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THE demand of the people from all parts of the country for a new edition of this book, bringing down the statistics to the present time, is such that it cannot longer be disregarded. It is sufficiently known throughout the country to render a particular description of it unnecessary here; suffice it to say that it contains the evidence of its having received the voluntary and generous patronage of both houses of Congress, of its having been adopted by the Supreme Court as a standard edition of the constitution of the United States, and of its having received the special approbation of some of the wisest statesmen of the past and present age. It has been pronounced by them as a suitable pre-side companion for every American citizen, and as a text-book for the rising generation of the schools. Editors who venerate and support the constitution, the sentiments of Washington, and the principles it embodies, have heretofore given it their generous and valuable support.

Booksellers and others who may desire to obtain it for the supply of those who may desire to possess the new edition will please address

WILLIAM HICKEY, jr.,
Washington City, D. C.

Mar 3—dtf

WASHINGTON BRANCH RAILROAD.—Trains run as follows:

Leave Washington at 6, a. m.; 8, a. m.; 3, p. m.; 4. 20, p. m.; 5. 15, p. m.

The trains at 6 and 8, a. m., and 4. 20, p. m., connect directly at Baltimore for the East, and at Relay for the West; those at 8, a. m. and 5. 15, p. m., for Annapolis; and at 3, p. m., for Frederick and Norfolk.

The 6, a. m., and 4. 20, p. m., trains are express, and stop only at Annapolis and Washington Junctions.

The eastern train of Saturday, at 4. 20, p. m., goes only to Philadelphia.

On Sunday only one train, at 4. 20, p. m.

Jan 21 T. H. PARSONS, Agent.

WASHINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY—Chartered by Congress. Capital $200,000!

This Company is now prepared to receive applications for insurance on buildings, merchandise, &c., at the usual city rates, without any charge for policy, at their office, corner of Tenth street and Pennsylvania avenue, over the Washington City Savings' Bank.

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JAMES G. McGUIRE, President.
G. D. Hasson, Secretary. May 29—dtf

TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON.

Wolfe's Schiedam Aromatic Schnapps.

The proprietor begs leave to call the attention of strangers and the citizens of Washington to a very superior article of Holland gin, which he introduced to the American public under the name of Wolfe's Schiedam Aromatic Schnapps.

This gin is manufactured by the proprietor exclusively at his distillery in Schiedam, Holland. It is made from the best barley that can be procured in Europe at any cost, and flavored and medicated, not by the common harsh berry, but by the most choice botanical variety of the aromatic Italian juniper berry, whose more vinous extract is distilled and rectified with its spirituous solvent, and thus becomes a concentrated tincture of exquisite flavor and aroma, altogether transcending its cordial and medicinal properties any alcoholic beverage heretofore known.

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Persons who purchase should be careful to get the genuine article, as the whole country is flooded with counterfeits and imitations.

Put up in quart and pint bottles, in cases of one dozen each, and for sale by all the respectable druggists and grocers in the United States.

UDOLPHO WOLFE,
Sole Importer and Manufacturer,
Depôt No. 22 Beaver street, New York.

Dec 18—d3m*

GROVER & BAKER'S SEWING MACHINE.—The subscriber has taken the agency and has now on hand an assortment of the above celebrated family sewing machines; and in presenting them to the public notice can, without fear of contradiction, say that they are believed to be the best article ever offered to the public. They are adapted to all kinds of family sewing, from the finest to the coarsest kind. He most respectfully invites the ladies to call and examine them.

A lady will always be in attendance to exhibit them, and to instruct all who are desirous of purchasing.

Needles of all sizes will be constantly kept on hand for sale.

C. W. BOTELER,
No. 318, Iron Hall, Pennsylvania avenue, between
Mar 5—3taw6w* 9th and 10th streets.

WATCH Repairing and Engraving.—Watches, chronometers, and pocket timekeepers of every description repaired by skilful workmen and warranted to perform accurately.

Engraving of every description done in the best style, including the cutting of arms, crests, mottoes, and initials on stone.

☞ Visiting and wedding cards elegantly engraved and printed.

M. W. GALT & BRO.,
Jan 30—tf Jewellers, 324 Pennsylvania avenue, Between 9th and 10th streets

WASHINGTON ART ASSOCIATION.—The Second Annual Exhibition of the Washington Art Association is now open at the Gallery, on H street, between 13th and 14th streets, from 10, a. m., to 10, p. m.

Admission 25 cents. Season tickets $1. To be had at the principal bookstores and hotels, and at the door.

Dec 25—dtf

EBBITT HOUSE.

