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☞ Country Merchants supplied at wholesale rates.

ALMANACS.—John Baer and Son's Almanac for sale at E. M. POLLOCK & SON'S BOOK STORE, Harrisburg.

☞ Wholesale and Retail. myl

JUST RECEIVED
AT
SCHEFFER'S BOOKSTORE,
ADAMANTINE SLATES
OF VARIOUS SIZES AND PRICES,
Which, for beauty and use, cannot be excelled.
REMEMBER THE PLACE,
SCHEFFER'S BOOKSTORE,
NO. 18 MARKET STREET. mar2

BOOK AUCTION.
BEN F. FRENCH
Will supply his old friends and customers with the following Books at Auction prices:
Pacific Railroad, 10 vols., complete, 4 illustrations $24.
Japan Expedition, 3 vols., complete, illustrated and illuminated, $12.
Emery's Expedition, 2 vols., complete, illustrated illuminated, $10.
Congressional Globe, $1.50 per volume.
Waverly Novels, complete, 12 vols., cloth, $10.
" " " 27 vols., half calf, $34; &c., &c., &c.
All of the above Books I will deliver in Harrisburg free of charge. BEN F. FRENCH,
276 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C.
feb6-dtf

NEW BOOKS!
JUST RECEIVED
"SEAL AND SAY," by the author of "Wide, Wide World," "Dollars and Cents," &c.
"HISTORY OF METHODISM," by A. Stevens, LL.D.
For sale at SCHEFFERS' BOOKSTORE,
ap9 No. 18 Marke st.

JUST RECEIVED,
A LARGE AND SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF
RICHLY GILT AND ORNAMENTAL
WINDOW CURTAINS,
PAPER BLINDS,
Of various Designs and Colors, for 8 cents,
TISSUE PAPER AND CUT FLY PAPER,
At [my24] SCHEFFER'S BOOKSTORE.

WALL PAPER! WALL PAPER!!
Just received, our Spring Stock of WALL PAPER, BORDERS, FIRE SCREENS, &c., &c. It is the largest and best selected assortment in the city, ranging in price from six (6) cents up to one dollar and a quarter ($1.25.)
As we purchase very low for cash, we are prepared to sell at as low rates, if not lower, than can be had elsewhere. If purchasers will call and examine, we feel confident that we can please them in respect to price and quality. E. M POLLOCK & SON,
ap3 Below Jones' House, Market Square.

LETTER, CAP, NOTE PAPERS, Pens, Holders, Pencils, Envelopes, Sealing Wax, of the best quality, at low prices, direct from the manufactories, at
mar30 SCHEFFER'S CHEAP BOOKSTORE

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E. M. POLLOCK & SON,
my8 Market Square, Harrisburg.

Miscellaneous.

AN ARRIVAL OF
NEW GOODS
APPROPRIATE TO THE SEASON!
SILK FANS! LINEN FANS!! PAPER FANS!!!
ANOTHER AND SPLENDID LOT OF
SPLICED FISHING RODS!
Trout Flies, Gut and Hair Snoods, Grass Lines, Silk and Hair Plaited Lines, and a general assortment of
FISHING TACKLE!
A GREAT VARIETY OF
WALKING CANES!
Which we will sell as cheap as the cheapest!
Silver Head Canes! Loaded Canes! Sword Canes! Hickory Canes! Fancy Canes!
KELLER'S DRUG AND FANCY STORE,
NO. 91 MARKET STREET,
South side, one door east of Fourth street je9.

B. J. HARRIS,
WORKER IN TIN,
SHEET IRON, AND
METALLIC ROOFING,
Second Street, below Chestnut, HARRISBURG, PA.
Is prepared to fill orders for any article in his branch of business; and if not on hand, he will make to order on short notice.
METALLIC ROOFING, of Tin or Galvanized Iron, constantly on hand.
Also, Tin and Sheet-Iron Ware, Spouting, &c.
He hopes, by strict attention to the wants of his customers, to merit and receive a generous share of public patronage.
☞ Every promise strictly fulfilled.
B. J. HARRIS,
jan7-d1y] Second Street, below Chestnut.

