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"AID AND COMFORT." TO THE ENEMY.

POLK'S PASS TO SANTA ANNA.

The Commander of our Naval forces in the Gulf is hereby directed *not to obstruct* the passage of Gen. ANTONIA LOPEZ DE SANTA ANNA and suite to Mexico should he desire to return thither. JAMES K. POLK.

May 15, 1846.

Polk's admission of having granted the pass,

"When orders were issued to the Commander of our Naval forces in the Gulf, on the 15th day of May last, only two days after the existence of the war had been recognized by Congress, to place the coast of Mexico under blockade, *he was directed not to obstruct the passage of Santa Anna to Mexico should he return.* —*Polk's Annual Message to Congress, Dec.* 7, '46.

It remains to be seen whether his return may not yet prove favorable to a pacific adjustment of existing difficulties.—*Ibid.*

What has been seen.

BATTLE OF MONTEREY.—September 21, 22, 23, 1846.—three days hard fighting between Gen. Zachary Taylor with three thousand men, and Gen. Ampudia with twelve thousand men, resulting in the capitulation of the City—loss of the Americans in killed and wounded—*Five Hundred!*

BATTLE OF BUENA VISTA.—February 22d 23d, between Gen. Zachary Taylor with five thousand volunteers, and *Santa Anna commanding a Mexican force of twenty thousand men*—resulting in the total overthrow of the enemy—loss of the Americans in killed and wounded—*Seven Hundred!*

FALL OF VERA CRUZ, and the Castle of Ulloa, March 29th, 1847, after several days bombardment of the town by Gen. Scott with fourteen thousand men—loss of the Americans in killed and wounded—*One Hundred!*

BATTLE OF CERRO GORDO—April 17th and 18th, two days hard fighting, between Gen. Scott with twelve thousand men, *and Santa Anna commanding a picked Mexican force of twenty thousand*, resulting in the overthrow of the enemy—loss of the Americans in killed and wounded—*Two Hundred and Fifty.*

TRIUMPHANT SUCCESS.

CONSUMPTIVES, remember that it is **Thomson's Compound Syrup of Tar and Wood Naphtha,** which is daily effecting such remarkable cures in pulmonary consumption, asthma, bronchitis, spitting blood, pain in the side and breast, sore throat, hoarseness, palpitation of the heart, whooping cough, croup, nervous tremors, hives, liver complaint, diseased kidneys, &c.

Therefore beware of all spurious mixtures of Tar or Naphtha, and purchase of the advertised agents only.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL CURE!

PHILADELPHIA, April 9, 1846.

Last August a year, I caught a violent cold, in consequence of getting wet in a shower of rain. A circumstance so common gave me no immediate concern, supposing that I should soon get rid of it. On the contrary, however, I daily grew worse; a violent cough set in, then pain in my breast and between my shoulders. I now suffered great oppression from the great secretion of purulent matter in my lungs. I became greatly alarmed; and my friends considered my situation extremely critical, the more so as loss of appetite, hectic fever, and night sweats rendered me as weak as a child, and at night the sweat literally poured off me! This was my condition when I commenced using "Thomson's Compound Syrup of Tar and Wood Naphtha." I procured one bottle, and experienced so much benefit that I resolved to continue it. It is now six months since I ceased using the medicine, and the cure remains perfect. I firmly believe this medicine is far superior to every other remedy for Consumption of the Lungs. J. J. CHAMBERLAIN, No. 8, Carberry street.

Affirmed and subscribed this 9th day of April, 1846, before me.

JOHN SWIFT, Mayor of Philadelphia.

☞ This invaluable remedy is prepared only by Angney & Dickinson, (successor of S. F. Thomson) Philadelphia.

Sold also by Charles Stott, Washington, B. Rush Roberts, corner Baltimore and Hanover streets, Baltimore; Duval & Purcell, Richmond, Virginia. Price 50 cents, or six bottles, $2 50.

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DR. WOOD'S SARSAPARILLA AND WILD CHERRY BITTERS.

For the Permanent Removal of all such Diseases as take their rise in an Impure Blood, Impaired Digestion, Morbid state of the Liver and Stomach, Weakness of the Nervous System, and a disordered Habit of Constitution Generally.