J. H. FREEMAN,
F street, between 13th and 14th streets,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THIS popular and fashionable hotel has been thoroughly repaired and furnished with new and superior furniture. It contains over one hundred rooms, and has all the requisites of a first-class house.

The proprietor has provided a coach, which will be at the railroad depot and steamboat landing at every arrival for the conveyance of passengers and baggage to the hotel.

Oct 9—

Furniture, Furniture.

WE have just received a large addition to our stock of cabinet and other furniture, which has been gotten up in tasteful and elegant style to our order, the workmanship of which we warrant of the best quality.

PARLOR SUITES COMPLETE.

Of rosewood, walnut, and mahogany, upholstered in various colors and material. Sofas, centre, and side tables, escritoires, etageres, and whatnots. Pier and mantel glasses, in gilt, with marble slabs and brackets.

CHAMBER SETS COMPLETE.

Solid oak, handsomely ornamented in gold.
Solid walnut and mahogany, carved; black, enamelled in gold and flowers, with other painted sets, all colors.

DINING ROOM.

Oak, walnut, mahogany, and cherry extension dining tables, from eight to twenty feet.
Oak, walnut, mahogany, and rose ladies' dining chairs
Oak, walnut, and mahogany sideboards, with marble tops
Shelves, &c., ornamented with looking-glass backs.

FEATHER BEDS, BOLSTERS, AND PILLOWS.

Curled hair, husk, and hask and cotton mattresses.

OFFICE DESKS, CHAIRS, AND SALAMANDER SAFES.

Scarrow's and Marvin's Wilder's patent salamander fire-proof safes, secured by the celebrated "La Belle lock."

Also, in great variety, bedsteads, bureaus, wardrobes, washstands, lightstands, sofas, tetes-a-tetes, easy and rocking chairs, in haircloth. Two thousand cane seat chairs. All of which will be sold low for cash or approved paper. McGREGOR & CO.,
Feb 23—cdtwtf Nos. 519, 523, and 521 Seventh street.

POUR 1858.—Almanach du Bon Ton. 15 cents.
Almanach peur rire. 15 cents.
Almanach Comique. 15 cents.
Almanach Lunatique. 12 cents.
Almanach Bouffon. 15 cents.
Almanach de Whist. 12 cents.
Almanach de Mere Gigone. 15 cents.
Almanach Polichinelle. 15 cents.
Almanach du Chasseur. 15 cents.
Almanach Musical. 15 cents. FRANCK TAYLOR.
Mar 6

FROM LONDON.—Sheridan's Dramatic Works. 1 vol. $1.
Heptameron of Margaret of Navarre. 1 vol. $1.
Pettigrew's Collection of Epitaphs. 1 vol. $1 25.
Humboldt's Travels. 3 vols. $3 75.
Polyglott of Foreign Travels. 1 vol. $1 25.
Classic Tales. 1 vol. $1.
Homer's Iliad—literal translation. 1 vol. 75 cents.
Thucydides. 2 vols. Literal translation. $1 50.
Cicero's Offices. 1 vol. Literal translation. 75 cents.
Sophocles. 1 vol. Literal translation. 75 cents.
Hand Book of Proverbs. 1 vol. $1 25.
Dictionary of Classical Quotations. 1 vol. $1 25.
Demosthenes on the Crown. 1 vol. Literal translation. 75 cents.
Francis Quarle's Enchiridion. 1 vol. 90 cents.
John Aubrey's Miscellanies. 1 vol. $1.
Selden's Table Talk. 1 vol. $1 25.
Lord Mahon's Rise of the Indian Empire. 1 vol. $1 25.
March 9 FRANCK TAYLOR.

THE NEW BOOK STORE.—Franklin Philp respectfully informs his friends and the public that he has leased the store (now in the occupancy of Moore, White & Co.) No. 332 Pennsylvania avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets. Having just returned from the northern cities, he has personally made a selection of English and American books and stationery, which will be found on examination to be of the choicest kind.

From F. Philp's long and varied experience in Europe and America, coupled with connexions in London and Paris, his facilities will not be inferior to any house in the United States.

F. Philp purposes opening this establishment on or about the 10th of March next. Further particulars in future advertisements.

Feb 19—tstf FRANKLIN PHILP.

NEW LAMP AND OIL STORE, opposite Browns' Hotel. The undersigned is now prepared to furnish the public with sperm and lard oils, camphene, spirit gas, and glass and metal lamps of every description and price. A. HATCH,
Feb 9—tImif 355 Pennsylvania avenue, south side.

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GEORGE FARNAM

Office on Main street, next door to the Banking House of Cole, Sumner & Co., La Crosse, Wisconsin.

