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OFFICE IN WYETH'S BUILDING,
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CORNER OF MARKET STREET AND MARKET SQUARE.

C. D. WALTER'S,
CLOCK MAKER, CLEANER AND REPAIRER,
NORTH STREET, EAST OF THE CAPITAL.
ALL WORK GUARANTEED.
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AND
R. E. FERGUSON,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
OFFICE IN
SHOEMAKER'S BUILDINGS
SECOND STREET,
BETWEEN WALNUT AND MARKET SQUARE,
ap-29-47

ROBERT SNODGRASS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Office North Third street, third door above Market, Harrisburg, Pa.
N. B.—Pensions, Bounty and Military claims of all kinds promptly and collected.
Refer to Messrs John C. Kunkel, David Mumma, Jr., and R. A. Lancaster. my11-d47

R. C. WEICHEL,
SURGEON AND OCUKIST,
RESIDENCE THIRD NEAR NORTH STREET.
He is now fully prepared to attend promptly to the duties of a physician in all his branches.
A young and very successful medical practitioner, who has had the most extensive practical experience in all the various branches of medicine, and who has the honor of having been a member of the Medical Association of the State of Pennsylvania, and of the American Medical Association.
my11-d47

THOS. C. MACDOWELL,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
MILITARY CLAIM AND PATENT AGENT.
Office in the Exchange, Walnut St. (Up Stairs)
Having removed to this office in Walnut Street, City, where he is reliable business man, any business connected with any of the Departments will meet with immediate and careful attention. w19-7

MILITARY CLAIMS AND PENSIONS.
The undersigned has entered into an association for the collection of Military Claims and the securing of Pensions for wounded and disabled soldiers.
Master-in-Chief and Master-out Roll, officers' Pay Rolls, Ordnance and Clothing returns, and all papers pertaining to the military service will be made up properly and expeditiously.
Office in the Exchange Buildings, Walnut between Second and Third streets, near O'Neil's Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa.
THOS. C. MACDOWELL,
126-27-d

SILAS WARD,
NO. 11, NORTH THIRD ST., HARRISBURG.
STEINWAY'S PIANOS,
MELODIONS, VIOLINS, GUITARS,
Banjos, Flutes, Fifes, Drums, Accordions,
Saxophones, and Book Music, &c., &c.,
PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES, ALBUMS,
Large Pier and Mantel Mirrors, and Oval Frames of every description, and all papers pertaining to the business, and all orders promptly filled.
Agency for Howe's Sewing Machines.
Sheet Music sent by Mail. oct1-3

JOHN W. GLOVER,
MERCHANT TAILOR!
Has just received from New York, an assortment of
SEASONABLE GOODS,
which he offers to his customers and the public at
MODERATE PRICES. dtf

J. COOK, Merchant Tailor,
27 CHESTNUT ST. between Second and Front.
Has just returned from the city with an assortment of
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES AND VESTINGS,
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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B. M. SILDEA, D. D. S.,
NO. 119 MARKET STREET,
Positively extracts teeth without pain, by the use of Nitrous Oxide. jan1-1f

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TRACT AND SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPOSITORY,
E. S. GERMAN,
37 SOUTH SECOND STREET, ABOVE CHEBUNT,
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Depot for the sale of Bibles, Tracts, Religious Views, Music and Musical Instruments. Also, subscription lists taken for religious publications. nov8-4v

JOHN G. W. MARTIN,
FASHIONABLE
CARD WRITER,
HERN'S HOTEL, HARRISBURG, PA.
All manner of VISITING, WEDDING AND BUSINESS CARDS executed in the most artistic style and most reasonable terms. dec14-4tf

UNION HOTEL,
Ridge Avenue, corner of Broad street,
HARRISBURG, PA.
The undersigned informs the public that he has recently renovated and refitted his well-known "Union Hotel" on Ridge Avenue, near the Round House, and is prepared to accommodate citizens, strangers and travelers in the best style, at moderate rates.
His table will be supplied with the best markets afford, and at his bar will be found superior brands of liquors and wines. The very best accommodations for roadsters employed at the shops in this vicinity. [alt dtf] HENRY BOSTEREN.