FISH!! FISH!!!
MACKEREL, (Nos. 1, 2 and 3.)
SALMON, (very superior.)
SHAD, (Mess and very fine.)
HERRING, (extra large.)
COD FISH.
SMOKED HERRING, (extra Digby.)
SCOTCH HERRING.
SARDINES AND ANCHOVIES.
Of the above we have Mackerel in whole, half, quarter and eighth bbls. Herring in whole and half bbls.
The entire lot new—DIRECT FROM THE FISHERIES, and will sell them at the lowest market rates.
sep14 WM. DOCK, Jr., & CO.

FAMILY BIBLES, from 1$ to $10, strong and handsomely bound, printed on good paper, with elegant clear new type, sold at
mch31 SCHEFFER'S Cheap Book-store.

CRANBERRIES!!!—A SPLENDID LOT just received by
oct10 WM. DOCK, Jr., & CO.

FOR a superior and cheap TABLE or SALAD OIL go to
KELLER'S DRUG STORE.

THE Fruit Growers' Handbook—by WARING—wholesale and retail at
mch31 SCHEFFER'S Bookstore.

SPERM CANDLES.—A large supply just received by
sep18 WM. DOCK, Jr., & CO.

IF you are in want of a Dentifrice go to KELLER'S, 91, Market st.

Livery Stables.

CITY LIVERY STABLES,
BLACKBERRY ALLEY,
IN THE REAR OF HERR'S HOTEL.
The undersigned has re-commenced the *LIVERY BUSINESS* in his NEW AND SPACIOUS STABLES, located as above, with a large and varied stock of
HORSES, CARRIAGES AND OMNIBUSES,
Which he will hire at moderate rates.
oct13-dly F. K. SWARTZ.

FRANK A. MURRAY
Successor to Wm. Parkhill,
LIVERY & EXCHANGE STABLE
THIRD STREET BELOW MARKET.

HAVING purchased the interest of J. Q. Adams in the establishment, and made large additions to the stock, the undersigned is prepared to accommodate the public with SUPERIOR HORSES for Saddle or Carriage purposes, and with every variety of VEHICLES of the latest and most approved styles, on reasonable terms.
PLEASURE PARTIES will be accommodated with Omnibusses at short notice.
Carriages and Omnibusses, for funeral occasions, will be furnished, accompanied by careful and obliging drivers.
He invites an inspection of his stock, satisfied that it is fully equal to that of any other establishment of the kind in town. FRANK A. MURRAY

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The undersigned has opened a branch of his "Livery and Exchange Stable" in the buildings lately occupied by A. W. Barr, in Fourth street, opposite the Bethel, where he is prepared to accommodate the public with Horses and Vehicles, at all times, on reasonable terms. His stock is large and varied, and will recommend itself.
au16-dtf FRANK A. MURRAY.

Miscellaneous.

TAKE NOTICE!
That we have recently added to our already full stock
OF SEGARS
LA NORMATIS,
HARI KARI,
EL MONO,
LA BANANA.
OF PERFUMERY
FOR THE HANDKERCHIEF:
TURKISH ESSENCE,
ODOR OF MUSK,
LUBIN'S ESSENCE BOUQUET.
FOR THE HAIR:
EAU LUSTRALE,
CRYSTALIZED POMATUM,
MYRTLE AND VIOLET POMATUM.
FOR THE COMPLEXION:
TALC OF VENICE,
ROSE LEAF POWDER,
NEW MOWN HAY POWDER,
BLANC DE PERLES.
OF SOAPS
BAZIN'S FINEST
MOSS ROSE,
BENZOIN,
UPPER TEN,
VIOLET,
NEW MOWN HAY,
JOCKEY CLUB.
Having the largest stock and best assortment of Toilet Articles, we fancy that we are better able than our competitors to get up a complete Toilet Set at any price desired. Call and see.
Always on hand, a FRESH Stock of *DRUGS, MEDICINES, CHEMICALS*, &c, consequent of our receiving almost daily additions thereto.
KELLER'S DRUG AND FANCY STORE,
91 Market Street, *two doors East* of Fourth Street,
sep6 South side.

