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Unpraved and Brilliant Scheme!

SPARTA ACADEMY LOTTERY!

Capital Prize, $50,000—Tickets only $10!

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

As the members of our firm have, by way of purchase, become the owner of the grants chartered by the States of Delaware, Kentucky, Missouri, and part of those in Georgia, under the management of Messrs. Gregory & Maury, of Wilmington, Delaware, we have deemed it expedient to change the name of our firm, on and after January 1st, 1859, to that of WOOD, EDDY & CO., who will hereafter have the management of the Sparta Academy Lottery, and the others, as above named.

In all transactions we have endeavored to conduct our business with integrity and promptness, and we can assure the public that the patronage heretofore bestowed on us is well deserving of being transferred to our successors.

Very respectfully, S. SWAN & CO.

Augusta, Georgia, December 15, 1858.

Wood, Eddy & Co., Managers,
Successors to S. SWAN & CO.

The following Schemes will be drawn by WOOD, EDDY & CO., Managers of the Sparta Academy Lottery, in each of their Single Number Lotteries for January, 1859, at AUGUSTA, Georgia, in public, under the superintendence of Commissioners:

Class 1 Draws Saturday, January 1, 1859.
Class 2 Draws Saturday, January 8, 1859.
Class 3 Draws Saturday, January 15, 1859.
Class 4 Draws Saturday, January 22, 1859.
Class 5 Draws Saturday, January 29, 1859.

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1 prize of		$50,000
1 "		20,000
1 "		10,000
1 "		6,000
1 "		4,000
1 "		3,000
10 "		1,000
10 "		900
10 "		800
10 "		700
10 "		600
10 "		500
50 "		300
100 "		175
500 "		100

APPROXIMATION PRIZES.

4 prizes of $400 approximating to $50,000 prize are		$1,600
4 prizes of 300 approximating to 20,000 prize are		1,200
4 prizes of 200 approximating to 10,000 prize are		1000
4 prizes of 120 approximating to 6,000 prize are		9 A
4 prizes of 80 approximating to 4,000 prize are		8
4 prizes of 60 approximating to 3,000 prize are		6
4 prizes of 40 approximating to 1,500 prize are		4
5,500 prizes of 20 are		100,0
5,510 prizes amounting to		$250,00

Whole Tickets, $10; Halves, $5; Quarters, $2 50.

A Circular showing the Plan of the Lotteries will be sent to any one desirous of receiving it.

5,000 Prizes of $20 will be determined by the last figure of the number that draws the $50,000 prize. For example: If the number drawing the $50,000 prize ends with No. 1, then all the tickets where the number ends in 1 will be entitled to $20. If the number ends with No. 2, then all the tickets where the number ends in 2 will be entitled to $20, and so on to 9.

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Suitable for every description of PAINTING, and for ALL COLORS, except white or extreme light shades.

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More Testimony

IN FAVOR OF LILLIE'S SAFES.

WILLIAMSBURG, Dec. 2, 1858.

MR. LILLIE—Dear Sir: Last night my office, situated on Kent Avenue, between Rush and Morton streets, was broken open, and a desperate attempt made to open my Safe, which fortunately for me was one of your burglar and fire-proof ones. From the appearance of the office, I judge they were not disturbed in their operations, but worked all night, and gave up the undertaking simply because they were unable to get it open. The only real injury they did the Safe was the breaking off the hinges, which prevented swinging the door. They broke off the knob and tried to drive the spindle through, in which they did not succeed. The lock was not materially injured. A piece was broken from the end of the bolt by the punch in trying to drive it through, but not so as to prevent it being unlocked.

I send you a list of the tools found in the office the next morning. They had been stolen from a blacksmith's shop, near by and would seem to be the best that could have been procured for the purpose:

One sledge hammer, weight 18¼ lbs., handle 2¾ feet long.
One cast-steel hammer, weight 20 lbs.
One cast-steel hammer, weight 30 lbs.
One cast-steel cold chisel, 1¼ inches wide, weight 2 lbs., handle 1½ feet long.
One cast-steel cold chisel, 1¼ inches wide, weight 2 lbs., handle 1½ feet long.
One cast-steel cold chisel, 9 inches long and 1 inch wide.
One cast-steel punch, 1½ inch.
One cast steel punch, 2-5 inch.
One bar of iron, 2 feet long, ½ inch square.

The blacksmith assured me that he had just put the chisels in the best possible order for use. They now show conclusively that they were well tried, as they are perfectly unfit for use until refitted and sharpened.