FRANKLIN HOUSE,
BALTIMORE, MD.
This pleasant and commodious hotel has been recently re-fitted and re-located. It is pleasantly situated on North-West corner of Howard and Franklin streets, a few doors west of the Northern Central Railway Depot. Every attention paid to the comfort of his guests. G. LEIBENRIN, Proprietor, [alt dtf] (Late of Solina Grove, Pa.)

THEO. F. SCHEFFER,
BOOK, CARD AND JOB PRINTER,
NO. 18 MARKET STREET, HARRISBURG.
Particular attention paid to printing, ruling and binding of Railroad Blank, Manifests, Printed Policies, Wedding, Visiting and Business Cards printed at low prices and in the best style. jan21

TAILORING.
GEO. A. BLUGE,
The subscriber is located at No. 64, MARKET ST., four doors below Fourth street, to make
MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING
in any desired style, and with skill and promptness. Persons wishing cutting done can have it done at the shortest notice. ap27-4

CHARLES F. VOLLMER,
UPHOLSTERER,
Chestnut street, four doors above Second,
In preparing and repairing, is 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, and confidence of his ability to give satisfaction. jan17-4

Hotels.

MOUNT VERNON HOUSE,
Second Street, above Arch,
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A. F. BLAIR, PROPRIETOR,
opposite Late of "Surf House," Atlantic City. [32m]

BUEHLER HOUSE,
HARRISBURG, PA.
This old established House has undergone extensive improvements, and been thoroughly renovated and refitted.
It is pleasantly located in the heart of the city, in easy access to the State Capitol and Public grounds.
It is the accommodation of our guests, we have recently renovated and refitted the Hotel, and have added to the number of our rooms, and have made every effort to make the BUEHLER HOUSE a home-like resort for the stranger and traveler; we respectfully solicit a continuance of the public patronage.

NATIONAL HOTEL,
(LATE WHITE SWAN).
Race street, above Third, Philadelphia.
This establishment offers great inducements, not only on account of reduced rates of board, but from the central location to the avenues of trade, as well as the conveniences afforded by several passenger railroads. The improvements made in this Hotel, and the fact that guests can pass to and from the Hotel to the different railroad depots, should be preferred to the regular omnibus, being so convenient to the house. It is desirable to devote whole attention to the comfort and convenience of my guests, and endeavor to give general satisfaction.
Terms—\$1.25 Per Day.
DAVID C. HERRIST,
(Formerly of Eagle Hotel, Lebanon, Pa.)
T. V. BROOKS, Clerk. my11-d47

FOR SALE.—A two-story Brick House on Pine street. For particular inquiry of JOHN MURRAY, oct10-28&W Corner of Second and Pine.

PRIVATE SALE.—The well known One Tavern and Grocery stand, now doing an excellent business, situated between the Canal and Front street, in the borough of Liverpool, Perry county, Pa., is now offered at private sale on accommodating terms. For particulars apply to JOHN MURRAY, calling on the undersigned, or by addressing Dr. T. G. Morris, Secretary, Ferry Lodge, No. 259, I. O. O. F. at Liverpool, Pa. ROBERT WALLIS, T. G. MORRIS, J. A. BLATTENBERGER, Committee. LIVERPOOL, Oct. 14th, 1863.—3dt

VALUABLE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE.—The subscriber will sell at private sale that valuable Tavern Stand, situated on Ridge Road in the Sixth Ward, Harrisburg, corner of Broad street, being 26 feet long and 72 feet wide. The improvements are a two-story frame Tavern House, with three-story back building. Hydrant water in the premises, and other conveniences. The property is situated either for a store or a hotel, being eligibly situated. Terms apply on the premises to HENRY BOSTEREN. HARRISBURG, September 9, 1863. P. S.—The subscriber will also sell a fine six year old horse and family carriage, having no use for the same. sep10-1f

FOR SALE.—THE BUILDING ON the corner of Walnut and Short streets, used as a COOPER SHOP. This building was originally built on lots 26 feet long and 72 feet wide. It consists of three separate frames placed together, each frame being 26 by 72 feet, making the entire building, as shown on the plan, 78 feet long and 72 feet wide. It is a EIGHT HORSE POWER ENGINE AND BOILER, newly new, and one of Dr. J. H. Patten's Patent Steam Cutters, and is a very valuable property. The property is situated either for a store or a hotel, being eligibly situated. Terms apply on the premises to HENRY BOSTEREN. HARRISBURG, September 9, 1863. P. S.—The subscriber will also sell a fine six year old horse and family carriage, having no use for the same. sep10-1f

LOTS FOR SALE.—ON NORTH ST. and Pennsylvania Avenue. Apply to S. L. MCULLOCH, 20 Market street, Harrisburg, Pa. H. B. HAIDEMAN, mar1-dtf Cor. Front and Walnut sts.

