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LAW, Medical, Miscellaneous and School Books. Writing Paper, viz: cap, letter and note. Wrapping paper of various qualities; quills, steel pens, ink, and a general assortment of BLANK BOOKS. Country merchants and teachers are requested to call and examine the stock. j26-1y

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For the Treatment of Diseases of the EYE and Imperfections of Vision, No. 135 ST. CHARLES STREET, opposite Lafayette Square, New Orleans. All surgical operations upon the Eye attended to. Such as Cataract, Squinting, the insertion of Artificial Eyes, etc., etc. jan 1, 1854

J. West, Practical Dentist,
112 ST. CHARLES STREET, near the corner of Poydras, would respect fully inform ladies and gentlemen visiting New Orleans that he performs all operations on the teeth, in a most skillful and satisfactory manner.
The superiority of J. W.'s Artificial Teeth above all others, have been long well known and appreciated by hundreds who are enjoying the benefits of them. Persons desirous of availing themselves of such, would do well to call and examine his specimens.
Dental depot for the sale of Teeth, Foil, Instruments, etc. Office and residence 112 St. Charles street, near the corner of Poydras. feb1, 1854

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(Successors to John Hunt,)
Florida Yellow Pine Lumber Yard,
Corner of Cedar and Julia streets—New Basin, NEW ORLEANS.
SUPERIOR Dressed, Tongued and Grooved Flooring and Ceiling, Laths, Shingles, Deck Plank, and a general assortment of Building Lumber, well seasoned and always on hand.
All orders from the country carefully and promptly led. ap5-1y* J. B. JONES
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Wholesale and retail dealers in fashionable cabinet
FURNITURE,
Chairs, feathers, moss and hair mattresses, curled hair, hair cloth, varnish, etc., Nos. 46 and 48 Royal street, New Orleans. nov 9, 1854

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House Furnishing Store,
No. 17 CAMP STREET, New Orleans.
(Established 1832.)
CHINA, GLASS AND EARTHWARE
SILVER PLATED, BRITANNIA,
Tin, Wooden, Japanned and Iron ware. Cutlery, Lamps, Brushes, Fenders, Andirons, Coal Scuttles, Shovels and Tongs, etc., etc., etc.
Including every article required to furnish a house (except cabinet ware and dry goods.)
ALSO—The celebrated Republic Cooking Stoves.
nov 2, 1853

WM. BRAGG,
CARPENTER AND BUILDER,
No. 169 Camp street, corner of Girod, New Orleans.
CISTERNS of all sizes constantly on hand. Sash, Doors, Blinds, etc., made to order. ap25

E. M. RUSHA,
IMPORTER OF
Foreign Wines & Liquors,
And dealer in Domestic Spirits,
Nos. 54 AND 56 BROOME STREET, (late Girod street,) NEW ORLEANS.
KEEPS constantly on hand a general assortment of French Brandies, Wines, Fruits in Liquor; assorted cordials, bitters, essence peppermint, Curaçoa, anisette, etc., etc., etc. nov14, 1853

TIRRELL & BATES,
MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN
Boots, Shoes and Hats,
No. 15 OLD LEVEE, NEW ORLEANS.
Constantly receiving from their own manufactory a fresh and very extensive supply of
BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS,
which they offer on as liberal terms as any other house.
Negro Brogans in great variety always on hand.
Planters and country merchants will find it to their advantage to give us a call.
The highest price paid for hides. January 3, 1855

DAVID TAYLOR & Co.,
Boots, Shoes and Hats.
NEW STORE,
No. 41 Magazine street, opposite the Arcade,
DAVID TAYLOR & Co., inform their friends, country merchants, and other customers, that they are now occupying their new and spacious store, No. 41 Magazine street, opposite Banks' Arcade, and have on hand a large and well selected stock of Boots, Shoes, Brogans and Hats, of every description, to which they are constantly receiving additions, by the latest arrivals, from the eastern cities. We offer to buyers advantages over the eastern markets, taking into consideration the time consumed in shipments, with the extra expenses attendant upon such purchases. Purchasers are invited to call and examine the large stock of the above named goods, which will be sold on the most liberal terms. N. Orleans, Feb. 8, 1855-1y

Just Received on Consignment.
15 or 20 Likely Negroes.
Consisting of men, boys, women, girls, good field hands, and several qualified house servants. For sale for cash or city acceptance.
feb14 A. L. HEINE, Auctioneer.

PLOUGHS.
500 Hall and Spear Ploughs, just received per steamer Runaway,
feb22 OGLESBY & GRISWOLD.

