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The undersigned having lately purchased the "BEILER HOUSE" property, has already commenced such alterations and improvements as will render this old and popular house equal, if not superior, to any hotel in the City of Harrisburg.

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Who has the exclusive right for Wyoming county, is one of the very best Machines that will cut any Straw, Stalks, or Hay better than the old-fashioned Cutting boxes, used by our grandfathers.

THE subscriber offers for sale VERY CHEAP, an also a new Piano Frame. SIX OCTAVE MELODEON. Also, a lot of Household Furniture at very low prices.

Poetry.

THE peculiar taint or infection which we call SCROFULA lurks in the constitutions of multitudes of men. It either produces or is produced by an enfeebled, vitiated state of the blood, wherein that fluid becomes incompetent to sustain the vital forces in their vigorous action, and places the system to fall into disorder and decay.

THE SCROFULA is variously caused by mercurial disease, low living, disordered digestion from unhealthy food, impure air, rich and fatty lodges, the depressing vices, and above all, by the venereal infection. Whatever be its origin, it is hereditary in the constitution, descending "from parents to children into the third and fourth generation."

AYER'S Sarsaparilla is compounded from the most efficient antidotes that medical science has discovered for this afflicting distemper, and for the cure of the disorders it entails. That it is far superior to any other remedy truly derived, is known by all who have given it a trial.

It does combine virtues truly extraordinary in their effect upon this class of complaints, is indisputably proven by the great multitude of publicly known and remarkable cures it has made of the following diseases: KING'S EVIL, or Glandular Swellings, Tumors, Eruptions, Pimples, Blotches and Sores, Erysipelas, Rose or St. Anthony's Fire, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Congrus from tuberculous deposits in the lungs, White Swellings, Debility, Dropsy, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia or Indigestion, Syphilis and Syphilitic Infections, Mercurial Diseases, Female Weakness, and, indeed, the whole series of complaints that arise from impurity of the blood.

It is the most important of those remedies which have led us to spend years in perfecting a remedy which is adequate to its cure. This we now offer to the public under the name of AYER'S Sarsaparilla, although it is composed of ingredients, some of which exceed the best of Sarsaparilla in purgative power. By its aid you may protect yourself from the suffering and danger of those disorders. Purge out the foul corruption that rots and festers in the blood, purge out the causes of disease, and restore health to follow. It is a powerful and virtuous stimulant of the vital functions, and thus expels the distempers which lurk within the system or burst out on any part of it.

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The World's Great Remedy for Coughs, Colds, Incipient Consumption, and for the relief of Consumptive patients in advanced stages of the disease.

This has been so long used and so universally known, that we need do no more than assure the public that its quality is kept up to the best it ever has been, and that it may be relied on to do all it has ever done.

THE HEALING POOL, AND HOUSE OF MERCY.

Howard Association Reports for YOUNG MEN on the CRIME OF SOLITUDE, and the ERRORS, ABUSES and DISEASES which destroy the mainly powers, and create impediments to MARRIAGE, with sure means of relief. Sent in sealed letter, envelopes, free of charge. Address DR. J. SKILLIE HIGHTON, Howard Association, Philadelphia, Pa. 6044-lyear.

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A Supply Constantly on Hand and for sale. WM. FLICKNER. Tunkhannock, Dec. 2, 1877-7el04f.

EARNING A WIFE.

checked apron; but she looked as winning and lovely as she always did whenever she was found.

"And so you want to marry my daughter, young man," said farmer Blivens, removing the pipe from his mouth, and looking at the young fellow sharply from head to toe.

"I believe you managed to get through college—have you any profession?" "No, sir; I thought—"

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MY BIRD.

Ere last year's moon had left the sky, A birding sought my Indian nest, And fond, oh so lovingly!

There's not in Ind. a lovelier bird; Broad chest owns not a happier nest; Oh, God, thou hast a fountain stirred, Whose waters never more shall rest;

This beautiful, mysterious thing, This savoring visitant from heaven, This bird with the immortal wing, To me—to me, Thy hand has given.

A silent awe is in my room—I tremble with delicious fear; The future, with its light and gloom, Time and Eternity are here.

Wise and Otherwise.

After the clergyman had united a happy pair, not long ago, an awful silence ensued, which was broken by an impatient youth exclaiming: "Don't be so unrespectably happy."

So much whisky is drunk in Chicago that thousands of mosquitos have died of delirium tremens after biting Chicago citizens.

A thief was lately caught breaking into a song. He had already got through the first bars, when a policeman came up and hit him with a staff.

The following notice might have been seen some time ago, stuck up in a corset maker's show-window in Glasgow: "All sorts of ladies stays here."

Rhyming lovers generally woo their sweet hearts in such wretched verse that it is no wonder so many of them are jilted.

Grey hairs, like honest friends, are plucked out and cast aside for telling unpleasant truths.