FOR SALE.—A House and Lot on Sixth street, near State. Enquire at the Exchange Office of S. L. MCULLOCH, 20 Market street, Harrisburg, Pa. Where the highest price is always paid for GOLD and SILVER. feb12-4f

FOR SALE.—A TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE in Short street. Inquire of W. K. VERBEKE. sep10-1f

Transportation.
DANIEL A. MUNCH,
Agent of the Old Waller Line,
Respectfully informs the public that this Old Daily Transportation Line, (the only Waller Line now in existence in this city,) is in constant operation, and prepared to carry Freight as low as any other individual line between Philadelphia, Harrisburg, York, Lewisburg, Williamsport, Pottsville, Haverhill, and all other points on the Northern Central, Philadelphia and Erie and Williamsport and Elmira Railroads.
Goods sent to the Warehouse of Messrs. Peacock, Zell & Hinchman, No. 609 and 610 Market street, above North Third street, at 10 o'clock, a. m., will arrive at Harrisburg, ready for delivery, next morning. my6

T. F. WATSON,
MASTIC WORKER
AND
PRACTICAL CEMENTER,
Is prepared to cement the exterior of Buildings with the New York Improved
Water-Proof Mastic Cement.
This material is different from all other cements. It forms a solid, durable adhesion to any surface, impervious to the action of water, and is the best building material to be used with this cement; it is a perfect preserver to the walls, and makes a beautiful, fine finish, equal to Eastern brown sandstone, or any other material.
Among others for whom I have applied the Mastic Cement, I refer to the following gentlemen:
J. H. Shoenberger, residence, Penn street, finished five years.
J. H. Shoenberger, residence, Lawrenceville, finished five years.
John McCasland, residence, Allegheny City, finished five years.
Calvin Adams, residence, Third street, finished four years.
A. Hoveller, residence, Lawrenceville, finished four years.
J. B. McGord, Penn street, finished four years.
John Thomas, Irwin, Diamond street, finished four years.
St. Charles Hotel and Girard House, finished five years.
Rittman's Court House and Bank, for Barr & Moser, Architects, Pittsburg, finished five years.
Orders sent at the Shop of R. F. McDowdow, Paint Shop, 20 Seventh street, or please address T. F. WATSON, may16-1f P. O. Box 1266, Pittsburg, Pa.

MURPHY'S PATENT BEEF TEA,
A BEEF AND VEGETABLES,
Convertible immediately into a nourishing and delicious soup. Highly approved by a number of eminent Physicians.
This admirable article condensed into a compact form, all the substantial and nutritive properties of a large bulk of meat and vegetables. The richness with which it dissolves into a rich and palatable Soup, which would require hours of preparation according to the usual method, is an advantage in many situations of life, too obvious to need urging. Its highly nourishing qualities combined with its delicacy, renders it invaluable for the sick; while for those in health, it is a perfect substitute for fresh meat and vegetables. It will keep good in any climate.
It is peculiarly well adapted FOR TRAVELERS, by land or sea, who can thus avoid the accidental deprivations of a comfortable meal, to which they are so liable. FOR INVALIDS, whose capricious appetite can thus be satisfied in a moment.
FOR SOLDIERS AND CAVALRYMEN, to whom, both its compactness and easy preparation will recommend it. For sale by WM. DOCK, Jr., & Co. sep24-4f

GOLD PENS!—The largest and best stock, from \$1.00 to \$4.00, warranted—at SCHAEFFER'S BOOKSTORE.

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TUESDAY MORNING, OCT. 20, 1863.
FROM CHARLESTON.

