General Miscellaneous Matters.

From the New York Evening Post

Unpublished and Characteristic anecdote of the Emperor Nicholas.

A correspondent, on whose accuracy we can rely, furnish s us with the following illustration of the social habitudes of the present Autocrat of all the Russians." He says:

"Some ten or twelve years ago, while living in the north of England, we had a neighbor who had married a Russian lady. My friend had resided some years in St Petersburg, and there became acquainted with and married his present wife. She is a person of most polished manners, of excellent education and charming and the accomplished mother of a large family. I mention these things to indicate the reliance that may be placed in her statements. He relatively held some highly responsible position in the Russian postal service, and after a few years residence in England, she and her husband returned to Russia.

My friend's house was decorated with engravings, portraits of the Russian Imperial family, scenes in the capital, maps and drawings. There was a collection of Russian curiosities and both indications that one or both of the heads of that family were of Russian extraction. Mrs T—— spoke English very fluently. Nothing pleased her better than to talk of the land of her birth, which she did always most enthusiastically; and as to myself, the charm of her conversation, apart from its original and interesting subject, was quite sufficient to fix the impression of all her stories firmly on my memory. She was fond of telling illustrative anecdotes of the Emperor, and denouncing what she styled the 'ignorant horror' of the English against our 'fathers' in unmeasured terms of most womanly and eloquent reprobation.

One of her characteristic illustrations I select from many; I cannot give her exact words, but substantially the sense of them. She said: The Emperor does not seclude himself from his people. One evening in the year he is present mingling promiscuously, at a masked ball, any person is at liberty to speak to him on that occasion, and the privilege is never neglected. I have seen him at the theatre, take a chair in his hand and go singly through the pit, seating himself at the back of the orchestra, and immediately before the footlights. Had he any doubt of the affections of his subjects, or fear of assassination, as some of you English suppose, think you men of bravado or courage would hunt it out for us the best course to pursue?

"The Emperor is very fond of taking his children with him, and they go on foot 'shopping.' In this way he will, unattended, visit jewellers' stores, toy shops, picture galleries, and similar places, to every where French and English goods are to be had. He does not wish for, and would not have it known, recognition, but he is very well and favorably known, and the public of St Petersburg are so conscious that he can be approached at any time, it is silently and respectfully. On one occasion, a gentleman, leading a little boy by the hand, met the Emperor on the sidewalk of a crowded thoroughfare. He stopped in the other hand some gingerbread nuts, and bought for the little boy what he had seen his children at home. Perhaps they were at school, or leisurely, or appropriated to the nurse's more convenient share of the pavement, he was rather in the way, be, another gentleman, in the undress uniform of some military division rushed into the crowd, and unceremoniously past him. He was evidently in a state of impolite hurry, and in striving to force his way against the little boy, overturned him from the light grasp of his father's hand, and pressed on the child in the gutter. Not stopping to apologise, or even to assist in his extrication from the mud, he hastily turned a deprecating eye upon the gentleman, and kept on his hurried run at the top of his wind and speed.

The Emperor—for it was he—looked round in a moment and the gentleman in the act of raising the child and his son from the mud. The look of the gentleman's uniform or cross with a mixture of the gentleman's uniform or cross with a mixture of inquiry, and surprise at the Emperor's presence, he sent for the Governor of the City, and what angrily demanded to identify the offender. The Governor, his Imperial Majesty, and the circumstances, [illegible] him) had only an hour delivered up the swearing Major to the disposal of the Emperor, who expressed himself that, at the moment, he was not acting as an English physician, but as a father, and that some unfortunate person would be dying. The Major was severely, perhaps, by his superior officer, but his mother was safe and the child had taken the sword and pursued the Emperor.

Nicholas became the [illegible] said: 'Ascertain the address of the child, and in the best degree [illegible] or words to that effect, [illegible] wish the effect of the [illegible] tened by extraneous [illegible] ments.

After [illegible] (I forget which) [illegible] the account which [illegible] action was [illegible] peror replied: [illegible] husbands, see that [illegible] the infant is to be [illegible] whether I have [illegible] the tantamount [illegible] admission into the [illegible] intend to be present, and I shall bring with me the Empress and my family.'

And so he did, and married in white—Russia is the scene of a greater [illegible] marriage feast. And there and then Nicholas, Emperor of Russia gave to a child, hardly to remove from the ranks, his own daughter to the hand of the little boy, and [illegible] the health of the baby, and left behind him hearts burning to manifest their loyalty by self-devotion, and wonderful [illegible] desecration.

There is nothing of [illegible] penditure in this, like some [illegible] ticated stories we have [illegible] peror of the French, [illegible] Nicholas, has not [illegible] popularity. George the III,

"The best farmer that ever [illegible] (though, by-the-by, that is an undeserved compliment,) wondered, in some good woman's cottage, 'how the apple got into the dumpling'—He, however, was constitutionally [illegible] in no instance more practically [illegible] the Americans to revolution, and keeping up bloody skirmishing warfare long after [illegible] sters and people saw it was impolitic. But as to Nicholas, he resembles, eminently, some [illegible] characters in history, who, though despotic and tyrannical in their public and national relations, present the strange anomaly of natural amiability in domestic and private life. He is not, we presume, laboring under [illegible] anomaly, like the English monarch of the last century, nor is it necessary he should make political capital out of his freaks of condescension to the meanest of his subjects; so that obviously the devil is not so black as he is painted." The lady who told me this story said she knew the other and his family."

