WHEELWRIGHTS AND BLACKSMITHS.

A MEETING was held, according to previous public notice, at Mr. N. Snyder's shop, at the corner of 11th and S streets, Washington city, on Monday evening, April 1st, 1851.

A Chairman and Secretary being appointed, a committee of six was appointed to propose a Constitution and By-laws. It was also resolved that the next meeting be held at the same place on Monday, April 7th, and that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the *American Telegraph* and Baltimore *Sun*. apr 2—eo3t*

WHITE GOODS.

TWENTY PIECES plaid Cambric, at 12½ cents
20 pieces do do at 15 cents
30 pieces plaid Cambric, fine numbers
45 do striped Muslin, all prices
50 do Swiss Muslin, from 12½ cents to $1
40 white Muslin Robes, a very pretty and cheap article for Ladies' Morning Dresses
25 pieces white embroidered Swiss, all prices
30 do colored do do

Tarletons, white and colored; white Cambrics; mull Muslins, Victoria and Bishop's Lawns; Bonnet Cords, French Dimity; Bird-Eye Diaper, Linen Cambrics, Linen Lawns; with 125 pieces Irish Linen, all prices—some very extra fine.

The above goods have been selected with the utmost care, and I feel confident will please those who may favor me with a call. G. W. YERBY,
mar 29—d1wif Penn av, between 7th and 8th sts.

GOODS FOR THE SEASON.

MAGRUDER & CALVERT, *Penn. avenue, between 8th and 9th streets*, are now prepared to offer to their customers and the public generally, a large and varied assortment of Goods in their line, selected with great care in the Northern and Eastern Markets, embracing—

IN DRESS GOODS,

Dress Silks of every variety; changeable Poplins; Mousseline De Laines; Bareges and Barege De Laines; Albarines and Tissues; Lustres; French and English Chintzes; French Lawns and Ginghams; embroidered Muslins, etc., etc.

CANTON CRAPE SHAWLS.

A complete assortment of Canton Crape Shawls in plain and embroidered Scarlet and White, Mode Color, etc., which we will sell lower than can be bought in this market.

MOURNING GOODS.

Black Silk, Black Twisted Silk, Black Grenadine
Black Tissue, Black and White do
Black and White Barege De Laines, Black Mousselines
Black Barege; with a large lot of Shawls and Scarfs.
mar 29—tf

JOHN W. CLARKE,

Surgical and Mechanical Dentist,
No. 2, Utermehle's Row, 7th street, Northern Liberties,
mar. 29] Washington. [tf

HARDWARE.

THE subscribers have in store a good assortment of House Furnishing and Builders' Hardware, Cutlery, &c., which they offer to those in want at the lowest prices.

Also, Agricultural and Gardening Implements, composing all the articles used.

J. T. RADCLIFF & CO.,
mar 26—tf Odd-Fellows' Hall, 7th street.

INFALLIBLE YEAST POWDER.

MADE by Preston & Merrill—Warranted to make light, sweet, and consequently nutritious Bread, superior to any article now in use. Try it.

For sale by JNO. B. KIBBEY & CO.,
mar 26—6teoif No. 5 opposite Centre Market.

PURE Ground White Pepper—A superior article for table use

Ground Mace, and ground and unground Spices of every variety

For sale by JNO. B. KIBBEY & CO.,
mar 26—6teoif No. 5 opposite Centre Market.

PIANOS.

NEW AND SECOND-HAND PIANOS always on hand, for sale and to rent on moderate terms, at the Piano Store, on 12th street, above F street.

A Cabinet Piano of six octaves for sale.
mar 29—d3m* F. C. REICHENBACH.

NEW COFFEE—TRY IT.

G. HAMMEL'S celebrated essence of Coffee, imparting a more delicate flavor and finer color, cheaper and more wholesome beverage, than that obtained from pure store coffee; this essence is ready prepared in convenient sized packages, at the very low price of 12½ cents each, which is equal to four pounds of the best Java Coffee. Use it and be convinced of its value. For sale wholesale and retail by JOHN F. CALLAN,
mar 24—tf Corner E and 7th streets.

