LOCAL NEWS.

Amusements.

GROVER'S THEATRE.—*Dombey & Son.*—The "Serious Family" attracted, last evening, a vast concourse of fashionable people, eager to behold the piece, so strongly cast, and to welcome again to the boards of this most popular establishment the established favorites of other seasons, Miss Susan Denin and Mr. Dan Setchell. Such a furore as greeted the appearance of all the renowned artists is beyond any other demonstration of which we have recollection. This evening will be performed, for the first time this season, the charming dramatization, by Brougham, of Dickens' "Dombey & Son," in which Mr. Florence will appear as Captain Cuttle, Mrs. Florence as Susan Nipper, Miss Julia Irving as Edith Granger, Miss Isabel Freeman as Florence Dombey, Mr. Chas. Barron as Mr. Granger, Mr. A. W. Fenno as Mr. Dombey, Mr. Bokee as Sol Gills, &c. The performance of to-night will terminate with the elegant protean comedietta of the "Young Actress," in which Mrs. Florence appears in five distinct characters, with songs and dances, and Mr. Florence as the tragedian. Kopplitz and orchestra will perform new music between the pieces.

FORD'S NEW THEATRE.—"Fanchon, the Cricket," with Miss Maggie Mitchell in that character, resumed its former sway, last evening, at Ford's New Theatre. "Fanchon" is a dramatic picture that may be witnessed by the most puritanical, without any fear of being allured from their devotions. Even the members of the cloth, (clergymen of all persuasions) will admit, after enjoying its representation, that it is an attractive moral example, calculated to teach the bright reward of virtue, and point to a path through life that will ultimately lead to happiness. For the theatre, with "*morality*" inscribed upon its banners, is acknowledged to be a noble instructor of public morals. Theologians, like Henry Ward Beecher and Archbishop Hughes, in order to impress their lectures and sermons more forcibly upon the understanding of the multitudes, speak and exhort from the stages of the large theatres in New York and Philadelphia. Now, "Fanchon" holds forth at Ford's New Theatre in the most attractive style, with all the accessories of splendid scenery, delightful music, living characters in picturesque costumes, and every beauty that art and nature can produce, while Miss Mitchell, the bright dramatic light, sheds a lustrous brilliancy over it all.

CANTERBURY.—Despite the large increase in places of public amusement in the city, this never fails to attract crowds to witness the performances of the greatest combination of talent that was ever engaged in a music hall at any one time. Beautiful Marietta never appeared to better advantage than last night, in the great character of the "Daughter of the Regiment" upon the tight rope. She appears to-night in the same character. The charming Miss Southerland seemed to have her sweetest songs for the last week of her engagement, for never have we listened to such exquisite vocal music as that produced by her last night. The great performer, George R. DeLouis, who made his first appearance last night, attracted great attention, and much interest was felt in watching his astonishing and thrilling feats. Hart and Simmons, also, seemed in the best of spirits and determined to amuse. Their new afterpiece created the most intense fun. The entire company appear again to-night.

JARRETT'S THEATRE.—This place of amusement was opened for the first time last evening, under its present auspices, and "The French Spy" was put upon the stage. It will also be played this evening. Mrs. Adah Isaacs Menken sustains the principal *role*. Adah is a good actress in her parts, and always pleases the people.

GREAT AMERICAN CIRCUS—*Don't fail to see it.* This extra establishment, for general amusement, has been crowded on every occasion since it opened. The performances are better than those usually provided by travelling institutions of this nature. Two performances are given each day—afternoon and night. The *matinees* attract large numbers of ladies and children. Equestrian and gymnastic performances will continue every afternoon and night. No one should fail to see Mad. Tourniare, Miss Gardner, Mlle Bregy, Gardner, Reynolds, Darius, and others.

CITY COUNCILS.

Monday, Sept. 29, 1862.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—The Board met according to adjournment, the President in the chair.

A communication was received from W. W. Blennerhassett, in relation to a stairway attached to Carusi's Theatre. Referred to Police Committee.

Mr Pepper introduced a bill on the casual repairs of streets, alleys, &c., which was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Brodhead reported a bill increasing the pay of the mayor, register, and water registrar, and for other purposes. Read three times and passed.

He also reported a bill compensating E. J. Klopfer for compiling the laws of the Corporation. Read three times and passed.

He also reported a bill of this Board, relieving the Corporation of any liability on account of the guarantied bonds of the Alexandria and Washington railroad company. The bill was passed.

Mr. Pepper reported a bill to put a bridge and repair piers across the Tiber creek, in square No. 677. Read three times and passed.

He also reported a bill authorizing the Mayor to lease the alley in square 376. Read three times and passed.

