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STRINGS, SHEET AND BOOK MUSIC, &c., &c.,
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Has just received from New York, an assortment of
SEASONABLE GOODS,
which he offers to his customers and the public at
nov22) *MODERATE PRICES.* dtf

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General Claims for Soldiers promptly collected, State Claims adjusted, &c., &c. mar20-d1m

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Which will be sold at moderate prices and made up to order; and, also, an assortment of READY MADE Clothing and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.
nov21-1yd

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jan3-tf

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All manner of *VISITING, WEDDING AND BUSINESS CARDS* executed in the most artistic styles and most reasonable terms. decl4-dtf

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His table will be supplied with the best the markets afford, and at his bar will be found superior brands of liquors and malt beverages. The very best accommodations for railroaders employed at the shops in this vicinity. [al4 dtf] HENRY BOSTGEN.

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Particular attention paid to printing, ruling and binding of Railroad Blanks, Manifests, Insurance Policies, Checks, Bill-Heads, &c.
Wedding, Visiting and Business Cards printed at very low prices and in the best style. jan21

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HAVE AGAIN OBTAINED THE
GOLD MEDAL!
AT THE
MECHANICS' FAIR, BOSTON,
HELD THE PRECEDING WEEK,
OVER SIXTY COMPETITORS!
Wareroom for the CHICKERING PIANOS, at Harrisburg, at 92 Market street,
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PRIME NEW ENGLAND RUM.
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These liquors can all be warranted; and in addition to these, Dock & Co. have on hand a large variety of Wines, Whisky and Brandy, to which they invite the particular attention of the public.

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INFALLIBLE LINIMENT
THE
GREAT EXTERNAL REMEDY,
FOR RHEUMATISM, GOUT, NEURALGIA, LUMBAGO, STIFF NECK AND JOINTS, SPRAINS, BRUISES, CUTS & WOUNDS, PILES, HEADACHE, and ALL RHEUMATIC and NERVOUS DISORDERS.
For all of which it is a speedy and certain remedy, and never fails This Liniment is prepared from the recipe of Dr Stephen Sweet, of Connecticut, the famous bone setter, and has been used in his practice for more than twenty years with the most astonishing success.
AS AN ALLEVIATOR OF PAIN, it is unrivaled by any preparation before the public, of which the most skeptical may be convinced by a single trial.
This Liniment will cure rapidly and radically, RHEUMATIC DISORDERS of every kind, and in thousands of cases where it has been used it has never been known to fail.
FOR NEURALGIA, it will afford immediate relief in every case, however distressing.
It will relieve the worst cases of *HEADACHE* in three minutes and is warranted to do it.
TOOTHACHE also will it cure instantly.
FOR NERVOUS DEBILITY AND GENERAL LASSITUDE, arising from imprudence or excess, this Liniment is a most happy and unfailing remedy. Acting directly upon the nervous tissues, it strengthens and revivifies the system, and restores it to elasticity and vigor.
FOR PILES.—As an external remedy, we claim that it is the *best* known, and we challenge the world to produce an equal. Every victim of this distressing complaint should give it a trial, for it will not fail to afford immediate relief, and in a majority of cases will effect a *radical* cure.
QUINSY and SORE THROAT are sometimes extremely malignant and dangerous, but a timely application of this Liniment will never fail to cure.
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BRUISES, CUTS, WOUNDS, SORES, ULCERS, BURNS and SCALDS, yield readily to the wonderful healing properties of DR. SWEET'S INFALLIBLE LINIMENT, when used according to directions. Also, *CHILBLAINS, FROSTED FEET, and INSECT BITES and STINGS.*
EVERY HORSE OWNER
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Over four hundred voluntary testimonials to the wonderful curative properties of this Liniment have been received within the last two years, and many of them from persons in the highest ranks of life.
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To avoid imposition, observe the Signature and Likeness of Dr. Stephen Sweet on every label, and also "Stephen Sweet's Infallible Liniment" blown in the glass of each bottle, without which none are genuine.
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Sole Proprietors, Norwich, Ct.
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AND
CHALYBEATE SPRINGS,
At Doubling Gap, Penn.
JAMES D. HENDLEY, PROPRIETOR,
Late of Kirkwood House, Washington.
SEASON OPENS 15th JUNE, 1863.
These Springs are in Cumberland county, Penn'a, 30 miles west of Harrisburg. They are accessible from all the principal cities by railroad to Harrisburg, thence by the Cumberland Valley railroad to Newville; from Newville, 8 miles good staging to the Springs. The stage is always in waiting upon the arrival of the cars at Newville.
Passengers leaving Philadelphia, Baltimore or Washington in the morning can arrive at the Springs the same evening at five o'clock.
The Hotel is commodious and comfortable, with Hot and Cold Baths attached, and extensive grounds for walks and amusement.
The long experience of the present Proprietor (for many years past at the Kirkwood House in Washington, D. C.,) enables him to say, that it will be conducted in a manner to please all Visitors.
TERMS:—$2 per day; $12 per week; 4 weeks $40.—Children and servants half price. je9-d2m

