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tion of the company. The palpable
advantages which are calling this important
work into existence, give certain
assurances of profit as to make the question
of funds for its completion an easy one
to solve. Indeed, the wonder is, not
that attention is called to the subject,
but that a railroad from Harrisburg to Will-
sboro has not been constructed ere this.
We understand that it is the intention of
the leading parties interested, to take
hold of the work energetically, and pro-
ceed it to a speedy completion. The
Sunbury & Erie Company are also moving
onward with their great enterprise, under
auspices promising entire and early suc-
cess; and there is every reason to believe
that the northern connection contemplated
between Williamsport and the New York
& Erie Railroad will be made at an early
day. A glance at the map will show, that
once completed, these roads must become
thoroughfares of travel and business second
to scarce any in the country.—*Harrisburg
Keynote.*

Another Slave Case.
A colored man well known in Harris-
burg to most of our business men, named
James Phillips, was knocked down on
Monday afternoon last, at the railroad
bridge, by one of the officers of Commis-
sioner M'Allister, who approached him
under a feigned proffer of a shake of the
hand; and before he could recover from
the blow, he was secured by the others of
the gang of official kidnappers present, and
hurried off to M'Allister's office, where
he underwent the sham or pretense of a
trial, which lasted several hours, and
which resulted in the Commissioner turn-
ing him over to the claimants with a
certificate made out before the pretended
trial, on what the Commissioner said he
considered as *prima facie* evidence that
he was a slave. Phillips was then taken
to the county prison and there kept until
yesterday morning early, when he was
taken in the cars to Baltimore.

Phillips has been residing in Harrisburg,
it is alleged by those who know him best,
about fifteen years, and has always sus-
tained a good character, and is a very
industrious and trustworthy man. He has
been employed by the Forwarding men, and
railroad company, generally, and is said
to be one of the most reliable fellows to
be found. He had married a respectable,
industrious colored woman, and had chil-
dren, from all of whom he has been thus
most inhumanly torn, and not even allowed
the privilege of a parting farewell.

The pretended trial is said by those
who witnessed it, to have been of a most
extraordinary and farcical character. The
owner of the slave alleged to have run
away, was not there; but two men from
Virginia, armed with pistols, bowie knives,
dicks, &c., who presented a power of attorney
from the alleged owner, testified that
Phillips was the man, because he bore a
resemblance to a certain slave family.
One of them said that he, the witness,
was only ten or eleven years old when
Phillips ran off, and that he, Phillips, was
then only fifteen or sixteen years old. The
whole testimony is said to have been of a
character that would not have convicted a
person of the most trifling crime; yet in
the important issue of "liberty and the
pursuit of happiness," it was deemed
sufficient by those having fees dependant
upon the result, to sunder all the social
ties and relations of life, and send a help-
less mortal into perpetual and hopeless
bondage. It is said that the power of
attorney produced by the Slave catchers,
was originally different, and had been
altered to meet the description of Phillips.

During the trial, the wife of Phillips
stood by his side without uttering a word;
but when the certificate was handed over
and the slave grabbers drew out their
handkerchiefs and hobbles to fasten upon
their victim, she became frantic, and the
scene which followed was one of the most
painful and heart rending. She was
taken home in a state of insensibility.

This case has produced the most intense
excitement through our community; and
even those who formerly approved the Fugitive
Slave Law, now denounce and condemn it.
A subscription is now on foot to raise
money to buy Phillips' freedom; and
another to test the legality of the course
of the Slave Commissioner. F.—*Harris-
burg Telegraph.*

Monument to Col. Johnston.
Laurens is occupied with the execution
of a monument in marble to the memory
of Richard M. Johnston, ordered by the
State of Kentucky. A short pillar, around
the summit of which hangs in folds the
flag of the United States, is surmounted
by an eagle, and rests on a massive pedestal.
On one of the four sides of the pedestal
is a bas-relief representing the death of
the Indian warrior Tecumseh. On the
side opposite to it is a medallion likeness
of the head. The two other sides are
occupied with inscriptions. The cornice
of the pedestal is supported by four pieces
of ordnance in place of columns.

