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Silverware Factory.

HYDE & GOODRICH,

Corner of Canal and Royal sts., N. O.,

Have their Manufactory of SILVERWARE in the city, and will make to order any article wanted, at short notice.

PRESENTATION CUPS,
GOBLETS and PITCHERS,
REGATTA PRIZES,
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Prizes for Agricultural and other Fairs, made by the quantity at a very low price.

Silver Castors, Waiters, Cake Baskets, Soup Tureens, Chafing and Tea Dishes, Urns, Center Pieces, Candlesticks, Tea sets, Meat and Vegetable Dishes, Pitchers, Goblets, Cups, Spoons and Forks, and Fancy Pieces in endless variety.

Old Silver taken in exchange for new pieces, or bought for cash.

HYDE & GOODRICH,
d5 1yrf — New Orleans.

First Premium Shirts,

FINE BESPOKE MADE CLOTHES,
—And—
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.

☞ PRICES CHEAP AS THE CHEAPEST, and to all cases the WORTH given for the money, at

LEIGHTON'S,
Corner St. Charles and Canal streets.

N. B.—Clothing and Shirts made to order. n28 2ptf

W. A. Wilson,

—DEALER IN—

FINE WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, CUTLERY, GUNS, FANCY GOODS, etc., etc., etc.

n3 2ptf — No. 88 CANAL STREET.

Bi-Carb. Soda.

250 kegs Bi-Carb. Soda, in store and for sale by

WOODMAN & BEMENT,
n28 2ptf — Corner Magazine and Common streets.

Notice.

I have the honor to inform my patrons, that owing to improvements in my Store, I have transferred the SHAVING ROOM to the next door, and that same attention will be paid as heretofore.

I. B. BOIRON,
n28 2ptf — 64 St. Charles street.

Mantel Ornaments.

Just received from Paris, a beautiful assortment of—
BRONZE AND MARBLE CLOCKS,
BRONZE AND PORCELAIN VASES,
BRONZE STATUES AND CANDLESTICKS,
PORCELAIN CANDLE STICKS,
BISCUIT GROUPS, etc., etc., etc.

LION & PINSARD,
n28 2ptf — 54 and 56 Royal street, corner Bienville.

Hostetter's Bitters.

600 Dozen in store and for sale by

WOODMAN & BEMENT,
n24 2ptf — Corner Magazine and Common streets.

J. T. WATTS, ... P. AO. PAUDIC, ... J. G. MACKEY.

Watts, Bandac & Mackey,

GENERAL AUCTIONEERS
—AND—
APPRAISERS,

No. 55 and 57 Magazine street, (corner of Natchez.)

Will give prompt attention to the sale of—
REAL ESTATE AND SLAVES,
SUCCESSION AND BOARDERS' SALES,
CARGOES, VESSELS,
BANK AND OTHER STOCKS,
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
PRODUCE, LIQUORS,
HORSES, MULES,
CARRIAGES,

And all other descriptions of property and merchandise.
n28 2ptf

Woodman & Bement,

(Successors to O. O. Woodman & Co.)

WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,

Corner Common and Magazine streets, New Orleans.

—IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN—

CHOICE GOODS—SELECTED MEDICINES,
PURE CHEMICALS,
ESSENTIAL OILS,
MEDICINAL EXTRACTS,
FINE PERFUMERY,
FANCY SOAPS,
PATENT MEDICINES,
SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS,
DRUGGISTS' GLASSWARE,
BRUSHES,
FRENCH AND AMERICAN
WINDOW GLASS,
PAINTS,
OILS,
DYE STUFFS, ETC.

Druggists, Physicians, Country Merchants and Planters, who purchase Medicines of best quality, may rely upon being suited. Orders promptly attended to.

WOODMAN & BEMENT,
n28 2ptf — Corner Magazine and Common streets.

Cigars! Cigars!

Purchasers will always find in store an assortment of the well known brands—Injenuidad, Flor de Pujadas, Merllana, Flor de Pancho, Redowa, Cabonys, Partagas, Know Something, Washington, Dos Hermanos, Mano Habano, etc., etc., at the lowest prices.

P. PRATS & CO.,
o26 2ptf — 29 Commercial Place.

The Eastern Clarion,

PAULDING MISS.

S. R. Adams, Editor.

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, having the largest circulation of any country newspaper in the South, is very respectfully offered as an advertising medium to the Merchants of New Orleans. Agents for New Orleans—

A. B. STRAWBRIDGE & CO.,
o18 2ptf — No. 22 Commercial Place.

Wines, Liquors, etc.,

NOS. 13 AND 15 ROYAL STREET.

