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New Store.**

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**A Full and Complete Stock of
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The highest market price paid in
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The undersigned offers his valuable farm
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Containing 102 Acres,
Seven acres of good white oak timber land,
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This is one of the best farms in the val-
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THE GAMESTERS' PALACE.
Crossing the Gilded Threshold of a
New York Hell.

Fashionable Ruin in its most Gor-
geous Garb—The Pandemonium
of Poker—The Maelstrom of
Many New Yorkers For-
tunes—The Cost-
liest Gaming
Houses.

Some years ago a gentleman of
wealth, residing in Albany, became in-
volved in domestic difficulties which
culminated in a separation. Broken
hearted, wretched and reckless, Gen.
Ransom came to New York, purchas-
ed an elegant brown stone mansion
adjoining an Episcopal church in one
of the fashionable streets up town, and
opened a first class gambling establish-
ment. The elegance and liberality of
the house led many to predict, that its
grandeur could be but temporary—
that no faro bank could sustain any
such place. All predictions proved
false, and to day Gen. Ransom's gam-
bling house, not a thousand miles from
Chamberlain's establishment in Twen-
ty first street, is one of the most sumptu-
ous and most extensively patronized of
any in the United States.

THE BEWILDERING DISPLAY.
The house is 50x150, four stories
high, brown stone front, high stoop,
and furnished throughout luxuriously.
At the ringing of the bell the immense
plate glass doors are opened, and a
young colored boy appears and ushers
you into the drawing room. A stran-
ger is at once struck with the magni-
ficence of the apartment. The main
parlor is a long room, artistically fres-
coed and elaborately furnished, and
carpeted with a velvet material. Be-
tween the front windows is a long
French mirror stretching from ceiling
to floor, and on its sides hang heavy
blue satin curtains over white lace.
Mirrors are hung over the two mantle-
pieces, which are of solid black walnut
hung with blue and gold, and a mirror
is inlaid in the back of every door in
the entire house.

THE BANQUET.
In the centre of the room is a long
black walnut table, where every night
at eleven o'clock supper is served—
suppers that cannot be bought—sup-
pers that would delight the palate of
Epicurus. The steward of the estab-
lishment does not hesitate to boast that
no other man in the United States can
serve the suppers he does, and certain-
ly he should be permitted to indulge
in a little egotism. Everybody is wel-
come, is pressed, to sit down and eat
as much as he will, free of all expense
whether inclined to gamble or not.
There is no obligation—the courteous
and handsome proprietor seeming
pleased that you enjoy the repast. Two
colored servants noiselessly move about
with silver trays, and it is a rule of
the house that they never accept a fee,
the wages they receive being a sufficient
compensation for their services. Two
great sideboards, loaded with fruits and
wine, stand in the room close to the
wall. Any one is free to call for liquors
and cigars and to offer money in pay-
ment is an insult.

THE GLITTER OF THE BANQUET HALL.
The walls of this banquet hall are
frescoed in blue and gold; all the fur-
niture corresponds; the chandeliers are
of gold, mounting a dozen globes each,
flooding the room with gas light; and
the oil paintings of the wall are val-
uable. In the parlor there is no evi-
dence of gambling—no tables, fixtures
nor apparatus of any description. The
men sit around in easy chairs, read,
smoke and talk. No singing, whistling
or disorderly conduct is allowed, and
at all times the profoundest quiet pre-
vails. Adjoining the parlor is the

FARO BANK.
You enter beneath a beautifully
frescoed arch into a large circular room
with an umbrella ceiling, surmounted
by a cupola. The walls and ceiling
are painted in dark green and gold,
the carpet is of green velvet with gold
figures, and the furniture is of black
walnut and green raps, and a gorgeous
chandelier is suspended with gold
chains from above. A cosy soft car-
pet throws a glare of scarlet light up
on the rich carpet, and the mantle is
ornamented by a large mirror and a
handsome bronze clock. At the
head of the room is a long table, around
which are always seated a number of
men engaged in the game of faro.

THE DEALER.
A fine looking man, known south as
"Major," sits behind the "green cloth,"
frequently from eight in the evening
until five the next morning. The cards
are all of the best material, and in the
faro dealing they are enclosed in a case
of solid silver, pushed out one by one
by the dealer. On the other side of
the room stands the roulette table, ele-
gantly mounted in silver. Opposite is
the whist, poker and euchre table,
around which throngs continually
gather to play or to watch the progress
of the various games. The "chips,"
"counters," etc., are all the best that
money can buy, and new packs of
cards are called into requisition night-
ly.

