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NEW YORK.
 Mr. Montgomery, the leader of the Kansas cause, was formerly a regularly licensed physician.

The Chesapeake Fishery proposed to get fish by sweeping New England for fish.

Small pox prevails to a considerable extent in Cincinnati.

Mr. Frederick Cook, of Catskill, N. Y., has a sleigh which was built in 1776.

A dozen printing offices are now for sale in Indiana.

In England railroad cars are not warmed at all. In France they are admirably warmed by cylinders of hot water.

McNamee, who killed his wife in Chicago, has been convicted of murder in the first degree.

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania Editorial Union will be held at Harrisburg, on the 10th of February.

A jealous lover, named Bright, has been committed to prison in Wheeling, Virginia, on the charge of intercepting letters addressed to his lady-love. The penalty is a year in prison, and a fine of \$500.

A party of hunters, out in the Red River Valley lately, in three weeks' time, killed 600 hares, and another party of eight in the same length of time, killed 2,000, the most being held for future use, and the skins being for \$2 each.

Bedford George, a New York lawyer, has been committed on the charge of stealing a watch from one of his clients.

Every cell in the Indiana and Ohio penitentiaries are full, and there is no work for most of the prisoners.

At South Franklin, Mass., on the 17th, Jonathan Wales shot Susan Whiting, killing her instantly. Both parties were young and had respectively married. Wales formerly paid his address to the dead, and was promptly arrested on the charge of murder.

The rumor is gaining ground, in Washington City, that an extra session of Congress will be convened in the Spring. Fears are entertained that a factious course will be pursued by certain members, on the tariff and other questions, and that such necessary legislation will be defeated. If this fear should be realized, the President, we have no doubt, will at once convene the new members, and the country will sustain him in doing so.

At the Democratic Convention of Susquehanna county, on the 17th inst., the policy of the National Administration was heartily endorsed, and Senator Bigler complimented for his manly and patriotic devotion to Democratic principles.

A small dog, recently deceased in Boston, was sent to Bangor, his former residence, in a sash case and buried at Mount Hope, near his former mistress, on account of whose loss he grieved himself to death.

A piece of copper, dissolved in warm water, is a sure remedy for frozen limbs, etc., soak the fingers or feet, or rub well on the lower face.

They wish to get a wife without a failing, but what if the lady, after you find her, happens to be in want of a husband of the same character?

Jerry Digger remembered his miserly uncle in his will, for he bequeathed "to my mother's brother's gun-flint, and a knife to skin it with."

The Pacific Railroad Bill.—The long discussion in the United States Senate on the Pacific railroad was brought to a close on Thursday last by the passage of the bill in an unamended form. It was finally reduced, on a motion of Mr. Simmons for striking out all other features, to a simple proposition authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to advertise for proposals for constructing the road on three different routes—northern, central and southern—leaving to the next Congress to decide the whole question and select the best route. The bill passed in this shape, by yeas 31, nays 20.

Corrie Convicted.—The jury in the case of Peter Corrie, tried in the Baltimore County Court, for the murder of officer Johnson, who retired to their room at ten minutes past two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, returned in court at half past ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, and rendered a verdict of "Guilty of Murder in the First Degree." Mr. Preston, the counsel for the defence, has moved for a new trial.

State Printer.—We learn from Harrisburg, that A. Boyd Hamilton, Esq., has been appointed to him the State printing, on Tuesday last, for three years from the 1st of July next.

It is estimated that not less than fifty thousand will be ready to ply on the Erie Canal early in the Spring. This may be regarded as the beginning of an important movement in the history of the canal.

Andrew Jackson, son of the late Andrew Jackson, of Pennsylvania, is the only one of the name who has ever been assigned.

Reduction of Expenses.

While the members of Congress have increased with a liberal and their own pay, and in various ways the expenses of Government, the President and Heads of Departments are devising all means in their power to economize. The Secretary has submitted his plan for reducing the expenses for the collection of the revenue, to the extent of 400,000 dollars per annum. He proposes the re-organization of the collection districts, the reduction of the hundred and sixtieth ports of entry to seventy-five, and the discontinuance altogether of twenty-one of the eighty ports of delivery; the salaries of the officers to remain the same, and under the measure recommended, their duties would be increased. He suggests the employment of steamships at the larger ports, and whether the protection of the revenue and relief to distressed vessels could not be better effected by the Navy. The revenue cutters might, he says, be attached to the Navy Department, and their commissions expire, or terminate by death or resignation. Those who have rendered noteworthy services, could be transferred to the Navy with assimilated rank.

