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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES Of the Poor and House of Employment of Bedford County, for the year ending January 1, A. D. 1862.

GEORGE BLYMIRE, Treasurer.
1862.
To balance on settlement, January 1, 1861, \$415 99
Amount received from Collectors 4,975 63
Amount, \$5,391 62
Balance due Treasurer 198, 02
\$5,589 64

CR.
By amount paid out on sundry checks as follows, viz:
Wheat and flour \$ 98 88
Potatoes 30 05
Store and Castings 104 50
Directors of Butler co. Alms House 23 00
Directors of Huntingdon co. do 31 53
John Mawer, Attorney's fees 10 00
Apple butter and dried fruit 129 68
Cows and beef cattle 521 49
Cows and hives 81 94
Dry goods and groceries 1,912 31
Printing 138 50
J. Filler on contract for building Beef and Bacon 412 78
Making fence and lumber 76 19
Repairs at mill 140 98
Removal of Paupers 18 67
Support of out door paupers 300 00
Wm Leary, steward, and Mrs. Leary, Matron, 144 43
Drs. Harry and Keamer, salary and medicine 145 87
J. S. Brumbaugh for wagon 60 09
Directors of Franklin co. Alms House 23 47
Refunded to collectors 53 51
Making coffins 20 00
Justices fees 18 55
Messrs. Spouse, Amos, Kemery, Brumbaugh and Gettys, salary 164 00
Miscellaneous checks 175 12
Interest on checks 189 43
Treasurer's salary 40 00
Stationery 10 00
Auditors and clerks salary 20 00
Exonerations allowed collectors 102 48
Percentage " " 141 61
\$5,589 64
\$5,712 62

We the undersigned, Auditors of Bedford county, do certify that we have examined the foregoing account of George Blymire, Treasurer of the Poor and House of Employment of Bedford county, and find the same to be correct and true as above stated, and that there is a balance due said Treasurer of \$198 02.
Witness our hands and seals this 8th day of January, A. D. 1862.

DANIEL FLETCHER,
GEORGE BAUGHMAN,
Attors. DANIEL L. DEFFAUGH,
THOMAS R. GETTYS, Clerk.

List of paupers admitted, discharged, died, &c., during each month, and the number remaining at the end of each month; also the average number supported in the House during the year, together with the number of out door paupers supported by the Institution, from the first of January 1861, till the first of January 1862.

1861,	Admitted	Discharged	Died	Remain- ing	1862,	Admitted	Discharged	Died	Remain- ing
January,	2	1		32	21	2	1		32
February,	2	1		32	20	2	1		32
March,	2	1		32	19	2	1		32
April,	2	1		32	19	2	1		32
May,	2	1		32	19	2	1		32
June,	2	1		32	19	2	1		32
July,	2	1		32	19	2	1		32
August,	2	1		32	19	2	1		32
September,	2	1		32	19	2	1		32
October,	2	1		32	19	2	1		32
November,	2	1		32	19	2	1		32
December,	2	1		32	19	2	1		32

Making an average of 52 per month, of whom 7 are colored, 2 are blind, 19 are insane, and 4 are confined to bed—also 581 wayfarer passengers were provided with board and lodging. There are also 2 out-door paupers who are not included in the above. Bills to the amount of \$513 25 were also paid for 23 persons who were furnished with boarding, medical attendance, &c., who were unable to be brought to the Poor House.

Produce of Farm and Garden.

- 25 Tons of Hay,
- 5 Loads of Corn fodder
- 341 bushels of ears of corn
- 67 bushels of rye
- 24 bushels of buckwheat
- 600 bushels of potatoes
- 7 bushels of beans
- 12 bushels large onions
- 14 bushels small onions
- 20 bushels tomatoes
- 12 bushels beets
- 8 bushels turnips
- 10 bushels parsnips
- 200 heads of cabbage
- 5 barrels sour kraut
- 4 barrels cucumber pickles
- 4 loads sweet pumpkins
- 114 barrels soft soap
- 50 pounds hard soap
- 200 pounds tallow
- 675 pounds lard
- 315 pounds butter
- 2963 pounds beef
- 3806 pounds pork
- 385 pounds veal
- 330 pounds mutton
- 7 beef hides
- 7 calf skins
- 14 sheep skins
- 275 pounds wool

Stock on the Farm

- 2 head of horses
- 6 cows
- 1 bull
- 20 hogs
- 56 sheep

Articles Manufactured by Matron.