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20,000, lbs. Composed of the following Brands just received:
NEWBOLD'S—Celebrated.
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MICHINER'S EXCELSIOR—Canvassed.
MICHINER'S EXCELSIOR—Not canvassed.
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IRON CITY—Not canvassed.
PLAIN HAMS—Strictly prime.
ORDINARY HAMS—Very good.
Every Ham sold will be guaranteed as represented. WM. DOCK, jr., & CO.

MORTON'S UNRIVALLED GOLD PEN.—FIRST QUALITY WARRANTED.
NONE BETTER IN THE WHOLE WORLD.
A GREAT LUXURY!
PERSONS in want of a superior and really good GOLD PEN will find with me a large assortment to select from, and have the privilege to exchange the Pens until their hand is perfectly suited. And if by fair means the Diamond points break off during twelve months, the purchaser shall have the privilege to select a new one, without any charge.
I have very good Gold Pens, made by Mr. Morton, not warranted, in strong silver-plated cases, for $1, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00
For sale at SCHEFFER'S BOOKSTORE, No. 18 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

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DIRECTIONS:—Dissolve one pound of the soap in one gallon boiling water, then add two gallons warm, when cool you will have three gallons HANDSOME WHITE SOFT SOAP. Ten pounds will make one barrel of soft soap. The soap thus made is an excellent wash for trees, shrubs and plants of all kinds. For sale by
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At this season of year, when so much sickness prevails, every one should provide himself with DR. HUMPHREY'S HOMŒOPATHIC MEDICINES, and prevent disease in its beginning.
A fresh supply always on hand at
SCHEFFER'S BOOK-STORE,
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A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF LITHOGRAPHS,
Formerly retailed at from $3 to $5, are now offered at 50 and 75 cents, and $1 and $1 50—published by the Ar Union, and formerly retailed by them.
Splendid Photographic Album Pictures of all distinguished men and Generals of the army, at only 10 cts.
For sale at SCHEFFER'S Bookstore, 18 Market street, Harrisburg.

WHITE BRANDY!!!—FOR PRESERVING PURPOSES.—A very superior article, (*strictly pure,*) just received and for sale by
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WANTED.—$75 A MONTH! I want to hire Agents in every county at $75 a month expenses paid, to sell my new cheap Family Sewing Machines. Address, S. MADISON,
m5-d3m Alfred, Maine.

WANTED.—$60 A MONTH! We want Agents at $60 a month, expenses paid, to sell our *Everlasting Pencils, Oriental Burners,* and thirteen other new, useful and curious articles. Fifteen circulars sent *free.* Address,
m5-d3m SHAW & CLARK, Biddeford, Maine.