I AM prepared to buy, sell, or give information with regard to farms, farming, or pine lands; to locate government lands, either with land warrants or money, in Wisconsin or Minnesota; to attend to the selling or leasing of lands, lots, dwelling house, or other property on commission; to make collections, pay taxes, examine titles, collect rents, &c., &c.

Particular attention given to LOANING MONEY, which I guaranty to loan on real estate worth three times the amount of money loaned, and secure to the owner from ten to twelve per cent. interest paid annually. Security on real estate in Wisconsin and Minnesota is more secure than in New York, for the reason that lands are advancing from 25 to 100 per cent. every year. Interest legal, in Wisconsin, as high as 12 per cent., and in Minnesota there is no usury law.

All business and letters of inquiry promptly attended to, and returns remitted, by mail or express, to any part of the country.

Feb 17—6m GEO. FARNAM.

He refers to the following gentlemen: Hon. C. C. Washburne, M. C.; Mineral Point, Wis.; Gov. Alex. W. Randal, Madison, Wis.; Lieut. Gov. E. D. Campbell, La Crosse, Wis.; Hon. S. D. Hastings, (State treasurer,) Trempealeau, Wis.; Hon. Theo. Rodolf, (receiver U. S. land office,) La Crosse, Wis.; Hon. D. D. Cameron, La Crosse, Wis.; Judge Lord, do. do.; Hon. Geo. Gail, (Judge 6th judicial circuit,) Galesville, Wis.

BLACK SILKS AT LESS THAN VALUE.—30 pieces choice black silks at 75, 87½, and $1 per yard, the cheapest goods we ever offered for flounced dresses.

Also, a full line of the finer grades up to extra super Taffeta silks.

Our northern and eastern correspondents send us new supplies daily.

One price only, marked in plain figures; therefore no purchaser is overcharged.

We are not opening any new accounts.

Our credit business is now much larger than we want it to be.

Our rule for the future will be to present bills for monthly payments.

All old bills must be paid before new ones are commenced.

"It is our determined purpose to make our trade as near a cash business as possible without disturbing the pleasant relations that have existed between many of our customers and ourselves for a long series of years past."

PERRY & BROTHER,
"Central Stores," west building,
Feb 25—10tdtf opposite Centre Market.

L. J. MIDDLETON, Ice dealer, office and depot southwest corner of F and Twelfth streets, Washington, D. C
Ap 11—dly†

COMPLETION of Panama Railroad.—Reduction of fare to California.—United States mail steamships leave New York for Aspinwall on the 5th and 20th of each month, connecting with mail steamers from Panama to San Francisco.

These steamships have been inspected and approved by the Navy Department, and guaranty *speed and safety*.

The Panama railroad (47 miles long) is now completed from ocean to ocean, and is crossed in 3 or 4 hours. The baggage of passengers is checked in New York through to San Francisco, and passengers are embarked at Panama by steamer at the company's expense. The money paid in New York covers all expenses of the trip.

Reserve steamers are kept in port in New York, Panama, and San Francisco, to prevent detention in case of accident, so that the route is entirely reliable.

Passengers leave Panama the same day they arrive at Aspinwall. Conductors go through by each steamer, and take charge of women and children without other protectors.

For through tickets at the lowest rates apply at the agency, 177 West street, New York, to I. W. RAYMOND.

May 6—dtf

FOR SALE.—A rare chance to secure a very fine lady's riding horse. He is a beautiful black, eight years old, fifteen hands and upwards high, and sound. He cannot be surpassed in style and action, and is perfect in all and every gait. He can be seen at the livery stable of Mr. Levy Pumphrey for a few days only.

Feb 5—dtf

GEORGE W. BREGA, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, *No. 16 Wall street, New York.*
Nov 29—6m*

R. H. GILLET, Counsellor at Law, has removed his office to his residence in Franklin Row, corner of K and Thirteenth streets. He will continue to devote his attention principally to cases in the United States Supreme Court.

Oct 22—tf

Eugene Dupuy,

Sole Agent for Piesse & Lubin's Perfumery and Compounds.

THE agency for the United States of Messrs. Piesse & Lubin, perfumery factors in London, having been transferred from the late firm of Inger & Co., 399 Broadway, to my own firm, (Mr. George E. Inger being now in connexion with my establishment,) I beg to inform merchants, fancy goods dealers, and the trade generally, that I shall keep on hand and in bond, a constant supply of Piesse & Lubin's articles; such as the Frangipanni perfume and its compounds, the Pentachlorine preparations in all their varieties, to which may be added, from time to time, whatever said firm may introduce in market, combining excellence with novelty. Merchants may rely upon their orders being filled with promptness and care, and on as favorable terms as heretofore.