WHITE'S AMBER GLOSS is decidedly one of the best preparations now in use for renovating the hair, cleansing it of dandruff, and preventing its falling off. For sale only at

BUTT'S Drug Store,
mar 24—eolm Corner Penn. av. & 12th st.

ICE CREAM SALOON.

THE BEAUTIFUL SALOON, on the corner of F and Ninth streets, near the Patent Office, is now open for ladies and gentlemen, where the best Cream of the season will be constantly kept on hand. Also, a choice assortment of Cakes.

Families supplied with Cream and other Confectioneries in any part of the city at the shortest notice.
mar 24—eotf H. ECKARDT.

IN FAIR WEATHER PREPARE FOR RAIN.

DANIEL PIERCE continues to cover and repair UMBRELLAS and PARASOLS as usual, at his old stand, Pennsylvania avenue, south side, between 12th and 13th streets, sign of the black and white Umbrella. ☞ A general assortment of Umbrellas for sale. Silk, Gingham, and other materials suitable for every description of repairs, always on hand. ☞ Pa. av., south side, between 12th and 13th streets. mar 24—eotf

AGENCY FOR OBTAINING PATENTS.

W. P. ELLIOT, *Architect and Solicitor of Patents,*

EXAMINES inventions, and gives opinions on the patentability of the same; prepares specifications and drawings, and transacts all business connected with his profession; revises and attends to the reconsideration of applications which have been rejected by the Commissioners of Patents, from the presentation of imperfect claims.

Persons residing at a distance may procure all necessary information, and have their business transacted, and obtain patents by writing, without incurring the expenses of a personal attendance at Washington.

Models can be sent by the Express. Rough sketches and descriptions can be sent by mail, from which models may be made at Washington.

He will also prepare the necessary papers and drawings, and procure letters patent in foreign countries on reasonable terms.

For character and qualification he refers to persons for whom he has transacted patent business during the last twenty years.

Office—opposite the principal entrance of the Patent Office. mar 28—tf

BUTTER.

HOUSEKEEPERS and others desiring good Butter at fair prices, will do well to patronise the subscriber at stands 53 and 54, Centre market. His supplies are regularly received from select dairies, and he never recommends an inferior article. GEORGE M. OYSTER.
mar 24—tf

HARDWARE.

JUST RECEIVED—an assortment of MINERAL KNOB LOCKS, viz: "People's Lock," "New Haven Lock," "Villa Locks," "Cottage Locks," "Novelty," "Adams," and "Western Locks;" Hinges, Screws, Bolts, Shovels, Spades, Rakes, Hoes, Knives and Forks, and Housekeepers' Hardware generally. GEO. SAVAGE,
Penn av, near 9th street; and at
J. L. SAVAGE & CO.,
1st ward, opp. Seven Buildings.

N. B.—Mineral knobs put on old brass knob locks. Orders left as above. mar 27—tf

NATIONAL SAFETY INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY.

Mutual Life Insurance on the Cash System.

OFFICE NO. 62, WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, ABOVE THIRD.

Incorporated in 1841.

CAPITAL STOCK $250,000.

Rates of Premium reduced Twenty-five per cent.

Persons insured in this Company for the whole term of life participate in the annual division of profits which will be paid in scrip or by bonds added to the policy.

Life Insurance upon the principle adopted by the Company is *founded* upon the principle of contribution in the shape of annual, semi-annual, or quarterly premium or dues to a common fund, proportionate to the amount insured, out of which the company pay a stipulated sum on the death of the assured, to the person for whose benefit the insurance is effected. Thus each person insuring in this company, by contributing a small portion of his income or earnings, effects a sure provision for the wants and necessities of his family after they are deprived of that support which, whilst living, he was enabled to provide for them by his exertion.

After a thorough investigation of the different systems adopted in Europe and America, and of the rates of premium charged, this company have reduced the annual premium or quarterly dues twenty-five per cent., and will receive the premium annually, semi-annually, or quarterly, as may be preferred, under a firm conviction that the exigencies of the company will never exceed and seldom require the premium charged by this company, to enable it to meet all its engagements, which reduction will leave a large margin for seasons of unusual sickness and death among its members. This company preferring to reduce the premium at once to an amount more nearly approximating the actual necessities of the company, than to adopt the system of premium notes for a portion of the premium which is attended with so many disadvantages.