Correspondence of the New York Tribune.
THE ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP THE IRONIDES.—Last night, at about a quarter to 10 o'clock, the report of two heavy guns, fired in rapid succession, was heard seaward in the direction of the steam frigate New Ironides. These were followed almost immediately by repeated volleys of musketry, only the flashes of which could be seen through the darkness, lasting for the space of fifteen minutes—then all was silent, and speculation was rife on shore as to what it meant. The "long roll" was sounded in the various camps, and each regiment was drawn up in line on the beach. Fort Gregg was reinforced, orderlies were dispatched to Wagner—the telegraph not being in working order—to learn if anything was known there; but, strange to say, neither officers nor garrison had heard a sound at all unusual. In vain did we look for signals; not a light appeared save those suspended in the rigging of the vessels off the coast. Both General Gilmore and Admiral Dahlgren were signalled—the former at Folly Island and the latter on his flagship, which lay at anchor in the inlet, although the sea all through the day had hardly power enough in it to crawl up the beach, but fanned upon the bright sands and heaved them with its wet, sparkling light. Had Rowan been attacked? Had the rebels the hardihood to attempt to board the Ironides? "What does it all mean?" These and similar inquiries were made rather in the light of suggestions and speculation than with the hope of gaining a solution of the mixed problem with which each mind was busy.

ADMIRAL DAHLGREN ASKS OF THE ARMY AN EXPLANATION.
At length, when the excitement began to subside, and but few stragglers, whose curiosity could not be satisfied short of a full knowledge of all that had transpired, were left upon the beach, the fleet captain, wrapped in a heavy dark cloak, appeared like the shade of Hamlet, accompanied by a lieutenant, arrived from the flag-ship at the signal station on Morris Island to learn of the officer in charge there the cause and nature of the disturbance. Of course, no information could be given him beyond what I have already related, and with the consoling reflection that we must know in the course of the following day, he went back aboard the Quaker flag ship to "turn in" for the night.

THE SLEEPING GARRISON AT WAGNER.
The telegraph not being in working order on the night of the 5th, Brigadier General Terry, the commander at this post, dispatched an orderly to Fort Wagner to inquire if he knew aught of musketry firing heard at sea. The messenger proceeded up the beach to the fort, which he entered without being challenged, and he went along, encountering no one to stop his further progress, till entering a bomb proof he trudged upon the body of a man, who with three or four others lay huddled together in a heap upon the ground. The man turned on his side, muttering something in his sleep. The orderly passed on to the officers' quarters, where several of them were, and explained the nature of his business. They knew nothing of the firing; inquired what firing he alluded to; they had heard none, but were only bewildered by his questions; nothing unusual had occurred to their knowledge.

HISTORY OF THE AFFAIR.
At 9 1/2 o'clock of the night in question, the quartermaster on watch on board the New Ironides reported to the officer of the deck a suspicious craft, with smoke-stack, and setting very low in the water, making directly toward the vessel. The night, although clear, and the sky studded with stars, was nevertheless unusually dark, and but little could be distinguished of the stranger except the smoke-pipe and her low hull, the latter extremely in the way of a shell, she appeared to be steaming at a speed of six knots an hour. How she could have passed our picket boats was a question to be considered, for it was just possible she might belong to us, and to fire upon her without first determining her character and intention might result in more serious damage than if she were an enemy; so she was allowed to come within hailing distance. More and more distinct she grew as she approached—a cigar-shaped hull, after the pattern of the Winans' gunboat, driving before her through the water a smaller object, which could hardly be distinguished; a black smoke-pipe, from which issued a thin cloud of black smoke, but no other indications of the motive power within, were visible. Still she glided on, and she approached the fort, and she was hailed and she replied, "I am the Ironides."

One of our 200-pounder batteries, that has been silent for a week, reopened this morning upon Fort Sumpter, Johnson and the others. This was the battery that lately silenced Johnson's gun. On Wednesday, 7th inst., there was a junketing party from Charleston at this fort, on which occasion a flag was raised, and other festive proceedings were visible to our look-out.

Since the scare of the 6th inst., when the Ironides was attacked, there has been nothing to break the tedium of our existence. The routine of fatigue parties, picketing and guard mounting, goes on with mechanical regularity. General Gilmore, with some officers of his staff, has lately made a trip to Hilton Head and Beaufort.

