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Business Cards.

F. KNEPPER, Physician and Dentist, Berlin, Pa. Will give prompt attention to all cases entrusted to his care.

DR. J. K. MILLER has permanently located in Berlin for the practice of his profession.—Office opposite Charles Kristinger's store. apr 9-72.

W. H. POSTLETHWAITE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Somerset, Pa. Professional business promptly solicited and punctually attended to.

F. J. KOOSER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Somerset, Penna.

VALENTINE HAY, ATTORNEY AT LAW and dealer in real estate, Somerset, Pa., will attend to all business entrusted to his care with fidelity. aug. 12-1y.

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. 1y 5-47.

LAW NOTICE.—Alexander H. Coffroth has resumed the practice of law in Somerset and adjoining counties. Office in the Recorder's office. feb 26, '73.

JOHN H. UHL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, SOMERSET, Pa., will promptly attend to all business entrusted to him. Money advanced on collection and real estate. Office—Residence, on Main street.

W. J. & H. J. BAER, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Somerset, Pa., will practice in Somerset and adjoining counties. All business entrusted to them will be promptly attended to. apr 22, '70.

KIMMEL & COLBORN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Somerset, Pa. Office in Baer's building. aug. 12-1y.

DR. H. COLLINS, DENTIST, Somerset, Pa., office in the front part of jail, up stairs, where he can at all times be found prepared to do dental work, such as filling, regulating, extracting &c. Artificial teeth of all kinds, and of the best quality, inserted. All operations warranted. june 7, '70.

JOHN S. KIMMEL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Somerset, Pa., will attend to all business entrusted to his care in Somerset and adjoining counties with promptness and fidelity. Office in Court House. feb. 18, '70-1y.

HENRY F. SCHELL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, and Money and Pension Agent, Somerset, Pa. Office in the Court House. jan. 11-tf.

PAUL H. GAITHER, GAITHER & GAITHER, Attorneys at Law, Somerset, Penn'a. All professional business promptly attended to. Office in "Mammoth Block," opposite the house of H. H. Marshall's drug store. apr 2-72.

J. L. COFFROTH, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Somerset, Pa. Professional business entrusted to my care will be attended to with promptness and fidelity. apr 26, '71-y.

A. H. COFFROTH, W. H. RUPPEL, COFFROTH & RUPPEL, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. All business entrusted to their care will be promptly and faithfully attended to. Office—Second floor of southern end of Mammoth Block. Entrance from Diamond.

DR. S. M. KIMMEL will continue to practice Medicine, and tenders his professional services to the citizens of Somerset and surrounding country. Office at the old place, a few doors east of the Shade House. nov. 8, '71.

DR. H. BRUBAKER tenders his professional services to the citizens of Somerset and vicinity. Office in residence, one door west of the Barn-house. jan. 21, '70.

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BARNET HOUSE.—The undersigned respectfully informs the public that he has leased this well known hotel in the borough of Somerset. It is his intention to keep a table which he hopes will give satisfaction to all who favor him with their custom. apr 9-72 JOHN HULL.

DR. A. G. MILLER, after twelve years active practice in Shanksville, has permanently located at Somerset, for the practice of medicine, and tenders his professional services to the citizens of Somerset and vicinity.—Office in his Drug Store, opposite the Barnet House, where he can be consulted at all times when not professionally engaged. Night calls promptly answered. jan. 15, '73-1y.

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THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JOHNSTOWN

SAVINGS BANK.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 1, 1873.

RESOURCES.

Loans on Real Estate	$136,780 15
Johnstown Borough Bonds	6,620 00
Conemaugh Borough Bonds	4,068 00
Loans on Collateral	5,000 00
Safe	400 00
Cash on hand $ 8,660 08	
Cash in National Banks 14,804 80	
United States 5-20, ct. Bonds 11,500 00	
Pittsburg City 7's, ct. Bonds 25,000 00	
	$ 59,454 88
	$212,323 03

LIABILITIES.

Amount due Depositors	$202,229 38
December Dividend due	4,971 89
Contingent	5,121 76
	$212,323 03

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF CAMBRIA, } ss.