He also reported two bills for grading and paving I and k streets north. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Sargent reported a bill in relation to the public hay scales. Read three times and passed.

He also introduced a bill to repeal all laws for the appointment of police magistrates and corporation constables; which was referred to Committee on Police, and ordered to be published in the proceedings of the Board.

Mr. Lloyd reported a bill authorizing the register to issue a license to L. Grover for equestrian exhibitions. Read three times and passed.

He also reported a bill for the relief of Jas. Larkin. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Richards reported back a bill authorizing the Mayor to lease a certain building for school purposes. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Clephane reported a bill to improve the northern market house. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Sargent reported a bill for the establishment of pounds, &c., in the city of Washington. Amended, read three times, and passed.

Adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.—Met as as usual, the President in the chair.

The Chair laid before the Board a communication from the Mayor, stating that the appropriation of $600 was insufficient to carry out the act to repair the stone wall of Tiber creek. The bids, by three separate bidders, to perform the work, are as follows: $1,708.75; $2,125.25; and $2,270.25. His Honor recommends additional legislation. Referred.

Also, a communication approving certain acts.

Also, a communication in answer to a resolution of the Council, in relation to the receipts of the canal. The total receipts are $3,421.04. Referred.

A communication was also read, signed by Mr. W. W. Blennerhassett, calling attention to the dangerous condition of the outside stairway of Carusi's theatre, on the corner of C and Eleventh streets. Referred to the Committee on Police, with instructions to prepare a bill to abate the nuisance, if necessary.

Mr. Barr submitted a bill making the annual appropriation for cleaning alleys, gutters, &c., in the several wards.

Mr. Thompson said that, as this is an important bill, he hoped it would be referred to the appropriate committee; and he moved that reference. Lost—5 to 9.

The bill makes exactly the same appropriations as last year.

The following amendments were made:

Fourth ward—Strike out "$2,700," and insert "$3,000."

Fifth ward—Strike out "$800," and insert "$1,100." Insert $600 for incidental expenses.

Sixth ward—Strike out "$800," and insert "$1,100." Also insert $600 for incidental expenses.

The amendments were agreed to, and the bill passed.

Mr. Thompson presented a bill to gravel Thirteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to F street north. Passed.

Mr. Shepherd offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board are deeply impressed with the present deplorable condition of our streets and crossings, and are fearful that the approaching Winter will render them almost impassable.

And further resolved, That in view of the increased rate of taxation and the probability of sufficient revenue to meet the needed repairs of streets and raising of street crossings, the Mayor be, and is hereby, requested to report to this Board what legislation is needed and appropriation required to enable him to make these necessary improvements before the setting in of inclement weather.

Mr. Utermehle offered a bill increasing the tax upon theatrical exhibitions, which proposes to tax circus companies $150 per week, or $30 per day for less than one week. Theatrical exhibitions $60 per week. Musical entertainments and concerts $50 per week, or $10 per night for less than a week. Puppet shows, acrobats, &c., $5 per night. Combined concerts, acrobatics, &c., $60 per week, or $15 per day for less than a week.

Mr. Utermehle urged the immediate passage of the bill. He considered the bill of great importance as a financial measure.

Mr. Lloyd moved the reference of the bill to the appropriate committee—lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Lloyd, Mitchell, Wilson, and the President—4.

NAYS—Messrs. Barr, Ellis, Follansbee, Gordon, Knight, Lewis, Morgan, Raub, Thompson, and Utermehle—10.

Mr. Lloyd moved to strike out $30 per day for circus companies, and insert $20 per day. Lost.

Mr. Wilson moved to strike out the words "and Councils," so that the consent of the Mayor only shall be required in case of circus exhibitions. Adopted.

Mr. Wilson also moved to strike out $150, and insert $100 per week, and $75 per week for more than one week.

Mr. Gordon thought this was taking a backward step, and reducing the tax, instead of increasing their tax. He hoped the old rate of tax—$40 per day—would be imposed.

The amendment was lost—4 to 10.

Mr. Gordon moved to strike out $30, and insert $40 per day. Lost—5 to 8.

Mr. Lloyd moved to strike out $60 per week for theatrical exhibitions, and insert $20. Lost—5 to 9.

The bill was then read the third time and passed.

Mr. Wilson offered a resolution providing for the drawing for seats in the Council Chamber. Lost.

Mr. Wilson presented a petition and bill for grading and paving an alley in square No. 462. Passed.

Mr. Thompson offered a bill appropriating $892 for the burial of the out-door poor. Passed.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee, reported adversely to a bill providing for the appointment of a commissioner on improvements in each ward, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration. Granted.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Improvements, reported in favor of repaving Fifth street west, on the south side of New York avenue. Passed.

