

Poetical.

TO MY MOTHER.

The following touchingly beautiful lines are from the Ohio State Journal; and were written by a convict in the Ohio Penitentiary. The man who can write such poetry cannot be utterly depraved.

I've wandered far from thee, mother, Far from a happy home; I've left the home that gave me birth, In other climes to roam; And time, since then, has roll'd its years, And mark'd them on my brow; Yet I have often thought of thee— I'm thinking of thee now.

I'm thinking of the day, mother, When at my tender side, You watch'd the dawning of my youth, And kiss'd me in your pride; Then brightly was my heart lit up With hope of future joy; While your bright fancy honors wove To deck thy darling boy.

I'm thinking of the day, mother, When, with such anxious care, You lifted up your heart to Heaven— Your hope, your trust was there; Fond memory brings thy parting words, When tears roll'd down your cheek; Thy long, last, loving look, look more Than ever words could speak.

I'm far away from thee, mother; No friends to near me now; To soothe me with a tender word, Or cool my burning brow; The dearest ties affection wove Are all now torn from me; They left me when the trouble came, They did not love like thee.

I'm lonely and forsaken now, Uplifted and unblest; Yet still I would have thee know How sorely I'm distressed; I know you would not chide, mother, You would not give me blame, But soothe me with your tender words, And bid me hope again.

I would not have thee know, mother, How brightest hopes decay, The temper with his hateful cup He dashed them all away; And shame has left its venom sting To rack with anguish wild— Yet still I would not have thee know The sorrows of thy child.

Oh! I have wandered far, mother, Since I deserted thee, And left thy darling heart to break, Beyond the desert deeps; Oh! Mother, still I love thee well, And long to hear thee speak, And feel again thy balmy breath Upon my careworn cheek.

But, ah! there is a thought, mother, Pervades my beating breast, 'Tis that the freed spirit may have flown To its eternal rest; And while I wipe the tear away, There whispers in my ear A voice that whispers of Heaven and thee, And bids me seek thee there.

THE SUNSET HOUR. When the sun is slowly sinking Down along the western skies, Day her grandest notes is pealing, And her many voices rise; Then I climb the ancient hilltop, Where the grand old pine trees rise, Just to watch the sunset glow, As the golden daylight dies.

Just to watch the summer sunset Bathing earth in amber light, O'er the clouds a rosette spreading In their panoramic flight; When the West becomes an altar, And the smoke ascends bright, Day her grandest reign she offers, Ere the solemn reign of Night.

In the sunset, scenes of beauty, Fit before my watchful gaze, Dreams, it may be, golden halos, In the evening's floating haze, There is brightness long forgotten— That some magic touch obeys, And I watch the panorama Of the scenes of other days.

There is sudden brightness round me, And the pine trees cease their moan, And it changes, lo! and falling, To a low sweet murmur, tone; How my aching heart is quivering, Greeting back the brightness down, With its wild and lingering beauty, To my breast so long unknown.

ALEXANDRIA ADVERTISEMENTS

ATTORNEYS AT LAW. WM. A. SEAY, ATTORNEY AT LAW, ALEXANDRIA, La., Will practice in the Courts of Rapides and adjoining Parishes.

THOS. C. MANNING, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Alexandria, La. H. S. LOSEE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, OFFICE FRONT ROOMS, up stairs, in Jas. W. Osborn's Brick store, Front Street, Alexandria, La.

H. L. DAIGRE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, ALEXANDRIA, La. R. C. LECKIE, ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY Public, Alexandria, La.

R. A. HUNTER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, ALEXANDRIA, La. MAURICE GRIVOT, ATTORNEY AT LAW, OFFICE 35 Natchez Street, corner of Bank Place, up stairs, New Orleans.

R. W. BRINGHURST, Civil Engineer and Parish Surveyor, ALEXANDRIA, La. ORDERS sent by mail, or left at E. C. Hetherwick's store will be received and attended to. Jan. 20th, 1869-tf.

C. W. BOYCE, Notary Public IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF Rapides. Office at the Sheriff's Office in Alexandria and at B. Jarreau's in Pineville. March 17th-3m.

