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Business Cards.

M. ENGEL & COLBORN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Somerset, Pa. Office in residence of J. Engel. aug. 12-1y.

J. J. PIPPER, Physician and Dentist, Berlin Borough, will give prompt attention to all cases in his profession. may 7-1y.

J. K. MILLER has permanently located in Berlin for the practice of his profession.—Prompt attention given at Charles Kreisinger's store. jy 22-'72.

J. E. KIMMEL, will continue to practice Law, and tenders his professional services to the citizens of Somerset and surrounding townships. Office at the old place, a few doors east of the Public House. nov. 8, '71.

J. B. BRUBAKER tenders his professional services to the citizens of Somerset and vicinity. Residence, one door west of the Barn. jan. 21, '70.

WILLIAM H. KOONTZ, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Somerset, Pa., will give prompt attention to business entrusted to his care in Somerset and adjoining counties. Office in the Jail building, second floor. jy 1-tf.

D. J. STITZER—Alexander H. Coffroth has resumed the practice of law in Somerset and adjoining counties. Office in the Recorder's office. jy 9-'72.

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A. H. FONNER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Somerset, Penna.

JOHN PAUL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, SOMERSET, PA., will promptly attend to all business entrusted to his care. Money advanced on collection and on other business. Office in Diamond, on Main street.

CHRISTIAN HAY, ATTORNEY AT LAW and agent for real estate, Somerset, Pa., will promptly attend to all business entrusted to his care with fidelity. aug. 12-1y.

S. S. & R. L. BAER, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Somerset, Pa., will practice in Somerset and adjoining counties. All business entrusted to them will be promptly attended to. jy 9-'72.

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WILLIAM F. SHRELL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Claim Agent, Pension Agent, Somerset, Pa. Office in the Court House. jan. 11-tf.

PAUL H. GAITHER, ATTORNEY AT LAW.

CHRISTIAN A. GAITHER, Attorneys at Law, Somerset, Penna. All professional business promptly attended to. Office in "Mammoth Block," adjoining the residence of I. H. Marshall's drug store.

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AN ACT
Conferring Additional Privileges on the
JOHNSTOWN

SAVINGS BANK.
SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:
That the JOHNSTOWN SAVINGS BANK is hereby authorized to receive deposits from minors and married women, and shall have power to pay, on application, the check, proper receipt, or order of any minor, or married woman, such money, or any part thereof, as he or she may have deposited to his or her credit, or any interest or dividend accruing thereon, without the assent or approval of the parent or guardian of such minor, or the husband or creditors of the husband of such married woman, to attach or in any manner interfere with any deposit, interest, or dividend due thereon to such minor or married woman.
SEC. 2. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.
WM. ELLIOTT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
GEO. H. ANDERSON,
Speaker of the Senate.
Approved the tenth day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.
JOHN F. HARTRANFT,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, HARRISBURG, March 13, A. D. 1873.
I do hereby certify that the foregoing and annexed is a full, true and correct copy of the original act of the General Assembly, entitled: An Act conferring additional privileges on the Johnstown Savings Bank, as the same remains on file in this office.
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the seal of the Secretary's office to be affixed, the day and year above written.
A. C. REYNOERL,
Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.
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Is a Blockade Legal.

Differences existed in the Cabinet and the country in 1861 on some of the measures and the course of policy which the Government should pursue toward the secessionists. The questions presented were in some respects novel and without precedent, as was the insurrection itself. Hostilities were precipitated within forty days of the inauguration, before the Administration was fully established in place, or had time to develop its policy. The assault on the flag at Charleston compelled immediate action. The proclamation promptly issued for seventy-five thousand volunteers also declared a blockade of the Southern ports. There was entire unanimity in the Cabinet on all points in the proclamation except that of a blockade, which was questioned as a doubtful and irregular proceeding; for the conflict, whether an insurrection or rebellion, was purely domestic—a civil war and not a foreign war; and it was thought the internal dissensions in our own territory should be confined within our own borders. A majority of the Cabinet, therefore, preferred an embargo or suspension of intercourse with that part of the country to a blockade, and maintained it to be the true policy of the Government to close the ports and interdict commerce with the insurgents until the rebellion was suppressed. It was claimed that a blockade was not a domestic but an international question—legitimate and proper as between two distinct nations, but that we could not properly blockade our own ports, though we might shut them up, prohibit traffic from abroad by law, and make its violation a criminal offence; that the very fact of a blockade of the whole rebel territory would raise them to the level of belligerents—a concession to the Confederate organization virtually admitting it to be a quasi government—giving that organization a position among nations that we would not and could not recognize or sanction, and which would inevitably lead to embarrassments. But the subject was in some of its aspects novel, and the Secretary of State, though sometimes rash, had not the bold and vigorous mind to assert and maintain a right principal if fraught with doubt and difficulty, provided there was an easier path. The blockade, he thought, opened up a way. The questions of blockade were well settled and clearly defined, the authority and precedents explicit, and he therefore preferred to adopt that course, shelter himself under those precedents, and apply international law to a strictly national and domestic controversy, rather than assert a measure and vindicate an important principal affecting national rights. Less was said in the confusion and proceedings which came like an avalanche at that critical moment upon the Admisistration, than at a later period. Two members of the Cabinet said they had bestowed very slight examination upon the subject, and as it related to foreign intercourse they deferred to the Secretary of State, who had given it special attention, and also cited authorities justifying an exclusion of commerce from national ports in the equitable form of blockade. President Lincoln inclined to that view, and when Mr. Seward asserted that one great object of the blockade, instead of a closure of the ports was to avoid complications which would be likely to involve us in a foreign war, the question was decided. The President said we could not afford to have two wars on our hands at once, and a blockade was ordered.—*Hon. Gideon Welles in The Galaxy for December.*

