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SUNDRIES.

Malaga Wine of a very superior quality Old Monongahela Whiskey, Champagne Brandy, Brown Stout London Porter, Dawson's Phil. X. ale [in wood and bottles.] Cordials, Claret & Muscat Wines, all of the best quality just received and for sale by.

W. MARKHAM.
45 Church Street.

GREEN & McDOUGAL,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
27 COMMON STREET,
april 1 8 ly. New Orleans.

BUFFALO ROBES.

A few bales of Large Robes, well dressed or sale at $3 00. a Robe, by
oct 21 37 PIKE & HART.

WOOL! WOOL!! WOOL!!!

A liberal price will be paid for Wool by
PIKE & HART.
Jan 23, 1844.

GREAT BARGAINS

DRY GOODS.

The undersigned respectfully inform the public that they have received and are still receiving the largest and cheapest assortment of goods ever sold in the town of Baton Rouge or any where else. Their supply consists of so many different kinds of Dry and Fancy Goods, that it would be almost impossible to describe or enumerate them.—The following consists of a portion of their articles: Mouslines de Laines of the latest and most fancy styles; Barege, Taglioni silks and satins, Calicoes of all descriptions—French English and American, Swiss muslins, Jaconets, Cambrics, Shirtings, Sheetings, Cottonades, Sattinets, Cassimeres, Broadcloth of all colors and qualities, Hose and half hose, cotton, Silk and Worsted, Handkerchiefs—silk, linen and linen cambric. In short, as above stated, so many different kinds and qualities of goods and fancy things, as to render it impossible to give a detail of them on paper. As to Clothing, Hats, Boots, Brogans and Shoes, as well as Ladies' Boots and Shoes, their assortment of those articles is, in fact, large rare and choice.

It has been asserted, that clothing made in Philadelphia is far superior to that made in New York and Boston; but if the public will only come and see for themselves, they will then judge of this; and although we do not talk of "ten per cent difference," and so on, yet we have already shown and will still show to the public, that we sell on such cheap terms as cannot be surpassed any where. We have now a store in New Orleans, besides the one here, and get the most of our goods direct from the North; and by buying them in large quantities, we are enabled to sell cheaper than others who get their goods in New Orleans, by smaller lots. We will only add further—come and examine for yourselves, and we are determined to make such prices as will induce you to buy your supplies from us.

SANGER, HESS & CO.
Sept. 28, 34. Lafayette Street.

JUST RECEIVED.

A general assortment of ready made clothing, hats and caps, besides a good many Ladies' fancy goods, by

D. SANGER.

P. S. All those indebted to D. Sanger, are respectfully invited to come forth and settle their accounts, otherwise they will be handed to a lawyer for collection.

CLOTHING!! CLOTHING!!!

The subscriber has just received a large stock of fall and winter clothing made expressly to order in Philadelphia. Clothing made in that city is far superior to any made in New York or Boston. Consisting of the following, viz!—

Fine black cloth dress coats, frock, do. do.
Fancy cassimere pantaloons, ribbed do. sattinet do.
Diamond Sattinett Paletos, black do,
Blue, white and green blanket coats, satin vests, shirts, drawers, &c. &c.

All of the above will be sold at the lowest cash price. Please call and examine the quality of the above clothing, *after* examining elsewhere, then you will see the difference to be at least 10 per cent. in favor of mine.

CHAS. A. HILL.
At the Yellow Store under the Hill.
Sept. 21, 33.

NOTICE.

Mrs. A. R. Fuertes respectfully informs Parents, that in addition to the two classes of pupils she is now engaged to instruct in the French language in Mrs. Fisher's Academy, she can receive others, although not connected with the establishment, as proper arrangements have been made to accommodate them. Parents wishing their children to acquire this desirable branch of education, are solicited to embrace the opportunity. Young ladies as well as children will be received.

Hours—from 3 to 5, P M. The juvenile class will meet three times a week, the more advanced every day if required.

Term—Children, beginners $6 per quarter, the more advanced $10—payable monthly.
Sept 21, 33.

SADDLERY.

The subscribers have received by late arrivals an excellent assortment of saddlery, also a great variety of briddle bits, fillings stirrups &c, which the are prepared to sell at very reduced prices,

PHILLIPS & LANOUE.
sept 7—31.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS.

The subscriber respectfully informs builders and others, that he is prepared to execute all kinds of brick and mason work—and that he will put up buildings and furnish all the materials necessary—such as brick, sand, lime, &c, on the most reasonable terms.

He also offers his services to sugar planters and from his long experience in setting sugar kettles and other work necessary in a sugar house he can give ample satisfaction.

Apply to LOYEAU BERHEL,
Oct 4 8t at the Garrison brickyard.

GARDEN SEEDS.
CROP OF 1844.
From the Nursery of D. Lambeth & D. S Munns, Philadelphia.
Just received by, H. LANOUE.

