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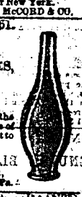
PATENTED OCT. 8, 1861. Dithridge's Patent OVAL LAMP CHIMNIES, Manufactured of XX FLINT GLASS.  These Chimnies are intended for the flat flame, which, melting all parts of the glass equally, does not expose it to cracking. E. D. DITHRIDGE, Fort Pitt Glass Works, Washington street, Pittsburgh, Pa. ap17

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"This arm has grown to such a size as to threaten us in many respects more seriously than the enemy's land forces. The Yankees have now afloat nearly 200 vessels of war more than they could boast when the war commenced. Large and active preparations have been made for naval movements this winter, and it is generally estimated that there are now about fifty iron-clad, mail-of-war building for the Yankee Government, beside those afloat. * * * They are to capture our seaports; to make their blockade effectual; and to open avenues of invasion in those districts of the South where the Emancipation Proclamation can, with the beginning of the new year, be put into practical effect."

The Emancipation Proclamation is troubling them terribly. They do not regard it as a bit of waste paper, but as an edict of fearful power when introduced into the Cotton States at the mouths of our navalcannon. The *Examiner* anticipates the capture of their remaining ports---Charleston, Savannah and Mobile---from the ease with which all the Texas ports fell into our hands. It continues:

"With these ports in the hands of the enemy, the blockade made, could be enforced with a strictness and rigor of which we have yet had no experience in our sufferings from this source. We would have to abandon all idea building many on this side of the Atlantic. We would have to repeat the humiliation of giving up to the enemy one of the finest naval structures we have. We would lose, to a great extent, our vast system of railroad communication in the Cotton States, and we might realize, when it was too late, that the long-cherished hope of making such a blockade would have to be conducted under circumstances in this section of the Confederacy which would render the sustenance and preservation of a large army almost impossible. * * * These calamities threatened in the capture of our ports are great enough. One graver, however, and more terrible than all these, is to come if the enemy can get a hold in the Cotton States, for putting into operation their anti-slavery scheme. Great efforts will probably be made to keep this pet measure of the Abolitionists from falling to the ground, and see that the wrath which Mr. Lincoln has bottled for the 1st of January does not go into a harmless flash of soda powder."

The dread of servile insurrection on the 1st of January is beginning to oppress the Southern heart more than all their other fears combined; and let one or two more ports fall into the hands of the Union forces, and all the power of the Confederate Government cannot keep their army of the North together. They will feel that they will be needed as a home guard. We quote again:

"We do not say that Charleston, Savannah, and Mobile are or are not in a state of complete defense. There is, of course, abundant military authority in the South for saying that they are as impregnable as Gibraltar; but military men and their mouth-pieces have too often succeeded in lulling our people to sleep with a false sense of security to admit the principle that they are to be implicitly relied on, and that it is unpatriotic to scatter their lullabies. We had the same strain at New Orleans. The people there awoke one morning to find the enemy's flag in their harbor, and that they had been made the victims of the sloth and inefficiency of those who had flattered them with security.

The *Examiner* then complains bitterly that outside of official circles little or nothing is known of the condition of things touching the defenses and security of important coast cities, and cites the fall of Galveston as an instance of the mismanagement of the government.

It is very well that the terror of apprehended servile insurrection should oppress the rebels. It will save the lives of thousands of gallant white men who are battling for the Union. For our own part we consider these fears groundless. That the negroes will *take* the proffered boon of freedom is not to be questioned; and the masters will not dare to withstand them in doing so; but they will take it peacefully, gratefully, and without violence. They have shed no blood yet, nor shown any disposition to do so.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

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We have within a week passed through all the degrees of temperature, from a real driving snow storm to a balmy breeze and a cloudless sky, which graciously canopies our heads this morning. It requires an iron constitution to bear up under the weather here. If snow falls, then succeeds soft and even warm weather, causing very rapid evaporation, which fills the atmosphere with moisture, thus subjecting one to attacks from the whole ravenous family of coughs, colds and catarrhs. Except Washington boarding houses, there is nothing more disagreeable. Of these latter I would write a history, did time and space allow. I wish some artist worthy of the theme might arise. Arianna Ward had touched it with his "tremenjes" pen, but he has never finished his cartoon. Charcoal sketches would be needed to illustrate the subject fully, as no pen were sufficiently brilliant.

There is one peculiarity connected with them which, as I have never seen it alluded to, I cannot forbear mentioning. That is, they are usually kept by "first families" from Virginia. These families have been, in their day, "rich in some dozen chattels," which, one after another, have gone to the auction block. "First families" used to spend their summer at the springs. They hybernated during the winter, which costs little, you know. But when nature put on her gaudy attire and the blushing buds spoke of newborn spring, forth came the "first families," and set about preparing for "the season." Aunt Phillis was examined, or Uncle Ned, and if found in good condition were sent down to Richmond, and ("going, going,") sent to the highest bidder to pay the expenses of the "season." Now as "niggers," like grief or joy, or any other commodity, will fail in time, the resources of a first family owning "twelve degrees of aristocracy" would naturally give way in a few years, and the next step in this "strange, eventful history" was boarding houses in Washington. *Hinc illæ lacrymæ.* But a "first family" never keeps a boarding-house for money! Not they! They desire "a few agreeable companions for the daughters;" or "a little relief from the ennui of Washington life." A few old dilapidated bedsteads, three-legged chairs, variegated looking-glasses and threadbare carpets, are put in use as furniture. These, allow me to say, are not signs of poverty in a "first family!" On the contrary, they are heir-looms descended from the time when the first ship load of aristocracy (negroes) was landed at Jamestown, and as heir-looms are tokens of wealth, if not present, at least past. To complete the outline of this very imperfect sketch, imagine tough beef steak, rye coffee and breakfast at all hours, from 8 to 11, and you have the majority of boarding houses in this city, as kept by "first families." So much for the items of weather and living. But the times are full of interest: We have a great event;