☞ We thought we had heard of a good many green people in our time, but there is a young lady in Schenectady, that beats our time, considerably. She got married the other night, and the next day appeared before a magistrate, to enter a complaint against her husband for "taking liberties with her." Our hat is at the disposal of the first person that calls.

☞ The melancholy death of Miss SARAH C BACON, who kept a periodical store in Cincinnati, was one among the deplorable results of the bank failures in that city. She had deposited near $1,000 in one of the broken banks, and, brooding over her loss, she became insane, and wandered off in search of a grave in a distant State.

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Erie, Nov. 18, 1854.

WANTED in exchange for goods,
[illegible] Veal,
500 lb. Wool Sacks,
250 " Mutton,
Erie, Nov 25, 1854. FISH'S & HAYS

SODA ASH.—A [illegible] Soda Ash in Pound papers, [illegible]
[illegible] ARTER & BRO

POTASH—[illegible] Potash, used directions for making [illegible] ARTER & BRO

A [illegible] Lot [illegible] Cloth, ordered [illegible] to my stock of [illegible] Call at the [illegible] Store on State street to [illegible] Erie, Nov 25, 1854.

WALL PAPER

[illegible] Paper Window [illegible] Paper Hangings [illegible] Paper Window Shades [illegible] Curtain Materials [illegible] Cornices, Borders &c.

We are [illegible] to [illegible] Cheap Wall Paper [illegible]

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Persons' Great Variety Store.
No. 3 BONNELL BLOCK ERIE PENNA

I [illegible] to buy every thing either [illegible] market in New York for

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PRESENTS FOR THE LADIES.
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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Great Variety Emporium

[illegible] Go to Persons' Variety Store

[illegible]

BASWELL.

[illegible]

LAMP OILS.

[illegible] lamps, we would say call in and [illegible] of Lard Oil, Solar Oil, White Oil, [illegible] which are winter strained and warranted.

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THE OLD DRUG STORE.

To all whom it may Concern.

[illegible] our friends and the public generally that we have [illegible] large additions to our former stock, which is one of the most complete and extensive in the country, including several departments, and to others, the following, viz:

Drugs, Groceries, Window Glass, Glassware, Dye Paints, Oils, Brushes, Perfumery, Fancy and Miscellaneous Articles

Medicines is very extensive, embracing nearly [illegible] Chemical, Mineral and Pharmaceutical, to [illegible] Botanics and Thompsonian, together [illegible] assortment of Shakers Herbs and extracts. In the

Patent Medicine Department

[illegible] extensive to enumerate, embracing those only [illegible] are reliable and truly valuable, the reputation of [illegible] become established by years of experience, and our [illegible] the numerous testimonials which they receive annually [illegible] one a fact for

Wines and Spirits

[illegible] *selected, purchased and kept for medical purposes* [illegible] warranted to be as represented. In the

Grocery Department

[illegible] notexhaustive, but what we have will always be found [illegible] business and best. Persons particularly nice in their [illegible] about having such with our selections. In the

Paints, Oils, Varnishes, &c.,

[illegible] can be very extensive, embracing nationally a full and complete stock of material used in House painting, but also every variety of article required in Chair and Coach painting, also for Portraits, Landscape, Mezzotinto and the various kinds of [illegible] Painting.

In WINDOW GLASS our stock is necessarily large, and as we are [illegible] to [illegible] hundred boxes, making an assortment of not less than [illegible] sizes, of various qualities and brands, French, English and American, among which are large and double thick, suitable for Show Windows, Cases, Pictures, Coachmen's [illegible], Hotels, Lanterns, &c., &c.

In DYE STUFFS, such as Paint White Wash, Tanner's Scrubbing Stone, Shoe Cloth &c., we have everything that can be desired in the various departments in which they are required.

And as to PERFUMERY, Soaps, Combs, Hair, Nail and Tooth Brushes, Fancy, Toilet, and miscellaneous articles we have sufficient to meet the reasonable wants of this entire community.

As to our ability to make such selections as will suit the tastes and views of our customers, both in quality and price, we leave for others to decide. Yet we think an experience of some Twenty years in this business, with a reasonable amount of cash, enables us to make our purchases in such a manner as to assure our friends that we will not be undersold by another House in this city. CARTER & BROTHER

Erie, Sep. 16, 1853. 17

100 [illegible] Side mark'd White and Black Cotton Hose just received at TIBBALS & AAVES

Groceries and Teas at Wholesale and Retail

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Erie, Nov 25, 1854.—22. No. 5 Cheapside.

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MRS. BARRETT would say to the Ladies of Erie & vicinity, that she has just returned from New York with her Stock of Fall & Winter Millinery, consisting of Velvet, Plush & Satin Hats, Caps, Ribbons, Flowers, Laces, Embroideries, Hosiery, Gloves & Baskets, &c., feeling greatful to the Ladies for past favors, she solicits a continuance of the same.

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Erie, Oct. 21, 1854. N. M. BARRETT

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FRESH FRUIT AT SILL'S:

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Risks upon the Lakes and Canals insured on the most favorable terms. Losses will be fairly and promptly adjusted.

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Erie, Nov. 25th, 1854—tf.

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IF so come in and we will almost give away as first class Miscellaneous Books as ever [illegible] Shelves. We are going to [illegible] in a new [illegible] Now is your time. DURLIN & SLOAN

Erie, Dec 2, 1854. 29

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A SURE [illegible] speedy and effectual cure for Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Sore throat, Asthma, Bronchitis, and Whooping Cough. As the above [illegible] Long Cough [illegible] are [illegible] to the [illegible] of nothing ingenious [illegible] even INFLUENZA. This [illegible] Thousands of cases [illegible] Boston, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]