Also, a bill to grade and gravel North Capitol street, between G and H streets north. Passed.

Also, a bill to lay a flag footway across North Capitol street on the south side of H street north.

A bill from the Board of Aldermen to lay a foot pavement on the south part of square 732, B street south, between First and Second streets east, was reported on adversely by the Committee on Improvements, in consequence of the fact that not a sufficient number of property holders had signed the petition; and the bill did not pass.

Mr. Ellis, from the Committee on Police, reported adversely to the petition of Samuel Warner. Discharged.

Mr. Raub reported a bill to repair Maryland avenue bridge across the canal at Third street. Passed.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Fire Department, reported back the fire bill with sundry amendments, and a separate bill authorizing the purchase of one steam fire engine, the organization of the men, number, &c., to be a subject of future legislation.

After a long discussion on points of order, &c., the bill was read.

Mr. Utermehle submitted the following:

Resolved, That the bill reported from the Committee on Fire Department be referred to a special committee, consisting of one member from each ward, to be appointed by the President, with instructions to make full inquiry into the expediency of reorganizing the fire department of this city, with at least three steam fire engines and a sufficient number of hose carriages and hook and ladder companies, to be properly distributed throughout the city.

Mr. Utermehle urged his plan at considerable length.

Mr. Wilson also favored his own plan, and defended his report.

Mr. Wilson moved to postpone the bill to next Monday night, and make it a special order; and that the bill be printed. Adopted, by the following vote:

YEAS.—Messrs. Follansbee, Gordon, Lloyd, Morgan, Thompson, Wilson, and the President—7.

NAYS.—Messrs. Barr, Ellis, Knight, Lewis, Raub, and Utermehle—6.

A large number of bills from the upper Board were taken from the table and referred to the appropriate committees.

A bill authorizing the issue of a license to Leonard Grover for equestrian exhibitions, was considered.

Mr. Thompson moved to lay the bill on the table.

After a long discussion on the merits of the case, the question was taken on the motion to lay the bill upon the table, resulting as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Barr, Ellis, Follansbee, Gordon, Lewis, Thompson, and Utermehle—7.

NAYS.—Messrs. Knight, Lloyd, Morgan, Raub, Wilson, and the President—6.

The Chair announced the name of Mr. Gordon, of the First ward, as the member of this Board on the committee to consider the railroad scheme from Washington to the Chesapeake, &c.

Adjourned.

Deaths of Soldiers.

The following deaths of soldiers were reported on yesterday:

Charles C. Perkins, company F, 13th Mass.; Columbian College hospital. Cordaville, Mass.

Julius Boemer, company I, 20th N. Y.; Emory hospital. Brooklyn, N. Y.

Wm. F. Wright, company I, 2d N. H; Emory hospital.

Leonard Hilton, company B, 38th N. Y.; Emory hospital.

George Donhouson, 21st N. Y.; Capitol hospital.

Sampson M. Pugh, company C, 7th Indiana; Eckington hospital. Rising Sun, Ind.

Ephraim Holmes, company D, 17th U. S. I.; Harewood hospital.

John Mead, 19th Mass.; Forrest Hall hospital.

Corporal Wm. Bliss, company C, 63d Pa.; St. Elizabeth hospital.

Frederick Oarall, company K, 61st Ohio; Mt. Pleasant hospital.

James Robinson, company I, 20th N. Y. M.; Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Wm. H. Eastman, company B, 19th Maine; Eruptive hospital. Liberty, Waldo county, Me.

Charles Hammond, company H, 11th Mass.; Waters's Warehouse hospital. Haverhill, Mass.

S. Matthews, company D, 6th N. Y. cavalry; Union Hotel hospital.

W. A. Kelly, company B, 68th Pa.; Douglas hospital. This man was admitted on the 28th, with both legs crushed, caused by being run over by cars, and died two hours after.

Ellis Mehew, company G, 18th Maine; Waters's Warehouse hospital.

Gottlieke Jans, company G, 29th N.Y.; Georgetown College hospital.

Solomon G. Gardiner, company A, 94th N. Y.; Columbian College hospital. St. Lawrence county, N. Y.

Joseph W. Mason, company I, 12th N. Y.; Georgetown College hospital.

Chas. Hanes, company E, 54th N. Y.; Georgetown College hospital.

The following were reported on Saturday:

Wm. Harris, company I, 15th Maine; Presbyterian Church hospital. Oldtown, Maine.

W. A. Robinson, 1st N. Y. Independent Battery; Judiciary Square hospital.

Charles Linenbitz, company B, 49th N. Y.; Columbian College hospital. Buffalo county, N. Y.