Lines.
By W. D. BALLADIER.
When last the April bloom was blushing
Sweet colors on the air of Spring,
In frost-dews the day voice was ringing,
Where then didst with the red bird sing:
Again the April bloom is blushing
Sweet colors on the air of Spring,
But now in heaven the voice is ringing,
Where thou dost with the angel's sing.

Thomas Hood on Books and Reading.
[The Secretaries of the Manchester
Athenaeum Bazaar Committee, addressed
to Thomas Hood a request that he would
allow his name to be placed on the list of
patrons of the approaching Bazaar. To
this request the Secretaries received the
following characteristic reply:]
(From my bed.) 17. Elm-tree road.
GENTLEMEN—If my humble name can
be of the least use for your purpose, it is
heartily at your service, with my best
wishes for the prosperity of the Manches-
ter Athenaeum, and my warmest approval
of the objects of that institution.

I have elsewhere recorded my own deep
obligations to literature, that a natural
turn for reading and intellectual pursuits
probably preserved me from moral ship-
wreck, so apt to befall those who are in
early life deprived of the parental pilotage.
At the very least my books keep me aloof
from the ring, the dog pit, the tavern, and
the saloon, with their degrading orgies.
For the closet associate of Pope and Addison—
the mind accustomed to the noble,
the silent discourse of Shakespeare and
Milton will hardly seek or put up with
low company or slang. The reading animal
will not be content with the British
wallowing that satisfy the unlearned pigs
of the world.

Later experience enables me to depose
to the comfort and blessing that literature
can prove in seasons of sickness and sorrow;
how powerfully intellectual pursuits can
help in keeping the head from crazing, and
the heart from breaking may, not to be
too grave, how generous mental food can
even atone for a meagre diet—rich fare on
the paper for short commons on the cloth.

Poisoned by the malaria of the Dutch
marshes, my stomach for many months
resolutely set itself against all fish, flesh,
or fowl; my appetite had no more edge
than the German knife placed before me.
But luckily the mental palate and diges-
tion were still sensible and vigorous; and
while I passed unharmed every dish at the
Rhenish table d'hôte, I could still enjoy
my Peregrine Pickle, and then feast after
the manner of the ancients. There was
no yearning towards calf's head a la
tortoise, or sheep's heart, but I could still
relish Head a la Brunnen, and the Heart
of Mid-Lothian.

Still more recently it was my misfortune,
with a tolerable appetite, to be condemned
to lenten fare, like Sancho Panza, by my
physician—to a diet in fact lower than
any prescribed by the poor-law commis-
sioners; all animal food, from a bullock to
a rabbit, being strictly interdicted, as well
as all fluids stronger than that which lays
dust, washes pianofortes, and waters poly-
anthus. But "the feast of reason, and
the flow of soul" were still mine. Denied
beef, I had Bulwer and Cowper; forbidden
mutton, there was Lamb, and in lieu of
pork, the great Bacon and Hogg.

Then as to beverage, it was hard-doubt-
less for a Christian to set his face like a
Turk against the juice of the grape. But
eschewing wine, I had still my Butler; and
in the absence of liquor, all the choice
spirits from Thomas Brown to Thomas
Moore.

Thus, though confined, physically, to
the drink that drowns kittens, I quaffed
mentally, not merely the best of our own
home made, but the rich, racy, sparkling
growth of France and Italy, of Germany
and Spain—the champagne of Molere,
and the Monte Pulciano of Boecaccio, the
hook of Schiller, and the Sherry of Cer-
vantes. Depressed bodily by the fluid
that damps every thing, I got intellectually
elevated with Milton, a little merry with
Swift, or rather jolly with Rabelais, whose
Pantagruel, by the way, is quite equal to
the best gael with run in it.