At Their Old Tricks.

We perceive that Speaker Lawrence of the House, Harrisburg, and Mr. McClure, are again at their tricks. The other day a motion was made that Mr. McClure be reprimanded for not attending to his duties on a committee. The Speaker politely asked Mr. McClure to consider himself reprimanded. But next day when the proceedings got into print, all parties found themselves in a ridiculous position, and got still deeper, by going to work to expunge the proceedings from the journal, and declaring that they were only "in fun." Last winter, at times, it seemed almost impossible for these two men—Lawrence and McClure—to keep within reasonable bounds, in their efforts to gratify a peculiar penchant for child's play.—Jeffersonian.

The Tariff Question has now fairly landed in the Congressional Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. PHILLIPS, of this State, is actively engaged in pushing forward a bill for the revision of the tariff. The whole Democratic delegation from Pennsylvania, is a unit in favor of amending the law and inefficient tariff established by the Opposition Congress of 1857. Mr. PUTTLERS is a Democrat and one of the candidates for Congress who was last fall steepled down by the outcry against him on the tariff question. Our own member, Mr. BELLY, is also active in his advocacy of an increase of duties so as to bring a larger revenue into the Treasury. The Black Republican members are remarkably quiet on this subject. They are great sticklers for a tariff just before an election comes off, but when it becomes necessary to take action in Congress on that subject, they are non est inventus.—Bedford Gazette.

A rumor reached Washington from Paris, a few weeks since, that it was contemplated by the Spanish government to erect the island of Cuba into an independent monarchy.

The latest intelligence from Europe informs us that the rumor was current in Paris, and that the original suggestion of the plan emanated from the French Emperor, who thinks by this means to prevent the acquisition of the island by the United States. The idea has not been embodied into a practical measure, but the freedom with which it has been canvassed in the political circles of Paris assures us that it is under consideration, to be adopted or rejected according as the scheme may promise to accomplish the object desired.

Trial of David and David Funk.

The case of DANIEL and DAVID FUNK, for the killing of JOHN OSBORN, near Waynesboro', several months since, went before the Court at Chambersburg week before last. The Court having granted separate trials to the prisoners Daniel was first put upon trial, and his case continued up to Sunday evening last, when the jury having received the Judge's charge retired, and on Monday rendered a verdict of "guilty of murder in the second degree." The Judge has since, we learn, sentenced him to five years and six months confinement in the Penitentiary. David, charged with being accessory to the unhappy affair, has since been tried and acquitted.

The annual meeting of the State Agricultural Society of Pennsylvania was held at Harrisburg on the 19th inst., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and hearing the reports of the president.

The attendance was full, and the report highly satisfactory, exhibiting, as it did, a flourishing state of finances, the marked interest felt in the different sections of the State in the improvement of the art of agriculture, and the progress already made, as indicated at the late annual exhibition in Pittsburg. DAVID TAYLOR was re-elected President of the Society.

Gov. Packer has signed the bill abolishing the office of canal commissioner and State engineer of Pennsylvania.

Gov. Bobbs' success makes the forty-fourth change of government that Mexico has experienced in thirty-seven years.

The Directors of the Republican Party and Their Object.

Henry Wilson, who was the other day elected to the United States Senate, for the term of six years, by the Legislature of Massachusetts, wrote to Mr. PHILLIPS in 1855 as follows: "I hope, my dear sir, that we shall all strive to unite and combine all the friends of freedom; that we shall forget each other's faults and short-comings in the past; and all labor to secure that co-operation by which alone the slave is to be emancipated, and the domination of his master broken. Let us remember that more than three millions of bondmen, groaning under nameless wrongs, demand that we shall cease to reproach each other, and that we labor for their deliverance."

Mr. WILSON is a burning and shining light in the Republican party. Next to SEWARD he stands as the leading director and moulder of the opinions of that organization. In the latitude of Pennsylvania the Republican party has always sought to escape the odium of Abolitionism. It is a direct insult to which they object to prevent its spread to the Territories. This is affirmed to be the sum and substance of the Republican platform; this the grand end of the Republican party. When the Democracy declare that the Republicans are substantially Abolitionists, it is very apt to put them in a rage, for the charge is looked upon as a reproach. Now what is the fact? A few months ago Mr. SEWARD made a speech at Rochester, in which he declared that an irrepressible conflict existed between Northern and Southern society that would continue until one form or the other is overthrown. Mr. SEWARD does not believe that the South has the least chance of overcoming the North, for he announced at the last session of Congress that the North had substantially conquered. He therefore believes that this "irrepressible conflict" will result in Southern subjection, and he puts himself at the head of the Northern crusade. He is willing to pumper the sectional feeling, and to make his prediction come true. If this is not substantial Abolitionism, what is?