E. Slaughter, company I, 5th Virginia; Columbian College hospital. Lawrence county, Kentucky.

John L. Horn, company B, 49th N. Y.; Columbian College hospital. Buffalo, N. Y.

Frederick Brilman, company E, 8th N. Y.; Mount Pleasant hospital.

John Richards, company D, 51st Penn.; Emory hospital. Norristown, Montgomery county, Penn.

Benj. Hoffman, company I, 48th Penn.; Capitol hospital.

Cornall McGill, company A, 66th Ohio; Casparis hospital. Urbana, Champagne county, Ohio.

Lorenzo A. Chase, company H, 6th Vermont; Harewood hospital.

Lodyk Bozert, company C, 52d N. Y.; Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Drew Waumaker, company F, 5th N. Y.; Ryland Chapel hospital.

E. F. Peck, company E, 83d Penn.; Alexandria, Va.

John Davidson, company E, 89th Penn.; Alexandria, Va.

Another Regiment.

The One Hundred and Forty-fifth N. Y. regiment marched through our streets yesterday, and paid their respects to the President in the afternoon. They have but just arrived at the capital. They were recruited in New York city, and look like good fighting men. They are, at present, quartered at the Soldiers' Rest.

Houses of Ill Fame.

It is apparent to every one who is conversant with the records of our criminal court, that, notwithstanding the repeated conviction and punishment by fine and imprisonment of notorious characters, male as well as female, for keeping bawdy-houses and other dens of a like infamous character, those convicted persons still continue their iniquitous establishments in the old, but more frequently in some new, location—to the great annoyance, disgust, and dread of many respectable families who reside in the immediate vicinity. It is gratifying to the orderly and well disposed portion of our community to perceive that the Superintendent of the Metropolitan police force, and the officers under his direction, have, within the last few days and nights, evinced a laudable vigilance in their attempts to suppress these immoral and iniquitous establishments, more especially in the Second and third wards of this city.

On last Sunday night, about 11 o'clock, the night patrol of the Third ward, headed by Sergeant Skippen, made a successful demonstration upon a notorious den on Ninth street kept by a man named Adam Myers, when he and his wife and five girls of lewd and lascivious character, with their male visitors, were surprised, captured, and conveyed to the station house, where Justice Thompson was on duty waiting for them. The examination of witnesses lasted until near one o'clock yesterday morning, and resulted in the commitment of Adam Myers, in default of bail, for trial at the next criminal court. The girls, five in number, were also required to give security in $20 each, for their good behavior for one year, in default of this they were kept at the station house during the night; but yesterday morning three of them found the required security, and two were dismissed on promising to leave the city forthwith, a policeman being directed to notice and report their departure. We are informed that other demonstrations of a like character are in contemplation, and it is to be hoped they will all be successfully accomplished. The military *gentlemen* captured by the police in these dens of infamy, were conducted under police escort to the military prison at the central guardhouse.

Singing Services at the Capitol.

The soldiers at the Capitol were treated to some fine singing yesterday. Several ladies and gentlemen visited them at eleven o'clock, and spent two hours in the Senate Chamber, Hall of Representatives, Rotunda, and old Hall of Representatives. Miss Rumsey sang "The Red, White and Blue," "Rebel Flags," and other songs, and many of the soldiers joined with the party in several sacred hymns, which were sung with fine effect. The party distributed to every soldier an assortment of reading matter, from the Tract Society of Boston—a society that is doing a noble work among the soldiers, having printed and distributed among them 100,000 copies of the "Soldiers' Banner" monthly, besides a vast quantity of tracts and religious books.

Among other articles distributed among the sick and wounded yesterday, were several pairs of crutches. They found some who were rejoiced to get them, and Mr. Fowle announced that any of the soldiers could have a pair by sending an order to No. 423, Fifth street. All were evidently much pleased with this little "hospital concert," and we wish more of our public singers would follow the noble example set them by Miss Rumsey. Singing does much to cheer the soldier's heart, amid the long, weary hours spent in a hospital.

Hebrew New Year.

The celebration of the Rash Hashanna, or Hebrew New Year, closed on Thursday evening last, and its observances throughout this District were very general. There was a cessation of all business pursuits, and between the Father and the members of his earthly family there was held close communion. As in the days of old, this is considered one of the most sacred of the holy days. The confession of sin, the abasement of self—the metaphorical of soul in sackcloth and ashes—and the earnest petition for forgiveness, are also matters which concern the faithful Israelite during this solemn season. On Saturday the long fast, another of the humiliating occasions of the Hebrews, was commenced; and this, too, will be rigidly observed by all of that ancient faith.

Arrival of Recruits.

About four hundred recruits for the Third Vermont regiment arrived in town on Saturday night, and left immediately to join their regiment. They are a fine looking body of men, and are all eager to join their comrades to help strike the last blow which is to decide the fate of the rebellion.