BAR STORES AND FANCY GROCERIES, of every description and of the finest quality, constantly on hand, and for sale at the lowest rates. All orders carefully and promptly filled.
mar7 STACEY & WELLS.

LEMON SYRUP, Essence of Ginger, Nutmegs, Cloves, etc., for sale at WM. B. MILLER'S

New Orleans & Texas U. S. Mail Line.
Every Sunday and Thursday.
LOUISIANA, Captain W. H. Talbot.
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CHARLES MORGAN, Capt. J. Y. Lawless.
One of the above new and magnificent steamships will leave for Galveston, Indianola and Matagorda Bay every **Sunday and Thursday**, at 8 o'clock, A. M., punctually.
For freight or passage, (having elegant accommodations,) apply to HARRIS & MORGAN,
Foot of Julia street, opposite steamship landing.
nov 15, 1854.

H. P. BUCKLEY,
(Late Young & Co.,)
8 Camp street, New Orleans,
Watchmaker, Jeweller & Silversmith,
Importer of fine Watches for ladies and gentlemen, of the most celebrated makers of England and Switzerland, made to his own order expressly in heavy cases (gold and silver,) and warranted standard fineness.
Ladies' chatelaines and neck chains;
Gent's guard, fob and vest chains, seals, keys, etc.
Finger rings, ear-rings, breast-pins, cuff-pins, etc.
Diamond pins and rings,
Spectacles for every age, in gold, silver, steel and tortoise shell frames;
Silverware, warranted pure as coin, consisting of table, tea and dessert spoons;
Silver table and dessert forks, ladles, butter knives, mustard and salt spoons, sugar tongs, etc.
Plated ware, consisting of castors, candlesticks, waiters, etc.
Having been always engaged in the mechanical part of the business, all watches sent for repairs will have the strictest personal attention; and having every facility for making any portion of a watch, he will be enabled to work on very reasonable terms.
☞ Jewelry made to order and repaired. Diamonds reset in the latest style. Canes mounted in gold and silver. nov 15, 1854

NEW FURNITURE STORE.
Nos. 171 and 173 CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS.
THE undersigned having opened a large and splendid assortment of **New Furniture**, is prepared to supply the trade and families on the most liberal terms. This being the ONLY ENTIRE NEW STOCK in the city, purchasers will find it to their advantage to call and examine the goods and learn the prices before purchasing elsewhere. Will keep constantly on hand Mahogany and Walnut

Bedsteads,	Bureaus,
Armoires,	Centre Tables,
Chairs,	Sofa do
Sofas,	Card do
Tete-a-tetes,	Extension do
Easy Chairs,	Washstands,
Secretaries,	Book Cases,
Ottomans,	Lounges,
Canopies,	Cribs,

Feathers, Looking-Glasses, spring, hair and moss mattresses, together with a great variety of every article usually found in a furniture warehouse.
oct24 CHAS. A. STEWART.

House Furnishing Goods,
Wholesale and Retail
NOS. 73 & 75 CAMP STREET, NEW ORLEANS.
DETERMINED to reduce our stock of Goods, we will hereafter sell at **Lower Prices than has ever before been offered** in this city. Those in want of the following articles will do well to call:
Queensware, Glass and China Ware;
Bohemian Ware;
Birmingham Ware;
Rich China Vases and
Fine Silver-Plated Ware.
Parlor and Hall Lamps and Girandoles;
Rich Tea Trays and Waiters, in sets or single;
Fine Table Cutlery, and
Housekeeping Hardware;
Enameled and Hollow-Ware;
Britannia, Planished Tin and Japanned Ware;
Wooden and Willow Ware;
Feather Dusters, Brushes, of all kinds;
Paper Hangings and Borders;
Door Mats;
Window Cornishes, Cords and Tassels;
Curtain Bands and Curtain Pins, etc.
HEATH & MILLER.
Successors to Miller, Harris & Waldo.
N. Orleans, Nov. 8, 1854-1y

