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NEW STORE.
ELIAS EMERICH.

RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Lower Augusta township and the public generally, that he has purchased the Store lately kept by Isaac Martz, in Lower Augusta township near Emerich's Tavern, and has just opened a splendid stock.

Fall and Winter Goods.
His stock consists of Cloths, Casimeres, Cassimeres of all kinds, linen, cotton and Worsted. Also, Calicoes, Ginghams, Lawns, Mouseline De Laines and all kinds of Ladies Dress Goods. GROCERIES, Hardware, Queensware of various styles and patterns.

Also, an assortment of Ready-Made Clothing of all descriptions, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps. SALT FISH, &c., and a variety of other articles such as are suitable for the trade, all of which will be sold at the lowest prices.

Country produce taken in exchange at the highest market prices.

Lower Augusta twp., October 10, 1857.—H. B. MASSER.

PATENT WHEEL GREASE.
THIS Grease is recommended to the notice of all who are engaged in the business of repairing machinery. It is superior to anything of the kind ever introduced. As it does not gum upon the axles—it is much more durable, and is not affected by the weather, remaining the same in summer and in winter, and put up in tin cans of 25 and 75 cents for sale. A. W. FISHER.

MUSIC! MUSIC!
MR. O. KIMBALL, late of Elmira, having become a resident of Sunbury, respectfully informs the citizens and others, that he intends to form a Singing Class, both secular and sacred and will impart instruction to all who may desire to place themselves under his charge.

N. B.—Mrs. O. Kimball is prepared to give instructions to a few more pupils on the Piano Forte.

Sunbury, September 19, 1857.—H. B. MASSER.

New Philadelphia Dry Goods!!
—SHARPLESS BROTHERS,
LATE TOWNSEND SHARPLESS & SON,
HAVE removed to their new store, N. W. corner of Chestnut and 8th streets, and have opened their usual full assortment of Autumn and Winter DRY GOODS, which they offer at very low prices. Their stock includes Shawls, Black and Fancy Silks, Merinos and other Dress Goods, Men's and Boy's Wear, Blankets, Housekeeping Goods, and Goods for "Friends Wear."

Oct. 24, 1857.—6m2c

SUNBURY STEAM FLOURING MILL.
THE subscribers respectfully announce to the public, that their new Steam Flouring Mill in this place, has been completed, and will go into operation on Monday the 31st day of August, inst.

Having engaged a competent and careful Miller, they trust they will be able, with all the modern improvements adopted in their mill, to give entire satisfaction to all who may favor them with their custom.

—SNYDER, RINEHART & HARRISON.
Sunbury, August 29, 1857.—H. B. MASSER.

GILBERT BULSON,
Successor to
J. O. CAMPBELL & CO. AND L. C. IVES.
(Formerly No. 15 North Wharves.)
DEALER IN PRODUCE, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, No. 4 North Wharves, 4th door Market Street, Philadelphia.

Oranges, Apples, Dried Fruits, Butter, Lemons, Onions, Sweet Potatoes, Cheese, Raisins, Tomatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Beans, Pea Nuts, Peaches, Cranberries, Eggs, &c. Orders for Shipping put up with care and dispatch.

—GOODS sold on commission for Farmers and Dealers.
October 24, 1857.—H. B. MASSER.

The 810 and 815 Single and Double Threaded Empire Family Sewing Machines.
AN AGENCY for the sale of these Sewing Machines can be secured on liberal terms for the County of Northumberland. No one need apply without capital sufficient to conduct the business properly and who cannot bring reference as to reliability and capacity. A personal application will be necessary.

The peculiar adaptation of these Machines for all purposes of Family Sewing, will, wherever they are offered for sale command a ready and unlimited demand.

—JOHNSON & GOODALL,
S. E. Corner of 6th and Arch Sts., Philadelphia.
August 15, 1857.—H. B. MASSER.

BLANKS! BLANKS!
BLANK Deeds, Mortgages, Bonds, Warrants, Attachments, Commitments, Summons, Subpoenas, Executions, Justices' and Constables' Fee Bills, &c., &c., can be had by applying at this office.

—PICKLES of various kinds, Lobsters, Sardines, &c., &c., just received and for sale at the Drug Store of A. W. FISHER.

Sunbury, August 1, 1857.—H. B. MASSER.

Select Poetry.

PASSING AWAY.
BY C. SWAIN.

Look from the easement—look, and tell
Of footstep hovering sigh
What's passing, mother dear;
Since dawn, I've heard a funeral bell,
Saw passing on my ear;
And now there comes the solemn fall
Of footstep hovering sigh
Look down the street, I hear their feet,
Some funeral's passing by;
The mother's hand with anxious face,
But nothing there was seen,
Except such odd occasional glance,
And what had always been,
A moment yet, dear mother, stay,
Strange sounds are on the air,
Oh, angels singing on their way,
Or voices deep in prayer;
Oh, lift my pillow high—more high—
For I am faint and low;
Help me to look upon the sky,
And bless them ere they go!
The mother raised her daughter's head,
And with her hand she smoothed
The hair that from her bosom fell,
Left tears upon her cheek,
The night looked thro' the casement old,
And saw a check as pale—
A form so wasted, thin, and cold—
No light would touch her face,
But that which comes death yet benimed
Upon her wasted brow;
And sweet, as though an angel dreamed,
The mother rested low;
At that moment, when my tale may tell,
Or who may comfort bring?
Yet, hark! above the funeral bell,
Saw heard the angels sing!

Encounter with an African Lion.
Retracing toward Kuruman, I selected the beautiful valley of Mabota, lat. 25 14 south, lon. 26 30' as the site of a missionary station, and thither I moved in 1843. Here an occurrence took place concerning which I have frequently been questioned in England and which but for the participation of friends, I must have kept in secret to tell my children when in my dotage. The Barkatia of the village Mabota were much troubled by lions, which leaped into the cattle pens by night and destroyed their cows. They even attacked the herds in open day. This was so unusual an occurrence that the people believed that they were bewitched—"given" as they said into the power of the lions by a neighboring tribe. They went once to attack the animals, but being rather a cowardly people compared to Bechuanas in general on such occasions, they returned without killing any.

It is well known that if one of a troop of lions is killed, the others take the hint and leave that part of the country. So, the next time the herds were attacked, I went with the people, in order to encourage them in the chase of the animals by destroying one of the marauders. We found the lions on a small hill about a quarter of a mile in length, and covered with trees. A circle of men was formed around it, and they gradually closed up, ascending pretty near to each other. Being a little taller than the rest, I saw a native schoolmaster, named Mabalwe, a most excellent man, I saw one of the lions sitting on a piece of rock within the now closed circle of men. Mabalwe fired at him before I could, and the ball struck the rock, and the lion leaped up, and he was the first to be struck, as a dog does at a stick or stone thrown at him; then leaping away, broke through the opening circle and escaped unhurt. The men were afraid to attack him, perhaps on account of their belief in witchcraft. When the circle was formed, I saw two other lions in it; but we were afraid to fire lest we should strike the men, and they allowed the beasts to burst through also. If the Barkatia had acted according to the custom of the country, they would have spared the lion, and he would have been the first to be shot. I saw one of the lions sitting on a piece of rock as before; but this time he had a little height; and being about thirty yards off, I took a good aim, and my ball struck the lion's head, and he was the first to be shot. Others cried, "He has been shot by another man, too; let us go to him!" I did not see any one else shoot him, but I saw his lion's tail erected in the air, and the lion leaping and turning the people, said, "stop a little, till I load again." When in the act of ramming down the bullets, I heard a shout. 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