Some of the peculiar advantages of this company are,

1. A reduction of *twenty-five per cent.* in the annual premium charged.
2. A participation in the profits of the company by those who insure for life.
3. A guarantee capital of $250,000 to guard against all contingencies.

HON. HENRY L. BENNER, President.
WM. J. REED, Secretary.

Agency in Washington, D. C., Odd Fellows' Hall, Seventh street. F. HOWARD, Medical Examiner.
sp 2—1m J. T. RADCLIFF, Agent.

AMUSEMENTS.

LANDS SACRED AND CLASSICAL.

Is now open for a fortnight at

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, WASHINGTON,

GLIDDON'S Grand Moving Transparency of the River Nile, Egypt, and Nubia, together with a magnificent Gallery of Egyptian Antiquities, Mummies, &c., and splendid Tableaux of Hieroglyphical Writings, Paintings, and Sculptures. Oral descriptions, comprising the latest Archæological Descriptions, by George R. Gliddon, formerly United States Consul at Cairo.

Oriental Music performed at each Exhibition.

Every evening at 8 o'clock; Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at half-past 3 o'clock.

Doors open an hour before. Admission 25 cents; children half price.

Tickets for sale also at the principal hotels and book and music stores, &c. mar 28—tf

Temperance Meetings in Washington.

☞ Public Temperance Meetings are held by the Freemen's Vigilant Total Abstinence Society every Sunday night at Temperance Hall, and on Friday nights at the Schoolhouse on English Hill, commencing at seven o'clock.

GEORGE SAVAGE,
mar 24 President F. V. T. A. S.

WILLIAM A. GRIFFITH,

Marble Cutter and Sculptor, corner of E and Ninth sts., Prepares Mantels, Monuments, Tombs, and Head-stones. Also fancy chiselling and carving. mar 27—tf

TAYLOR & MAURY, Booksellers and Stationers, Pennsylvania avenue, near 9th street, have constantly on hand a full assortment of BLANK BOOKS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PENS, INK, and PAPER, of every variety, for sale at New York prices.
mar 24—

DR. J. M. AUSTIN,

(*Late of Warrenton, Va.*)

OFFICE and Residence—F street, north side, one door above 10th. mar 27—Th&8tf

Potomac Savings' Bank,

WASHINGTON, March 31, 1851.

STOCKHOLDERS in the Building Associations may borrow at legal interest from this institution the full amount of their payments into the Associations by depositing their certificates as security therefor.

Money, in sums of $5 and upwards, remitted to all parts of the world at current rates.

ap 1—eo3t T. M. HANSON, Cashier.

"A GOOD COLLECTOR."

THE Undersigned has been induced, by many friends, to again undertake the Collection of Debts in this city, and hopes, by strict attention and punctuality in returns, to merit the favors of his numerous friends and the public generally.

Business left at the offices of Justice Morsell, Donn, or Smith, will be received and promptly attended to.

ap 1—tf JAMES F. TUCKER.

Eighth street Paper-hanging Establishment.

CHEAPER THAN EVER.

DAVID A. BAIRD, Upholsterer and Paper-hanger, begs leave respectfully to inform the public that he has an extensive and well assorted stock of Paperhangings and Borders, which he will dispose of at less prices than any other establishment in this city. Persons wishing paper-hanging done will do well to call before purchasing elsewhere. mar 29—eo3t

SODA WATER.—BUTT'S Soda Water Fountain is now in full operation, and the lovers of this delightful beverage are respectfully requested to call again, or drop in for the first time, and try the far-famed Soda Water that he manufactures. A full assortment of superior Syrups. BUTT'S Drug Store,
mar 29—d1m corner Penn. av. and 12th st.