A THREEFOLD VIRTUE.—By promoting circulation, strengthening the system and facilitating digestion, Dr. Wood's Sarsaparilla and Wild Cherry Bitters will restore the most confirmed invalid to health. Where either these effects are necessary to the restoration, the "Bitters" will be found to possess every quality desired. They have been used already with the greatest success, in many obstinate cases of impurity of the blood, nervous irritation, Dyspepsia, low spirits, Scrofula, palpitation of the heart, chronic headache and Rheumatism. They are indeed a happy combination of powerful, yet safe and salutary vegetable remedies, of a sterling and unimpeachable reputation. They have won their popularity solely by their intrinsic merits, and that they have been successful, numerous certificates in the hands of the proprietor, and the greatly increasing sales fully attest. Those desirous of an agreeable yet efficient tonic or alternative medicine, need seek no further, for in this preparation they will find all that is desired.

Sold Wholesale and Retail by WYATT & KETCHAM 121 Fulton Street, N. Y. CHARLES STOTT, Washington, and by Druggists generally throughout the U. S. Price $1. Large bottles.

A. M. HOFFAR, *DENTIST*, 4½ street, five doors above Penn. avenue, east side.

Teeth inserted on gold plate in better style than done in the city, and cheap accordingly.
june14 tf

N. Y. ADVERTISEMENTS.

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J. & J. W. Meeks,

At their Manufactory of splendid and fashionable Cabinet Furniture and Upholstery,

No. 14 VESEY STREET, NEW-YORK,

HAVE just completed their full assortment of Furniture, made in the most ancient and modern Parisian and other styles, consisting in part of Egyptian, Elizabethian, Gothic, Louis XIV and XV, &c, all of which is of their own manufacture, and got up under their own personal superintendence, and warranted to equal any made in this or Europe, to which they invite the attention of buyers both to quality and price, before purchasing elsewhere.

INSURANCE COMPANY
OF THE
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
AT PHILADELPHIA.
CHARTERED IN 1792.

Paid up Capital, 200,000—Surplus, $55,000.

Insures Merchandise, Buildings, Machinery, Manufactories, etc., in this city and vicinity, at the current rates.

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Apply to B. S. WHITNEY,
jy 25 tf 72 Wall street, N Y.

TIFFANY, YOUNG, & ELLIS.

respectfully announce that they have opened their new establishment,

No. 21, Broadway, corner of Chambers street, one block above their former location.

WITH nearly 200 cases, forming an entirely new and the largest stock of elegant Useful and Fancy Articles of a higher order of taste, beauty, and richness than have ever been exhibited in New York.

Bronzes; Bohemian Glass; French and Dresden Porcelain; Terra Cotta; Papier Mache; Bronzed, Gilt, and Electro-silvered Wares; rich inlaid Desks; Dressing Cases; Work Boxes; &c., Cutlery and Steel Goods; Paper and Fancy Stationery; Perfumery, Brushes, Combs, and articles for the toilet, Fans, Umbrellas, Canes, Whips, Purses, and Bags; Opera Glasses, &c. Chinese and India Fancy Articles, and Curiosities; an entire importation of Japanese Goods, probably the most extensive and magnificent collection ever sent out of Japan.

To their former business they will add

JEWELRY,

and invite particular attention to their large selection both Foreign and American, of the newest, richest, and most elegant descriptions; beautiful Watches and Clocks; fancy Silver wares, Diamonds, Cameos, Corals, Enamels, &c., all of which will be marked in *plain figures* at prices from which not the slightest deduction will be made.

Their Jewelry Department will be under the care of Mr. Thomas Crane Banks.

271 Broadway, corner of Chambers st.
july 23—tf

NEW FALL GOODS.

J. A. UNDERWOOD,

No. 123 Pearl street, New York,

HAS RECEIVED BY RECENT ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE, and will continue to receive by steamers and Packets a full assortment of

Bobbinet and Thread Laces and Edgings, New Style
Muslin Laces and Edgings, new style
4-4 and 6-4 black and white plain and fancy Nets
4-4 black Silk Nets, plain and figured
Black Silk Laces for trimmings
Silk and Cotton Quillings
Men's and women's black, white and colored Silk Gloves
Men's and women's black, white and colored Spun Gloves
Fancy Cotton Mitts and Gloves
Black, white and colored Silk Lace Mitts
Children's Silk Mitts and Gloves.
1-4 and 1-4 long Silk Lace Mitts and Gloves.
do do children's do do
Black and white Silk Hosiery
do do Spun do
Silk Shirts and Drawers
Black and Fancy Satin Vestings
Fancy Silk Cravats
Ladies' Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs
Fancy Bonnetings
Fancy Silk and Satin Trimmings, new and confined styles
Bavarian Gimps
Bullion and other Fringes, from 1 inch to 3½ inches, in great variety, some very rich
Men's and women's Thibet and Cashmere Gloves
Children's Thibet and Cashmere Gloves
Men's heavy Woollen Gloves
do Chamois lined Berlin Gloves
Worsted Shawls, in great variety
do Cravats or Comforts,
Worsted Hoods, in great variety
Children's do
Children's Muffs, Pelerines, Boas, &c. &c.