WAR! WAR!—BRADY, No. 62 Market street, below Third, has received a large assortment of SWORDS, SASHES and BELTS, which he will sell very low. au20 dtf

Bank Notices.

LEGISLATIVE BANK NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the legislative authority of Pennsylvania, at the next session of the General Assembly thereof, commencing the first Tuesday of January, A. D, 1864, for the incorporation of a Bank having banking and discounting privileges, with a capital of One Million Dollars, by the name and style of "The Oil City Bank," and to be located as Oil City, Venango county, Pennsylvania. C. V. CULVER.
June 29th, 1863-6m

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that "The Commercial Bank of Pennsylvania," intend to apply to the Legislature of Pennsylvania at their next session, for a renewal of their charter. Said bank is located in the city of Philadelphia, with an authorized capital of one million of dollars, a renewal of which will be asked for, with the usual banking privileges.—By order of the Board. S. C. FALMER, Cashier.
PHILADELPHIA, June 29, 1863-6m

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of Pennsylvania at their next session, for a renewal of the charter of The Farmers' Bank of Schuylkill County, located in Pottsville, in the county of Schuylkill, with the present capital of one hundred thousand dollars, and with the usual banking privileges. J. W. CAKE, Cashier.
June 16, 1863.—7m

BANK NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have formed an association and prepared a certificate for the purpose of establishing a Bank of Issue, Discount and Deposit, under the provisions of the act entitled "A supplement to an act to establish a system of Free Banking in Pennsylvania, and to secure the public against loss from Insolvent Banks," approved the first day of May, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-one. The said Bank to be called THE FARMERS' BANK OF MOUNT JOY, to be located in the borough of Mount Joy, to consist of a capital stock of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, in shares of Fifty Dollars each, with the privilege of increasing the same to any amount not exceeding Three Hundred Thousand Dollars in all.
J. Hoffman Hershey, John M. Hershey,
Martin B. Peifer, Jacob M. Stauffer,
Reuben Gerber, John M. Bear.
jan28-d6moaw*

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given of an intention to establish a Bank of Discount, Deposit and Circulation, under the provisions of an act, entitled "An Act to establish a system of free banking in Pennsylvania," &c., and the supplement thereto; said Bank to be called "THE MANUFACTURERS' BANK," to be located in the borough of Columbia, Lancaster county, Pa., with a capital of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, to be divided into two thousand shares of Fifty Dollars each. dec4-6md

ALLENTOWN BANK.
ALLENTOWN BANK, June 20, 1863.
Notice is hereby given, that application will be made to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, at its next session, for an increase of the capital of said Bank to the amount of $200,000 in addition to that authorized by the present Charter; and also for an extension of the Charter of said Bank for twenty years from the expiration of the present Charter.
By order of the Board of Directors.
je20-dtml CHARLES W. COOPER, Cashier.

BANK NOTICE!—The Stockholders of the FARMERS' AND DROVERS' BANK OF WAYNESBURG, in Green county, Pa, will apply to the next Legislature of the State, for an extension of charter, for the term of fifteen years from the expiration of its present term The location, corporate name and privileges, and amount of capital stock, to wit: one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be the same as under its present charter.
By order of the Board. J. LAZEAR, Cashier.
Waynesburg, Green co., Pa., June 15, 1863—je20-dtml

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given, in conformity with the act of Assembly, that the stockholders of the Bank of Montgomery County will make an application to the next Legislature of Pennsylvania for a renewal of the Charter of said Bank, with the same amount of capital (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) as under the present Charter, to continue its present name and location.
By order of the Board of Directors.
W. H. SLINGLUFF, Cashier.
Norristown, Pa., June 20, 1863.—6m

NOTICE.—The Miners' Bank of Pottsville, in the county of Schuylkill, hereby give notice that they intend to apply to the Legislature of Pennsylvania at their next session for a renewal of their charter. Said Bank is located in the borough of Pottsville, in the county of Schuylkill, with an authorized capital of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars—a renewal of which will be asked without any extension of privileges.
By order of the Board.
CHA. LOESER, Cashier.
Pottsville, June 20, 1863.—6md

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ALL WORK PROMISED IN ONE WEEK!

