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TERMS.

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☞ Books received free of postage will be promptly noticed under the editorial head.

To Travelers.

MARYLAND STEAMBOAT CO.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

On and after Saturday, December 20th, 1873, the Steamer CHAMPION will leave Pier 3, Light street, foot of Camden, every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 4 o'clock A. M., for Clara's Point, Wallace's, Cambridge, Chastelier's Point, Sherman's, Oxford, Double Mills and Easton; arriving at Oxford at 1.30 P. M. and Easton at 3.30 P. M.

On the return trip will leave Easton every MONDAY and THURSDAY at 7 o'clock A. M., Sherman's at 9, Cambridge 10, Clara's at 11.30 A. M., arriving in Baltimore at 4 P. M., and on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS will leave same Pier at 7 o'clock A. M. for St. Michaels and Miles River Ferry, Oxford, direct. On the return trip will leave Miles River Ferry at 12 o'clock noon, arriving in Baltimore at 5.00 P. M.

Freights taken at lowest rates. dec23

Maryland & Delaware

RAILROAD.

On and after Monday, Oct. 6, 1873, Trains will run on this road as follows:

GOING NORTH.	PASSENGER TRAIN	GOING SOUTH.	PASSENGER TRAIN
Leave		Leave	
Oxford	8 30 A. M.	New York	11 55 A. M.
Bay View	8 40 "	Philadelphia	2 00 "
Hillsboro'	8 50 "	Wilmington	10 15 "
Grove	9 00 "	Clayton	12 00 M.
Queen Anne	9 05 "	Kenton	12 20 P. M.
Ruthven	9 10 "	Slaughters	12 35 "
Tuckahoe	9 15 "	Hartney	12 50 "
Greensboro'	9 30 "	Greensboro'	1 05 "
Goldsboro'	9 45 "	Goldsboro'	1 15 "
Hartney	9 55 "	Tuckahoe	1 40 "
Slaughters	10 05 "	Ruthven	1 50 "
Kenton	10 15 "	Queen Anne	2 05 "
Clayton	10 30 "	Hillsboro'	2 20 "
Wilmington	11 45 "	Grove	2 30 "
Philadelphia	1 55 P. M.	Bay View	2 35 "
New York	4 00 "	Oxford	2 45 "

Freights must be at the various stations at least half an hour in advance before starting of Trains, otherwise they will be over-ruled the next day.

A. L. CALDWELL, Superintendent.

BRICK HOTEL,

EASTON, TALBOT CO., MD.

CHAS. W. BENNETT, Proprietor

THE old furniture in this popular hotel has all been sold and removed, and the house refitted from cellar to attic with new and elegant furniture, including fine carpets and every bedroom bedding.

The Parlor is furnished with new walnut furniture and Brussels carpet; is on the second floor and has an out-look on the Court House green.

Professional Cook has been employed and brought from Baltimore, to insure the most good table on the Eastern Shore, which is backed with the best of every thing the market affords. Only polite and attentive waiters employed.

The Dining Room furniture is all new and of the best quality.

The BAR has been stocked with choice Wines, Brandies, Wines and Cigars, and nothing will be left undone to give entire satisfaction to guests.

Hacks and Omnibuses run regularly from the hotel to the cars and steamers for the accommodation of travelers.

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Paragon House,

EASTON, MD.

The subscriber respectfully informs the public that she has repaired and fixed up in good style, the Frame Hotel with every convenience and comfort, and now has it in order for the reception of permanent and transient boarders. The tables will be at all times be supplied with the best the market affords, and none but attentive waiters employed. Omnibuses will be at the various steamboat and depot to convey passengers to this House. Terms reasonable.

jan1-1y Mrs. J. A. HALL.

Easton Livery Stables.

FRANKLIN G. WRIGHT, Proprietor.

Next door to The Easton Star Office.

