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The above Coal and Wood Yard has been removed to the east end of the Jordan Bridge, SOUTH SIDE, where will be constantly kept a fine and full supply of
Egg, Stove Nut and Chestnut Coal,
selected from the best mines in the country.
OUR COAL
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July 8th

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LOOK TO YOUR INTEREST!
P. H. STELTZ
Hereby informs the citizens of Allentown, and the public in general, that he is prepared to furnish all kinds of
COAL,
from his well stocked Yard, formerly H. Guth & Co.'s, at the Lehigh Basin, in the City of Allentown, where he will constantly keep on hand a full supply of all kinds of Coal, at the very lowest market prices. His coal is nice and clean, from the very best mines, and in quality superior to any offered in Allentown.
He will sell Coal by the CAR LOAD, at very small profits, as he intends to do business upon the principle of "Quick Sales and Small Profits." Give him a call, and upon comparing prices you can judge for yourselves.
He will deliver Coal upon call to any part of the City upon orders being left at the Yard, or Weisslemer's store
mar 31-1f P. H. STELTZ.

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TREXLER & BROTHERS,
DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF
LUMBER,
Hereby announce to their friends and patrons that they have just removed from their old stand to their
NEW YARD
near the corner of Tenth and Hamilton streets, formerly occupied by Brauss & Miller, as a Lumber Yard, where they will constantly keep on hand a large and seasoned stock of
LUMBER,
such as all kinds of
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In fact everything usually kept by the trade.
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Wholesale and retail dealer in the
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oct 20 '65 sep 22-1y

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IN
a superior assortment of
COAL
Consisting of Stove, Egg, Chestnut and Nut from the BUCK MOUNTAIN MINES.
Orders left with A. A. Huber, Sieger & Hottenstein, at the Eagle Hotel, Hope Rolling Mill, or the Yard, will be attended to in a
BUSINESS
like manner.
Orders for Coal by the car filled at short notice and at the lowest prices.
Always on hand a large stock of
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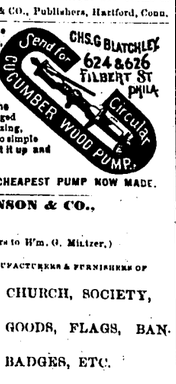

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NO. 160 BROADWAY, N. Y.
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Table showing 1st, The amount of Total Realized Assets. 2d, The amount of Insurance Liabilities. 3d, Per Centage of the former to the latter, of New York Life Insurance Companies, more than three months old, compiled from the New York Insurance Commissioners' Report for 1869.

Date Incorp.	Name of Co.	Total Cash Realized Assets.	Ins. Liab.	Per Ct.
1842	Mutual Life	$25,717,350 32	$27,183,571 49	1.0564
1843	New York Life	8,664,458 39	8,606,430 84	1.0036
1850	United States Life	2,059,142 91	2,492,814 80	.8304
1850	Manhattan Life	2,638,351 79	3,694,040 88	.7141
1853	Knickerbocker	1,143,315 53	4,145,970 00	.2755
1850	Equitable	6,626,876 31	6,909,399 00	.9590
1846	Guardian	276,803 22	1,212,612 00	.2282
1860	Washington	1,204,642 73	1,096,362 38	1.0987
1860	Home	964,638 41	1,659,735 81	.5692
1860	Germania	2,111,464 83	2,007,184 66	1.0518
1862	Security	307,434 29	1,516,563 63	.2029
1862	North America	1,645,381 80	3,331,091 83	.4937
1853	National	147,187 71	358,693 14	.4140
1864	Globe	1,297,671 60	1,391,701 57	.8323
1864	Brooklyn	509,059 39	803,426 20	.6339
1864	Widows & Orphans	929,922 09	815,554 54	1.1401
1865	Universal	346,179 91	330,274 70	1.0483
1866	Great Western	129,248 28	195,378 48	.6615
1866	Atlantic Mutual	215,151 76	279,708 37	.7692
1866	Continental Life	518,762 14	1,636,822 27	.3193
1866	American Popular	145,566 92	207,278 67	.7024
1866	World Mutual	215,497 14	159,033 63	1.3554

Average per centage of realized cash assets to total assets of the New York Insurance Companies, December 31, 1868 ..... .6334
Per Centage of the World Mutual ..... .7454
Average of losses paid to total income of the New York Life Insurance Companies 14.58
Per Centage of the World Mutual 11.68
Average of losses to amount insured of the New York Insurance Companies ..... .82
Per Centage of the World Mutual ..... .49