WATER COLORS.
Newman's, Reeves & Son's, Ackeman's, Osborne's.
JUST received a large stock of above COLORS, in cakes and in mahogany and rosewood boxes, with lock and key. Also, **German Colors**, in cakes and boxes, a fine assortment.
Oil colors, in tubs---English and American;
Canvases for Portraits in frames of 8x10to42x56
Canvas in rolls, from 36 to 66 inches wide;
Strechers for canvases, of all sizes;
400 doz fine sable and camel-hair pencils;
160 " paint and varnish brushes, all sizes;
80 packages gold and silver leaf;
100 bundles of duck metal---white and yellow;
Tin foil, in sheets and books;
Tinsel of all the usual colors.
☞ French and American PAPER HANGINGS.
Doors, Window Sash and Blinds, of all sizes and description, for sale cheap.
.....**WINDOW GLASS, &c.**.....
5000 bxs American Window Glass, all sizes;
700 do English and French, from 8x10 to 33x65
300 lights fine Plate Glass;
120 bxs double thick American, from 8x10 to 20x30
1000 lights colored glass;
100 Glazier Diamonds;
500 bundles glazier tins;
10 tons White Lead, in 25 to 700 lb kegs;
5000 canisters and kegs colored paints, in ½ oz to 100 lb packages;
2500 lbs fine French Green, dry and ground in oil;
1000 bbls Whiting and Paris White, of my own manufacture, fire dried.
Paint Mills of all sizes and every article usually kept in a general Paint, Oil and Color Store, will found at
R. CLANNON'S,
nov 2, 1853 46 Canal street, New Orleans

LEEDS' FOUNDRY,
CORNER OF DELORD & FOUCHER STREETS,
NEW ORLEANS.
IS prepared to furnish vertical and horizontal Steam Engines, Sugar Mills, Vacuum Pans, Sugar Kettles, Clarifiers, Filters, steam and horse power Draining Machines, Saw Mills, Gin Geering, Iron Columns and Fronts for buildings Furnace Mouths, Grate Bars, etc., and all machinery required for the South.
They respectfully call the particular attention of the planters of Louisiana and the adjoining States to their style of Steam Engines, Sugar Mills, Vaccuum Pans and Draining Wheels, which for strength, durability and convenience, have not been excelled.
New Orleans, February 8, 1854. 1y.

Phila. Saddlery Warehouse.
[Sign of the Golden Horse Head.]
No. 6 Magazine, near Canal street,
NEW ORLEANS.
MAGEE & KNEASS,
Dealers in Saddlery, Harness and Trunks, Leather Materials and Findings for saddlers, coach, trunk and shoemakers. Saddlery, Hardware, Whips, Tin Ware and Brushes.
MILITARY GOODS AND TRIMMINGS.
We are agents for the sale of India Rubber Packing for steam joints and boilers, belting for machinery and other articles. Peacock and Carey PLOUGHS, on commission. Regalias and Jewels for the Masonic, I.O.O.F. and S. of T. orders. Prices as low as any other house. dec 21, 1853

Gutta Percha Water-Proof Goods.
THESE vulcanised fabrics, made by the N.A. Gutta Percha Co. of N. Y., are not offered simply as improvements on former manufactures, but as something NEW and very different from anything heretofore produced. They are **beautiful in finish, light, pliable and durable**, free from unpleasant odor, and will stand the warmest climate and not become STICKY like India rubber. Sufficient tests have been made to WARRANT this assertion, as reliable certificates from officers of the army and navy will show.

Riding coats,	Leggins,
Officers' coats,	Gun cases,
Storm coats,	Camp blankets,
Mexican ponchos,	Carriage cloth,
Tent do	Surgeons' splints,
Hussar caps,	Portable bath tubs,
Storm hats,	Druggists' articles,

Hospital sheeting, etc. etc., and hundreds of other articles made from gutta percha.
Army and navy articles furnished.
*** Complete Water-proof Outfits for **Horseback Travelers**, miners, sportsmen and exploring parties.
Merchants will find in these goods a safe and profitable investment.
All persons are invited to examine these fabrics, at the Gutta Percha Warehouse, **45 Common street, New Orleans.** E. R. HUBBY, Sole agent for the
feb14-1y* North American Gutta Percha Co.

C. M. SIMPSON,
DEALER IN DRY GOODS,
116 Canal street, (Touro's Row,) New Orleans.
IN referring you to my card above, I would respectfully invite your attention to my large and well selected stock of
Staple, Domestic, Silk,
And Fancy Dry Goods,
Also—**Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods**, all of which have been selected with great care and with a view to the wants of the southern trade, which enables me to place before my customers a larger and better assorted stock than can be found elsewhere in this city.
Particular attention has been paid in the selection of Plantation and Housekeeping Goods, an assortment of which will be found complete, thereby saving the necessity of making purchases in several houses to fill orders for dry goods. An early call is respectfully solicited. C. M. SIMPSON,
116 Canal street, Touro's Row,
dec 6, 1854 New Orleans.
P. S.—Partical attention paid to orders.