A Douglas Movement.

The Pennsylvania movement to have obtained a knowledge of a private meeting of the friends of the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, which was held at the St. Lawrence Hotel, in Philadelphia, last Friday evening week. The persons who convened the meeting were the chiefs and leaders of the late reception given to Mr. Douglas. After the gentlemen who had been invited were assembled, the object of the view was made known by Mr. Forney, who acted as the spokesman and leader. To them he made the proposal that instant and prompt action should be taken to nominate Mr. Douglas to accept of the Presidency in 1860, and to consent that his name should be put before the Union as a candidate, without regard to the selection of the Charleston Convention. Mr. Attorney-General Knox was also present, and dissented from the proposal of Mr. Forney. The ground taken by him was that it was inexpedient to act as Mr. Forney proposed, and that the wise and prudent course would be to submit the claims of Mr. Douglas to the Charleston Convention, and to make every effort to secure the nomination for him at the hands of that body; but should he be defeated there, then he (Mr. Knox) would willingly leave the party, and with Mr. Douglas for his leader, try their fortunes with the people. Other persons who were present differed from both of these gentlemen, and particularly Mr. McClure and Mr. McCullough, who were opposed to any action that would be contrary to the usages and discipline of the Democratic party. Here the movement appears to have rested, for the present. What it will result in, if any thing, we shall doubtless learn in good time.

A Compliment to the Democratic Party.

Mr. Washburne, of Maine, one of the leading and most noted Republicans in the House of Representatives, in his late violent and sectional speech, passed the following compliment to the Democratic party: "Let us, Mr. Chairman, learn wisdom from our opponents. Look at the Democratic party and note its policy. It has held possession of the Government, with short interruptions, for more than a quarter of a century; all because it has been always earnest and has dared to trust itself. It has never paid court to its opponents, or stooped to speculate upon their weaknesses and divisions; it has held and uncompro-misingly, it has never doubted its own sufficiency and invincibility, and so it has ever been a mighty power in the land."

The Franklin Railroad.

Since our last issue, we understand that additional subscriptions to the bonds of this road, amounting to some eight or ten thousand dollars, have been obtained in this county, and that it is expected that the total amount of subscriptions in the county will reach fifty thousand dollars. The Greenocato Lumber of Saturday last, in speaking of the progress of the sale of the bonds in that neighborhood, says "that a large proportion of the funds required are already raised," and "that farmers and business men generally seem to be awakening to the importance of the work, and are subscribing liberally."—Hagerstown Herald.

Murder at the Garrison.

On Thursday morning last, about 1 o'clock, two soldiers at the Garrison named James Morrissey and Pat Quinn, both Irishmen, got into a fight in which the former, it is said, got the worst of the battle, when they were separated. A few minutes after, the parties again met, when Morrissey picked up a large stone, with which he struck Quinn on the head, causing an injury from which he died in the evening following. Morrissey was arrested and is now in jail to await his trial.—Carlisle Volunteer.

Democratic Triumph in Lexington.

It affords us the highest satisfaction to announce that at the municipal election in Lexington, on Saturday week, the entire Democratic ticket was elected, together with a majority of the councilmen. Thomas B. Monroe, the able editor of the *Kentucky Statesman*, was the candidate of the Democracy for Mayor, and defeated Wm. Swift, the former Know Nothing incumbent. This is the first year of 1859.

The Tin Mill Loan.

From information received at the Treasury Department it is estimated that the tin mill loan is already \$2,000,000 in amount. The only certificate of stock in the tin mill is now in the hands of the Metropolitan, Washington, for \$100,000.

Pitiable Rigor.

