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**LAW AND AGENCY NOTICE.**  
**WORTHINGTON G. SNEETHEN,**  
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**MERCHANT TAILOR,**  
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THE SUBSCRIBER takes this method of informing his friends, and strangers visiting the Metropolis, that he has just received from the North a very large and splendid assortment of French and English CLOTHS, CASIMERS, and VESTINGS, and all kinds of Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, together with a large and superior stock of Ready-made Overcoats, made up in the best and most fashionable style, all of which he respectfully recommends and warrants. Garments of all descriptions made to order, and at the shortest notice possible. [Jan 6—dtf]

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Barclay, Perkins & Co., in pints and quarts.  
For sale by JNO. B. KIBBEY & CO.,  
No. 5, opp. Centre Market.  
[Jan 9—dtf]

**To the Friends of Temperance!**  
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[Jan 12—dtf]

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bindings, varying in price from 50 cents to \$1. Also a dozen other varieties of approved Catholic Prayer Books. For sale by JNO. B. KIBBEY & CO.,  
No. 5, opp. Centre Market.  
[Jan 12—dtf]

**Magnificent Family Bibles!**  
20 COPIES Family Bibles just received—elegantly bound and beautifully illustrated.  
For sale by JNO. B. KIBBEY & CO.,  
No. 5, opp. Centre Market.  
[Jan 12—dtf]

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[Jan 12—dtf]

**SMALL HOMINY—Just received from Charles**  
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[Jan 12—dtf]

**MARASCHINO and Curacao Cordial,**  
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For sale by JOHN B. KIBBEY & CO.,  
No. 5, opp. Centre Market.  
[Jan 12—dtf]

## CENTRAL HOTEL.

Warren street, east end of the Railroad Depot, SYRACUSE, N. Y.  
On the left hand as you enter the Car House going west; on the right going east, only ten feet from the depot.  
No danger of being left, as the cars remain here thirty minutes for passengers to dine. Efficient and trustworthy waiters always on hand to attend to each train to attend to baggage entrusted to their care.  
MEALS, TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.  
Good accommodations for passengers remaining over, at one dollar per day.  
N. B.—The proprietors' efforts will always be to please their guests. Having eight years' experience both East and West, they feel confident that all will be satisfied, and solicit the patronage of the public.  
JAN 17—dtf

**D. R. MARHOFF'S CELEBRATED GER-**  
MAN SOAP, for the cure of all CUTANEOUS AFFECTIONS, for removing the hardest skin delicately WHITE, SMOOTH and SOFT—removing SALLOWNNESS, PIMPLES, TAN, FRECKLES, SUNBURNS and REDNESS OF THE SKIN. For sale by A. GRAY, Bookseller, 7th st. [Jan 19—dtf]

**NON-PARIEL Capers, Capotes, French**  
Olives, just received and for sale by JOHN B. KIBBEY & CO.,  
No. 5, opp. Centre Market.  
[Jan 12—dtf]

## RAILROAD CONVENTION.

We would call the attention of the public generally, and especially of all persons immediately interested in Railroads, to the Circular to the Presidents of Railroad Companies from the committee of the meeting held in this city on the 3d inst. We understand that the meeting adjourned until the first Tuesday in March, that the great convention to be held at New Orleans on the first Monday in January may act upon the proposed modification of the laws regulating mail contracts. It is hoped that the adjourned meeting will be fully attended, and that Railroad companies who cannot conveniently send delegates will authorize their members of Congress or some one else to represent them.

