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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.

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BOOTS, SHOES AND HATS,

No. 9 Magazine street, New Orleans.

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Boots, Shoes and Hats.

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Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry and Tar.

THE great Remedy for Pectoral and Pulmonary Diseases stands unrivaled and unsurpassed as the most effectual curative of those most formidable complaints now known to the civilised world.

Ten years of trial in the United States, during which time it has been distributed from Maine to Florida, has only served to establish its preëminent merits in all parts of the country as the great and

Only Reliable Remedy

in the worst cases of Pulmonary Disease: and the best curative of all the slight forms of colds, coughs, and inflammation, that can possibly be used; for Hooping Cough it has no equal.

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This frightful symptom of approaching consumption is speedily checked and prevented by the use of **Dr. Davis's Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry & Tar** which heals the affected membranes, and restores those vital organs, the Lungs, to a sound and healthy condition. REMEMBER THIS: spitting of blood always arises from a tendency to tuberculous disease; and if not checked at the outset will sooner or later terminate in death.

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We shall give special attention to executing orders for family and plantation supplies, and to the collection and remittance of money.

In pursuing a strictly commission business, we have adopted the policy of accepting no bills, furnishing all our accommodations by direct cash advances.

As we receive BAGGING and ROPE direct from the manufactories, we shall have pleasure in supplying planters without charge of commission for purchasing.

We are agents for **Griswold's Improved Cotton Gins**, which are delivered free of charge, and fully guarantied, at $3 50 ⅌ saw.

The services of Mr. A. J. WRIGHT will be given to the interests of the house. dec12

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, 1856-1yis

NEW CARPET STORE,

58 CAMP STREET, NEW ORLEANS. 58

THE undersigned would inform the public, that they are now receiving from London and New York their new assortment of all kinds of Carpetings, Cloths, Rugs, Mats, Window Shades, Cornices, Curtain Bands, Mattings, together with every article belonging to their line.

We receive direct from the English manufactories, the late elegant patterns of Velvets, Brussels and Tapestry, and would especially invite the attention of the ladies to our stock of velvets and Brussels, selected by our London house from the latest of the celebrated fabrics of John Crossly & Sons, Halifax, England.

Having greatly enlarged our store, we are fully prepared to meet the wishes of our customers.

Our prices will be found low.

Every article purchased is guaranteed to be what represented at the time of sale.

L. ELLIN & Co., 58 Camp street.

New Orleans, April 2, 1856.

H. P. BUCKLEY,

(Late Young & Co.,)

6 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;
Gents 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, 1855

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.

WATER COLORS.

Newman's, Ackeman's,
Reeves & Son's, Osborne's.

JUST received a large stock of the 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 8x10 to 42x56
Canvas in rolls, from 36 to 66 inches wide;
Brechers 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;
200 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;
200 do English and French, from 8x10 to 33x65
400 lights fine Plate Glass;
100 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

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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, 1856.

Phila. Saddlery Warehouse.

[Sign of the Golden Horse Head.]

No. 6 Magazine, near Canal street,

NEW ORLEANS.

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Dealers in Saddlery, Harness and Trunks, Leather Materials and Findings for saddlers, coach, trunk and shoemakers. Saddlery, Hardware, Whips, Tin Ware and Brushes.

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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, 1855

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

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

D. KELHAM,

FURNITURE STORE,

☞ Nos. 43, 45 and 48 Bienville street, NEW ORLEANS.

KEEPS constantly on hand a large assortment of Furniture, such as mahogany and walnut

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

Feathers, looking-glasses, spring, hair and moss mattresses, etc. D. KELHAM.

New Orleans, April 9, 1856.

JEDH. 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:

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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 Hecius, Chafing Dishes,
Chinese Gongs, Iron Bedsteads,
Britannia and Plated Ware,
Meat Cutters, Sausage Stuffers,
Stock Kettles, Portable Forges,
Seines, Fishing Tackle, etc etc.

nov 15, 1855

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,	2000	lbs madder,
15	bbls castor oil,	50	lbs chloroform,
20	bbls linseed oil,	20	gross seid'z powders,
20	bbls sp: turpentine,	26	" 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.