GROCERIES—just received—
7 half chests fine and extra fine gun powder and imperial Tea.
3 do Oolong black do.
10 bags Government Java Coffee
20 boxes Crystaline Tallow Candles
5 do Beadel's Cornena
10 do Superior Family Soap
10 do extra white Pearl Starch
24 barrels and boxes Loaf and Crushed Sugar
5 do clarified pure Cider Vinegar
25 do Family and Superfine Flour

For sale, low, by J. T. RADCLIFF & CO.,
mar 26—d2w Odd-Fellows' Hall, Seventh st.

NEW SPRING GOODS.

McLAIN & HARRY have now in store a well-selected stock of Goods, which they offer to purchasers at very reduced prices, such as will compensate one and all to call and examine for themselves.

McLAIN & HARRY,
mar 29—dtf Penn av, one door from 7th street.

A CARD.

THE subscriber would inform his friends and the public generally that he has just returned from the North, and is now receiving and opening a large, extensive, and desirable assortment of SPRING GOODS, and earnestly solicits a call, as he feels confident that he can offer inducements equal to any similar Northern establishment.

G. W. YERBY,
mar 29—d2wif Penn. av., opposite Centre Market.

LARGE STOCK OF BOOTS AND SHOES.

E. EDMONSTON, opposite Odd-Fellows' Hall, begs leave to call the attention of his customers, and the public generally, to his stock of the above articles, just received, all of which he is selling at very reduced prices for cash. He enumerates a portion of the articles:

FOR LADIES.—Black, bronze, and colored Gaiter Boots, at $1 50; do. do. do. Half Gaiters, at $1 25; black, bronze, and colored Morocco Slippers, at 75 cents and $1.

FOR MISSES.—Black, bronze, and colored Gaiters, at $1 and $1 25; do. do. do. Half Gaiters and Gaiter Buskins; black Kid and Morocco Slippers, and walking Shoes.

FOR CHILDREN.—He has on hand perhaps as large and as good an assortment of Children's Shoes as is to be found in the city, including Children's Walking Shoes, children's black, bronze, blue, green, and fancy colored Gaiter Boots; Pumps, Morocco Buskins, Ties, &c., &c., all prices.

FOR GENTLEMEN.—Patent leather neat and tasty Congress Gaiters and patent leather Shoes, of all shapes. Also, common pegged Shoes, and all other descriptions of Gentlemen's shoes now in use.

Determined to please, he will offer his stock at the very lowest prices, and respectfully solicits a call from purchasers before making their selections elsewhere.

He is prepared to manufacture all articles in Ladies' and Gentlemen's line, and to do repairing in the best manner and at the shortest notice.

☞ Remember the store. mar 28—eod1m

Bible Society Depository.

THE DEPOSITORY OF THE WASHINGTON CITY BIBLE SOCIETY is now kept at the corner of E and 10th streets, (old *Medical College,*) where is also kept constantly for sale a variety of standard Evangelical Works, published by the American Tract Society, the American S. S. Union, Presbyterian Board of Publication, Carters & Bro., &c. &c. &c. Also, choice Religious books, and others, for Children and Youth.

Cheap second-hand books; Paper, Pens, Ink, Envelopes, Wafers, &c. &c. Also, Fac simile of Gen. Washington's accounts during the Revolutionary War.

By JAMES NOURSE,
mar 24—1aw10t* Cor. E and 10th streets.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Assessors will attend daily, at their office in the City Hall, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., on and from the first day of April to the 10th, inclusive, (Sunday excepted,) for the purpose of affording all concerned an opportunity of examining their assessments for the year 1851.

T. F. HARKNESS,
mar 31—eod10th Secretary of Board of Assessors.

WONDER-WORKING SALVE.

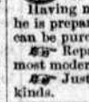
DR. PORTER'S WONDER-WORKING SALVE permanently cures Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chilblains, Painful Swellings, Biles, Piles, Abscesses, Ulcers, and Sores of all kinds. It is wonderfully efficacious for *Inflammation* or *rising* of the FEMALE BREAST, or *inflammation* arising from any cause.

As a lip salve, and for chapped hands or rough skin, it has no superior. By its application the skin becomes smooth as glass.

This Salve was prepared from the receipt of an eminent English physician, by the late Dr. Talley, of this city, and its pre-eminent merits are extensively known in the community. The subscriber has used it in his own family with astonishing success, and can recommend it with confidence. And so well assured is the PROPRIETOR of its efficacy, that the purchaser will be at liberty to return what salve is left and his money be refunded in case of failure.