## RAILROAD CONVENTION.

[Circular.]  
WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 10, 1851.  
SIR: By the enclosed proceedings of a meeting held in this city on the 3d inst., it was made the duty of the undersigned as a committee to correspond with the several railroad companies in the United States, and to report to an adjourned meeting, to be held in this city on the first Tuesday in March next, to consider a proposition to petition Congress for a change in the law regulating mail contracts, so as to enable the Post Office Department to deliver to railroad companies United States five per cent. coupon bonds, upon permanent contracts for carrying the mail, to an amount the interest upon which, at five per cent., would be equal to the payments to be made under existing laws; and they therefore respectfully call the attention of your company to the subject, and invite your co-operation. They greatly prefer that you should send delegates to the adjourned meeting; for the opinions expressed by a convention of practical men, representing so much wealth, enterprise, and intelligence, will command, as they will deserve, the confidence and respect of Congress, and thus promote the adoption of such details as may be agreed upon in convention; but if it should not be convenient to send delegates, we would ask your company to submit, through us, your wishes and opinions upon the main proposition, and upon the details connected therewith.  
It is well known that many persons are opposed to internal improvements by the general government—some denying the power of Congress to make appropriations for that object; others fearing that the exercise of such power would lead to complications resulting in partial and unjust legislation, as they will see that the proposition under consideration is free from these objections. It asks no appropriation of money, in aid of the construction of railroads. The contracts will be restricted to the service which the several railroad companies are in condition to execute when the payments are made.  
It is true that the proposed modification of the laws regulating mail contracts will give similar payments pro rata, as new roads are made and as old ones are extended, and will so far increase the credit and resources of railroad companies. The same effect, although to a less extent, results from existing laws, and surely it cannot be urged as a valid objection to the proposed change that it will aid in the extension of the railroad system. We claim as a merit, that the proposed modification will aid in extending the system by giving greater value to railroad investments. Under existing laws contracts are made for four years, and the payments are continued, if not increased ad infinitum. Under the proposed modification the contracts will be made, giving the United States the perpetual use of railroads; and the rate of compensation is so reduced that, at the end of thirty-three years, the payments will cease, and the department will forever thereafter have the use of such railroad free of all charge.  
It is objected that old routes may be superseded by new ones, and the present service so diminished as to render it inexpedient to make permanent contracts at the rates proposed. It has also been objected that railroads now in use may be discontinued, and that such railroad companies cannot protect the department from loss. We answer these objections by assuming that the contracts will be made by a board appointed for that purpose, and that no contracts will be given unless that board be fully satisfied that mail service adequate to the payments will be amply secured to the United States.  
We desire to obtain the views of your company upon these and all other matters of detail, and respectfully ask of you to furnish us such statistics as will enable us to submit to the convention and to Congress a statement showing the comparative increase or diminution, as the case may be, of the mail service performed by your company—the past, and probable future increase of the weight of mails carried over the route of your road. And in this connection we wish to learn what, in your opinion, will be the probable increased weight of the mails, if newspapers and periodicals are sent free of postage.  
We wish you also to state what is the present current price of your shares, what rate of dividend does your company now pay, and what dividend could you pay under a contract such as we propose.  
The committee venture to invite the co-operation of the railroad convention to be held in New Orleans on the first Monday in January, and that the newspapers in the South and West will urge upon all those who are interested in railroads or in the extension of the system a favorable consideration of the measure proposed, and the necessity of prompt and efficient co-operation. In behalf of the committee,  
DUFF GREEN, Chairman.

**Proceedings of a Meeting held in Washington City on the 3d Decr. 1851.**  
At a meeting of gentlemen, assembled, at the request of Gen. Duff Green, to consider a project for modifying the existing laws regulating the letting of mails to railroad corporations.  
Gen. Morton, of Florida, was chosen president, and Albert Smith, of Maine, secretary.  
The meeting was addressed by Gen. Green in explanation of his proposition; after which, a desultory conversation was held by all the gentlemen present, and the following resolution was adopted:  
Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, with authority to correspond with the several railroad companies in the United States upon the subject of an application to Congress for a change in the mode of compensation for transporting the mails on railroads, and to digest a plan to be submitted to a meeting to be hereafter convened by the said committee.  
Gen. Duff Green, Mr. Blunt, of Florida, Albert Smith, of Maine, Robert H. Gallaher and Col. Fontaine, of Virginia, were chosen said committee.  
Voted, that the meeting be adjourned.  
ALBERT SMITH, Secretary.