☞ All of which are offered for sale on the most favorable terms. july 22—tf

$500 REWARD.

THE above reward will be paid to any person who will restore to her disconsolate parents, their daughter, MARY FOX, or one half of said reward for such information as will lead to her recovery. Said Mary left her school about 5 P. M., on the 20th of May, 1847, and since that time has not been seen. She is only 15 years of age, 4 feet 9 inches, black hair, small black eyes, rather thick pouting lips, red cheeks, small features, pretty and quite girlish in appearance. She wore a small plaid calico dress, pink, purple and blue; black silk cape and apron, black gaiter boots, pink silk shirred hat, and green veil; two small chased finger rings, a gold pencil attached to a black cord, and her nails quite short from biting them. It is strongly suspected that she has been abducted by a person named Michael, alias Martin Hare, formerly proprietor of a Bowling Saloon, located near No. 202 Broadway, opposite the Franklin House, who absconded about that time from this city, deserting his wife and leaving her entirely destitute of support.

Said Hare is about 28 years of age, no whiskers, fair complexion, and rather genteel appearance. He was seen lurking in the neighborhood of her school a short time previous, disguised with false whiskers.

A sister of Hare, named Margaret, was removed by him from a boarding school about the time of the abduction, and is supposed to be with them. She is described as follows:—Very dark hair, almost black; dark skin, grey eyes, prominent eyebrows, a small scar on one eyebrow, a small scar on the right cheek as if made by small pox, a scar formed by a gash upon the end of the nose, nearly an inch in length, the tooth next to the first double tooth on the left side of the face gone; she is about seventeen years of age.

Any information to be immediately communicated, by telegraph, if possible, to George W. Matsell, Chief of Police, New York, who is authorized to pay the above reward. jy 21 tf

GENTINELLA BLANKETING.

54 AND 60 Inch Gentinella Blanketing, of a superior quality—*for sale low by*
TOOKER, MEADE & Co.,
jy 20 tf 35 Pine Street, N. Y.

NEW GOODS.
FOR FALL TRADE
OF 1847.

ALLEN, HAZEN & CO.,
52 EXCHANGE PLACE,

HAVE RECEIVED BY LATE ARRIVALS and will continue to receive by Packets and Steamers from Europe, a very large and well selected stock of

ENGLISH, FRENCH FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS,

Adapted to the approaching season, consisting in part of the following articles, viz:

DRESS GOODS.

Cashmere d'Ecosse, plain and twill strip and plaid: Plaid Oregons, new patterns and sup. quality rich colors; Rich Plaid Victorias, silk and wool, high colors.

RICH VESTINGS.

Figured Silk, Velvet, plain and fancy colored rich Armure, Silk Vestings, black and colored striped and plaid patterns, and designs; Rich Cashmere do; Black and colored striped and plaid Satins do. of every style and price.

WOOLLEN NET SHAWLS.

A very large assortment from lowest to highest cost, consisting in part of the following styles, viz—New York, Portugal, Brampton, Washington, Turkish, Monterey, Pyrenees; Palo Alto, &c. &c. &c., as well as many others, all of which are entirely new in this market.

FRENCH KID GLOVES.

A most complete assortment of men's and women's French Kid Gloves, of all colors styles and prices; also a large variety of men's Buck and women's and men's Castor Gloves.

BONNET AND CAP RIBBONS.

A large and well selected stock of the newest and most fashionable colors and designs, comprising all widths and styles.

SILK CRAVATS.

Black and Fancy Silk Cravats, a large variety of new styles; also Polka Cravats, Cashmere Mufflers, etc. etc.

SPITALFIELD SILK HDKS.

Plain and Twill Silk Hdks, light and dark madder colors: real India and British Corahs, 36 inch square; China Cords and Twills, beautiful styles; also, White, Crimson, and Colored Brocade do.

FRENCH SUSPENDERS.

An assortment of entirely new styles.

FRENCH CRAPES.

Including the different quantities of Black, Colored and White.

SILK GLOVES.

Men's and women's, of all kinds, spun and fine Silk.

SILK GIMPS AND FRINGES.

A beautiful assortment of Black and Mole col'd Gimps and Fringes of all widths, styles and prices. Also, Fancy col'd and Black Silk Girdles.

CASHMERE AND THIBET GLOVET.

A large assortment of all prices. Also, heavy ribb'd Woollen do.

CASHMERE SHAWLS.

Rich and high colored, and mostly from lowest to highest prices.