A supply of CREME DE BOUZY CHAMPAGNE in quarts and pints, continually on hand, which is equal to the best that comes to this market. Also, other brands of inferior quality, TOPAZ SHERRY, CABINET SHERRY, SIERRA SHERRY, GOLDEN SHERRY, DUFF CORDON SHERRY, ANCHOR SHERRY, SPARKLING and STILL HOCK, Old and Fine PORT WINE, MADEIRA AND SHERRY WINES, BRANDIES—Sazerac, of the vintage of 1795, 1798 and 1805, and other brands. WHISKY, of all descriptions—Scotch, Irish, Rye and Bourbon. ALE and PORTER, in pints and quarts. Also on hand, my usual assortment of the best

Wines and Liquors

in the market, which will be sold on as reasonable terms as any other house in the city.

SEWELL T. TAYLOR,
o7 2ply — Nos. 13 and 15 Royal street.

Skeptical.

Those who are incredulous in regard to the superiority of Iron over Rope as a fastening for Cotton in case of fire, are requested to examine a bale that passed through the fire on the Levee, Oct. 30, and by FORTY HOURS in the smouldering remains of 70 bales of Rope-Bound Cotton, nearly all of which was consumed. There were only two bales in Iron, half of them saved, with a loss of LESS THAN TEN PER CENT.

The bale is to be seen at No. 22 COMMERCIAL PLACE, where orders will be promptly filled for any number of the Hoops, by

F. BELCHER,
n5 2ptf — Agent of "FASSMAN'S IRON TIE."

Madame Labtanch,

98 ..... BARONNE STREET 98

NOTICE EXTRAORDINARY!

The most wonderful and world renowned PLANET READER of the Nineteenth Century, the only Natural Clairvoyant and Express and Scientific Female Astrologer in the world, has arrived in our city. Madame La Blanch has mastered all the sciences embodied in the glorious, wonderful and sublime Gift of Prophecy; has astonished thousands by revealing the hidden mysteries of the Past, Present and the Future prospects of life—superintends to Love, Courtship, Marriage; and will describe their Future Partners, male or female, with perfect accuracy; and future events of life, sickness and death, absent friends and relatives, law and law suits, travels by sea and land; will inform ladies and gentlemen how to select agreeable partners for life; can restore perfect tranquility between husband and wife.

Madame La Blanch absolutely advertises nothing but what she has full ability to perform, and never fails to give perfect satisfaction to all that wish to be acquainted with this rare wonderful gift. The glorious stars of Heaven influence the destiny of man, and she has revealed mysteries that no mortal knows. She may well be called "The Wonder of the World?"

Please remember, No. 98 Broome street, between Poydras and Perdido streets, directly opposite the Carrollton R. R. depot.

Reception rooms and office, Nos. 2 and 3, second floor. d6 2ptf

Fire Works.

A large assortment in store and for sale by

L. SAWYER,
d5 2p12 — 70 Magazine st

Holiday Gifts! Holiday Gifts!

HOLIDAY GIFTS!

E. A. TYLER,

No. 119 CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS,

—Is now opening his—

SPLENDID ASSORTMENT
—OF—
Christmas and New Year's
GIFTS!
—CONSISTING, IN PART, OF—

RICH DIAMOND, OPAL, EMERALD, RUBY and PEARL SETS OF JEWELRY!

LADIES' WATCHES,
Set with Diamonds, Pearls and Rubies!

LADIES' FINE
ENAMELED WATCHES!

RICH JEWELED BRACELETS, BROOCHES AND EAR-RINGS, FINGER-RINGS, STUDS.

GENTLEMEN'S
EXTRA FINE GOLD HUNTING WATCHES!

FINE GOLD VEST AND FOB CHAINS,
All Styles.

RICH SILVER-WARE,
—Consisting of—
FULL SETTS AND BOUGH PIECES,
Unequaled in Design and Finish,

BRONZE AND PARIAN MARBLE
MANTEL CLOCKS AND CANDELABRAS!

PAPIER MACHE
WRITING DESKS, WORK BOXES, JEWEL CASES
—And—
LIQUEUR STANDS,
Of the Most Beautiful Design and Finish.

FINE PAPIER MACHE
BACKGAMMON AND CHESS BOARDS!!!
Elegant Ivory Chessmen, etc., etc.

GOLD, SILVER AND SHELL
SPECTACLES AND EYE-GLASSES
Superior Music Boxes, all sizes.

GOLD AND SILVER CARD-CASES, PORTE MONNAIES AND SNUFF-BOXES, BRIDAL AND PARTY FANS, FINE PORCELAIN and CHINA VASES, FINE TABLE CUTLERY, &c.

AN ELEGANT ASSORTMENT
—OF—
Gold and Silver-Mounted Canes,

BEAUTIFUL RICH FANCY HAIR PINS AND COMBS,
—Together with—
AN ALMOST ENDLESS VARIETY
—OF—
FANCY GOODS,
Which he offers at Fair Prices.
d12 2ptf

500 Stella Shawls,

WORTH $4 00,

FOR THREE DOLLARS ONLY!