The American and Black Republican Legislature of New Jersey, says the *Philadelphia Argus*, invited all the clergymen of Trenton to officiate as Chaplains; with the exception of the Catholics. The result to the priests of that religious denomination of Christians was premeditated. The spirit that hung Quakers, banished Baptists, and whipped beer-barrels for working on Sunday, yet lives. The fangs of the serpent have been pulled out, but it hisses and spurns as fiercely as ever. The Newark *Evening Journal* has the following comments in relation to the matter: "An Intolerant Act.—The House of Assembly of this State, in tendering an invitation to the various clergymen of Trenton to open the sessions of the Assembly with prayer, have refused to include the Catholic clergy in their invitation. This is a most illiberal decision on the part of the Assembly, which deserves and should receive the universal reprobation of the people of all religious denominations. It is in direct conflict with the spirit of our institutions, and we may add, in contradiction of the very letter of the Constitution, which provides that there shall be no establishment of one religious sect in preference to another: no religious test shall be required as a qualification for any office or public trust, and no person shall be denied the enjoyment of any civil right merely on account of his religious opinions."

INCREASING.

We understand that the daily revenue of our Railroad for the last month has averaged about \$100—sufficient, if continued throughout the year, to pay all the expenses of working the road, the interest on the Bonds, and 6 per cent. on the Stock. A pretty good beginning—and that, too, in the dead of winter. That the business of the road will continue to increase is beyond a reasonable doubt.

ARREST OF AN INCENDIARY.

ADAM KRICKER was arrested on Thursday last, charged with firing the barn of Mr. Joux Hoveck, in this place, on the night of the 20th March, 1857, and taken before Justice BIRNBAUM, who committed him to jail to await his trial at the next term of court. THADDEUS HANWAY is also implicated in the charge, but as yet has not been arrested.

THEIR ABOUT.

On Friday evening last, a coat and a number of "entails" were taken from the residence of Mr. JOHN BROWN, in this place, during the absence of the family. If the "right-angled" party could be fixed upon, we doubt not the Court would inflict such punishment as would be "a terror to all evil-doers."

DEATH OF A SOLDIER.

Mr. GEORGE YORLL, of Philadelphia, died at the residence of his brother-in-law, Dr. Doran, in this place, on Friday night last, in the 39th year of his age, of organic disease of the heart. He had served as a soldier in the Mexican war, and participated a lively in the bombardment of Vera Cruz and in the battle of Cerro Gordo—occupying the place of color bearer in the latter. He was also present at the time the gallant Capt. Walker received the fatal shot, and was among those who assisted him from his horse.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

This Association will meet in this place on the 10th of February and continue in session three days. This meeting, it is anticipated, will be quite an interesting one. That these meetings are of great practical importance to the Teacher there can be no doubt, as principles are discussed that are of value to every Teacher—hence the importance of a full attendance at all such meetings.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Commenced in the Methodist E. Church here on Friday evening last, and much interest is manifested in the exercises. Rev. T. B. SROBERTY, Presiding Elder of his district, preached on Saturday evening, and yesterday morning and evening, and was listened to by full houses.

NEW COUNTERFEIT.

An entirely new counterfeit has made its appearance, purporting to be a \$5 note issued by the Union Bank of Reading. It is unlike the genuine, and may, therefore, be instantly detected by observing the following description: V in the centre of the note, with portraits of five presidents on it, eagle, flag, &c.; Rhode Island's coat of arms on lower left corner; on lower right, steamboat; on each upper corner, and 5 on either side of vignette. The note has a greasy appearance, but it is calculated to deceive.

LITTLE BILLS.

A contemporary truly says that one of the most annoying features connected with the credit system is the practice of looking little sums. We speak on this subject from experience, for printers suffer more in this way than any other class of business men. The merchant and tradesman, too, are frequently compelled to enter upon their ledgers amounts which will not pay them for their trouble, when by the payment of a few cents this could be avoided, and a probable difficulty prevented in a long account at the end of the year. Establish the practice of paying cash for small amounts, and multitudes would be spared great inconvenience and not a few saved from bankruptcy. It is these unthought and unmeasured for small items which swell the amounts which so often become unmanageable. If we would all adopt the practice of paying cash for all purchases under five dollars, we would get along much more smoothly, and all classes of business be benefited by it. Try the experiment for one year, and see how it works.

Our advertising columns should always receive an attentive perusal, as they present the peculiar claims of the leading business establishments in Gettysburg.