DR. F. M. HEREFORD,

Tenders his professional services to the public.—Office on Lafayette st.
February 10th, 1844.

CLOTHING! CLOTHING!!

The cheapest kind of bargains can be had in the way of ready made clothing at the yellow store under the hill. Just received Merino Frock and Dress coats, gimgham, gambroon, cottonade and linen check, coatees and frocks do.

CHS. A. HILL.

Boys Boots—Just received and for sale by
WM. MARKHAM, Church st.

TO PLANTERS.

Wanted—A situation as overseer, by a middle-aged man, a native of Kentucky, but for several years in this state. The best testimonials as to capacity and charicter can be produced. Apply at this office.
Dec. 2 1844

single barrel Shot Guns at very low prices, for sale by

PHILLIPS & LANOUE.

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.

A large and fresh assortment of the above just received and for sale by.

A. MONTAN.
Nov 16 41.

TIN COPPER & SHEET IRON WARE MANUFACTORY.

The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he continues to work at the above business at his old stand on Main St. near the Methodist Church, where he will be happy to receive the patronage of his friends and the public. He has always on hand a fine assortment of tin ware, Gutters and spouts made and put up in the shortest order. Stove pipe, all kind of tin, copper or sheet iron ware repaired. All work entrusted to him will be executed with neatness and despatch.

nov. 30 1844. JOHN TILANO.

SADDLERY.

On hand a large assortment of mens, ladies, boys, and misses Saddles.

Also bridles, martingales, stirrups, leather saddle bags, saddle and blankets, coach and gig whips, surcingles and girths,

"At the Yellow Store under the Hill.
CH. A. HILL.
march 9th, 1844.

HATS AND CAPS.

Just received from New York, a hadsome assortment of gentlemen and boys' fashionable hats and caps suitable for the season.

PHILLIPS & LANOUE.
september 9 3

CHINA & GLASS.

Just received and for sale by the subscriber an assortment of French China & Cut Glass.

No. 1 WM. MARKHAM.
Church street.

Wanted a good Blacksmith to work in the Country

PIKE & HRAT

CHEAP CASH STORE.

H. LANOUE, Senr. having opened his store in Laurel street, opposite Mr. Jourdan's Apothecary's shop, offers to sell, on the lowest terms for cash the following articles:

Canvassed hams and sardines in half boxes, and mackerel in small tubs.
Soap by the box or retail, sparmaceti candles
Champaign by the basket,
Cider in boxes,
Sweet oil by basket, half do., and bottle,
Curacoa and absinthe,
Loaf sugar, Havana coffee,
Preserved fruits in brandy and sugar,
Havana sweetmeats in small boxes,
Old cognac brandy. Tuscaloosa whiskey, Kershwasser,
White wine vinegar,
Rice, vermicelli, Macaroni,
Assorted cordials and syrups,
Sifters and baskets,
Mustard, pimento, pepper, tea and Spanish chocolate,
French perfumeries, combs, hair and tooth brushes,
Cutlery and crockery ware,
Letter paper, foolscap, quills, and blank books,
Snuff, Havana segars, do, melées,
Painters, shoe and white-washing brushes,
French and American hair brooms,
Boston nails from 6 to 20c by the keg or at retail,
Coffin nails white and black,
Dupont's gun powder by half kegs.

NOTICE.

Lime, sand and brick for sale by the undersigned, near the Garrison.

LOYAU BERHEL.

A. L. PLOUGH—SURGEON DENTIST.

☞ Residence, East of the court house, in the house formerly occupied by Charles R Tessier, Baton Rouge.
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THOMAS J. READ, SON & CO.
COTTON FACTORS.
NEW ORLEANS.
D. McFAYDEN, Agent.
BATON ROUGE.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS

Arrives from New Orleans on Mondays and Thursdays.

Closes for N. Orleans on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2 P M.

Closes for Natchez, on Sundays and Wednesdays at 9—P M.

H. T. WADDILL, P. M.

MATCHES! MATCHES!

Thirty gross of Matches just received, and for sale low, at the manufacturer's price
en july 23 24 G. M. HEROMAN ge,

FASHIONABLE FALL CLOTHING.

The subscribers have received an extensive assortment of fall clothing, made up by a wholesale clothing house in the city of New York, expressly for this trade. Buyers in want of clothing are invited to call, where they will not only find the best made garments, but at prices quite as low as they are sold by any other house in the place. The following comprises a part of our stock.

Blk french & english cloth dress and frock coats blk french cloth paletots, blk casimere do cadet satt paletots, diamond do, fancy sweed do, Ky Jean do, fancy sweed & d'orsay coats, pilot cloth do, blk and fancy cassimere pants, sattinet do, boys flushing coats, cadet sattinet do, super blk satin vests, french plaid do, flannel drawers &c.