## Office of Correspondence,

WASHINGTON CITY.  
All persons having business in the city of Washington are informed that the undersigned has established here an OFFICE OF CORRESPONDENCE, for the purpose of giving any information desired by any person in any part of the world. No business, whether public or private, if of an honorable character, will be excluded from the correspondence of this office. Persons wishing to know how to proceed in any business they may have in Congress, in the public offices, &c., will be directed as to all and where professional or other aid is necessary, the best will be procured or recommended.  
The undersigned will regard all matters committed to him in connection with this office as sacredly confidential, and will, by himself and through such agents as it may be necessary for him to employ, use every possible precaution to preserve them inviolate.  
Every letter of inquiry must contain a fee of five dollars, which will generally be the only remuneration required; but should it not compensate for the service to be rendered, the proper amount will be stated in a satisfactory letter in reply.  
Address, (postage prepaid),  
THOMAS C. CONNOLLY,  
Office of Correspondence, Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON CITY, January 16, 1852.  
Mr. THOMAS C. CONNOLLY is known to us as a worthy citizen, as a gentleman of intelligence, and as a clear, accurate, and ready writer; and we regard him as eminently qualified for the able, prompt, and faithful performance of the useful duties connected with his new and original design of an OFFICE OF CORRESPONDENCE.  
RICHARD WALLACH,  
[U. S. Marshal for the District of Columbia.]  
WALTER LENOX,  
[Mayor of Washington City.]  
JO. GALES,  
[Senior editor of the "National Intelligencer."]  
R. W. LATHAM,  
[Banker.]  
[Hotel, Repub. & Union—7th St. & 6th St.]

## LAW NOTICE.

Richard M. Young & J. McNeale Latham,  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,  
Will practice in the Supreme Court of the United States and the several Courts of the District of Columbia.  
[Jan 20—dtf]

## REMOVAL.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.  
The Subscriber, intending to remove from his present place of business, has on hand a large stock of goods, and offers for sale upwards of \$25,000 worth of goods, at greatly reduced prices, until the 15th of February.  
Persons in want of goods in his line will find it to their advantage to call on him before purchasing elsewhere.  
JAS. T. LLOYD,  
Dealer in Fruits, Wines, Liquors, Cigars, Comestibles, &c. P. avenue, three doors east of 5th street.  
[Jan 14—dtf]

## IMPORTANT TO THE DEAF.

DOCTOR HARTLY, AURIST, from the Ear Infirmary, 290 Arch street, Philadelphia, begs to announce his return to this city for the purpose of practicing a satisfactory method of curing the deaf, on his recent visit, and the gratifying amount of success which attended his treatment, have induced him to expel his return. His stay here will depend much upon circumstances, and it will be advisable for those who wish to consult him to make an early call. Residence—over Myer's Drug-store, between 9th and 10th streets, Pennsylvania avenue. Consultation and examination free. [Jan 14—dtf]

## OFFICE OF CORRESPONDENCE,

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.  
A letter on any business, addressed to this office, and enclosing a fee of five dollars, will receive a satisfactory reply.  
REFERENCES:—R. Wallach, U. S. Marshal; W. Lenox, Mayor; Jo. Gales, of the "Intelligencer"; R. W. Latham, Banker. For sale by A. GRAY, Bookseller, 7th street.  
Office of Correspondence, Washington, D. C.

## Warranted Bay Water!

WARRANTED TO ME to be the best article in the New York market. For sale by A. GRAY, Bookseller, 7th street. [Jan 5—dtf]

## FANCY PAPER HEADQUARTERS!

GOLD PAPER, plain and embossed; Silver, Copper, and White National, and all other fancy papers; also, envelopes; embossed, plain, figured and tinted German Paper, of all colors and Gold-bordered, of all sizes; English and American Tissue, Col. Tinting, Perfumery, and Drawing Paper. For sale by A. GRAY, Bookseller, 7th street. [Jan 19—dtf]

## Splendid Lotteries

FOR MARCH 1852.  
GREGORY & MAURY, Managers,  
(SUCCESSORS TO J. W. MAURY & CO.)  
\$35,000!—50 prizes of \$1,500!  
KENTUCKY STATE LOTTERY.  
For the benefit of the town of Frankfort.  
CLASS 64, FOR 1852.  
To be drawn at Covington, Ky., on Saturday, March 6, 1852.  
78 number lottery—13 drawn ballots!  
SPLENDID SCHEME.  
1 prize of \$35,000 1 prize of \$2,500  
1 do 15,000 20 prizes of 1,500  
1 do 7,500 100 do 300  
1 do 3,750 200 do 150  
1 do 1,875 400 do 75  
Tickets \$15—Halves \$7.50—Quarters \$3.75.  
Certificates of packages of 25 whole tickets, \$450.00  
Do do 25 halves do 225.00  
Do do 25 quarters do 112.50