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Yours respectfully, E. S. STERLING,
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FLOUNCES AND DOUBLE SKIRT SILK DRESSES,

Will be sold during this week

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Will call for and deliver, with dispatch and at reasonable rates, Baggage Freight or Packages to and from all parts of the city of New Orleans.

Merchants, planters and citizens can rely upon this Company to forward the most minute article to any destination, and we most respectfully solicit a share of public patronage.

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W. H. HENNING,
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Which we are offering at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

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New Orleans Daily Crescent.

Talk on 'Change.

At an early hour yesterday morning the talk was of the arrival of the America at Halifax, with the European accounts up to the 18th of December, making a passage of fifteen days, which will require two more to reach Boston, so that the mails will not reach here before Tuesday, the 11th inst. While the talk was going on about the America's advices, the mails by the Asia of the 11th were in course of delivery at the Post-Office, or rather such part of them as were received; for, be it known, that notwithstanding there are two mail routes and two schedules between this city and New York, yet there is no regularity. Yesterday and the day before there were no mails via Mobile from beyond that point; on Saturday and Sunday the failures were on the Jackson Railroad, or through its connection. This is provoking at this season of the year. The Post-Office department must consider that the great business of New Orleans is not conducted altogether through dispatches; that many of our prominent operators still depend on the "old fogy system" of goose quills and letter paper. At all events, the early part of yesterday was occupied in perusing the letters by the Asia. Many inquiries are made from the other side, "what keeps the market or prices up on this side?" An enlarged and comprehensive view might be taken of this inquiry. Sure enough, "what does keep it up above the ideas of our trans-Atlantic customers?" Is it the redundancy of money in the cotton-growing sections, or is it that growers are getting each successive year out of debt and dependence, and can place a value on their labor and productions? The America's accounts report the sales for the week at 67,000 bales, of which speculators took 7,000 bales, and exporters 3,000. This would give 57,000 bales as being taken for the trade alone — considerably in excess of the weekly consumption. It will be seen that the favorite topic of telegraphic advices has experienced a decline—that is, consols had gone down to 97. Some "jeune" factors were satisfied that the worst had come to hand. There was another momentous dispatch, and for fear it may be forgotten, and send the cotton market up a half cent, or knock it down a quarter, we talk it over. It is as follows; "In Turkey (very good on Christmas and New Year's Day) it is expected that Fuad Pasha will be appointed Grand Vizier." There, we breathe free now; the public is informed; cotton factors and cotton buyers can consider the importance and the bearing of the appointment as touching their interests or not. The talk is, that we all know, or ought to know this morning something of Mr. Fuad Pasha. There is, however, some mysterious political news, which was the basis of some talk. There is talk of sedition and treason in Ireland; rumors of a political revolution impending in Italy, and a Ministerial crisis at Constantinople. Well, sum up all the advices brought by the America, and they will not amount to much, though they ought to. We shall be to-day at the close of business about where we started from this morning—that is, there will be no exciting change. There will be sales of cotton, dealings in sugar, buying and selling of exchange, and the great monarch of rivers will continue its course as usual. There will be arrivals of boats, vessels, mail steamers and railroad trains; but whether there will be any mails can only be answered by the powers that be at Washington. In the meantime, there is some talk regarding sugar and molasses. The inquiry is made, "how many hogsheads of sugar and molasses will be produced?" We estimate the final result at three hundred and fifty thousand hogsheads of sugar, and as much molasses as was ever before produced. The gimlet rangers have had rather a muddy and unpleasant time for two weeks past. There has been plenty of mud at, in, on and about the grand depot. Two or three days of such fine weather as yesterday will put the depot in good order. Sugar planters must not complain, for their clear, nice looking hogsheads and barrels encounter a good deal of mud on the way from the sugar-house to the steamboat. Therefore, gentlemen, do not lay all the blame of mud to the sugar depot and arrangements in this city. By our marine list it will be seen that the arrivals of boats continue large; through every bayou in the State where there are a dozen bales of cotton or a dozen hogsheads of sugar, there are boats arriving. An immense quantity of cotton is landing, comparatively in bad order. Bagging torn, or ragged bales, ropes off, in gross, covered with mud, and for all of which, it is supposed, factors will be held accountable, without a shadow of cause or reason.