WORSTED COMFORTERS AND CRAVATS, HOODS, ETC.

A very large variety of Comforters and Cravats of styles entirely new in this market. Also, a complete assortment of Worsted and Woollen Hoods Mitts, Boots, Gaiters, Caps, Boas, Coats, Dresses, etc. etc.

WINTER HOSIERY, ETC.

Comprising a full assortment of men's, women's, and children's Worsted and Woollen Hosiery of every description. Also, Shirts and Drawers of all kinds.

MORAVIAN COTTON HOSIERY,
of all prices and real Moravian Blue dye.

IMPERIAL COTTON HOSIERY.

Black, Slate and Mode colors. A full assortment.

TAILORS TRIMMINGS.

Black and colored Silk Twist, Vest Bindings, colored and Black Silk Braids; etc. etc.
uly 20 tf

PAVILION,

NEW BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND,

New York.

THE Proprietor begs to inform his friends and the public, that he has made considerable improvements in this establishment since the last season. He has erected a large building containing 33 rooms, altogether disconnected from the main body of the Pavilion. These rooms are intended for gentlemen only; they are of a comfortable size, light and well ventilated, and superior in all respects to those which are generally denominated single rooms in the various watering places throughout the country.

The Proprietor is now ready to treat with families or parties wishing to engage rooms for the season. Letters addressed to him at the City Hotel, Broadway, will be immediately attended to

A steamboat runs between New York and New Brighton, at the following hours, viz:

From New Brighton.	*From North Pier, N. York.*
At 8 and 11 A.M.	At 9, P.M. and 12.
2 " 5 20, P.M.	3 1-2, 5, & 6, P.M.

More frequent communications will be established as the season advances.

The Pavilion is ready for the reception of company. F. BLANCHARD.
may 13—tf

J. STOUVENEL & CO.,

No. 29 Gold street and No. 3 John street, near Broadway,

New York,

MANUFACTURERS, WHOLESALE and RETAIL DEALERS in

CHINA, GLASS, AND LAMPS,

for oil and lard.

Gas Fixtures of every description, Solar and Gas Lamps, Chandeliers, Brackets, Girandoles, Candelabras, &c.

Private houses, churches, and hotels, fitted up with Gas, at a great reduction in price, and all articles warranted.

A complete assortment of the richest cut pressed, and plain Glass constantly on hand.

All the above articles made to order, and all kinds of Glassware matched to any pattern.

Lamps altered and repaired.
Goods loaned to parties.
Oil at wholesale and retail.
New style of Hall Lamps and Lanterns.
may 13—tf

H. & D. H. BROOKS & CO.,
CLOTHIERS AND DEALERS
IN
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES & VESTINGS,

Nos. 116 and 118 Cherry street, N. Y.
CORNER OF CATHERINE.

HAVE on hand a very large STOCK of Fashionable ready made Clothing, just manufactured, and especially adapted to the season. Also, an extensive and complete assortment of Fancy Articles embracing every variety pertaining to a Gentlemen's wardrobe. Also, *Cloths, Cassimeres* and *Vestings*, by the piece, or in quantities to suit purchasers.

GARMENTS of every description manufactured to order in the best possible manner and in point of style not to be surpassed.
july 20 tf

NEW PAPER HANGINGS.
AND WINDOW SHADES.

NICHOLAS PIKE & CO., No. 173 Pearl street, Importers and Manufacturers, have just opened a very extensive supply of every style and quality of American and French Paper Hangings, Borders, Fire-board Prints, and wide Window Curtain Paper.

Also, a splendid assortment of painted Window Shades and fixtures for the same, which they offer to Merchants, Dealers and others at the very lowest prices. july 20—tf

BRITISH DRY GOODS.

RIGGS, JENKINS & CO.
No. 23, William-street, N. Y.

HAVE in store and now landing, an extensive assortment of Staple and Fancy Goods, adapted to the fall trade.

STUFF GOODS.

ORLEANS CLOTHS—Black, colored and fancy, in great variety.
ALPACCA LUSTRES—Of superior finish, in all qualities,
SILK WARP ALPACCAS—From low to fine,
PLAID LUSTRES—Mourning and high colored,
BLACK MOHAIR CHECKS—Caledonians,
SILK STRIPED LUSTRES—Plain and twilled,
THIBET CLOTHS—Single and double twilled,
BENGAL STRIPES—Silk figured Cashmeres

DRESS GOODS.