I, Frank Dibert, Treasurer of the Johnstown Savings Bank, do solemnly affirm the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK DIBERT, Treasurer.

Sworn and Subscribed before me.

A. MONTGOMERY, Notary Public.

The undersigned, Auditing Committee, respectfully report that they have carefully inspected the above Treasurer's report, for the last year, ending November 30, 1873, and have examined the assets of the Bank, consisting of Bonds, Mortgages, Judgments, Loans upon Real Estate, Cash in Bank and on hand, and find the same to correspond with the report.

F. W. HAY, JAMES McMILLEN, H. A. BOON, } Auditors.

STATISTICAL.

Number of Depositors	1,404
Number of Open Accounts	1,086
Average to each Depositor	$150 79
Adults	926
Minors	478
Male	1,017
Female	387
Rate of Dividends for 1871	5 per cent.
Rate of Dividends for 1872 and 1873	6 per cent.
Loans on Collateral	$ 5,000 00
Market Value of Collateral	$ 10,000 00
Loans on Real Estate	$136,780 15
Value of Value of ground	$286,471 00
Security & Value of buildings thereon	429,850 00
	$716,321 00

Loans upon Real Estate are based upon the value of the land alone; buildings upon it being regarded merely as an additional security. dec 24

Geo. R. Coffroth & Co., WHOLESALE DEALERS IN TOBACCO SNUFFS AND CIGARS, 330 Baltimore St., Second Door West of Howard, BALTIMORE, MD. nv.6.

E. E. OWENS. L. C. SCOTT. OWENS & SCOTT, Butter Commission House, 153 W. Pratt St., BALTIMORE. may24.

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UNDER THE TRELLIS.

BY KATE PUTNAM OSGOOD.

Under the trellis, to and fro,
Walking and talking go two together.
Over their heads the branches blow,
Under their feet the grasses grow,
In the sweet season of Springtide weather.

Under the trellis, to and fro,
Whispering close, go two together.
Tremulous, misty, long and low,
The meadows loom through the sunset glow,
In the hot prime of the Summer weather.

Under the trellis, to and fro,
Silently pacing, go two together.
Over the yellowing poplar row
The harvest moon comes large and slow—
The wandering ghost of the Autumn weather.

Under the trellis, to and fro,
Hand in hand, go two together.
Thick is the air with threatening snow;
Chill winds wearily come and go,
Telling the tale of the Winter weather.

Little of season or scene they know,
Under the trellis the two together.
April glimmer or Autumn glow,
Sultry August or Winter snow—
Per lovers it always is Summer weather.

—*N. Y. Independent.*

THE THREE TRAVELING BAG

There were three of them, all of shining black leather; one on the top of a pile of trunks, one on the ground, one in the owner's hand, all going to Philadelphia, all waiting to be checked.

The last bell rang. The baggageman bustled, fuming from one pile of baggage to the other, dispensing chalk to the trunks, checks to the passengers, curses to the porters, in improved railway style.

"Mine:—Philadelphia!" cried a stout, military looking man, with enormous whiskers and a red face, crowding forward as the baggageman laid his hand on the first bag.

"Won't you please to give me a check for this now?" entreated a pale, slender, carefully dressed young man, for the ninth time holding out bag No.2, "I have a lady to look after."

"Say! be you agin' to give me a check for that 'are, or not?" growled the proprietor of bag No. 3, a short pock-marked fellow, in a shabby overcoat.

"All right gen'l'men. Here you are," said the functionary, rapidly distributing the three checks. "Philadelphy this?" "Yes sir—1,092—174 011—1,020. All right."

"All aboard!" shouted the conductor.

"Whoo-whew?" responded the locomotive; and the train moved slowly out of the station house.

The baggageman meditatively watched it as it sped away in the distance, and then, as if a thought suddenly struck him, slanping his thigh, he exclaimed, "blast if I don't believe—"

"What?" inquired the switchman.

"That I've gone and guv them three last fellers the wrong checks. The cussed little black things was all alike and they bothered me."