Saving Manure and Labor.

Almost anyone has it in his power to keep up the fertility of his soil, if he does not lay out too much work, and undertake to do more than his time or money will permit him to do well.—It is because a man is poor that his farm runs down, and there is no surer way to get poor and to keep poor than to occupy more land than one can work well. When one has so much land that he cannot work it well, and has not money enough to employ others to work it for him, hundreds of things which could be done to a profit are not done; and thus one-half often of what the land might yield does not come from it. Then he has but half manure enough to raise crops for so much ground properly, and so but half a crop results. Thus he loses at both ends, and gets poorer and poorer each year.

Nothing helps a farmer so much as to have a full relief from being "driven" at this season of the year. If the ditches are all cleaned out the surface water which injures crops so much in the spring will have a better chance to drain away. So also will it help his roads. The water passing off, the frost will not penetrate as deep, and thus there will not be so much cutting up in spring. But best of all the ditch-cleanings are about the best top-dressings for grass-lands and orchard-trees that one can possibly have.

Then there is always about an immense amount of waste vegetable matter in odd corners where the plow cannot get at, that it would pay well to get together and put in the stock-yard to rot up and make manure, which dries up and goes to waste when one has no time to attend to it at this season. Where there is any woodland, leaves in profusion lie around loose which would serve the double purpose of warm litter for stock and subsequent manure as well. All this the man who lets his work drive him instead of leading it along has to lose; and no one can calculate the great loss every year from all these little things added together.

We do not know that we could suggest a better subject for a farm winter study than how to avoid being "driven" with work or "pinched" for money. Whenever one gets to this condition there is assuredly something wrong which needs righting; and which must be righted before much money can be made.

The lazy man never makes money; but the one who "never has any time," or who is "always behind with his work," is about in as bad a fix, if not worse, for very often he is no better off than the lazy fellow, with the sad reflection including, that his labor has been spent in vain.

Encouraging a Newspaper.

The following incident illustrates pretty forcibly the idea that some people appear to have of encouraging newspapers:

The editor and proprietor of a paper of one of our inland cities, had, a few years ago, among his subscribers quite a prominent individual of the place who had been a constant reader of the paper since the commencement of its publication, but who had never paid a penny for subscription.

The collector of bills having returned that against the delinquent to his employer as one impossible to convert into cash, the editor resolved to give the party in question a broad hint as to his remissness the first time an opportunity should occur in public.

He did not have to wait long, for in a few days, he discovered his negligent patron seated in the office of the principal hotel, surrounded by quite a group of friends, and disposing of cigars and other little luxuries sufficient to have liquidated at least one year's subscription.

When the laugh at the last joke had subsided, the editor approached the group, and, after the usual salutation to his subscriber, remarked:

"Colonel, you have had my paper now for five years, and never paid for it, although the bill has frequently been sent. I should like my pay for it."

"Pay!" ejaculated the colonel, with genuine or well feigned astonishment. "Did you say pay?"

"Certainly," was the reply, "you have had the paper, and I want the pay for it."

"Pay!" said the colonel again: "why it can't be that you expect me to pay anything for that paper. *Why I only took the blamed thing to encourage you.*"

The laugh from the circle of listeners came in here like the bursting of a bomb-shell.

A Tenant's Obligations.

