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102 CAMP ST., CORNER OF POYDRAS,

NEW ORLEANS

HAS CONSTANTLY ON HAND A COMPLETE STOCK OF GOODS IN HIS LINE to which he respectfully invites the attention of housekeepers, planters and buyers generally.

FLOUR—Plant's Extra, O'Fallon, Ten Strike, Davis & Emmons' Best, Lone Star, Fleur de Cap, Cape City and other brands of the choicest Family Flour received in this market; also Superfine, Double Extra and Treble Extra, suited to plantation use.
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CHEESE—English Dairy, New York Cream, Western Factory, Pine Apple, Holland, Sap Sago and Gruyere, etc.
SUGARS—Crushed, Cut Loaf, Granulated, Powdered, White and Yellow Clarified and Louisiana Brown of all grades.
MOLASSES and SYRUPS—In barrels, half barrels and kegs of ten gallons each fair, prime and choice.
FISH—Mackerel, Salmon, White Fish, Codfish, Tongues and Sounds, Dutch Herrings.
CANDLES—Star, Sperm and Paraffine.
YEAST POWDERS, ETC.—Sole Agent for J. Monroe Taylor's Cream Yeast Baking Powder, "The Best," Preston & Merrill's, Dunham's, Horsford's Bread Preparation, Cream Tartar, Bi-Carb Soda.
SALT—Coarse and fine, in sacks and pockets.
SOAP—Procter & Gamble's Olive, Lautz Brothers, Acme and Detersive; also a large assortment of Toilet Soaps.
VINEGAR—Pure Cider and French Wine.
STARCH—Western, Duryea's Satin Gloss and Blueing.
CRACKERS—Large assortment of English and American.
PICKLES, PRESERVES and JELLIES—Imported and Domestic, in great variety.
FLAVORING EXTRACTS—Lemon, Vanilla, Pineapple, Orange, Almond, Nectarine, Rose, Peach and Ginger
SYRUPS—Lemon, Pineapple, Raspberry, Vanilla, Strawberry, Sarsaparilla and Ginger.
DRIED FRUITS—Prunes, Peaches, Apples, Figs, Raisins, Citron, Currants, and Cherries.
NUTS—Almonds, Pecans, Filberts, English Walnuts.
CANTON PRESERVED GINGER and CHOW-CHOW.
CANNED GOODS—A large assortment, comprising every variety of Fruit, Vegetables, Meats, Fish, Soups and Poultry,
DELICACIES—Bologna Sausage, French Patties, Mushrooms, Deviled Ham and Tongue, Shrimp and Anchovy Paste.
MACCARONI AND VERMICELLI—Italian and American.
SALAD OILS—The finest imported.
CONDENSED MILK—Borden's Eagle and Swiss.
SAUCES—Lea and Worcestershire, Forkshire Relish, Crosse & Blackwell's Walnut and Mushroom Catsup, McIlhenny's Tobasco Pepper.
CHOCOLATE—Bakers' Plain, Single and Double Vanilla. Paris Exposition.
SPICES—Mustard, Pepper, Alspice, Ginger, Cloves, Cinnamon, Mace, Nutmegs, Curry Powder.
COFFEE—Rio, Java, Mocha, Laguayra, Manila, Havana, Cordova. Our coffees are selected with great care, and purchasers can always rely on getting the best in market.

TEAS

Received directly from the importers, and sold in any desired quantity with one profit only on cargo prices in New York, or from one-third to one-half less than the usual charge for similar goods. Housekeepers who wish to reduce the cost of their household stores will please notice the following price list which includes

THE FINEST TEAS IMPORTED:

Imperial (green) ℔ lb	50c, 75c, $1; best $1 25
Young Hyson, green, ℔ lb	best $1 25
Gunpowder, green, ℔ lb	best $1 40
Oolong, black, ℔ lb	50c, 75c, best $1 00
English Breakfast, black, ℔ lb	50c, 75c, $1; best $1 25
Japan, natural leaf, ℔ lb	$1; best $1 20
Orange Pekoe, black, ℔ lb	best $1 50
Mixed, green and black, ℔ lb	50c, 80c; best $1 00

SPECIAL PRICES TO WHOLESALE BUYERS IN TEAS.

WHISKIES—Various brands of Rye and Bourbon from two to ten years old; also Scotch and Irish.
BRANDIES—Otard, Depuy & Co. James Hennessy & Co. Sarazac, of different vintages.
PURE HOLLAND GIN, JAMAICA AND St. Croix Rum.
WINES—Various brands of Claret and White Wines, Sherry, Madeira and Port; some especially recommended for very superior quality.
CHAMPAGNE—King & Co., L. Rhoderer, pints and quarts.
ALE AND PORTER—Bass', Allsop's and McEwan's Ale, Byass' London and Guinness' Dublin Porter, Bremen Lager Beer.
CORDIALS—The finest quality of imported.
BITTERS—Hostetter's, Newfoundland, Plantation, Angostura, Boker's, Vermouth.
ASSORTED CASES OF LIQUORS, of one dozen large bottles each, for family use containing two bottles Bourbon Whisky, two bottles French Brandy, one bottle Holland Gin, two bottles Port Wine, two bottles Sherry Wine, one bottle Jamaica Rum. Price $16 per case for first quality, and $12 per case for second quality.
MANUFACTURED TOBACCO, from forty five cents to $1 per pound,

All Goods Warranted as Represented!

Otherwise to be returned at our expense. Mistakes will sometimes occur, and when we are in error please report, and they will be corrected instantly.

Do not expect the best quality of goods at the lowest price.

Send us a list of the goods wanted, and we will give prices, which will convince you that the cost of your supplies can be greatly reduced.