A STRONG-MINDED WOMAN.—The Albany Argus gives the following account of one of them:
Mrs. Dr. Lydia Sayer Hasbrouck, who lives in Walkill, won't pay taxes because she can't vote. Last week she was notified by the highway overseer of the town to appear on a certain day, with shovel in hand, to work out her highway tax. She appeared on the appointed day with her fire shovel, and went to work, but only for five days, when her tax was for set her heart. She was thereupon arrested upon the complaint of the overseer. He complains that he "gave Lydia Sayer Hasbrouck, who resides in said district, and is assessed to work ten and a half days on the highways therein, notice to appear on the 9th day of September, with a good shovel, on the road near the house of A. G. Townley, to do such work, and that the said L. Sayer Hasbrouck did so appear with a small fire shovel, whereupon the said respondent furnished the said Hasbrouck with a good shovel, and directed her to assist in filling the wagons that were on the ground, but that the said Hasbrouck did not work faithfully, remaining idle a considerable portion of the time each load was filling, standing leaning on her shovel, talking and calling the attention of other workmen from their work; at other times sitting during the whole time of filling the wagon, sometimes with one hand tossing pebbles into the wagon, and at others reading a paper."

HABITS OF LOBSTERS.

Many of our readers have a fondness of lobster flesh, who may know little about the habits of this prince of shell fish. As a kind of dessert after a hearty meal on this luxury of the table, we commend to their attention the following sketch, by Mr. G. P. Discaway:

"Who does not like the flesh of the lobster? Even the child knows the nursery riddle, 'black in the kitchen, red on the table.' Without any warmth in their bodies, or even without red blood circulating through their veins, they are wonderfully voracious. They even devour each other, and may be said to eat themselves; for, changing their shell and stomach every year, these remains are generally the first morsel to glut their new system. They are always in harness, heavily armed to the teeth, seven jointed is the cunningly forged mail of their back. Beneath this protecting roof move four, yes eight, sprawling feet, four on each side, pushing forward the unwieldy war engine, like the Roman legion under the shelter of the battering ram.

"The two great claws are the lobster's instruments of provision and defense, and by opening, like a pair of scissors, they have great strength, and take firm hold. Between the two claws lies the animal's head, very small, with eyes like two black, horny specks, on each side, and these advance out of the socket or draw in at pleasure. The mouth, like that of insects, opens lengthwise of the body, not crosswise, as with men and higher races of animals. It has two teeth for its food, but three more in the stomach. Before the pointed nose, the long, wire-like feelers or horns are stretched out, that seem to aid the dimness of its sight. The tail, or jointed instrument, is its great locomotive, by which it is raised and propelled through the water. Bending this we see lodged the spawn in great abundance.

"When the young lobsters leave the parent, they seek refuge in small clefts of the rocks, or crevices at the bottom of the sea. In a few weeks they grow much larger, and change their shell for lobsterhood. In general, this occurs once a year, and during this period the animal discontinues its usual strength and vigor, lying torpid and motionless; but just before casting its shell, striking its claws against each other, every limb seems to tremble. Then the shell swells in an unusual manner, and the shell begins to divide, it seems turned inside out, the stomach coming away with its shell. In like manner the claws are disengaged, the lobster casting them off much as you or I would kick off a boot too big for us. For several hours it now continues enfeebled and motionless, but in two days the skin becomes hardened, and within forty-eight hours the shell is perfectly formed and hard, like the one just cast off.

"The lobster now increased more than a third in size, and like a boy who has outgrown his pants, it seems wonderful how the old shell could contain so great an animal as filled the new. Below, in his native element, he reaches the age of twice ten years, and loses a foot or a claw without feeling his loss, for he knows that they will grow again. At certain seasons lobsters never meet each other without having a fight, and when a leg or even a claw is lost, the victor carries it off, while the vanquished retires for a thorough repair of his injured anatomy. This is quickly accomplished, for in three weeks the new limb is nearly as large and powerful as the old one.

"When hunting the lobster resorts to stratagem if his strength be insufficient. In vain the oyster closes the door against his grasping, vice-like claw, for so soon as the unsuspecting muscle opens his house, in he pops a stone, and the breach made, the oyster must surrender.