It is an ordinary custom in leases to have a covenant that the tenant shall keep the premises in good order and repair. As to just what this covenant may mean, however, there is considerable difference of opinion, sometimes the intervention of a judge and jury are necessary to settle the question. A case of this kind has been on trial in the Superior Court of Baltimore, in which the judge in charging the jury, described the legal aspect of the matter. The word "keep," he said, implied an obligation to put the premises in repair when received, and to keep them so, for it would be idle to stipulate to keep in repair what is not in repair, and the covenant was therefore; equivalent to "put and keep and deliver up, in good order and repair. The real difficulty, however, was in the words "good order and repair." These words, he said, meant such a reasonable condition of things as belong to houses of their age, class and condition, as good repair for one might not be for another. It was not necessary that an outgoing tenant should repaint and repaper, but only keep the paint and paper in such condition as is consistent with the use; not allow the house to be defaced; use it with proper and reasonable care, and deliver it up as it may be left after such care. The judge remarked that there was no custom or rule by which an outgoing tenant was obliged to repair and repaper, unless under a distinct and well-defined agreement to that effect. On the other hand, there is no implication that the tenant shall keep the premises as received. The obligation to keep in good order and repair does not mean to keep the house in the condition in which it is received, but in a condition that is reasonable.

Experiments with Oatmeal.

We see by an article in *La France Medicale* That M. Dujardin Beaumitz has been experimenting with oatmeal as a food for young children. He made use of a jelly prepared by soaking a tablespoon full of the meal in a glass of water for twelve hours, then straining through a sieve, boiling till the whole assumes the consistency of jelly, and adding sugar or salt to taste. According to analysis, 100 grammes of the meal containg 8.7 grammes of water, 7.5 of fatty matters, 62.5 of starch, 12.2 of nitrogenous matters, 1.5 of mineral substances and 7.6 of cellulose, dextrine and loss. Its nutritious value, therefore, is good for children, in regard to nitrogenous or plastic elements, as such as are respiratory, is analogous to that of human milk or cow's milk. Besides these, it contains more iron than do most of the articles of food. For newly-born infants were fed with the preparation just described, and in every case with satisfactory results. In addition to its qualities as food, it acts efficiently against colic and diarrhœa. It enters into the composition of the syrup of Luther, which is said to be much used in Germany. M. Gillette, surgeon of the hospital of Melun, has also given oatmeal combined with cow's milk to six children, and finds it to be a valuable food in cases where the natural supply of milk is deficient.

Fancy and Reality.

In the morning of life we paint, with the brush of fancy, our beautiful ideal of the future lying out before us—a picture of cloudless skies and brilliant sunshine, of flower-strewn paths and tropic blooms—a picture where joy and love, and friendship and fame stand holding out their beautiful offering, and we the central figure of the whole. But how different the pictures painted each day of life by the brush of pitiless reality. Not one picture; but many, for the scenes are ever shifting. The skies are clouded, and the sunshine faded. The flowers are withered, and hide the thorns no longer. Sorrow steps in where joy had stood; hatred takes the place of love; friendship, that we had planted with a beautiful face, takes on the hideous look of treachery. At the eventide of life we gaze at the pictures in the gallery of memory, and comparing the ones that fancy painted with those stamped upon our hearts by the stern realities of life, we wonder where fancy got its beautiful false colorings.

The Anglo-Saxon Cheer.

What a serviceable cry and word-of-all work is provided for us by our familiar *hurrah!* Probably no other tongue, ancient or modern, ever possessed a cheer so variously useful. Certainly the Greek and Roman had no cry of wider application, and we may surmise that the "hosannah," whence, as philogists say, huzza may have come, as well as the Gothic word of hurry and agitation whence our "hurrah" and the Swedish *hurra* are derived, were also far more limited in employment. We discharge our cheers in volleys of three or volleys of nine, or we load and fire them at will; we hurrah at an oration, a procession, an after dinner toast, an extra holiday at school, a show of fireworks, a yatch race, the announcement of election returns, the ninth inning of a base ball match, or the storming of a redoubt. Compared with this the exultant cries of the modern Latin race are very contracted in application.—They must be directed at some specific person or thing—*Vive el rey, Vive Garibaldi, Vive le President,* or else *Vive l' Empire,* or *Vive l' Assemblee*—and they are not pure expressions of a general joyous excitement. Let us concede that our "hurrah" is rather a barbarous shout, well worthy of its barbarous origin. It certainly has not the refinement of *vice, vica, vice;* and as it lacks their delicacy of sound, so does it also lack their definiteness of signification. Nevertheless, the piping sound of *vice* can hardly give the full-lunged satisfaction of the yell "hurrah," and hence natives of other countries who come to our own, take kindly to our popular shout, and inquire no more than we Americans do what the word really means.—*The Galaxy for December.*

Severe on the Fair Sex.