PHOENIX FOUNDRY.
J. J. OSLER. W. F. OSLER.
JOHN J. OSLER & BROTHER,
(SUCCESSORS TO JAMES M. BAY.)
FOUNDERS AND MACHINISTS,
Corner Pennsylvania Railroad and State Street,
HARRISBURG, PA.
MILL GEARING, IRON FENCES, RAILROAD AND CANAL WORK,
AND ALL DESCRIPTIONS OF
IRON CASTINGS
ON HAND OR MADE TO ORDER.
MACHINE WORK AND REPAIRING PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.
PATTERNS MADE TO ORDER.
We have a large and complete assortment of Patterns to select from. au22

JUST RECEIVED!
A FULL ASSORTMENT OF
HUMPHREY'S HOMEOPATHIC SPECIFICS!
TO WHICH WE INVITE THE
ATTENTION OF THE AFFLICTED!
For sale at
SCHEFFER'S BOOKSTORE,
ap9 No. 18 Market st.

WE OFFER TO
CUSTOMERS
A New Lot of
LADIES' PURSES,
Of Beautiful Styles, substantially made
A Splendid Assortment of
GENTLEMEN'S WALLETS.
A New and Elegant Perfume,
KNIGHTS TEMPLARS' BOQUET,
Put up in Cut Glass Engraved Bottles.
A Complete Assortment of
HANDKERCHIEF PERFUMES,
Of the best Manufacture.
A very Handsome Variety of
POWDER PUFF BOXES.
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☞ Call and look at our work before going elsewhere. sep11-d3m

CHOICE SAUCES!
WORCESTERSHIRE,
LUCKNOW CHUTNY,
CONTINENTAL,
SOYER'S SULTANA,
ATHENÆUM,
LONDON CLUB,
SIR ROBERT PEEL,
INDIA SOY,
READING SAUCE,
ENGLISH PEPPER SAUCE.
For sale by WM. DOCK, Jr., & CO.
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DYOTTVILLE GLASS WORKS,
PHILADELPHIA,
MANUFACTURE
CARBOYS, DEMIJOHNS,
WINE, PORTER, MINERAL WATER, PICKLE AND
PRESERVE BOTTLES
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
H. B. & G. W. BENNERS,
oct9-d1y 27 South Front steret, Philadelphia.

INSTRUCTION IN MUSIC.
F. W. WEBER, nephew and taught by the well remembered late F. W. Weber, of Harrisburg, is prepared to give lessons in music upon the PIANO, VIOLIN, CELLO, VIOLIN and FLUTE. He will give lessons at his residence, corner of Locust street and River alley or at the homes of pupils. au25-d6m

SCHEFFER'S Bookstore is the place to buy Gold Pens—warranted

Coal.

TO THE PUBLIC!
JOHN TILL'S
COAL YARD,
SOUTH SECOND STREET,
BELOW PRATT'S ROLLING MILL,
HARRISBURG, PA.,
Where he has constantly on hand
LYKENS VALLEY BROKEN, EGG, STOVE AND NUT COAL.
ALSO,
WILKESBARRE STEAMBOAT, BROKEN, STOVE AND NUT COAL,
ALL OF THE BEST QUALITY.
It will be delivered to consumers clean, and full weight warranted.
☞ CONSUMERS GIVE ME A CALL FOR YOUR WINTER SUPPLY.
☞ Orders left at my house, in Walnut street, near Fifth; or at Brubaker's, North street; J. L. Speel's, Market Square; Wm. Bostick's, corner of Second and South streets, and John Lingle's, Second and Mulberry streets, will receive prompt attention.
jy13-d6m JOHN TILL.