E. DUPUY,
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The real Frangipanni perfume is manufactured only by Messrs. Piesse & Lubin, of London, and they take this opportunity to caution purchasers against imitations, of which there are many; none, however, approach in any degree the exquisite fragrance as made by P. & L.

Frangipanni bouquet.
Frangipanni oil for the hair, exquisitely scented.
Frangipanni fruit. Hold their scent for years, and impart a delightful fragrance to articles they are placed near.
Frangipanni scented soap.
Frangipanni incense. Take a hot cinder between the tongs, put a piece of the incense upon it, and the apartment will be delightfully perfumed.
Frangipanni pomade. This is an Italian unguent for the hair. Its superlative fragrance has given it a world-wide reputation.
Frangipanni sachet. Sold everywhere.

March 6—2taw1ms&Sat3m

M. SNYDER & SON,
Bankers.
Bank No. 388 Pennsylvania avenue, (National Hotel Building,)
WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

WE receive money on deposite, and pay checks without charge, collect notes and bills in the District of Columbia and Alexandria, Virginia, and remit proceeds at current rates of exchange.

We receive all kinds of uncurrent money on deposite, and pay checks in like funds on specie, and charge current rates of exchange.

Buy and sell bills of exchange, coin, uncurrent money, and land warrants.

Bonds and stocks we buy and sell on commission only.

Dec 2—cod5m

CHARLES S. D. JONES,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Oct 23—wtf *Dubuque, Iowa*

Marble Manufactures, Tombs, Statuettes, Etc.

THE SUBSCRIBER respectfully invites the attention of the public to his large and elegant stock of

MARBLES, TOMBSTONES, AND MONUMENTS,

At his establishment on E street north, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets.

He has in his employ carvers and other experienced workers in fine and coarse marbles, and in every other description of stone.

MARBLE MANTELS OF THE LATEST STYLES,
Of his own manufacture, and of superior quality.

LINTHS, DOOR AND WINDOW SILLS, CARRIAGE STEPS, NEW YORK FLAGGING, &c.

In fact, everything that is required in the marble and stone business, either for utility or taste for the fine arts.

He deems a particular description of his stock unnecessary, but cordially invites a visit to his yard, where every one can judge for himself.

In addition to the above-enumerated articles he has a number of beautifully wrought statuettes, suitable for either the tomb or the garden; some of them imported by himself from Italy. If these please not the fancy, he will manufacture to order such as may be desired.

By his varied facilities, promptness, and strict attention to business he hopes to meet the expectations of his patrons.

WILLIAM RUTHERFORD,
E street north, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets.
Sep 3—d6m

GOLD AND SILVER PURCHASED

AT THE BEST RATES, FOREIGN BILLS OF EXCHANGE SOLD ON THE PRINCIPAL POINTS IN EUROPE IN SUMS TO SUIT.

GOLD CURRENCY AND VIRGINIA MONEY accounts will be opened for depositors, payable in same funds or in gold, charging the current rates. Checks must be marked accordingly.

Sight drafts on all the principal cities in the Union sold in sums to suit.

Bonds and stocks sold on commission.

Uncurrent money bought and sold.

Land warrants purchased at the highest rates.

SWEENY, RITTENHOUSE, FANT, & CO.,
Dec 4—3m Bankers.

Miss Christie Johnson,

TEACHER OF ELOCUTION,

IS desirous of forming classes in elocution in the schools in Washington, and will give instruction to private pupils in that city and in Georgetown.

Miss Johnson will give lessons to youths and professional gentlemen, and also to foreigners who wish to acquire a pure English accent.

Residence: Miss Harrover's (formerly Miss English's) Female Seminary, corner Washington and Gay streets, Georgetown.

REFERENCES.

Mrs. Anna Cora Ritchie, Richmond, Va.
Rev. Stephen P. Hill, Washington, D. C.
Grafton Tyler, M. D., Georgetown, D. C.

For further information apply to Blanchard & Mohun, at their bookstore, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street.

Nov 6—tf

PROF. MACLEOD'S boarding and day school for young ladies, 509 F street, between 11th and 12th.

Feb 16—3tawtf

NEW YORK ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wheeler & Wilson.

MANUFACTURING COMPANY'S IMPROVED SEWING MACHINES,

FOR

Families, Manufacturers, and Others.

THESE machines combine all the improvements that have been invented. Their extensive and increasing sale, and the unanimous approval and commendation that they have received, warrant the proprietors in warmly recommending them. They have been in use sufficiently long to test them thoroughly, and have given entire satisfaction.