Stabbing Affair.

Wm. Murphy, a teamster, was stabbed very badly on Sunday night, about 9 o'clock, by one of the provost guard. The guard left him on the street. He was taken to the Quartermaster's hospital, Seventeenth street.

Assault and Battery.

Timothy McGuire was arrested by Officer Vernon, of the Seventh ward, on Sunday night, on the charge of assault and battery. He was fined $5.91, which he paid and was discharged.

Burglary.

Charles H. Williams was arrested on Sunday, by Officer Parker, of the Third ward, on the charge of burglary. He was taken before Justice Thompson and held for a further hearing.

Drunk and Disorderly.

John Murphy was arrested by Officer Lusby, on Sunday, on the charge of being drunk and disorderly in the street. He was taken before Justice Thompson and fined $6.00, which he paid and was discharged.

Visiting Days at the Hospitals in this City.

Seminary Hospital (Georgetown.)—Every day between 1 and 6 o'clock, p. m. This is exclusively a hospital for sick and wounded officers.

General Hospital, (Judiciary Square.)—Monday and Thursday, between 2 and 5 o'clock.

Church Hospital, (E street Baptist church and the Unitarian church.)—Every day, from 1 to 6 o'clock.

Trinity Hospital, (corner of Third and C streets.)—Every day from 1 to 6 o'clock.

Hours for visitors at Ascension General Hospital, H street, between Ninth and Tenth, all days, from 1 to 6 p. m.

Armory Square Hospital, (on Seventh street, between the Canal and B street, Island.)—Every day, from 1 to 6 o'clock, p. m.

Cliffburne Hospital—Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, between the hours of 2 and 6 p. m.

Visitors will be admitted to Carver hospital only between 2 and 6 o'clock p. m. daily.

Mount Pleasant General Hospital.—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays of each week, between the hours of 12 m. and 6 p. m.

Epiphany Hospital—from 12 o'clock, m., to 6 o'clock, p. m.

Any addition to, or alterations in, the above table will be cheerfully made.

Banking Rates.

The following are the rates at which bankers and brokers are buying and selling gold and silver—the legal tender notes being the standard:

	Buying.	*Selling.*
Gold	18¼ per c. prem.	21¼ per c. prem.
Silver	10 " "	13 " "
Demand notes	15½ " "	17 " "

Banks of issue in Washington and Georgetown:

Washington.	*Georgetown.*
Bank of Metropolis.	Farmers' and Mech's Bank.
Bank of Washington.	Bank.
Patriotic Bank.	Bank of Commerce.
Farm's & Merch's. B'nk.	

The Farmers' and Merchants' Bank and the Bank of Commerce issue notes of the denomination of one dollar and upwards.

Attention, Afflicted!

Dr. Vellny is yet engaged in an extensive practice in this city, and we would call the attention of the poor, puny, emaciated victims of their own sins to the best sources of remedy. First, give up your present course of life at once and forever; and secondly, call on the most skillful physicians, (and none are better than Dr. Vellny,) and be cured of the disease which is now undermining the constitution and sending you to a premature grave.

The Indian Herb Doctor,

From Canada, will describe diseases and tell his patients the nature of their complaints or illness, without receiving any information from them. No charge for consultation or advice. Office, No. 11 Washington Building, Pennsylvania avenue, corner of Seventh street, Washington, D. C. sep 11-tf

MARRIED,

On the 25th instant, at the residence of the officiating minister, in this city, by Rev. W. Y. Brown, U. S. A., HIRAM SEGAR, of company B, Third regiment Vermont volunteers, and Miss EMMA D. PETTIGREW, of Vermont.

DIED,

MARY ELIZABETH SWEETSER, aged 3 years and 2 months, daughter of Moses and Elizabeth Sweetser, of this city, formerly of Massachusetts.

Funeral, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, at No. 555 New Jersey avenue, first house south of Capitol.

(COMMUNICATED.)

(Extract from a Letter on the Battle Field.)

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This battle (Antietam) has been the most sanguinary of the war, and the only one fought with design and upon military principles. The arrangement of our corps—the overlooking position of the Commanding General—the sending into action the right and the left—the closing up of the centre, and final success—excites bewildering admiration, and carries the mind to the great fields of Austerlitz and Wagram, fought by Napoleon. Of all this have I spoken. The heart history of such a conflict, purchased by the life and blood of twenty thousand men, must be found in the hospitals. War has its glories—but it has its ten thousand demons in these human tortures, that make the eye-balls ache—the heart bleed—the lips palsy, and the brain reel. The sight is at first positively unendurable. The life blood of some is still trickling away in silent calmness—while the disevered limbs and maniac brain of others give rise to sounds God grant I may not again witness.