THE PLAYING.
is, in gamblers' terms, "on the square,"
the proprietor priding himself up-
on his honorable and conscientious
dealings at all times. Large sums of
money change hands every night, and

\$500,000 is the reputed "strength" of
the bank. The habits of the elegant
establishment are men of all classes.
Lank merchants, lawyers, artists,
gentlemen and young men about town
are frequenters of this palace of the
gamblers. Even the reverend clergy
have been known to gamble here, and
a once prominent general of the Union
army is a constant visitor and deter-
mined gambler. Many of the stylish-
ly dressed men who congregate in front
of the Hoffman House during the af-
ternoon, or at Ford's famous bar, un-
der the St. James, are the "friends" of
the house.

DURING THE DAY
it is very quiet in and outside the
place. The shades are all pulled
down, no one goes in or out, and all
at first regards the place as the private
residence of some retired merchant.
Gen. Ransom is very popular, dresses
in good taste, wears no diamonds or
jewelry, and is on good terms with his
brother professionals and associates.—
N. Y. Sun.

WHITTEMORE ON THE STUMP.
How He Gets Worried by a Chest-
nut Bur—"A High Old Time."

A letter from Camden, South Caro-
lina, gives the following account of one
of the carpet bag cadetship peddlers,
Whittemore's meetings at that place:

"After the crowd had sufficiently
gathered within the walls of the sacred
edifice Mr. Whittemore mounted the
stand amid some cheering and said:

"Fellow Citizens—A duty I owe to
myself, and a duty I owe to you all,
has brought me here to speak to you
to-night. A report has been circu-
lated up and down this country that I
have sold out the rights of the peo-
ple."

"And can you deny it?" said Chest-
nut, from out of the crowd.
"Whittemore—'I can,"

"Chestnut—'But you did sell out the
rights of the people.'"

Here a negro, endeavoring to stop
Chestnut from further speech, was
seized upon by another negro, which
demonstration was soon followed by
dozens on both sides scrambling and
fighting in a general row, and the
greatest excitement followed. The
quiet and serene crowd of a few mo-
ments before was converted into a sur-
ging, excited mass of black humanity,
swaying backward and forward, crush-
ing everything before it as the crashing
and smashing of benches indicated.
Men were completely lifted up and
pitched out of the windows, while
the crowd which rushed for the
doors went tumbling head over heels
down the high stairway leading to the
entrance.

The mass inside being considerably
thinned out by the exit at the doors
and windows, began to quiet down,
and order being restored, Mr. Whittemore
again commenced with nearly a rep-
etition of his first words, and intimated
that if Chestnut would favor him with
silence he (Whittemore) would try to
prove his innocence of the charges made
against him; but this only incited
Chestnut to another interruption, and
the former scene was re-enacted with
renewed vigor on the part of Chestnut
and his partisans, and the roar of
many voices soon hindered the speak-
er from being heard. His voice grad-
ually died away as louder and louder
the tumult arose. Above the din of
confusion, however, could be heard the
courses of the men, and one fellow, in a
loud tone of voice, cried out "Shoot,"
which was rather an unfavorable an-
nouncement for the women, and a gen-
eral anxiety to get away ensued. The
women, who had not yet made their
exit, were screaming, impatient to get
out of the building. The poor darkeys
seemed troubled about the matter, and
one old fellow indignantly remarked,
"Dat it was not right to hab such dings
in de church; it hab deluged de sank-
tuary." This order of things closed
the proceedings, and Mr. Whittemore
gave up in despair.