\$50,000!—\$25,000!—\$12,500!—\$7,000!  
KENTUCKY STATE LOTTERY.  
For the benefit of the town of Frankfort.  
CLASS 65, FOR 1852.  
To be drawn at Covington, Ky., on Saturday, March 13, 1852.  
16 drawn numbers out of 78!  
Giving more prizes than Men!  
SPLENDID SCHEME.  
1 prize of \$50,000 1 prize of \$2,000  
1 do 25,000 10 do 1,000  
1 do 12,500 100 do 200  
1 do 6,250 200 do 100  
1 do 3,125 400 do 50  
Tickets \$15—Halves \$7.50—Quarters \$3.75.  
Certificates of packages of 25 whole tickets, \$750.00  
Do do 25 halves do 375.00  
Do do 25 quarters do 187.50

\$70,000!—100 prizes of \$1,000!  
KENTUCKY STATE LOTTERY.  
For the benefit of the town of Frankfort.  
CLASS 66, FOR 1852.  
To be drawn at Covington, Ky., on Saturday, March 20, 1852.  
66 number lottery—12 drawn ballots.  
GRAND SCHEME.  
1 prize of \$70,000 10 prizes of \$2,000  
1 do 35,000 10 do 1,000  
1 do 17,500 100 do 200  
1 do 8,750 200 do 100  
1 do 4,375 400 do 50  
Tickets \$15—Halves \$7.50—Quarters \$3.75.  
Certificates of packages of 25 whole tickets, \$1,050.00  
Do do 25 halves do 525.00  
Do do 25 quarters do 262.50

\$70,000!—100 prizes of \$1,000!  
KENTUCKY STATE LOTTERY.  
For the benefit of the town of Frankfort.  
CLASS 67, FOR 1852.  
To be drawn at Covington, Ky., on Saturday, March 27, 1852.  
78 number lottery—14 drawn ballots.  
BRILLIANT SCHEME.  
1 splendid prize of \$70,000 12 prizes of \$1,000  
1 prize of 25,000 40 do 500  
1 do 12,500 100 do 250  
1 do 6,250 200 (lowest No. prize) 100  
1 do 3,125 400 do 50  
1 do 1,562 800 do 25  
Whole tickets \$20—Halves \$10—Quarters \$5.  
Certificates of packages of 25 whole tickets, \$1,400.00  
Do do 25 halves do 700.00  
Do do 25 quarters do 350.00

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E. E. O'BRIEN, Agent,  
(Successor to J. & C. Maury.)  
No. 10, 11th street, between 1st and 2nd Sts. Va.  
For sale by A. GRAY,  
7th st., opp. Old-Fellows' Hall.

## AMERICAN TELEGRAPH.

From the Friend of Youth.  
I REMEMBER.  
BY FRANCES D. GAGE.

I remember—I remember,  
When I was but a child,  
How well I loved to ramble  
Through the forest lone and wild—  
How often at the noon-time,  
When from school *stern* trammels free,  
My merry laugh resounded  
From the bending forest tree.

I remember—I remember  
How we sped the hours away;  
In hunting for the velvet moss;  
To deck our play-house gay;  
It formed our bed and pillows,  
And our carpet light and fair,  
And well it matched our dresser  
And the broken china there.

I remember—I remember  
All our plots beneath the shade,  
When the dinner from the basket  
Was with childish care displayed—  
The juncos, and the turnover,  
And water from the gourd,  
While berries from the woodland hill  
Made dessert for our board.

I remember—I remember  
How we formed the airy ring,  
And sailing on the ocean,  
So merrily did sing,  
While our bonnets for safe keeping  
Were hung upon the trees,  
And sunburnt brows and untied hair  
Were fanned by every breeze.

I remember—I remember  
The school *stern* supple switch,  
How we felt its application  
For every careless stitch,  
And for each neglected lesson—  
Ah! I seem to feel it yet;  
But I would not mar those happy hours  
With memories of regret.

I remember—I remember  
When the school *stern* rap was beat,  
How like a flock of partridges  
We scampered to our seats,  
With our spelling-books and patchwork  
To wit the time away,  
And think about the pleasures  
Of noon—to-morrow day.

## A SABBATH MORNING OF 1776.

BY MARTHA RUSSELL.