PHILLIPS & LANOUE.
sept. 7—31.

25 (12 pound Boxes) best Sperm Candles family use for sale by

PIKE & HART.

Louisiana Penitentiary'

Messrs. McHatton, Pratt, & Co., Lessee of the Louisiana Penitentiary would inform the citizens of Louisiana and the South generally, that they are manufacturing and will have constantly on hand *Bagging* and *Bale* rope, coarse negro shirtings and drillings, linseys, colored and white, the best coarse negro shoes, &c. &c. They also continue the foundry business.

N. B. They will purchase delivered at the Penitentiary, large lots of *Wool*, clean or in the bur, for which they will exchange manufactured articles or pay cash.

HAY.

50 bales of New Western Hay. For sale by. BEAL & SANS.

PLANTATION FOR SALE.

A Plantation containing about one hundred and twenty arpents, situated about twelve miles of Baton Rouge, and where the purchaser can purchase lands on each side of said Plantation at low prices. The plantation is well improved having eighty acres cleared with a good Cotton Gin and corn-mill in good order also dwelling and all necessary out houses.

There is also with the Plantation, 3 mules, 7 horses, 40 head of sheep, 20 head cattle, 1 ox wagon, 3 yoke of oxen, 30 head of hogs, 5 or 6 hundred bbls. of corn, ploughs, hoes, and all necessary harness to cultivate the place.

For particulars apply to

H. V. BABIN.

VARIETY STORE.
WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIRING

The public is respectfully informed, that the undersigned has, within a few days past, made large accessions to his former stock of goods, and having made the selections himself, in New Orleans, he can warrant them as being of the choicest and freshest descriptions. Call and examine. The following list comprises, in part the articles on hand,

Hardware.

Hatchets, hammers, drawing knives, augers, gimblets, plane irons, trowels, files, rasps, chest, trunk cupboard and drawer locks, razors, german silver, butcher and shoe knives, of every description, toilet boxes toys for Christmas and New Year's presents dressed kid dolls, toy wagons, steelyards, hand and pannel saws, chisels, gouges, planes, sand paper, brass butts, cut tacks, brads, table and pocket cutlery, scissors; plated, britannia and iron table and tea spoons, flint and percussion gun locks, toy drums, china toy tea setts, wood do. do., kid dolls, steel beads, hair pins, jet tuck combs, of the latest fashion.

Also, a large assortment of toys, Violins bows and strings of the first quality.

COMBS & BRUSHES.

Shell, ivory buffalo and brazilian combs, paint & marking brushes of every variety. Hair, cloth, hat, nail, tooth, shaving, shoe, crumb, dust, floor and horse brushes.

A large assortment of perfumery.

Cologne, Lavender and florida waters, cold cream, Otto of roses, shaving creams and cosmetic wash-balls, fine extracts, hair oils, pomatums, tooth and toilet, powder, fine toilet, shaving and castile and perfumed soaps.

STATIONARY.

Black and blue inks, quills, foolscap, letter, packet post, account and wrapping paper of all kinds. Ink stands, sand and sand boxes, lead pencils, slate and slate pencils, sealing, wax, wafers and steel pens.

VARIETIES.

Pound, German, English and American solid head pins, mourning pins, brass and steel thimbles, tweezers, watch keys, spectacles, jewsharps, hooks and eyes, shoe blacking, chess men and boards, dice, playing cards, agate and glass beads, powder puffs, bonnet wire, suependers, cotton and silk purses pearl, metal, bone and lasting buttons elastic garters, flints, powder flasks, pocket-books, S. E. and D. E. needles, darning & spaying needles, knitting needles, hodkins; silver thimbles, pencil cases, fish hooks and lines, spurs, razor strops and hones, backgammon boards, shaving boxes, mirrors, looking glasses, tape measures, violin and Guitar strings, spool cotton, boxes, percussion caps, gun tubes, nipple wrenches, cap primers, shot belts and wallets. And many other articles, embracing a grater variety and assortment than any other House in this city.

I have a few cases of the Patent India Rubber suspenders, for sale.

Old gold and silver taken in exchange for goods.

Silver spoons, double wedding and shell rings, suspender buckles, and plain shirt buttons made to order. Canes mounted to order.

I claim to have the best assortments of pocket knives, scissors, and razors, that are kept in Baton Rouge, and can sell as cheap as any one else. My stock of knives and razors is fresh, and of the latest patterns.

d28 1y. C. C. MOORE.

INSTRUCTION.

Madame A R Fuertes, ex-directrice de l'Institution publique des demoiselles à la Nouvelle Orleans, offre respectueusement ses services comme institutrice aux jeunes demoiselles, et elle se propose de donner des leçons particulières, dans toutes les branches d'une éducation complète, en anglais et en français—ayant une connaissance parfaite des deux langues. Elle désirerait particulièrement instruire le français, ayant instruit cette langue avec succès dans plusieurs institutions à la Nouvelle Orleans. Elle donnera aussi des leçons sur la guitare.