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BETWEEN FOURTH AND FIFTH,
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Where every description of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Garments, Piece Goods, &c., are Dyed, Cleansed, and finished in the best manner and at the shortest notice.
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MASTIC WORKER
AND
PRACTICAL CEMENTER,
Is prepared to Cement the exterior of Buildings with the New York Improved
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This Material is different from all other Cements. It forms a solid, durable adhesiveness to any surface, imperishable by the action of water or frost. Every good building should be coated with this Cement; it is a perfect preserver to the walls, and makes a beautiful, fine finish, equal to Eastern brown sandstone, or any color desired.
Among others for whom I have applied the Mastic Cement, I refer to the following gentlemen:
J. Bissell, residence, Penn street, Pittsburg, finished five years.
J. H. Shoenberger, residence, Lawrenceville, finished five years.
James M'Candlass, residence, Allegheny City, finished five years.
Calvin Adams, residence, Third street, finished four years.
A. Hoeveler, residence, Lawrenceville, finished four years.
J. D. M'Cord, Penn street, finished four years.
Hon. Thomas Irwin, Diamond street, finished four years.
St Charles Hotel and Girard House, finished five years.
Kittanning Court House and Bank, for Barr & Moser, Architects, Pittsburg, finished five years.
Orders received at the office of R M'Eldowney, Paint Shop, 20 Seventh street, or please address
T. F. WATSON,
may16-tf P. O. Box 13,6, Pittsburg, Pa.

CHARLES F. VOLLMER,
UPHOLSTERER,
Chestnut street, four doors above Second,
(OPPOSITE WASHINGTON HOSE HOUSE,)
Is prepared to furnish to order, in the very best style of workmanship, Spring and Hair Mattresses, Window Curtains, Lounges, and all other articles of Furniture in his line, on short notice and moderate terms. Having experience in the business, he feels warranted in asking a share of public patronage, confident of his ability to give satisfaction. jan17-dtf

JAPANESE TEA.—A choice lot of this celebrated Tea just received. It is of the first cargo ever imported, and is much superior to the Chinese Teas in quality, strength and fragrance, and is also entirely free of adulteration, coloring or mixture of any kind.
It is the natural leaf of the Japenese Tea Plant.
For sale by WM. DOCK, jr., & Co.

The Patriot & Union.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 4, 1863.

STARTLING INTELLIGENCE.

NEGOTIATIONS TO STOP THE WAR—ABOLITIONISTS CONSULTING WITH CONFEDERATES IN REGARD TO STOPPING THE WAR—MR. CONWAY AND MR. MASON.

Conway's proposition to Mason, the Confederate agent in London, that if the Confederate States will give up slavery then the Abolitionists and anti-slavery men of the North will immediately oppose the prosecution of the war on the part of the United States, is absurd as diplomacy, but serious as revealing the secret heart of the radicals of the North, whom the *Tribune* leads. They do not care and never have cared a continental copper for the restoration of the Union. If it could be restored with slavery intact and under the sole control of State laws, as the Constitution prescribes, if it should remain "sectional," as for party purposes the Republican party in the Chicago platform declared it to be, they would oppose reunion. They care for nothing but the Abolition of slavery, and are Unionists or disunionists, whichever best forwards their only wish.

Mr. Conway, in his first letter to Mason, said: "I have authority to make the following proposition on behalf of the leading anti-slavery men of America, who have sent me to this country." Mr. Conway doubtless told the truth. His statement is confirmed by the fact that even the *Tribune* has not the effrontery to deny his authority or the truthfulness of his representations. It only alleges that the rebels can never be induced to abolish slavery. It virtually admits that his representations of the wishes of the radicals are correct:

"Jeff. Davis would not be safe in Richmond if slavery were abolished; Virginia could not be kept a year out of the Union in that case. Whenever slavery shall give up the ghost, no matter under what conditions, the knell of the Confederacy will have sounded."