Among the undoubted advantages that they possess over all others, are:

1st. Beauty and simplicity of construction, and consequent freedom from derangement and need of repairs.

2d. Unexampled ease and rapidity of operation.

3d. Noiseless movement.

4th. The remarkable perfection of their stitching, and their applicability to a variety of purposes and materials.

Principal office No. 343 Broadway, New York; and at their agencies in the principal cities of the Union.

May 26—1y*

Fashionable Dry Goods in New York.

AN immense assortment of seasonable fabrics constantly on hand; also, a full and

ATTRACTIVE STOCK OF CARPETINGS,

Oil-cloths, mattings, rugs, mats, curtain materials, lace curtains, gilt cornices, window shades, &c., &c.,

MUCH BELOW REGULAR PRICES!

LORD & TAYLOR,
May 26—1y 255, 257, 259, and 261 Grand street, and 47 and 49 Catharine street.

Matthew Hale Smith,

COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

Rooms 22, 24, No. 16 Wall street, New York.

Aug 15—tf†

Cyrus W. Field & Co.,

WHOLESALE PAPER DEALERS,

No. 11 City street, New York,

INVITE the attention of dealers and consumers to their large stock of printing, writing, wrapping, and all other kinds of paper, which they offer for sale at the lowest market prices.

May 26—1y*

Ben. & E. A. Whitlock & Co.,

13 *Beekman Street, corner of Nassau, opposite the Astor House,*

PROPRIETORS OF THE FREMIUM CHAMPAGNE, CREMANT CABINET,

IMPORTERS of Cognac brandies for druggists' and merchants' use, from Otard, Dupuy, & Co., Hennessey, Pinet, Castillon, & Co., and other houses of the highest reputation; and sole proprietors of the celebrated brandies, in the native proof and flavor of Cognac, viz:

Vineyard of Chateau Bernard,
Liqueur des champs d'or,
Superior vineyard, vieux Cognac.

ALSO—

Exclusive importers of the
Old Royal Hollands,
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And several brands of sherry, Maderia, and Port wines, &c., &c.
Ales, porters, and cigars direct from shippers.

CHAMPAGNE, CREMANT.

B. M. & E. A. W. & Co. are the exclusive owners of this wine, and are in receipt of shipments by regular packets, and beg those who may not have given it a trial to do so, under their guarantee that it will be found superior in delicacy of flavor and quality to any wine at present imported.

Benj. M. Whitlock,
Edw'd A. Whitlock,
Fred'k J. Haverstick,
Oliver W. Dodge,
Henry Cammeyer.
BEN. & E. A. WHITLOCK & CO.
May 28—1y*

Woollens.

1857.

WILSON G. HUNT & CO., IMPORTERS,
30 to 36 Park Place,
Offer for sale

President coatings	Velvet beavers
Esquimaux do	Castor do
Labrador do	Beverable do
Gaudalquiver do	Fur do
Empire State do	Tricot do
Arctic do	Devonshire do
Moscow do	Blue and colored pilots
Carlisle do	Sable coatings
Sampson do	Mohair do
Scotchin do	Lambskin do
Whitlepen do	Petersham do

May 26—1y*

S. C. Herring & Co.'s Patent Champion Safes.

THE subscribers, grateful for past favors, and finding that a discriminating public were bestowing their patronage to that extent that more warerooms were necessary to exhibit all their stock, have enlarged their depot, by opening an extensive ware and salesroom on Broadway, at No. 251, corner of Murray street, opposite the City Hall. This enlargement of warehouse room, with the recent extensive enlargement of their factory, will enable the subscribers to keep on hand at all times a larger stock of fire and burglar-proof safes than any other establishment in the world. Particular attention will be had to constructing safes for private families to match with other furniture, for the security of plate and jewelry.

ALSO—

Will keep on hand and make to order all kinds of money chests, vault doors, and bank vaults. Hall's patent powder-proof locks for banks or store doors; Jones's patent permutation bank lock; and Crygier's patent letter lock, without key.

S. C. HERRING & Co.,
Nos. 135, 137, and 139 Water street, and
No. 251 Broadway, corner Murray st., New York.
F. COYLE & CO., Agents
Washington, D. C.
B. W. KNOWLES, Agent
May 26—1y Richmond, Virginia.

Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

Trinity Building, 111 Broadway.

THE assets of this company amount to nearly FOUR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, and are entirely cash, of which *three million six hundred thousand dollars* are invested on bond and mortgage on real estate in the city and State of New York valued at *nine millions of dollars.*

The entire profits, already amounting to *one million six hundred thousand dollars*, are the property of the policy holders.