"Telegraph," suggested the switchman.

"Never you mind," replied the baggageman. "They was all going to Philadelphy. They'll find out when they get there."

They did.

The scene shifts to the Continental Hotel, Philadelpha—front parlor, up stairs. Occupants, the young gentleman alluded to above and a young lady. In accordance with the fast usages of the times, the twain had been made one in holy matrimony at 7:30 A. M.; duly kissed and congratulated till 8:15, and deposited at the Continental, bag and baggage at 12:58.

They were seated on the sofa, the black broadcloth coat-sleeve encircling the slender waist of the gray traveling dress, and the jetty mustache in equally affectionate proximity to the glossy curls.

"Are you tired dearest?"

"No, love, not much. But you are arn't you."

"No, darling."

Kiss, and a pause.

"Don't it seem funny?" said the lady.

"What, love?"

"That we should be married?"

"Yes darling."

"Won't they be glad to see us at George's?"

"Of course they will."

"I am sure I shall enjoy it so much. Shall we get there to-night?"

"Yes, love, if—"

Rap, rap, rap, at the door.

A hasty separation took place between man and wife—to opposite ends of the sofa, and then—

"Come in."

"Af ye plaze, sur, it's M. P. is waiting to see yez"

"To see me?" A policeman?"

"Yis sur."

"There must be some mistake."

"No, sur, it's yourself; and he's waiting in the hall beyant."

"Well I'll go to—no, tell him to come here."

"Sorry to disturb you sir, said the M. P., with a huge brass star on his breast, appearing with great alacrity at the waiter's elbow.

"B'lieve this is your black valise?"

"Yes, that is ours, certainly. It has Julia's—the lady's things in it."

"Suspicious circumstances about ere valise, sir. Telegraph come this this morning that a burglar started on the 8:45 Philadelphia train with a lot of stolen spoons, in a black valise. Followed it here. Took a peek inside. Sure enough there was spoons. Marked T. B. too. Said it was yours. Shall have to take you in charge."

"Take me in charge?" Echoed the dismayed bridegroom. "But I assure you, my dear sir, there is some strange mistake. It's all a mistake."

"S'pose you'll be able to account for the spoons being in your valice, then?"

"Why, I—I—it isn't mine. It must be somebody else's. Somebody has put them there. It's some villainous conpiracy."

"Hope you'll be able to tell a straighter story before the magistrate, young man; cause if you don't you stand a smart chance of being sent up for six months."

"Oh Charles this is horrid. Do send him away. Oh, dear! I wish I was at home," sobbed the little bride.

"I tell you, sir, said the bridgroom bristling up with indignation, "this is all a vile plot. What should I be doing with your paltry spoons? I was married this morning in Fifth avenue, and I am on my wedding tour. I have high connections in New York. You'll repent it, sir, if you dare to arrest me."

"Oh, come, now," said the incredulous official, "I have heard stories like that before. This ain't the first time swindlers have traveled in couples. Do you 'spose I don't know nothin'? Tain't no use, you've just got to come along to the station house. Might as well go peacibly 'cause you'll have to."

"Charles this is perfectly dreadful! our wedding night in the station house. Do send for somebody. Send for the landlord to explain it."

The landlord was sent for and came; porters were sent for and came; and waiters and chambermaids and bar-room loungers came without being sent for, filled the room and the adjoining hall—some to laugh, some to say they wouldn't have believed it, but nearly all to exult that the unhappy pair has been "found out." No explanation could be given: and the upshot was, that, in spite of tears, threats, entreaties, rage and expostulations, the unfortunate newly married pair were taken in charge by the relentless policeman, and marched down stairs, *en route* for the police office.

And there let the curtain drop on the melancholy scene, while we follow the fortunes of black valise No. 2.

When the train stopped at Camden, four gentlemen got off and walked arm in arm rapidly and silently up one of the by streets, and struck off into a footpath leading to a secluded grove outside the town. Of the first two, one was our military friend in a blue coat, apparently the leader of the party. Of the second two, one was a smiling, rosy little man, carrying a black valise. Their respective companions walked with hasty, irregular strides, were abstracted and apparently ill at ease.