Here is a covert admission that it indorses Conway's proposition. Once it openly proclaimed itself for peace and disunion. Knowing now that peace means disunion, and that the North will never consent to that, it pretends to argue that a southern abolition of slavery would destroy the confederacy and so bring about peace and reunion. The fetch is transparent. To-day, in its secret heart, it longs for a pusillanimous peace and permanent disunion; and Conway is its fit, as he probably is its authorized, representative.

The Conway-Mason Correspondence.

MR. MASON TO THE LONDON TIMES.

To the Editor of the Times:

SIR: As a part of the political history of the times, the correspondence transmitted herewith may have sufficient significance to call for its publication. I submit it to you accordingly for a place in your columns.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, J. M. MASON,
24 Upper Seymour street, Portman Square,
June 27.

MR. CONWAY TO MR. MASON.

AUBREY HOUSE, NOTTING HILL, LONDON, W., June 10.

SIR: I have authority to make the following proposition on behalf of the leading anti-slavery men of America, who have sent me to this country. If the States calling themselves "The Confederate States of America" will consent to emancipate the negro slaves in those States, such emancipation to be guaranteed by a liberal European commission, the emancipation to be inaugurated at once, and such time to be allowed for its completion as the commission shall adjudge to be necessary and just, and such emancipation once made shall be irrevocable—then the Abolitionists and anti-slavery leaders of the Northern States shall immediately oppose the prosecution of the war on the part of the United States government, and, since they hold the balance of power, will certainly cause the war to cease by the immediate withdrawal of every kind of support from it. I know that the ultimate decision upon so grave a proposition may require some time; but meanwhile I beg to be informed at your earliest convenience whether you will personally lend your influence in favor of a restoration of peace and the independence of the South upon the simple basis of the emancipation of the slaves. Any guarantee of my own responsibility and my right to make this offer shall be forthcoming.

I am, Sir, yours, &c., MONCURE D. CONWAY.
J. M. Mason, Esq.

MR. MASON TO MR. CONWAY.

24 UPPER SEYMOUR STREET, PORTMAN SQUARE, June 11, 1863.

SIR:—I have your note of yesterday. The proposition it contains is certainly worthy of the gravest consideration, provided it is made under a proper responsibility. Yet you must be aware that, while you know fully the representative position I occupy, I have not the like assurance as regards yourself. If you think proper, therefore, to communicate to me who those are on whose behalf and authority you make the proposition referred to, with the evidence of your "right to make this offer," I will at once give you my reply, the character of which, however, must depend on what I may learn of your authority in the premises.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, J. M. MASON.
Moncure D. Conway, Esq.

MR. CONWAY TO MR. MASON.

AUBREY HOUSE, NOTTING HILL, W., June 16.

SIR:—Your note of the 11th has been received. I could easily give you the evidence that I represent the views of the leading Abolitionists of America, but with regard to the special offer which I have concluded that it was best to write out to America and obtain the evidence of my right to make it in a form which will preclude any doubt as to its sufficiency. I shall then address you again on the subject.

I am, &c, MONCURE D. CONWAY.
J. M. Mason, Esq.

MR. MASON TO MR. CONWAY.

24 UPPER SEYMOUR STREET, Portman Square, July 17.

SIR: I have received your note of yesterday. You need not write to America to "obtain the evidence" of your right to treat on the matter it imports. Our correspondence closes with this reply. It was your pleasure to commence it, it is mine to terminate it. I desire to know who they were who were responsible for your mission to England, as you present it; and who were to confirm the treaty you proposed to make for arresting the war in America, on the basis of a separation of the States, with or without the sanction of their government. But such information is of the less value now, as I find from an advertisement in the journals of the day that you have brought to England letters of sufficient credit from those who sent you to invite a public meeting in London, under the sanction of a member of Parliament, who was to preside, to hear an addresss from you on the subject of your mission, with the promise of a like address from him. This correspondence shall go to the public, and will find its way to the country a class of the citizens of which you claim to represent.