TRAVELERS will deposit their whips, robes, blankets, &c., at the office. Stable accommodation for 100 horses. Horses received on livery by the day, week, month or year. Horses and buggies for hire at all times. Travelers promptly to any part of the county or adjoining counties. Hacks run regularly to the steamboat wharf to convey passengers with dispatch.

The highest market price paid for corn, hay, fodder and straw.

DAILY STAGE LINE TO THE RAILROAD. Stages leaving Easton in the morning arrive at Baltimore and Philadelphia in time for dinner. Driving horses, 12 hours is considered a day, and a half day. For extra hours an extra charge will be made.

Easton, Md., nov23

MARTBY HOUSE,

BALTIMORE, MD.

Proprietor

REDUCTION OF FARE.

In view of the general decline in prices of all commodities appertaining to the business, the price of Board was on the 1st January last, 1873, to

$2.00 Per Day,

and I trust that nothing shall be left undone in the future to make the "MARTBY" what it has been in the past—second to none in the city.

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FREIGHT AND MERCHANTS' LINE

BETWEEN SCHOONERS

Emma and Fred Haven.

The above vessels are now running between Easton and Baltimore, and will do all kinds of freighting, if not cheaper, than any other line. Every effort will be made to give satisfaction. All freight to be paid on delivery of the goods.—Thankful for past favors, we hope by strict attention to business, to merit a continuance of the same.

LEONARD & BRO.

☞ Up town room occupied by R. B. Dixon, Market street.

TO FARMERS AND MERCHANTS

THE new Schooner, ANNIE E. DUKES, Capt. Ed. Green, is now running regularly from Oxford to Baltimore, and will carry Grain and other freights with dispatch, and as cheap as by any other boat.

Careful attention paid to the reception and prompt delivery of return freights.

Grain taken from any of the waters of Talbot county. The patronage of the public is earnestly solicited, and no pains will be spared to give entire satisfaction.

All orders left with the Captain on board or addressed to the subscriber at Oxford, will receive immediate attention.

mh14-tf EDW. S. HARRISON.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's

RESTAURANT

& EATING SALOON.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has fitted up the buildings on Washington street, adjoining the Norris House, in complete order, and has opened a first-class

Restaurant,

where Oysters, Terrapins, Beef and Pork Steaks, Mutton Chops, Coffee, and everything eatable, can be obtained in their season, at all hours, at short notice, and at reasonable prices.

☞ Private rooms for ladies and parties.

He has also fitted up a

BOWLING ALLEY,

BILLIARD SALOON and

BAGATELLE TABLE,

where the lovers of these sports can obtain recreation, during spare hours.

His BAR will be supplied with the purest and finest LIQUORS, and his PROVISIONS will always be fresh and of the best quality.

The best of order will at all times be preserved, and every effort be made for the comfort and pleasure of his guests.

feb4 T. H. HUBBARD.

Farmers, Attention!

STANDARD FERTILIZERS.

THE undersigned offers for sale, at city prices, the following standard and well known fertilizers, delivered at any of the wharves in Talbot county:

SOLUBLE PACIFIC GUANO,
RHODES' SUPER PHOSPHATE,
ORCHILLA GUANO,
WHANN'S RAW BONE SUPER PHOSPHATE.
BAUGH'S RAW BONE PHOSPHATE,
BALTIMORE AMMONIATED PHOSPHATE,
MOBO PHILLIPS' SUPER PHOSPHATE,
BRADLEY'S SEA FOWL GUANO,
THE FARMER'S NEW METHOD,
BRADLEY'S PATENT SUPER PHOSPHATE OF LIME.

These are claimed to be the best manures in the market, and the undersigned has unusual facilities for furnishing them. Farmers will find it to their interest to buy through me, as they will save the cost of freight and drayage.

THOMAS E. LLOYD, at Trappe, and JAMES BENSON, of St. Michaels, will receive orders for me. R. B. DIXON.

INSURANCE.

FIRE AND LIFE.

