# OBSERVER.

## al, Personal and Miscellaneous.

...SCHOOLS.—The "Ragged School" is the ... which exists in several ... cities—Buffalo and Cleveland included—that ... might, properly, be introduced here. ... new-light Society has erected here ... much good has resulted to the ... operations. But still, if we un... and all objects of the "Ragged School," ... material in our midst for the ... by those who consider it a privilege ... duty to practice the precepts of Him who ... what has been ... operations, we copy from ... following history of the rise, ... these schools in that city—... in the world, it may ger... good fruit:

...Dec. 8, 1853,) Madame De St. Remy ... and clothed up 25 ragged children in the ... industrial school. They were joined ... week by Mrs. John G. Deshler, and oth... ... evening near services, the school was main... ... winter, and closed on the 1st of April ... children, to whom during the winter 674 ... had been distributed. This school has ... usefulness during succeeding ... now one of the most valued of our ...

... meeting of the scholars are held at School ... Delaware street every Saturday after... ... the number of children in attendance ... the number is sometimes even larger than ... to which the efforts of the managers are ... the promotion of habits of cleanliness and in... ... children of the poor, and the providing them ... during the season of winter — ... Board of Managers are held once a week, ... elected, alternately, from the ... detailed to inquire into the circumstances of ... to induce them to come to the school, furnish ... improvements and materials of needle work, ... their classes, and see that they are provi... clothing.

... labors of those ladies, who, leaving ... in search of the poor, neglected ... may raise them up to a level of ... not furnish much idea of the good ac... by first them, are squalid things, un... ragged, straying shoeless, buried and ... What they need is no ... the advantages of education, no lec... attending day-school, no talk about ... minds. Their wretched bodies are the ... Washed, combed and comfortably clothed, ... chance, then, to go to school and learn to ... but as the ladies of the ragged school ... are utterly unfit for attendance on the dis...

... is attended at the children is that ... with clean faces and hair combed. The ... is unusual, and a great variety of taste is ...

... we do not know the poor, to un... ... neat dress. But a little girl of five ... shoes, and but a single ... to be cleanly. It is found ... who come in rags and ... under the influ... and decent ... upon the ... ones who come in ... comfort the mere sensa... from the winds, be...

... respect the wo... ... fatigue, suffering ... notoriety ... the Mrs. Jellyby school of ... eye on the misery at ... sending flannel shirts ...

*NOTE.*—For several days past, a well fill... an object of interest around ... most loving contiguity — ... Been our ideas, the ... have frozen up. What ... nearly those old ... are than it required ... Chepultepec, and ... customed morning's ablution, ... form, or if not, on dipping ... *front*—or ... whole, the past few days ... for stern old Winter.

... the way they mix up the colors ... is thus related in the *Standard*. ... marriage ceremony in *Major* ... evening last. The bridegroom ... the bride was a good look... was a genuine African ... happy, and the bride ... grave five cents to pay the ...

... on Faro and on ... exchanges thus. Ja... ... stocks, and gets ... sympathy of Johnny ... Faro, or purchasing ... editors denounce him ...

... *Museum* says he "wish... Our cotemporary ... choice, and should be help...

... we will man... We think we have, as this ... well as the business public that ... yourself very poor cards at a ... office was printed good ... this "first rate" advertise... *American* inserts in his paper for us ... managing our own *card*, and at ... know what is. Hope he'll ... terms.

*THE LADIES*—May their virtue ... of their skirts, while their ... than their bonnets.—*Exchange.*

... less as their hoops, their smiles as ... ... and their acts of charity as nu...

... Pa. *Examiner* comes to us this ... interesting local news.—*Pitts.*

... assigns its readers to understand ... department is full of "leaded ...

... *Mercury* says—We cannot under... ... pockets are so full of mo... ... their hands into them, will ... or to call a listless times for ... over. *Verbum sap.*"

... Painesville and Ashtabula Railroad ... a half yearly dividend of 5% cent ... 16th inst., and one of 5 on the ... the 5th March.

... applications to be admitted upon ... Police Department has never been ... more ably managed, than by ... Master General, Judge CAMPBELL.—... Philadelphia *Argus* re...

... was so roundly abused by the ... State at the time of his ... now fills with such signal ... quarters for the admi... charge the duties of his ... favorably of him we see a ... democratic party."

... sits his eyeteen upon hoops, ... ... ing oftentimes verse ... the cloths, ... her voice, ... condescension ... a man of taste and rings, ... and other things. ... fashion.