It will, perhaps, interest the government and the *soi distant* "loyal men" there to know, under the sanction of your name, that the "leading anti-slavery men in America" are prepared to negotiate with the authorities of the Confederate States for a "restoration of peace and the independence of the South on a pledge that the Abolitionists and anti-slavery leaders of the Northern States shall immediately oppose the further prosecution of the war on the part of the United States government, and, since they hold the balance of power, will certainly cause the war to cease by the immediate withdrawal of every kind of support from it." As some reward, however, for this interesting disclosure, your inquiry whether the Confederate States will consent to emancipation on the terms stated shall not go wholly unanswered. You may be assured, then, and perhaps it may be of value to your constituents to assure them, that the Northern States will never be in relations to put this question to the South, nor will the Southern States ever be in a position requiring them to give an answer.

I am, sir, your obedient servant, J. M. MASON.
MONCURE D. CONWAY, Esq.

THE LAUREATE OF THE LEAGUE.

From the Philadelphia Evening Journal.

The "Loyal League" of Philadelphia sustains, among other luxurious appendages, a Laureate—a veritable warbler, who lifts up his pipes and sings to order whenever the League craves melody. The person who holds this honorable and lucrative position—whose versatile and accommodating muse appears whenever wanted, and sings until told to hush—is Mr. George H. Boker. George belongs to a school of literary artistes, at the head of which stands Mr. Augustine J. H. Duganne, whose works, (a *presentation* copy—we believe none were ever sold,) look placidly down at us, as we write, done up in the glories of cream colored paper and antique binding. George and Augustine burst upon the world about the same time. Augustine affected to be a sort of Apostle of Labor—called his poems the "Iron Harp," and drummed away through reams of jingle in a monotonous exhortation to the workingmen to "Strike," and to "Be Up," an idea expressed with equal force and greater brevity by every factory bell in the country. Augustine also exhorted the Irish to revolt, in certain ponderous lyrics which, no doubt, stirred the masses of Galway and Tipperary, where we presume every Irishman hummed them over his potatoes and buttermilk. At least, we never heard anything to the contrary. While Duganne was thus hatching revolutions and strengthening the muscles of labor, Boker, "his eyes in frenzy rolling," was evolving from the dark labyrinths of his genius a *tragedy.* We remember when it was acted, and have some faint recollection of the plot. Be assured that it contained all the elements and was propped by all the conventional accessories of a good old-fashioned poisoning, throat-cutting high tragedy.—George's murderers scowled, his heroine fainted, his daggers gleamed, and his cups of deadly poison brimmed with ale or cold coffee, after the most approved dramatic fashion. He was not the man to omit those sterling ejaculations which are the marrow of intense expression. "*Aha*"—"*The foul fiend take thee!*" "*Sdeath!*" "*By my faith!*" "*Gramercy!*" "*Pr'ythe sweet maid!*" and the like. In other words, George was a drmatist who would have suited to a notch the company of Mr. Vincent Crummles. If a pump and a pair of tubs lay idle among the properties of the theatre, a tragedy would have been furnished at the shortest notice, in which pump water would have been an essential element, and tubs, of course, required to catch it.

George's tragedy had its day; was puffed, praised, endured, laughed at, and, finally, vanished from among men.