A NEW BIT OF HISTORY.
Mr. Judkins, the librarian of the
Massachusetts Historical Society, in
overhauling a chest of "old papers" de-
posited in the archives of that body by
the late Robert Greenleaf, of Malden,
has recently made a curious discovery
which has especial interest for the peo-
ple of Pennsylvania. Among these
papers was one of ancient date which
bore this endorsement: "Ye scheme to
bagge Penna." This curious title at-
tracted the attention of Mr. Judkins,
and he examined the contents of the
document with more than common in-
terest. It is in the familiar and quaint
hand writing of the Reverend Cotton
Mather, and is addressed to "Ye aged
and beloved Mr. Hon. Higginson." It
bears date, "September ye 15th, 1682,"
and reads thus, the odd spelling of the
original being followed to the let-
ter: "I have been now at sea a shipp
for our friend Mr. Esaias Holcroft of Lon-
don did advise me by the last packet
that it would sail some time in August
—called ye Welcome, R. Greenway,
master, which has aboard an hundred
or more ye heretics and malignants
called Quakers with W Penna who is
ye Chief Stamp at ye hedde of them.
Ye General Court has accordingly given
secret orders to Master Malachi
Huxett of ye brig Porposse to waylaye
ye said Welcome slylye as near ye
coast of Codde as may be and make
captive ye said Penna and his ungodly
crew so that ye Lord may be glorified
and not mocked on ye soif of this new
countrie with ye heathen worshipp

of these people. Much spoyle can be
made by selling ye whole lotte to Bar-
badoes where slaves fetch goodde prices
in rumme and sugar and we shall not
only do ye Lord great service by pun-
ishing ye wicked but we shall make
great gayne for his ministers and peo-
ple. Master Huxett feels hopefull and
I will set down ye newes he brings
when his shippe comes back.

Yours in ye howells of Christ
COTTON MATHER.

Master Huxett missed his reckoning,
and Penn sailed secure within the
Capes of the Delaware. But it is cu-
rious to reflect on the narrow chance
by which the founder of this Common-
wealth escaped the fate of many of his
religious brethren who were cast
ashore on the relentless coast of Mass-
achusetts. It is strange to fancy the
wise lawgiver, endeared to the hearts
of a great people and their posterity
by his wisdom, sagacity and benevo-
lence, being sugar in Barbadoes and
the lash of a Yankee overseer, or
crushing cane into rum, to thaw the
granite gizzards which Mather and his
theological brethren carried about in-
stead of hearts. Ah! How the ancient
Cotton must have mourned for the
marketable Quakers and the refreshing
"rumme" which came not. It is de-
lightful to think how he never got a bit
of the "spoyle" which his devilish old
soul held in delicious anticipation—
how brother Higginson watched fondly
for his hog-head, and dreamed of
swallowing his half score of heretics in
pious punches. They would have
made 'a rum cretur' of the Great
Founder, in a literal sense, if they had
got him, but, thanks to the good steer-
ing of "R. Greenway, master," they
didn't get him.—Boston Argus.

TERRIBLE CRASH.
A Floor in the Capitol Building of
Virginia Gives Way—A Large
Number of Persons Killed and Injured.

RICHMOND, VA., April 27.—A ter-
rible calamity occurred here this morn-
ing. The floor of the court of appeals,
in the State capitol, gave way and pre-
cipitated hundreds, gathered therein
to hear the decision in majority case
of Ellison vs. Caboun, upon the con-
servative caucus then sitting in the
hall of the House of Delegates below.
It is impossible to ascertain the extent
of the injuries at this hour.

Among the killed are P. H. Aylett
a distinguished lawyer; Dr. J. B. Brock,
reporter on the Equivocal and Exam-
iner; Samuel Eaton, clerk to Mayor Ca-
boun; Captain W. A. Charters, chief
of fire department; N. P. Howard, law-
yer; Ash Levy, a Richmond merchant;
Charles Watson, of the Danville rail-
road; Hugh Hutchison and N. Webb,
of this city; Mr. Schofield, a brother
of General Schofield; P. H. Mitty,
Jr., Senator Bland, (colored), and Pow-
hatan Roberts. It is supposed that
twenty members of the legislature are
killed and wounded. The judges of
the court of appeals all escaped unhurt.
Ex-Governor Wells was badly injur-
ed. L. M. Chandler, counsel for the
Caboun majority case was injured,
James Mahon and Judge Meredith
were also badly hurt. About two
hundred persons were hurt by the ac-
cident. The greatest excitement pre-
vails. Hundreds of persons are on
capitol square, weeping and wailing as
the dead and dying are brought from
the building. Gov. Walker escaped
unhurt, although on the court floor at
the time.

