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C. H. VAN PATTEN, M. D., Dentist, PERFORMS all operations upon the Teeth, Gums and Mouth, with the greatest care and skill. Office near Brown's Hotel, and next door to Todd's Hat Store. feb 25-11

I. S. BALL, Dealer in Tobacco, Snuff & Cigars, Pennsylvania Avenue, between Fuller's & Callabran's Hotel. april 22.

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EARTHENWARE, CHINA AND GLASS, THO. PURSELL, Importer and Dealer in E. Ware, China and Glass, wholesale and retail, at his store, opposite Brown's Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington city, D. C.

CUPPING, LEECHING AND BLEEDING. A large supply of best Swedish Leeches, already on hand, to be applied or for sale, by SAM'L. DEVAUGHN, 9th street. Who also has ICE for sale whenever called for, as above. april 2-11

W. WHITNEY.—Boot and Shoe Dealer, opposite Brown's Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, has received his fall stock of Boots and Shoes suitable for plantation use, he invites the attention of those who wish such articles, and promises them good bargains.

GEORGE COLLARD, DEALER IN LUMBER, WOOD, COAL, LIME SAND, AND CEMENT. Corner of 6th st. and Missouri Avenue. Nov. 4

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FURNITURE.—New and second hand, daily received. For sale, on reasonable terms, by B. HOMANS, april 13. Between 10th and 11th streets.

J. E. W. THOMPSON, CABINET MAKER & UNDERTAKER, F between 13th and 14th sts. north side. * * * Hearses kept, and funerals attended to. Nov. 4-y

POETRY.

Are few, but deep and solemn, and they break Fresh from the fount of feeling.—Percival. From the Dollar Newspaper.

THE STAR AND PROPHETS.

BY FLORIDA NEVILLE. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever."—Daniel 12th, 3d.

The stars, the beautiful stars! They veil their lights by day. Their feeble rays before the blaze Which dazzles them away; And in his great strength, the sun Goes singly forth his race to run.

To whom the Lord, from heaven, Reveals his face divine, The angel-band unseen do stand, No longer meet to shine; Before the rising God they bow, While light doth gather o'er His brow.

The stars, the beautiful stars! They gem the brow of night, And when the day hath sped away We look to them for light; While through the thickest darkest streams Their pearly light, in silver beams.

Thus, when the King of Glory Hath bowed his head and died, Do prophets bright in ghostly might, Shine radiant, far and wide; Like mirrors sparkling in the blaze, Of Jesus in His cloudless days. Philadelphia, July, 1846.

R. FINLEY HUNT, RESIDENT DENTIST. WASHINGTON CITY, Pennsylvania Avenue, between 9th & 10th at old april 26-11.

FIRST WARD HARDWARE AND VARIETY STORE.

THE subscribers respectfully inform the citizens of the First Ward and parts adjacent thereto, that they have opened a Store of the above description on Pennsylvania Avenue, between 17th and 18th streets, where a good assortment of Mechanics and House-keepers Hardware, Brushes, Cedarware, Baskets, &c. &c., will be constantly kept on hand. All articles in their line will be sold as low for CASH, or to punctual customers, as they can be bought in the City or Georgetown, and delivered free of expense. april 23-11

JOS. L. SAVAGE & CO Farm for Sale. THE subscriber offers for sale 329 1/2 acres of land, lying in Montgomery county, 23 miles from Washington City, on the road leading from Rockville to the mouth of Monocacy: one third, or more, of the land is woods, containing good timber. The cleared land is of good quality, and easy to be improved. The buildings are a large two-story brick dwelling house, with a basement and garret, barn, tobacco house, stable, &c. For terms enquire on the premises, of JAMES TRUMAN. July 16-11 [Rockville Journal 3L]

MEDICAL CARD.

DR. ALFRED H. LEE tenders his professional services to the citizens of Washington and its vicinity. Office corner Pa. Avenue and 7th street, formerly the daguerotype rooms. July 18-3m

LAMPS! LAMPS!!