The party stopped.

"This is the place," said Captain Jones.

"Yes," said Dr. Smith.

The Captain and Doctor conferred together. The other two studiously kept apart.

"Very well, I'll measure the ground, and do you place your man."

It was done.

"Now for the pistols," whispered the Captain to his second.

"They are all ready in the valise," replied the Doctor.

The principals were placed ten paces apart, wearing that decidedly uncomfortable look a man has who is in momentary expectation of being shot.

"You will fire gentlemen, simultaneously when I give the word," said the Captain. Then in an undertone to the Doctor, "Quick, the pistols."

The Doctor, stooping over and fumbling at the valise appeared to find something that surprised him.

"Why, what the devil—"

"What's the matter?" asked the Captain, standing up. "Can't you find the caps."

"Deuce a pistol or cap, but this!" He held up a ladies night cap!

"Look here-and-here-and-here!" holding up successively a hair brush, a long white night gown, a cologne bottle and a comb.

They were greeted with a long whistle by the Captain, and a blank stare by the two principals.

'Confound the luck!' ejaculated the Captain, if we haven't made a mistake and brought the wrong valise!"

The principals looked at the seconds. Nobody volunteered a suggestion. At last the Doctor inquired:

'Well, what's to be done?'

'D—d unlucky,' ejaculated the Captain. 'The duel can't go on.'

'Evidently not,' responded the Doctor, 'unless they brush each other with hair brushes, or take a pop at each other with the cologne bottle.

"You are quite sure there are no pistols in the valise?" said one of the principals with suppressed eagerness, and drawing a breath of evident relief.

"We might go over to the city and get pistols," proposed the Captain.

"And by that time it will be dark," said the Doctor.

"D—d unlucky," said the Captain again.

"We shall be the laughing stock of the town, if this gets wind," consolingly remarked the Doctor.

"One word with you Doctor," interposed his principal.

They conferred.

At the end of his conference with his principal, the Doctor advancing to the Captain, conferred with his principal. Then the seconds conferred with each other. Finally it was formally agreed with the two contending parties that a statement should be drawn up in writing, whereby principal No. 1 tendered the assurance that the offensive words, "You are a liar," were not used by him in any personal sense, but solely as an abstract proposition in a general way in regard to the matter of fact under this dispute. To which principal No. 2 appended his statement of his high gratification at this candid and honorable explanation, and unqualifidely withdrew the offensive words, "You are a scoundrel," they having been used by him under a misapprehension of the intent and purpose of the remark which preceeded.

There being no longer cause for quarrel, the duel was of course ended. The principals shook hands, first with each other, and then with the seconds, and were evidently very glad to get out of it.

"And now that it has so happily ended," said the Doctor, chuckling and rubbing his hands, "it proves to have been a lucky mistake after all, that we have brought the wrong valise. Wonder what the lady that owns it will say when she opens ours and finds the pistols."

"Very well for you to laugh about," growled the Captain; "but it's no joke for me to loose my pistols. Hair triggers—best English make, and gold mounted. There isn't a finer pair in America."

"Oh, we'll find 'em. We'll go on a pilgrimage from house to house, asking if any lady there had lost a night-cap and found a pair of dueling pistols."

In very good spirits the party crossed the river, and enquired at the baggage room in refference to each and all black leather traveling bags arrived that day, took notes of where they were sent, and set out to follow them up. In due time they reached the Continental, and as luck would have it met the unhappy bridal party just coming down stairs in charge of the policemen.

"What's all this," inquired the Captain.

"Oh, a couple of burglars, caught with a valise full of stolen property."

"A valise—what kind of a valise?"

"A black leather valise. That's it there

"Here! stop! Hallo! Policeman! Landlord! it's all right. You'r wrong that's my valise. It's all a mistake. They got changed at the depot. This lady and gentleman are innocent. Here's their valise with a night-cap in it."

Great was the laughter, multifarious the comments, and deep the interest of the crowd in all this dialogue, which they appeared to regard as a delightful entertainment got up expressly for their amusement.