Some one who signs himsel "A Cynic," has been writing to the *Graphic* a series of short letters, denunciatory of all things feminine. One seldom sees anything severer than the following extract from one of his letters:

"I perceive that I have drawn down upon myself the wrath of several of your correspondents, who are or ought to be fair. The dear creatures express themselves with much violence, and with that noble disregard of grammar which is characteristic of the sex. * * * That I am not a married man is due, not to the blighted condition of my affections, but to my inability to support a wife. I should like to own a wife, a horse, and a yacht, but they are, one and all, too expensive. It is true that I might be able to buy a worn-out cab-horse, or a leaky oyster boat, or a cheap and ugly wife, but I don't care for cheap commodities of that sort.

"My conception of a wife is a plump and pretty fool, whose face one is not ashamed to show to his friends, and who, never annoys one with the expression of earnest views." As to marrying a wife in order to have a sympathizing friend is the worst of nonsense. I have friends now—men on whose fidelity and honor I can depend. Why in the world should I seek another friend in the person of a woman, knowing, as all men do, that a woman is ignorant of honor, and that her fidelity is dependent upon her whim!

"Having thus explained my position in regard to matrimony to the satisfaction, as I trust, to your correspondents, I need only add that their letters furnish a new argument in behalf of the Turkish system, which prevents women from making themselves ridiculous by forbidding them to learn to write."

Sugar Beets for Swine.

Jonathan Talcott gives a statement in the Boston *Cultivator* for an experiment performed on a Suffolk pig where sugar beets were largely employed for fattening. The animal was about a year old, and the feeding on boiled sugar beets, tops and root, began on the 16th of August, and was continued three times a day until the 1st of October, after which ground feed was given, consisting of two parts of corn and one of oats, three times a day, till the animal was slaughtered, the meal being mixed with cold water. The result was, on the 16th of August, when the sugar beet feeding was begun, that the weight was 360 lbs.; September 1st, 390 lbs.; October 1st, 450 lbs.; November 1st 520 lbs. This is the substance of the statement given, by which we perceive that the increase the last of August, when fed on boiled sugar beets, was at the rate of two pounds per day; the same rate of increase on the same food continued through September. When fed on ground corn and oats, made into cold slop, the gain for the next fifty days was less than a pound and a half per day.

Borax for Cleaning.

The Boston *Journal of Chemistry* gives the following method of cleansing blankets; Put two large teaspoonsful of borax and a pint bowl of soft soap into a tub of cold water When disolved, put in a pair of blankets, and let them remain over night. Next day rub and drain them out, and rinse thoroughly in two waters, and hang them to dry. Do not wring them. But this is not the only use to which borax may be put. Says the same journal: Borax is the best cockroach exterminator yet discovered. This troublesome insect has a peculiar aversion to it, and will never return where it has once been scattered. As the salt is perfectly harmless to human beings, it is much to be preferred for this purpose to the poisonous substances commonly used. Borax is valuable for the laundry: use 1 lb. to about ten gallons of boiling water, and you need only one-half the ordinary allowance of soap. For laces, cambrics, &c., use an extra quality of this powder. It will not injure the texture of the cloth in the least. For cleansing the hair, nothing is better than a solution of borax water Wash afterwards with pure water if it leaves the hair too stiff. Borax dissolved in water is also an excellent dentifrice, or tooth wash.

Something Like an Apology.

The editor of a Western paper once gave a notice of a ball, and happened incidently to mention that the dancing of Major Heeler's better half was like "the cavorting of a fly bitten cow in a field of cucumbers." The fact that the editor had not been invited to the ball may somewhat detract from the value of the simile, while at the same time it accounts for his establishing the figure. The Major, accompanied by his better half and a six-shooter, called on the editor to complain of the poetical nature of the image. On learning that the lady was the one described, the editor besought her to raise her veil. She did so, saying, "Now, sir I expect you to apologize."

"Apologize! I should rather think I would," was the answer, as he seized his hat and rapidly left the room.

The astonished Mrjor rushed to the window: "Stop, you Sir! you have not apologized!"

"All right; I'm going to in a minute!"

"What do you mean?" shouted the Major, accentuating the note of interrogation with a pistol-shot.

The answer was wafted back from around the next corner—"Can't you see I'm looking for that cow?"

A Plucky Woman in Court.

A most remarkable scence occurred a few days ago in the Probate Court in Washington, D. C. For some time there has been a controversy over the late estate of Thomas Price, a woman in Ireland claiming to have been his wife at the time he was married in this country to another woman. The American wife had possession of his effects, and a collector was appointed by the Probate Court some time since to hold and manage the estate until the claims of the rival widows could be determined. The American widow has, however, declined to surrender the effects in her possession, and appeared in the Probate Court in answer to a monition.

Judge Olin told her she must obey the order of the court, which she firmly refused to do, making quite