Only part of the Asia's mails were received yesterday. The next steamer from Liverpool will probably be the North American for Portland of the 22d Dec. The Africa for New York is the steamer of the 25th. The City of Baltimore (one of the fast screws) leaves Liverpool on the 22d; and looking nearer home, we expect the Quaker City from Tehuantepec to-morrow night or the day following. The General Rusk, from Brazos, was due last night. She will be at the landing this morning.

THE VARIETIES.—Human sense is naturally inclined to censure in its judgment, for blame rises spontaneously while praise is extorted; that something or other which, compounded of common intellect and experience, constitutes the ability which is defined as "critical sense," inevitably impels the critic to look for faults rather than excellencies in whatever comes under his professional observation. It was thus that we looked at "The Road to Ruin," as played last night at the Varieties, and we are constrained to confess that our object was foiled, for we could detect no fault of the players of sufficient prominence to be dignified by published censure. It could scarcely have been better cast, this comedy, with its Hogarthian costuming and its word painting of the old English sporting life which Hogarth satirized with pencil as powerfully as Dean Swift did with pen.

Mark Smith played the beautiful character of old *Mr. Dornton* very finely, in its moving portions pumping up emotion to the ladies' eyes. It could not have been better done. The careless, extravagant and right-hearted *Harry Dornton* of Mr. Jordan was good and very effective where the author intended it should be, the slight mannerisms which are generally apparent in this actor's work being scarcely perceptible. Mr. Davenport trotted through in a rattling, 2:40 style, (not exactly to our taste) the part of the sporting, horse talking *Goldfinch*, with his jockey boots and untiring whip lash. Mr. Owens was wonderfully transmogrified from his natural man into *Silky*, the shaky, gold-clutching old Shylock of a money lender—his make-up, his action and his speech, being each triumphs of histrionic art; his performance was a study for lesser actors. Mr. Holland lost his identity in the character of the gruff but honest-hearted old *Sulky*, and played it, or rather seemed to let it play itself, as if he was born Sulky, not Holland. Mr. Briggs did what *Mr. Milford* had to do, with propriety.

Miss Susan Denin played the part of *Sophia Freelove* tellingly. It is an exceedingly awkward character—a young lady who has been "kept back" by her mother, a still matrimonially inclined widow, who insists that the Miss, though some eighteen years of age, shall not "come out," but wear short clothes and act and feel, if possible, as a child, until the goal of twenty-one is reached. Miss Denin carried off all these disadvantages, including a jumping rope, as gracefully as if she never had worn long clothes, affecting the simplicity of the artless Sophia with a very pleasing naturalness of demeanor. Mrs. John Sefton was the amorous *Widow Warren* to the full requirements of the character.

The house was a perfect jam from pit to dome. We never saw so many people in the Varieties, as large as have been auditories this season. Ladies were forced up into the second tier, unable to get seats in the dress circle, and standees adorned the wall above and below.

"The Road to Ruin" will be repeated to-night, with dancing in the interlude, and "The Young Widow" to wind up.

A smile is a receipt given when you pay a compliment—an awkward compliment, however, sometimes provokes you to give a stamp.

Shipwreck of the Susan.

RETURN OF THE NICARAGUA EMIGRANTS.

Full Particulars.

We yesterday had a conversation with Capt. West, one of the emigrant passengers by the schooner Susan, Capt. Maury, which sailed from Mobile Bay on the morning of the 8th ult. He gives us the following account of the brief voyage and its unfortunate termination:

A strong gale of wind from the North enabled the Susan to leave Mobile Bay far behind in a few hours after setting sail, and everything went on smoothly until the night of the 15th, when they were approaching Lighthouse Reef, in the outer edge of the Bay of Honduras. For two hours after he thought to have been in this neighborhood Capt. Maury watched in vain for the lantern of the lighthouse, which, unfortunately, had not been lit that night, or, at any rate was not to be seen. Capt. Maury said afterwards that, feeling uneasy, he, after having been in bed a short time, got up and went on deck at about 3 o'clock in the morning. He examined the compass and found the vessel bearing two points out of her proper course.

"You are steering us a thousand miles from our destination," he said to the helmsman, and the next moment his keen vision discerned through the gloom a long line of breakers directly ahead. "Helm hard up!" was the immediate order to the steersman, but that individual, being perhaps more familiar with the Nicaraguan pruning hook than with the spokes of a steering wheel, put the helm hard down. Even this might have saved the vessel had he kept her so, but discovering the mistake he reversed the wheel just late enough to destroy all possible chance of escaping the threatened danger. Maury then had the schooner headed directly for the reef, in order to run her as high upon it as possible. There was a pretty stiff breeze, and with all sail spread she plunged forward and struck upon the rocks with a terrible shock, which soon filled the water about her with floating planks. With the prospect of a speedy death before them, the brave men on board the little bark maintained the most perfect order, calmness and composure.