- 50 pairs pants
- 7 vests
- 50 shirts
- 27 chemises
- 25 handkerchiefs
- 30 aprons
- 3 childrens skirts
- 23 women's dresses
- 3 children's shirts
- 20 pair pillow slips
- 5 chaff ticks
- 20 men's shirts
- 8 holsters
- 9 sun bonnets
- 4 pillows
- 11 women's caps
- 12 women's sacks
- 2 round jackets
- 8 children's dresses
- 30 pair men's socks
- 14 pair women's stockings
- 13 towels
- 5 pair drawers
- 4 coats
- 17 comforts
- 20 sheets
- 3 quilted skirts
- 2 dandy shirts
- 5 shrouds

We the undersigned, Directors of the Poor and House of Employment of Bedford county, do certify that we have examined the above accounts, statements and reports of William Leary and George Widel, Stewards of the said Poor and House of Employment from the first day of January, A. D. 1861, till the first of January, A. D. 1862, and find the same to be correct.

Witness our hands and seals this 1st day of January, A. D. 1862.

JOHN KEMERY,
ADOLPHUS AKE,
J. S. BRUMBAUGH.

Attest—
THOMAS R. GETTYS, Clerk.

Statement and report of William Leary, Steward of the Poor and House of Employment of Bedford county, from the first of January 1861, till the 1st April 1861.

1861, Dr.
Jan 1st, To cash received from various persons \$17 06
April 1st, Treasury draft for balance of account 16 73
\$33 79
1861 Cr.
April 1st, By amount from sundry persons \$33 79

Statement and Report of Geo. Widel, Steward of the Poor and House of Employment of Bedford county, from the 1st day of January, A. D. 1862.

1862, Dr.
January 1, To amount received from sundry persons \$35 85
Balance due Steward on settlement 36 65
1862, Cr.
Jan. 1, By cash from sundry persons \$72 51

Statement of Poor House Mill,

From January 1, 1861, till January 1, 1862.	Dr.	Cr.
To amount of grain brought in as per monthly reports 420 256 58 1/2		
Raised on Farm 63		
Cr. 420 319 58 1/2		121 60 1/2

By amt of Grain used in Poor House and sold to sundry persons for cash & on accounts, &c.
Used in P. House 428 1/2 5 5 60
Horse feed 135
Hog feed 133 30 48
Beef feed 2 8
For seed 3 7 6 7
Sold sundy per's. 36 1/2 31 7 6 7
465 304 44 69 63

NOTICE.

We, the undersigned, have purchased the patent right of G. W. Tamm's Emersen Washer, for Bedford county, and hereby forewarn all persons from infringing on said right, as otherwise they will be dealt with according to law.
MAY & SNIDER,
Cumberland Valley, Feb. 14.—3m.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration on the estate of Daniel Miller, late of South Woodbury township, deceased, having been granted to the subscriber, all persons indebted to said estate, are hereby notified to make payment immediately, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement.
SAMUEL TEETER, Adm'r.
Residing in S. Woodbury tp.
February 14, 1862.*

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration on the estate of Samuel Carper, late of Middle Woodbury township, deceased, having been granted to the subscriber, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate will present them properly authenticated for settlement.
JACOB CARPER,
CHRISTOPHER ACRPER,
February 14, 1862.* Adm'rs.

Select Poetry.

THE LADY PRESIDENT'S BALL.

BY ELEANOR C. DONNELLY.

"The lights in the President's mansion,
The gas-lights cheery and red,
I see them glowing and glancing,
As I toss on my wearisome bed:
As I toss on my wearisome bed:
I see them flooding the windows,
And, star-like, gemming the hall,
Where the tide of fashion flows inward
To the Lady-President's Ball!

"My temples are throbbing with fever,
My limbs are palsied with pain,
And the crash of that festive music
Burns into my aching brain
Till I rave with delicious fancies;
And coffin, and bier, and pall,
Mix up with the flowers and leaves
Of my Lady-President's Ball!