Years rolled on. Labor and Erin having turned a deaf ear to Duganne—copies of his poems being rare in workshops and extremely scarce in the private libraries of the Finnegans and O'Rouke's—he applied himself to the composition of "Dime Novels." We purchased one, and do not hesitate to pronounce it worth the money. But the war opened a new field to these *genii.* Duganne has betaken himself to writing martial ballads; which, ornamented with neat colored wood-cuts, have a sale rivaling that of "Black Eyed Susan," "*Barbary* Allen" and the inexpensive lyrics of a past age. Meantime Boker has been intrusted by the Loyal League of Philadelphia with the delicate functions of negro minstrel, tunes his lyre periodically to celebrate the the valor, symmetry, and fragrance of the Ethiop. Occasionally, it is true, he throws off a ditty upon some other loyal theme. He celebrated Hooker's advance upon Lee in a soul-stirring lyric, winding up

"Hooker's across! Hooker's across!"

We forget whether

"On a white hoss! On a white hoss!"

was added or not. He strangely omitted, however, to sing the return of the hero, a movement which was mentioned in many of the public prints at the time.

We have seen no lyric with the truthful chorus—

"Hooker's come back! Hooker's come back!"

though we have anxiously looked for one.—Possibly it is a point of faith with the League to believe that Joe is still "*across,*" and if so, we beg nobody to disturb this touching and childlike trust in "*the best government the world ever saw.*"

But this Hooker song and others like it are mere incidental droppings from the poetic fount. The negro is George's speciality, and it is with real pleasure that we present to our readers one of his noblest songs, inspired by the "culled cuss" from Africa—

THE SECOND LOUISIANA.

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Dark as the clouds of even,
Ranked in the western heaven,
Waiting the breath that lifts
All the dread mass, and drifts
Tempest and falling brand
Over a ruined land;
So still and orderly,
Arm to arm, knee to knee,
Waiting the great event,
Stands the black regiment.

Down the long dusky line
Teeth gleam and eyeballs shine,
And the bright bayonet,
Bristling and firmly set,
Flashed with a purpose grand,
Long ere the sharp command
Of the fierce rolling drum
Told them their time had come,
Told them what work was sent
For the black regiment.

"Now," the flag sergeant cried,
"Though death and hell betide,
Let the whole nation see
If we are fit to be
Free in this land, or bound
Down, like the whining hound—
Bound with red stripes' pain
In our old chains again!"
Oh! what a shout there went
From the black regiment!
"Charge!" Trump and drum awake;
Onward the bondmen broke;
Bayonet and sabre stroke
Vainly opposed their rush.
Through the wild battle's crush,
With but one thought afush,
Driving their lords like chaff,
In the gun's mouth's they laugh;
Or at the slippery brands
Leaping with open hands,
Down they tear man and horse,
Down in their awful course;
Trampling with bloody heel
Over the crashing steel,
All their eyes forward bent,
Rushed the black regiment.

"Freedom!" their battle cry—
"Freedom! or leave to die!"
Ah! and they meant the word,
Not as with us 'tis heard,
Not a mere party shout;
They gave their spirits out,
Trusted the end to God,
And on the gory sod
Rolled in triumphant blood.
Glad to strike one free blow,
Whether for weal or woe;
Glad to breathe one free breath,
Though on the lips of death.
Praying—alas! in vain!—
That they might fall again,
So they could once more see
That burst to liberty!
This was what "freedom" lent
To the black regiment.

Hundreds on hundreds fell!
But they are resting well;
Scourges and shackles strong
Never shall do them wrong.
O, to the living few,
Soldiers, be just and true!
Hail them as comrades tried;
Fight with them side by side;
Never, in field or tent,
Scorn the black regiment!

GEORGE H. BOKER.

If Tennyson had seen this thing before he wrote his "Charge of the Light Brigade," we should have suspected him of plagiarism. Certainly the resemblance between the two poems is amazing—as it is doubtless accidental.—Still we think that Boker's poem might be improved on. This account of the valor of the blacks is lacking in some important items, which shed great light on the heroism of that bloody day. Gen Banks' statement shows a loss at Port Hudson of about one thousand in all, killed, wounded and missing. Of this number it is fair to assign three hundred as the proportion killed. Yet Boker, in his eager haste to celebrate African valor at the expense of the white soldier, has absolutely slain in his song six hundred blacks at one fell swoop, being twice as many black and white as fell by the bullet on that disastrous day. Three hundred out of a whole army is exaggerated by the loyal fancy of Boker into six hundred out of a single regiment, and that a black one. If this marvelous and poetic cyphering were correct we should think that Boker and the league would be ashamed to show white faces and kinkless hair on the streets. Were it true, the white army had better be disbanded at once and the protection of our lives and fortunes confided to the valorous arms of the negroes.—But it is all nonsense. The reason why any blacks at all were killed is plain enough.