☞ The subscriber is general wholesale agent for the United States. AUSTIN GRAY,
Bookseller, Seventh street,
mar 24—w1y opposite Odd-Fellows' Hall.

NEW STORE—Clocks and Watches.



C. LETMATE, Clock and Watch-maker, SEVENTH STREET, opposite Odd-Fellows' Hall, keeps on hand CLOCKS and WATCHES of every description.

Having made arrangements with his son in New York, he is prepared to sell all articles in his line cheaper than can be purchased at any other store in this city.

☞ Repairing done in the best manner, and on the most moderate terms.

☞ Just arrived—JEWELRY and WATCHES of all kinds. mar 29—e8m

FOR GENTLEMEN.

SIX PIECES superior black French Cloth
10½ half-pieces very choice fancy Cloths
50 patterns fancy Cassimeres, for Spring
100 do fancy Vestings, (very rich, and choice styles,) in Silk and Marseilles
30 dozen gentlemen's Cravats, some very beautiful
10 do gentlemen's Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, plain and colored borders
45 pieces Silk Handkerchiefs, ten of which are very handsome, and new styles
5 cartoons gentlemen's Kid Gloves, white, light, and dark colors, and black; Silk, Lisle, Thread, and Cotton Gloves

The above Cloths, Cassimeres, and Vestings, are the most desirable goods of their kind in this city. Young Gentlemen wishing very elegant articles in that way will please call.

10 pieces dotted Linen, for Shirting
25 do do Calico, for Shirting, very fine

G. W. YERBY,
mar 29—d2wif Penn av, between 7th and 8th sts.

SAMUEL WISE,

CARPENTER AND BUILDER,

(*Late of the firm of Walker & Wise,*)

HAS opened a shop on E street, opposite Temperance Hall, between 9th and 10th streets.

Residence on I street, north side, between 6th and 7th streets. mar 24—tf

NEW SPRING GOODS AND FASHIONS.

CHARLES H. LANE, (late Lane & Tucker,) merchant tailor and gentleman's furnishing store, takes pleasure in informing his friends and fellow-citizens that he has just returned from New York with a new and beautiful stock of French Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, and Furnishing Goods, selected by himself with great care, to which he would now most respectfully invite their attention, all of which will be offered at fair and reasonable prices.

Also, a splendid lot of Children's Clothing always on hand. Lane & Tucker's Buildings, Penn. avenue.
mar 24—eo3wif

REAL ESTATE IN VIRGINIA FOR SALE.

THE subscriber has not yet disposed of his real estate in Prince William county, Virginia. He is still desirous of selling, and will do so on accommodating terms. It consists, first, of 947 acres of land, in from two and a half to four miles of Brentsville, the county town, fourteen miles of Occoquan, thirty miles of Alexandria, and from four to five miles of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, which will be completed to Brentsville this year. This land is well adapted to the growth of wheat, corn, rye, oats, and grass. It is a mixture of the red and grey soil, and admirably adapted to improvement by the use of clover, plaster, guano, &c. It is heavily timbered, and finely watered, having lasting springs of the purest water. It is capable of being divided into five or six good sized farms, and with tolerable buildings and small orchards on four of them. I will sell it all in a body to a company, or will divide it to suit purchasers, at prices ranging, according to quality, at from $3 to $8 per acre. I will only require one-fourth of the purchase money in hand, and the balance I will divide in three annual payments, to bear interest from the date of sale, to be secured on the property. Land is rapidly rising in value in the neighborhood, and I offer great inducements now, as I wish to turn my attention to other pursuits.

Secondly. A square of buildings in the town of Brentsville, suitable for a carriage-maker, wheelwright, or blacksmith, with two dwelling-houses, kitchens, blacksmith, carriage, and wheelwright shops, and other necessary buildings. $1600 is now my price for this property—on the same terms as the land. It is within a mile and three-quarters of the railroad.