But ye mothers who now seek a son—or wife a husband—or sister a brother—or sons a father—know and be consoled that even here the hand of mercy is watchful, and better care is bestowed upon your loved ones than might at first seem possible. It was in the hospital where rested the gallant Hooker, that I learned the history of those mythical words so often seen and so little understood, "S. T.—1860—X." Anything alleviating the sufferings and saving the lives of our soldiers is a national blessing. I witnessed some astonishing results from this article.

It is well known the effect of burnt gunpowder and excitement is thirst, which, added to the loss of blood in the wounded, creates the necessity of a reviving stimulant. In this particular hospital, the physicians were allowing their patients to drink Plantation Bitters, otherwise called S. T.—1860—X, and although the wounded are most numerous here—this division having opened the fight at 5 in the morning—the men were mostly composed, and there was but very little fainting. The article acts upon the stomach, and nerves in a most incomprehensible manner, superior to brandy, and without subsequent stupifying reaction. It originated in the West Indies, containing calisaya bark, winter green, lavender, anise, clove buds, orange, snake root, &c., preserved in St. Croix Rum—the S. T.—1860—X being a secret ingredient, not yet revealed to the public. It is principally recommended for want of appetite, disordered liver, intermittent fevers, stomachic difficulties, &c. I understand it was somewhat known in the Southern States previous to the war, and it appears an agent of Jefferson Davis recently applied to the proprietors for the privilege to make it for hospital purposes during the war, to which they made the following reply:

NEW YORK, Jan. 16, 1862.

Mr.———,

Agent of, etc:

Dear Sir,—In reply to your communication, offering us "Fifty thousand dollars for the recipe and right to make the Plantation Bitters for hospital purposes during the war," we beg to say your price is a liberal one, considering it would cost us nothing to comply, and that otherwise we can derive no revenue from the Southern States; but, sir, our duties to our Government and our ideas of consistency would not allow us to entertain it, although it might please us to assuage the sufferings of your misguided followers.

We remain,

Very respectfully yours,

P. H. DRAKE & Co.

These gentlemen give the history of certain ingredients of their article for over two hundred years—showing that through all changes of the medical profession and its practitioners, strength, composure and cheerfulness have been derived from these sources. Dr. Woods in the Washington Hospitals informed me that he had been unable to produce an hour's sleep in one patient for nearly two weeks, and he was fast sinking and crazy, until the Plantation Bitters came to his knowledge, when one day's trial gave him a night's rest and he was now fast recovering. I am surprised our Government has not equalled Jefferson Davis in energy, and adopted this invaluable article in all our hospitals. As a lay member, I can bear witness it is "good to take," and affords more energy and life than anything I have ever tried. Success to the Plantation Bitters.

But I have digressed. In my next I shall speak of gathering in the wounded, burying the dead, &c. B.

sept 25—eo-13t

IMPORTANT TO SUTLERS!

REQUA & CO.'S

Aerated Bread and Cake Bakery,

96 Louisiana Avenue,

Between 9th and 10th streets.

WANTS.

INFORMATION WANTED—Of Sergt. RUFUS AURAND, Sixty first Ohio volunteer infantry, who is in one of the hospitals in or near Washington City. Any person leaving such information at No. 436, Room No. 9, Pennsylvania avenue, between this time and three o'clock p m to-morrow, will be suitably rewarded. sep 30—1t*

A YOUNG LADY, competent to give instruction in the English branches and Music, desires a situation in a private family. Unexceptionable references given. Address "E. B., No. 1,136 Girard street, Philadelphia." sep 29—3t

WANTED—EMPLOYMENT.—A trustworthy elderly gentleman is desirous of employment five or six hours per day. He would attend to a gentleman's books, or any other employment. Would not expect unreasonable wages. Address No. 569, New Jersey avenue, Capitol Hill. sept 27—tf

FURNISHED HOUSE WANTED—NEAR the Depot of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, by a Good Tenant, who will take good care of the furniture, &c. Address

"R. W. EDMONDS,

sep 20 Passenger Agent B. & O. R. R. Co."

WANTED—A competent WOMAN wants a place as housekeeper or nurse in a genteel Protestant family. Address "Housekeeper," at this office. aug 1—tf

WANTED—At the New York Employment Agency Office, No 511 Ninth street, near Pa. avenue, TWENTY-FIVE (25) WHITE and COLORED GIRLS, with good references, as Cooks, Chambermaids, Laundresses, Waitresses, Nurses, and Seamstresses. Also young Colored Men to wait on tables in Private Families or Hotels. Also wanted houses immediately, with or without Furniture. Employers in want of good help, will find it to their advantage to call.

may 28 tf N. H. MILLER.