A desirable article for a

Holiday Present!

BENTHUYSEN, LEWIS & CO.,
d12 2ptf — 115 Canal street, one door from Royal.

Fairbanks'

PRINCIPAL SOUTHERN
Scale Warehouse,
AND DEPOT FOR
LILLIE'S BURGLAR AND FIRE-PROOF SAFES.

FAIRBANKS & CO.,
d12 2ptf — No. 94 Camp street.

Eye and Ear.

EYE AND EAR.

Dr. VON MOSCHZISKER,

OCULIST AND AURIST.

DR. VON MOSCHZISKER, the well-known European OCULIST and AURIST, begs to announce to those who need his professional services, in any malady of the EYE or EAR, which requires MEDICAL or SURGICAL treatment, that he can be consulted at his Rooms,

124 Canal street, over the Union Bank.

Hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., and from 5 to 8 P. M.

☞ ARTIFICIAL EYES inserted.

Deafness.

Dr. M.'s method for the removal of DEAFNESS of the longest standing, by his newly introduced Instrument, and the application of the

EAR VAPORIZER,

which is founded on the most scientific medical principles, has received the testimony of the best Physicians in Europe and this country.

Of the many persons successfully treated, of which some have been deaf for more than thirty years, and whose testimonials may be examined at Dr. M.'s office, he will name the following out of a list of hundreds:

Hon. Senator Pugh, Judge McLean, of the U. S. Supreme Court; J. Sevins, Esq., editor of the Argus, Philadelphia; Colvin Townsley, Esq., Townsley House, St. Louis; T. H. Town, Esq., President of the Board of Health, Philadelphia; L. B. Neville, Commander, U. S. Navy. Also, letters from Professors Monkitz and Winchester, of Baltimore; Hon. J. C. Sibley, Philadelphia; H. W. Smith, editor of the Patriot, Nashville, Tenn.; J. H. Fitzgibbon, Photographist, St. Louis.

Dr. M. further begs to lay the two following letters, from gentlemen well known in this city and throughout the State, that have been sent to him with a request to publish the same, for the benefit of others who may need Dr. M.'s services:

LETTER FROM CAPT. T. P. LEATHERS,
Of the Natchez:

New Orleans, Dec. 9, 1859.

To Dr. Von Moschzisker:

Dear Sir—You operated on my ears and treated my child for an affection of the eyes, in 1858. We have both experienced much benefit, and I clear fully take pleasure in recommending you as Oculist and Aurist to those who may need your service.

T. P. LEATHERS.

FROM JOHN L. CASSADAY, ESQ.

New Orleans, Dec. 10, 1859.

In 1858, Dr. Von Moschzisker operated on my ear. I had lost the hearing of the left ear entirely; in addition to the inconvenience of deafness there was an almost unremitting unpleasant sensation of singing in the ear. I am much gratified in being able to say that in a short time he enabled me to hear very distinctly, and the disagreeable sensation in the ear, which was so annoying, appears to be entirely removed. I therefore hesitate not to recommend him strongly to all afflicted with deafness.

JOHN L. CASSADAY.

N. B.—Persons wishing the full benefit of Dr. M.'s treatment, either with Eye or Ear, should apply early. Physicians are always welcome to visit his operations.

d14 1p13 W

B. Piffet's

BAZAAR,

122 Canal Street,

TOURO BUILDINGS,

Has opened his entirely NEW STOCK, comprising the most complete and extensive assortment of

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S
Toys and Fancy Articles
EVER OFFERED TO THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC

A Fine Stock of

PAPIER MACHE,
STATUETTES AND STATUARY,

A choice collection of BRONZE FIGURES.

BISCUIT VASES—Latest style produced in the Serre Manufactory.

LADIES' TOILET SETS,
RICH SHELL, IVORY, and
CORAL COMBS,
MUSIC BOXES,
Fire Works, etc.
d19 2p3eod

J. Levois & Co.,

CORNER OF CANAL AND BOURBON STREETS,

FALL GOODS,

—Comprising—

THE LATEST STYLES AND FASHIONS!

FRENCH AND IRISH POPLINS—Plain.
" " " " Fancy.
PLAIN AND BROCADE CASHMERE.
POMPADOUR DROGUET.
MOHAIR ANTIQUE GRISAILLE.
New Style ROBE DE CHAMBRE—With Borders.
FRENCH CALICOES—For Children.
" " " Chintz Patterns.
PRINTED PIQUES AND COTELINETTES.
MOURNING PRINTS,
BEST BLACK SILKS,
PLAIN AND FANCY BLACK RIPS,
BLACK POULT DE SOIE,
BLACK ARMURE, etc., etc.
5-4 BLACK TAFFETAS—For Shawls.
DOUBLE SKIRTS AND TWO FLOUNCES.
SILK ROBES—Entirely New.