So far can literature palliate or com-
pensate for gastronomical privations. But
there are other evils, great and small, in
this world, which try the stomach less
than the head, the heart and temper—
bombs that will not roll right—well laid
schemes that will "gang agles"—and ill
wind that blow with the pertinacity of
monsoon. Of these, Providence has allotted
me a full share; but still, paradoxical as
it may sound, my burden has been greatly
lightened by a load of books. The manner
of this will be best understood by a felix
illustration. Everybody has heard of
the two Kilkenny cats, who droured each
other; but it is not so generally known
that they left behind them an orphan
kitten, which, true to the breed, began to

eat itself up, till it was diverted from the
operation by a mouse. Now, the human
mind, under vexation, is like that kitten,
for it is apt to prey on itself, unless drawn
off by a new object; and none is better
for the purpose than a book; for example,
one of Defoe's; for who, in reading his
thrilling history of the Great Plague,
would not be reconciled to a few little
ones?

Many, many a dreary, weary hour have
I got over—many a gloomy misgiving
postponed—many a mental or bodily an-
noyance forgotten, by help of the tragedies
and comedies of our dramatists and novel-
ists! Many a trouble has been soothed by
the still small voice of the moral philoso-
pher—many a dragon-like care charmed
to sleep by the sweet song of the poet; for
all which I cry incessantly, not aloud, but
in my heart. Thanks and honor to glorious
masters of the pen, and the great invention
of the press!

Such has been my own experience of
the blessing and comfort of literature and
intellectual pursuits; and of the same
mind, doubtless was Sir Humphrey Davy,
who went for "consolations in Travel," not
to the inn or posting house, but to his
library and his books. I am, gentlemen,
Yours, very truly,
THOS. HOOD.

Jenny's Farewell Concert.
Cathy Gordon was last night the scene of a brilliant
display as was witnessed in that superb hall.
At least thousand persons were gathered to
see the farewell of the greatest modern singer.
The programme was the same as that which introduced Jenny
Lind to America, with the exception that HAYDN'S
not over-enthusiastic greeting was exchanged for Mr. C. P.
CASSIN's pretty Farewell. Of course every part of
the performance was well done, and elicited round upon
round of applause; and when the Farewell came the
applaudment was almost frantic. The following were the
words, set to music of a simple and pensive character, by
Mr. Goldschmidt:
Young land of hope—fair Western Star!
Why light I bid adieu from dinner's table?
I leave thee now—but twice for thee—
One parting wreath of melody,
To take the offering of the heart.
From one who fare thee well and part.

And if it be that strain of mine
Have gilded from my heart to thine,
My voice was but the breeze that sweeps
The spirit chords that in time sleep.
The music was not all my own—
Thou gavest back the answering tone.
Farewell—when parted from thy shore,
Long absent scenes return upon me;
By voice was but the breeze that sweeps
The spirit chords that in time sleep.
The music was not all my own—
Thou gavest back the answering tone.

Hundreds of persons who had come from neighboring
towns to attend this occasion, were disappointed in pro-
curing tickets.

A Singular Dilemma.
The Buffalo Express relates the follow-
ing good anecdote of an American consul
in Morocco, who was favored with some
magnificent presents by the Emperor, for
our President—but which under the wise
provisions of our constitution, neither he
nor the ambassador could accept:

"Queer duties are devolved upon our
consul at Tangier occasionally. During
the Presidency of Gen. Jackson, while
Mr. Mulwony of Baltimore held an office,
his imperial majesty the Emperor, sent a
couple of lions to Tangier in order to have
them dispatched to the United States, as a
present to our Chief Magistrate. The
animals were under the charge of an offi-
cer of the Emperor's household, and on
arriving at Tangier, he tendered them to
the Consul. That functionary declined to
receive them, giving as a reason that the
President was forbid to accept presents
from a foreign Prince of Power. The
Muslimman inquired by whom the Ameri-
can Sultan was forbidden? The Consul
answered by the Constitution. Who made
the Constitution, was the next question.
The people, was the reply. Well then,
said the officer, delighted at having over-
come the difficulty, as he supposed, my
master, the emperor, sends the lions to the
people. But the consul was not to be per-
suaded, and still resolutely refused to have
anything to do with the royal beasts. The
Muslimman knew that his life would be
sacrificed, if he returned without executing
his commission, procured materials and
maons, and commenced building a wall
along the narrow street on which the Con-
sul's house was situated. The Consul as-
certaining it to be the Muslimman's deter-
mination to build up two walls across the
street about twenty feet apart and high
enough to secure the animals, and then
turn them into the space enclosed. "Regu-
larly bothered" with the pertinacity of
the Arab, Mr. Mulwony gave it up,
received the lions, and sent them home by
the next ship. General Jackson was almost
as much annoyed by them as the Consul
had been, and they were finally sold for a
paltry sum under a resolution of Congress.

There is no book or magazine so
cheap as a newspaper; none so interesting,
because it consists of a variety measured
out in suitable proportions as to time and
quality. Being new every issue, it invites
to a habit of reading, and affords an agree-
able mode of acquiring knowledge, so
essential to the welfare of the individual
and the community. It causes many an
hour to pass away pleasantly and profit-
ably, which would otherwise have been
spent in idleness, if not in mischief.

We would n't give a fig for a man who
can't stand some abuse.

A New Way of Cultivating Literary Taste.
The passage of the Maine Liquor Law
has afforded excellent food for the wits to
sharpen their masticators on. The follow-
ing from the *True Flag*, is about as good
a joke as we have yet read. No doubt
however but that we shall have occasion to
laugh over many a similar "rum" incident
before we are many weeks older:

About a fortnight since, a tall specimen
of "Yankee manufacture" arrived in the
good city of Portland, State of Maine,
and established himself and luggage at the
Elm Hotel. This luggage consisted of a
small valise, and a large oblong box, con-
taining (for the inspectors had examined
its contents,) a quantity of books, richly
bound, which the proprietor had bought
for the purpose of retailing about the city.

After seeing his property placed in the
room allotted to him, the pedlar made his
appearance in the office with a small volu-
me in his hand. He glanced his keen,
shrewd eye leisurely around the room,
which contained at that moment no one
but the clerk and myself.

"Fond of reading?" inquired the pedlar
of the clerk, when he had finished his
observation.
"Don't get any time to read," replied
the clerk.
"I rather guess I've got a book here
you'd like to read," continued the pedlar
perversely.

"What is it?"
"Well, it's a real good book; and just
right for the times too, 'cause it'll give a
man spiritual consolation; and they do say
that's what a man can't get very easy in
Maine—just about now."

"That's very true, but your 'consola-
tion,' unfortunately, my friend, does not
seem to be of the right sort."
"There was a cunning leer in the pedlar's
eye as he inquired—
"Fond of the right sort, hey?"
"When I can get it," said the clerk, be-
coming interested.

"Guess I shall sell you this book, then,"
said the pedlar, decidedly.
"What is it—you haven't told me the
name of it yet?"
"It's 'Pilgrim's Progress.'"
"O bother! I've read it at least a doz-
en times."
"But this is entirely a new edition."
"Oh! it's all the same."
"Beautifully engraved."
"Oh! nonsense—I don't want it."
And so saying, he commenced writing
again, visibly annoyed.

"Say you—better look at the pictures,"
continued the pedlar, thrusting the book
under his nose.
This movement had an astonishing effect
upon the clerk. He jumped off the chair
and began to examine the volume eagerly;
but much to my surprise without opening
it. Then seemingly satisfied with the
scrutiny, he asked the price and purchased
it.

"Say, you!"—said the pedlar, after the
bargain was concluded—moving towards
the door—"Say, you, if anybody else
should see that book and want to get an-
other 'just like it,' send 'em up to No. 73;
and I'll accommodate them just about as
quick as they please."