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Is removed from the command of the Army of the Potomac. This is the great event of the season, so far. It is of more importance than any thing which has occurred since the war broke out. It demonstrates that the President is really Commander-in-Chief of the armies, and it promises a vigorous prosecution of the war in the future. Bear me witness, I pray you, that in these letters I have not been moved in any thing I may have said in reference to the late Commander of the Army of the Potomac by any feeling of personal dislike to that gentleman! How could I have such, when all I know of him are the acts which he has performed as a General. In fact, this I deem sufficient to know: That he has persistently prevented active campaigning against the enemy is so notorious as to need no further proof. What has the sentimentality of a few men who cheer as they see him ride by to do with this or that man's command when the interest of the whole nation is in the balance. It is true, we were treated, yesterday, to sundry Don Juanic attitudes and sundry howls and threats by the gentlemen who, shoulder-strapped, do duty at Willard's, etc. But what has all this to do with the army in the field through another terrible winter? What answer is this to the fact that all last winter, under Gen. McClellan's command, the Potomac was in a state of blockade, with a huge army lying here rotting in their winter quarters of tents? That a few West Point "gentlemen" are disturbed because the army is going into the hands of another General, is no answer to the fact that the Peninsula campaign was a wretched and terrible failure; that the fruit of the severe battles of South Mountain and Antietam was lost! Let no man charge personal feeling or base party considerations as causes for the very careful and measured criticism of Gen. McClellan's career. History will give sufficient reasons for much severer condemnation than has yet been meted. You have published Gen. Halleck's letter of the 29th ult. Who cannot see in that, evidences of the most remarkable unwillingness on the part of Gen. McClellan to advance against the enemy! Shoes, horses, forage, clothes, wagons---every thing was charged to be wanting by Gen. McClellan, but read the Quartermaster's report, the Commissary's report, and all the reports referred to in Halleck's letter! I allege that all which has ever been said by "Visitor" in his very careful remarks touching the unsuccessful career of Gen. McClellan, has been borne out by facts transpiring from time to time, and is now justified by the event of Saturday and the letter of Gen. Halleck.

WHAT NEXT.

The friends of a vigorous war policy will now be in the ascendant. Or, in other words, and more properly---there is no doubt, a general is at the head of the army who will obey without cavil or trivial excuse for delay, the "orders" of the President, the Secretary of War, and Gen. Halleck. The immense energy and fervent patriotism which presides in the War office will now, it is hoped, be felt in every department of the service. Those stirring orders and bulletins which came with the fall of Donelson and Nashville will be repeated. The efforts and toils of laborious days and sleepless nights, will not, it is hoped, be longer parried by the inane demands and puerile excuses of West Point. But why need I say more? Implicit in the removal of Gen. McClellan simply because I believe his lack of energy and enthusiasm has prolonged the war and cost us thousands of precious lives, and that his continuance in command was making bad worse, as fast as possible.

I notice L. R. Livingston, Esq., of the Novelty Works here, with a new scale called the "Quartermaster's balance," which he has already succeeded in introducing into several of the regiments. It has received commendation from all who have seen it here as combining precision and portability. It seems to be an excellent invention, and will doubtless be adopted by all quartermasters, as it will save Uncle a great deal of delay, which is almost absolutely necessary in the use of the common scale. It is a Pittsburgh invention and of Pittsburgh manufacture.

John Frank Kirkpatrick, of the 9th Penn. R. C., is also here. He went to the regiment, now in the advance, but Dr. Phillips ordered him here for medical treatment, as he is yet suffering much from his wound. Dr. Clymer, Examining Physician here, considers Lieut. K. permanently disabled, but the latter is unwilling to accept a certificate of that kind, if he can help it, as he desires again to take his place in the gallant 9th, in one of whose companies he is now Captain. VISITOR.

The War in the South-west.

The apparent inaction of the Western armies since the disgraceful failure of Buell's second campaign against Bragg, and the resumption of offensive operations by the Army of the Potomac, have diverted the attention of the loyal public from the theater of war in the South-west. But many more days will probably not elapse before mighty events will again fix the public interest upon that quarter. Under the present seeming calm a very hurricane of war is brewing, that will soon be let loose, and, even with but moderately able direction, sweep by an inherent force the States washed by the Mississippi and its tributaries clear of rebel domination. The distant observer has no conception of the extent of the vast preparations making for a last onset upon the rebellion in the South-west. The impending campaign will be waged on a scale in comparison to the grandeur of which that of last year will appear insignificant. No less than seven powerful armies will be arrayed for operations along a line extending from the western slope of the Virginia Alleghanies to the western confines of Arkansas. There will be

1. The army concentrating in the Kanawha Valley under Major General Cox.

2. The army of Major General Granger, organized opposite Cincinnati, and now moving through Central Kentucky.

3. The grand "Army of the Ohio," under Major General Rosecrans, at this time upon its second march to Middle Tennessee.

4. The army of West Tennessee under Major General Grant.

5. The army forming under Major General McClernand for service along the Mississippi river.

6. The "Army of the Southwest" (Major General