"What matter that I, poor private,
Lie here on my narrow bed,
With the fever gripping my vitals,
And dozing my hapless head?
What matters that nurses are callous,
And rations meagre and small,
So long as the beau monde revel
At the Lady-President's Ball!

"Who pities my poor old mother—
Who comforts my sweet young wife—
Alone in the distant city,
With sorrow sapping their life?
I have no money to send them,
They cannot come at my call:
No money! yet hundreds are wasting
At my Lady-President's Ball!

"Hundreds—ah! hundreds of thousands—
In satins, jewels, and wine,
French dishes for dainty stomachs,
(While the black broth sickens mine!)
And jellies, and fruits, and cold ices,
And fountains that flash as they fall;
O God! for a cup of cold water
From the Lady-President's Ball!

"Nurse! bring me my uniform ragged—
Ha! why did you blow out the light?
Help me up—though I'm aching and giddy,
I must go to my dear ones to-night!
Wife! mother! gown yeary with waiting:
I'm coming! I'll comfort ye all!"
And the private sank dead while they revel
At my Lady-President's Ball!

A LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS,

From the citizens of Bedford Township to the Volunteers.

Mrs. Daniel Fetter, 1 sheet, 1 blanket, 2 pairs of socks, 1 gal. of apple-butter, 2 chickens. Mrs. William Fetter, 2 pairs of socks. Mrs. Michael Fetter, 2 pairs of socks, 1 gallon of apple-butter, 1 peck of dried fruit, 1 shirt, 1 roll of butter. Mrs. Isaac Reighart 1 pair of pillow slips, 1 pair of socks, 3 quarts of dried fruit; Mrs. Nicholas Russell, 3 quarts of dried berries; Mrs. George Reighart, 2 pillows, 1 sheet, 1 roll of butter; Lewis Ling, 1 pair of blankets. Sarah A. Ling, 2 pillows and slips. John Holdersbaum 4 1/2 lbs of butter, Hettie Croyle, 1 blanket, dried fruit, 1 shirt; Juliann Ling, 2 chickens, James Ling, 1 chicken, sausages, and dried berries. Mrs. David Earnest, 2 chickens, 2 quarts of berries. Mrs. Mary Walter (of Summit) 2 chickens, 3 quarts of elderberries, 3 lbs of butter, 1 shirt, 1 gallon of apple-butter. Mrs. William W. Phillips 2 chickens, 1 shirt, 1 pair of socks, 1 crock of apple-butter. Mrs. Andrew Reighart 1 1/2 gallons apple-butter, 1 undershirt, 1 pair of socks. Mrs. Jacob Zimmers, 7 lbs of butter, 1 blanket, 1 shirt, dried fruit. Mrs. Samuel Griffith, 1 pair of pillow slips, 1 blanket, 1 sheet, 1 bed comfort. Mrs. J. W. Tomlinson, 2 pairs of socks, 2 sheets, 3 lbs of butter, 1 turkey. Geo. Dibert, 1 pair of socks. Franklin Walter, 1 pair of socks. Mrs. Henry Sill, 1 roll of butter, 1 sheet, Mrs. David Dibert, 1 blanket. Daniel Dibert, 1 sheet, 1 roll of butter. Mrs. Jacob D. Fetter, 1 pair of socks. Mrs. Jacob Biddle, 1 crock of apple-butter, 1 shirt. Mrs. Charles Inler, 1 pair of socks, 1 crock of apple-butter. Mrs. Isaac Inler, 1 sheet, 1 crock of apple-butter. Mrs. Abram Sill, 1 towel, 2 pairs of socks. Mrs. Daniel Walter, 11 lbs of butter, 1 sheet, 1 shirt, 1 pair of stockings, 2 pillows, 2 slips, 2 quarts of dried berries, 1 peck of dried apples. Mrs. Daniel Zimmers, 3 shirts, 2 undershirts, 3 pairs of drawers, 2 pairs of socks, 1 quart of dried berries, 1 peck of dried apples. John Zimmers, 4 pillows, 2 quarts of dried berries, 3 lbs of butter, 1/2 peck of dried apples. Mrs. Charles Helzel, 2 gallons of apple-butter. Mrs. David Reighart, 2 quarts of dried berries, 2 peck dried apples. Mrs. Abraham Schnavley, 1 shirt. John H. Schnavley, 1 shirt, 3 quarts of apple-butter, 1 crock pickles. Mrs. Zimmers, 1 peck dried apples, 1 pair drawers, 1 crock jelly. Mrs. Moorhead, 2 pairs of socks, 1 pint dried berries, 1 glass of jelly. Mrs. Zach Diehl, 1 chicken, 2 doz eggs. Miss Ann Carny, 1 pint whortleberries. Mrs. Diehl, 3 pints whortleberries and dried apples. Mrs. Shartzer, 1 pair of pillow slips, 1 glass of jelly. Mrs. Diehl, 2 chickens. Mrs. Mary Ripley, 2 quarts of dried corn, 1 qt grapes, 1 qt blackberries. Mrs. F. Schnavley, 1 qt of berries 1 qt of cherries, and