Elle assure les parens que l'honoreront de leur confiance, qu'elle ne sera pas mal placée

NEW FLOUR.

50 barrels, a superior article of St. Louis brand, just received by
oct 21 37 PIKE & HART.

William Davidson. John Parkison
WILLIAM DAVIDSON & CO.
COTTON FACTORS
AND
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
81 Canal Street,
New Orleans.

Sugar and Molasses consigned to us, will, at all times receive the most prompt attention.

Refer to—N. K. Knox, A. Matta, Chas A. Hill. 35

JUST RECEIVED.

A splendid asrortment of Ladies Kid Slip Gaiter Boots, Coloured Lasting slips &c., Gentlemen's fine Cf. Skin Nullifier, Cf Skin Brogans, Black lasting Gaiters, &.

C. A. HILL.

NEW GOODS.

The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has again replenished his stock with a variety of desirable articles and his assortment is now complete. Call and see.

W. MARKHAM.
Church Street

LEATHER PRESERVATIVE.

A superior article for Boots, Shoes & Harness for sale by

PHILLIPS & LANOUE.

STRAYS.

Taken up on the 26th inst. by O. Dewey nine miles from Baton Rouge, two horses about ten years old and about fifteen and a half hands high—one is a Sorrel with a Star in his forehead, the other is a bay with a small white speck in his forehead—both have collar and saddle marks, and pace—no particular mark or brand. The owner is requested to call and take them away, and conform to the law relative to strays.

J. R. DUFROCQ, Ranger.
Oct. 5th, 1844

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Just received by the subscriber a complete assortment of Boots & Shoes of an excellent quality which will be sold at low prices for cash.

No 1. WM. MARKHAM.
Church street.

REGULAR PACKET FOR BATON ROUGE.

The fast running steamer IATAN, William Raymond, master, will run as a regular packet during the season, from New Orleans to Baton Rouge, touching at all the intermediate Landings, Leaving New Orleans on Saturday at 4, P., and Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; and Baton Rouge on Sunday, at 10 o'clock, A. M. and Thursday, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

RITCHIE & KLEIN, Agents.

For freight or passage apply to the Captain on Board.

HEAVY LINSEYS.

100 pieces an excellent article, for sale by
PHILLIPS & LANOUE.

INSTRUCTION.

Mrs. A. R. Fuertes, late Principal of the Lafayette Female Public School, of the 2nd Municipality, N. O., respectfully offers her services as an instructress to young ladies, and proposes giving private lessons in all the different branches of a polite education, in either Language—French or English—being perfectly acquainted with both. She is particularly desirous of teaching the former, having taught in many private schools in New Orleans, with success. She will also give lessons on the guitar.

Parents wishing private tuition, will not be disappointed if they honor her with their patronage.

REFERENCES.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, L. Bonnecaze, Esq.
J. Phillips, Esq. Col. Matta,
Baton Rouge.

Dr. Picton, S. J. Peters, Esq.
J. Maybin, Esq. Rev. J. Twitchell,
T. Sloo, Esq. Rev. Mr. Wheaton,
L. Matthews, Esq. Mr. G. Boyer,
Hon. J. Baldwin. Hon. Judge Canonge.
New Orleans.
Aug. 3d. 26

COUGH LOZENGES

Dr. Hull's Cough Lozenges are now rapidly superseding every other preparation in the relief of coughs, colds, asthma, whooping cough, tightness of the chest, and all pulmonary complaints leading to consumption and death. Price 25 cents per box with full directions.

For sale by B. Jourdan, G. Souterre, and J. W. Musselman *agents*, Baton Rouge La.

TO THE PUBLIC.

We are now prepared to execute all kind of work in our line, viz: pamphlets, justices' Sheriff's, school and other blanks, as cheap as they can be done *honestly*. We hope by industry and attention to business to merit a portion of the public patronage.

DUFROCQ & CONVERSE.

NOTICE.

The undersigned takes this opportunity to return his sincere thanks to his friends and the Public in General for the liberal Patronage he has always received from them while in business, and he would now inform them that he has established himself on the square below the Court house, and on the corner immediately south of the Jail.

Where he intends keeping a general assortment of family Groceries. Provisions and Plantation supplies which consist of the following articles, to wit:—

Bagging bale rope and twiffe,
Course, fine and table salt,
Bacon, lard and butter,
Brown and loaf sugar,
Havana and Rio coffee,
Teas of all qualities,
Rice, candles and soap,
Blankets, Lowell and brown cotton, linseys and kerseys,
Crockery and glass wares,
Whiskey and Brandy, Anisette and Vinegar,
Nails, spades and shovels, cotton cards and cutlery,
Tobacco and cheese,
Powder, shot, and percussion caps,
Men's russet brogans, boy's, ditto. men's kip brogans, boy's, ditto. Ladies segal and calf brogans, mud boots, Seal boots.