LOUISIANA STATE SEMINARY OF LEARNING and MILITARY ACADEMY, Near Alexandria, La., Founded and Supported by the State of Louisiana.

NINTH SESSION WILL BEGIN ON FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER next, and end last Wednesday in June, 1870.

ACADEMIC BOARD Consists of a full corps of able Instructors in all branches of Literature and Science, specially taught in the best Colleges and Universities.

COURSE OF STUDY Embraces a Preparatory and an Academic Department, including a Literary, Scientific and Optional Course, a Special School of Civil Engineering and a Commercial School.

ADMISSION Granted to Cadets not under fifteen years of age, who know Arithmetic, English Grammar and Geography.

EXPENSES Of every kind, except clothing; for ten months, \$350; \$200 payable in advance, balance February 1st; or by accepted Draft at 2 per cent, for ninety days. Payments may be made through the Canal or Citizens' Bank. Cadets received at any time during the session, and charged from date of entrance.

LOCATION In the Pine Hills. Very healthy. For further information, address D. F. BOYD, Superintendent, Post Office, Alexandria, La.

Office of the Seminary in New Orleans, at Jas. A. Gresham's Bookstore, 92 Camp street. August 11th, 1869-2m.

ALEXANDRIA INSTITUTE FOR YOUNG LADIES. THIS Institution will open its THIRD SESSION on the FIRST MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER next.

Considering its short period which has elapsed since its establishment, it has met with a fair share of success; and the Principal, Mrs. G. A. CAMPBELL, hopes, by assiduous attention and an increase of public patronage, to raise it, during the ensuing Term, to the first rank among Young Ladies' Seminaries in this or the adjoining States.

The want of a Select Female School has long been felt in this community—this want Mrs. CAMPBELL proposes to supply, and she hopes that the people of Rapides will second her efforts by patronizing a Home Institution, instead of sending their children to build up schools in other Parishes.

Competent teachers in FRENCH and MUSIC have been employed, and a thorough course of ENGLISH studies will be gone through under the personal instruction of the principal.

TERMS PER MONTH: English—Primary Class, \$3 00; Intermediate Class, \$4 00; High Class, \$5 00; French, \$4 00; Music—Piano and Vocal, \$6 00; Guitar, \$4 00; Plain Sewing and Ornamenting, \$2 00; Board, (invariably in advance), \$15 00.

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I. C. MILLER, MANUFACTURER OF COPPER, TIN and SHEET IRON WORKS, keeps constantly on hand an assortment of COOKING and HEATING STOVES.

Orders for Tinware, repairing of gutters and pipes will receive prompt attention. ALSO AGENT FOR RICE BROTHERS & CO. CELEBRATED CHARTER OAK COOKING STOVES, which he keeps always on hand.

TERMS CASH. Jan. 13, 1869-tf.

E. & S. WEIL, Wholesale and Retail MERCHANTS, FRONT STREET, Alexandria, La.

WE BEG LEAVE TO INFORM THE friends and patrons of Joseph Weil, that we have purchased his entire interest and contents of his store on Front street, and will carry on the same under the above style.

Joseph Weil is thankful for the liberal patronage bestowed on his house and hopes his successors will be equally well-served. E. & S. Weil have assumed all the liabilities of the late firm and all payment of accounts and notes must be made to them.

We will continue to keep in our store everything in our line. Our stock consists of: DRY GOODS, HARDWARE, CROCKERYWARE, SHOES, GROCERIES, TINWARE, BOOTS, HATS, ETC.

All of which we will dispose of at very small profits. We will pay the highest market price for cotton, or make liberal advances. Jan. 13, 1869-tf.

A. HEYMAN, BEGS leave to return his warmest thanks to his friends and customers for the liberal patronage extended to him the past year, and informs them that he has moved into his large, commodious and new brick store, one corner above his former stand and is ready and ever willing to serve them in his line. He hopes, with renewed efforts to please and suit, to merit a continuance of their favors.

He will continue to keep on hand, and sell at the cheapest rates, a complete and well selected stock of DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, HOSIERY, HATS, BOOTS, SHOES, LINENS, FLANNELS, LINSSES, CHECKS, STRIPES, TRIMMINGS.

