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Cheap Watches and JEWELRY.

AT the Philadelphia Watch and Jewelry Store. No. 96, North Second street, corner of Quarry.

Gold Lever Watches, full jewl'd, 18 car. cases,	$45 00
Silver Lever Watches, full jew'd	23 00
Silver Lever Watches, 7 jewels,	18 00
Silver Lepine Watches, jew'd, 1st qual.	14 00
Superior Quarter Watches,	10 00
Imitation quarter watches, not war.	5 00
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Fine silver spectacles,	1 75
Gold bracelets, with topaz stones,	3 50
Ladies' Gold Pencils, 16 carats,	2 50

Gold finger rings, 37½ cts. to $8; Watch Glasses—plain 12½ cts, patent 18¾, lunet 25. Other articles in proportion. All goods warranted to be what they are sold for O. CONRAD.

On hand, some Gold and Silver Levers, Lepines and Quarters, lower than the above prices.

dec'r 19, 1846.

Steam Iron Railing Factory,

RIDGE ROAD,

ABOVE BUTTONWOOD STREET,

PHILADELPHIA.

AT THIS establishment may be found the greatest variety of Plans and beautiful Patterns for

IRON RAILING

in the United States, to which the attention of those in want of any description, and especially for Cemeteries, is particularly invited.

The principal part of all the handsome Railings at Laurel Hill, Monument, and other celebrated Cemeteries in the city and county of Philadelphia, which have been so highly extolled by the public press, were executed at this manufactory.

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The subscriber would also state that in his Pattern and Designing Department he has employed some of the best talent in the country, whose whole attention is devoted to the business—forming altogether one of the most complete and systematic establishments of the kind in the Union.

ROBERT WOOD, Proprietor,
Ridge Road, above Buttonwood St.
Philadelphia, February 6, 1847. 5m.

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No. 87

North Third street Philadelphia.

The celebrity of the Inks manufactured by the subscriber, and the extensive sales consequent upon the high reputation which they have attained, not only throughout the United States, but in the West Indies and in China, has induced him to make every necessary arrangement to supply the vast demand upon his establishment. He is now prepared with every variety of Black, Blue and Red Inks, Copying Inks, Indelible Ink, and Ink Powder, all prepared under his own personal superintendence, so that purchasers may depend upon its superior quality.

Hover's Adamantine Cement, a superior article for Mending Glass, China, Cabinet, Ware, &c., useful to every Housekeeper, being a white liquid, easily applied, and not affected by ordinary heat—warranted.

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JOSEPH E. HOVER,
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February 6, '47. 1y

For Chester Town and Centreville.

THE STEAMER

MARYLAND,

WILL leave Baltimore on WEDNESDAY, the 24th inst., for Chester Town and Centreville, from her usual place starting lower end of Dugan's wharf. Will leave Centreville at 11 o'clock, and Chester Town at 1 o'clock for Baltimore. Fare $1.

N. B. All baggage at the owner's risk.

L. G. TAYLOR.

March 20, 1847.

Lumber.

RECEIVED and for sale 40,000 feet seasoned Bords.

A. W. SPARKS.

Chester Town, March 27, 1847.

LADIES slippers from 12½ to $1.

ICKES & BRO.

FOR sale by Wilmer and Nicols a good assortment of hats, of different kinds from $1. 2¼

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☞For PROSPECTUS, see fourth page.

POETRY.

THE BLIND BOY.

Written for the Philadelphia Saturday Gleaner.

The day was bright and beautiful—
The boys to play had gone—
Save one who sat beside the door,
Dejected and alone;
And as the tone of merry sports
Came faintly to his ear,
He signed, and from his swelling lids
He brushed a falling tear.

His little heart was rent with pain—
He could not join their play;
He could not run about the fields,
And by the brookside stray;
The rolling hoop—the bounding ball—
The kite borne by the wind—
The acorn hunt—were nought to him,
For he, alas! was blind.

He could not see the setting sun,
And watch the glowing skies;
The beauty of the moon and stars
Fell not upon his eyes.
The rainbow when it spanned the clouds,
Was lost unto his sight—
And waving woods, and sparkling streams—
For all to him was night!