3 qts of dried apples. Mrs. R. Amos, 1 quilt, 1 pr drawers, 1 pr pillow slips, 2 qt whortleberries. John S. Ritchey, 1 shirt, 1 pr undershirt. Miss Maggie Ritchey, 1 shirt, 1 pr pillow slips. Mrs. Jacob Young, 1 chicken, 1 pr pillow slips, 1 pair socks. Leah Reighart 2 prs of socks. Mrs. David Inler, 1 sheet, dried elderberries, 2 pillows, towel. Mary Reighart, 1 pr socks. Barbara Reighart, 1 crock apple-butter, 1 blanket. Mrs. George Zimmers, 1 sheet, 1 roll of butter, 2 doz eggs, 1 pr socks. Ephraim Inler, 1 can of tomatoes, and 2 qts of cherries. Mrs. Thomas Inler, 1 pr of socks. Mrs. Daniel Riddle, 2 lbs of butter, 1 quilt, 1 towel and cloths. Mrs. William Phillips 1 comfort, 1 crock of apple-butter, 4 pillows and slips, 3 prs of socks, 3 qts of dried fruit, 6 chickens. Mrs. Jacob Walter, 1 sheet, 1 crock apple-butter, dried fruit. Andrew E. Dibert, 1/2 gallon apple-butter; Mrs. T. Carney 1 pillow and slip, 3 qts elderberries. Mrs. John Shartzer, 1 pr whortleberries. Mrs. Governor 2 qts elderberries, 1 qt whortleberries, 1 pr raspberries. Mrs. J. Bridahan 1 gallon apple-butter, 1 peck dried apples. Mrs. C. A. Bridahan, 3 pts dried whortleberries, 1 qt raspberries. Mrs. W. Gephart, 1 crock apple-butter. Mrs. David Kooztz, 1 pr grapes, 1 qt dried corn. A. Barnhart, 1 shirt; J. Hammer, 1 shirt. Mrs. A. Barnhart, 6 pillow, 14 slips, 1 crock jelly, 3 qts elderberries, 1/2 gallon dried apples, 1 qt dewberries, 1 can of tomatoes. Mrs. C. Keiff, blanket, 3 lbs candles, 1 crock apple-butter, 3 lbs soap, 1 pr socks, 1 crock of preserves, 2 chickens. Mrs. Henry Kooztz, 1 crock of apple-butter, 1 peck dried apples. Mrs. Hammond, 1 coverlet, 1 pillow, 3 chickens, 3 lbs butter, 1 doz eggs, 3 doz towels, 1 pt dried whortleberries. David A. Barnhart, 1 shirt. Mrs. Alex. Ling, 3 1/2 lbs of butter, 1 doz eggs. Mrs. E. Kooztz, 2 shirts, 1 pr socks, 1 chicken; Mrs. M. Beard, 6 qts elderberries, 2 qts whortleberries, and 2 chickens. Mrs. Russell, sausages. Mrs. R. Amos, 1 quilt, 1 pair of drawers, 1 pair of pillow slips, 2 qts of whortleberries. John S. Ritchey, 1 sheet, 1 undershirt. Miss Maggie Ritchey, 1 sheet, 1 pair of pillow slips. Mrs. Jacob Young, 1 chicken 1 pair of pillow slips, 1 pair of socks. Leah Reighart, 2 pairs of socks. Mrs. David Inler, 1 sheet, dried elderberries, 2 pillows, 1 towel. Mary Reighart, 1 pair of socks. Barbara, 1 crock of