And exchanging a very queer and mys-
terious look with the clerk, the pedlar van-
ished.
"What on earth made you buy that
book?"
"See here, a moment."
I advanced and looked over his shoulder.
Turning up one end of the book, he re-
moved a small slide, and discovered a
stopple, which he unscruled, and then
handed me the book, which I applied me-
chanically to my mouth.

"What is it?" asked he laughing.
"Beautifully—by jingo!" exclaimed I,
packing to take breath, and then making
tricks for the door.
"Halloo, where are you going?"
"Up stairs; it has just struck me that
the 'Pilgrim's Progress' will be an excellent
addition to my library."
That day, the pedlar's stock was ex-
hausted.

In Town Again.
The man who don't take the papers
was in town last week, (at the Circus.)
He reports all well at home—family affairs
progressing satisfactorily. His nine chil-
dren have been liberally educated, so
much so that several of them can read
large print, and one of them can write his
name, while several others have got as far
as the "pot-hooks" in that important
branch of education. He inquired whether
it was true that Gen. Jackson had been
compelled to vacate the Presidency to
make room for Gen. Taylor, and manifes-
ted patriotic regrets that the man who had
beaten Waterloo at the battle of the Brit-
ish, should cease to govern the country.
He said that he had voted for Jackson
ever since his Tom hoes was a colt, and
had hoped to be able to do so as long as
he lived. He fell in with the young man

here who had twice attempted suicide by
deliberately discharging a revolver at his
degenerotype, and on being asked to
drink, at first respectfully declined, as he
understood that Gov. Snyder had recently
made a law requiring a man to drink not
less than thirty-eight gallons at a time.—
He fell in with the young man here who
had twice attempted suicide by deliberately
discharging a revolver at his degenerotype,
and on being asked to drink, at first re-
spectfully declined, as he understood that
Gov. Snyder had recently made a law re-
quiring a man to drink not less than
thirty-eight gallons at a time. He says
that he can go a pint of apple-jack if a
little crowded, but declares his intention to
visit his vengeance by refusing to vote for
Gov. Snyder at the next election, unless
he reduces the quantity to at least a quart.
He took the town hall and market house
for a brick yard, and expressed himself
highly gratified with the great improve-
ments made in that branch of industry.
After trying in vain to spend several notes
on the "Bank of True Love" and another
on John Smith, Grocer, who promises to
pay \$5 in Groceries for \$6 in Cash, all of
which he had got from some rascally
speculator for his last year's crop, he left
town with something of a brick in his hat
and a small snake in his boot. We hope
that he has reached home safely, and that
he is now enjoying the priceless blessings
of the happy domestic circle.—*Repository
& Whig.*

Editors' Comforts.
We have all heard of Job's comforts,
spiritual comforts, and a variety of other
comforts "too tedious to mention," tho'
but few of those inexperienced know much
about Editors' comforts. Besides being a
sort of pack-horse for all the aspiring
politicians of the day, to be generally
cuffed and forgotten when no longer use-
ful, they have to pore over newspapers
day in and day out, read bad writing
and worse spelling, decipher the effusions of
moon-struck poets, and get a cursing for
intimating that Byron or Milton had sur-
passed them, spin out editorials whether
sick or well, select copy, keep booked up
in the grain, hay and butter market, and
unless he puffs everybody, and each one
better than the others, he is put down as
factious, partial and unfit to wield the
influence that a journal should exert.

"Well, you're paid for it, and other
people have their troubles too," chimes in
a cord orso of blockheads, as a perfect
clincher to all our lamentations. Yes,
they are paid—with a hook! They are
greeted about twice or thrice a week with
such loves of epistles as follows:

KENTON, Ohio, May 15, 1852.
MRS. EDITOR: The copy of your
paper sent to John Smith, Jr., Esq., is
not lifted. Reason—has gone to Texas
and says you may go to h—. Please
acquiesce. Yours, &c.,
GEO. WASH. JEFF. BROWN, P.M.