The truth came fresh into his mind,
While sitting thus apart,
No wonder that the tear drop fell,
And heavy was his heart.
Ah, little did the youthful throng,
Whose hearts were full of joy
Reflect upon the lonely state,
Of that poor sightless boy.

A Ciceronian Volunteer.

Yesterday morning, nearly opposite the Algiers Ferry, quite a crowd was gathered around a man who had evidently been to the wars—his boots were wounded, his cap very much bruised, and his dingy blue jacket gashed in various places. The face of our returned volunteer was tanned by exposure to the sun and arid sands of Mexico, his hands were as red as a beet, and his pug nose ornamented with any amount of pimples. His whiskers and moustaches were as dense as the chaparral between Point Isabel and Matamoras, and his light blue eyes moved in their sockets with a savage kind of enthusiasm. He wae evidently "higher" than he should have been, but his heart was in the right place, and from his looks he appeared to be as brave as steel. To a crowd of admiring listeners, composed of cab-men in oil cloth coats, draymen in red flannel shirts and 'longshore men in every variety of dilapidated and quaint costume, our volunteer thus gave vent to his patriotism:—

"Feller citizens," said he, "I've been down thar. I've lain these long bones of mine on Pint Isabel and indulged in the splendiest kind of dreams, surrounded by a galaxy of sand flies on the Brazos, and centerpeds was my companions at Palo Alto, but at Resacker I give a couple or more Mexican gentlemen, particular jesse. I seen Charley May when he made the charge, and heerd poor Ridgley holler out, 'Stop, Charley, till I draw their fire!' I wasn't at Fort Brown, but on my honor as a soger, the "Great Western" (I beg your pardon, Mrs. Bourdette) can make the nicest coffee that ever was drinked. The alcade at Matamoras tuk me up one night for being drunk, but the way that my capting brought him up to the bull ring of milling tary opinion wes a caution to the skunks that used to sweep the plaza with willow brooms. I was at Raynoser, and flourished for a while in the suburbs of Camargo I crossed over with Gineral Worth, and may be I wasn't at Monterey! Oh, that Bishop's Palace—the storm in' was the purtiest sight in the world! Then in the streets—the barricades; why, our boys hopt over them like hickory nuts in the fall of the year But Bonyvister was the field where I extinguished myself. I fout like a man, gentlemen—I did. I seen old Zack on that yaller charger of his'n, and if the Mexicans had a touched a hair of his head we'd a massacred every mother's son on 'em. That old man can't be tetched by any thing made in Mexico; if he can you may have my head for a foot ball. And now, gentlemen, if I had money I'd treat you all, but I aint got the first red cent.—Howsomdever, heaven and the paymaster willin', I shall be in town on Monday next with a pocket full of rocks, and the way that I shall scud up the Mississippi to old Louisville will surprise all magnetic telegraphs!"

LONGEVITY.—A negro woman, belonging to J. B. Mullikin, Esq., in the Forest of Prince George's county, (Md) died a few days ago, supposed to have been at least *one hundred and ten years old.*

INTEMPERANCE.

Drunkenness seems to me a stupid, brutal vice. The understanding has a greater share in other vices, and there are some which if a man may say it, have something generous in them. There are some in which there is a mixture of knowledge, diligence, valor, prudence, dexterity, and cunning—whereas this is altogether corporeal and terrestrial—other vices, disturb the understanding, but this totally overthrows it, and locks us all the senses—as Lucretius remarks—

"When fumes of wine have filled the swelling veins,
Unusual weight throughout the body reigns
The legs, so nimble in the race before,
Can now exert their wonted power no more—
Falters the tongue, tears gush into the eyes,
And hiccups, noise, and jarring tumults rise."

The worst estate of a man is that in which he loses the knowledge and government of himself—and it is said amongst other things upon the subject, that as must or wort fermenting in a vessel drives up every thing that is at the bottom to the top, so wine makes those who drink it intemperately, blab out the greatest secrets of another. So Horace.