COAL! COAL!!
ONLY YARD IN TOWN THAT DELIVERS]
COAL BY THE
PATENT WEIGH CARTS!
NOW IS THE TIME
For every family to get in their supply of Coal for the winter—weighed at their door by the *Patent Weigh Carts. The accuracy of these Carts no one disputes*, and they never get out of order, as is frequently the case of the Platform Scales; besides, the consumer has the satisfaction of proving the weight of his Coal at his own house.
I have a large supply of Coal on hand, consisting of
S. M. CO.'S LYKENS VALLEY COAL all sizes,
LYKENS VALLEY do " "
WILKESBARRE do. " "
BITUMINOUS BROAD TOP do.
All Coal of the best quality mined, and delivered free from all impurities, at the lowest rates, by the boat or car load, single, half or third of tons, and by the bushel.
JAMES M. WHEELER.
Harrisburg, September 24, 1860.—sep25

UP TOWN!
PATENT WEIGH CARTS.
For the convenience of my numerous up town customers, I have established, in connection with my old yard, a Branch Coal Yard opposite North street, in a line with the Pennsylvania canal, having the office formerly occupied by Mr. R. Harris, where consumers of Coal in that vicinity and Verbeketown can receive their Coal by the
PATENT WEIGH CARTS,
WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE FOR HAULING,
And in any quantity they may desire, as low as can be purchased *anywhere.*
FIVE THOUSAND TONS COAL ON HAND,
Of LYKENS VALLEY and WILKESBARRE, all sizes.
☞ *Willing to maintain fair prices, but unwilling to be undersold by any parties.*
☞ All Coal forked up and delivered clean and free from all impurities, and the *best* article mined.
Orders received at either Yard will be promptly filled, and all Coal delivered by the *Patent Weigh Carts.*
Coal sold by Boat, Car load, single, half or third of tons, and by the bushel.
JAMES M. WHEELER.
Harrisburg, October 13, 1860.—oct15

LYKENS VALLEY NUT COAL—
For Sale AT TWO DOLLARS PER TON.
☞ *All Coal delivered by PATENT WEIGH CARTS.*
JAMES M. WHEELER.
☞ Coal delivered from both yards. no17

Medical.

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A Positive and Specific Remedy.
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FOR DISEASES OF THE
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And all Diseases of Sexual Organs,
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ARISING FROM
Excesses, Exposures, and Imprudencies in Life.
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Excesses, Exposures, and Imprudencies in Life.
From whatever cause originating, and whether existing in
MALE OR FEMALE.
Females, take no more Pills! They are of no avail for Complaints incident to the sex. Use
EXTRACT BUCHU.
Helmbold's Extract Buchu is a Medicine which is perfectly pleasant in its
TASTE AND ODOR,
But immediate in its action, giving Health and Vigor to the Frame, Bloom to the Pallid Cheek, and restoring the patient to a perfect state of
HEALTH AND PURITY.
Helmbold's Extract Buchu is prepared according to Pharmacy and Chemistry, and is prescribed and used by
THE MOST EMINENT PHYSICIANS.
Delay no longer. Procure the remedy at once.
Price $1 per bottle, or six for $5.
Depot 104 South Tenth street, Philadelphia.

BEWARE OF UNPRINCIPLED DEALERS
Trying to palm off their own or other articles of BUCHU on the reputation attained by
HELMBOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU,
The Original and only Genuine.
We desire to run on the
MERIT OF OUR ARTICLE!
Their's is worthless—is sold at much less rates and commissions, consequently paying a much better profit.
WE DEFY COMPETITION!
Ask for
HELMBOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU.
Take no other.
Sold by JOHN WYETH, Druggist, corner of Market and Second streets, Harrisburg,
AND ALL DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.
no14 d&w3m.

EXTRACTS! EXTRACTS!!
WOODSWORTH & BUNNEL'S
SUPERIOR FLAVORING EXTRACTS
OF
BITTER ALMOND,
NECTARINE,
PINE APPLE,
STRAWBERRY,
ROSE,
LEMON AND
VANILLA,
Just received and for sale by
ie29 WM. DOCK, Jr., & CO.

Sewing Machines.