It seems that the African corps was placed in the *advance,* that is to say, with the frowning batteries of Port Hudson in front, and a legion of bayonets behind, to quicken the tardy steps, or restrain the undignified flight of any faltering or fleet-footed warrior. In other words, they were cooped like so many Cincinnati pigs in an ingenious slaughter-pen, where death was sure and flight impossible, and the mad desperation which fights because it cannot flee, has been trumpeted over the land as the first development of a type of valor which the Saxon may feebly imitate, but which is the true associate of flat feet and crisp wool. Boker has fallen into the common error, and has described the stern determination of the blacks, and their desperate valor, without any intimation that it was sustained and quickened by a smart show of Caucasian bayonets in the rear! No wonder that a "nigger" finding himself in such a precious fix, should roll up the whites of his eyes and show his teeth; or, as Mr. Boker adapts it to the tender tympanum of "the League"—

"Down the long dusky line
Teeth gleam and eyeballs shine!"

Had he added that each warrior fiercely stamped a hole in the ground with the hollow of his foot it would have been by no means incredible, and would have comported perfectly with our knowledge of negro anatomy. Any contortion, grin, convulsion, or roll of the eye, however wild or curious, might be looked for among a gang of enenared Sambos, pining to run and fearing to budge.

However, this poetic disregard of facts is altogether becoming in a laureate. But as we are hampered with no official position of that kind, have an altogether bayless head, and are without any poetic reputation either to sustain or lose, suppose we suggest a verse or two as an improvement on the Laureate's facts, if not upon his jingle. Here goes:

Black as the very devil,
Armed for the bloody revel,
Quaking from head to foot,
Doubtful which way to shoot,
With hand upon trigger,
Stood forth every nigger.
Dreading the coming fight,
Sweating with heat and fright,
'Mid wild consternation,
And st ong perspiration,
Lord! what a powerful scent
Had the black regiment!

Oh! 'twas a glorious sight,
Fit to shame soldie s white,
With heads sheathed in lightest wool
All the long ranks were full,
Safe was each warrior's brain,
Shielded from leade r rain;
For the cranium of Guinea
Can turn the dread Minie,
Which tears through the waxen,
Thin skull of the Saxon,
Helmets cost not a cent
For the black regiment.

We regard that as rather neatly turned. The battle we will not attempt. We leave it to the loyal muse of Boker and the League to describe the gouging, scratching and bloody biting which seem to be the points of negro warfare on which the Abolitionists specially plume themselves. George's concluding exhortation to the white soldiers to be sociable with their colored brethren, is very proper and pathetic, but somewhat darkly worded. We suggest a substitute.

Oh! white soldiers be clever
To Niggers, and never,
When June days are longest,
And the sweat oozes strongest,
Turn up scornful noses,
But pretend you smell roses;
If their wrongs never move you,
At least stand their effluvia!
Or smoke pipes to kill the scent
Of the black regiment.

MISS KATE BATEMAN, the favorite American *tragedienne,* and her father, were passengers by the steamship China, which left for Europe on Wednesday of last week. Among the passengers also by the same vessel, was the Chevalier de Hulseman, the Austrian Minister. Mr. Hulseman has been in bad health for some time past, and was attacked by a severe fit of sickness in March last, which threatened to become very serious. Mr. Hulseman goes to Europe to take the baths, and will not, probably, return again to this