ALLENTOWN, November 17th, 1869.
MARTIN KEMMERER, Esq., Allentown, Agent of the World Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.
Dear Sir:—Permit us to thank you for the prompt manner in which you have collected for us the $5000 insured in your Company on the life of Daniel H. Kemmerer, our husband and brother. We are truly thankful to you for having persuaded him two years ago to make this wise provision for the wants of his family. *Then* he was in the enjoyment of excellent health, with a past life and family record both indicative of many years of usefulness in our midst, and to us then this provision seemed almost useless and unnecessary. But Providence, in the wisdom which is so often hard for us to understand, ordained otherwise, and from a severe attack of Typhoid Fever in April last he never entirely recovered, but continued sinking until his sufferings were ended, and he departed this life a few weeks ago. Always careful of his loved ones, this provision for their needs recalls to us anew his forethought and love, and from the midst of our grief and tears we would thus publicly testify to the value of Life Insurance, and to the reliability and promptness of the World Mutual Life, which you represent, in particular. May this example be the cause of many imitating the example of our departed loved one's care and forethought, and likewise insure *at once*, for no one knows the day or hour in which they may be taken sick or called away, and thus be prevented from insuring.
AMANDA KEMMERER, widow.
REUBEN H. KEMMERER, brother,
Administrators.

J. E. FRUEAUFF.
General Agent for the State,
No. 8 North Queen St., Lancaster, Pa.
MARTIN KEMMERER,
dec 1-3m Agent for Lehigh County, Allentown.

THE OLD ALLENTOWN CHINA AND GLASSWARE STORE STILL AHEAD OF ALL COMPETITION.
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THOMAS W. BAILY,
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Would respectfully call attention to his new and carefully selected stock of
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Embracing the most complete stock of Dry Goods at
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It will be to your interest to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere.
Respectfully,
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All kinds of Country Produce taken in exchange for goods at the highest prices.
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Parlor Suits Upholstered in any style to suit purchasers.
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CURIOSITIES OF CALIFORNIA.

Chinamen and Desperadoes.

BY MARK TWAIN.

From the Buffalo Express.

CHINAMEN.

One of California's curiosities the people in the States will some day become familiar with through the Pacific Railroad. I mean the Chinaman. California contains 70,000 of them, and every ship brings more. There is a Chinese quarter in every city and village in California and Nevada, for the Board of Aldermen will not allow them to live all around town just wherever they choose to locate. This is not a hardship, for they prefer to herd together.

PECULIARITIES AND SUPERSTITIONS.

They are a people who fondly stick to their ancient customs. They dress in the quaint costumes their ancestors wore 500 years ago. They build temples, gaudy with gilding and hideous with staring idols, and there they worship after the fashion of their fathers. A strict record is kept by their chiefs of the name and residence of every Chinaman, and when he dies his body is sent back to China for burial—for they can never get to their Heaven unless they start from China. And besides, Chinamen worship their ancestors, and they all want their share of worship after they are done with this world. Even when the Chinese government sells a shipload of degraded and criminal coolies to a Cuban or Sandwich Island planter, it is strictly stipulated that the body of every one of them must be sent back to China after death.

The Chinamen being smart, shrewd people, take to some few of our commercial customs and virtues, but somehow we can't make great headway in the matter of civilizing them. We can teach them to gamble a little, but somehow we can't make them drunk. It is discouraging—because you can't regenerate a being that won't get drunk.

The Chinaman is the most frugal, industrious and thrifty of all creatures. No matter how slender are the wages you pay him he will manage to lay up money. And Chinamen are the most gifted gardeners in the world. Give one of them a sandbank that would not support a lizard, and he will make it yield generous crops of vegetables. The Chinaman wastes *nothing*. Everything has a value in his eyes. He gathers up all the castaway rags and bones and bits of glass, and makes marketable articles of them. And he picks up all the old fruit cans you throw away and melts them up to get the tin and solder. When a white man discards a gold placer as no longer worth anything, the patient Chinaman, always satisfied with small profits and never in a hurry to get rich, takes possession and works it contentedly for years.

The Chinaman makes a good cook, a good washerwoman, a good chambermaid, a good gardener, a good banker's clerk, a good miner, a good railroad laborer, a good *anything* you choose to put him at—for these people are all educated, they are all good accountants, they are very quiet and peaceable, they never disturb themselves about politics; they are so tractable, quick, smart, and naturally handy and ingenious, that you can teach them anything; they have no jealousies; they never lose a moment, never require watching to keep them at work. They are gifted with a world of patience, endurance and contentment. They are the best laboring class America has ever seen—and they do not care a cent who is President. They are miserably abused by the laws of California, but that sort of thing will cease, some day. It was found just about impossible to build the California end of the Pacific Railroad with white men at $3 per day and take care of all the fights and broils and strikes; but they put on Chinamen at a dollar a day and "find" themselves, and *they* built it without fights or strikes or anything, and saved the bulk of their wages, too. You will have these long-tailed toilers among you in "the States," some day, but you will find them right easy to get along with—and you will like them, too, because they will stand a heap of abuse. You will find them ever so convenient, because when you get mad you can snatch a club and go out and take satisfaction out of a Chinaman. The native American negro is getting so insolent, now, that the patriot from Ireland cannot take a little recreation out of him without getting into trouble. So the Chinaman will afford a needful relief.