WASHINGTON SKIRT FACTORY.

WANTED—50 females to learn to make skirts. A person can, in a short time, make, per week, from $6 to $4. Inquire, for particulars, at 493 Seventh st., between G and H. nov 14—tf

PASSES ON THE POTOMAC.

On and after the 12th instant day of September, passes will be required from all vessels, boats, &c., navigating the Potomac river. These will be issued by the Commanding Officer of the Flotilla, and may be obtained from the naval vessels stationed at Alexandria or at the mouth of the river.

GIDEON WELLES,

Secretary of the Navy.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

September 11, 1862. sep 11

AMUSEMENTS.

WASHINGTON THEATRE,

Cor. Eleventh and C Streets.

Lessee.....HENRY C. JARRETT.
Stage Manager.....A. H. DAVENPORT.

SECOND NIGHT OF THE FASCINATING ACTRESS,

ADAH ISAACS MENKEN,

Who will repeat her RENOWNED PERSONATIONS in the celebrated drama of

THE FRENCH SPY.

ON TUESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 30, 1862,

Will be presented, Madame Celeste's famous drama, in three acts, entitled

THE FRENCH SPY,

Or the Storming of Algiers.

Mathilde, Henri St Alme, Hamet, a Wild Arab Boy, } Miss ADAH ISAACS MENKEN

Col. De Coursey.....Mr. A. H. Davenport
Tony.....Mr Sam Ryan
Marshal Bousset.....Mr. J. Blaisdell
Mohammed.....Mr. J. W. Albaugh

During the play a

TERRIFIC BROADSWORD COMBAT!

Between HENRI and MOHAMMED,

Concluding with the

STORMING OF ALGIERS!

Song.....Miss Annie Wilks

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THE LIMERICK BOY.

Paddy Miles, with a Jig—Pop goes the Weasel, Mr. Sam Ryan

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ADMISSION.

Dress Circle and Parquette.....50 cents.
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Seats can be secured daily from 9 a. m. till 5 p. m. Door open at 7 o'clock, commence at 7½ o'clock. sept 30

GROVER'S THEATRE.

Pennsylvania Avenue, near Willard's Hotel.

LEONARD GROVER.....MANAGER.

Last Night but Four of

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Florence.

First appearance in America of MR. W. J. FLORENCE as *CAPTAIN CUTTLE.* MRS. W. J. FLORENCE as *SUSAN NIPPER.*

THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING, Sept. 30, Brougham's dramatization of Charles Dickens's elegant novel,

DOMBEY & SON.
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Capt. Cuttle.....Mr. W. J. Florence
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Mr. Carker.....Mr. C. Barron
Joe Bagstock.....Mr. Ben Rogers
Mr. Toots.....Mr. F. Mseder
Edith Granger.....Miss Julia Irving
Mrs. Skewton.....Mrs. G. C. Germon
Florence Dombey.....Miss Isabella Freeman

Read this Letter from Dickens:

LONDON, Feb. 8, 1862.

MR. W. J. FLORENCE, Princess Theatre.

Dear Sir: I have attended the theatre on several occasions, while you have been performing *Captain Cuttle*, and have been so delighted with your elegant and natural impersonation of my idea of the character that it affords me much pleasure to congratulate you upon your truthful conception and artistic embodiment of the part.

Sincerely yours, &c

CHAS. DICKENS.

The performances will conclude this evening with Florence's protean comedietta, entitled the

YOUNG ACTRESS.

Mr. W. J. Florence.....as.....The Tragedian Maria, the Manager's daughter, with the song of "The Captain and his Whiskers" Mrs. Florence
Paul Bertim, a French Minstrel, with the "Marseillaise Hymn".....Mrs. Florence
Effie Featherstone, a Scotch lassie, with a Scotch song, "Will you gang wi' me, lassie?" and a Scotch Reel.....Mrs. Florence
Corney Gray, an Irish sprig, with "the Donnybrook Jig".....Mrs. Florence
Jerusha Joyful Lobb, a Yankee blossom, with her original songs, "My Mary Ann" and "Polly, won't you try me O".....Mrs. Florence

Mr. Florence will shortly appear as MYLES NA COPPALEEN in the

COLLEEN BAWN.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Private Boxes, $6; Dress Circle, 50 cents; Orchestra Chairs, 75 cents; Family Circle, 25 cents; Colored Gallery, 25 cents; Colored Parterre, 50 cents.

Seats may be secured from 10 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m., without extra charge.

Doors open at 7½ o'clock. Comedy commences at 8¼ o'clock. sep 30

FORD'S NEW THEATRE,

J. T. FORD, MANAGER AND PROPRIETOR (Also of Holliday Street Theatre.)

HUMPHREY BLAND.....STAGE MANAGER

The Triumph of the Season!

