General Miscellaneous Matters.

UNDER MY WINDOW.

BY T. WESTWOOD.

Under my window, under my window,
All in the midsummer weather,
Three little girls, with fluttering curls,
Flit to and fro together;
There's Bell, with her bonnet of satin sheen,
And Maud, with her mantle of silver-green,
And Kate, with the scarlet feather.

Under my window, under my window,
Leaning stealthily over,
Merry and clear, the voice I hear,
Of each glad-hearted rover.
Ah! sly little Kate, she steals my roses,
And Maud and Bell twine wreaths and posies,
As busy as bees in clover

Under my window, under my window,
In the blue midsummer weather,
Stealing slow, on a hushed tip-toe,
I catch them all together;
Bell, with her bonnet of satin sheen,
And Maud, with her mantle of silver-green,
And Kate, with the scarlet feather

Under my window, under my window,
And off, through the orchard closes
While Maud, she flouts, and Bell, she pouts
They scamper and drop their posies.
But dear little Kate takes naught amiss,
And leaps in my arms with a loving kiss,
And I give her all my roses

A Yankee Wedding in New York.

Chancing to visit the office of Alderman —— the other day, we witnessed a hymenial ceremony that will bear narrating

The bridegroom was a weather-beaten countryman, a perfect picture of good nature, but so tall that in entering the portals of the office an involuntary obeisance was necessary; while the artificial hollyhocks on the summit of the bride's bonnet just touched the elbow of her expected lord. Their entrance was proceeded by an urchin with dilapidated garments, who claimed and received three coppers as his fee for guiding them to the spot

"What can I do for you my good friends?"—asked the urbane Alderman, as if in utter ignorance of the object of their visit "Pray be seated madam"

"Well' Squire, answered the groom, with a complacent glance at the filagree breast pin that fastened a dashing ribbon around the lady's neck, 'old Mrs Pettbon, down to Lynn—you've hear'n tell about her, I recon"

"Well, really, I think I hardly know—I guess not"

"Not hear'n tell of her Squire! why she makes about the best punkin sass you ever put in yewr stummik, I reckon, slips down just as a greased cat crawlin' through a jint of stove pipe"

"Very happy to be introduced to her, Sir,—but don't let me interrupt you Pray proceed"

"Jes' so, jes so Well, old Mrs Pettibone gin' me Dianthy, here, to get spliced to. She's a widder woman, and old Deacon Pettibone made ropes of money when he was in the shoe-peg business, when he was alive, and I larnt the business with him; so yew diskiver that nat'rally I liked the gall, and the old lady gin' consent;—so, if yew'll pronounce the ceremony, yewr money's ready."

"So you wish to be married, eh?" inquired the Alderman, willing to spend a few moments leisure in conversation "May I venture to ask what induced you to break through a bachelor's life?"

"Sartin, Squire, sartin Yew see it's nat-ral Who ever hear'n tell of a bachelor chippin' bird or a bachelor bob-o-link? I reckon nobody has And then ain't *dublin* kinder nat'ral? Ain't double roses, and double morning glories and double pinyes the poetyest, and don't everybody like 'em better than single ones The amount on it is, natur teaches it 'Squire, clear through the programmy, beginnin' with the robbins and leaving off with the apple blossoms."

"Very true, my good Sir; a very philosophical view of the subject (Turning to the lady) And you, madam, have you given the subject the attention it merits?"

"Never mind her, Squire, jest let me settle that are business; tain't no kinder use to trouble yewr bowels about Dianthy Jest yew fetch out yewr books and fire away"

The ceremony was soon performed: Our 'Reform' Alderman has carried improvement even into that department of his duties; and a two dollar bill was duly placed in his palm by the newly made husband After he had congratulated the pair, and wished them success, Jonathan exclaimed

"Squire, yew're a reg'lar trump, yew are; and if yew ever come to Lynn, yew'll find a stoppin' place with me, and a rousin' welcome But 'Squire," and Jonathan facetiously inserted his fore finger in the region of the Alderman's ribs, "I'm done with *one horse bedsteads*, I am—Good bye, 'Squire"—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce*