apple-butter, 1 blanket. Mrs. George Zimmers, 1 sheet, 1 roll of butter, 2 doz eggs, 1 pair of socks. Ephraim Inler, 1 can of tomatoes, 2 qts of cherries. Mrs. Thomas Inler, 1 pair of socks. Mrs. Daniel Riddle, 2 lbs of butter, 1 quilt, 1 towel, cloths. Mrs. William Phillips, 1 comfort, 1 crock of apple-butter, 4 pillows and slips, 3 pairs of socks, 3 qts of dried fruit, 6 chickens. Mrs. Jacob Walter, 1 sheet, 1 crock of apple-butter, dried fruit. Andrew E. Dibert, 1/2 gallon apple-butter; and 25. Mrs. S. Carney, 1 pillow and slip, 3 qts of whortleberries. Mrs. John Shartzer, 1 pint of whortleberries. Mrs. Governor, 2 quarts of elderberries, 1 qt of whortleberries, 1 pint of raspberries. Mrs. J. Bridahan, 1 gallon of apple-butter, 1 peck of dried apples. Mrs. C. A. Bridahan, 3 pts of whortleberries, 1 quart of raspberries. Mrs. W. Gephart, 1 crock of apple-butter. Mrs. David Kooztz, 1 pint of grapes, 1 quart of dried corn. B. Barnhart, 1 shirt. J. Hammer, 1 shirt. Mrs. A. Barnhart, 6 pillows, 14 pillow slips, 1 crock of jelly, 3 qts of elderberries, 1/2 gallon dried apples, 1 qt of dewberries, 1 can of tomatoes. Mrs. C. Keiff, 1 blanket, 3 lbs of candles, 1 crock of apple-butter, 3 lbs of soap, 1 pair of socks, 1 crock of preserves, 2 chickens. Mrs. Henry Kooztz, 1 crock of apple-butter, 1 peck of dried apples. Mrs. Hammond, 1 coverlet, 1 pillow, 3 chickens, 3 lbs of butter, 1 doz eggs, 1/2 doz towels, 1 pt whortleberries. D. A. Barnhart, 1 shirt. Mrs. Alex. Ling, 3 1/2 lbs of butter, 1 doz eggs. Mrs. E. Kooztz, 2 shirts, 1 pair of socks, 1 chicken; Mrs. M. Beard, 3 qts of elderberries, 2 quarts of whortleberries, 2 chickens. Mrs. S. Russell, sausages. Miss Maggie Wisel, 1 crock of apple-butter. Miss Jennie Patterson, 2 chickens, 1 glass of jelly. Mrs. M. Stuffer, 7 qts of dried apples, 3 qts peaches, 1 pt whortleberries, 2 qts elderberries, sausages, 1 chicken, 3 pints of apple-butter. A. Ling, 2 shirts; Mrs. J. Fetter 1 coverlet; Mrs. Jacob Fetter, 1 blanket, 1 qt elderberries, 1 qt of corn, 1 qt of cherries, 1 qt of whortleberries, 1 shirt; Mrs. Hughes 1 coverlet, 1 blanket, 1 pillow and slip; Wm. S. Beegle, 1 shirt; I. D. Earnest 1 blanket, 1 shirt; Thomas Beegle, 1 shirt and 2 collars; George A. Beegle, 1 pr socks. Mrs. Alex. Price, 1 blanket, 1 towel, 1 qt, dried fruit; Mrs. H. Beegle, 7 qts of dried fruit. Cash by different persons \$15.07.