GROVER & BAKER'S
CELEBRATED NOISELESS
FAMILY AND MANUFACTURING
SEWING MACHINES!
$40 AND UPWARDS.
PRICES ESTABLISHED FOR SEVEN YEARS.
THE GROVER & BAKER
SEWING MACHINE
Makes the only seam formed by a Sewing Machine, in which each stitch is independently locked and without dependence upon the other stitches for strength, and the only seam that will admit of the thread being cut at every fourth stitch without injury to the seam in wear.
THE GROVER & BAKER
SEWING MACHINE
Is adapted to all varieties of fabrics, sewing equally well the finest Swiss muslin or the heaviest cloth or leather, and requiring no adjustment for any kind of sewing other than the adaptation of needles and thread.
THE GROVER & BAKER
SEWING MACHINE
Sews from ordinary spools without rewinding, and fastens its own seams, thereby saving time and thread. It will sew common spool cotton, silk and linen thread, with equal facility.
THE GROVER & BAKER
SEWING MACHINE
Is so simple that an intelligent child of ten years can readily learn to operate it. It is more easily kept in order than any other machine, and need not be taken apart to be oiled.
THE GROVER & BAKER
SEWING MACHINE
Makes the only stitch that cannot be injured by washing and ironing, and the only stitch that forms an elastic and durable seam. Fabrics put together by this stitch, may wear out and drop to pieces from original weakness or hard usage, but come apart or give away at the seams they cannot; they will hold together when the cloth or calico around them hangs in rags or tatters.
CHATONEY & WALTER, General Agents, 18 Fifth street, Pittsburg.
Mr. JAMES R. KEMBLE, Fourth and Market streets, Agent for Harrisburg, where the Machines may at all times be seen in operation.
☞ *SEND FOR A CIRCULAR.* ☜
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Hotels.

UNITED STATES HOTEL,
SOUTH EAST CORNER OF 11TH AND MARKET STREETS,
ADJOINING THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD DEPOT,
PHILADELPHIA.
The undersigned would respectfully inform the Public that he has taken the above Hotel, formerly known as "THE MANSION HOUSE," which he has refitted and newly furnished throughout.
The Rooms are spacious and commodious, and furnished with every convenience to be found in the best Hotels in the city.
The "UNITED STATES" is admirably located for the convenience of travelers, being under the same roof with the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot, and thus saving both hack hire and porterage of baggage. No pains will be spared to render the "UNITED STATES" a pleasant and agreeable residence to all who may favor it with their patronage. Charges moderate.
oc22-d3mwly H. W. KANAGA, Proprietor.

BUEHLER HOUSE,
MARKET SQUARE,
HARRISBURG, PA.
GEO. J. BOLTON, PROPRIETOR.
CARD.
The above well known and long established Hotel is now undergoing a thorough renovation, and being in a great degree newly furnished, under the proprietorship of Mr. GEORGE J. BOLTON, who has been an inmate of the house for the last three years, and is well known to its guests.
Thankful for the liberal patronage which it has enjoyed, I cheerfully commend Mr. Bolton to the public favor. je7-d&wy WILLIAM BUEHLER.

Insurance.

INSURANCE AGENCY.
THE DELAWARE MUTUAL
SAFETY INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF PHILADELPHIA.
INCORPORATED 1835.
CAPITAL AND ASSETS.....$904,907.51.
THE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA,
OF PHILADELPHIA.
INCORPORATED 1794.
CAPITAL AND ASSETS.....$1,219,475.19.
The undersigned, as Agent for the above well known Companies, will make Insurance against loss or damage by fire, either perpetually or annually, on property in either town or country.
Marine and Inland Transportation Risks also taken.
Apply personally or by letter to
WILLIAM BUEHLER,
dec1-d&wly Harrisburg, Pa.