INDIAN THEOLOGY.—The precise idea which the western Indians entertain of a future life is this: As soon as the Indian threw off the flesh, he would find himself standing on the bank of the river, the current running with great rapidity Across this river was a slender pole stripped of its bark, and lying down to the water. The Indian who had lived a good life, then sees a bright object on the other side, that was "Right" He would then desire of embracing the object he lay down in the world, walk across the pole in spite of the raging torrent beneath his feet, arriving in safety on the opposite shore and Right would then lead him amongst the [illegible] and shivers, into [illegible] he would hunt for eternity. But the other, that the man who follows Wrong, on his life, when attempting to cross the pole, after death, would fall into the foaming stream and be swept down into a whirlpool surrounded by rocks; where he would be carried round for many centuries, until, at last, he would be gradually sucked in towards the centre of the vortex, and finally engulphed in an immense bottomless hole What became of the unfortunate sinner, the Indians could not surmise, further than he lived forever

AGAINST THE BIG FOWLS.—The Committee on Poultry of the New Hampshire Agricultural Society urge the careful breeding of the domestic varieties of fowl—the Dorkings, Bolton Greys and their crosses—in preference to the Giant Chinaman. Neither profit nor good taste, they say, suggests the breeding of China hens They are not great layers, nor prolific; are long in getting their growth, and are great eaters; upon the table are coarse and stringy; and of a certainty are no ornament to the farm-yard, their form being awkward and ungainly, and their crow being, as has been observed, "not the honest Saxon crow, expressive of day-break, love, war, and animal spirits, but a horrid ejaculation, between a Chinese sentence, as described by missionaries, and a badly blowed dinner-horn"

UNKIND.—The Buffalo *Express*, (whig,) in announcing that Mrs Mary Prewett, widow editress of a Mississippi paper, has nominated Millard Fillmore for the Presidency, remarks that "she cannot fail to poll a very large vote—when the ladies shall be endowed with the right of suffrage." *Et tu Brute.*

ENEMIES.—A man who has no enemies is seldom good for anything He is made of that kind of material which is so easily worked that every one tries his hand at it A sterling character—one who speaks what he thinks—is always sure to have enemies

☞ A beautiful thought is this which we quote from a letter to the editors of the Cayuga *Chief*:—"A foot of show fell yesterday, and today the sun looked at it, and—*the white vision is murmuring in the brooks*"

☞ Outward Esteem, to a great person, is as skin to fruit, which, though a thin cover, yet preserves it.

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May 21, 1854 1yl

Cotts lots near the Railroad.

SEVERAL City Lots, eligibly located on State, French, Peach and Buffalo streets, for sale on easy terms, by the undersigned Sept. 24-19 C M'SPARREN

Boots and Shoes.

Again we come in unwasted rhyme
But change the theme as change go times
The Erie Railroad war has ended
And peace has to her throne ascended
And quickly with returning train
Let every bitter passion cease
And cultivate a spirit kind
No malice moves a noble mind,
Throw by the books by service battered
A little old will some hat shower
And call again at number ten
You know the place you'll find the men
Willoez will wait on you with obeisance
And Cotter's there to take your measure
He isn't cheap quite,—no matter when
And stops at Brown's Block number ten
And when he's fairly sized your feet
He'll make a boot that can be worn
He needs in verse no flame or glare
To call him Cotter, tells the story
Young men with intellects expanding
Protect with boots your understanding
Or if the Gaiters better please
Consult your tastes, consult your ease
The Congress forms with variations
Diversified manner relations,
May better meet your expectations
And satisfy your inclinations
Come Ladies come, or send your waiters
And find as nice a pair of Gaiters
As ever graced a Lady's feet,
Of texture fine or fashion neat,
Morocco Bootees, Russia Slips
Some plain, some patent leather tips
Enameled work with stitches big
And some of the finest of French Kid
The Misses too with modest mien
Will find the means their feet to cover
In fancy colors, free from harm
Without suppressing even a charm
We've Shoes which Boys and Misses fit
And Babies of the smallest size
The goods we've had to offer last year
Designed for our trade, we've made
In ponderous piles upon shelves
In heaps on heaps and scores on scores
Doubt not the choices, good [illegible]
They open rich and even rare
And though our speech may seem quite [illegible]
You'll find the half is not [illegible]
WILCOX & NORTON
Erie Feb 25, 1854—41 No. 10 Brown's Block State st