H. V. BABIN.
Sept 14th, 1844.

STRAY HORSE.

Taken up by L. Delaune, on the Highlands, a light bay horse, the right and left front feet white, about nine years of age, about 14 hands high, a star in the forehead and marks of the harness. The owner is requested to take him away and pay charges.

J. R. DUFROCQ, Ranger.
Nov. 16, 41.

TAKEN UP.

By John Fairchild, about 30 miles from this town, a steer, about 7 years old, sorrel, a smooth crop on his right ear, and a split in the left, branded on the hip with figure 3 and 5. The owner is requested to take him away by conforming to the law,

J. R. DUFROCQ, Ranger.
Nov. 23, 42.

NOTICE.

The undersigned would respectfully inform his friends and the public, that he will attend the shipping of Cotton, and he will always be prepared to make liberal advances when it is required

sept 14 31 H. V. BABIN.

FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR A FINE SADDLE!

Saddles, bridles, harness &c. of all kinds constantly on hand by the Subscribers at their Carriage and Saddle-shop, on Church-street, opposite the Catholic church, which they offer for sale at prices much below the former prices, and in fact as low, or lower than they can be purchased in this country. They are selling saddles at fifteen dollars and warrant them well made and of good materials.

Several of the Dry Goods stores in Baton Rouge have become Saddle and harness shops fearing that mechanics might make a living a the business, and they are not willing to give them that opportunity. We would invite persons before they purchase to examine well those saddles and compare them with our work and make, and we are confident they will find them much inferior in point of workmanship and material. When compared with our work of Saddles, Bridles, Harness &c., they appear something like Peter Pindar's razors, made for sale. We warrant our work.

We also continue the business of Carriage-making and repairing in the best style and on the shortest notice, at prices corresponding with the hard times, and payments made easy. We hope by strict attention to business to merit continuance of public patronage.

A fine new Barouche now on hand for sale at a very low price.

REEDER & Co.

DENTAL NOTICE.

Such persons as might call for my services hereafter will please leave their names, so that I may now who they are, or to leave a note at the Gazette or Post Office. Professional duties often calls me from home and while this has created some disappointments to the applicant and operator, I deem this notice necessary so as to obviate similar disappointments in future,

A L PLOUGH,—Dentist
Prospect-Hill, nov. 18 41.

NEW MUSIC FOR PIANO.

Just received a few copies of the most fashionable music of the day, such as Polka dances, quadrilles, waltzes, and Boleros. A large assortment of all kinds of music always on hand and for sale by

A. R. FUERTES, City Hotel.
dec. 7 44

NEGROES WANTED TO HIRE.

Wanted 8 or 10 good Negro men to hire by the year, apply to Caldwell & Hicky, 5 miles from Baton Rouge.
Dec. 21 46.

LINES.

On seeing an infant Sleeping on its mother's Breast.

BY AMELIA.

It lay upon its mother's breast—a thing,
Bright as a dew-drop when it first decends,
Or as the plumage of an angel's wing,
Where ev'ry tint of rainbow beauty blends;
It had soft violet eyes, that neath each lid,
Half closed upon them, like bright waters shone,
While its small dimpled hands were slyly hid
In the warm bosom that it nestled on.

There was a beam in that young mother's eye,
Lit by the feelings that she could not speak,
As from her lips a plaintive lullaby
Stirred the bright tresses on her infant's cheek;
While, now and then, with melting heart she pressed
Soft kisses o'r its red and smiling lips—
Lips sweet as rose-buds in fresh beauty dressed,
Ere the young murmuring bee their honey sips.

It was a fragrant eye;—the sky was full
Of burning stars, that, tremulously clear,
Shone on those lovely ones; while the low lull
Of falling waters fell upon the ear,
And the new moon, like a pure shell of pearl
Encircled by the blue waves of the deep,
Lay 'mid the fleecy clouds that love to curl,
Around the stars when they their vigils keep.

My heart grew softer as I gazed upon
That youthful mother, as she soothed to rest,
With a low song, her loved and cherished one—
The bud of promise on her gentle breast;
For 'tis a sight that angel ones above
May stoop to gaze on from their bow'rs of bliss,
When Innocence upon the breast of Love
Is cradled, in a sinful world like this.

A COTTAGE AND A PALACE.

A TALE OF FRANCE.