TEXAS DEBRAS.

Forms of application and pamphlets giving every information supplied on applying at the office or to any of the company's agents.

FREDK S. WINSTON, President.
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SHEPARD HOMANS, Actuary.
MINTURN POST, M. D., Medical Examiner.
May 26—1y*

American Gothic and Brass-Foil Roofing.

INVENTED BY EUGENIO LATILLA, ARCHITECT, M. S. B. A., &c.

DESIGNS made for concrete churches, villas, cottages, and farm buildings. Office, Gothica, near Chappaqua, Westchester county, New York.

June 17—dtf

We would call attention to the card of Wm. Grandin, esq., who is commissioner for most of the States and Territories, and is also commissioner in the United States Court of Claims. Colonel Grandin is thoroughly conversant with business connected with the departments at Washington and the practice of the United States Court of Claims.

[*New York Daily News*

DUNCAN, SHERMAN, & CO.,
Bankers,
CORNER PINE AND NASSAU STREETS, NEW YORK,

ISSUE circular notes and credits for travellers, available in all the principal cities of the world. Also, mercantile credits, for use in Europe, China, &c.

Jan 31—3md

El Oculista De Paris

RECIEN llegado a esta cuidad tienna el honor de Ofrecer a los

CABALLEROS ESPANOLES

un escogido, surtido de Espejuelos, Lentes, Anteojos de Teatre, y de larga Vista, Vidrios de Aumento, Mquetes copiosos, Lapiceras y Plumas de Oro, que son Articulos Franceses.

Tienda provisionalmente en Eight street, corner Penn. avenue. Precios muy moderados, lo mismo de Europa.

Improve Your Eyes.

STRENGTHEN and assist them, by the Paris optician, D. WOOLFSON, who has arrived from Europe with his own, as well as the manufacture of a good many others of the latest improved spectacles and eye glasses; among which are the

PERISCOPIC CONCAVE AND CONVEX, THE DOUBLE FOCUS AND DOUBLE POLISHED BRAZILIAN PEBBLES, CRYSTALS, ETC.,

which are warranted to improve any eye affected with weakness, cataract, or tending to it; also, SHORT-SIGHTEDNESS.

Persons who are compelled to use glasses, or those now using them, will be suited at first sight. Those wonderful

DOUBLE-POLISHED VENEZUELIAN CRYSTAL ROCK

have received the highest recommendations at the World's Fair, at Paris, through their producing a clearness and easiness of vision heretofore unknown in any other improvements.

Also, all styles of opera, spy, and magnifying glasses, compasses, and microscopes are for sale at his store, corner of Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue, or eighth street, No. 491, between D street and Penn. avenue.

Prices very reasonable; the same as at his establishment in Europe.

Nov 21—dly

SALE THIS DAY.

By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.

SIGNOR VITO VITI & SONS' GRAND CLASSIC sale of Italian marble parlor and garden statuary, classical vases, bronzes, and Parian ware, embracing articles of the most elaborate character, will take place on Thursday evening, March 11, at 7 o'clock, at Crosby's Academy of Music, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 11th street. This rare collection comprises:

Life size busts of Washington, Clay, Webster, Jackson, and Nicholas I.
Superb original, the Nymph of the Arno, by Bini
Group of Charity, by Ancelmi, copied from the original by Bartolini
Also, the Penitent, by Melli; Madonna, by Coali; Divine Love, and other classic subjects
Garden statuary, four feet high: Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter
Alabaster marble groups: The Graces of Canova, Hebe giving drink to Jove
Fidelity, the Vintage Group, Cleopatra, Powers's Greek Slave, Shepherdess, and others
Bronzes: The Dancers, Italian Mendicants, Group of Cupids, the Pastoral Muse, &c.
Also, beautifully carved Hebe, agate vases
Etruscan urns, four feet high, for parlors
Raccatte tazzas, for fruit or cards
Roman agate urns, for lights
Amphoras of Bardiglio marble
Grecian crusts, Fonteres for bouquets, &c.
Parian figures: The Gentle Shepherd, Innocence, Helen of Troy, Minna and Brenda, Cimaeisan Chief, Una and Lion, Psyche, Pandora, May Day, &c.
Also, a beautiful assortment of French China and fancy articles, perfume bottles, tea services of new designs, punch bowls, &c.

The attention of the ladies and gentlemen of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria is respectfully solicited, as they will find that the collection is of a highly meritorious character, and far superior to any previous exhibition of the kind ever offered at public sale. Messrs. Viti beg leave to inform their friends in Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria that this sale will be peremptory, and trust that they will avail themselves of this opportunity of purchasing such elaborate wares.