'The secret cares and counsels of the wise
Are known when you to Bacchus sacrifice.'—Montaigne.

☞Col Jefferson Davis, who is not a Whig, nor, from the connection existing, very likely to be influenced by other than true and proper motives, is represented by the New Orleans papers as having used the following language concerning General Taylor:

"After complimenting his fellow companions from other States, he for a moment dwelt upon the virtues of the old hero who had led them all to victory, and to whom they looked up as children to a parent.—Colonel Davis said that General Taylor had shown himself the distinguished soldier of the age, yet he was equally remarkable for his kindness of heart and simplicity of habits, his strong judgment and excellent sense. He alluded to the fact that General Taylor had shared the humblest soldier's fortune in the campaign; that he had in everything identified himself with his troops. He alluded to that hour of the battle of Buena Vista, when the day seemed if not lost, to be going against our arms—when Gen Taylor amidst the thickest of the iron hail, rode upon the plateau, and calmly surveyed the scene. Vast as were the consequences of that hour, he appeared to fear no danger, expect no harm. From that moment, said Col Davis, the volunteers felt assured of victory. The presence of that old man inspired a courage that could not be overcome; and not a soldier present, said he, (pointing to the regiment before him) but felt then willing to die rather than yield an inch It was not, continued Colonel Davis, alone on the battle field that we learned to love General Taylor The excitement of the carnage over, the same soul that could remain unmoved when his friends were falling like leaves around him, who could look unblanched upon the front of the thundering artillery, became the poor soldier's most sympathising friend, and the eye so stern in battle, was as mild as the tender-hearted matron's.

A BOY CARRIED OVER THE NIAGARA FALLS.—The following melancholy occurrence, which took place at Niagara Falls on Sunday last, is the only incident of the kind that has been reported since the region around the Falls has been settled. It is told by the Rochester Advertiser:

"We learn from Col. John Fisk that a melancholy accident occurred at Niagara Falls on Sunday last. A fine lad of the name of John Murphy, aged about thirteen years, in the employ of Judge Porter, in crossing to Chippewa in a canoe, was drawn into the rapids on the Canada side and into the 'Great Horse shoe Fall.' When he was first discovered he was beyond the reach of all earthly assistance; and, altho' the little fellow did all that his courage and strength could do, holding his slight canoe for nearly twenty minutes almost stationary and when tired Nature gave up contending longer, with the wind and current both against him, the little fellow plunged overboard, and with the courage and perseverance of a man for some time breasted the current. But, alas, too late; though within one hundred yards of the shore, he was in the embrace of the rushing cataract, which never releases its victims! The broken fragments of his frail bark were all that were found of the little mariner! A widowed mother and three children mourn the loss of a son and brother, and many strangers lament the fate of a noble and excellent boy"

GREAT TAYLOR MEETING.—At a large and enthusiastic meeting, held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on the 14th inst., Gen'l Taylor was nominated, with entire unanimity, for the next Presidency Judge Reese delivered an able speech in support of the nomination, and he was followed by General Alexander Anderson, "formerly a Democratic U. S. Senator from Tennessee, who came out boldly in favor of General Taylor, and gave his reasons for being desirous of seeing the old hero elevated to the Presidency at the next election."

☞It is said many of the large speculators in New York will be ruined by the decline in breadstuffs across the Atlantic.

ORIGIN OF THE CORONER'S JURY.

The following paragraph, which may convey some information to the unlearned public, we copy from a recent number of the London Times:

"A lady in London, having buried six husbands united herself to the seventh.—For months the newly married couple lived happily together, the lady frequently declaring, that at last she had met with a good husband, all her former ones having disgusted her with their drunkenness. To ascertain her real character, her seventh mate pretended drunkenness which provoked menaces. He returned home another evening, apparently very drunk, and having gone to bed affected to be asleep.—While he was in that state, his wife took from her gown sleeve a piece of lead, which she melted, and then approached her husband, attempted, by means of a pipe, to pour it into his ear He instantly started up seized and accused her of the crime, which she could not deny. The bodies of six husbands were disinterred, when it was discovered they all died by the same means She was hung amid the execrations of the people. To this wholesale tragedy we are indebted for the law which forbids the interment of a body without a proper certificate of the nature of the disease which caused death. Until lately a personal inspection by searchers, was requisite; and to this fact also is the origin of coroner's inquests attributed."