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I, of course, complied with all their requests, except the cakes, which, as I am neither a baker myself, nor the son of a baker, I did not know that I could conveniently get; but I promised them something else instead. So, as soon as I could get it, I distributed a dozen pounds of candies among them, which gave such general satisfaction, and so much delight to all, both small and great, that I shall never forget the many pleasant looks and many hearty "thank you, sirs," that greeted me on all sides. Though I am the loser by a few dollars in a pecuniary point of view, yet I think in the rounds I am still the gainer, having thus secured the affections of all, which, unless unforeseen causes intervene, will be as lasting as life itself. ALF. SOCIAL, Jan. 19th, 1859.

Mr. HENRY WESTZ, as agent, sold the house and lot of MARGARET GALBRAITH, in Hunterstown, on the 22d inst., to JOHN DICKSON, for \$390.

A license was granted by the Court to ISRAEL YOUNG, to keep a new Hotel, the "Washington House," opposite the Railroad Passenger Depot.

Messrs. DURNOW, WOLF and PICKENS, at Harrisburg, have our thanks for continued favors.

MISCELLANEOUS KNIMGS. I am composed of 15 letters. My 7 4 is a proposition. 1 2 3 8 is a boy's name. 12 13 4 is a nickname. 15 6 8 is one of the planets. 12 11 10 is a part of the week. 6 7 4 15 10 is a disease. 9 13 8 is a small vessel. My whole is one of the Presidents of the United States. R. A. A.

Accident.—On Wednesday afternoon last week, as Mr. Jerome Noel was driving his team in the neighborhood of Nace's Mill, the saddle horse fell, throwing Mr. Noel under him. Mr. N's leg was badly bruised—he was pleased however to learn that no bones were broken. Mr. John Noel, a brother of the injured man, being in company, the sufferer was speedily released from his unpleasant situation and assisted into the wagon. Mr. Noel is still confined to his house—but it is hoped that he will soon be out again.—Hagerstown Spectator.

Another.—We learn that after the above named accident, Mr. John Noel necessarily took charge of the team, and when within a mile of Gitt's Mill, in attempting to draw the rubbers, the lever broke and threw the driver under the wheels, one of which passed over his legs—but fortunately without breaking any bones. The wagon at the time was loaded with over 3,000 stings. How the brothers managed to reach home after the occurrence of the second accident we have not been informed. J. B.

Wm. G. Cole, Esq., has been nominated by the Democratic candidates for Mayor of Frederick city, Md.

The Arrest of Conner at New Orleans.

It appears from the New Orleans Picayune that Thomas Conner, who was arrested there on the 19th inst., for killing his brother John in Baltimore, was pointed out on the street to Lieut. Dryden, of the police, by Mr. Alexander E. Kalkman, a Baltimorean, who made the following sworn declaration before the recorder: "I live about ten miles from Baltimore, State of Maryland, and am acquainted with the accused. I know the deceased John Conner. Sometime in November or December, can't now say which month, accused and his brother, John Conner, went to the city of Baltimore, in a wagon. By current reports and the newspaper publications, some words passed between the accused and his brother, when Thomas Conner pulled out a pistol and shot his brother in the eye, and he fell dead instantly. I know that Mayor Swann, of Baltimore, offered a reward for the apprehension of the accused, and that the police were searching for him for some time. I am not nor ever have been a police officer; but I arrived in this city on business; I met the accused accidentally in the street, and thought my duty, both to God and man, to have him arrested. I had a conversation with him before he was arrested. He begged me not to expose him, or reveal anything about the murder; saying, for God's sake, for the sake of his father and mother, sister and brother, not to expose him; that they would take it ever kind. He said he and was satisfied that God had forgiven him. He said he had written a letter to his father, and intended sending it off by this day's mail. I saw the letter, but did not read it. The letter exhibited in court is the one he showed me, and said was for his father. It is not signed by his right name, but is signed 'Francis White.'"

The Case of Ford—New Trial Granted.

In the case of Wm. G. Ford, of this city, it will be seen that the Court of Appeals at Annapolis on Monday last decided to grant him a new trial. Ford, it will be recollected, was convicted, in the Criminal Court here of the murder of Thomas H. Barnham, but there being some irregularity in the recording of the verdict by its alleged omission from the records of the words "first degree" until the following day, his counsel moved for a new trial. This motion was subsequently overruled by Judge Stump, who thereupon pronounced the sentence of death upon the prisoner. Subsequently the case was carried up on a writ of error to the Court of Appeals, and by the opinion of the tribunal, delivered on Monday, by Chief Justice LeGrand, the decision of the Criminal Court of this city has been reversed, and the prisoner awarded a new trial.—Balt. Sea.