MOUSLIN DE LAINES—Mourning and fancy,
CASHMERE D'ECOSSE—Gingham Robes,
23 and 30 INCH GINGHAMS—Earleston and Tartan,
OREGON, CALIFORNIANS AND BUENA VISTAS,
TARTAN PLAIDS Silk and Silk and Cotton,
VICTORIA CASHERES—New and confined styles,
3-4 and 4-4 PRINTS—Chints. Mourning and Furniture.

MEN'S WEAR.

CLOTHS—Wool blacks and blues, of superior make,
VALENCIA, Cashmere and Silk figured Vestings,
SERGES, 3-4 and 6-4, a complete assortment,
3-4 and 6-4 WOLLEN PLAIDS, for linings,
LAMA SILECIAS, selected colors. Black Casbans,
INDIGO BLUE PILOTS, BED PADDINGS, &c., &c. july 20 tf

TOOKER, MEAD & CO.,
35 *Pine street, New York.*

OFFER for sale on favorable terms—
Gentinella Blue Blankets,
do do Blankets.
Fancy end Duffill & Twilled Blankets,
Dark Blue and Green Mackinaw do,
Pilot and Beaver Cloths,
3-4 and 6-4 Red Paddings,
3-4 and 6-4 Worsted Serges,
6-4 Alpaccas and Orleans Cloths,
Earleston Ginghams,
Super Wove Oregons,
British Long Cloths,
Gala Plaids,
8-4 Tartan Shawls,
Drab, Scarlet and assorted Damasks,
ALSO, a full and complete assortment of Damaskee Linens. jy 20 tf

DAWES & BARKER,
30 *John street, New York.*

Hosiery,	Cravats,	Suspenders,
Shirts,	Gloves,	Collars, &c.

Under Shirts and Drawers of every kind, wholesale and retail.

FRANCIS H. DAWES, JOHN G. BARKER.
july 22—tf

FLOOR OIL CLOTHS.

SPARKMAN & KELSEY,

No. 285 Broadway, opposite Stewart's, N. York.

OFFER AT WHOLESALE OR RETAIL A very large assortment of FLOOR OIL CLOTHS in every variety of quality and style. Their new patterns surpass any other in the market, in richness of coloring and beauty of design, and the original drawings have been secured by *Letters Patent*, to prevent other dealers or manufacturers from copying the same. The following comprises our present style of patterns:

Orientals	Grecian cross
Tapestry scrolls,	Antique marble
Gothic pavements	Gothic octagon do
Marble tile	Arabesque do
Egyptian marble	Mosaic do
Italian do	Persian patterns
Dove and white do	Bouquet do
New Trinity pattern	Tresselated do
Rich gothic do	Queen of the May,
Vine do	Drab and chintz scroll
Ruby and chintz do	&c. &c. &c.

N. B.—2000 yards OLD STOCK, with borders, very heavy goods, superior, but old patterns, selling at low rates.

CARPETINGS.

A choice assortment of Tapestry Brussels, Three-Ply and Ingrain

CARPETINGS,

of entirely new patterns, selected expressly for city retail trade.
May 14 tf

SPLENDID AND FASHIONABLE CABINET FURNITURE.

E. W. HUTCHINGS & CO.
475 *Broadway, New York,*
(Between Grand and Broome streets)

HAVING just completed their assortment of the most elegant and fashionable Cabinet Furniture in the city, consisting of ancient and modern and Parisian styles so much in vogue at the present day, which have been got up under their own superintendance and inspection, and warranted equal to any in the city, in every respect. Those who intend purchasing this season, are invited to call and examine their assortment before making their selection elsewhere. july 24—tf

FRENCH PAPER HANGINGS,
WINDOW SHADES
AND UPHOLSTERY GOODS.

SOLOMAN HART, 243 Broadway, opposite the Park, have just received in store per the late arrivals from France their assortment of Paper Hangings and Borders, which for variety and styles are unrivalled. They have been selected in Paris by one of the firm, and comprise the newest patterns for parlors, bed rooms and halls, embracing new descriptions in gold, silver and fresco, particularly adapted for rooms in this city.

Their stock of Window Shades are now also complete, having been selected and painted by the most celebrated artists in Paris, and consisting of the newest designs and at prices lower than have heretofore been offered.

S. & H. would also beg to call the attention of families to their stock of Upholstery Goods, which will be found to consist of every article in their line, embracing the best selected assortment of materials for furniture covering and Window Curtains, with Trimmings, Cornices, &c., to correspond.

Wholesale dealers supplied on liberal terms.

N. B. This establishment always closed on Saturdays. july 24—tf

BRANDIES.—Very fine old Goubard; do Otard, Dupuy & Co; do Hennessey; do Champain; do Sazerack; do J. J. Dupuy.