Ladies' Cloaks,

SHAWLS,
BURNOUS,
PERDMONTESE,
TURCOS, etc.,
SILK AND VELVET MANTLES,
SHAWLS,
BURNOUS,
PELISSES,
ZOUAVES, &c.

EMBROIDERIES.

A very rich assortment of COLLARS and SLEEVES, of all descriptions of LACE.
RICH HANDKERCHIEFS.
REAL LACE SHAWLS.
REAL CASHMERE SHAWLS,
OPERA CLOAKS.
HEAD DRESSES, &c.

J. LEVOIS & CO.,
d19 2p3 — corner of Canal and Bourbon streets.

Now on Hand,

—An—
EXTENSIVE AND WELL ASSORTED STOCK
—OF—
New Fall and Winter Silks,
DRESS GOODS, etc.

Consisting of late and choice patterns in—
RICH BROCADE SILK ROBES—From $25 upward.
ELEGANT ROBE DE TRANIAN—At $35.
SUPERB EVENING ROBES.
New Styles in DRESS SILKS.
PLAIN POULT DE SOIE—All shades,
Extra Rich and Heavy.
MOIRE ANTIQUES—All colors.
DOUBLE-BOILED BLACK SILKS—Plain and Figured, in all the most celebrated makes.

DRESS GOODS.

IRISH POPLINS,
Plain and Pompadour PARIS POPLINS,
ORISAILLES,
VELOURS POIL DE CHEVRE,
MERINOES,
DE LAINES, etc.,
Of Every Description.

Gloves and Hosiery,

Of Every Description in
MISSES' and CHILDREN'S UNDER GARMENTS, etc.

JOHN TODD,
d19 2p3 — Nos. 12 and 14 Chartres street.

Fireworks, Fireworks.

SOUTHERN FIREWORKS.

We are sole agents of the New Orleans manufactured

FIREWORKS,

and have a most complete assortment.

Being made for HOME CONSUMPTION by HOME PEOPLE, they will be found to

Excel any other Article

Ever sold in this city.

They will also be found of FULL WEIGHT, and perfect in all other respects, as represented, which cannot always be said of the article manufactured at the North.

P. & L. PIFFET,
d19 2p8eod — 138 Canal street.

New Books! New Books!

—Just received and for sale by—

THOMAS L. WHITE,

BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER,

106 ..... Canal Street 106

Bayard Taylor's New Book—"HOME AND ABROAD."
MARY STAUNTON, or the Pupils of Marvel Hall. By author of "Portraits of My Married Friends."
NEW NIGHT-CAPS TOLD TO CHARLEY.
CAROLINA SPORTS, or Land and Water. By Hon. Wm. Elliot, of North Carolina.
SYLVIA'S WORLD—Volumes which the Law Does Not Reach. By author of "Busy Moments of an Idle Woman."
SWORD AND GOWN—By the author of "Guy Livingstone."
GOLD FOIL, Illustrated from Popular Proverbs. By Timothy Titcomb.
FISHER'S RIVER (NORTH CAROLINA) SCENES AND Characters. By "Skeet."
TREASURE PLEASURE BANKS for Young People.
THE OLD STONE MANSION. By Chas. J. Peterson.
Dickens' TALE OF TWO CITIES—Complete.
THE CHILD'S PLEASURE BOOK—Beautifully Illustrated Colored Plates.
THE HANDS OF JESUS—New Edition. d19 2p3t

To Country Merchants.

CROCKERY, CHINA AND GLASSWARE.

We offer new inducements to buyers in the way of LOW PRICES and careful packing.

P. R. FELL & MARSH,
62 and 64 Gravier street,
d20 2ptf — Near Camp street.

Cravats, Cravats, Cravats.

A fresh invoice of GENTLEMEN'S CRAVATS, just received by

LION & PINSARD,
d5 2p2 — 54 and 56 Royal street, corner Bienville.

Look in Moody's Windows.

CORNER OF CANAL AND ROYAL STREETS,

—And—

Select an Elegant and Appropriate

CHRISTMAS
—OR—
NEW YEAR'S PRESENT!

What can be more valuable and useful for

Ladies' Presents

—Than—

An elegant ROBE DE CHAMBRE,
A recherche CRAVAT or SCARF,
A beautifully Embroidered SHIRT,
Half-a-dozen MOODY'S FINEST SHIRTS,
A box of Linen Cambric HDKFS.,
A splendid SILK UMBRELLA,
A set of Gold SLEEVE LINKS or STUDS,
A superbly MOUNTED CANE,
A magnificent OPERA GLASS,
A handsome DRESSING CASE,
A package of Genuine JOUVIN'S GLOVES,
A fine Wool SHAWL or TRAVELING RUG,
A pair of Silk or Embroidered SUSPENDERS,
A fine PORTE-MONNAIE.