Laziness begins in cobwebs and ends in iron chains. It creeps over a man so slowly and imperceptibly, that he is bound tight before he knows it.

Throw a piece of meat among bears, and a purse of gold among men, and which will behave the most outrageously—the men or the beasts?

A quaker makes pleasure of his business and then for relaxation makes a business of his pleasure.

An Arkansas traveler says he knew a young fellow down South, who was so fond of a young woman that he rubbed off his nose kissing her shadow on the wall.

Some sensible chap says, truly, that a person who undertakes to raise himself by scandalizing others, might as well sit down on a wheelbarrow, and undertake to wheel himself.

A wag, on being asked what he had for dinner, replied, "A lean wife, and the ruin of a man for sauce." His dinner consisted of a spare-rib of pork and apple sauce.

Why is the clock the most modest piece of furniture? Because it covers its face with its hands and runs down its own works.

"Mother," said a little square-built boy, about five years old, "why don't the teacher make me monitor sometimes? I can lick every boy in my class but one."

"Captain, what's the fare to St. Louis?" "What part of the boat do you wish to go in, cabin or deck?" "Hang your cabin, I want the gentleman from Indiana, 'I live in a cabin at home; give me the best you've got.'"

A SENSIBLE WIFE—"Pray, tell me, my dear, what is the cause of those tears?" "Oh, such disgrace! I have opened one of your letters supposing it to be addressed to myself. Certainly it looks more like Mrs. than Mr."

Leap Year.

REMOMING A TIGHT FINGER RING.—It is seldom necessary to file off a ring which is too tight to readily pass the joint of the finger. If the finger is swollen apply cold water to reduce the inflammation, then wrap a small rag wet in hot water around the ring to expand the metal, and soap the finger. A needle threaded with strong silk can then be passed between the ring and the finger, and a person holding the two ends and pulling the silk will slowly sliding it around the periphery of the ring may readily remove the ring. If the ring is a plain hoop this process is easy; if it has a setting or protuberance more care will be required. Another method is to pass a piece of sewing silk under the ring and wind the thread, in pretty close spirals and snugly around the finger to the end. Then take the lower end—that below the ring—and begin unwinding. The ring is certain to be removed unless the silk is very weak. The winding compresses the finger and renders the operation less difficult.

NEWSPAPER SPONGERS.—An exchange makes the following sensible remarks: "There are many people in the world who make it a business to sponge the reading of their county paper without any expense to themselves. This has often been noticed and commented upon. They are found where ever the paper is left—in a shop, office, store or barber shop—and often borrow it before the owner has an opportunity of raising it from the table. This is done by very many who are abundantly able, and whose duty would seem to be to sustain their county paper by subscribing and 'paying for the same.'"

Now is her time. But I would advise young ladies not to be rash. Although it is leap year, you had better look before you leap.

The old man regarded his daughter for a moment with a quizzical look.

"Molly, this young man—mayhap you've seen him before—has brought me a lot of tubs and barrels, all of his own make—a right good article, too. He asks a pretty steep price for 'em; but if you are willing to give it, well and good; and hark ye, my girl, whatever bargain you make your father will ratify."

As Mr. Blivens said this, he considerably stepped out of the room, and we will follow his example. But the kind of a bargain the young people made can readily be conjectured by the speedy wedding which followed.

A Lady's Opinion of a Lady's Man. Mrs. Stephens, in her monthly magazine, gives a certain class of men, the like of whom are seen in every community, the benefit of her opinion as follows:

Our own private opinion on the "lady's man" is, that he is thoroughly contemptible—a sort of a life hardly worth thinking about—a nut shell with the kernel withered up—a handful of foam drifting over the wine of life—something not altogether unpleasant to the fancy, but of no earthly use.

Who are your company?—"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

It is said to be a property of the treefrog that it acquires the color of whatever it adheres to for a short time. Thus, when found on growing corn, it is commonly a dark green. If found on white oak, it has the color peculiar to that tree. Just so it is with a man. Tell me whom you choose for your companions, and I will tell you who you are.

It is a curious fact, that if a man is lost in the woods and continues walking, he will invariably go round in a circle, constantly veering to the left hand. It is because the right side of every human body (except in the case of left-handed people) is more developed than the left. Consequently the muscles on that side are strongest, and tend gradually through the whole body round, unless the aim is directed to some particular point.

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The greatest orators ever lived were Clay, Calhoun, and Webster, all Americans.

The greatest of living historians are George Bancroft, and Wm. M. Prescott, both Americans.

The greatest ornithologist is John James Audubon, an American.

There has been no English writer in the present age whose works have been marked with more humor, more refinement, or more grace, than those of Washington Irving, an American.

The greatest lexicographer and philologist, since the time of Johnston, was Noah Webster, an American.

The inventors, whose works have been productive of the greatest amount of happiness to mankind in the last century, were Godfrey, Fitch, Fulton, and Whitney, all Americans.