THE undersigned represents the following old and reliable Insurance Companies:

Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Philadelphia, surplus $5,000,000.

Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Montgomery co., Md., assets $700,000.

Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of York, Pa., assets over $1,000,000.

The Royal, of Liverpool, England, capital $10,000,000.

The Ætna, of Hartford, Conn, capital over $2,000,000.

Risks taken in these companies at lowest rates, and made binding at once.

R. B. DIXON.

LUMBER.

ON hand and for sale, at my wharf at Easton Point, a full assortment of building materials, such as

House Framing, Weather Boarding, Dressed Lumber, Palings, Laths, North Carolina Shingles—Heart and Sap—North Carolina and Georgia Flooring.

—ALSO—

Hair and Lime by the barrel or bushel, Window Frames, Sash, Shutters, Doors, House Trimmings and Slate Mantels furnished at lowest factory prices.

Any of the above lumber furnished as low as the same article can be obtained elsewhere.

COAL.

THE subscriber has now stored at his Coal and Lumber yard at Easton Point, a large stock of the best quality Anthracite Coal, of Broken, Egg, Stove, and Nut sizes. Also, Lykens' Valley coal for cooking, and Cumberland coal for grates and smithing.

These coals are offered at the lowest figures. They are warranted clean, and will be sold at 2240 pounds to the ton. Summer is the season to buy winter supplies the cheapest. Persons will please hand in their orders early, so that they may be promptly filled.

Easton, aug26 J G R. B. DIXON.

WHEELWRIGHTING,

CABINET MAKING & UNDERTAKING,

AT TRAPPE.

JOHN H. ALLEN respectfully informs the citizens of Trappe and surrounding country, that he is prepared to do all kinds of cart work, wheelwrighting, cradling scythes, &c.; cabinet and coffin making, at short notice and in the best manner. He solicits a share of the public patronage.

☞ Hearses kept on hand to attend funerals. Fine caskets trimmed in the most elegant style.

Trappe, April 20th, 1872-1y

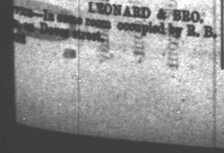
Watch, Clock and

JEWELRY STORE.

SMITH & STREETS, opposite the Building Association office, Dover street, Easton, have the pleasure to offer for sale a full line of GOLD & SILVER WATCHES, CLOCKS of various patterns, SPECTACLES in variety, Silver and Plated SPOONS, Ice ware, and a large assortment of JEWELRY of the latest styles and finest quality, including bracelets, gold and plated sets, silver thimbles, &c., &c.

Watches and Clocks, and all kinds of jewelry repaired in the best manner, promptly to order.

They invite a call from the public, and will endeavor to please all, both in prices and quality. oct26-1y



Dr. Sharp's Specific cures Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Constipation, Jaundice, Sick Headache, Water Brash, Heartburn, Loss of Appetite, &c. It never fails to cure the worst cases. Sold by Druggists.

Henry & Gildebrand, Agents for Easton.

Dose, one teaspoonful. Price, $1 a bottle. Circulars mailed on application.

THE FAVORITE HOME REMEDY.

This invaluable Medicine is warranted not to contain a single particle of Mercury, or any injurious mineral substance, but is

PURELY VEGETABLE,

containing those Southern Roots and Herbs, which an all-wise Providence has placed in localities where Liver Diseases most prevail. It will cure all Diseases caused by Derangement of the Liver and Bowels.

Simmon's Liver Regulator or Medicine

is eminently a Family Medicine, and by being kept ready for immediate resort will save many an hour of suffering and many a dollar in time and doctors' bills.

After over Forty Years' trial it is still receiving the most unqualified testimonials to its virtues from persons of the highest character and responsibility. Eminent physicians commend it as the most

EFFECTUAL SPECIFIC

FOR DYSPEPSIA OR INDIGESTION.