—And—

Gentlemen can Reciprocate

—With—

A handsome WRITING CASE,
A beautiful TOILET SET,
A Fancy SEWING BIRD,
A package of Jouvin's KID GLOVES—Genuine,
A splendid LORGNETTE,
A box of RARE EXTRACTS,
Fine CARAS and SATCHELS.

—Likewise—

GENUINE COLOGNE, FANCY SOAPS,
FRENCH PERFUMERIES,
HAIR BRUSHES, COMBS,
WAX MATCH STANDS,
SILK VEST BUTTONS,
SHIRT BOSOMS,

—And an endless variety of—

Fancy Goods!

REMEMBER
—AT—
S. N. MOODY'S,
d19 2pNoWeThSatf — cor. Canal and Royal streets.

Half a Score of Reasons

WHY YOU SHOULD

BUY YOUR SHIRTS

—And—

GENTLEMEN'S

FURNISHING GOODS.

—AT—

LEIGHTON'S!

BECAUSE he is not rich.
BECAUSE he gives the worth for the money.
BECAUSE he is the Premium Shirt maker, and has his own Manufactory.
BECAUSE he has had 20 years' experience in the business.
BECAUSE his prices are as cheap as the cheapest.
BECAUSE his clerks and himself are polite and attentive to customers.
BECAUSE he is a Tailor, and has studied the human form—can make to measure, and execute the order in less than a month.
BECAUSE he does not brag of the best, the cheapest and the largest.
BECAUSE he is content to "Live and let live."
BECAUSE he is always on hand at the Old Stand, CORNER ST. CHARLES AND CANAL STREETS.
d19 2pNoWeThSatf

Card Playing.

As the above announcement appears to be the order of the day among the SEWING MACHINE AGENTS, we suppose it is necessary for us to say a word or two in the shape of "A Card," in response to an advertisement which appears in the papers headed "PATENTEES ASSOCIATION." That advertisement we presume to have been written by Wheeler & Wilson's agent in this city, although it is written with a "we," like a king or an editor.

The writer charges us with endeavoring to convey a wrong impression to the public, by having previously advertised that the Finkle & Lyon Sewing Machine received the highest premium at the Fair of the American Institute, New York, and neglecting to advertise our error, now that, what he is pleased to term "the official report" has come out.

We gave our authority for the statement we made, by referring to the Scientific American, of November 19, which published a list of the medals awarded in the machinery department, which list was communicated to that paper by W. B. Leonard, the Secretary. In that list the Finkle & Lyon Sewing Machine stood at the head. If we made a mistake, it was an honest one on our part, as any one can easily ascertain by referring to the above mentioned paper, now in our office.

It will be seen by the "official report" published by the Wheeler & Wilson agent, that said "report" is not so terribly against the Finkle & Lyon Sewing Machine, as some folks would have us believe. It will be seen that Finkle & Lyon received TWO SILVER MEDALS FOR ONE MACHINE—one being on its merits as a family machine, and the other for heavy and general manufacturing purposes.

The Finkle & Lyon

SEWING MACHINE

IS THE ONLY ONE

Which received any such honor at the Fair of the American Institute, thereby establishing, we think, conclusively, what we have always claimed as a speciality for the Finkle & Lyon Machine—that it COMBINES IN ONE MACHINE the ability to do very light, medium, and the heaviest work, to a greater degree than any other machine manufactured.

In addition to the two Silver Medals awarded to Finkle & Lyon, we have their authority for saying that they also received a Diploma for the best specimens of work done on Sewing Machines, at the Fair of the American Institute. Now we think that TWO SILVER MEDALS and ONE DIPLOMA, or one Fair, on the merits of one machine, is not so bad after all.

But, as we have said in a previous advertisement, we care but little for the awards of Premiums at Fairs. We prefer the verdict of approval after a careful and thorough examination into the merits of different machines, and this verdict of approval we are confident is unadulterated from those who are best able to judge.

PRICES OF THE FINKLE & LYON SEWING MACHINES:

$55, $80, $85, $90, $105, $115, $125.

All warranted, that we guarantee each Machine to give complete satisfaction to the purchaser or the money refunded.

ALFRED MUNROE & CO.,
d20 2pcf — STORY BUILDING, Corner of Camp and Common streets.

Benthuysen, Lewis & Co.,

—DEALERS IN—

FOREIGN AND STAPLE DRY GOODS,

116 CANAL STREET, TOURO BUILDINGS.

Our assortment comprises every description of

Fancy and Staple Dry Goods,

which we are prepared to sell to any quantity to suit the purchaser, either by the package, piece, or at retail, at prices which will be satisfactory to the buyer.

Planters desirous of filling a bill will find our stock an advantageous one to select from, as it enables them to purchase their

Plantation and Family Dry Goods,

without the inconvenience of having to resort to several establishments.

An examination of our stock and prices is respectfully solicited.

BENTHUYSEN, LEWIS & CO.,
d10 2pB — 116 Canal street, one door from Royal street.