DANIEL FETTER, Pres.
H. W. FISHER, Sec.

A good Methodist minister at the West, who lived on a very small salary, was greatly in trouble at one time to get his quarterly instalment. He had called on the steward a number of times, but had each time been put off with some excuse. His wants at length becoming urgent, he went to his steward and told him that he must have his money, as his family was suffering for the necessities of life.

"Money!" replied the steward, "You preach for money? I thought that you preached for the good of souls!"

"Souls!" replied the minister; "I can't eat souls, and if I could, it would take a thousand such souls as yours to make a decent meal!"

A married monster said that he lately dreamed that he had an angel by his side, and upon waking up found it was nobody but his wife.

THE GORGEOUS FETE.

William Brown and his Friends at the White House upon a late Festive occasion—William's Reflection—The Toilettes—The Punch.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. * * * All the best looking uniforms in the army were invited to Mrs. Lincoln's Ball at the White House, on Wednesday, and of course I was favored, together with the General of the Mackerel Brigade, and Captain William Brown of Accomac. My ticket, my boy, was aristocratic as a rooster's tail at sunrise.

(Cutlets.) E PLURIBUS UNUM (Oysters.) ORPHEUS C. KERR.
Pleasure of your company at the White House, (R. S. P. V.) Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1862, 8 o'clock, p. m.
(Half Mourning for Prince Albert.)
(No smoking allowed.)

At an early hour in the evening of the fete the General of the Mackerel Brigade came to my room in a perfect perspiration of brass buttons and white kids, and I asked him what "no smoking allowed" meant? "Why," says he, putting wig straight and licking a stray drop of brandy from one of his gloves, "it means that if you try to 'smoke' any of the generals at the ball as to the plan of the campaign, you must do 'abound.' "Thunder," says the General, in a fine glow of enthusiasm, "the only plan of the campaign that I know anything about is the rat-aplan."

Satisfied with the General's explanation, I proceeded with my toilette, and presently beamed upon him in such a resplendent conglomeration of ruffles, brass buttons, epaulettes and Hungarian pomade, that I reminded him of a comet just come out of a feather bed, with its tail end up in papers.

"My Magnus Apollo," said he, "the way you bear that white cravat shows you to be of rich but genteel parentage. Any man," says he, "who can wear a white cravat without looking like a coachman may pass for a gentleman born. Two-thirds of the clergymen that wear it look like footmen in their grave clothes."

We then took a hack to the White House, my boy, and on arriving there, were delighted to find that the rooms were already filling with statesmen, miss-statesmen, mrs-statesmen, and officers, who had so much lace and epaulets about them that they looked like walking brass foundries with the front door open.

The first object that attracted my especial attention, however, was a thing that I took for a large and ornamental pair of tongs leaning against a mantle, figured in blue enamel with a life like imitation of a window brush on top. I directed the General's attention to it, and asked him if that was one of the unique gifts presented to the Government by the late Japanese embassy?

"Thunder!" says the General, "that's no tongs. It's the young man which is Capt. William Brown of Accomac. Now that I look at him," says the General, "he reminds me of an old fashioned straddle bug."

Stepping from one lady's dress to another, until I reached the side of the commander of the Accomac, I slipped him on the back, and says I:
"How are you, my blue bird and what do you think of this brilliant assemblage?"
"Ha!" said William, starting out of a brown study and putting some cloves in his mouth, to disguise the water he'd drunk on his way from Accomac—"I was just thinking what my mother would say if she could see me and the other snobs here to-night. When I look on the women of America around me to-night, says William, feelingly, "and see how much they've cut off from the tops of their dresses, to make bandages for our wounded soldiers, I can't help feeling that their neck-or-nothing appearance—so far from being indicative, is a very delicate proof of their devoted love of Union."

"I agree with you, my azure humanitarian," says I. "There's precious little waste about such dresses."

William closed one eye, turned his head one side like a facetious canary, and says he—
"Now lovely woman scants her dress, with bandages the sick to bless; and stoops so far to ward's alarms, her very frock is under arms."

I believe him, my boy!
Returning to the General, we took a turn in the East Room, and enjoyed the panorama of youth, beauty and whiskers, that wound its variegated length before us.

The charming Mrs. L—, of Illinois, was richly attired in a frock and gloves, and wore a wreath of flowers from amaranthine bowers. She was affable as an angel with a new pair of wings, and was universally allowed to be the most beautiful woman present.