A LARG STOCK OF: GROCERIES, WOODWARE, TIN WARE, POT WARE, WIT WARE, CROCKERY, CUTLERY! PERFUMERY! January 23, 1867-tf.

WILLIAM MILLS, At His Old Shop, WOULD ANNOUNCE TO THE PUBLIC, that he is now supplied with a full assortment of PATENT METALLIC BURIAL CASES and Caskets.

They are of the latest and most improved patterns, any AIR TIGHT, and are particularly designed for the safe transportation of bodies. He solicits, as of old, the patronage of the public. July 7th, 1869-tf.

GRAND OPENING! B. WEISS, HAS opened on FRONT STREET, opposite the Ferry, a large, fine and well selected stock of FALL AND WINTER GOODS.

Of all kinds, and offers them to the market at low and very favorable rates. He offers NO BARGAIN, but sells every thing cheap. His stock consists, in part, of: Dress Goods, Ladies' Cloaks, Mantillas, French Poplins, Alpaca, all colors and shades, Hosiery, Boots, Shoes; Ladies' finest Gaiters and Slippers; CLOTHING; knit and silk undershirts; Ladies' Misses' and Children's hose and half hose; Calicoes, Muslins of all colors, shades and prices.

In short let the public give him a call and he will deem it a pleasure to display his goods. Alex., Oct. 10, '66-tf.

GARDEN SEEDS. LANDRETH'S NEW CROP. FOR SALE BY H. ST. JOHN January 6th 1869 3m.

ALEXANDRIA ADVERTISEMENTS

E. R. BLOSSAT, GENERAL COMMISSION FORWARDING MERCHANT and STEAMBOAT AGENT, RACHAL'S OLD STAND, Alexandria, La.

Cotton, Sugar, Molasses and other freights stored and shipped at cheap and reduced rates.

NOTICE! MOSES ROSENTHAL, MIRS ROSENTHAL, M. ROSENTHAL & BRO. HAVE REMOVED TO THEIR OLD stand on FRONT STREET, opposite the New Town Wharf, where they will be pleased to see their old friends, customers and the public generally. We will keep constantly on hand a complete assortment of DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, Etc.

which will be disposed of at the lowest CASH PRICES. Cash advanced on cotton or bought at the highest market price. GIVE US A CALL. Jan. 6, '69-tf.

NEW FAMILY GROCERY! THE UNDERSIGNED has opened a FAMILY GROCERY STORE on FRONT STREET, opposite the Ferry, where he will keep always on hand, at the Cheapest Cash Market Rates the best and freshest Groceries.

BACON, SUGARS, TEARS, JELLIES, JAMS, ALES, FRUITS, COFFEE, RICE, VENISON, MUTTON, PORK.

In the establishment he has put a BUTCHER'S STALL and will keep and retail at all hours of the day and night. FRESH BEEF, VENISON, MUTTON, PORK.

A VARIETY OF WILD GAME! N. B.—The wants of Steamboats specially attended to. Jan 29-tf. JACOB BRVING.

New Millinery Store! MRS. GERST has opened a MILLINERY and FANCY STORE, in Kuhnagel's Block, near the Post Office, where she keeps on hand a fine assortment of MILLINERY GOODS, RIBBONS, TRIMMINGS, etc.

Dresses made to order in the most fashionable style, and at moderate rates. Also fine Laces and Muslins washed and dyed. She will be pleased to see the ladies of Alexandria and vicinity. Alexandria, September 16, '68-Jy.

MRS. MULCAHY, MILLINERY AND LADIES' FASHIONABLE STORE, FRONT STREET, ALEXANDRIA, La.

BONNETS, Ribbons, Silks, Trimmings, Laces, Gloves and all and every variety of Ladies' Furling Goods constantly on hand, and received weekly from New Orleans. PRICES MODERATE. July 17, '67-tf.

G. W. LANEY, IS now at ALEXANDRIA, and respectfully offers his services as DENTIST to the citizens of this place and surrounding country. All diseases of the Teeth and Gums will be attended to by the most improved treatment.

With his complete facilities for operating, he feels sure of giving general satisfaction upon those organs so essential to comfort, beauty and even health itself. Those wishing his services, will please call at his office. Teeth extracted without pain, if desired. P. S.—For the gratification of those suffering with Aching Teeth, he may say, he uses a remedy that effectually destroys the nerve without pain. Prices reduced to suit the times.