Terms: $100, and under, cash; over that sum a credit of two and four months, for satisfactorily endorsed notes, bearing interest.

P. S.—The goods will be on exhibition the day and night preceding the sale. JAS. C. McGUIRE,
Mar 5—d Auctioneer.

WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT.

OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT,
Washington, March 8, 1858.

PROPOSALS are invited for the completion of the Washington Aqueduct, according to plans and specifications which will be on exhibition in this office on and after the 10th of April.

Bids will be received for the completion of the whole work in gross, or for the separate works described in the specifications—the United States reserving the right to make a contract for the whole, or for the separate works, as may seem most advantageous upon comparison of the bids.

A portion, only, of the work can be completed with the appropriations now available, and the contracts will be subject to the contingency of future appropriations by Congress.

The engineer reserves the right to prescribe the amount of work to be done and the rate of progress under each contract, and for each work.

Payments will be made in checks upon the United States Treasury upon the monthly estimates of the engineer, reserving 10 per cent. on all payments until the completion of the contract, and it will be a condition of all contracts that the workmen shall be paid their full wages monthly and in specie.

Proposals should be sealed, and endorsed "Proposals for Work and Materials for the Washington Aqueduct."

The United States reserves the right to reject any or all bids for the whole or for any part of the work, if not deemed advantageous; but the work will be awarded to the lowest bidders for the whole, or for parts of the work, who give good security for the completion of their contracts, if at reasonable prices.

Every offer must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that he or they undertake that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bids be accepted, enter into an obligation within ten days, with good and sufficient securities, for the completion of the work undertaken; said guarantee to be accompanied by the certificate of the United States district judge, United States district attorney, navy agent, or some officer of the general government, or individual known to the engineer or Department of War, that the guarantors are able to make good their guarantee.

Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders, at noon of the 11th May, none will be received after that hour.

The work to be let comprises: completion of the dam across the Potomac at the Great Falls; building of gate houses; completion of masonry bridges; waste weirs; building distributing reservoir; completion of conduit; furnishing cast iron pipe; building of two iron pipe bridges; laying pipes from the distributing reservoir to the navy yard and other principal public establishments of Washington; building of high service reservoir in Georgetown; and supply of cement, sand, brick, stone, and all other materials; for all of which reference is to be made to the detailed descriptions and specifications to be exhibited in this office.

The comparison of the bids will be made upon the quantities noted in the specifications and plans exhibited at the time of letting; and, should a bid in gross be accepted, the monthly payments upon the contracts will be made upon the estimate of the engineer, at prices to be fixed by him, with the usual reservation of ten per cent., until the entire completion of the contract, according to the specifications and plans.

Proposals should state the time within which each work will be completed, provided Congress appropriates the necessary funds.

By order of the Secretary of War:

M. C. MEIGS,
Captain of Engineers,
in charge of Washington Aqueduct.

Form of Guarantee.

To Capt. M. C. Meigs, U. S. Engineers:

We, the undersigned, residents of ——, in the State of ——, hereby, jointly and severally, covenant with the United States, and guaranty, in case the foregoing bid of —— be accepted, that he or they will, within ten days after the acceptance of the said bid, execute the contract for the same, with good and sufficient sureties to perform the work or furnish the articles proposed, in conformity to the terms of the advertisement under which it was made. And in case the said —— shall fail to enter into contract as aforesaid, we guaranty to make good the difference between the offer by the said —— and the next lowest bidder.

Signed A B.
C D.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above named guarantors are good and sufficient.

Signed E F.
Mar 10—dMay11

D'IVERNOIS' HOTEL.

MAD. H. D'IVERNOIS,

Pennsylvania avenue, between 17th and 18th streets.

MAD. H. D'IVERNOIS begs leave to respectfully announce to the public that this fashionable hotel, which has always been favored with the most generous patronage, is at present in better order than ever. The best suit of rooms, recently and thoroughly repaired, is just disengaged, and a family would find in it the best of accommodations. A very good cook has been recently engaged.

March 9—d1w

DAILY OPENING SPRING SUPPLIES IN ALL first-class fancy and staple dry goods adapted to general wants.

All our entire stock of fancy silks, shawls, merinoes, mousselines, mantles, &c., at vastly and recently reduced prices.

One price only, marked in plain figures; consequently inexperienced buyers are not overcharged.

Bills presented for payment monthly.

"It is our determined purpose to make our trade as near a cash business as possible without disturbing the pleasant relations which have existed between many of our customers and ourselves for a long series of years."

PERRY & BROTHER,
"Central Stores," west building,
March 9—10tdtf opposite Centre Market.