WINES—Fine old Howard, March & Co. Madeira, do Constitution do, do Reserve do, do Brahman do, do Blackburn do, do London Particular do, do Wanderer do, do Clay do, do Harmony do, do Monteiro do, do Bud do, do Rapid do, do Campaneiro do, do Amontillado Pale Sherry, do Smith, Woodhouse & Co.'s Pale and Brown Sherry, do Lobodo do, do London Dock Port, do T. J. Smith, Harmony do, Champagne, favorite brands.

A large assortment of Bordeaux, Claret and other French Wines, Hock Wines, Tokay, Constantia, Johannesberger, &c., &c.

Hermitage, Red and White Burgundy, in boxes, each dozen.

For sale by ROBERT GRACIE,
july 24 tf 16 Broad street, N. Y.

JOSEPH B. WEST,
GLASS STAINER AND ENAMELLER.

STAINED GLASS for Churches, Private Dwellings and Public Buildings, Steam and Packet ships, &c. &c., 497 Bowery.

N. B. Glass of every color and shade constantly on hand. Also, Hall Lamps of various styles and shade constantly on hand. Also, Hall Lamps of various styles and patterns, for private dwellings.

New York, july 24—tf

DEALINGS
WITH THE FIRM OF
DOMBEY AND SON.

BY CHARLES DICKENS.

NO. X.—CHAP. XXIX.

The opening of the eyes of Mrs. Chick.

Miss Tox, all unconscious of any such rare appearances in connexion with Mr. Dombey's house, as scaffoldings and ladders, and men with their heads tied up in pocket-handkerchiefs, glaring in at the windows, like flying genii or strange birds—having breakfasted one morning at about this eventful period of time, on her customary viands, to wit: one French roll rasped, one egg new laid (or warranted to be), and one little pot of tea, wherein was infused one little silver scoopful of that herb on behalf of Miss Tox, and one little silver scoopful on behalf of the teapot—a flight of fancy in which good house-keepers delight: went up stairs to set forth the bird waltz on the harpsichord, to water and arrange the plants, to dust the nick-nacks, and, according to her daily custom, to make her little drawing-room the garland of Princess's Place.

Miss Tox endued herself with the pair of ancient gloves, like dead leaves, in which she was accustomed to perform these avocations—hidden from human sight at other times in a table-drawer—and went methodically to work; beginning with the bird waltz; passing, by a natural association of ideas, to her bird—a very high-shouldered canary, stricken in years, and much rumpled, but a piercing singer, as Princess's Place well knew; taking, next in order, the little china ornaments, paper fly-cages, and so forth; and coming round, in good time, to the plants, which generally required to be snipped here and there with a pair of scissors, for some botanical reason that was very powerful with Miss Tox.

Miss Tox was slow in coming to the plants this morning. The weather was warm, the wind southerly; and there was a sigh of the summer time in Princess's Place that turned Miss Tox's thoughts upon the country. The pot-boy attached to the Princess's Arms had come out with a can, and trickled water, in a flowing pattern, all over Princess's Place, and it gave the weedy ground a fresh scent—quite a growing scent, Miss Tox said. There was a tiny blink of sun peeping in from the great street round the corner, and the smoky sparrows hopped over it and back again, brightening as they passed; or bathed in it, like a stream, and became glorified sparrows, unconnected with chimneys. Legends in praise of Ginger Beer, with pictorial representations of thirsty customers submerged in the effervescence, or stunned by the flying corks, were conspicuous in the window of the Princess's Arms. They were making late hay, somewhere out of town; and though the fragrance had a long way to come, and many counter fragrances to contend with among the dwellings of the poor (may God reward the worthy gentlemen who stickle for the Plague as part and parcel of the wisdom of our ancestors, and do their little best to keep those dwellings miserable!), yet it was wafted faintly into Princess's Place, whispering of nature and her wholesome air, as such things will, even unto prisoners and captives, and those who are desolate and oppressed, in very spite of aldermen and knights to boot: at whose sage nod—and how they nod—the rolling world stands still!

Miss Tox sat down upon the window seat, and thought of her good papa deceased—Mr. Tox, of the Customs Department of the public service; and of her childhood, passed at a seaport, among a considerable quantity of cold tar, and some rusticity. She fell into a softened remembrance of meadows, in old time, gleaming with buttercups, like so many inverted firmaments of golden stars; and how she had made chains of dandelion-stalks for youthful vowers of eternal constancy, dressed chiefly in nankeen; and how soon those fetters had withered and broken.