HUMAN NATURE DISGRACED.—We find the following in the New Orleans Bulletin of the 11th instant:

"William Caseman, charged with having cruelly beaten his mother, aged 85, and from the effects of which she died on Thursday, was remanded for further examination. It appeared from the evidence given, that he had beaten her with a broomstick—had been seen choaking her on the floor—had kept her in the garret for several days, and would not allow any person to take her nourishment, not even water. He was frequently heard to say that she had lived too long, and it was time for her to die, and that she used to eat too much. She was frequently seen by neighbors to fall from the effects of weakness, supposed to have been caused by want of food, and was found last week, by the Rev. Mr Case, lying on a piece of bagging in the garret with her head severely bruised."

THE ADMINISTRATION'S NEGLECT OF GEN TAYLOR.—It was recently stated by some of the newspapers, on the authority of letters from Mexico, that, for several months, the Administration had treated Gen. Taylor with entire neglect, not even replying to any of his communications to the War Department. The editor of the Washington Union put forth what he intended his readers to understand as a denial of this statement. We now assert what we *know* to be true, that on the 2d of April last Gen. Taylor had not, *for five months*, received a communication from the Government upon any subject whatever, with the single exception of a communication from the Secretary of War scolding him for his letter to General Gaines!—*Louisville Journal.*

SPECULATIONS IN FLOUR.—Few persons not dealers in the article are probably aware of the extent to which gambling in flour is carried on by dealers. For instance, we frequently see reports in the New York papers similar to the following: "Sales of 5,000 barrels flour to arrive in July at $7 50; sales of 10,000 barrels to arrive in August at $7 25." We do not pretend to say that none of these transactions are genuine, but we are confident that not one twentieth part of this flour changes hands. When the time comes for delivery the difference between the price agreed upon and the current rate is paid either by the buyer or seller, as the case may be. It is, in fact, nothing more nor less than a bet on the state of the market at a given time, which is designated to keep up prices.

THE Central Relief Committee of Dublin, Ireland, acknowledge the receipt of £15,000 in donations from the United States, and provisions, including those on the way, equal to 40,000 bbls. If we say these provisions were on an average worth five dollars a barrel, then the whole value of donations from the United States, acknowledged by the Dublin Committee, is about $275 000. Again, if we take into account what has been sent direct to Scotland, and to parts of Ireland remote from Dublin, not being consigned to the Dublin Committee, the total will doubtless exceed $300,000. The history of the world does not afford another such instance of private charity extended from one people to another of a different nation.—*Jour. of Com.*

THE MORMON TEMPLE.—This celebrated edifice has been sold to a committee of the Catholic church, for $75,000. This community have also purchased other property at Nauvoo. The building is to be appropriated to educational purposes, connected with the church into whose hands it has passed. The contract requires only the sanction of the Bishop to complete it. The last of the Mormons in Nauvoo, consisting of thirty or forty families under charge of Daniel H. Wells, have left Nauvoo to join the California expedition. Babbitt & Co., still remain at Nauvoo, to close up the affairs of the Mormons.—These facts are stated in the Warsaw (Ill.) Signal.

THE revenue under the new tariff, received at Vera Cruz, has been almost $300,000.

☞The correspondent of the St. Louis Revelle sends the following bill of fare for a Chihuahua Sunday afternoon entertainment:

TREMENDOUS ATTRACTION!!!

On Sunday, April 4th, there will come off in this city, at the Plaza de Toros, the highly exciting and novel spectacle of a

BULL FIGHT.

Five different bulls will be brought into the arena.

PROGRAMME.

The first bull, called "Ponce de Leon," will be first fought *a la Capotia*, and next *a la Banderia*

The second, "Palo Alto," will be fought in the same manner, by four fighters.