There lived in Paris, not very long since, a distinguished man, whose talents had made his fortune, and who, notwithstanding the rapid change of his condition, still preserved his plain and modest way of living. The illustrious Percier, the architect so renowned, who, from the close of the revolution throughout the reign of the consulate and the empire, under the restoration, and after the revolution of July, erected the most remarkable monuments which adorn Paris. Percier, member of the Institute, and officer rose croix of the Legion of Honor. If ever the Proverb, the coat does not make the man, was applicable to any one, certainly it was to him. This learned man, honored by all artists and men of taste, dressed plainer than the most ordinary private individual. An old riding coat, buttoned up to his chin, a white cravat, tight pantaloons, which he had substituted with regret for short breeches, a fantastical hat, and coarse shoes, was his invariable costume; lean and bent over from labor, he was often seen giving his arm to a man clad with a kind of "recherche," joyous countenance, and figure approaching embon-point, the condisciple and intimate friend of our illustrious architect, himself a distinguished architect also. This friend was Fontaine; there go Orestes and Pylades, said people as they passed; and in truth these men were allied by the most holy friendship. Percier divided his labors and emoluments with Fontaine; Fontaine always shared with Percier; and this noble participation lasted until Pylades was [illegible] torn from Orestes—Percier is dead.

These two artists, intimate friends of my father, had an expressible charm when relating incidents of the past; having witnessed the tempest of the revolution, and our latest monarchy, they had seen much, and what is more, retained it. So whenever I had the pleasure of hearing them converse, I was all eyes and ears, and was afraid to open my mouth lest I might interrupt them.

I remember one evening my father took me with them to visit Percier in the modest apartment he occupied in the Louvre; Fontaine was with his friend; my father, pupil of the great painter David, had seen and remembered a great deal. It is interesting to hear three artists engaged in conversation; I listened attentively.

From the revolution of 93, they passed on to the consulate, and gradually to the beautiful years of the empire.

"Tell me, my dear Fontaine," said my father, how it happened you never executed this fine plan here; and my father pointed to an admirable sketch, in a plain frame, beneath which was written—"The Palace of the King of Rome.

"Ah! ah!" replied Mr. Fontaine, "that is a story you demand, my dear Bevoil: a singular story, for truly if the palace has remained only in its outline until now, it is owing, without contradiction, as much to the little cause I am going to tell you, as to the result of the war with Russia, and all that followed after."

"We listen," replied we, in chorus; and M Fontaine, with that conciseness, that entrainement which characterized his words, began.

"Hardly was the young Prince born, who was to inherit so much glory and power, who to use the poetic expression of Beranger, had, *une couronne pour bourlet*, and who died so young, captive and unhappy, in the arms of his grandfather; hardly was this child born, when his father conceived the idea of constructing a palace for him on the heights of Chaillot, overlooking the Seine, and the dusty arena of the Champ de Mars. Napoleon wished from the balcony of this palace the child of Destiny and of Victory, should see manœuvre the valiant phalanxes who had, with robust hands, erected the throne which he should one day mount; he also wished his son to be familiar with the noise of arms, and the sports of combat, as soon as he learned to walk.

"One morning I was sent for to the palace of the Tuileries, and found Napoleon alone in his cabinet. After giving him an account of the state of different works I was erecting by his orders, in concert with my good Percier, the Emperor, asked abruptly, *Eh bien!* Fontaine, our palace of the King of Rome!

"Sir," I replied we have purchased and demolished all the buildings which covered the ground upon which you designed to construct the edifice.

"All!—Yesterday I saw, when returning from Rambouillet, a small house standing yet—a kind of Cabin."

"Yes, sire, a miserable barrack falling in ruins, and worth at the most 500 francs, including the ground and all!"

"To whom does it belong?"

"To a cooper of Chaillot, named Pierre Jauber."

"It belongs to a mechanic!" repeated the Emperor.

"Yes, sir."

"Then you will pay him a thousand francs."

"I bow without replying. Napoleon resumed"

"We will end our interview now, my dear architect; I must go to the Council of State. Finish promptly the works already commenced, so that we may undertake others. I have great views for Paris; I wish to say, too—I found Rome brick, and leave it marble!"

"I bowed low and withdrew."

"The same day, at dusk, two working men one about sixty, the other apparently thirty, were seen at an inn on the barrier de Passy, resting their elbows on a table, on which the host had spread a bit of bread, a slice of Brie cheese, two glasses, and a measure of what is called wine in suburbs, and even in the interior of Paris. They conversed in a low tone, and seemed to feel a powerful interest in the subject of their conversation."

"My boy," said the eldest to his companion, thou holdest thy fortune in thy hands."

"How so, father Garnot?"

"Look here—listen to me. All the houses on the side of Chaillot where he wants to build a palace for his son, are pulled down; thine is the only one left; he cannot do without it; comprehendest thou now! Eh! thou must make them pay for it; pay soundly."

Indeed, thou hast reason; but tell me then, old fellow, how much could I demand? The house with the ground is not worth, at the most, above 400 francs, and that is a great deal.

"No matter! no matter! make them pay thee hide and hair."

"Let's see, could I ask a thousand francs?"

"Peuh! Jauber; demand ten thousand, and I predict it will not be refused thee."