PAPER AND STATIONERY WAREHOUSE,
Nos. 53 and 55 Common street, New Orleans.
E. R. STEVENS & Co.,
INVITE the attention of merchants and others visiting New Orleans, to their extensive stock of
Printing, Writing and Wrapping Papers,
BLANK BOOKS, PLAYING CARDS, INKS, &c.,
which for variety and extent cannot be surpassed by any other house, and are offered at the lowest prices.
6000 reams Printing Paper, of all sizes used;
4000 — Foolscap do ruled and plain,
5000 — Letter do do do
10,000 — Fancy Note do do
3500 — Straw and rag Wrapping Paper, all sizes
1500 — Hardware and bag do do
2000 — Manilla do do
1000 gross Playing Cards, all qualities;
500 boxes Black Writing Ink;
1000 dozen Webster's Spelling Books;
500 — McGaffy's Readers;
500 — Webster's Dictionary,
400 — Walker's do
500 Family Quarto Bibles, common and fine.
ALSO—A large assortment of full and half-bound **BLANK BOOKS**, consisting of record books, day books, journals, ledgers, writing books, etc.
Copying Presses, Envelopes, and Stationery of every description.
Wade & Butcher's pocket Cutlery, Razors and Scissors, of direct importation, at very low prices.
☞ BLANK BOOKS MADE AND RULED TO ORDER, of any pattern. april 25

WM. P. CONVERSE. T. M. CONVERSE. W. P. CONVERSE, JR.
CONVERSE & Co.,
GROCERS
And dealers in Western Produce,
Corner of Fulton and Canal streets, and corner of Common and New Levee streets,
[Opposite the Steamboat Landing,] NEW ORLEANS.
HAVE constantly for sale on the most accommodating terms, a large stock of TEAS, WINES and GROCERIES generally; together with every description of Western Produce. January 4, 1855-1yis

JED'H. WATERMAN. CHAS. M. WATERMAN.
J. WATERMAN & BROTHER,
HARDWARE MERCHANTS,
Corner of Common and Magazine streets, New Orleans.
HAVE on hand and are daily receiving by foreign and domestic arrivals, a general assortment of articles, comprising in part as follows:
Hardware, Cutlery, &c.
Iron, Steel, Nails, Rope,
Axes, Chains, Scythes,
Carpenter's Tools, complete,
Cooper's Tools, complete,
Anvils, Vices, Bellows,
Stock and Dies, Screwplates,
Ploughs, Hay Cutters, Corn Shellers,
Agricultural Implements,
Mill, Cross-cut and Pit Saws,
Ox Yokes, Bows, Singletrees,
Turning Lathes,
Platform Scales,
Corn Mills, Cob Crushers,
Hoes, Hames, Shovels and Spades,
Andirons, Fenders, Shovels and Tongs,
Copper and Iron Coal Hods,
Single and double barrel Guns,
Coffee Heclas, Chafing Dishes,
Chinese Gongs, Iron Bedsteads,
Britannia and Plated Ware,
Meat Cutters, Sausage Stuffers,
Stock Kettles, Portable Forges,
nov 15, 1854 Seines, Fishing Tackle, etc etc.

CHINN & BOLTON,
Wholesale and Retail Druggists,
No. 61 ST. CHARLES STREET—(Corner above the St. Charles Hotel)—New Orleans.
OFFER for sale to PLANTERS, PHYSICIANS and Merchants, an extensive stock of
Pure Medicines, Chemicals, Oils,
AND PATENT MEDICINES,
of the past year's importation. Physicians and Planters will find in their establishment every article of **Medicine;** also every description of **Instruments** that they may require.
Merchants will find Fancy Soaps, Colognes, Medicine Chests, and Patent Medicines at MANUFACTURER'S prices and terms.
Persons visiting the city will, on application, be furnished with a book containing a list of every article in their line, as the number and variety of articles are too great for newspaper publication.
Their terms and prices will be as reasonable as any house in the southern country, and their goods will be packed and marked so as to suit the requirements of planters.
☞ A constant supply of **FRENCH BRANDIES** and **WINES for medicinal purposes** always on hand.
New Orleans, January 25, 1855. 1y

Drugs, Medicines, &c.
THE subscriber having recently been supplied with a large and fresh stock of Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Perfumery, etc., would respectfully notify all country merchants, planters and physicians that every thing in my line will be sold at very small advance for cash, or city acceptances. Below are a few of the articles on hand:

900 ozs sulph: quinine,		300 lbs pow'd rhubarb,	
100 " sulph: morphine,		200 lbs ipecac,	
100 " strychnine,		500 lbs senna,	
100 " nitrate silver,		2000 lbs gum arabic,	
15 bbls refi'd camphor,		600 lbs tartaric acid,	
100 kegs sup: carb: soda,		300 lbs blue mass,	
10 bbls cream tartar,		300 lbs calomel, E.&A.,	
20 bbls epsom salts,		1000 lbs indigo,	
20 bbls copperas,		2600 lbs madder,	
15 bbls castor oil,		50 lbs chloroform,	
20 bbls linseed oil,		20 gross seid'z powders,	
20 bbls sp: turpentine,		20 " yeast "	
20 bbls alcohol,		25 " soda "	
40 kegs salt petre,		40 gross sugar lemons.	

2000 bxs druggists' glassware, patent medicines, perfumery, medicine chests, instruments, etc., etc.
G. N. MORISON, Wholesale Druggist,
dec 27, 1854 12 Magazine st., New Orleans.

SEED! SEED!!
Per steamships Crescent City, Empire City, and recent arrivals—**GARDEN SEEDS**, consisting of every variety, for spring and summer planting.
Also,
A large assortment of FLOWER SEEDS,
Early Seed Corn;
Peas and Beans, assorted;
Top Onions;
Double Dahlias, &c.
Country merchants supplied with seed, by the dozen, hundred or thousand papers, or otherwise, for retailing. Planters and farmers furnished with boxes, containing a well assorted variety. All seed warranted fresh and genuine. D. MAUPAY, 61 Grevier,
feb14 near Camp street, New Orleans.

SOUTHERN MANUFACTORY OF
Saddles, Bridles, Harness, &c.
On Texas street, Shreveport—opposite the Nelson House.
THE subscriber, having established himself in the above business, is now prepared to manufacture every thing in his line at the shortest notice and of the very best material, the workmanship unequelled by any in the south. Gin Band Leather always on hand and bands made to order. Every thing in his line sold as low or lower than any eastern slop-work brought to this market. Call and see for yourselves.
jy6-1y H. A. ZOLL.

OILS—Sweet, sperm, lard, and linseed oils, for sale at MILLER'S Drug Store.

A Bold Stroke for a Husband.

Miss Penelope Penrose sat in her comfortable sitting room, with her feet upon the fender. Everything about her looked neat and cheerful. In one corner of the room stood a piano, but it was shut, and had been all day—Penelope had no disposition to play. Why should she? there was no one to play to. If now she had a husband—

It was upon this very point that Miss Penelope was meditating.

The fact was Penelope Penrose wanted but six months of being thirty, and no one had yet made her a proposal. Penelope was good looking had received a good education, she was also skilled in, had a good temper, and I verily believe would make a husband happy. But such things can't be accounted for. She had seen the most uncompromising of her companions, even to ugly little Miss Henderson, with not an accomplishment in the world, and moreover, with a face pitted with the small pox, married off in quick succession, and yet there she sat, on that cloudy morning in December, a devotee of single blessedness, and likely to remain so.

Was there even a woman who did not consider a married life preferable to a single one, provided she could secure the right companion? I believe not.

To revert to Miss Penelope. In addition to her other specified attractions, she owned the neat cottage which she occupied, and a sufficient sum in funds to live upon with comfort and elegance. Surely all the beaux must have been blind.

"Something must be done, and that quickly," said Miss Penelope, as the thought of her approaching thirtieth birthday came with startling force to her mind,—yes, something must be done. But what? That is the question. Such is the state of society that women is hemmed on all sides. She has not even the privilege of choosing her companion for life, but must await meekly till some one comes along, and take him or nobody. It's wrong, decidedly wrong.

Miss Penelope was in a suitable frame of mind, at that moment, to become an advocate of woman's rights.

Meanwhile it was growing dark, and Miss Penelope rang the bell.

"Sally," said she to her handmaiden, "you may bring in lights and the evening paper."

The handmaiden vanished, and presently the articles desired made their appearance.

"That will do Sally—you may go," she said.

Penelope looked first at the marriages—it was no more than natural—then at the deaths. Finding that none of her acquaintances had committed one or the other, she turned to the advertisements.

One in particular arrested her attention, and we will look over her shoulder as she reads:

To Housekeepers.—The undersigned is desirous of securing the services of a competent house-keeper, to take charge of an establishment. As he keeps two servants, her chief duty will be to superintend and preside at the table. Early application is desirable.