Armed with this ANTIDOTE, all climates and changes of water and food may be faced without fear, as a Remedy in MALARIOUS FEVERS, BOWEL COMPLAINTS, RESTLESSNESS, LAUNDICE, NAUSEA,

IT HAS NO EQUAL.

It is the Purest and Best Family Medicine in the World!

MANUFACTURED ONLY BY

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A CERTAIN CURE FOR

Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Jaundice, Biliousness, Sick Headache & Habitual Costiveness.

WHAT is Life without the enjoyment of health? If you had the wealth of Croesus, and afflicted with Dyspepsia, or its kindred diseases, you could not enjoy life. Dyspepsia is a prevalent illness in the United States, brought about by our climate and irregularities. The Materia Medica has been exhausted to find a remedy, and the skill of the most learned Physicians has failed to effect a cure. Notwithstanding this declaration we unhesitatingly say: "MILLER'S DYSPEPSIN" IS A CERTAIN CURE for DYSPEPSIA and the many complaints incident thereto.—It has been before the public a sufficient length of time to fully test its merits, and in every instance where it has been used according to directions, it has resulted in giving relief and effecting a cure. With each bottle is a Circular describing the symptoms of the diseases named, and for which only we claim it as a specific. ☞ Give it a fair trial, and rest assured you will be benefitted.

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A. J MILLER,

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WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,

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☞ For sale by Druggists, Apothecaries, and Merchants throughout the country.

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WITH A

LARGE AND TINELY SELECTED

STOCK OF

Hardware,

Tinware,

Stoves & Ranges,

Plows & Castings,

Agricultural Implements,

IRON AND STEEL,

Hubs, Spokes, Rims, &c.

Tin Work in all its Branches.

Farmers, Builders,

Wheelwrights, Blacksmiths,

EVERYBODY,

COME AND SEE US.

TUTHILL & AVERY,

EASTON FOUNDRY.

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FURNITURE!

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JOHN MASON has just returned from the city, with a full supply of all kinds of Furniture.

Tucker's patent Spring bed bottom, cheapest, most comfortable and durable of any thing in the market. Price $6 to $8.

MATTRESSES, Looking Glasses, Picture Frames and Moulding.

Repairing done with despatch and in good order.

A bill of $20 or over will be delivered to any part of the county.

Coffins and Caskets furnished and funerals attended promptly. nov11

CHEAP AS THE CHEAPEST.

I intend to open the

Campaign this Fall,

with the fixed determination

NOT TO BE UNDERSOLD,

and to allow no example one to

LEAVE MY STORE

without a satisfaction in price.

E. M. HIGGINS,

Corner of Washington and Dover sts.,

Easton, Md.

Now is the Time,

This is the Place

To find a FULL assortment of fall

BOOTS, SHOES, HATS & CAPS,

They can now be found at

LOWER PRICES

than for many months past.

E. M. HIGGINS,

Washington and Dover sts.,

Easton, Md.

FRESH arrivals now almost daily of Dry Goods, which we offer at the store of

THOMPSON & KERSEY.

HOW A CYCLOPÆDIA IS MADE.

From the N. Y. Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.

The making of a dictionary or encyclopædia is a gigantic undertaking for a single publishing house to take up in addition to its general business, and carry through to completion; and the work on which the establishment of the APPLETONS, of this city, is now engaged, is one of the greatest of its kind. Nominally, it is a revision of the old "Cyclopædia," but virtually, it is the preparation of a far more complete, carefully-wrought, and expansive book, than the original. This revision is no cleverly retrenchment of passages here and there, and the filling of the space so gained with new matter; but a thorough overhauling of every page. Many titles, which the mature judgment of the editors has deemed superfluous in a work of the kind, have been altogether suppressed; other articles have been brought within smaller compass, and many new ones have been introduced. A large portion of the old articles, which are retained in substance, are entirely rewritten, and every one is carefully revised. Whatever of later or more accurate information can be had in obtained at whatever cost, and no pains are spared to make the work a perfect record of all such general information as the student and the worker in the various callings in life may at any time stand in need of.