When daylight appeared it was found that the place where they had struck was known as Clover Reef, about 60 miles from Belize Honduras and 16 from a cluster of small islands, on which the dim outlines of the cocoa tree tops could barely be discerned through the clear atmosphere. Five men were dispatched in a boat to the islands, on one of which, Middle Key, resides a negro named Miller, and the others proceeded to construct a raft from the wreck for the purpose of reaching land if other means could not be obtained. A schooner belonging to Miller soon after appeared, and by making three trips transferred the whole party to Middle Key, the last among whom was Capt. Maury, leaving on the fifth day after the disaster. Capt. West informs us that during this time they fared sumptuously on conch soup, a dish readily obtained in that locality.

Capt. Maury visited Belize and endeavored to procure a vessel to convey his party to their destination. He found and chartered one for $1,000, but in consequence of representations made by the person in command of her, Capt. Goodspeed, the owners backed out of their agreement. Goodspeed stated that the vessel was wanted by a party of pirates, who would probably run away with her, and thus, whatever may have been his motive, he succeeded in depriving the emigrants of any means of reaching their proposed destination.

Capt. Maury had an interview with Mr. Seymour, the British Governor at Belize, who in the most kind and polite manner tendered him the use of the British steamer Basilisk to carry himself and his companions to any Southern port in the United States he might name. He stated that it was no part of his duty to inquire what business brought them there. He saw in them only a number of shipwrecked voyagers, belonging to a country with which his Government wished to cultivate amicable relations, and he should relieve their wants in the best manner he could. He addressed the men in similar terms, and all but two, who concluded to remain at Belize, availed themselves of his generous offer. The Basilisk sailed from Middle Key on the 26th ult., and reached Mobile on Saturday last. The kindness and consideration with which the Governor had treated them was continued on board the vessel throughout the voyage, affording a marked contrast to the conduct of the officers of an American naval vessel on a similar occasion some time ago.

ST. CHARLES THEATER.—In Mrs. Mowatt's play of "Armand, or the Peer and the Peasant," Miss Avonia Jones last night made her second season's first appearance before the New Orleans public. As she tripped forth upon the stage, in her pretty character of *Blanche*, the joyous village maiden, decked off for Queen of May, the audience for a time appeared to forget both the play and the character she was in, and to recognize only Avonia Jones, the growing incarnation of beauty and dramatic genius. For some time the enthusiasm of the audience kept her bowing and gathering up flowers, before permitting her to relapse into *Blanche*

She appeared to have increased in both beauty and stamina since her last year's visit; and the only thing that marred her performance in the least was a cold, which gave her melodious womanly voice a little too much hoarseness now and then. In her action she was vigorous, spirited, and effective, and led captive the feelings of her audience from first to last. We might criticise the performance, (for we noted it closely) as well as the unqualified praise bestowed by the audience; but we will not take the trouble. We might show, with the hypercritics, that Miss Jones could never act *Meg Merrilies* or *Lady Macbeth* with Miss Cushman, to save her life; thus proving that it is her youth and beauty, and not her acting, which captivates her audiences. We might even agree with the hypocritics, that because she has not been a star for the last fifteen or twenty years, she is hardly yet worth looking at. We have never yet, in our efforts to be critical, overshot the mark so far as to be hypercritical or hypocritical, nor have any fear of ever so doing.

Our reason for declining to point out what we might consider amenable to criticism in Avonia Jones' acting, is just this: She is young and she is pretty; we are human, and not ashamed of paying to beauty the homage which it has ever commanded, and ever will command, in all parts of the world, and in all situations in life. An actress, we hold, has as good a right to be young and pretty as any other woman; and if a pretty woman, choosing to be an actress, should discover any degree of acting talent, must she be reproached because her personal charms helps her along? Miss Jones has been but a short time upon the stage. In that short time she has ascended the scale of dramatic excellence with more rapid stride than any other actress we can remember. What she lacks now she will achieve in good time. She has improved so rapidly that she rather deserves praise for what she is, than censure or criticism for what she is not. Therefore, we will not amuse our readers with o'er many "words of learned length and thundering sound," to prove how much more we know about acting than those who follow acting for a living, or attempt to quench in inky mist a single ray of any star in its rise to the dramatic zenith.