... Harrisburgh *Herald* says coun... Harrisburgh Bank have made their ap... with sufficient skill to deceive ... the genuine.

... 21st, was the shortest day of the ... last week were the shortest of ... than that of the 21st.

... two feet that a woman ... the other day of three ... that just fifteen months be... at a birth. She ought to emigrate to ...

## NEW YORK.

[Correspondence of the Erie Observer.]

New York, Dec. 20, 1856.

After dallying in the distance for a while, and grating us one week of most delicious respite, drear winter has pounced suddenly upon us, dressed out with all his icicles. The broad plated glass of Broadway windows are dim with crystal frost, veiling a thousand brilliant displays of Christmas *bagatelles*. No crowds gather around the prostrate horse, victim of Russ's incomparable pavement. There is nothing in the heavens above or the earth beneath which can tempt men to stand one moment in the icy air. They go through the streets on a dog trot, pushing towards cosy offices, and warming their imaginations with visions of red hot stoves. To day the thermometer averaged 20° during the day, and fell, at times, to 8°. Everything frose. Troops of skaters went up in the direction of Harlem, most elaborately equipped. The season promises to be very favorable for this amusements, which is not so popular here, however, as in some cities. Young New York is rather weak in the legs, and cant accomodate his center of gravity to any surface but flag stone. And we are obliged now, to go so far out of town to reach skating grounds, that very few fast skaters can spare the necessary amount of time. Those early Manhattanites, of the last century, did their skating on "marshy places" down town over puddles, whose site may now be worth something like $1,000 per square foot.

This cold weather keeps men at home by their firesides, and teaches them to cultivate the acquaintance of their families, if they have any. The Gift Season, therefore, comes very appropriately. And the veriest heathen couldn't walk Broadway for an hour without being fairly convinced that Christmas is coming. Everybody who has anything to sell, ornamental, useful, both or neither, is sure to label it. "For the Holidays." Some camel's hair shawls, of very beautiful texture, were sold yesterday for Christmas presents, at prices ranging from $500 to $600.

The Huntington case now in progress, draws crowds of curious or interested spectators The opening speech for the prosecution, by the District Attorney, was an extremely able effort. The testimony thus far elecits some curious facts in regard to the secrets of business success in Wall St. A decision just pronounced by Judge Hoffman, seems likely to put a damper on some of the favorite operations of speculators in that locality. The system of Stock-gambling, has, of late, been extended into legitimate lines of business. Parties have made contracts, promising to deliver quantities of provision at a fixed price on a certain day, trusting to the chance of depreciation in the market, for their gains, and this *without* being engaged in the provision business, and receiving or paying only the difference between the market price of the article at the time stipulated and the price promised in the contract, Judge Hoffman has decided that contracts of this kind are to be regarded as men wages, and are not binding in law. Another interesting case now before the courts is that of Rev. Dr. Pennington, the well known colard preacher, of this city, who sues the Sixth Av Railroad Company, for forcible ejectment from their cars. The object of the prosecution is to test the legal right of railroad companies to deny the right of passage to persons of color. A fund has been raised for the purpose of following up the question, by wealthy persons of color, and the decision will be looked for with much interest. There are about 21,000 blacks and mulattoes in New York City, many of them possessing large wealth and living in fashionable style — For this class, there is no transit up and down town, except such as there own feet affords. The right of cheap transit between his residence and place of business, is an invaluable one to the laborer here, for most of our working men live two or three miles up town.

Gen Walkers destiny excite much sympathy among a large class of our population. Enthusiastic meetings have been held in all the wards inhabited by foreigners, resolutions have been past and Capt. Rhiders himself swears he would start for Nicaragua, if he were a few years younger—and had'nt a comfortable berth in the Custom House. A grand meetings of Walker's friends and advisers is to be held in the Sabernacle, on Saturday night. There are hosts of uneasy spirits her, who would start for Nicaragua to-morrow, if any generous soul would pay their passage New York could spare them One of the wonders of the city is to be a shot tower, 270 feet high now in process of erection near the lower part of Spruce St. It looms up in view of all the East River, a nondescript. The fabric is mainly iron, and stands so firmly that the late wind caused no sensible vibration, although it is not half finished. ERIE.

*ERIE CITY BANK*—Several of the papers give currency to the rumor that the Erie City Bank has failed. This is incorrect, though we confess there is an effort making to force it to do so. It is not yet accomplished, and we think will not be. Should the Bank be forced to close its doors, however, neither bill holders, stock holders, or depositors will suffer any serious loss, as it has assets amply sufficient to cover all its liabilities Of this the public can rest assured.