THE WORKSHOP.

The principal care of the work of preparing the "Cyclopædia" is carried on in the fourth story of the publishing-house of the Appleton's, on Broadway. Entering the front door, you pass through lanes piled high with books on either hand, among which a small colony of clerks and customers obstruct your progress, until you reach the rear of the store, on Mercer street, two hundred feet from the entrance, intruting yourself to the elevator there, you are carried to the fourth story, where you again traverse the entire length of the building to the front, passing among cords of paper and stationery. There you find the workshop of the modern cyclopedists. It is divided off by low partitions from the rest of the floor, and is fully lighted by the large windows on the Broadway front. It is a room about fifty feet square, in which some twenty five or thirty men are constantly occupied. Through the middle runs a long desk, with places for writers along both sides, and an elevation in the middle, filled with pigeon-holes stuffed full of documents and materials. All about the room are other desks at every available point, and day after day may be found there the plodding workmen at the herculean labor, which had been going on for nearly two years before the first volume made its public appearance. One side of the room is entirely taken up by a series of book-shelves, filled with all the reference-books in various languages, which could be got together, besides reports, volumes of statistics, histories, official almanacs, etc., etc. Every desk, too, is burdened with documents obtained for special lines of work, and with manuscript material secured by constant correspondence with living authorities. The early workers generally put in an appearance here about nine o'clock in the morning, and the others drop in in the course of the next hour, and, through the middle of the day, every desk is occupied and every pen is busy. The workers seldom speak to each other, except to consult in an undertone as to some doubtful point. Every man has before him and about him books and documents covering his desk and running over upon the floor or a neighboring chair. Every now and then some one glides up to the colossal bookcase to consult some authority, or to hunt down a missing fact. Three or four huge atlases, perched upon a sort of easel for convenient reference, receive constant visits; and, until late in the afternoon the busy work goes on. Manuscript springs into existence, passes through the ordeal of revision, and goes forth to the printers who is located over the river, in the part of Brooklyn familiarly known as Williamsburgh; and back come proofs in piles, to be put through a thorough correction.

THE EDITORS.

Chief among the workers in this literary hive is the venerable George Ripley, well known for his vast and critical information on all manner of subjects, and his high and liberal culture. He is a graduate of Harvard College, was the prime mover in the famous co-operative enterprise known as the Brook-Farm colony, which drew in so many of the choice intellects of the last generation in Massachusetts, and has crowned his later years with wide and varied experience by extensive travel, constant study, and association with the active men of the living world. He is still, as he has been for many years, the literary editor of the *Tribune*, and displays in that position, not only the erudition and grace that come from large culture, but an activity and enterprise that would do credit to the youngest journalists. It is rare that any of the literary work of the *Tribune* is done by any other hand, though he is obliged to devote quite one-half his working-time to the "Cyclopædia." In person Mr. Ripley is stout, and carries the weight of near threescore-years-and-ten with a firm and elastic step. His hair and closely-trimmed beard are almost white, but his face is florid with health and cheerfulness. As is well known, he and Mr. Charles A. Dana were the editors of the old edition of the "Cyclopædia," and are no longer novices in conducting a work of the kind.

Mr. Dana is best known as the editor of the Sun newspaper; but no one who knows him as that alone knows the man at all. He, too, was carried away by the millennial dream of Brook Farm, but subsequently gave his life to journalism. Of late he has been known as a bold and not over-scrupulous assailant of anybody and anything that has roused his indignation; but, in private life, he is the most polished of scholars, and the most genial and interesting of companions. He is master of the German, French, Italian and other European languages, and his culture and intuitions are vast and varied.