BOOTS & SHOES

Although the "Erie war has ended,
And peace has to her throne ascended
You'll find that rhyming with our years
Is not befitting any cause
To boast and vaunt in our pa
Do thus degrade the rhyming art
We only tell you what is true
About the firm of S Deveau
We *lead* the fashions all must know
While others follow, sure but slow
"Cotter" 'us true, has left "cheapside
But still his place is well supplied
By one more tasty and more neat,
Who's always *ready* at his seat,
And when your feet to measure are
You may be sure he'll give them fit
While mingling elegance with ease
We know he cannot fail to please
No more to Philadelphia go,
To Lynn, New York, or Buffalo
Nor yet to "Brown's Block number ten
To find *why* Cotter left, or when,
For here at Cheapside, number five
You'll find an active busy hive
Of workmen skilled, of workmen true
Who never fail to fit the feet,
At leisure you our stock examine
Of every quality and hue
And gratify the ruling passion
Of always being in the fashion
For when a pretty foot you view
The reason is (what we say you,
Not in your eye) but in the shoe,
So neatly made by S Deveau
Hoping kind friends that we may meet,
In boots and shoes well, suit your pleasure
And through our measures fall in feet,
Your feet shall have fit in measure
Come on, we say, come one and all
And give your friend Deveau a call
Erie, March 4 1854 S DEVEAU

[illegible] Cheap store of Verrie 42 Jno P Cook

Dentistry—New Arrangement!

HAVING [illegible] Mr. W H Lice, [illegible] best [illegible] I offer a lasting and permanently open for business. Patients [illegible] no charge for examining teeth [illegible] Erie Feb 25, 1854—39

Dissolution.

THE copartnership heretofore existing between Kepler & Co is this day dissolved The business will be continued by Kepler & Co. See advertisement

Erie, March 11, 1854—43

Copartnership.

THE subscribers having formed a copartnership under the name of Liddell, Kepler & Co, give notice that they are prepared to execute orders for Steam Engines & Boilers, Mach[illegible] Blacksmithing, Waggons, Coal & Lumber [illegible]
JAS LIDDELL
W F LIDDELL
Erie, March 11, 1854—41

GLOVES, tinghams and linen Black, as cheap as the cheapest.

NOTICE

THE Partnership heretofore existing under the name of H B [illegible] March 1st, by mutual consent. All persons indebted to said firm will confer a favor by The books and papers are in the hands of Read House.
Erie, March 14, 1854

The subscribers having purchased Burton & Co, and associated themselves in style of BURTON & SINCLER [illegible] old customers and as many new ones as may call. Our stock of Medicines, Chemicals, &c, is large, and we are receiving fresh [illegible] on old friends and new, [illegible]
March 14 1854—44

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Compensations received Policies issued at all times upon favorable terms, by

A[illegible] and vicinity
[illegible] 1-53 39

THE NELIN INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF PHILADELPHIA
Capital $1,500,000.

NEW YORK FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
329 BROADWAY, NEW YORK
Capital $500,000.

THE undersigned has received the appointment or agency of the above reliable companies, having also fully complied with the insurance laws of this State, is now prepared to take Fire and Marine risks at lowest rates Losses in either Company adjusted and promptly paid at this agency

J J LINTS, Agent.
Erie April 9 1853 [illegible] in J. B. Gunnison's Bookstore

The Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company of Pennsylvania.

HAVE opened Books in the office of J D Dunlap, Esq., and the Secretary is prepared to receive applications for insurance according to the provisions of their Charter

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THE ETNA INSURANCE COMPANY
OF HARTFORD CONNECTICUT
Capital $300000—All paid in.

[illegible] to effect insurance in the above [illegible] company The Ætna has been in [illegible] and capitals sound and unimpaired [illegible] paid their losses incurred at the [illegible] Office in Wright's Block

TIBBALS & HAYES
March, 4, 1854—42

THE OLD DEUG STORE.

To All whom it may Concern

WE wish to advise our friends and the public that we are making large additions to our stock and will render it one of the most complete in the country Our business is divided into several departments, viz: Drugs, Medicines, Wines, Groceries, Hardware, Cutlery, Paints Oils Brushes, Perfumery and Miscellaneous Articles

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