MODEST VILLAINY.

As evidence that Chinamen are satisfied with small gains, I will remark that they drill five holes into the edge of gold coins—drill clear through from edge to edge—and save the gold thus bored out and fill up the holes with some sort of metallic composition that does not spoil the ring of the coin. Their counterfeiters put nine parts good metal and only one part base metal in their bogus coins—and so it is very lucrative in the long run, and the next thing to impossible to detect the cheat. It is only greedy, bungling *Christian* counterfeiters that blunder into trouble, by trying to swindle their fellow-creatures too heavily.

DESPERADOES.

Another curious feature about California life was the breed of desperadoes she reared and fostered on her own soil and afterward distributed over adjacent Territories through her Vigilance Committees when she had had enough of their exploits. These men went armed to the teeth with monstrous revolvers, and preyed upon each other. Their slightest misunderstandings were settled on the spot by the bullet; but they very rarely molested peaceable citizens. They robbed, and gambled, and killed people for three or four years, and then "died with their boots on," as they phrased it; that is, they were killed themselves—almost invariably—and they never expected any other fate, and were seldom disappointed.

SAM BROWN.

Sam Brown, of Nevada, killed sixteen men in his time, and was journeying towards Esmeralda to kill a seventeenth, who had stopped the breath of a friend of his, when a party of law-abiding citizens waylaid him and slaughtered him with shot-guns. Mourners were exceedingly scarce at his funeral. It is said that Sam Brown called for a drink at the bar of the Slaughter House, in Carson City, one morning (a saloon so nicknamed because so many men had been killed in it), and invited a stranger up to drink with him. The stranger said he never drank, and wished to be excused. By the custom of the country that was a deadly insult, and so Brown very properly shot him down. He left him lying there and went away, warning everybody to leave the body alone, because it was *his* meat, he said. And it is said, also, that he came back after a while and made a coffin and buried the man himself—though I never could quite believe that without assistance.

Virginia City was full of desperadoes, and some of the pleasantest newspaper reporting I ever did was in those days, because I reported inquests on the entire lot of them, nearly. We had a fresh one pretty much every morning. Toward the last it was melancholy to see how the material was running short. Those were halcyon days! I don't know what halcyon days are, but that is the proper expression to use in this connection, I believe.

JACK WILLIAMS.

Jack Williams was one of the luckiest of the Virginia city desperadoes. He killed a good many men. He was a kind hearted man, and gave all his custom to a poor undertaker who was trying to get along. But by and by somebody poked a double-barrelled shot-gun through a crack while Williams was sitting at breakfast and riddled him at such a rate that there was hardly enough of him left to hold an inquest on—and then the poor unfortunate undertaker's best friend was gone, and he had to take in his sign. Thus he was struck in the midst of his prosperity and his happiness—for he was just on the point of getting married when Jack Williams was taken away from him, and of course he had to give it up then.

CEMETERIAL CURIOSITIES.

It is said that the first twenty-six graves in the cemetery at Virginia City were those of men who all died by the bullet. And the first six in another of those towns contained the bodies of a desperado and five of his victims—and there in the bosom of his family, made dear to him by the ties of blood, calmly sleeps unto this day.

MR. SLADE.

At the Rocky Ridge station in the Rocky Mountains, in the old days of overland stages and pony expresses, I had the gorgeous honor of breakfasting with Mr. Slade, the Prince of all the desperadoes; who killed twenty-six men in his time; who used to cut off his victim's hand and foot and practiced on him with his revolver for hours together—a proceeding which seems almost inexcusable until we reflect that Rocky Ridge is away off in the dull solitudes of the mountains, and the poor desperadoes have hardly any amusements. Mr. Slade afterward went to Montana and began to thin out the population as usual—for he took a great interest in trimming the census and regulating the vote—but finally the Vigilance Committee captured him and hanged him, giving him just fifteen minutes to prepare himself in. The papers said he cried on the scaffold.