"Then you say this 'ere is yours?" said the policeman, relaxing his hold on the bridegroom and confronting the Captain.

"Yes it's mine."

"And how did you come by the spoons?"

"Spoons, you jackanape! said the Captain. "Pistols!—dueling pistols."

"Do you call these pistols!" said the policeman, holding up one of the silver spoons, marked "T. B."

The Captain astounded, gasped "It's the wrong valise again, after all?"

"Stop! Not so fast," said the police functionary, now invested with great dignity the importance of the affair he found himself engaged in.

"If so be as how you've got this lady,s valise she's all right and can go. But in that case this is yourn, and it comes to you to account for them 'ere stolen spoons. Have to take you in charge; all four of ye."

"Why you impudent scoundrel!" roared the Captain. "I'll see you in ——. I wish I had my pistols here; I'd teach you how to insult a gentleman!" shaking his fist.

The dispute waxed fast and furious. The outsiders began to take part in it, and there is no telling how it would have ended had not an explosion, followed by a heavy fall and a scream of pain, been heard in an adjoining room.

The crowd rushed to the scene of the new attraction.

They found the door was fastened, It was quickly burst open, and the mystery explained. The thief who had carried off the Captain's valise by mistake for his own, had taken it up to his room to gloat over the booty he supposed it to contain, thrust his hand in after the spoons. In so doing he had touched one of the hair triggers, and the pistol had gone off, the bullet making a round hole through the side of the valise and a corresponding round hole in the calf of his leg.

The wounded rascal was taken in charge first by the policeman, and then by the Doctor and the duelists and the wedded pair struck up a friendship on the score of their mutual mishaps which culminated in a supper, where the fun was abundant, and where it would be hard to say which was in the best spirits—the Captain for recovering his pistols, the bride for recovering her night-cap the bridegroom for escaping the station-house, or the duelists for escaping each other. All resolved to 'mark that day with a white stone.'

Drinking Blood for Medicine.

The Boston *Journal* mentions several cases in which invalids have been benefitted by drinking warm blood. It says: Mention was made recently of a gentleman in a very feeble state of health, who had been for sometime at the Butchers Abbatoir, in Brighton, for medical treatment, simply drinking a half tumbler-ful of warm blood twice a day. This course the gentleman, Mr. C. H. Stickney, has followed until a week ago, having been there ten weeks, and during that time gained ten pounds in weight, and, to use his own words, "My appetite is good; I sleep well and feel like a new man, and I am soon to commence business again in Boston." He also says that there are ten or twelve others there, drinking the blood, all of whom are gaining under this treatment. One gentleman from Boston, a consumptive, so feeble that it was with difficulty he could get to this abbatoir, is now able to handle an axe skillfully enough to "knock down a bullock." A lady from the city who had been sick six years, stricken with paralysis, is improving wonderfully by this "blood cure." A gratifying feature of this cure is that it is "without money and without price," and Mr. Stickney speaks in praise of the gentlemen in charge of this establishment, and says strangers visiting the place will find courteous treatment.

Tecumseh's Tomahawk.

Mention has been made of the pistol with which Col. Dick Johnson killed Tecumseh, when the plucky old savage, with uplifted tomahawk, was bearing down upon him, evidently with the intention of taking his scalp. We have in our possession the tomahawk mentioned, and the curious can see it by calling at our office. It is the property of Col. R. M. Johnson (young Dick, of Mississippi, formerly of this county, and nephew of the old hero of the Thames) and was left by him at the breaking out of late war with W. B. Galloway Esq. of this county, for safe keeping. The old instrument shows very skillful workmanship. The handle is ornamented with various devices in silver imbeded in it. It is so constructed that it can be used, for a pipe, as well as for taking scalps. It is the intention of Mr. Galloway to place the tomahawk, together with other Indian curiosities left with him by Col. J., in the museum of Georgetown College, until such time as the owner may call for them.

A blacksmith is always striking for wages.

Explorations in the Holy Land.