"But you dream, father Garnot, or you are already drunk, replied Jauber, opening eager eyes at the discourse of his companion; ten thousand francs for a barrack that threatens every day to tumble down on my head."

"Yes, yes! ten thousand francs—nothing less. Think, too, he must buy it of thee.

"But if he does not buy it, eh!"

"Then he cannot build his palace for the King of Rome; for, after the plan I have seen, I, who work on the building (Garnot was master-mason, and I often employed him,) after the plan, I who know all about it, thy house, my honest Jauber, falls exactly in the middle of the court of honor."

"'All that is very well,' resumed the young man; but if he takes me, and commands me to pull it down?'

"'Let me alone, for if that happens, thou can'st summon him before a justice of the peace, who will condemn him to build it up again for thee.'

"'Summon the Emperor before the judge of peace!' said Jauber, bursting into a loud fit of laughter.

"'Certainly! he must appear as well as any other man. Seest thou, Jauber, he may take as many kingdoms as he pleases, and it is no harm; but to touch the least property of his poorest subjects, bernique! that is forbidden him, he will not then pull down thy house without thy consent.'

"'Very well! But ten thousand francs, think of it, father Garnot—it is a big sum, that!'

"'To be sure, ten thousand francs, not a farthing less! Whereupon thou wilt lend me a thousand crowns I want for an enterprise I have in view; a thousand crowns I shall expect from thee; then with the 7,000 which will be left thee, thou mayst hire a workshop at Passy, buy wood, get help, be master-cooper, marry Rosette—thou lovest Rosette—is it not so?'

"'Your daughter, father Garnot?—Certainly.'

"'Then, my son-in-law, do as I tell thee, and thou wilt be well off.'

"Jauber disputed a little longer with his future father-in-law, till at last, vanquished by his reasons, and dazzled less with the idea of marrying Rosette than that of becoming master-cooper, he gave up, and made Garnot a formal promise he would not sell his property for less than ten thousand francs. That point settled, our two drinkers separated, as much excited from wine as from ambition.

"The next day, with all his resolutions fortified by the reflections of the night, I received

"As soon as he entered, . .

"Jauber, I have good news to tell thee. The Emperor wants to buy thy house. The building at double its worth, with the ground, is valued highly at 500 francs, and I am authorized to give thee a thousand; art satisfied?"

"Not the least in the world, Monsieur architect, and the proof is, I refuse.'

"'What for?'

"'Because I want more.'

"'How much?'

"'Ten thousand francs.'

"'Ten thousand francs!' I repeated.

"'Yes, ten thousand francs!'

"'Thou art drunk, or crazy!'

"'Neither the one nor the other; I ask ten thousand francs for my house and the land; take it or leave it.'

"'But if the Emperor should take away thy barrack, and pull it down in spite of thee!'

"'Let him try it; he'd lose the game.'

"'This is something new! And what would'st do then?'

"'I would summon him before the judge, who would make him rebuild my house at his expense, which would suit me very well; for I should then have a house entirely new.'

"I could not help smiling—but finding him firm, said:

"'Thou desirest to profit by the want we have of thy barrack, and make us pay twenty times its value; that is not right; that is not loyal. I was directed to offer thee a thousand francs, and not ten thousand; I must, therefore, refer this to the Emperor. Return to thy labor; I will let thee know what he decides to do in this affair.'

"The day following, I informed Napoleon of the interview I had had with the cooper; of his unreasonable exactions, and the danger his majesty run in being cited before the justice of the peace of the arondisement, if he did not take care.

"'Parbleu!' said the Emperor, laughing, 'this is the counterpart of the mill at Sans Souci; but I am more fortunate than Frederick, for the famous miller remained master at home, not willing to sell at any price. If ten thousand francs will make the happiness of this poor devil, I shall not regret them: give them to him.'

"The same day," continued M. Fontaine, "I told Jauber, the Emperor consented to give him ten thousand francs; so he must take out his furniture, for in three days I should send workmen to pull it down.

"Although Jauber was quite satisfied with the success of his demand, yet he persuaded himself, by degrees, while conning it over, that if he had named a greater sum, he could have obtained it as easily. With double the sum he had fixed himself, instead of being a cooper at Passy, and rolling casks into the cellars of that commerce, and the neighboring places, he could, he thought, establish himself as a manufacturer of casks in Touraine, Anjou, or Burgundy; and instead of Rosette, who was neither rich nor pretty, and whom he did not love beyond mediocrity, marry a proprietor's daughter, and have no need of borrowing money from him, but who, on the contrary, would give him with the hand of the heiress, handsome crowns, or good vineyards.

"'With these ideas fermenting in his brain, he became ungrateful as well as covetous, and inwardly cursed father Garnot, who had spoiled his fortune, by estimating his house and land at only ten thousand francs.

"While reflecting upon it, he remembered there were no writings, and a word given might be retracted; consequently, he resolved to retract his.

