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Why is it that we are so far behind every other... in a matter upon which we have... a like display of a desire to enter... the door of usefulness here held so temptingly open for them.

Washington Correspondence. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12, 1857. Congress has advanced about midway in the session, and still the actual business lingers much in arrears.

News Department.

Beautiful Holiday Gifts. We have seen nothing more truly beautiful, at a low price, and such more tasteful and suited to distribute among friends at this season, than the packets of Scribner's and other Views and Illustrations which Devision has brought out here, and sold in large quantities.

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The completion of the North Branch Canal to the New York Improvements, opening the trade by water, will be a great benefit to the people of this State.

Foreign Intelligence. The steamship Asia reached New York on the 27th inst., with Liverpool dates to the 27th ult. Cotton market continued firm; sales on Wednesday were twenty-five thousand bales.

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Noting later has been received in relation to the progress of hostilities. The rumor respecting the position of England on the Neuchâtel question. One has it that England has always supported the claims of Prussia, another says that that support has been given only lately, and that the Swiss authorities could not sufficiently express their astonishment at the change in the language of the English representative at Bern.

On the subject of our national integrity, he thus speaks: The union of the States, which constitutes us one people, should be dear to you—to every American citizen. In the best and noblest of political sentiment, it is the basis of our national life.

Markets. Assets—Paris, 75c. Fats, 55c. Bids Ash, 95c. Coffee—Rio de Janeiro, 20c per bush. Sugar—New Orleans, 20c per bush.

Obituary. Died—In Canton, Pa., Dec. 31st, CHARLES, widow of the late Charles Mason, of Monroe, Pa., in the 68th year of her age.

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