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TERMS OF THE AMERICAN. THE AMERICAN is published every Saturday at TWO DOLLARS per annum...

SELECT POETRY.

A LADY'S HAIR. O, it cost a hundred dollars, And was just the sweetest thing; Perched above a queen of collars...

A Chilling Sketch.

From "Events in Indian History." ADAM POE. About the middle of July, 1782, seven Wyandots crossed the Ohio...

never yet had he felt an embrace like that of Big Foot. He instantly relaxed his hold of the small Indian, who sprang to his feet...

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the stake, and given a milder character to the warfare of the Indians, in that part of the country. Adam Poe recovered of his wounds, and lived many years after this memorable conflict...

On another occasion he said to O'Meara, in the course of a few years Russia will have Constantinople, the greatest part of Turkey, and all Greece. This I hold to be as certain as if it had already taken place.

Once a mistress of Constantinople, Russia gets all the commerce of the Mediterranean, becomes a great naval power, and God knows what may happen. She quarrels with you, marches off to India an army of seventy thousand good soldiers, which to Russia is nothing, and a hundred thousand Cossacks and others, and England loses India.

Some time since (so runs the current narrative) the owner of a thriving mutton pie concern, which, after much difficulty, had succeeded in establishing with borrowed capital, died before he had well extricated himself from the responsibilities of debt.

When the new pie shop was crammed to overflowing, and the principal was below superintending the production of a new batch, in walks the widow's friend, in the costume of a kennel raker, and elbowing his way to the counter, dabs down upon it a brace of hung dead cats, vociferating at the same time, to the astonished darning in attendance...

MR. RODRIGO'S WIFE. We take the following from the Boston Transcript. He had always mingled pleasantly with society at Washington, but the tie which connected him most dearly to America, originated in a singular instance of "love at first sight."

AN ECCENTRIC PREACHER. Murry's "Handbook of South Italy" is just published, and contains some curious stories respecting Fra Rocco, the celebrated Dominican preacher and the spiritual Joe Miller, of Naples.

ANATOMY OF THE TEETH. A nerve, an artery, and a vein, enter the root of every tooth; and all through an opening just large enough to admit a human hair.

A VALUABLE TABLE. The following table will be found very valuable to many of our readers: A box 24 inches by 16 inches square, and 23 inches deep, will contain a barrel, (5 bushels).

MILKING BEARS.—The Freeman's Journal gives the following good one: It appears that for many years past the Deacon had observed the custom of reading daily a chapter from the sacred scriptures to the family, and of making a running extemporaneous commentary upon each particular passage that seemed to require elucidation.

NONSENSE REDUCED BY COMMON SENSE. The following sentiments are from two different nations, though both of one sex: Marriage is to women a state of slavery; it takes from her the right to her own property; and makes her submissive in all things to her husband—Lucy Stone.

NEW ENGLAND WINE. We find that in many localities in Connecticut, wine of excellent quality had been made from native grape within a few years, on a small scale, but in sufficient quantities to test the question, whether good wine can be made from the native grape of this State.

NOBLE LEGISLATION.—The School bill has finally passed the Legislature of Texas. Two millions are set aside as a school fund, the interest on which (\$100,000) to be distributed among the counties according to the number of children of schoolable age.

PUTTSBURG.—There are in Puttsburg and vicinity, it is said, 17 large rolling mills; 12 principal or large foundries; 26 glass manufacturing; 20 engine and machine shops; 3 large cotton factories; 4 large flouring mills, besides some smaller ones; and it is estimated that there are more than 100 steam engines in operation in the city and vicinity, besides those above named.

A WORD TO LITTLE BOYS. Who is respected? It is the boy who conducts himself well, who is honest, diligent, and obedient in all things. It is the boy who is making an effort continually to respect his father, and to obey him in whatever he may direct to be done.

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W. M. ROCKEFELLER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, SUNBURY, PA. Dec. 13, 1851.—if.

M. L. SHINDEL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, SUNBURY, PA. December 4, 1852.—if.

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

N. M. Newman's, Plumber Shop. HAS CONSTANTLY ON HAND A SUPPLY of all sizes of Lead Pipe, Sheet Lead, Black Tin, Bath Tubs, Shower Baths, Hydrants, Hoop, Double and Single Acting Pumps and Water Cisterns; also, all kinds of Brass Cocks for water and steam, Brass Oil Cans, and Globes for Engines. All kinds of Copper Work and Plumbing done in the neatest manner at the shortest notice.

IMPORTANT TO PHYSICIANS AND LADIES. CONFIDENCE can be placed, to the fullest extent, in the use of the Symplicia of Mrs. BERRY of Philadelphia. It is a medicine of great value, and is known of entire relief of ladies from the most intense pain of body and anxiety of mind, arising from a variety of causes...

WM. MCARTY, BOOKSELLER, Market Street, SUNBURY, PA. JUST received and for sale a fresh supply of EVANGELICAL MUSIC for Singing Schools. He is also opening at this time, 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; School, Pocket and Family, both with and without Engravings;—and every variety of Binding. Prayer Books, of all kinds. Also just received and for sale, Pardons Diverge of the laws of Pennsylvania, edition of 1851, price only \$6.00.

Shamokin Town Lots. THIS subscriber is now prepared to exhibit and dispose of Lots in the new Town-Plot of Shamokin. Persons desirous of purchasing can ascertain the terms and conditions of sale by calling on the subscriber, at Shamokin.

LEATHER. FRITZ & HENDRY, Store, 29 N. 3d street, PHILADELPHIA. Morocco Manufacturers, Carriers, Importers, Commission and General Leather Business. WHOLESALE & RETAIL. Manufacturing 19 Margaretta Street, Phila., August 20, 1853.—ly.

MICHAEL TRACY, Wholesale Dealer in Confectionery, Fruits and Groceries, No. 407 MARKET Street, above sixth, south side, next door to Red Lion Hotel, Philadelphia, Phila., Oct. 29, 1853.—3m.

FRESH Vanilla Bean of a superior quality just received and for sale by June 4, 1854.—H. B. MASSER.

INK—Boursen's celebrated ink, and also Conk ink for sale, wholesale and retail by December 28, 1850. H. B. MASSER.

SHOES—All kinds of Boots Shoes and slippers for sale by G. ELSBERG & CO., Market street, opposite the Post Office. Sunbury, Oct. 9, 1852.—

JUSTICES' FEE BILLS. For sale by H. B. MASSER. Sunbury, 1851.—2d