PINE OIL and Solar Lamps of the most approved patterns, and sold at the lowest prices.—A constant supply of FRESH Pine Oil—Pure Spruce Solar and Summer Oil—Burning Fluid—Chimney's Globes—Wicks, &c., for sale by O. WHITTLESEY, Cst. Todd's Buildings. JY 11-11

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Keep Clean.

THE largest assortment of the best BRUSHES constantly kept on hand at my Hardware and Variety Store, Pennsylvania Avenue, near 9th street, wholesale and retail. GEO. SAVAGE. april 22-11 [Nat. Intelligencer 3L]

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in all its varieties, neatly and expeditiously executed at the office of the Columbian Fountain. C. E. MUNK, Gun, Locksmith, and Bell-Hanger, D. Between 6th and 7th Streets.

CHOICE READING.

"If you enlighten the people, do not forget that this is but half the work. Let them be made virtuous and religious, or you leave them more exposed to danger than they were before."

THE LIFE-BUOY OF THE SOUL.

BY REV. T. C. STEWART, A. M. CHAPLAIN IN THE NAVY, U. S. A.

The calling of the midnight watch first reminded two youthful voyagers the distant Pacific, that the conversation which they were engaged had been prolonged to an unreasonable hour. It was the signal for one as an officer of the ship, to take the post of duty in command on deck; and the customary salutations of a separation for the night were abruptly and hastily interchanged.

A careless spectator might not have observed any thing peculiar in the manner in which these were made; but one accustomed to the study of his fellows would have read, in the expressive grasp of a sailor's hand, and in the subdued tones of a manly voice, some unaccustomed state of mind, some deep feeling of the heart.—Nor would he have been deceived in the fact, though he might have mistaken the cause.

A cloudless, sultry, and listless day at the equator, had been suddenly succeeded by a gloomy and foreboding night, with every indication, in a wild and ragged sky above, and a deeply heaving and moaning sea below, of some further, and not distant change: a change which might come upon the lonely bark with a power alike destructive, whether exhibited in the rending fury of the lightning, or in the desolation of a tornado.

But it was not that, under circumstances such as these, he was called upon to assume the responsibility of the deck, that the tones of sadness were distinguished in the sailor's voice, or that the trepidation of an agitated mind was imparted to his hand. No! To him the sea had lost its terrors.—From early boyhood till now, in the fullness of his youth, he had been familiar with its fitful changes—had been lulled to his soundest slumber by its storms, and gazed upon the most fearful of its tempests only as

"A babe lists to music, Wondering, but not affrighted."

It was a moral cause operating within, and not the intimidating aspect without, that had given rise to the feelings existing in his bosom.

In the providence of God, the instructions of the day had been of the most solemn and impressive kind. An instance of mortality had occurred in the ship's company, similar, in its characteristics and appalling results, to the tens of thousands which, in various sections of the world, testify to the existence of a pestilence that, with uncontrolled devastation, "walketh in darkness, and wasteth the noon-day." One of the most athletic and youthful of the crew—one who but the day previous had trod the decks with a step as vigorous and elastic, and with a heart as thoughtless and as gay, as any of his companions—had, after the agony of a few hours, fallen into the arms of death; and with the dawn of the coming morning, was to be seen stretched on the forecastle in the habiliments of the grave, awaiting, beneath the banner of his country, the hour when his body should be committed to the deep, there to rest till "the sea shall give up its dead."

So silently and so swiftly had the destroyer passed, that many on board were ignorant of the visitation, till, coming on deck, their eyes met the resistless evidence of it in the lifeless corpse of their fellow. The only expression that for a long time was heard to re-echo from one and another as the startling fact fastened itself upon them, was, "Can it be possible that I— is dead!" And for hours after, as if still incredulous of the reality, one and another might be seen slowly to approach his bier, and turning aside its star-spangled covering, by long and silent gaze on the fixed and death-stricken features of the youthful victim, to assure themselves that the spirit had indeed forsaken its earthly abode; while the half-suppressed sigh, and, in some instances, the gathering tear, hastily brushed from a hardy cheek, told how reluctantly they yielded themselves to the unwelcome truth.