THE ACCIDENT.
Suddenly, and while awaiting the
arrival of the remaining judges, a re-
port as of a smothered gun under the
floor was heard, followed immediately
by another similar report, and every-
body started from their seats and look-
ed towards the centre of the room, from
whence these ominous sounds seemed to
issue. People there stood up and look-
ed themselves for an explanation of this
strange and mysterious noise. But they
had not long to wait. There came a
cracking sound, as of small
timbers breaking, and then the floor
was felt giving way in the centre of
the room. Simultaneously everybody
jumped to their feet, for all felt that
danger was imminent, and self-preser-
vation is the first law of nature. But
it was too late. Down went the floor
with a terrific crash, with its living,
breathing, and frightened human
freight, dragging with it the gallery
and its living mass, and down they
went a distance of nearly twenty-five
feet to the floor of the House of Dele-
gates. Then, with the descending
mass, the ceiling above, which was
somewhat attached to the gallery also,
came down with another fearful crash,
smothering and crushing the living
and struggling masses of victims hap-
lessly.

A gentleman who narrowly escaped
with his life, describing the scene, says:
"I was seated at one of the tables
with the reporters when the floor car-
ved in, and the crashing of ceiling,
floors and timber followed. My chair
thus half fell and I went over the
ledge, but happily, grasped the floor
and was for a time suspended. I in-
voluntarily prayed, and heard a cling-
ing companion say, 'Lord have mercy
upon me, I am gone!' It was a terri-
ble moment, which I shall never for-
get.

The crashing of the floor, the shrieks
of the mass who went down in their
death slaughter, and the frantic efforts
of some to escape, with my own slight
chances of life, were all fearfully pre-
sented in a single instance. When I
recovered and got myself back on the
platform I had fainted, and hurri-

edly somebody from the fatal apart-
ment.

THE KILLED AND WOUNDED.
Fifty-eight persons were killed and
one hundred and seventeen wounded.

A TERRIBLE SCENE.
The scene which followed is unfor-
gettable. It is a description. Between the
two bodies of the floor and ceiling was
the mass of people, the force and pow-
er of the latter, with the gallery falling
upon them, forever silencing their
cries for help. It was a scene of hor-
ror never to be forgotten by those who
witnessed it. To those who remained
about, and who ventured to look down
into the vacant space of the court
room, nothing was visible but a cloud
of thick dust, through which the franti-
c cries of the victims yet alive could
be heard vainly appealing for help.
The crash was felt in every portion of
the building, even to the basement, out
of which the officers ran in precipitate
haste, and soon the alarm of catastrophe
was pealed through the city on the
bells of the surrounding churches. The
sound had the effect of bringing
promptly to the scene the fire depart-
ment, beside a large concourse of citi-
zens, who were under the impression
that a conflagration had taken place.
Hooks and ladders were at once
brought into active requisition, and the
work of extricating the dead, the man-
aged, the wounded, and the dying was
commenced.

THE CAPITOL BUILDING
which dates nearly to the Revolutionary
era, is dilapidated and insecure,
and is now but a wreck of what it was,
the whole northern side of it being a
mass of debris. While the dead and
wounded were being removed many
alarms took place, and the people
rushed from the building repeatedly
in terror of another calamity.

**Another Radical Criminal—\$100,
000 Stolen From the Govern-
ment.**

Leavenworth, April 28.—The investi-
gation into the affairs of John Spear, ex-Col-
lector of Internal Revenue for the District
of Kansas, is now going on here. From evi-
dence collected, it appears that he is a de-
btor to the amount of \$100,000. The
matter is being investigated by Governor
Marce, and being prosecuted by Gen-
eral Anthony, in whose hands this old claim
had been placed for collection, while on the
other hand, great efforts are being made
by Spear's bondsmen here, and at Wash-
ington, to have the proceedings stopped. The
facts transpired from the large number of
citizens being called upon to pay their
revenue tax for 1868, they having been
reported by way of explanation on the Col-
lector's books as dead, absconded, etc. In
every case receipts from Spear or his deputy,
or other evidence showing the payment
of taxes had been produced.

The New York swindlers have adopted
a new device to cheat the unsuspecting
debtors of the rural districts. They are flood-
ing the country with circulars addressed
to those who were soldiers in the Union
army. The document announces that
discharged soldiers are entitled to 100 acres
of land, and that to obtain this bounty
from the Government it is only necessary
to forward to the mail a signed power
of attorney, accompanied by a fee of \$50
for professional services. We understand