Mr. Ripley and Mr. Dana work together as editors-in-chief in the most perfect harmony. The former has his whole soul in the work. It occupies his waking and his sleeping hours. Every moment that can be snatched from other engagements is given to it. He looks after every detail of the work, from the time the old volumes are taken up until the new ones are delivered. He is continually watching his day-dream—should such dignify the result of remedy. His enthusiasm is not in the least abated by the jeers, or possibly satirical, or, at the best, half-hearted commendation of old friends, and he cannot rest until every point of the work in progress is familiar to his mind. When it is considered that the advance-guard of writers in all the time at least three volumes ahead of the last revision, it will be seen that this is no light task. Mr. Dana's method of working is different. He rarely spends more than an hour in the office at one time, but, during that hour, he glances over a multiplicity of matter upon which he is to be consulted with amazing rapidity and accuracy of judgment. He looks over special articles and makes suggestions for improvement, runs through piles of ordinary copy to see how the general work is being done, casts his eye over proofs by the score, and seldom misses anything calling for suggestion, and settles mooted points without a moment's hesitation. Then he hurries away to his regular day's work.

THE ASSOCIATE EDITORS.

There are four associate editors, who do little original writing, but deal chiefly with the work of others, revising, correcting, and reducing to symmetry and perfection. First among these is Robert Carter, a man of New England birth and education, but for many years connected with the newspaper press of this city and State. He was the correspondent of the Tribune at Washington for a long time, and subsequently edited a newspaper at Rochester. Latterly he has been well and favorably known as the editor of Appletons' Journal. He, too, may be spoken of as venerable without offence. In his work he is quiet and unostentatious, but clear-sighted and accurate.

M. Heilprin is the walking cyclopædia of the establishment. He is of a Polish family of scholars, and was himself the private secretary of Kossuth when that patriot's star was in the ascendant. His erudition, especially in matters relating to history, biography, geography, and philology, is something astonishing, and extends to the minutest details. He is one of the best Hebrew scholars alive, and is acquainted with other Oriental tongues, besides being perfectly at home in nearly every language of ancient and modern Europe. He writes and speaks with ease no less than twelve of these languages.—He has of late had charge of the literary reviews of the "Nation." Every page of the "Cyclopædia" is submitted to him in proof, and subjected to his unmerciful correction.

Mr. Alfred H. Guernsey has had great experience in periodical and other literary work, having been in the employ of the Harpers for some twenty years. For a long time he was editor of their Magazine, and did the principal portion of their historical work on the "War of the Rebellion." He is constantly employed in an editorial revision of the copy furnished by other writers.

Mr. Francis A. Teall's training and experience make him an invaluable man.—He was a practical printer, and for many years a proof reader; and those who are familiar with the duties of that position know what a vast amount of detailed information is gathered by an intelligent and faithful man in performing its functions. Mr. Teall's are the last hands through which the copy goes before leaving for the printing-office, and the first to receive the proofs. The final systematic castigation, which is expected to eliminate every blunder in orthography, punctuation, use of language, or of facts, is administered by him, though the general supervision of the chief editors does not cease till the pages are before the world. [Mr. Rossiter Johnson, a native of Rochester, in this State, and a graduate of its university, is also employed in general revision of the copy, and in writing articles, especially in biography.—ED. JOURNAL.]

GENERAL REVISERS.