Office on THIRD STREET, house formerly occupied by R. M. Kilpatrick. Oct. 5th, 1868-tf.

JOHN FRASER, Alexandria, La., Wholesale and Retail Family Grocer, KEEPS constantly on hand the Freshest and best FAMILY GROCERIES, CHOICE WINES, LIQUORS ALES, etc.

BOAT AND BAR STORES. J. GOULDEN, HOUSE, SIGN Ornamental Painter, Glazing and Paper Hanging, SHOP ON THIRD STREET, IN REAR OF THE TOWN HALL, mar 20/67-tf ALEXANDRIA, LA.

FIRST CLASS HOTEL! THE UNDERSIGNED, THANKFUL for past patronage, announces to the public, that he has leased the new, large and commodious building of Julius Levin, situated on Fourth Street, two squares immediately back of Ice House, where he is fully installed and AT HOME, to receive and treat kindly all who want Board and Lodging and desire accommodations of a First Class Hotel.

His terms are reasonable, and he flatters himself that "he can keep an hotel," and all will leave him as friends. W. H. JONES, Alexandria, July 23, 1869-1m. RESCUE GRASS SEED—For sale by H. ST. JOHN.

MISCELLANEOUS.

E. C. TAIT, G. W. LANEY, DRUGS AND MEDICINES.

TAIT & LANEY, Well-Known Stand OF S. K. JOHNSON, FRONT ST., ALEXANDRIA.

WHERE they have just opened a new and complete assortment of DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, DYE STUFFS, PAINT BRUSHES, GLASS, KEROSENE OIL, LAMPS AND CHIMNEYS.

WINE AND LIQUORS of the best quality, for medicinal purposes only.

PERFUMERY: FANCY TOILET SOAPS, COLGNE WATER, Extracts for the handkerchief of every variety, HAIR PREPARATIONS, COSMETICS, COMBS AND BRUSHES of every kind.

Books and Stationery: CONSISTING OF SCHOOL BOOKS, BLANK BOOKS, LETTER, NOTE and CAPPAPER ENVELOPES, SLATES, PENCILS, PENS, COPY BOOKS, PLAIN AND ST, with every article usually kept to complete the stock.

The business will be conducted by Dr. W. C. TAIT, who will give it his undivided attention. Particular attention given to the compounding of prescriptions AT ALL HOURS. February 10th, 1869-tf.

CAROLINA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MEMPHIS, TENN. ASSETS \$500,000. M. J. WICKS, President; J. T. PETTIT, Vice-President; W. T. BOYLE, Secretary; J. H. EDMONDSON, General Agent.

J. T. TREZEVAULT, JR. & BRO., Agts. for Arkansas, Louisiana and Eastern Texas. Issues Policies on all the Improved Plans. All Policies Non-foretable.

NEW ORLEANS REFERENCES: John Phelps & Co., Nelson Laubin & Co., Joseph Hoy & Co., General Harry T. Hays, T. H. & J. M. Allen & Co., John Chaffo & Bro., C. H. Slocumb, of Slocumb, Baldwin & Co., Wingo, of Beades, Wingo & Co.

TREZEVAULT & BEHEN, Agents North Louisiana, Office: Monroe. HENRY ST. JOHN, Local Agt., Alexandria, La. WM. T. MADDOCK, Solicitor for Rapides, Avoyelles, Sabine and Natchitoches. Feb. 17th-1y.

PATENT METALLIC BURIAL CASES. THE undersigned announces to the public, that he is now ready to supply the wants of the community with PATENT METALLIC BURIAL CASES AND CASKETS. His arrangements are perfect and complete in that line, and the public may rely on being supplied at all times. His rates are reduced and the cheapest in Rapides. PATRICK KELLY, Undertaker. March 17th, '69-6m.

Ice House Tonsorial Saloon. LEON DESSEINS HAS PURCHASED THIS SALOON, and will attend to it in person. Shampooring, Hair Dying, Shaving and Hair Cutting attended to in the latest style.