Sitting on the window seat, and looking out upon the sparrows and the blink of sun, Miss Tox thought likewise of her good mamma deceased—sister to the owner of the powdered head and pigtail—of her virtues and her rheumatism. And when a man with bulgy legs, and a rough voice, and a heavy basket on his head that crushed his hat into a mere black muffin, came crying flowers down Princess's Place, making his timid little roots of daisies shudder in the vibration of every yell he gave, as though he had been an ogre, hawking little children, summer recollections were so strong upon Miss Tox, that she shook her head, and murmured she would be comparatively old before she knew it—which seemed likely.

In her pensive mood, Miss Tox's thoughts went wandering on Mr. Dombey's track; probably because the Major had returned home to his lodgings opposite, and had just bowed to her from his window. What other reason could Miss Tox have for connecting Mr. Dombey with her summer days and dandelion fetters? Was he more cheerful? thought Miss Tox. Was he reconciled to the decrees of fate? Would he ever marry again; and if yes, whom? What sort of person now!

A flush—it was warm weather—overspread Miss Tox's face, as, while entertaining these meditations, she turned her head, and was surprised by the reflection of her thoughtful image in the chimney-glass. Another flush succeeded when she saw a little carriage drive into Princess's Place, and make straight for her own door. Miss Tox arose, took up her scissors hastily, and so coming, at last, to the plants, was very busy with them when Mrs. Chick entered the room.

"How is my sweetest friend?" exclaimed Miss Tox, with open arms.

A little stateliness was mingled with Miss Tox's sweetest friend's demeanor, but she kissed Miss Tox, and said, "Lucretia, thank you, I am pretty well. I hope you are the same. Hem!"

Mrs. Chick was laboring under a peculiar little monosyllabic cough; a sort of primer, or easy introduction of the art of coughing.

"You call very early, and how kind that is, my dear!" pursued Miss Tox. "Now, have you breakfasted?"

"Thank you, Lucretia," said Mrs. Chick, "I have. I took an early breakfast"—the good lady seemed curious on the subject of Princess's Place, and looked all round it as she spoke—"with my brother, who has come home."

"He is better, I trust, my love," faltered Miss Tox.

"He is greatly better, thank you. Hem!"

"My dear Louisa must be careful of that cough," remarked Miss Tox.

"It's nothing," returned Mrs. Chick "It's merely change of weather. We must expect change."

"Of weather?" asked Miss Tox, in her simplicity.

"Of everything," returned Mrs. Chick. "Of course we must. It's a world of change. Any one would surprise me very much, Lucretia, and would greatly alter my opinion of their understanding, if they attempted to contradict or evade what is so perfectly evident. Change!" exclaimed Mrs. Chick, with severe philosophy. "Why, my gracious me, what is there that does *not* change! even the silkworm, who I am sure might be supposed not to trouble itself about such subjects, changes into all sorts of unexpected things continually."

"My Louisa," said the mild Miss Tox, "is ever happy in her illustrations."

"You are so kind, Lucretia," returned Mrs. Chick, a little softened, "as to say so, and to think so, I believe. I hope neither of us may ever have any cause to lessen our opinion of the other, Lucretia."

"I am sure of it," returned Miss Tox.

Mrs. Chick coughed as before, and drew lines on the carpet with the ivory end of her parasol. Miss Tox, who had experience of her fair friend, and knew that under the pressure of any slight fatigue or vexation she was prone to a discursive kind of irritability, availed herself of the pause, to change the subject.

"Pardon me, my dear Louisa," said Miss Tox, "but have I caught sight of the manly form of Mr. Chick in the carriage?"

"He is there," said Mrs. Chick, "but pray leave him there. He has his newspaper, and would be quite contented for the next two hours. Go on with your flowers, Lucretia, and allow me to sit here and rest."

"My Louisa knows," observed Miss Tox, "that between friends like ourselves, any approach to ceremony would be out of the question. Therefore—" Therefore Miss Tox finished the sentence, not in words but action; and putting on her gloves again, which she had taken off, and arming herself once more with her scissors, began to snip and clip among the leaves with microscopic industry.

"Florence has returned home also," said Mrs. Chick, after sitting silent for some time, with her head on one side, and her parasol sketching on the floor; "and really Florence is a great deal too old now, to continue to lead that solitary life to which she has been accustomed. Of course she is. There can be no doubt about it. I should have very little respect, indeed, for anybody who could advocate a different opinion. Whatever my wishes might be, I *could not* respect them. We cannot command our feelings to such an extent as that."

Miss Tox assented, without being particular as to the intelligibility of the proposition.

"If she's a strange girl," said Mrs. Chick, "and if my brother Paul cannot feel perfectly comfortable in her society, after all the sad things that have happened, and all the terrible disappointments that have been undergone, then, what is the reply? That he must make an effort. That he is bound to make an effort. We have always been a family remarkable for effort. Paul is at the head of the family; almost the only representative of it left—for what am I? *I* am of no consequence—"

"My dearest love," remonstrated Miss Tox.