"The lobster has his rocky hole at a depth of from six to twelve fathoms, and the propagation of his race is continued on in marvelous numbers. More than twelve thousand eggs have been counted on a single female. When he reaches the light he is inactive, but in his own realm he dashes with rapid speed over chasms and rocky table lands in the ocean. A motion of his tail is sufficient to hurl him fifty feet deep, and thus escape the swiftest pursuit. So sure is this leap that he never misses the entrance of his cavern, even in the most precipitous flight, although, too, it merely offers space enough to admit his body."

AN EX-QUEEN.
The publication of Prince Czartoryski's letter in the Paris Moniteur gives a moral support to the Polish National Committee which it had not hitherto possessed. It is regarded by some as an actual recognition of its now admitted right to act. It is perfectly understood in Paris that the very party which named Prince Czartoryski as its representative has been completely destroyed; but the democratic faction belonging to its opponent has no intention of protesting against the step which the Prince has taken. The well-known affection for the Church possessed by Prince Czartoryski, and his alliance with Queen Christina by his marriage with her daughter has acted seriously against his popularity in Poland, perhaps more so indeed than the suspicion thrown upon his motives in seeking to head a party which was naturally expected to make him an offer of the Crown of Poland. They once been his friends, and finally rallied to him in a compromise. After the King had finished a laugh, and given his royal promise, he inquired of Roclere what could possibly make him so strenuous in his intercession. "I will tell you, majesty," said the facetious duke, "if he had suffered, I should have been the ugliest man in France."

Is the SUN INHABITED?—Sir David Brewster makes the following remarks relative to the sun: "So strong has been the belief that the sun cannot be a habitable world, that a scientific gentleman was pronounced by his medical attendant insane, because he had sent a paper to the Royal Society, in which he maintained that the light of the sun proceeded from a dense and universal aura, which he afforded ample light to the inhabitants beneath, and yet be at such a distance aloft as not to be among them; that there may be water and dry land there, hills and dales, rain and fair weather, and that as the light and the seasons must be eternal, the sun may easily be conceived to be the far most blissful habitation of the whole system. In less than ten years after this apparently extravagant notion was considered a proof of insanity, it was maintained by Sir William Herschel as a rational and probable opinion, which might be deducible from his own observations on the structure of the sun."

THE PRESIDENT AND GEN. HOOKER.—It is reported that when Gen. Hooker was about to depart for his new command in the West, President Lincoln informed him that he had an important charge to give him. "What is it?" asked the General. President Lincoln replied: "In passing through Kentucky, beware of Bourbon county."

"Is them fellers alive now?" said an urchin to his teacher. "What fellers do you mean, my dear?" "Why, Paul, and Luke, and Denton, and them?"

and, have been rigorously opposed by the garde du corps, Munoz. It is said that, at first, despite a run high between Christina and her husband upon the matter of these crooked financial proceedings, Her Majesty at first endeavored, with that winning *calmerie* she has found so effectual in her intercourse with the crowned and coroneted heads she has had to do with, to persuade the honest soldier, not over-gifted with *finesse*, that it was for the sake of his children alone that she sought this increase of wealth. But the reply was conclusive; for Rianares declared that "his children require no more fortune than he himself had needed to arrive at the highest position to which a low-born individual could attain." The power which Rianares possesses over Christina, and the firmness with which he rules his household, argue well for the strength of mind and purpose with which nature has invested him in lieu of great wit or diplomatic genius. Long ago would Her Majesty have proclaimed her son-in-law Ladislau King of the Poles, had it not been for the direct opposition of Rianares, who, working on his daughter's mind by the best reasoning of all—fears for her personal safety—has managed to produce such hesitation on her part that it has affected the whole tone and tenor of the Prince's policy. This is plainly visible to those who have studied the question, and who are at a loss to account for the frequent changes of the role assumed by Prince Czartoryski. Christina herself, although cruelly tried by the loss of her sons, still retains much of that charm and seduction of manner by which she has arrived at the accomplishment of every aim, whether noble or nefarious, which she has had in view during her life; and in spite of advancing years, she still might reiterate the remark once made to Prince Talleyrand: "In a dark room, with my back to the light, no man can ever resist me."