In summing up the results of the geographical explorations of 1873 at the meeting of the American Geographical society in New York last week, Judge Daly made an interesting review of the recent discoveries that have been made in Palestine. Of the explorations in Jerusalem he said:

The details of this work occupied nearly three years. Shafts were sunk below the present city in various places to a considerable depth, and discoveries were made of extensive subterranean passages and galleries, winding aqueducts and canals, which were cut out of the solid rock; chambers, drains, sewers, wells and tanks. A stream of running water was found, showing that the fountains exist far below the surface, and are still running, a circumstance of interest, as there is now a dearth of water in Jerusalem. Inscriptions in the Phoenician characters in red paint were found upon the walls, and many objects of interest were gathered, such as lamps, pottery, weights, seals, gems and sepulchral chests some of them very beautiful, containing human remains. An attempt was made to determine the exact position of parts of the temple and the site of Solomon's palace; but while the investigations have had the effect of disturbing many of the previous theories as to the precise locality of places, they have not been sufficiently certain to remove doubts or to dispense with further inquiry. Much has certainly been added to our knowledge of the ancient city, but it must be admitted, in view of the time, labor and money that have been expended, that the results have not been as great as was expected for the reasons already stated.

During the three years that the explorations in Jerusalem were in progress Capt. Warner made several reconnoisances into the interior. The first was to the plains of Phillistia, lying between Judea and the Mediterranean, the land of the ancient Philistians. Here he found a fertile soil neglected, the existence of which is threatened by the sand advancing against it. One of his objects was to ascertain the site of the city of Gerar, where Isaac lived, but he failed to find evidence of it. He visited Gaza, one of the most ancient cities in the world, which was in existence in the time of Abraham, and fixed the site of the ancient city as nearer to the Mediterranean than the present one, which is three miles from it. He also made researches in the country about Ascalon. His next reconnoisance was in the comparatively unknown region east of the Jordan, where he fixed the latitude and longitude of many places, and took a great number of photogrophs of ruins, temples, tombs, etc., It is a country of ruins. They are, he says, everywhere. Over a tract of four miles square there was a never ending succession of ruins. On every rising ground there has been a village; on every hilltop a temple. He found in the pointed arches proof that a domesticated people lived here after the fall of the Roman Empire. It is now occupied only by the Bedouin. His visit was too short to enable him to accomplish much. The region is the one now undertaken by the Amerian society. The third expedition was an exploration of the Jordan, in which he went up one bank of the river and returned by the other, making geographical observations especially with reference to further surveys. His last reconoisance was in Lebanon and was chiefly devoted to sketching and measuring temples and the examination of Mount Hermon, of which an elaborate investigation was made.

THE PENINSULA OF SINAI.

The survey of the peninsula of Sinai undertaken by Prof. Palmer and Dr. Drake, is thus summed up:

1. That this peninsula was the scene of the events recorded in Exodus, and its examination has certainly furnished a remarkable corroboration of the truthfulness and accuracy of the Biblical history.

2. That the country is extremely wild and rugged; that it has one of the most complicated systems of drainage in the world, and that the present barrenness and desolation are due to neglect; that formerly it was well wooded, its mountain sides terraced with gardens; its rushing waters regulated and utilized and that this fertility lasted until comparatively modern times.

3. That Jebel Musa is undoubtedly the Mount whence the Law was delivered, its form, position and the surrounding plain, indicating unmistakably that it was here that the multitude assembled to listen to the words of Moses. This last conclusion is disputed by the learned Dr. Beke, who says that Mount Sinai is further to the northeast, in the desert in the vicinity of Gulf of Akabah, and he is now collecting a fund in England to enable him to go out and search for it. He argues that Mount Sinai, from the account of it in the Bible, must have been an active volcano, in the time of the Exodus, which he thinks is now extinct.