Orders from parties not well known to us must be accompanied by satisfactory city references or draft to cover amount of bill.

Letters of inquiry promptly answered. All purchases delivered free of charge.

J. W. PLATT,

No. 102 CAMP STREET, CORNER OF POYDRAS,

New Orleans.

Poetry.

PLAY OF THE PERIOD.

BY ORPHEUS C. KERR.

The lingering orchestral swell
Along the crowded lobbies drifted,
When at the prompter's signal bell,
The curtain from the stage uplifted;
And then the flutter of applause
Was not that favorite might be bolstered,
But murmured through the house because
So finely was the scene upholstered.

A glowing husband strode and fumed,
To think upon his wife unstable,
While she in pensive beauty bloomed
Besides a really lovely table;
What time a certain young Alphonse,
Whose flirting caused connubial cholers,
Stood leaning near a statue bronze
Worth, easily, a hundred dollars.

The general story seemed to be
Of marriage that had been hasty,
And ran its round of misery
'Mongst chairs and sofas, rich and tasty.
"I love you not!" the lady said,
"And knowing that, 'tis all you know,"
Then from her husband's pleading fled,
And fainted near the grand piano.

From this ensued a meeting grim
Between the husband and the lover,
Within a perk of verdure prim,
Where chaste settees were sprean all over.
A bullet planted in his face
Cut short Alphonse's life of honey,
And sprawling him by a marble vase
That must have cost a pile of money.

When next appeared the lady fair,
She was declining with consumption,
Upon a broidered lounge, so rare,
To guess its price would be presumption;
And when, at last, of love she died,
With husband, priest, and poodle near her,
The scene was greatly glorified
By an imported, spacious mirror.

If such was not the plot exact,
It seemed the meaning of the bathos,
And, judged by any sober fact,
Had equal want to pith and pathos,
'Twas not in captious spirit rash
That people, when the play was ended,
Pronounced it most immortal trash—
But then the furniture was splendid!

GERMAN SOLDIERS.—Anybody that loves the military will get his fill of it in Germany. The huge casernes which mark every city, the prevalence of uniforms, the jingling of spurs and swords in every public room, the drills, parades, and sentinels, remind you you are among the most successful warriors of modern times. The people grumble unceasingly at the inexorable service, but are most proud of its results and the great King who inaugurated it. The three years' discipline; with the opportunity afforded to reduce them to one by previous study, is an excellent education for most. Many who would go stupid and thoughtless all their days are awakened to a pretty active sense of existence and its requirements when an inspector gets hold of them. The penalties for any breach of discipline are sure, swift, and severe. A rusty button or a spot of mud means repentance in the guard-house, and in consequence, you see no such dingy soldiers as in France. The men learn not only to handle arms and ride horseback, but by a system of free gymnastics to use every joint and muscle in the body. The officers are undoubtedly selected with some view to size—many of them tremendous fellows—and go to convince you that the old race of giants, who lived here in former times, is not all dead yet.

☞ A demure citizen of Portland was walking down town one morning last week, when a stranger addressed him: "Do you know where the post-office is?" "Yes," answered the Portlander, affably, and walked on without further parley. After proceeding for about ten steps he looked back and inquired in his turn: "Why? Did you want to know?" "No," replied the victim, with great earnestness; and the account having been balanced, the two shook hands gravely, and walked off toward the Falmouth.

The Granges.—Let us Organize.

If the planters and farmers, of Louisiana, will organize, and all true friends of the State will give them an honest and firm support, we can yet weather the storm, and redeem the State.

Who needs organization more than the planter? Their homes have become mere hermitages, once splendid, many of them are now nearly in ruins.

The planter could not thrive without organization, and without co-operation with his neighbors; but that time has passed away, to return no more forever. The planter often complains that all classes and all interests ever arrayed against him in his troubles, the merchant, the politician, the field laborer, the mechanic, and nearly all other callings.

Admitting this to be true, how could planters expect more of other classes when planter has been arrayed against planter since the war to an extent that has brought them to the verge of ruin, and many are hopelessly wrecked.

Union among the cultivaters of the soil in this State in the last eight years would have saved them antagonisms and jealousies among themselves have been suicidal, and destructive to their best interests. And this melancholy fact is now generally acknowledged by the best informed planters everywhere.

Let them even at this late hour organize five hundred granges all over this State, let the noble women of Louisiana enter these as women have done in other States, and become co-workers with the men in this great reform, and the hearts of men will become strong once more, hope will revive, jealousies and heart-burnings will vanish, and the dawn of our redemption will draw near.—[Our Home Journal.

☞ There is on Roanoke Island, N. C, a grapevine called the "Scuppernong"—by some "The Lord Raleigh Vine"—which was growing when Sir Walter landed on that island, 1610. It was then 3 inches diameter, and was spoken of as the largest grapevine in the world. It now covers one and a half acres, and last year yielded 46 barrels of wine, 1840 gallons in all, which sold for $2 per gallon, yielding $3680. There is a scuppernong grapevine in Terrill county, North Carolina, which is said to be larger than the Raleigh vine, and to produce at least a fourth more. This Terrill vine produced last year 68 barrels of wine, 2520 gallons in all, which also sold for $2 per gallon, yielding the handsome sum of $5040.

☞ There can be no ideal companionship where time is not permitted to set his seal and harden his wax. Age is needful to this as to wine. George the Third said he liked his old friends and old shoes best. Time is the universal finisher of all jobs well begun—adds still higher and better degrees to our best work, rubs down the sharpness of its tone. Age and use mellow the violin, and put the last degree of perfection in its tone as no manufacturer at Cremona or Aspen knows how to do.—[Summer Ellis.