It was after a day marked by scenes and impressions such as these, that the two individuals now introduced, had met each other on deck at the setting of the first night watch. Only one hour before their meeting, the body of their departed shipmate, with the solemn rites of a burial at sea, had been to a fathomless grave; and with every thought absorbed in the affecting event which had befallen them, they involuntarily spoke to each other of the frailty and uncertainty of life, of the solemnity of death, and the eternity of blessedness and wo revealed to man in the word of God.

To the the mariner these were accustomed themes. But under the circumstances in which they were presented, they commended themselves to the strong emotions of his heart, with an awakening and subduing power. And so his companion unfolded to him his own views of their importance to the welfare of the immortal spirit, and, at length, urged upon him the necessity of an undelayed repentance towards God, and of faith in Jesus Christ, his soul, under the conviction "of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement to come," melted into penitence, and threw into his aspect and manner the deep feeling of the moment at which the night bell had summoned him to the duties of his office in command of the succeeding watch. Happily, the impressions thus received did not, as is often the melancholy fact, prove transitory or inoperative, but resulted in a fixed state of mind, which will be best understood from the language of the individual himself in a conversation with his friend, some few weeks after their occurrence.

The ship having, in the intervening time, safely doubled the "Cape of storms," was gallantly ploughing her trackless way through the tropical latitudes of the South Atlantic, with all her canvass spread to the freshness of her favoring trade-winds above, the constellation of the Cross, "Mid stars unnumbered, And exceedingly beautiful."

shone brightly and conspicuously, the object of untiring admiration and of heavenly thought; while a full-orbed moon cast her mild and silvery beams mildly over the surrounding waters below. The loveliness of the scene thus exhibited had detained the friends till a late hour on deck, and the rapid approaches they were making to a port, at which a separation was expected to take place, led them to a review in their conversation, of the passed since the death of their shipmate. Conscious that a change, affecting his entire feelings and character in relation to the welfare and destiny of the soul had occurred within it, the young sailor had ventured to believe that "through the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost," he was a new creature in Christ Jesus; and yielding himself to that peace of conscience and joy of heart, which such a persuasion alone can impart to a contrite spirit, he thus gave utterance and illustration to the affections of his bosom; while every feature of a countenance, moulded in a manliness of beauty seldom surpassed, was filled with beamings the most ingenuous and attractive.

"Oh how different does life now appear to me, and how different death!—I recollect once to have been in circumstances in which I thought death inevitable. It was on board a small vessel, on the American coast, overtaken by a terrific gale, just at night-fall, in the vicinity of a dangerous and iron-bound island. Such was the violence of the tempest, that it soon became impracticable to carry the least canvass to keep the vessel off the shore, which, though not in sight, was known to be near; and it was less a surprising than a horror-thrilling sound to hear the cry of breakers on the lee-bow! made from the fore-deck before midnight; while the thunderings of a heavy surf came booming on the ear, above the roar of the winds, and the raging of the sea. Every one believed an escape impossible; and as an only refuge, I seized a spar near me, with the intention of lashing myself to it, when the fearful concussion between the ship and rocks should be felt.—Soon a long line of white foam was distinctly seen through the darkness of the night, swelling mast high, and then bursting with tremendous force over the pointed summits of a range of cliffs; all was given up as lost! At this instant, as if by miracle, our little bark was swept past the danger, on the heavings of the very billow which seemingly a moment later would have hurled her to utter ruin; and we found ourselves in comparative safety under the lee of the headland which had so nearly proved fatal.

"I have thought of the scene a hundred times within the last few weeks, and of the vain refuge to which I then looked for security and comfort. Oh how different would my thoughts and feelings now be, if placed in similar circumstances! Should shipwreck and death now befall me, thanks be to the grace of God, my dependence and consolation would not be on a piece of timber, as perishable in the war of elements, as my own strength would be unavailing against their power, but"—elevating his eyes to the heavens, and fixing them, filled with confidence and joy, on the emblem of the Cross—"in the HOPE OF SALVATION—THE LIFE-BUOY OF THE SOUL!"—Christian Keepsake.

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