THE BEAUTIFUL AND RADIANT MISS

Maggie Mitchell

will render, on THIS EVENING, SEPT. 30, AND EVERY EVENING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, her exquisitely artless and lovable embodiment of

FANCHON,

THE CRICKET;

the most beautiful dramatic picture of A BRAVE AND OPEN LIFE, drawn for the elevation of the stage, since Shakspeare broke the magic staff of his inspired genius, and buried it

"Deeper than did ever plummet sound"

This remarkable achievement of Miss Mitchell's genius has really

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No parallel excitement is recorded among the theatrical triumphs of Washington.

EVERY NIGHT FOR A WEEK

the Box Office has been besieged at an early hour, by throngs of our best citizens, eagerly striving for admission to our

SPLENDID ARENA OF ART,

and the curtain nightly rose, for the same period, upon the animated and brilliant spectacle of

A THEATRE CROWDED TO REPLETION

in every nook and corner of its vast auditorium. This well known fact requires no further advertisement through the public prints—

IT IS THE TALK OF THE TOWN.

It but remains for us to announce Maggie's reappearance in this great creation of

SECURING SEATS DURING THE DAY,

if you would not be compelled to accept a standing position at night

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle and Parquette, 50 cents. Orchestra Seats, 75 cents; Family Circle, 25 cents; Private Boxes, $5.

No extra charge for reserved seats.

Doors open quarter 7½. Overture at 8; Curtain rises 8¼. sep 29

OLYMPIC MUSIC HALL,

LATE GYMNASIUM,

Cor. of Ninth and La. Av., opposite Market Space.

The managers take great pleasure in informing their friends and the public, that they have at great expense leased the above Hall, and are having it fitted up as a first class Music Hall, with large stage scenery, tier decorated, and repainted for the production of Farces, Pantomimes, Acrobatic Feats, Singing and Dancing.

Due notice will be given of the opening

JOCKE & BUTLER,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Copartnership heretofore existing between LYLE & COFFIN is this day dissolved by mutual consent JOHN G. LYLE, J. A. COFFIN.

JOHN G. LYLE will continue the business at the old stand.

WASHINGTON, JULY 6, 1862. jy 8

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CANTERBURY MUSIC HALL,

Louisiana Avenue, near Sixth Street, in rear of the National Hotel.

The Great Resort of the Masses.

A WEEK OF BRILLIANT NOVELTY.

We don't profess to have such artists as

E. L. DAVENPORT,

but we have got the beautiful Mlle

MARIETTA RAVEL.

Neither can we show you

MRS. W. J. FLORENCE,

but we can show you the sweetest vocalist that has ever appeared in this city, and that is Miss

Agnes Southerland.

If you want to see a great Irish comedian like

MR. W. J. FLORENCE,

you would go to the theatre, but if you want to see the best Ethiopian comedian living, you will come to the Canterbury and see

LEW SIMMONS.

His style of performance is not like

Joe Jefferson's,

but for a good, hearty laugh, you only want to see

BOB HART,

and if he can't suit you, why, you can't see MR. AND MRS. BARNEY WILLIAMS, for they are not here to be seen, but

WILLIS ARMSTRONG

is, and his comic songs will excite your risibilities to such a degree, that you will not want to see

J. S. Clarke,

because he has left Washington, but

W. EMERSON

has not, neither does he intend to, but if

Miss Maggie Mitchell

was to hear

Miss AMELIA WELLS

sing, she could not help laughing, as

Dan Setchell

says, it's so "blasted funny, my boy." Some people think the only place to see

A CIRCUS!

is under a canvas; but we can show them one that will astonish them more than NIXON'S CREMORNE GARDEN would, and for ACROBATS AND RIDERS, ASILEY'S AMPHITHEATRE, LONDON, Ain't a circumstance. When you see such an artist as

Geo. R. DeLouis,
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it makes the people wonder, and, as SHAKSPEARE says, "Can such things be?" We answer, it can! John Diamond was a dancer, but the people say they never saw such a one as

M. JEAN CLOSKI.

He astonishes the natives, and so does

Edwin Forrest,

but it will certainly upset your gravity to see THE PRINCE OF COMEDIANS, and the other members of this great company, who nightly appear at the

GREAT CANTERBURY.
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A Grand Bill This Week!
Replete with Fun and Humor!
Don't Fail to Come!
If You are Wise,
You Will!

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GRAND MATINEES EVERY SATURDAY, FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN.

Admission to Matinee—Ladies, 20 cents; children, 10 cents.

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The Organization of which has just been completed prior to a

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