UPPER RAPIDS, Miss., May 1, 1852.
GENT.—Your paper addressed to James
Madison Brown at this place is not taken
from the office. Reason—he hated two
years ago, and says he don't want the
paper any longer.
H. CLAY JONES, P.M.

SEUNK HOLLOW, TEXAS, May 2, 1852.
MR. PUBLISHER—Please don't send your
paper any more to Andrew Jackson Syn-
der, Esq., formerly of this place. He
run off with Peter M'Quiggin's wife some
time ago, and has not been heard from.
J. Florence Reed, P.M.

RIZIN CUN, may the won.
MYSTER PRINTER—jorge Om Con Gon
ded ago bout 3 Years. He not tuk de
pape No mor And hes wif say You can
go to Thunderr dont sent it No mor o i
sue ju.

MYNHEAR HOITGENZEGHERBEN P M
NEW PURCHASE, IOWA, April 20, 1852.
GENT.—You will please stop that paper
you have been sending for two years to
Jonathan P. Z. Crookstick at this place.
He has had the fever and ague for two
years and he is perfectly collapsed, and
his whole family has had it until they have
shook all the glass and shingles out of the
house. He is now in the state of starva-
tion and can't eat.
Timothy George Green, P.M.
P. S.—You need not send his bill for
collection.

—There's what we call Editor's com-
forts—at least they are such as Editor's
got a goodly share of.

The Albany Knickerbocker says
that in one of the proverbs of Solomon,
we find the most comprehensive and satisfac-
tory exposition of the philosophy of
advertising that ever was or can be written,
viz.—"There is that scattereth and yet
increaseth, and there is that withholdeth
more than is meet, but that tendeth to pov-
erty."

Rev. Albert Barnes, of Phila., has
resigned the charge of his congregation,
from considerations growing out of the
impairment of his sight. He has long
occupied a prominent place among his min-
isterial brethren and his withdrawal from
the field of usefulness so long and success-
fully cultivated by him is a matter of pub-
lic regret.

Touching Incident.
The Louisville Democrat relates the
following touching incident:
An aged mother—a woman of seventy
years—left her home in the Emerald Isle
some ten weeks ago to seek the abode of
her children, who are now residents of
Louisville. After a tedious passage, and
the trouble incident to a long journey, she
reached this city from New Orleans last
Monday night, on board the Alexander
Scott, and soon she was surrounded by
her children. Her son was the first to
see her, and he hastened to inform his
sister of their mother's arrival. They met
(the mother and the daughter) in one long
embrace, which only ended as the infant
mother sank with excitement to the floor.
She had swooned away in the rapturous
enjoyment of beholding once more a
daughter so long lost. She pronounced a
blessing upon her children and fainted
away. When restored to conscious-
ness, the sight of her children, and the
pleasing recollection of their presence,
would overcome her with emotions, and
again and again she would faint in their
arms. Physicians were called to her aid,
but could afford her no relief. For two
days she continued in this condition, until
worn out by fatigue and excitement, ex-
hausted nature gave way, and the mother
now "sleeps well" in the new green earth
of her new-made home. How strange,
how sorrowful, and how touching, are the
incidents of life!

More Swindling to Come.
California is to be, to this government,
what East India has been to England—a
source of wealth and wickedness, of profit
and plunder. We shall have astonishing
developments of this truth ere long.
There will Hastings' and Warren Hast-
ings' trials grow out of this region,
and many a hard earned dollar of the
people's money will go to fatten some
creature of plunder which the fertile pro-
vince, from the fullness of wealth, will
spawn on its striferous sands.

Col. Fremont has discovered a new way
to get money out of the General Govern-
ment. When on his exploring expedi-
tion, he came to California, and found
war existing between the governments of
Mexico and the United States, but, bent
upon discovering a world of