The third, called "Captain Rick," will be fought by Donna Gaudalupe, a handsome and accomplished young lady of this city.

The fourth, called "Sexton Ampudia," will be foufiht *a la Bandeira*, by a skillful and expert matador, mounted on a burro.

The fifth and last bull, *called*, 'R. Scole,' will be fought by the whole band of fighters and matadors, in the popular and admired style of *Pantomia de Panaderes.*

Performance to commence at 4 o'clock, P. M., precisely.

Admittance: Shaded Boxes, $1; Open do. and Pit, 50 cents.

Tickets to be had at the Fonda and at the door.

Chihuahua, April 3d, 1847.

"CAN THE ETHIOPIAN CHANGE HIS SKIN?"

A Question Satisfactorily Answered.

In the Alexandrian correspondent of the "Times" of yesterday, we find the following:

"The extraordinary fact of a black woman turning white has recently occurred at Cairo. The woman is married to a black soldier belonging to Ibrahim Pasha's guard, and, according to the evidence brought forward, it is during the last two years that her black skin peeled off by degrees and without any inconvenience to herself, and has been replaced by a white skin. Her features distinctly belong to the Ethiopian race, and her flat nose, thick projecting lips, woolly hair, peculiar cheekbone, accent, and the shape of her feet, all denote her origin. Five European medical men at Cairo have certified to the above facts. The woman is of about forty years of age, has always enjoyed very tolerable health, and comes from the province of Sowauh, in Zanzibar, in the dominions of the Emperor of Muscat."—*London Ex.*

☞S. S. Prentiss who addressed the Mississippi regiment at New Orleans, on the 10th instant, thus happily alluded to General Taylor:

"But there was another who claimed their admiration and their gratitude, both of which the nation was spontaneously willing to give him—he meant the brave General by whom they were there commanded, who had filled the world with his fame, and who now enjoyed the unbounded love and the confidence of twenty millions of people—the worth of whom the country knew not till this last year—the events of which developed his bravery, his coolness, his courage and ability, and showed the nation what a treasure they possessed in him. Why, he was worty of Rome in the palmiest days of her Consuls."

A LONG DIP.—An accident lately happened to a commercial gentleman who, in the course of his business, had occasion to enter a soap and candle manufactory in Change alley, London, which as it has been unattended with serious consequences, may be repeated for amusement. The gentleman alluded to was descending some steps adjoining the melting vat, when his foot slipped, and he was precipitated into the agreeable liquid. A workman who was by seized him as he arose, but, from the unctious nature of his covering, he was again consigned to the vat. A second pull extricated the sufferer, in the shape of a tremendous candle, the whole outward man being encased with tallow.

THE Arch Duke Charles the ablest rival of Napoleon, with the exception of Wellington, and pronounced by Napoleon himself as one of the ablest tacticians of the day, died in Vienna on the 30th of April. The immediate cause of his death was a severe cold, followed by the inflammation of the pleura. The arch duke commanded the Austrian force at the bloody battle of Wagram, and held for a while the fate of the day even against Napoleon. He also commanded at the battle of Aspern Essling, in which Marshall Lannes was killed. His spirit was cramped and his intentions frustrated by Aulic Councils, or he would have made a more successful soldier. He was uncle of the present emperor.

NEW DEFINITIONS.—"*Poisoned Weapons,*"—Arguments against the Administration.

Mexican Whigs—Whigs fighting in Mexico.

Federalists—All who do not swear by the *Union* and Mr. Polk.

True Patriots—All who do.

Highest Reward of Patriotism—The Public Printing.

Whole Duty of Democrats—Union of the party for the sake "THE WASHINGTON UNION."—*Ritchie's Pol. Dict.*

THE New York papers announce the death of the Rev. Timothy Clowes, aged 60 years.

TAKE 'EM ALL.

A few days ago, at the rendezvous of Capt. Chase, in Tenth Ward, a woman with a chubby child in her arms appeared and demanded a sight at the officer; Lieutenant Goodloe presented himself. "So, sir, you've clapped your dirty sojer trappings on my husband, have you?"