Mrs. Chick dried her eyes, which were for the moment overflowing; and proceeded:

"And consequently he is more than ever bound to make an effort. And though his having done so, comes upon me with a sort of shock—for mine is a very weak and foolish nature; which is anything but a blessing I am sure; I often wish my heart was a marble slab, or a paving stone—"

"My sweet Louisa," remonstrated Miss Tox, again.

"Still, it is a triumph to me to know that he is so true to himself, and to his name of Dombey; although, of course, I always knew he would be. I only hope," said Mrs. Chick, after a pause, "that she may be worthy of the name too."

Miss Tox filled a little green watering-pot from a jug, and happening to look up when she had done so, was so surprised by the amount of expression which Mrs. Chick had conveyed into her face, and was bestowing upon her, that she put the little watering-pot on the table for the present, and sat down near it.

"My dear Louisa," said Miss Tox, "will it be the least satisfaction to you, if I venture to observe that in reference to that remark, that I, as an humble individual, think your sweet niece in every way most promising?"

"What do you mean, Lucretia?" returned Mrs. Chick with increased stateliness of manner. "To what remark of mine, my dear, do you refer?"

"Her being worthy of her name, my love," replied Miss Tox.

"If," said Mrs. Chick, with solemn patience, "I have not expressed myself with clearness, Lucretia, the fault of course is mine. There is, perhaps, no reason why I should express myself at all, except the intimacy that has subsisted between us, and which I very much hope, Lucretia—confidently hope—nothing will occur to disturb. Because, why should I do anything else? There is no reason; it would be absurd. But I wish to express myself clearly, Lucretia: and therefore to go back to that remark, I must beg to say that it was not intended to relate to Florence in any way."

"Indeed!" returned Miss Tox.

"No," said Mrs. Chick, shortly and decisively.

"Pardon me, my dear," rejoined her meek friend; "but I cannot have understood it. I fear I am dull."

Mrs. Chick looked round the room, and over the way; at the plants, at the bird, at the watering-pot, at almost everything in view, except Miss Tox; and finally dropping her glance upon Miss Tox, for a moment on its way to the ground, said, looking meanwhile with elevated eyebrows at the carpet:

"When I speak, Lucretia, of her being worthy of the name, I speak of my brother Paul's second wife. I believe I have already said, in effect, if not in the very words I now use, that it is his intention to marry a second wife."

Miss Tox left her seat in a hurry, and returned to her plants; clipping among the stems and leaves, with as little favor as a barber working at so many pauper heads of hair.

"Whether she will be fully sensible of the distinction conferred upon her," said Mrs. Chick, in a lofty tone, "is quite another question. I hope she may be. We are bound to think well of one another in this world, and I hope she may be. I have not been advised with myself. If I had been advised with, I have no doubt my advice would have been cavalierly received, and therefore it is infinitely better as it is. I much prefer it as it is."

Miss Tox, with head bent down, still clipped among the plants. Mrs. Chick, with energetic shakings of her own head from time to time, continued to hold forth, as in defiance of somebody.

"If my brother Paul had consulted with me, which he sometimes does—or rather, sometimes used to do; for he will naturally do that no more now, and this is a circumstance which I regard as a relief from responsibility," said Mrs. Chick, hysterically, "for I think heaven I am not jealous—" here Mrs. Chick again shed tears: "if my brother Paul had come to me and had said, 'Louisa, what kind of qualities would you advise me to look out for in a wife?' I should certainly have answered, 'Paul, you must have family, you must have beauty, you must have dignity, you must have connexion.' Those are the words I should have used. You might have led me to the block immediately afterwards," said Mrs. Chick, as if that consequence were highly probable, "but I should have used them. I should have said, 'Paul! You to marry a second time without family! You to marry without beauty! You to marry without dignity! You to marry without connexion! There is nobody in the world, not mad, who could dream of daring to entertain such a preposterous idea.'"

Miss Tox stopped clipping, and with her head among the plants, listened attentively. Perhaps Miss Tox thought there was hope in this exordium, and the warmth of Mrs. Chick.

"I should have adopted this course of argument," pursued the discreet lady, "because I trust I am not a fool. I make no claim to be considered a person of superior intellect—though I believe some people have been extraordinary enough to consider me so; one so little humored as I am, would very soon be disabused of any such notion: but I trust I am not a downright fool. And to tell you," said Mrs. Chick with ineffable disdain, "that my brother Paul Domb