The only Christmas present we received was at the hands of our friend, Capt J. S RICHARDS! What it was, we shan't tell our temperance friends, but we can assure them it was at bad to take, especially when mixed with a proper quantity of water.

The *American* calls the *Observer* Job Office a "Humbug" Perhaps it is, but if it is the business community like the "thumbug," for it is now over run with jobs, notwithstanding it has turned out work, since the the first day of November, amounting to over *ninty two thousand impressions*—more, we'll bet a good sized jewsharp against a "Melodeon," than the *American* has printed in six months

*FIRE.*—On Wednesday last the new dwelling house of Mr John Hill, on Sixth Street, was discovered on fire a the second story, but after a good deal of effort the flam s were subdued. The damage to the building, however, is considerable—at least $1500 or $2000, to say nothing about the loss on furnature occasioned by its hasty and carless removal. Two of Mr. H's daughters, we understand, lost their entire wardrobe.

The Clarion *Democrat* has at last got through with the President's message—the last instalment of that document being furnished to its readers in its issue of the 22d. Slow but sure!

That excellent Democratic paper, edited by our fried HOPKINS, the Harrisburg *Patriot and Union*, will, as usual, be issued twice a week during the ensuing session of the Legislature, and will contain full and accurate reports of proceedings. The price for the session alone will be Two Dollars, for the whole year, *once a week* during the session, Two Dollars.

It will be recollected that something like nine or ten months ago, Lucy Stone and a Mr Blackwell became parties to a matrimonial contract. The Boston *Post* understands that a dividend has just been declared in the shape of a fine bouncing baby.

*We hope the Post* don't intend to insinuate that this is a semi annual dividend!


## HOLLIDAYS! HOLLIDAYS!!

*ARE ALL READY FOR HOLLIDAYS*

### CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

AND to see it clearly and enjoy it, when it arrives, all that is required is simply to call at PARK ROW BOOKSTORE as hundreds, thousands, are doing daily, and carry away, or at least call and take a look at the many nice

### Gift Books and Fancy Articles.

kept for sale there. It would be useless to attempt an enumeration on this sheet Every thing can be found there, and will be sold at the lowest figures, at Wholesale or Retail Never has Erie been blest with such a boon as the said Bookstore. LINTS has filled the gap—keeps the largest stock ever heard of—has kind and obliging Clerks, and is ready at all times to show his Goods without grumbling, and leaves it discretionary with the customers whether to buy or not to buy, but some how the temptation is so strong that no one goes away without as many as he can carry. The following are a few of the late arrivals:

Shakspeare's complete Works in 6 different styles, from $3 to $20.
Byron's " " 6 " 3 to 20
Moore's and Mrs. Hemen's and the other celebrated Poets, in style and form and prices to suit every one.
Addison complete, 6 vols, Oct. Antique, $20.
Hood, " 4 " " 16
Irving, " 15 " " muslin, 20
Cooper's Works, complete.
Irving's Life of Washington, 3 vols.
Franklin's Works, complete, 12 vols. sheep octavo, good paper clear type. $30.
Waverly Novels, 12 vols muslin, 14
Cyclopedia Americana, 13 vols. muslin $15, sheep 18
Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.
Lippincott's Universal Gazetter,
Ernest Linwood.
Rifle, Axe and Saddle Bags, by Milburn.
Tempest and Sunshine, an Hill-side
The Pilgrim, by Henry Ward Beecher.
Paul Fane, by N. P. Willis
A fresh supply of Dred, by Mrs. H. Beecher Stowe.
Ut for Tat, reply to Dred, by a Lady of New Orleans.

Together with a large assortment of Imported and American Juvenile Books, Toy Books, Dissected Maps, Paper, Pens, Pencils, Portfolios, Blank Books, Diaries, Motto Seals, Wafers, Wax, Ink, Ink Stands, Pen Knives, Scissors, Portmonies, Pocket Books, Cards, Envelopes, Motto Envelopes, Motto Cards, Motto Paper, Motto Wafers, Motto Seals, Motto Rings, Motto Pins, Motto Sleeve Buttons, Motto Studs, Motto Bracelets, Motto Necklaces, Motto Lockets, Motto Charms, Motto Pencils, Motto Pens, Motto Pen Knives, Motto Scissors, Motto Portmonies, Motto Pocket Books, Motto Cards, Motto Envelopes