NEW STORE. I HAVE OPENED A FRESH LOT OF GROCERIES, in Alexandria, La., and will keep on hand supplies for plantations and families, besides LIQUORS of all kinds, and will take in exchange all country produce, and will pay the highest market price, IN CASH, for Cotton and Hides, or make liberal advances on cotton shipped through my hands to New Orleans. I have opened on FRONT STREET, between BLOSSAT'S and WILLIAMS & CO'S WAREHOUSES. N. L. MCKINNIS. January 20th, 1869-1y.

JUST RECEIVED. LARGE ASSORTMENT OF LANDRETH'S Garden Seeds. Feb. 10-tf. TAIT & LANEY.

HENRY ST. JOHN'S COLUMN.

DRUGS & MEDICINES. HENRY ST. JOHN, Alexandria, La.

The following List is a portion of the Articles made by H. ST. JOHN, and will be found on trial, well worthy of patronage.

ST. JOHN'S EXPECTORANT SYRUP, FOR COUGHS, COLDS, Bronchitis, Pains in the Chest, &c.

ST. JOHN'S Compound Syrup of the Hypophosphites, FOR CHEST COMPLAINTS, WEAKE LUNGS, &c.

ST. JOHN'S ARNICA LINIMENT. An Excellent Preparation For SPRAINS, BRUISES, Swellings, Rheumatism, &c.

CONCENTRATED ESSENCE OF JAMAICA GINGER, PREPARED FROM THE FINEST ROOT.

ST. JOHN'S CREOLE HAIR OIL. CAMPHORATED CHALK TOOTH POWDER.

ANTISEPTIC DENTRIFICER. CONDITION POWDERS, Improve the General Condition of the HORSE.

Readers His Skin Clear and Glossy, is Excellent When off His Feed. SOLUTION OF THE CITRATE OF MAGNESIA, An Agreeable Refrigerant and Laxative.

SUGAR OF LEMONS. LEMONADE PURE AND REFRESHING.

Physicians Prescriptions will receive at all times prompt and careful attention. I use the best of Medicines in Dispensing, and have Imported from Europe many Articles expressly for that purpose. HENRY ST. JOHN.

PATENT MEDICINES. Nearly every Article of the kind kept on hand constantly. PEN KNIVES, Scissors, Lancets, Serrators, Medical Scales, Medical Saddle Bags.

PAINTS, VARNISHES, Oils and Colors. CHEWING TOBACCO, Smoking Tobacco, Pipes, &c.—The celebrated Louisiana PERIQUE SMOKING TOBACCO kept for sale, warranted genuine, is cut on the Premises.

VIOLINS and BOWS. Screws and Italian Strings. CONCENTRATED LYE. Washing Soda, Bleaching, Scrubbing Brushes, Blacking and Brushes.

COAL OIL. Lamp Wicks. GENUINE MADRAS INDIGO. SPORTING REQUISITES. Ely's Gun S Wads, Double and Single Waterproof Gun Caps, Pistol Caps, Fine Powder—Colts' and Remington's Revolvers, Colt's Cartridges, 3 Sizes, Smith & Wesson's Pistol Cartridges, 3 Sizes, Powder Flasks, Shot Pouches, Ramrods, Taps and Screws, Gun Nipples, &c.

FINE ENGLISH Hair and Tooth Brushes. Brown Windsor, Honey, Lettuce, and other Toilet Soaps. Pomatum, Cold Cream, Hair Oils, Dentifrices. FINE BRANDY by the Bottle or Gallon. Bombon Whisky by the Bottle or Gallon. Jamaica Rum, Irish Whisky, Port and Sherry Wine, French White Wine—Vinegar.

FLAVORING EXTRACTS. Lemon, Vanilla, Almond, Rose, Celery, Pine Apple &c., &c. SCHOOL BOOKS. A large assortment Cap, Note, and Letter Paper, Pens, Ink, Penknives, Manicure and other Office Furniture.

GENUINE BERNARDI ARROWROOT in Paper and Tin Cans. Spices Nutmeg, Mace, Ginger, Pepper, &c.

NEW ORLEANS ADVERTISEMENTS

CARPET WAREHOUSE. A. BROUSSEAU & CO., IMPORTERS 19 CHARLES ST., New Orleans, La.