New Orleans Daily Crescent.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21, 1859.

A GOOD MOVE.

CHARLESTON IMPORTERS.

In the Charleston Mercury of the 14th inst. a very significant card appeared. We would be highly gratified to see similar ones appear from similar sources in Savannah, Mobile and New Orleans, and would be overjoyed to witness an universal sustainment of the movement by the Southern people; and if the Legislatures of the Gulf and Atlantic Southern States would only give encouragement to the measure by enacting discriminating local laws, without infringing any legal or constitutional provision of the Federal Compact, as they easily can, its complete success would be placed beyond the possibility of doubt.

The card to which we have referred is signed by the Importers and Jobbers of Charleston. In the list are to be found the names of well-known, staunch and solvent importers of "Dry Goods" of every description, of "Hardware," of "Boots and Shoes," of "Clothing," of "Groceries," of "Crockery and Glassware," of "Drugs and Medicines," of "Silks and Fancy Goods," of "Hats, Caps and Straw Goods," of "Saddles and Saddlery Hardware," of "Books and Stationery," of "Carpets, Oil Cloths and Window Curtains," of Paper Dealers, of "Importers and Dealers in Wines, Liquors, Tobacco," etc., comprising nearly every department of trade and prepared to supply almost every want.

With this brief mention we will submit that portion of the card published by the merchants of Charleston, which precedes the names appended to it:

We, the undersigned, importers and jobbers in the city of Charleston, in view of the present excited state of the country, deem it proper to bring to the notice of the interior merchants the claims we have to their patronage and custom. The majority of us have been long established in business, and from our experience are well acquainted with the wants of this section of country. All of us hold sentiments in common on the agitating question of the day—slavery—and all of us desire, as far as practicable, to become commercially independent of the North. We have no desire to moderate the energy and enterprise of the merchants of Northern cities, but we claim to be able to supply goods in our respective lines on as favorable terms, both as to price and credit, as the merchants of any city in the Union. We have facilities for obtaining goods from Europe not surpassed by any, and our importations from abroad are very large, notwithstanding the reports to the contrary, circulated by those who have no knowledge of what they affirm, or whose interests prompt them to mislead. American goods we obtain from the manufacturers on as favorable terms as any jobbing merchants of the Northern cities. Why, then, should we not be able to sell on as favorable terms as others? We are able and determined to do so, and all we ask of you is to try this market—lay aside the prejudice (for it is only a prejudice) that your customers prefer goods from New York to those from Charleston, and build up and encourage your own seaport and your own merchants. If we cannot do what we profess, you will be subjected to very little inconvenience, for opportunities of leaving by railway or steamer are offered every twelve hours.

Our stocks will be complete by 1st February next, and it remains to be seen how many of those who have heretofore purchased all their goods in Northern cities will give Charleston a trial this spring.

The Charleston Mercury, referring to the above card, truthfully observes:

An important card to the interior traders of South Carolina and other Southern States, appears in the Mercury of this morning. It so well states its own case, and the argument is so utterly irrefutable, that we are content to let it speak for itself. If its terse and vigorous language does not affect the mind and the pocket of our country merchants, nothing will.

To all acquainted with the business men of this city, the character and reputation of the firms whose signatures are attached to the card is well known. To those who are unacquainted here, and who care to become so, we can only say that these gentlemen, by their enterprise, their integrity and personal qualities, maintain the character of the Charleston merchants of former times. By them and such as they, our city has deservedly won the enviable reputation she everywhere bears. No designing sharpers or charlatans are tolerated in their circles, and none ever will be, unless Charleston should chance to become so overgrown as to be heedless.

The city of Charleston exports some five hundred thousand bales of cotton. At fifty dollars per bale, this cotton is worth twenty-five millions dollars. The Legislature of the State of South Carolina is now in session. Let the Legislature pass laws that will amount to practical non-intercourse, commercially speaking, with the North. Let them tax every article brought within their limits from the North, whether imported or manufactured, as soon as exposed for sale, to the verge of absolute prohibition, and Charleston will immediately become an importing city to the amount of her exports. This is as certain as night follows day, or that water seeks its own level. Some inconvenience and some loss might be experienced during the trial of the experiment the first six months; but every loss and each inconvenience would be a hundred fold compensated by a multiplicity of advantages before twelve months elapsed. Millions would be saved by direct trade, and by doing away with the huge profits which the brokers, and bankers, and importers, and jobbers, and shavers and middlemen of the great Northern cities, now annually make off the Southern trade, driven, by Governmental favor and other adventitious circumstances, into an unnatural channel.