Then there is a staff of revisers, several of whom are devoted to special lines of work, for which they have special qualifications. For instance, Dr. Edward H. Clarke, who is a professor and a distinguished physician in Boston, as well as the author of several medical works, has general supervision of the articles on *materia medica*, most of which he writes himself. The Hon. T. M. Cooley, LL. D., of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who is one of the soundest constitutional lawyers in the country, and is about to publish a work on "Constitutional Law," exercises a similar supervision over the legal articles.—Professor Dalton writes the medical articles. Eaton S. Drone, M. A., has charge of the titles on American geography, such as the States, counties, cities, rivers, mountains, etc., besides others requiring special statistical information, such as those on "Cotton," "Education," "Emigration," etc. He is indefatigable in collecting all the material that can be had in every quarter of the globe for his special work, and careful in his method of working it up. Dr. Hogeboom devotes himself to articles pertaining to the mechanic arts, such as brewing, blasting, etc.—Professor T. Sterry Hunt, of the Boston Institute of Technology, looks after subjects in mineralogy and geology. Professor Kneeland, of the same institution, revises the articles on natural history.—Professor Joy, of Columbia College, has charge of the titles on chemistry. Professor J. A. Spenser looks after matters relating to classical history and literature. The Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, an eminent clergyman of the Catholic Church, in this city, prepares the articles on subjects pertaining to the history and doctrines of that Church. Mr. Edward Burlingame, who is the son of the late Hon. Anson Burlingame, has general charge of the department of illustrations, but gives his chief time to writing. He is a good deal employed upon matters of classical history and biography, but much of his time is employed in embodying the latest current information in articles already in type. Mr. G. A. F. Von Rhyn deals mostly with Oriental subjects, and especially with Assyrian and Egyptian languages and literature. Dr. Shea deals with any thing pertaining to the American Indians, a subject of which he has made himself master. Mr. Julius Bing, who was formerly United States consul at Smyrna, and is familiar with several European languages, devotes himself chiefly to European biography, geography, and history. Professor Alexander Schem is distinguished for his knowledge of European statistics, and his vast collections of figures which he has constantly on hand. Professor Richard A. Proctor, the English astronomer, is a regular contributor to the branch of astronomy which he is distinguished; and others of the regular staff of revisers have special classes of topics to which they chiefly confine their attention. There are, however, several who devote their entire attention to the large class of miscellaneous subjects which are left when all the specialties have been taken out. These are invariably men of high culture and intellectual attainments, and of considerable literary experience.

Among the regular revisers in the office are Messrs. John D. Champlin, Jr., and W. M. Ferris, the latter a skillful mathematician and Sanscrit scholar.—ED. JOURNAL.]

Mr. John Milner, the secretary, should not be forgotten, who has charge of the great mass of books and documentary and manuscript materials, as well as of the copy and proofs of the manuscript which is in process of preparation. He is no novice, but a gray haired and grap-bearded veteran, and as accurate and methodical as a machine. He keeps a complete record of all every thing that is going on.—He has on record the name of every writer, the manner that each has in hand, date on which it was given out and returned, and the exact amount of written or revised by each. The coming in of proofs is also recorded by him; and, by turning to his books, the exact condition of the work at any time can be ascertained.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTORS.

The corps of outside writers who are employed from time to time includes a large proportion of the leading scholars of the country, and many of them are the highest authorities on the subjects with which they deal. For instance, Mr. Henry Carey Baird, of Philadelphia, one of the leading American authorities on political economy and finance, prepared the article on banks, and is engaged for all similar topics of first-class importance. Mr. Rossiter W. Raymond, well known for his official reports and literary works on mines and mining, prepares articles pertaining to those subjects. Elisur Wright writes on Insurance; and scores of other men contribute of their learning and information. The number of these outside contributors to the first volume is nearly seventy, and new ones are continually being employed as the work advances.

COLLECTION OF MATERIAL.

The library contains all the existing cyclopædias and biographical and other dictionaries of modern date, in various languages, besides a large collection of special works on various subjects. There are masses of congressional and parliamentary reports, blue-books, reports of expeditions and surveys, biographies, histories, travels, etc., etc. Whenever any book is needed which is not in the library, it is immediately obtained. A costly book will oftentimes be bought, though of no use save in one comparatively small article.—All current events and other statistical matters are obtained from official sources at the earliest moment by persistent correspondence. In the early stages of the work, the United States census tables were obtained long before they were published—in the earliest proofs, and some even in manuscript—the expense of copying being paid, of course, by the Appletons. As a rule, the utmost courtesy is met in all quarters, and information is imparted freely and promptly.