Thirdly. Nine and a quarter acres of land on the turnpike, just above Buckland, on which are a good dwelling-house, a large wheelwright shop, kitchen, stable, dairy, and smoke-house. It would make a good tavern stand, and the shop a good stable. For this property I will take $500—on the same terms.

Fourthly. A large lot in the village of Buckland, known as the tan-yard lot, on which there is a comfortable house and kitchen—lot enclosed. The tan-yard is in bad condition, but might be easily resuscitated, and is a very good place for the business. For this I will take $400—on like terms.

Fifthly. A lease lot in Haymarket, with a pretty good house, kitchen, a large shoemaker's shop, stable, &c. The buildings are a little out of order. The lease may run for ten or twelve years. For this I will take $100.

Sixthly. A valuable farm in Alleghany county, Maryland, containing 200 acres, within eight miles of the National Road, and ten to twelve miles of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. This farm is in a thriving neighborhood, is heavily timbered, has a good and never-failing stream of water running through it, and several mill-seats; abounds in iron ore and coal; has a fine sugar maple orchard on it, and a mineral spring, which I think equal to the White Sulphur or Bedford, and has now some forty or fifty acres of the land cleared. The soil is not surpassed by any in the country. I am disposed now to take $4 per acre for it. Mr. Abraham Steel, who lives near it, will show it to any one wishing to purchase. The property in Prince William county, Virginia, will be shown by Eppa Hunton, esq., who is authorized to sell; or by Mr. Edwin W. Latimer, or Mr. Robert Hodgkin. I shall be in Brentsville about the middle of May, and will, in person, show the property to any one wishing to purchase.

HENRY A. BARRON,
At Mrs. Gassaway's Boarding-House, D street, between 7th and 8th, south side, Washington.
mar 24—law4w

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!!—*READ AND BE WISE.*—The celebrated German Physicians, Drs. BROTHERS & GRAY, have finally concluded to settle themselves in the city of Washington, after having traveled the world over in search of knowledge; and having spent seven years among the Indians for the purpose of getting a thorough knowledge of Botany, they flatter themselves qualified to alleviate and cure all complaints to which the human family are subject. We flatter ourselves that all who favor us with a call, that we will, without asking them a question, tell them their complaints and symptoms, and guaranty an easy and speedy cure. We require, for examination, at least two ounces of the first urine in the morning. The Doctors' Medicines are wholly Vegetable, and prepared by themselves. We also guaranty to cure the most inveterate sores, no matter from what cause they may have originated, or how long standing, viz: Fever, Ague, Cancer, &c.

Drs. Brothers & Gray's Indian Vegetable remedy is the most important discovery ever made in the practice of medicine, for the cure of the chest, stomach and lungs, or liver, viz: Consumption, both nervous and pulmonary; also, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, and all pains arising from the chest, lungs, or liver; all cases of nervous weakness, Neuralgia, Hypochondriacal complaints; all cases of the Kidneys, Fever and Ague, Dropsy, Salt Rheum, Syphilis, Piles, Gravel, or all Scrofulous Complaints; Mercurial diseases, Rheumatism, and all complaints which require the blood to be pure and healthy, and to assist nature to perform her natural functions.

For sale at the Medical Office of Drs. BROTHERS & GRAY, opposite the Smithsonian Institution, on SOUTH B street, between 9th and 10th. mar 24—2w

Philadelphia Type and Stereotype Foundry.

THE subscriber would call the attention of Printers to the greatly reduced prices of the present list. They now offer

Pica at	30 cts.	Minion	48 cts.
Small Pica	32 "	Nonpareil	58 "
Long Primer	34 "	Agate	72 "
Bourgeois	37 "	Pearl	1 08 "
Brevier	42 "	Diamond	1 60 "

Determined to spare no expense in making their establishment as perfect as possible, they have recently got up a complete set of the justly celebrated SCORCH-CUT LETTER, from Diamond to English, to which they particularly invite attention.

Having lately made numerous additions to their stock of Fancy Types, Borders, Ornaments, &c., their assortment is now unrivalled in the United States; and their improved methods of casting, and of preparing metal, enable them to furnish orders in a manner to insure satisfaction.