PROCLAMATION.—Whereas, the Honorable JOHN J. PEARSON, President of the Court of Common Pleas in the Twelfth Judicial District, consisting of the counties of Lebanon and Dauphin, and the Hon. A. O. HIESTER and Hon. FELIX NISSLEY, Associate Judges in Dauphin county, having issued their precept, bearing date the 10th day of December, 1860, to me directed, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery and Quarter Sessions of the Peace at Harrisburg, for the county of Dauphin, and to commence *on the 3d Monday of January*, being the 21*st day of January*, 1861, and to continue two weeks.
Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen, and Constables of the said county of Dauphin, that they be then and there in their proper persons, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, with their records, inquisitions, examinations, and their own remembrances, to do those things which to their office appertains to be done, and those who are bound in recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the Jail of Dauphin county, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.
Given under my hand at Harrisburg the 15th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1860, and in the eighty-third year of the independence of the United States. J. D. BOAS, Sheriff.
SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
Harrisburg, December 15, 1860. } de18-d&wt4

UPHOLSTERING.
C. F. VOLLMER
Is prepared to do all kinds of work in the
UPHOLSTERING BUSINESS.
Pays particular attention to MAKING AND PUTTING DOWN CARPETS, MAKING AND REPAIRING MATTRASSES, REPAIRING FURNITURE, &c., &c. He can be found at all times at his residence, in the rear of the William Tell House, corner of Raspberry and Black berry alleys. sep29-d1y

HICKORY WOOD!!—A SUPERIOR LOT just received, and for sale in quantities to suit purchasers, by JAMES M. WHEELER.
Also, OAK AND PINE constantly on hand at the lowest prices. dec6

EMPTY BOTTLES!!!—Of all sizes and descriptions, for sale *low* by
dec6 WM. DOCK, Jr., & CO.

BURLINGTON HERRING!
Just received by WM. DOCK, Jr., & CO.
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The Patriot & Union.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 25, 1860.

THE MYSTERY OF THE TIDES.

One of the most extraordinary phenomenons in Nature is the rise and fall of the tide-waters. People who reside where they can witness this living, breathing evidence of life in the vast ocean are generally regardless of the wonderful exhibition; those who live away from the sea-shore seldom think about the matter at all. We select a few paragraphs from a pleasant writer who has recently gone into the particulars, and gives us a very clear exposition of what *appears*. Why it is so, still remains a matter of dispute:

In vast and profound Oceans, and on their coasts, the waters rise and sink alternately twice a day. For six hours or thereabouts, they rise, spreading over the shores; this is called the flux, the waters are said to flow, the tide is rising. For a short space of time, a few minutes only, they repose in equilibrium, neither rising nor sinking, which is termed high water; after which they subside again for about six hours, which is called the reflux, or ebb-tide; at the end of which period and a similar short repose denominated low water, they flow again. And so on, throughout all time. During the flow of the tide, the waters of rivers are swollen, and all driven backward to a distance from their mouth varying with the inclination of their bed. In rivers that run through a level country, as the Thames, the tide mounts a considerable way inland; while, in mountain streams which rush headlong into the sea down a rapid slope, the tide may only influence the small portion that lies between high and low water mark. During the reflux, the liberated streams re-commence their task of pouring their contents into the bed of the sea.

The principle on which the theory of the tides is founded, is simple; because it is universal in its application, and admits of no exception whatever. No plea, no excuse, can exempt anything from submitting to its sway. A few hard words, easy to explain and easy to understand, are the only impediments to its being readily comprehended by the popular mind.

Anacreon's bacchanalian ode, to the effect "the clouds drink the dew, the rivers drink the clouds, the sea drinks the rivers, the sun drinks the sea, the moon drinks the sun; everything in heaven and earth drinks; therefore why should not I drink?" becomes a rough description of the system of Nature, as far as we know it, if, for the word "drinks," we substitute "pulls," or "draws." The Newtonian force of Universal Gravitation or Attraction is believed to be the law by which the framework of the universe is held together. Attraction, which is only a Latin word for "pulling to," is the game which is unremittingly played by every particle of created matter. Every material body, great or small, attracts every other material body. It is a constant struggle which body shall annex, appropriate, draw, all other bodies to itself; in this, the strongest body gains the victory. The earth is a ball; an apple on a tree-top is also a ball; but if the apple's hold on the branch be loosened, the big ball soon pulls the small ball to itself, and keeps it, until some stronger force than the earth's attraction—such as the arm of a man or the jaw of a hog—robs the earth of the apple it had taken to itself.