GREGORY MCKIM.

"Gregory McKim," soliloquized Miss Penelope. "I remember to have heard of him as a bachelor inheriting a large fortune from his father. I suppose he must be about thirty-five by this time. I wonder whether, supposing I were to apply, just for the joke of the thing, he would give me the situation."

It was a new idea, and the novelty of it struck Penelope so favorably, especially as she had become heartily tired of her present mode of life, that, after a little consideration, she determined to carry out her plan, and if successful in her application to retain her situation a month or two.

The next morning very early Miss Penelope summoned her handmaiden.

"Sally," said she, "I am thinking of going out of town for a month or two, and during the time shall close up the house. If you have friends you should like to vist, you are at liberty to do so. But you will let me know wherever you go, in order that I may send for you if I should return unexpectedly."

The proposal suited very well with Sally's inclinations as will readily be believed, and though she was at a loss to conceive what had all at once sent such a home body as her mistress on a traveling expedition, she was well disposed to take advantage of it.

Eleven o'clock found Miss Penelope flying with all speed to her destination.

Mr. Gregory McKim was a bachelor of 35, as our readers have already been informed. Inheriting a large fortune from his father, it was a matter of no little wonderment to his numerous friends that he called no one to his side to share it. But Gregory was one of those easy men who never took the trouble to go after anything. If it was within his reach, well and good, otherwise the exertion was too great, and he voted it a bore. He seemed content to live on, as he had ever lived in single blessedness—quite ignoring the greater blessings of matrimony.

It was after dinner, and as was his wont, he was leaning back in his rocking chair, plunging into the peculiar dreaminess superindueed by a choice Havana cigar, when the bell was heard to ring.

"Plague take it!" said he, rousing himself unwillingly. Some visitor. I wish they would take another time."

"A lady,' announced the servant, opening the door and introducing Miss Penelope.

"Your servant, madam,' said Gregory, bowing "most happy to see you. Pray be seated."

"This is Mr. McKim, I believe," said the lady.

"The same, ma'am, at your service," he answered.

"I noticed an advertisement of yours in the paper."

"Ah, yes, for a housekeeper. Can you recommend one?"

"I come to offer myself for the situation. Being an interested party," said Miss Penelope, smiling slightly, "perhaps it would be as well not to recommend myself too highly."

"Ah, eh, ahem. Have you ever served in that capacity before?" asked Mr. McKim, a little embarrassed.

"No, I cannot say that I have. I believe, however, I am acquainted with the duties it would devolve upon me."

"As I believe I stated in the advertisement, your chief duty would be that of superintendence, and presiding at the table. As I keep two servants, they would be sufficient for all other household duties. What are your terms?"

"That point is quite immaterial to me," said she, a little amused at the novelty of her situation.

"Shall I say four dollars a week? Will that satisfy you?"

"Perfectly. It is quite liberal. One thing I would like to stipulate. An unforseen circumstance may arise to change my plans, and I should like to engage for only four weeks."

"As you please. When will you be in readiness to come?"

"At once. At least as soon as I can find means to bring my baggage hither.

"Where have you left it?"

"At the hotel."

"Do not trouble yourself about it, I will send for it immediately. Oh, I had forgotten one thing—your name."

Penelope had not prepared herself for this. To give her own name was a thing she hardly dare venture upon. After a pause she said:

"You may call me Julia Malcolm."

"Miss Julia Malcolm, I presume, said Mr. McKim.

"Yes," said she, blushing slightly.

In two hours from that time Miss Penelope's trunk arrived, the keys were put in her hands, and the servants introduced to their new mistress. We may consider her fairly installed in her new situation. Let's see how she finds it.

Mr. McKim's establishment was a large one. Being situated but a few miles out of the city in a delightful neighborhood, many visitors were drawn to it in the summer season. Sometimes half a dozen at a time were visiting it.

Miss Penelope Penrose was well qualified to preside at a table, having always been accustomed to do so at her own. She did so with a mingled grace and elegance that Mr. McKim was as much surprised at as delighted with. Still further, her education qualified her to mingle in conversation with a degree of intelligence which betrayed that she was well read. This qualification, so rare in a housekeeper, pleased Mr. McKim not a little, and arrested the attention of his guests.

"Certainly, Mr. McKim," said a friend, "you have a paragon of a housekeper. Where did you get her?

"One of the advantages of advertising, my dear fellow."

"Then hereafter I shall believe it. You must take care, though, or some of these days you will be marrying her. I shouldn't blame you if you did."