Our Common Schools.

The annual report of the Superintendent of Common Schools of Pennsylvania, shows that there are 11,281 schools in the State, being an increase of \$25 over 1847; that there are 628,201 scholars in attendance upon the schools, being an increase of 28,633 over 1857; that the average salaries of male teachers per month, is \$24.25, of females, \$17.22. The average cost of instruction for each scholar, per month, has been 53 cents, and the total expenditure for school purposes during the year, was \$2,427,682 41. These figures include the city of Philadelphia, which has heretofore been omitted from the State Superintendent's Report.

A New Church.

The Herald states that the members of the German Reformed Church of Hagerstown are contemplating building a new house of worship, and have already raised, as we understand, the sum of \$7,500 for the purpose.

The Big Steer Sold.

The Waynesboro' Record says: Mr. HENRY W. FUNK, of this vicinity, disposed of his mammoth steer one day last week, to ABRAHAM BARR & Co., for the sum of \$425. Some six or eight weeks ago this steer weighed upwards of 3100 pounds. His weight may yet be increased it is supposed to 4000.

Measles and Scarletina.

We learn from the Wrightsville Star that the Measles and Scarlet Fever have both been prevailing to a considerable extent in Columbia, for some time past. The former disease has not been confined to children, but several adults have been afflicted with Measles; whilst the Scarlet Fever has proved fatal to a number of children.

Several weeks ago we noticed the removal of Mr. Knowson from the office of County Superintendent of Common Schools of Schuylkill county, by Mr. HENSON, State Superintendent of Common Schools.

The removal was, of the latter alleges, for neglect or incompetency on the part of the former, but Mr. Henson refused to make known any specification against Mr. Knowson, and Mr. Knowson has since been appointed to his office.

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Reader, were you ever a district school teacher? If not, you are unacquainted with the most difficult and disagreeable of all professions. To manage a family of some three or four score big, unruly boys and girls—many of them "some pumpkins," at least in their own estimation—by no means so easy a matter as many persons unacquainted with the task are apt to imagine. Much of the disagreeableness and unpleasantness of teaching might, however, be obviated, if parents and guardians were less disposed to thwart the authority of the teacher. To this cause, and that of too much lenity and indulgence on the part of parents towards their children, may be attributed much of that generally daily manifested in many of our ladies and ladies who sport "Young America." I do not pretend to say that teachers should have exclusive and unlimited control over the children under their charge, not by any means; for it is one of the holiest and most important duties of parents to be careful of the religious and moral, as well as intellectual training of their children. Yet there are many who think they are better judges of their children's conduct and deportment at school than the best and most impartial teacher could possibly be. Such persons will generally be found, on observation, to be unable to govern their children properly themselves and hence they are unwilling that any one else should. But I have already written more than I had designed when I commenced. The school room, too, like everything else, has its sunny side as well as dark one. It is there that the workings of the human mind are exhibited in all their various bearings. It is there that the first marks of genius make their appearance. It is there that those hidden and mysterious impulses of the soul, which afterwards so eminently distinguish their possessors, are first brought to light; and it is there that many of those dull occurrences and laughable incidents are enacted which are daily going the rounds of the papers. The following fine affair lately occurred in the school which the writer is now teaching—our school. It has been the custom from time almost immemorial for the teachers of this school, sometime about Christmas, to treat the school to several dollars' worth of sweetmeats, tobacco, cigars, apples, or cider—the youngsters usually preferring the former in candies, while the older ones took their things more substantial. Accordingly, a few days before Christmas, some one slipped a note on the desk, which looked more like a spider dipped in ink had marched across it than a legible piece of writing, and which, from its soiled and crumpled appearance, looked as though its writer had carried it with him a long time before he found an opportunity of presenting it. The following is an exact copy of it: "Christmas coming on we were all looking for our presents gift one dollar worth one piece of horse meat, one of five letters one dollars worth of cake 1858."

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I, of course, complied with all their requests, except the cakes, which, as I am neither a baker myself, nor the son of a baker, I did not know that I could conveniently get; but I promised them something else instead. So, as soon as I could get it, I distributed a dozen pounds of candies among them, which gave such general satisfaction, and so much delight to all, both small and great, that I shall never forget the many pleasant looks and many hearty "thank you, sirs," that greeted me on all sides. Though I am the loser by a few dollars in a pecuniary point of view, yet I think in the rounds I am still the gainer, having thus secured the affections