The Vigilance Committee is a wholesome regulator in the new countries, and bad characters have a lively dread of it. In Montana one of these gentlemen was placed on his mule and informed that he had precisely fifteen minutes to leave the country in. He said, "Gents, if this mule don't balk, five 'll answer."

But that is sufficient about the desperadoes. I merely wished to make passing mention of them as a California production.

MARK TWAIN.

THE MONARCH.

DESCRIPTION OF THE GREAT BRITISH ENTERPRISE.

The arrival of the British iron-clad Monarch in American waters has created the liveliest interest in naval and engineering circles, as she is looked upon as a superior type of modern armored vessels, combining very many of the best qualifications of fighting craft, and capable at the same time of being used as a cruiser in the literal sense. The naval authorities have had her thoroughly inspected, and look favorably upon her general features; perhaps in time they may attempt the construction of a similar class of vessels. While our monitor system proved of great service during the Rebellion, and would again in event of a war, yet they would only serve for coast defense, as they could not cope with the improved armored vessels built by France and England since the war, which are actually ocean cruisers carrying either heavy broadsides or ponderous guns mounted in turrets. It is useless to deny the fact that our war-worn turret vessels are nearly useless by reason of decay, and are not fit for continued active service or the hard usage they might naturally expect in case of a foreign war; therefore it behooves our naval authorities to watch with great care all the improvements made by other maritime Powers in armored vessels.

The Monarch is a vessel of commanding appearance, of 5,098 tons. She is 330 feet in length, 57 feet 6 inches beam. Her battery is carried in two of Capt. Cowper Cole's turrets, with three chase guns of a less caliber mounted at the extremities and protected by an armored casemate. The weight of the hull, with skin-plating and extra girders included, is 3,674 tons; the other weights, boilers, machinery, spars, &c., amount to 4,633 tons. The hull, which is of iron, is protected by 7-inch iron armor on the most important parts, and 6-inch on the other parts, the plating being supported by 12 inches of teak backing with a 1½ inch thickness of skin-plating and an arrangement of longitudinal girders which are worked at intervals of about two feet, thus forming a network of framing in conjunction with the strong vertical frames inside the skin-plating which are about the same distance apart. This device has proved so satisfactory as regards the efficient support it gives to the armored side, that it has been adopted in all British iron-clads built since the famous Bellerophon. The turrets of the Monarch are 26 feet 6 inches in diameter, and are constructed on the same principle as her side armor. The iron plating on the turret is eight inches in thickness, laid upon a teak backing of 12 inches, with an iron skin of one and a half inches. Each turret is pierced for two guns, and near the port-holes the plating is increased to ten inches. The turret bed rests upon the main deck, additional support being given to the deck immediately beneath by a combination of iron pillars and supports. On the main deck armor-plated bulkheads are placed athwart the ship, inside of which are the turrets, enginefunnel and steering apparatus, the latter intended to be used when the ship is in action. These bulkheads are similar in their construction to her sides, with the exception that the war armor is only five inches in thickness, laid upon a teak backing of 10 inches, and the usual skin-plating stiffened and supported by the ordinary longtitudinal girders and frames. The entire central portion of the Monarch is thus inclosed and protected by shot-proof sides and bulkheads, which inclose the turrets and ships machinery. The turrets are thus deprived of their primary and supreme advantage—that of providing an all-round fire for the guns, and, more especially, a head fire. This deprivation, her builder says, is consequent upon the determination of the Admiralty to adopt forecastles, which are intended to keep the ship dry in steaming against a head sea, and to enable the head sails to be worked. It was to make up somewhat this loss of head-fire from the turrets that the two 6½ ton guns were put on the forecastle of the main deck. The forward turret guns are capable only of firing at an angle of not less than 10 degrees with the vessel's keel. The after turret lunettes are the same, and the 20 degrees lost is made up by placing a 6½ ton gun in an armored casemate similar to the forward one, which keeps the circuit of fire unimpaired, except in force, or rather weight of metal. The guns in the turrets are an unusual height above the water, the Monarch having a "freeboard" upwards of 12 feet, which enables the guns to be fought at a height of 16 feet above the water. The bulwarks within the range of the turret guns are hinged, and when the vessel is cleared for action, they are allowed to hang alongside of the vessel out of the way. The turret guns, four in number, are known as 25 ton guns, and are rifled, throwing 600 pound shot. These guns are 12 inches in diameter of bore, and are charged with 70 pounds of gunpowder, giving to the shot whem fired an initial velocity of 1,212 feet per second, the total "energy" of the projectile at 1,000 yards being 5,105 foot tons. The three 64 ton guns employed at the extremities are rifled. The diameter of bore is 7 inches. The projectile used weighs 115 pounds, and 22 poun