Theorists, without any practical sense, semi-freesoilers having Northern connections to serve, and "union-at-any-price" individuals, may lift their hands in holy horror at this proposition, as they have, and prate about Northern legislative retaliation, and the direful consequences such a course would bring upon the Southern State adopting it. These men are either dolts or worse. They would become traitors if profit and opportunity presented itself—regular disciples of Ossawatomie Brown. They speak about Northern legislative retaliation. How absurd. The North furnishes us with nothing we cannot do without, or which we cannot obtain cheaper and better by forcing a system of direct trade. They say that we are dependent upon the North for many articles of indispensable use. True. But most of those articles are imported, and we can do better by obtaining them from first hands, than by paying the profits and charges of a dozen Northern intermediary agents. They say we will suffer immensely by the passage of non-intercourse laws. This is unadulterated humbug. It will not bear intelligent investigation for an instant. Let South Carolina pass the local discriminating laws, we have hinted at, and what will be the consequence? In four days authentic copies of the law would be in Boston, Philadelphia and New York. In fourteen days, at the outside, a steamer would take the news to Liverpool; and in a week a perfect knowledge of the transaction would be spread over the whole of continental Europe, and ships would be loading for Charleston freighted with every article the people of South Carolina could wish for, offered at cheaper rates than they now pay, and prepared—glad of the chance—to take their cotton in payment, and make up a profitable return cargo. This would cause Charleston to become a great importing, as well as an exporting mart of commerce, and would make her an important center of exchanges, which would render her, as if by magic, a metropolis of tenfold the dimensions she now is.

What is undeniably true, as regards Charleston, is equally true in respect to Savannah, Mobile and New Orleans, although, perhaps, in a larger ratio. Should the Legislature of Georgia pass non-intercourse laws, Savannah is bound to become a great importing as well as exporting city, second only, if at all, in the scale of commerce to Charleston; and if Alabama and Louisiana should pass similar laws, Mobile would necessarily become second only in importations and exportations to New Orleans.

Here, legally and constitutionally, without any disregard of the social and political compact of the Union, a grand future is opened before the Southern States and cities of the Confederacy. We violate no law—we impair no contract—we infringe no obligation—and at the same time we render ourselves politically, pecuniarily, commercially and in every other wise, independent of those who seek the destruction of our rights, and the annihilation of our franchises. Will the Legislatures of the South act? That is now the only important question before them.

These views, although hurriedly written and necessarily imperfect, have been long considered. On some future occasion, when opportunity serves, we shall take up the subject at length, demonstrate our argument by the production of irrefutable facts and figures, and prove conclusively, if our proposition is carried out, that it will make New Orleans the grandest and most prosperous commercial emporium on the Western Hemisphere.

TALK ON 'CHANGE.

The Lapland weather yesterday was a bar to the usual congregations on Carondelet street. Of course, nothing of a stirring character turned up. On the great levee there was a very heavy press of business. We could have walked on rows and piles of cotton bales for three-quarters of a mile; and with the receipts of Western produce, it can well be conceived there was very little space on this great pandemonium of trade. The most important talk was of the resolutions of buyers of cotton, which went into effect yesterday. The sales of the staple amount to only 12,000 bales for the two days. There was some talk that one or two buyers had violated the compact or agreement. It appears, however, that they never entered into it, and did not sign the agreement. It was talked of that the buyers who have entered into the agreement represent the very great interest or equivalent to fifteen hundred thousand bales of cotton, say one and a half millions. Independent of the settlement of differences at stake between buyers and sellers, or Bears and Bulls, a dull market might be expected to follow the depressing accounts by the North American, though the Manchester advices were deemed as very favorable. The talk was, that the receipts of cotton at all the ports would this morning exceed nineteen hundred and fifty thousand bales. As our Texas and Virginia advices were not received yesterday, we have no later figures from that section. At the same time, through private sources, we learn that receipts at the ports in North Carolina and Virginia are not received.

The mails failed yesterday by both routes. If the Florida route goes into effect, it is hoped we may by the three routes receive at least mails three times per week or every other day.

The next steamer from Europe will probably be the Asia from Liverpool of the 10th, to arrive at New York. As the weather was becoming very cold, the streets and 'change were cleared at an early hour yesterday.

☞ **Local intelligence on eighth page.**

NEW ORLEANS GAS LIGHT COMPANY.—Publication is made through our columns that the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Gas Light Company yesterday declared a semi-annual dividend of six per cent., payable on and after the second day of January, 1860.

FIFTH WARD AMERICAN CLUB.—A meeting of this Club will be held at 6½ o'clock this evening to attend to important business, as per notice published in our columns.

HEAVY ROBBERY.—On the night of the 14th the jewelry store of Dempsey & Fargo, in New York, was robbed of nearly all its contents. About $10,000 worth of the goods were subsequently recovered at a receiver's store, and four lads, including the clerk, were arrested for the crime.

Arrivals at the Hotels Yesterday.