"Who is your husband, madam," demanded the Lieutenant.

"Billy McMurtee, and a bould boy he is, so plase ye. But it's a dirty thing to you, my pretty man, to take him from his wife and children."

"Can't be helped," said the Lieutenant, "it's too late now."

"Then take the baby, too," cried the woman, as she forced the child into the arms of Lieut. G. "Take 'em all, I'll send you for more."

Exit [illegible] at a rapid pace, leaving the [illegible] Lieutenant with the *new recruit* squalling in his arms. Doubtful of its value to Uncle Sam, he sent it home by the father.—*Cincinnatti Com.*

DIVIDENDS.—The dividends of the manufacturing companies throughout the country, for the last year, show that the business is very much depressed. Many mills have made nothing, while the most profitable—those mills having a large surplus fund, and whose goods are in the most demand, as the Merrimack, the Nashua, &c.—have only cleared five per cent.; and other well established mills, like the Appleton and the Hamilton, having but small surplus accumulations, make but three per cent.; and others, less favorably situated, with difficulty preserve their capital whole.—*Boston Atlas.*

GENEROUS.—A youth who, it is charitably presumed, had never 'seen the elephant,' recently found himself in the company of three young ladies, and generously divided an orange between them. "You will rob yourself," exclaimed one of the damsels. "Not at all," exclaimed our innocent; "*I have three or four more in my pocket!*"

BORROWING.—"Mother wants to know if you won't please to lend her your preserving kettle—cause as how she wants to preserve?"

"We would with pleasure, boy; but the truth is, the last time we loaned it to your mother, she *preserved* it so effectually that we have never seen it since."

"Well, you needn't be so sassy about your old kettle. Guess it was full of holes when we borrowed it, and mother wouldn't troubled you again only we seed you bring home a new one!"

SUBLIME.—The fleecy clouds of morning were now tinged with nature's richest vermillion; the sun was just lifting his radiant head above the stately trees of the forest; the feathered Handels of nature sang forth their sweetest carols, and the universe had borrowed the robes of May, when Sylvia, more beautiful than Diana—*walked out to feed the chickens!*

"WHERE did you come from?" said Wilkes to a beggar in the Isle of Wright.

"From the Devil"

"What is going on there?"

"Much the same as here."

"What's that?"

"The rich taken in and the poor kept out."

ACCIDENT.—On Sunday last, a little son of Mr. Edwin Mallory, of this village, about two years of age, obtained access to a bunch of friction matches, and eating the poisonous substance with which they are prepared, died shortly after.—*North Adams (Mass.) Trans.*

A SENSIBLE lady, writing to a Northern contemporary, says, "Woman's true mission, about which so much has been written, is to make herself as charming and bewitching as possible to the gentlemen."

The Trenton Gazette says: "Mr. John Hobbs, as foreman and Henry Coryell as helper, forged at the Axe Factory of Bird & Weld, in South Trenton, yesterday, *sixty two* chopping axes! This is the greatest feat ever performed by hand."

"POLK AND HIS GENERALS."—The Vicksburg Whig says that this new work will shortly appear. The principal "Generals" sketched are Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, Thomas Hart Benton, and Gideon Pillow. The Whig predicts an immense—*run!*

NOT far from $5,000,000 are yearly earned in Massachuselts, by females employed in the various factories and manufactories of straw, hats, stock's &c. About 40,000 females are thus annually employed.

MORTALITY.—Out of 60,000 persons who made the last pilgrimage to Mecca, no fewer than 20 000 died of the cholera.

WHAT A DAY MAY BRING FORTH.—On the 1st instant, Mrs. Margaret Day, wife of George W. Day, of Bucks county, Pa., was safely delivered of four children, three girls and a boy.

THERE is a shop kept by an old maid in Southampton, England, in the window of which appears these words: "No reasonable offer refused."

☞The Hon. Wm. Cost Johnson is now on a visit to Cumberland, having just returned from New Orleans.