"It seems to me, from your enthusiasm that you are much more likely to get caught," retorted his friend.

The party were sitting in a parlor on a tranquil summer evening. The lights had been removed on account of the mosquitoes which they attracted. Conversation had gradually ceased, and a feeling of quiet, such as is apt to come over the mind in such a time, had stolen upon all.

"How pleasant it is," said one of the company, "to sit here in the pleasant moonlight. But one thing is wanting to complete enchantment."

"And that is—"

"Music."

"I was just thinking of it," said Mr. McKim, "and wishing we had some one who could play. Gentlemen are any of you gifted that way."

The answer was a general negative.

"Perhaps interposed the housekeeper, in lieu of a better, you would wish me to play?"

"What, Miss Malcolm, do you play?"—asked McKim, in surprise.

"A little."

"Then you will confer a great favor by giving some specimens of your skill."

Miss Penelope was an accomplished musician having cultivated assiduously her natural talent which was very considerable. In addition to this she sang very tastefully.

Without more ado, she proceeded to the piano and played with her accustomed execution a variety of pieces, some of them very difficult. Then pausing a moment, she accompanied herself on the instrument with the words of a popular song, after which she arose and left the piano. Warm encomiums and flattering compliments were lavished upon the singer, who received them with due modesty, and soon after retired.

After this, Penelope's musical talents, as may readily be imagined, were often called into requisition.

It was about a fortnight after this occurrence that Penelope, who had left directions to forward letters with a friend who was in the secret, received a letter that her sister, who had been abroad, was expeted daily, and would probably proceed at once to her residence.

This made her immediate departure necessary, and so she informed Mr. McKim.

"Leave me!" said McKim, in a troubled tone. You are not dissatisfied, I hope?"

"Not at all, my sister's presence will render it necessary."

"And will you not return."

"I do not think I shall be able, as my sister will probably wish me to stay with her."

Mr. McKim paced the room in some perturbation, and then suddenly drew up a chair and sat down by Penelope."

"I do not think I can give you up," said," "and I have therefore another proposition to make. If you will not stay with me as a housekeeper, will you as a wife?

"This is so—so unexpected," murmured Penelope.

"But you won't refuse?"

"Let me make an explanation first, and then you shall be at liberty to do as you please. Know, then, that I am possessed of an independent fortune, and merely assumed the post of housekeeper to gratify a whim, and that the time for which I had resolved to keep up the disguise has passed. My name is not Julia Malcolm, but Penelope Penrose."

This explanation only made Gregory urge his suit more vehemently, and in short it was only a month from that time that our heroine promised to become a housekeeper for life."

Was not that a "bold stroke for a husband?"

A recent work of science gives the following novel experiment, which settles a question of some importance in philosophy. Two hundred pounds weight of earth was dried in an oven, and afterwards put into an earthen vessel. The earth was then moistened with rain water, and a willow tree, weighing five pounds, was placed therein. During the space of five years the earth was carefully watered with rain water, or pure water; the willow grew rapidly and flourished, and to prevent the earth being mixed with fresh earth, or dust blown to it by the winds, it was covered with a metal plate, perforated with a great number of small holes, suitable for the free admission of air only. After growing in the air for five years, the tree was removed and found to weigh 160 pounds and about three ounces; the leaves which fell from the tree every autumn were not included in this weight. The earth was then removed from the vessel, again dried in the oven, and afterwards discovered to have lost only about two ounces of its original weight; thus 164 pounds of woody fibre, bark and roots, were certainly produced—but from what source?—The air has been discovered to be source of solid element at last. This statement may at first appear incredible, but on slight reflection its truth is proved, because the atmosphere contains carbonic acid, which is the compound of 714 parts by weight of oxygen, and 338 parts by weight of carbon.

"The course of true love never did run very smooth." A young minister, attached to an old school presbyterian church in this city, has for some time past been paying his addresses to a lady of wealth, who resides in Virginia, who, we understand, has been divorced, her first marriage being a forced one. The minister's congregation heard of the intended match and a meeting of the trustees, or proper officers, was called to take the matter into consideration. The rule of the church forbidding a minister to marry with a divorced woman was pointed out to the lover, and he was then asked to resign his love and hopes of connubial bliss. The minister, after mature deliberation, determined to resign his place in the church, along with its salary, and cling to her to whom, no doubt, his heart's best affections have been given. The lady hearing of his resignation of the ministry, gave him the "sack."