By an arrangement with the English society the country lying east of the Jordan and of the Red sea has been undertaken by the American Palestine exploration society. It embraces the part of Palestine which is least known, and is in territorial extent three times as great as the country surveyed by the English. It abounds in ruins, inscriptions and objects of great interest, and its exploration will undoubtedly throw a great deal of light not only upon Biblical history, but upon the former history of the whole country lying midway between ancient Assyria and Egypt. It was here that the Moabite stone was found, the interest of which was not alone the record of long past events which is inscribed upon it, but the fact that it sheds more light upon the invention of our alphabet than anything yet discovered. In the language of the late learned Mr. Deutsh, "it illustrates to a hitherto unheard of degree" the origin and history of the art of alphabetic and syllabic writing as we posses that priceless inheritance. The American expedition as I stated in my last address, was placed by the American society under the command of Lieutenant Steever, United States army. Lieutenant Steever spent about five months in explorations east of the Jordan. He has surveyed about 600 square miles, and has prepared a very valuable map. The explorations were in Edom and Moab. Various sites have been satisfactorily identified, and the positions of Mount Neba and Pisgah determined. The levels of many important spots were taken, a number of ruins in Moab examined, and interesting inscriptions copied.

The Sultan In All His Glory.

The people of Turkey last month celebrated the Mohammedan feast of Bairam, during which a singular ceromonial took place at the Dolma Bagtche Palace, which is thus described by a correspondent of the *Swiss Times:*

The hall of Audience is a magnificent apartment, large, spacious and lofty, situated in the centre of the palace, richly gilded, and glittering with crystal and silver; his majesty, Abdul-Aziz on his throne, a very rude bench, covered with plates of gold, but without any beauty, either of workmanship or design. It is placed, however, at the head of a carpet which for beauty and magnificence fully compensates. It is of the richest crimson silk, thickly wadded and covered with gold embroidery. Behind the throne stands the aides-de-camp and the principal officers of the household, his chamberlains and chief eunuch. On the right side of the carpet are the Ministers of state in an attitude of the deepest humility, there heads bowed low and their arms folded across their breasts, while to the left of the throne, but a little behind it, stands an aid-de-camp holding in his hand an embroidered band of cloth which is attached to it. As the first officer reaches the carpet he salaams in the usual manner and then steps forward. In the centre of the carpet he salaams a second time and then moves on to the throne. Reaching the side of the aid-de-camp he takes the gold fringe at the end of the band, and touching first his mouth and then his forehead with it, salaams again and has performed his duty. Retiring backwards he forms in the line behind the others who are advancing. After the Beys have passed the civil officers pass round. There is then a lull for a few seconds, as the Sultan rises to receive the Skeikul Islam. The venerable prelate is advancing at the head of a long line of Cades, Muftis and other members of the Ulema, supported on either side by two high officials. On reaching the Sultan he stoops to kiss his feet, but is raised by his Sublime majesty, and he then takes his place along with the other ministers of the state. This is the most picturesque portion of the ceremony, for these civil officers in their flowing robes and large turbans bound with gold, and their long beards have a very fine effect. As soon as the last one has passed round the Skeikul Islem says a short prayer and his majesty then retires.

The next three days are spent in festivity. The Turkish quarter is like a huge fair in England, for in every available space booths are set up as temporary cafes for the employment of the elders, and swings and merry-go-rounds for the children as well as stalls for the sale of sweetmeats and cakes. The streets are crowded with gaily dressed Turkish ladies, going about visiting, and fathers taking their children out to view the wonders to be seen in the Frank shops of Galata and Pera. For the official world this is, however, an anxious time, as they know not what changes may take place. Their time is chiefly taken up in paying visits to the heads of departments, and dancing attendance upon great men from whom they may have expectations. This however, is all over now, and every one has settled down again to work.

A Slight Misunderstanding.

The average frequenter of American hotels freely acknowledges that the clerks of those important establishments possess an abundant and almost neverfailing supply of self confidence, and it is seldom if ever that they (the clerks) are in the least disconcerted. On last Saturday morning there occurred, at that popular hostelrie, the St. Clair, at least one well authenticated case wherein a hotel clerk was taken aback, and so visibly astounded that for several minutes after the incident occurred he was quite speechless, totally bereft of the use of his tongue, the member so important to all hotel clerks. The facts which led to this event are as follows:

At an early hour on last Saturday morning Mr. Brown, one