The enrapturing Miss C—, from Ohio, was elegantly clad in a dress, and wore number four gaiters. So brilliant was her smile, that when she laughed at one of Lord Lyon's witticisms, all one corner of the room was wrapped in a glare of light, and several nervous dowagers cried "Fire!" Her beauty was certainly the most beautiful present.

who smiled so much above his stomach, that I was reminded of the beautiful lines—
"As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm
Though round its base a country's rain spread,
Eternal moonshine settles on its head."

Upon going into supper room, my boy, I beheld a paradise of catables that made me wish myself a knife and fork, with nothing but a bottle of mustard to keep me company. There were oysters a la fundam; Turkeys a la rufus; chickens a la Mathusalem; best a la Ball Run; fruit a la stankolize; jellies a la Kolarombus; and ices a la aquette.

The ornamental confectionary was beautifully symbolical of the times. At one end of the table there was a large lump of white candy, with six carpet tacks lying upon it. This represented the "Tax on Sugar." At the other end was a large platter containing imitation mud, in which two early Brigadiers were swimming towards each other, with their swords between their teeth. This symbolized "War."

These being very hard times, my boy, and the Executive not being inclined to be too expensive in its marketing, a most ingenious expedient was adopted to make it appear that there were just twice as much of certain costly delicacies on the table as there really was. About the centre of the table lay a large mirror, and on this was placed a few expensive dishes. Of course the looking glass gave them a double effect. For instance, if there was a pound of beefsteak on the plate, it produced another pound in the glass, and the effect was two pounds.

When economy can be thus artistically blended with plenty, my boy, money ceases to be king, and butchers' bills dwindle. Hereafter, when I receive for my rations a pint of transparent coffee and two granite biscuits, I shall use a looking glass for a plate.

It was the very whiching hour of the night when the General and myself left the glittering scene, and we had to ask several patrols which way to go.

On parting with my comrade-in-arms, says I: "General, the ball is a success."
He looked at me in three winks, and says he: "It was a success—particularly the bowl of punch."
Yours, for soda water,
ORPHEUS C. KERR.

WORK IN THE GARDEN FOR MARCH.

SOVING ASPARAGUS SEED.—This seed may be sown about the middle, or towards the latter end of this month, on four feet wide beds of rich earth. Sow it tolerably thin on the surface, clap it in with the back of a spade, cover it a little better than half an inch deep with earth out of the alleys, and then rake the beds smooth.

SOVING BEET SEED.—For this purpose make choice of a piece of rich deep ground; lay it out into four feet wide beds, push the loose earth into the alleys, then sow the seed tolerably thin and cover it with the earth out of these alleys to about three-quarters of an inch deep. Or let drills be drawn with a hoe, near an inch deep, and a foot or little more asunder; drop the seeds thinly therein and cover them over the same depth as above. Or you may sow the seed on a piece of ground, rough after being dug, and rake it well in.

ONIONS.—There are various methods of sowing seed; but first I will give you the one practised by the most judicious and careful gardeners.

As you proceed in digging the ground rake it well after you; that being done lay it out into three and a half, or four feet wide beds, with alleys between of about a foot wide; then with the back of the rake push the light loose earth from the top of each bed in the alleys, one half to the one side, the other to the opposite side, and being provided with good seed, sow it thereon at the rate of one pound for every sixteen rods, and with a shovel cast the earth out of the alleys over the beds, covering the seeds evenly about half an inch deep; then rake the beds lightly, drawing off all the lumps into the alleys.

When the plants are up let them be kept very clean and free from weeds of any kind by a good careful hand-weeding, which is to be repeated, from time to time, as they require it; and where they grow too close thin them to about two inches, plant from plant, all over the beds; by these means you will have excellent onions for the table the first year.

Sowing seed, to produce small seed onions, will answer better in April, which see. If sown in this month, they would generally grow to too large a size for that purpose.

SOVING PARSLEY.—Parsley seed may be sown in a single drill along the edge of the quarters or borders of the garden; it will make a useful and also neat edging, if not sutured to grow rank, especially the curled parsley; or if large supplies are wanted for market, it may be sown in continued rows nine inches asunder, or upon the general surface, trow down and raked in.

THE MARKETS.

BATTERIES.—There has been a decided advance on the rebel batteries, particularly on