"Such things were done then, (and now too,") he added, mischievously.

"When the men arrived to commence their work, Jauber, who had not removed a single article, forbid their touching his house, and sent them away. Informed of this, I sent for him again to know what he meant. He declared loudly and firmly he would not sell his property for less than 20,000 francs.

"'But did you not offer it me for 10,000?' said I.

"'That is true,' he replied, 'but you should have taken me up then, now I have thought it over, I want double.'

"'Is this the last price?'

"'Probably; still, I will not say. Let the Emperor decide promptly, or it may cost him something.'

"'The same evening there was to be a grand reception at the Tuileries; I went. The Emperor, who was not fond of noise and crowds, yet knew these routs were necessary, did not help to animate these re-unions, except by his presence; he would fix himself in a corner, and there often converse with his ministers and generals.

"When I entered the saloon of the Marshals, I saw Napoleon talking with Duroc, Bertrand, Junot, Lannes, and other military men; the moment he observed me, he called me to him and said:

"'Well, have you finished your affair with the cooper?'

"I informed him how matters stood; he frowned, and explaining the affair to those around him, turned to me, with that brevity which characterized him, said:

"'Give him 20,000 francs, Fontaine, but make him sign the contract on the spot, lest the comical fellow carry his pretentions still higher.'

"But when Jauber, to whom the acquiescence, of the Emperor was announced, found himself in the presence of the notary, he declared he would not sell for less than 30,000. In vain the public officer represented to him how wrong he was acting—in vain I tried, with all who were present, to make him change his resolution; he still remained unshaken.

"We threatened to turn him out by law; he replied that a man of law, whom he pretended he had consulted, had assured him that the palace of the King of Rome was not an edifice of public utility, but a private enterprise of the Emperor for himself and his, and that he had no right to force him to sell his patrimony for such a purpose. We counselled, we coaxed; he was obstinate, and we left him.

"I returned home, greatly disappointed, not knowing how to avoid irritating the Emperor, when I should tell him I had failed again.

"Percier, knew not what to advise me; we were waiting to go on with our design, but had to stop everything for this miserable affair. At last, a few days after, Napoleon helped me out of my embarrassment, having learned indirectly what had happened.

"'That Jauber is an obstinate fellow,' said he to me, 'he profits by the want I have of his house to extort money from me.'

"'Sire,' said Joachim Murat, who happened to be present at the interview, 'your majesty has a great deal of goodness; order a dozen of the sapeurs of the guard to fling down the shed of the insolent fellow; then pay him whatever is judged right.'

"'How you talk,' replied the Emperor, '*to build the foundation of an edifice upon usurped soil*, would not be building very securely.' Then turning to me, he continued: 'Go on with the work, M. Fontaine; there is much to do that will take time, and time brings about many things.'

"He was right: time did indeed bring many things; it first brought the Russian disaster, the glorious and fatal campaign of France, and at last the Emperor's abdication.

"All these events suspended the progress of the projected palace, and it was soon after abandoned; there is all that is left of it," added M. Fontaine, pointing to the frame my father spoke of, "and I do not think I shall ever be employed any further in its construction, unless the King, Louis Philippe, should marry the Duchess of Orleans." (This conversation took place some months after the marriage of the Duke of Orleans with the Princess Helene.)

"As for Jauber's cabin," continued our narrator, "remaining alone, on the declivity of a hill, it fell completely in ruins, and its master was forced to seek a shelter elsewhere. The ambitious mechanic, who would have profited by the generosity of the great man to acquire a competency which industry and good conduct would have increased, lost all he kept in his hands. He thought of returning to Rosette Garnot, whom he had left with disdain when he flattered himself with becoming rich; but Rosette, in turn, disdained him, and married a wine-merchant in the faubourg du Roule."

Thus Jauber remained a simple cooper, for not having, like many when placed on the road to fortune, known where to stop, and when to say, apropos: it is enough.

One evening in the summer of 1840, on returning from Versailles, whither I had gone to visit the gallery of the Crusades, for which my father had painted three subjects of our chivalric history, I met M. Fontaine returning also to Paris.

Arrived at the barrier of Passy, we were stopped by a long file of carts which the officers of custom were inspecting; this station appeared too long, when my amiable companion proposed to walk by the way of the Champs Elysees.

Opposite the bridge of Jena, passing before a heap of hewn stone, I said to M. Fontaine:

"Here is your palace of the King of Rome.'

"Ah, yes!" he replied, recalling the story he had related us some time before. "Stop, this is the place where Jauber's cottage stood;" and he pointed to a mass of stones and rubbish.

"Charity, M. Fontaine!" murmured an old man before us in rags, as he held out his hand, undoubtedly having overheard our conversation.

"Ah mon Dieu, it is Jauber!" cried M. Fontaine, compassionately.

"Yes! 'tis