There are two conditions to this law of attraction which it is necessary to know. First: The Attractions exerted by a body is directly proportional to its mass. In simpler language, the larger and more solid a body is, the harder it pulls at equal distances. An object a hundred miles away from the Sun, is pulled much more violently than the same object a hundred miles away from the Earth; while the pull it will receive a hundred miles away from the Earth is considerably stronger than it would experience if suspended a hundred miles above the Moon. All this, for the reason that the mass of the Sun is much greater than that of the Earth, and the mass of the Earth much greater than that of the Moon.

How large is the disproportion of the masses of the Sun and the Earth, may be briefly mentioned; they are to each other as the sum of 1,400,000 is to 1. The Sun is fourteen hundred thousand times as big as the Earth. But abstract numbers impress the mind faintly.—A professor at Angers, in France, wishing to give his pupils a tangible idea of the comparative sizes of the Earth and Sun, set them to count the number of average-sized grains of wheat contained in the measure called a litre (about a pint and three-quarters.) They found ten thousand. Consequently a decalitre (or ten litres) would contain a hundred thousand grains, and a hectolitre (or a hundred litres) a million. A hecotolitre contains a trifle more than a three bushel English corn-sack. The professor then heaped together one hectolitre and four decalitres of wheat, containing in all 1,400,000 grains. Taking a single grain and placing it opposite to the heap, he said, "This is the volume of the Earth, and that is the volume of the Sun.

The disproportion of magnitude and weight is much less between the Earth and the Moon than it is between the Earth and the Sun. In comparison with the size of our globe, our satellite is not so contemptibly little as our globe is in respect to the great centre of the Solar System. The mass of the Moon is eighty-four times less than that of the Earth. It would take eighty-four Moons put together to make one Earth. To follow out the French professor's illustration, if we pile a heap of eighty-four oranges, and place a single orange opposite to the pile, we may say, "This is the mass of the Moon, and that is the mass of the Earth."

The exact state of a tide, at any moment, as well as the points of high and low water, may be known in a seaport town by the contrivance of a well having a subterranean communication with the sea, so that the water shall rise in it during the flow, and sink in it during the ebb. By causing the water to enter a tube of this kind by a small orifice, the agitation of the waters without is rendered insensible. Tide-wells of this kind, constructed by M. Chazallon, the French Naval engineer, exist at Cherbourg and at Brest. The height of the tide is self-registered by an instrument called a maregraphe.

Although the phenomena of the tides be owing to the action of the Moon and Sun, nevertheless many peculiarities attending them still remain imperfectly explained. For instance, between the tropics, with a few exceptions, the tides are very feeble, although the action of the two great luminaries is there perpendicular to the surface of the water. In some of the South Sea Islands, there is only one tide per day. Calculation demonstrates that the rising of the waters is slight in proportion as a sea is small; and we find that the tides are scarcely perceptible in the Caspian, Mediterranean, White and Baltic Seas, which are almost lakes; having no real or no considerable point of communication with the Ocean. In the Black Sea the tides are almost insensible; they ought to be still feebler in the Baltic and the White Seas, in consequence of their distance from the equator. In the Gulf of Venice, the tide is more perceptible than in the rest of the Mediterranean; which may be owing to its shape having a tendency to press the waters into a heap.

THE ISLAND OF JAVA.

A correspondent of the New York *Herald*, writing from Batavia, the capital of the Island of Java, about which we know comparatively little, draws the following graphic picture of the place, which will be found quite interesting:

Now about Batavia and the hotel at which I am stopping. How many in New York believe that on the opposite side of the globe, ten thousand miles nearer the sun, hotels to compare with the Oriental magnificence of the New York hotels can be found? But such is the fact.

Every thing we see here is so entirely different from what I have seen or ever imagined before, it is hard to tell where or how to begin. In all the imaginary wilds of speculative fancy I had never dreamed of any thing to come up to or compare with Batavia. The place approaching nearest to it in the East Indies, or in fact, in any part of the world, is Calcutta, and that by many is considered not equal to Batavia.