At the close of the play last night, Miss Jones was complimented, as at the beginning. Mr. Pope's *Armand* was given with that gentleman's usual ability, and to the satisfaction of the audience. Hind, Hamblin, and Miss Denham, likewise succeeded satisfactorily in their respective parts.

To-night Miss Jones appears as *Lucy Ashton* in "The Bride of Lammermoor;" a character in which she was very effective last year. Mr. Pope is to be the *Ravenswood*.

GENERAL SCOTT.—By reference to our telegraphic dispatches it will be seen that General Scott has arrived at Mobile from Pensacola, and is the guest of that city, and will arrive in this city on to-morrow's lake boat.

THE ORLEANS.—To-night Rossini's opera, "The Barber of Seville," will be performed, M'lle Cordier sustaining the role in which she is so attractive.

Telegraphed to the New Orleans Crescent.

THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE!

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP AMERICA.

(By the National and Southern Lines.)

HALIFAX, Jan. 3.—The Cunard steamship America, Capt. Hickman, has arrived at this port with advices from Liverpool to Saturday, the 18th ult., which are three days later than those received by the Fulton at this port.

Commercial Intelligence.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—The sales of Cotton for the week ending Friday 17th, were 67,000 bales.

All qualities of Cotton have advanced ⅛. The Cotton market is active, and closed with an advancing tendency. Of the 67,000 bales sold during the week, 6500 bales were taken by speculators and 3000 bales were sold for exportation. The market closed buoyant, with an increased demand. The sales on Friday were 8000 bales, of which 1000 bales were sold to speculators and exporters. The market closed firm at the following quotation: Middling Orleans 7d.; Middling Mobile 6 15-16d.; Fair Uplands 7⅛d.; Middling Uplands 6 13-16d. The stock of Cotton at Liverpool is 290,000 bales, of which 219,500 are of American production. Some circulars report an advance of 1-16 to ⅛ only.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The funds are unsettled. Consols for account, ex dividend, closed at 97.

The advices from Manchester continue to be of a favorable character. There was a good demand from India. Yarns and manufactured goods were advancing.

HAVRE, Dec. 16.—The Havre cotton market opened in the early part of the week with a declining tendency, but closed firm at 105 francs for Orleans Tres Ordinaire.

The sales of the week amount to 8,000 bales.

The stock at Havre is 93,000 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday noon, 18th.—*Latest.*—The estimated sales of to-day are 15,000 bales. The cotton market has an advancing tendency and prices are a shade dearer.

The Liverpool breadstuffs market closed dull with some little symptoms of revival.

The provision market also continued dull, with little variation in prices generally.

General Intelligence.

HALIFAX, Jan. 3.—The America arrived at this port yesterday.

The steamships City of Baltimore, the Prince Albert, and the Glasgow, had arrived out at their respective ports of destination.

The political news from the Continent is not of an important character.

Everything was quiet, except in Italy, where political affairs have assumed rather a serious aspect.

The Government officers had arrested a number more of the Phœnix Club in Ireland, for treasonable acts, in connection with an insurrectionary scheme, which is supposed to have emanated from the United States.

The scheme has been carried further than was at first supposed.

Pikes have been manufactured, and arms have been imported from the United States for the purpose of carrying out their plans.

The Government troops have been distributed in strong detachments in the western portion of the county of Cork, to prevent any insurrectionary movement.

Seventeen arrests have been made in Belfast.

Lord Malmesbury has declined to intercede with the Pope for the liberation of the Mortara boys.

Cardinal Antonelli has taken measures to suppress all letters of foreign correspondents at Rome.

The British press in return threatens to expel all letter-writers in England who correspond with Rome.

Further by the America.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—The advices in cotton are chiefly on inferior grades. Middling and fair qualities have advanced ⅛, and inferior qualities have recovered more than this, no quotations given for inferior, however.

The flour market closed very dull. Grain was also very dull.

Richardson, Spence & Co. report Western Canal flour at 19s. to 20s.; Southern flour 20s. to 21s.; Ohio 21s. to 24s.

Wheat closed quiet but steady; Western red wheat 4s. 6d. to 6s. 6d.; white 5s. 10d. to 6s. 3d.; Southern 6s. 6d. to 7s. 3d.

Corn closed quiet and nominal; mixed cor