One Sabbath morning during the gloomy summer of 1776, when the hopes of the patriots seemed likely to go down in darkness and blood, and even the God-sustained heart of Washington grew troubled, and almost sank within him, the people of our New England village came up to the house of God, with sad countenances and heavy hearts. News traveled slowly then, and they were chiefly indebted to such wounded soldiers as passed through the village, on the way to their homes, for their information of the movements of the army. They knew that Washington still held New York, and the last post wounded fellow that had reached home had told them a fearful tale of the state of our diminished army, and the horde of troops under the Howes, that were gathering around it like locusts.

It was a beautiful midsummer morning. A light thunder shower, during the latter part of the preceding night, had laid the dust and given coolness to the air. The rain drops still hung trembling from leaf and bough, and came dropping down in showers, as the footsteps of pedestrians, or the heavy tramp of horses, bearing, in most instances, the double burden of man and mason, with perchance, a rosy child or two, started from their quivering perches or the silver-throated birds.

The grass was already harvested, but many fields of grain were still standing brown and sun-burnt; and it was very evident that many of the crops had suffered for lack of proper cultivation, for many of the most expert wielders of the hoe and scythe had already exchanged them for the musket and sword. Still, here and there a piece of Indian corn stood up thriftily, though the broad leaves of which the faint west wind rustled, with a low murmuring sound, like the dropping of summer rain. In the southwest appeared the white caps of two or three of those singular clouds, known among the country people as "thunder heads." But the people, as they pursued their way along the green lanes and over the forest-crowned hills, had other thoughts than that of the beauty of the landscape. Their hearts were with their brothers and friends; their thoughts turned up towards Him who is both able to build up, and cast down, before whose altar they were accustomed to cast all their cares and troubles.

As with slow and reverent steps they filed into the meeting-house and took their seats in the square pews, it was easily seen that the greatest portion of the male part of the congregation consisted of men advanced in years and boys in their teens. The morning service passed as usual, and after a short intermission the people again gathered to their places, and the earnest prayer was offered, and a sermon suited to the exigencies of the times and to the wants of the audience was commenced. Suddenly the congregation were startled by the heavy tramp of a horse, which rapidly approached, and halted by the meeting-house door. In a moment the rider had thrown himself from the saddle, and stood within the door. Handing a note to the aged deacon who was hurrying down the aisle to ask the cause of this untoward interruption, with an audibly whispered injunction to act with speed, he as hastily mounted and kept on his way. The deacon cast one glance at the superscription of the paper, then marched reverently up to the pulpit stairs and placed it in the hands of the minister, with the same whispered injunction. Deliberately the old man finished his sermon and prayer; then, glancing his eyes over the paper, he laid its contents before the people. It was a pressing requisition from Washington for more troops. He was daily expecting an attack from the combined forces of the enemy, and each town was called upon to furnish what aid it could. After a few apt and eloquent remarks on the critical situation of the beloved chieftain, the worthy man continued—"Let us not be too much cast down, my brethren. Our cause is that of truth and justice and righteousness; and strong in these, we shall yet assuredly triumph. This business is urgent, and I trust it will not be deemed derogatory to our Christian character, nor an infringe-

## ment upon the holy Sabbath, if we take such

measures as seem most pressing to-day. Therefore, all who are willing to take their lives in their hands, and stand beside the commander-in-chief, in this hour of trial, will, after the close of these services, please render themselves in single file on the village common."

Then with hands clasped, and eyes raised towards Heaven, he took up the sublime invocation of David:  
"Keep not Thy silence, O God! hold not Thy peace and be not still!  
"For lo, mine enemies make a great tumult, they hate Thee: they have lifted up the head."  
"They have taken crafty counsel against Thy people, and consulted against Thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.  
"Let them be confounded and troubled forever; yea, let them be put to shame and perish.  
"That men may know that Thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art Most High over all the earth!"

There was a silence for the space of some moments, and then to the strains of old "Mear," full, clear, and distinct, from all parts of the house, rose the words of the following hymn:  
"Attend ye armies to the fight,  
And be our guardian, God!  
In vain shall numerous foes unite  
'Gainst thine uplifted rod.  
"Our troops, beneath Thy guiding hand,  
Shall gain a great renown;  
'Tis God who makes the feeble stand,  
And trends the mighty down."