The hotel at which I am stopping is the Hotel des Indes, situated in the new, or upper town, some half dozen miles from the water.—This is a fair specimen of five or six others within half a mile of each other. My hotel and grounds cover ten acres. The whole ground, like the rest of the city, is one immense forest of trees and canals. The trees remind one very much of the elms of New Haven. Houses are placed two or three hundred feet back from the street; in front the yard is filled with trees, literally alive with birds, and every variety of plants and flowers. Every house has a stoop or piazza in front, on which, mornings and evenings, sit beautifully dressed ladies and children. The houses are white as the driven snow. In front are bird-cages, elegant lamps, beautiful pictures and steel engravings, handsome marble top tables, rocking chairs, lounges, &c. These articles are mostly of French manufacture of the nicest description.

One can ride here for miles on roads as smooth as a floor, and see nothing different from what I have described. At night the city is one blaze of light from lamps—no gas is allowed. The streets swarm with Malays, Javanese and Chinamen, but no negroes. They are very civil and attentive as waiters, and generally honest. Rooms are left open, and articles of all kinds left exposed without being stolen. There are no beggars to be met with in the streets.

The hotel at which I am stopping—the main building two stories high, with an immense piazza in front—is connected on each side by buildings like railroad depots, three or four hundred feet long. Each suit of rooms contains room enough to make two, three and even half a dozen ordinary rooms such as we get at hotels in the United States. In front and back are bath-houses, fountains, flower-gardens and out-houses for cooking and for servants.—Marble floors, tiled roofs, ceilings from twenty to twenty-five feet high, no carpets, and but few curtains.

Meals are served up in about the same style as at the first-class hotels in New York.

The habits of living are quite different. At daylight coffee and tea are taken to your room; at eight same, with light refreshments; twelve breakfast, and at seven dinner. Coffee and tea are always ready, day or night, same as baths. No extra charge—take them or not, as you please. No business is done in the street in the middle of the day, on account of the heat. Nights and mornings are cool and delightful; birds are singing all night.

The thermometer stands at about 82° throughout the year; it does not vary from this two degrees. The American Consul and one other are the only Americans in town. The island of Java contains a population of 10,000,000; the city of Batavia 180,000. There are three distinct races here—the Malays, Javanese and Sundanese. All speak different languages, and neither can understand the other. This classification does not include the Chinese, of which there are several thousand.

Java is larger and more populous than Sumatra, Borneo or any of the neighboring islands. It is one of the richest and most productive islands in the Indian Ocean. It abounds with tigers, leopards, anacondas and poisonous insects of all kinds, but not so bad as Ceylon, where the average number of persons killed and carried off by tigers from Singapore is one person a day throughout the year. There houses are built on piles fifteen or twenty feet from the ground, into which the people retire at night to sleep, to avoid being killed by tigers. These little huts are entered by ladders, which are pulled up after entering.

The Java coffee grown on this island is equal, if not superior, some of it, to the best Mocha. Every kind of fruit—the finest in the world—is produced here at all seasons of the year.

A PHILOSOPHER.—The local editor of the St. Louis *Republican* is responsible for the following:

Elsewhere will be found a record of the fact that a man was held for trial in the Recorder's Court, yesterday, for stealing a wash-tub. The facts of the case—obtained from a responsible authority—are said to be these: The man is a philosopher. Originally he was a disciple of Epicurius, and boarded at one of our popular hotels until he became troubled with the dyspepsia. This troublesome disorder upset all his epicurean philosophical theories, and he at once gave up the use of a large collection of quack medicines and took to lager beer and the vegetarian theory, for the purpose of becoming a stoic. He succeeded so well with this theory that he speedily advocated the doctrine of Antithsenes, and renounced all pleasures, and maintained that abstinence is the highest object of human exertion. Having read of Diogenes and his tub, he was at once impressed with great admiration for the man, and it is supposed that it was for the purpose of practically illustrating his philosophical theory, in imitation of Diogenes, that he purloined the wash-tub previously mentioned. As the Recorder belongs to a different school of philosophers, he sent the unfortun