ST. CHARLES HOTEL—S T Myers, C E Jones, W C Chambers, Saml Nelson and lady, Dr Austin, W Comey, L Comey, J Minitz, R C Field, Miss; Dr T Jordan, M Colhoon, G W Bennett, Lt; G J Williams, Gen J R Williams and lady, Memphis; Dr Bozeman and family, Dr Fredericks and lady, S C; W J Britton, F Creighton, A Lassley, Rev J A B Jones, W E Herring, Miss; W R Wilkinson, A S Edgar, T J Wills, N Y; J B Williams, E W Cole, T E Beauchamp, W A Leslie, La; Miss A Reynolds, Miss H Pryor, J W Boynham, S Phillips, Ky; G A Croom, Ala; O U Crosson, Fla; H Cohen, Charleston; C Arbuckle, Pittsburg; F Stringfellow, Va; E Burst, Jr, Phila.

CITY HOTEL—J P Howell, J Boardman and lady, La; J B Westmoreland, Va; M J Whitworth and lady, Miss; M W Whitworth, S H Whitworth, Mrs A E Hoskins, C Blair N Smythe, J J Embry, T Torres, L S Lobdell, J W Mallory, P A Davis, J Love, T Kenny, Miss; J H McMichael, G H Kemp, Greensboro'; H M Wynne, R A Minkell, Belmeville; P C Harrington and lady, Mrs H Harrington, Miss M Harrington, C K Gresham, J R Harrington, Mondeville; Mrs S T Hall, Miss L A Arnold, J C Everett and lady, Mass; H P Everett, H Erwin, H Love, J Sherman and lady, M H Elliot, W A Perrin, Miss; S S Crocin, Ala; H A Wooldridge, Mrs S J Gordon, M E, Gen Gen T A O Bachelor, G J Forenore, F Roath and lady, R Doughty, E Williams, La; W C Hurndlee, Va; M Morgan, J W Sloan, J Freeman, La; W M Wadley, W P Syms, Miss; A M Clelland, N T Beatty, E S Mathews, R G McCoy, T Clark, J L Smallwitch, T Robertson, W Smith, H C Robertson, H Redmond, L V Hoyle, R Clark, A Love, A Z Ramsay, Tex; J W Brokaw, Ohio; J Dunlap, H P Shinde, Cal; H Avers, T S Jones, J A Fox, S C Meade, Miss; W E Sherrill, J J Morton, Mrs H B Morton, Ala; R B Middleton, R H McKee, S C; O Ferris and lady, R B Ferris, Ohio; A D Alexander, E P Alexander, F Foxworth, J McWilliams, Major W Baird and lady, J H Wrightson and lady, M M Carlton, H H Dickman, W K Barney, J P Carney, A P Corwin, Jas Preston and lady, Mrs W E Hall, Mrs Aleshion, W McGee, S Noble, A Willoupsall, La; J Perry and son, N Hawley, C Boykin, D Buchley, S D Barclay, J H Middlebrook, Tex; G E Brewster, E G Felton, C P Burckett, N Y; W S Rock, Va; T J Bend, Cincinnati; H L McIntosh, J M Wood, C E Jackson, Mrs Cass and child, J H Henry, R F Cason, J H W Young, Ala; H H McCracklin and lady, Ky; A Beard, S J Morse, Boston; D O Roberts, St Johns, N B.

ST. LOUIS HOTEL—Mrs T Nevit, Miss; G Whitman, M Payne, B Larder, E D Lanier, I Bound and lady, N W Graham, lady and child, W T Pudney, L Campbell, La; J Holliday, Quebec; T P Wilkinson and lady, Va; R H Jones, A Hegeman, D Hermann, T T Wellington, J Lemon and son, N Y; S W Miller, G S Cherry, J W Chandler, P W Whitlock, M Harris, H Holmes and lady, Tex; J Caldwell, Louisville; P M Mackenzie, Providence, R I; R C Winston, St Louis; Mrs Clifford, Louisville; J S Clark, San Francisco; W Mitchell, D C; T H Sooker, U S N; V Hessons, Tenn.

☞ **Board Assistant Aldermen to-morrow.**

SCULPTURES, GLASS AND MARBLE WARE.—McCorkle, Landry & Co. will continue the sale of the above articles at 11 o'clock this day. This is the last day of sale, and the last chance to secure parlor, hall, and dining-room ornaments. See their advertisement.

THOSE NEW LACE AND EMBROIDERY SETS which Mr. Turner opened at her store, 107 and 109 Canal street, on Monday, are deservedly attracting the attention of fashionables, for they are rarely beautiful and elegant, as well as of the most genuine and unmistakable evidence of fabric and make. Wherever they may be worn they will be recognized at once as unique and excellent, the latest variety of an old and admirable manufacture. These laces are "real," and no mistake. Her large stock of cloaks, burnous and pelisses, of bonnets, ribbons, feathers and millinery generally, are entirely worthy the attention of *Crescent* lady readers of the Crescent, as being the latest and best fashions.