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WEDDING AMONG THE WOOD-CHOPPERS.—Marriages "in high life" have often been described with great skill, and a wonderful acquaintance with fashion and milinery displayed by the reporters. But a wedding in the backwoods, among the wood-choppers, is not often reported in full in the papers. As a novelty then, we give the following. The time is the merry month of June, and the scene—an actual one—is laid on the banks of the Tchefuncta, parish of St. Tammany.

The festivities were conducted in an extremely free, off-hand manner, and whosoever chose to participate in the same, was welcome so to do, whether he had been especially invited or not.

The bride's father, and likewise the groom, are known in the forest as axe men and shingle makers, of more than ordinary thrift, and the friends of the bride (who is a sunburnt, moon face lady of twenty-five) assert that none are better fitted than she to fill the duties of a helpmate, inasmuch as "she knows nothing but hard work, and is able at all times to earn her dollar a day, either at cotton picking, hoeing corn, or gathering moss.

The nuptials were celebrated in the one-story "ten by six" log-built mansion of the bride's father, at which place the guests began to gather with the approach of sundown, and ere long merry, smirking groups of brown, bare footed forest women, dressed in gay calicoes, thronged the house and blocked up the door ways.

The groom who was a well-looking fellow of about two and twenty, had arrayed himself in a pink and white calico shirt, and a new pair of shining black satinet pantaloons, the bottoms of which were rolled up for the better display of his handsome pepper and salt stockings and calf-skin slippers. His thin, swarthy visage, had been so closely shorn, that it fairly glistened, while his well-greased, sandy hair was disposed on top of the head in a short ram's horn. He was evidently becoming impressed with the solemnity of the occasion, for he preserved a most serious expression of countenance, answered answered all questions with extreme brevity, and while one hand was clutched in that of the bed, which occupied one corner of the dwelling, with the other he held a small methodist hymn-book, upside down, before his face, from whose pages he scarcely once averted his eyes.

Besides a pair of stout cow-hide bootees, a naked pair of huge red arms, and a string of scarlet sealing-wax beads upon her neck, the bride wore nothing which showed that she had attempted the use of any unusual display, and with a subdued air of intense delight she steadily contemplated the yellow sprigs which relieved the blue true ground of her "Merrimac calico" frock.

While the twilight was yet at its height, the jokes and fun of the merrier portion of the company were stilled, for the squire (who is an elderly "fore-hander" farmer, and who, in the absence of a clergyman, holds authority to perform marriage ceremonials) made his appearance in a magisterial black, and bearing several portentous looking law octavos and a bible, partly wrapped up in his bandana handkerchief.

Of all dignitaries known on earth, none are so feared and venerated by our country people as the 'squire. For this reason a complete and attentive silence now prevailed throughout the company, and after the 'squire had steadily looked about him for a few moments, he gravely laid his books upon the dresser, spit out his tobacco, wiped his spectacles, and placed them his nose, all of which doings signified that the ceremonies were about to begin.

The preliminary rite consisted of a prayer which the 'squire, drawn up to his fullest height fervently read from a tract, secreted in the corner of his hat, (although he pretended to keep his eyes shut all the while,) and during the recital of which those who possessed aprons and hats reverently buried their faces therein, and those who were without, leaned their foreheads against each other's shoulders. Having finished his prayer, the 'squire invited the betrothed couple to rise, and in an impressive speech, in which law phrases and apt quotations from the bible sonorously abounded, he discussed the nature and beauties of the matrimonial compact for a full half hour or more.

At the close of the homily, the bride hung her head and pinched her arms, the groom became perceptibly nervous, and the parents, and the guests crowded toward the squire (whose coolness and happy demeanor was most enchanting) with intense eagerness depicted on their countenance, for the climax was obviously at hand.

In a few minutes, all was brought to the happiest termination, for the 'squire read a few sentences from one of his law books without the smallest accident or interruption, and the lovers were now man and wife, much to the satisfaction of the bride, who received the congratulation of her friends with broadest of grins, while the groom again strangely sat on the bed and gazed about him with the same abstracted air, as if he had lost his jack-knife, and was trying to bring the time to mind when he had last seen it.

Another short prayer concluded the 'squire's duties, when the bride's thin, wiry, shrill-tongued mother appeared on the scene, who directed the men to construct a table of planks and barrels, beneath a column of oaks in front of the dwelling, and led a train of girls and matrons to a little smoking out-house near at hand whence numerous plates of boiled pork, potatoes, fried eels, loaves of ginger-bread, pots of coffee, jugs of molasses and whiskey, were taken and arranged upon the festive board.