The deep silence that followed the benediction was broken by the low muttering of distant thunder, for the white-capped thunder clouds of the morning were climbing, with giant strides, up the western sky. Contrary to their usual custom, the people waited in silence until their pastor had descended from the pulpit and passed down the aisle; then the aged deacon moved forward, followed by the congregation in due order. As they issued from the wide doorway, the whole male portion, as if moved by one impulse, took their way to the village common. Thoughtfully and silently, to the roll-call of the booming thunder, they took their places shoulder to shoulder, and the old minister saw before him the available strength of the village—each man capable of bearing a musket, from the gray-haired veteran to the boy of sixteen. Grouped around him was a small band of whom age and debility had left no available weapons, save faith and prayer. One other group must not be forgotten—the mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters, of those men upon the common, who remained clustered around the meeting house door, watching with breathless interest the movements of their friends. Love, pride, anxiety, hope, and faith: then lit up their excited features; but, I trow, there was little cowardice there.

The old minister's heart glowed within him at the sight of the resolute, determined-looking faces before him, as they proceeded to a choice of officers. The subordinate offices could readily be filled—who should lead them to face danger and death? who should be their captain?

Who so worthy to do this as he who had stood by them in all times of trial and sorrow—he who already aided them to fight the good fight of faith, their spiritual teacher and friend, whose moral and physical courage was unshaken? and, with one accord, they named the Rev. Samuel Ellis.

The old man was much moved by this unexpected proof of their esteem and confidence. It was the highest honor in their gift, and he highly appreciated the compliment and responsibility. He had too much of the old Puritan spirit in him to decline; his heart was in the cause, and in a few apt but broken words he signified his willingness to stand by them in life and in death. Then, beckoning the females to advance, he bowed his head, and like a true Cromwellian, called down the blessings of Heaven on them and on their cause.

This was the first company raised in our village; such was the spirit with which our fathers responded to the requisition of Washington; and in justification of the wisdom of their choice, let us admit that,  
"Like a soldier of the Lord,  
With his Bible and his sword,"  
the old pastor led them safely, through manifold dangers, until they joined the main army in New York.

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## THE LITTLE CHILD.

There is something peculiarly lovely and interesting in the character of a little child; so much so, that the more it is studied, the more interesting does it become.  
The Saviour of the world loved little children, and selected one as a model for his followers. Few persons, comparatively, give their character the admiration which is due it; and few seem to think Christ meant what he said, when those words fell from his lips—"Except ye be converted, and become as little children," &c.

Let us take a glance at the character of a little child. The present seems all with which it has to do; no sad regrets of the past cast a gloom over its cheerful spirit. No anxieties as to the future; no distracting cares, distrustful doubts, or forbidding fears, ruffle the stream of happiness that glides on and on in that joyous heart. No sense of guilt darkens that sunny brow, no burning tears of shame dim the brilliant eyes, which speak of purity and innocence within. The child is happy, and as free from care as the little warbler that fits through the heavens.

It is true a tear, nay, many tears are seen upon its cheek at times; but they are like the droppings of the sunshine shower. An object of terror may present itself, and cause alarm; but a mother's kiss and soothing tone can drive it all away. The child may have to walk through the dark, but it matters not how thick the darkness; if it is held by a parent's hand, there is not a doubt but that arm is sufficient, by strong to protect it. Should dangers threaten, let it but nestle in the bosom which gave it life, and all is well. But the sweetest trait in all its character is its humility, of which we have not time or ability to speak. It is also docile, teachable. In short, it is such as we must become in spirit, to inherit the kingdom of God.

To the eloquent divine, the far-famed philanthropist, the man of towering intellect, the self-conceited personage, who esteems himself nothing less than a lord of creation, to all, to each, we would whisper—"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."  
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## Emigration of French Mechanics to the United States.

A meeting of the "Associated Workmen" took place in Paris on the 23d of January, in spite of the rigor of the winter. Thirty-five persons, representing as many different associations, held a conference upon the subject of emigration to the United States. The principal speaker, whose name is not given, was a cabinet-maker, whose productions had carried the prize at the World's Fair.

This man alluded to the operations which had lately been carried into effect at Lyons and Limoges, by means of which the operative societies had been dissolved, under, as he said, the false pretext that they were secret