THE PROCESS OF REVISION.

The process of revision is begun by one of the principal editors going over the volumes of the old edition, and drawing a pencil-mark through articles to be omitted, indicating on the margin that others are to be shortened, and noting new titles to be introduced. The volumes are then cut out and pasted in the middle of half-sheets of foole-cap paper. These form the foundation for the work of the revisers. All these articles which are to be given out to special writers, whether in the office or outside, are checked off, and the leaves distributed from time to time among the regular revisers. The special titles are assigned to the writers whose qualifications best fit them to handle the various topics. Whenever any man outside of the office is known who is better qualified than any one else to deal with an important scientific or statistical subject, his services are secured, if possible. The original article is sent to him, and he is engaged to revise, correct, or wholly rewrite, according to his own judgment. No trouble or expense is spared to secure the services of the most thorough master of the subject. It is no uncommon thing to send to foreign countries to some person specially qualified for a difficult task. For instance, the subject of the Chinese language and literature was sent to Dr. S. Wells Williams, who has been for many years a missionary in the Chinese Empire, has written several works on Chinese matters, and is, doubtless, the greatest living scholar in that special department. The Chinese letters, which illustrate the article, are printed from type sent by him from Canton. In every case the highest authority attainable is sought. Those special articles of less magnitude and importance are given to writers competent to deal with whole classes of subjects. Articles are continually going out, and coming in, while the office work goes steadily on.—So far as new topics are construed, every one is encouraged to suggest them as they may have come up in the particular investigations, but the editors finally decide whether they are to be admitted or not.

The secretary has charge of the great mass of copy while it is in course of preparation, receiving the articles as fast as they are prepared. As soon as the material that comes from the various writers is consecutively complete, it goes through the severe operation of editorial revision. The first part of this work is divided between Mr. Carter and Dr. Guernsey, who read the matter all through carefully, making such corrections in statement or expression as they see fit, and curtailing or modifying wherever it is deemed advisable. They are constantly verifying doubtful statements, looking up facts and dates, and polishing up the articles generally. It is no uncommon thing for them to find an article quite unsatisfactory, and to send it back to the same or another writer to be improved, or even entirely done over.—Mr. Ripley and Mr. Dana are all the while keeping an eye on the copy, looking over articles, making suggestions, and looking into dates and large features. Finally, Mr. Teall gets the matter in hand, and prepares it for the printer.—He states all matters of orthography, punctuation, etc., and exercises his judgment freely as to the form and substance of the articles. After this castigation is complete, it goes to the printing-office.

Originally, the proofs were sent to Mr. Dana, who, in the absence of Mr. Ripley, used to take them home with him, and return them the next morning with his revisions in the margin. Of late, Mr. Ripley has taken his share of the work home with him, and returns the proofs by mail. The Mr. Dana margins with changes and corrections, even when the matter has been submitted many times before, and he is constantly on the watch for new matter, which he incorporates in the work. He is a rapid and a very fine writer, and his contributions are easily distinguished from those of other writers. He also reads the proofs of the "Cyclopædia." [illegible]

[illegible] Georgia the ruling bank interest was from one to one and a half per cent. a month. This was discounted from the face of the note and compounded every three months, making the annual interest about 27 per cent. The time of which we speak were the days of the "Yazoo Fraud," when the legislature of Georgia sold to speculators a tract of land in the Yazoo country, for a million of dollars, and then repealed the law under which the sale was made. The speculators had bribed the legislature, and the transaction was known as the "Yazoo Fraud." The Georgia Legislature was composed of a majority of planters, who had borrowed of the speculators the money with which to bribe the legislature, and had given their notes for the same, payable in cotton, at a high rate of interest. The speculators had sold the land to settlers, who had cleared it up and made it valuable, when the repeal of the law came, and they were left without any title to the land they had purchased. The speculators had bribed the legislature to repeal the law, and had taken back the land, leaving the settlers