Printing Presses, Cases, Stands, Chases, Galleys, Printing Ink, and every article used in a printing-office, constantly on hand, at the lowest rates.

Second-hand Presses, and Type used only in stereotyping, at reduced prices.

Books, Pamphlets, Music, Labels, &c. &c., stereotyped with correctness and despatch.

N. B. Specimen Books will be sent to Printers who wish to make orders. L. JOHNSON & CO.,
mar 24—tf No. 6 Sansom street.

FURNISHING MAIL LOCKS & KEYS.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
March 14, 1851.

IT being desirable to substitute locks and keys of some other kind for those now in use for the mail service of the United States, specimen locks and keys, with proposals to furnish the same, will be received and considered at the Post Office Department until the first day of July next. The different locks will be submitted to a commission for examination and report. Upon this report, contracts will, as soon as practicable, be entered into for furnishing such locks and keys for four years, with the right on the part of the Postmaster General, for the time being, to extend and continue the contract in force for an additional term of four years, by giving to the contractor a written notice to that effect, not more than nine nor less than six months before the termination of the first term of four years.

With a view of procuring the best lock at the lowest price, no kind of lock is prescribed as a standard, the Department relying for a selection on the mechanical skill and ingenuity which a fair competition, now invited, may develop. It is, however, proper to state that a lock suitable for the mail service should possess the following qualities, viz: durability, uniformity, lightness, and strength.

For the purpose of displacing simultaneously all the mail locks and keys now in use, about thirty thousand new locks and twenty thousand keys adapted thereto will be required to be furnished by the contractor within seven months after the contract shall have been entered into; afterwards the annual supply will depend on the durability of the locks and keys adopted, as well as the increase of the mail service; but it will probably never exceed in amount three thousand of the former and one thousand of the latter.

No lock will be considered if it be like any already in general use; nor will any one with whom the contract may be made be allowed to make, sell, or furnish, any lock or key similar to those contracted for for any other purpose or use than that of the Post Office Department.

The kind of lock adopted must be patented, and the patentee will be required, on entering into contract, to make an assignment of his patent for the exclusive use and benefit of the Department, if the Postmaster General shall deem such requirement essential to the interests of the service. In case of the failure of the contractor at any time to fulfil faithfully the terms and conditions of his contract, the Postmaster General shall have the right, besides a resort to the penal remedy hereinafter mentioned, to annul said contract, and to contract anew with any other party or parties as he may see fit, for furnishing similar locks and keys.

In deciding upon the proposals and specimens offered, the Postmaster General may deem it expedient to select for the through mails the lock of one bidder, and for the way mails that of another. He reserves, therefore, the right of contracting with different individuals for such different kinds of locks as he may select, and also the right to reject all the specimens and proposals, if he shall deem that course for the interest of the Department. The party or parties contracting will be required to give bond, with ample security, in the sum of thirty thousand dollars, for a faithful performance of the contract. The contract is to contain provisions for the due and proper inspection of the locks and keys, and also for guarding against their passing into improper hands; the terms of these provisions to be arranged between the Department and the successful bidder, if a bid should be accepted.

No application will be considered if not accompanied with satisfactory evidence of the trustworthy character of the bidder, and of his ability to fulfil the contract.

N. K. HALL,
mar 24— Postmaster General.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE AND THE BRITISH QUARTERLY REVIEWS.

OWING to the late revolutions and counter-revolutions among the nations of Europe, which have followed each other in such quick succession, and of which "*the end is not yet*," the leading periodicals of Great Britain have become invested with a degree of interest hitherto unknown. They occupy a middle ground between the hasty, disjointed, and necessarily imperfect records of the newspapers, and the elaborate and ponderous treatises to be furnished by the historian at a future day. Whoever reads these periodicals obtains a correct and connected account of all the important political events of the Old World, as they occur, and learns the various conclusions drawn from them by the leading spirits of the age. The American publishers therefore deem it proper to call renewed attention to the works they publish, and the very low prices at which they are offered to subscribers. The following is their list, viz:

THE LONDON QUARTERLY REVIEW,
THE EDINBURGH REVIEW,
THE NORTH BRITISH REVIEW,
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