M. B. BRADY respectfully announces that he has established a gallery of Photographic Art in Washington. He is prepared to execute commissions for the Imperial Photograph, hitherto made only at his well-known establishment in New York.

A variety of unique and rare photographic specimens are included in his collection, together with portraits of many of the most distinguished citizens of the United States.

Mr. BRADY brings to his Washington gallery the results of fourteen years' experience in Europe and America, and the choicest products of his art during that period. He feels confident that the resources at his command and the artistic quality of his works will commend his gallery to the attention of the Washington public.

M. B. BRADY, 352 Pennsylvania avenue, over Sweeny, Rittenhouse, Fant, & Co.'s banking house.

Jan 27—cod3mo

HON. EDWARD EVERETT will deliver an address on "Charity" for the benefit of the poor of the city, under the auspices of the "Young Men's Christian Association," "Young Catholics' Friend Society," and "Ladies' Union Benevolent society," at the Smithsonian Institution, Tuesday evening, March 16th.

Tickets $1, to be had at John F. Ellis's music store, the principal hotels, Nairn's, Dyson's, Stott's, Gilman's, Ridgeley's, Harbaugh's, Stott's and Clarke's drug stores and the bookstores.

As the number of tickets is limited, seats should be secured at once.

March 9—d7t

MOURNING SILKS.—Opened to-day 20 pieces various styles, widths, and prices mourning silks.

A few choice styles second mourning silks.

The variety and extent of our stock of mourning goods enables us to offer all such fabrics at prices most favorable to the consumer.

Our northern and eastern correspondents send us new supplies daily.

One price only, marked in plain figures; therefore no customer is overcharged.

All old bills must be settled before new ones are made. We are inflexible on this point.

We are not opening any new accounts; our credit business is now distressingly large.

Bills presented for payment monthly.

It is our determination to make our trade as near a cash business as possible without disturbing the pleasant relations which have existed between many of our customers and ourselves for a long series of years.

PERRY & BROTHER,
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THE PIRATE, 2 volumes, Boston edition of Waverley novels. The Three Beauties; by Mrs. Southworth.

For sale by BLANCHARD & MOHUN,
March 9 Successors to E. Farnham.

LOCAL NEWS.

LECTURE AT THE SMITHSONIAN.—The closing lecture on philology was delivered at the Smithsonian last evening by Rev. Dr. McIlvaine, of Rochester, New York. The subject was an explanation of the key by which the meaning of the inscriptions in the arrowhead characters was determined. The lecturer remarked, on commencing, that it is worthy of observation that the bulk of these inscriptions remained imbedded in the earth until the key for their interpretation was discovered. In any other situation they would have been subject to defacement and probably altogether lost. Enough were, however, exposed to arouse curiosity and inquiry concerning them.

The different antiquarians and philologeans who had aided in developing the key were mentioned, and the results of their labors stated. None of their efforts were successful to any extent, until Colonel, afterwards Sir Henry Rawlinson, commenced his investigations in 1835. Stationed at a military post in Persia, it appears that, to while away his leisure hours, he undertook the arduous task of deciphering these characters, although laboring under great difficulty because of his total ignorance of the investigations of his predecessors in this field, and his deficiency of lingual knowledge. He only understood the English and French languages, and had a superficial acquaintance with Latin and Greek. But this was more than compensated for by the fact that his intercourse with the people among whom he was living enabled him to acquire a slight knowledge of their dialect.

Colonel R. copied the first column of two inscriptions, and on comparing them found that, with the exception of four groups, they were exactly alike. He then took still another inscription like these two, except in two groups. Acting on the hypothesis that these varying groups were proper names, he selected the names of Darius, Ahasuerus, and Histaspes. On comparing these, in the original language, with the letters in the varying groups he found the number of letters to be alike. Assuming that these were the names meant, he commenced the elimination of letters on this slight basis. Carrying this system farther, and using still other inscriptions, Col. R. was enabled finally to eliminate thirty-nine letters.

These were subjected to careful comparison and correction, and the inscriptions were next reduced to Roman letters. The meaning of the words was subsequently obtained by comparing them with those of the Sanscrit, Zend, and modern Persian languages, and thus were rendered intelligible what had always before been regarded as the inexplicable and useless remains of a people who have long ago passed from the theatre of life, and whose very existence is almost mythical. The other columns of the inscriptions have since been ascertained to be repetitions of the same matters in other languages.

The next lecture at the Institute will be on Monday evening.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE.—*Seventh Day.*—After the customary morning devotional exercises, Bishop Ames took the chair, and announced the following committees