THE KISSING DEACON.
In one of our New England towns lived Deacon Brown, a staid, dignified sort of a Christian, and model of propriety. Deacon Brown had the misfortune to lose his wife, and at the age of forty found himself with a family of four small children, without a mistress to his farm house. As he could not immediately take another wife and avoid exciting scandal, and could not get along without some one to take charge of the kitchen and nursery, he had recourse to employing a young woman as housemaid. Nancy Sterna was a laughing, romping beauty, who delighted in experimenting upon the Deacon by way of testing the strength of his own nature. For a long time the Deacon was invulnerable to her, but in a moment of unguarded weakness, he was led into temptation, and into committing a "slight indiscretion" with his beautiful housemaid. When in his wretched coolness and presence of mind, he was horrified at the enormity of his sin. In vain he repented and grieved over lost virtue.

Finally as a last effort for easing his conscience, at the conclusion of the services on the following Sabbath morning, he arose and requested the forbearance of the brethren and sisters a few moments, when he electrified them by making the following confession:

"My Christian friends, you all know that I lost my dear wife some months ago, (sob and tears), and that Nancy Sterna was keeping house for me a year old. Well, that little child would cry in the night, and it would be a long time before I could quiet it; and last Tuesday night—God forgive me!—the child cried so hard that Nancy arose and came into the room, and leaned over the bed to hush the child—and, brothers and sisters, her leaning over me made us forget Christ!"

Here the worthy deacon broke down entirely, and stood weeping, wailing and blowing his nose.

"What did you do?" sternly demanded the minister.

"I—I ki—s—sed her!" stammered out the deacon, between his sobs, "but I have been very sorry about it, and prayed to be forgiven house for me; and you know that I have a little child now a year old. Well, that little child would cry in the night, and it would be a long time before I could quiet it; and last Tuesday night—God forgive me!—the child cried so hard that Nancy arose and came into the room, and leaned over the bed to hush the child—and, brothers and sisters, her leaning over me made us forget Christ!"

As the deacon bowed himself upon his seat, like the mighty oak before the tornado, Deacon Goodfellow arose and astonished the audience still more, by saying:

"Brothers and sisters, you have heard what brother Brown has said, and now he wants our forgiveness. For my part, I think brother Brown is truly penitent, and I am willing to forgive him with my whole heart. And, brothers and sisters, I will add still further, that, if I had no wife, and a pretty girl like Nancy Sterna should come to my room, and lean over my bed, and lean over me, I'd kiss her, and abide the consequences."

It was perilous to jest with court-fools in the olden times, when the cap and bells gave license to the tongue of the keenest wit about the throne. *Par exemple*:

The Duke de Roclere, the favorite wit and buffoon of Louis XIV, was in his person far from agreeable: his countenance was rather forbidding, and his figure ill-shaped. Another nobleman, whose figure was even inferior to that of Roclere, having killed his antagonist in a duel, applied to the Duke for his interest and protection, knowing it was the only channel through which he could obtain a pardon. The Duke readily engaged in his friend's interest, and finally rallied to him in a compromise. After the King had finished a laugh, and given his royal promise, he inquired of Roclere what could possibly make him so strenuous in his intercession. "I will tell you, majesty," said the facetious duke, "if he had suffered, I should have been the ugliest man in France."

Is the SUN INHABITED?—Sir David Brewster makes the following remarks relative to the sun: "So strong has been the belief that the sun cannot be a habitable world, that a scientific gentleman was pronounced by his medical attendant insane, because he had sent a paper to the Royal Society, in which he maintained that the light of the sun proceeded from a dense and universal aura, which he afforded ample light to the inhabitants beneath, and yet be at such a distance aloft as not to be among them; that there may be water and dry land there, hills and dales, rain and fair weather, and that as the light and the seasons must be eternal, the sun may easily be conceived to be the far most blissful habitation of the whole system. In less than ten years after this apparently extravagant notion was considered a proof of insanity, it was maintained by Sir William Herschel as a rational and probable opinion, which might be deducible from his own observations on the structure of the sun."

THE PRESIDENT AND GEN. HOOKER.—It is reported that when Gen. Hooker was about to depart for his new command in the West, President Lincoln informed him that he had an important charge to give him. "What is it?" asked the General. President Lincoln replied: "In passing through Kentucky, beware of Bourbon county."

"Is them fellers alive now?" said an urchin to his teacher. "What fellers do you mean, my dear?" "Why, Paul, and Luke, and Denton, and them?"