OFFER for sale at low prices—Carpeting, English and American, of all kinds. Floor Furniture and Enamelled Oil Cloths. Matting, 500 rolls China, 100 pieces Cocoa Window Shades, Table and Piano Covers. Crum Cloth, Drugget Linen and Felt. Curtains, Lace, Reps, Worsted, Damask, etc. Furniture Covering, Linen and Cotton Stripes. Corbices, Bards, Pins, and 1y.

DANIL & JAS. D. DWARDS, 21, 23, 25 and 27 DELTA St. and 22, 24, 26 and 28 FRONT St. (Fronting River, bet. Gravier & Poydras.) NEW ORLEANS.

COPPER, TIN AND SHEET IRON WORKERS—MANUFACTURERS OF—IMPROVED SUGAR TRAINS, SHIP, STEAMBOAT AND HOUSE Work, Stills and Wortms, for Grain and other Distilleries.

Blacksmithing, Jobbing, Repairing, Steam, Gas and Water Pipes and Connections, all sizes. Spelter, Solder, all kinds of Brass Work, Steam and Water Gages, Whistles, Cocks, etc., etc.

Brass Founding, Finishing and Pattern Making. June 23, 1869-tf.

J. CURTIS WALDO, (Nine years with F. Van Benthuysen & Co., as book-keeper and cashier.) INSURANCE AND ADVERTISING SOLICITOR, OFFICE WITH WM. C. COOKE, INSURANCE AGENT, No. 80 Camp St., NEW ORLEANS, LA.

LEATHER and FINDINGS STORE, No. 36 OLD LEVEE ST., New Orleans, La.

THE INSPECTION OF THE TRADE and buyers generally is specially invited to my complete and comprehensive stock of every thing pertaining to the SHOE MANUFACTURING LINE. I keep constantly on hand the best French and American calfskins, moroccos, bindings, topplings, etc. Haddock and Oak sole makers, English, Scotch, Vels, Elastic Gore, Binding Ribbons, etc. My arrangements in Europe and in this country enable me to offer the greatest advantages to the trade. WM. J. SHELDON, 56 Old Levee St., Between Bienville and Customhouse sts. Aug. 18, 1869-1y 30.

SWARBRICK & CO., GROCERS—Commission Merchants, No. 59 Camp Street, NEW ORLEANS, LA. July 3 '67-tf.

MISCELLANEOUS. PLANTATION FOR SALE. I WILL SELL THE PLANTATION known as "Mooreland," eight miles south of Alexandria, containing 2400 or 2500 acres, about 900 cleared, in case before the war, but the sugar house, dwelling and the larger portion of the quarters being burnt, has been partially platted in cane and cotton since. I have now 12 acres of cane and 90 in corn which will be sold with the place if desired, and deliver. There are enough brick on it to rebuild the sugar house. The Overseer's house, (which I now occupy) hospital, with four other double frame houses with galleries on each side, and two of the finest and most commodious houses and ox stables in the State, and a large two story brick store room, roofed with slate, and a brick mess house are left. Have also five of the largest and best built underground brick cisterns in the State, holding from 85,000 to 90,000 gallons. Possession given at once, or at the end of the year.

For further particulars, apply to Dr. Mittenberger & Pollock, New Orleans; Judge Manning, Alexandria, or myself on the place. THOS. O. MOORE, Mooreland, near Alexandria, La., June 29th, 1869. kept for sale, warranted genuine, is cut on the Premises.

N. O. Weekly Picayune insert until further notice.

TAKE NOTICE—THAT—B. Weil & Bro., Have just returned from New Orleans, where they have selected and purchased with great care, expressly for the Rapides market, a full stock of FALL AND WINTER GOODS, comprising—Clothing of all kinds, makes and shapes; Hosiery, FRENCH and ENGLISH PRINTS; BOOTS, SHOES, SLIPPERS, Gaiters, a truly fine lot. GROCERIES, A FINE AND CHOICE LOT. CALL AND SEE!!

All these they are selling at reduced rates for cash only. No more CREDIT, so be sure to bring your gold and greenbacks with you. WALK IN LADIES AND GENTLE MEN. Oct 24, 1866, tf.