Vanilla Bean of a superior quality just received and for sale by H. B. MASSER. June 4, 1853.—

WRITING FLUID and self sealing Envelopes just received and for sale by I. W. TENER & CO. Sunbury, May 14, '53.

UMBRELLAS, Parasols and Fancy Fans, just received and for sale by Sunbury, May 14, '53. TENER & CO.

SELECT POETRY.

MY MOTHER. BY N. P. WILLIS. My mother's voice! How often creeps His cadence on my lonely hours, Like hoarse music on the wings of sleep.

A Story for the Ladies. BY RALPH KINGWOOD. Russel C. was a young mechanic of promising expectations. He had acquired a competent knowledge of his trade, and at the time of which I write had just attained his majority, having "graduated" from his employers shop with the highest honors.

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A NEGRO VETERAN. Few persons, we think, have travelled in Texas who have not heard of Thomas Savoy, alias Black Tom, alias the Special Citizen of Baxal county.

POETRY. WOULD YOU. BY ALFRED WARD. Baby crowing on your knee, While you sing some little ditty, Pulls your hair or thumbs your "ee," Would you think it was a pretty?

A NEW ORLEANS INCIDENT. Let every man who has a comfortable residence to retire to, and who is not compelled to hard labor this season, be thankful to a kind and beneficent Providence.

FASHIONABLE SINS. Among the most fashionable, and far from the least of crimes or peccadilloes, which are daily committed in society—and by these too, who in other respects are almost free from spot or blemish—is that of talking, and talking about other people's affairs.

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absorb, recalling to mind many of them with love-like particularity. Years passed on, and manhood brought with it the usual allotment of cares and perplexities. At length I made up my mind to return home. Then came the thought how I should be received by my old acquaintances.

A TOUCHING LITTLE STORY OF ROMAN ATTACHMENT. Among the great number of persons who were proscribed under the second triumvirate of Rome, were the celebrated Cicero, and his brother Quintus.

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Man is never satisfied with his lot.—The heart demands something more, something higher, something better, whatever blessings it may already enjoy. The scriptural Adam and Eve are typical of the human race. The garden of Eden is ours; we bask in its sunshine; its fragrant flowers are all around us; plentiful fruits invite us to partake of their riches.

REALITIES NEVER CONTENT US. The present is probably as fine a valley as there is in the whole region of life. But the woods are nothing but woods; shady, it is true, and green, but quite ordinary. The streams are excellent, but we would have beds of pearl in place of those deceitful pebbles.

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THE TAKING OF NANKIN—THE HORRORS OF WAR. A letter from Canton, under date of May 2, says that it would be difficult to describe all the barbarities and horrors perpetrated at the taking of Nankin. Of the Turkish garrison, more than 20,000 including the families of the soldiers, women and children, were either put to the sword or committed suicide, it being a point of honor with that singular people, to perish rather than to yield.

THE EMPEROR NICHOLAS. The Baltimore American gives the following description of the Emperor Nicholas of Russia: "The personal appearance of the Emperor and his manners so dignified, and so graceful, struck me at once, and in all my near approaches to his person and his society, these feelings acquired new force."

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STEELIARD WEIGHTS.—Yankee ingenuity has done a great deal in this country, and a little over the water. Spring steelyards are used more or less by every one having anything to sell, but are more used to buy with by those who understand them.

DISCOVERIES IN IRON WORKING. The National Intelligencer says that an important announcement in England, and which is exciting great attention, is a development of new principles in iron metallurgy.

NO PLACE FOR KISSING.—We were much amused by an incident which a friend of ours related to us the other day. A gentleman who had been absent for some time, and who during his absence, had raised a pretty luxuriant crop of whiskers, moustaches, &c., visited a relative, whose child, a little girl of six years, he was very fond of.

FOR LADIES.—A golden rule for a young lady, is to converse always with her female friends as if a gentleman were of the party; and with young men, as if your female companions were present.

CHINESE LANGUAGE.—Who would have thought sixty years ago that the laws of one of the States of the Union, would have to be published in English and Chinese, for general circulation? Yet it is so.