NEW HOUSE-FURNISHING STORE.

W. I. HODGSON,

No. 188 CAMP STREET, NEW ORLEANS.

HAVING taken advantage of the past summer, has had his spacious store enlarged and refitted entirely new. He has taken great pains in choosing his many supplies from the northern and western manufactories, and is of the opinion that he can suit the most fastidious in their wants, while selecting from his stock. He has a most complete assortment of

Silver Plated Ware,
Japanned Ware,
Britannia Ware,
Hollow Ware,
Planished Tin
and plain Tin Ware,
Iron Ware,
Enameled Ware,
Wooden Ware,
Willow Ware,
Brushes, Brooms,
Glass Ware, Fancy Goods.

Also, solar and hall lamps and lanterns, either gilt, bronzed or damask colors, olive and camphene (3 and 4 light) chandeliers, oil, gas and camphene lamps of all descriptions and at all prices. His

STOVES AND RANGES,

are all unequalled in reputation, for while he has all of the latest and most approved patterns he retains a large stock of the OLD AND WELL KNOWN ones. He has the celebrated and double oven MORNING STAR Cooking Stove, (four sizes from $20 to $35 each complete,) which is equalled by none. It has double dampers, double drafts, roasting and cooking ovens and six cooking holes, besides many other advantages over the majority of stoves. His stock of church, parlour, bed-room, bar-room, steamboat and

COOKING STOVES AND RANGES,

consists of the largest and most extensive assortment yet introduced in the south. He deals in oils of all kinds, turpentine, alcohol, camphene, spirit-gas or burning fluid. Also: Office and Parlour Mantels and Grates of every description and price. Also: extra baskets, fenders, ash-grates, blowers, pans, &c., of all sizes at reasonable prices.

He manufactures all kinds of work in tin, sheet iron and lead.

And requests that planters, country merchants and others in want of articles in his line, should call on him when in New Orleans and examine his stock and prices, as he feels confident he can sell these goods at a very low price, either wholesale or retail.

W. I. HODGSON, No. 188 Camp street,
feb6-6m adjoining St. Patrick's church.

Patent Circular Saw Mills.

THE subscriber, agent for Lee & Leavitt, Cincinnati, offers for sale their Saw Mills, with the improved head blocks, enabling one man to move the log on the ways with ease and with the greatest accuracy, thereby saving one man's wages, and making better work than mills with the usual screw-head blocks.

PRICES:

48 inch saw mill, carriage 25 feet long,			$400
50	—	— 25	410
52	—	— 25	455
54	—	— 25	475
56	—	— 25	500

Larger sizes in proportion.

Extra saws from 4 inches up to 72 inches. The saws to these mills, as well as the other parts, are made by L. & L., and are in general use in the west and south. They have no superiors.

Horse-powers and steam engines are furnished when ordered, made by L. & L., and adapted to these mills. Two mills in store and for sale by

L. J. WEBSTER,
Corner of Magazine and Lafayette streets,
march26 New Orleans.

McFarland's Ploughs.

WE are agents for the above favorite Ploughs, and have now on hand a large supply. For sale by

jan23 E. & B. JACOBS.

PLOUGHS.

500 Hall and Spear Ploughs, just received per steamer Runaway.

feb22 OGLESBY & GRISWOLD.

The Fancy Match.

Maria Greenwood was a very intelligent and accomplished young lady, but of a rather too romantic turn of mind. This feature of her character she most discovered in her discussion of matrimony with Mrs. Atkins, in whose family she was living. On a certain occasion, she heard Mrs. Atkins make some casual remark, to which she replied, "Why, Mrs. Atkins, I have often heard you say that love is the basis of matrimonial happiness. Have you changed your opinion?"

To this remark Mrs. Atkins replied, "By no means, Maria. What has induced you to think that I have?"

"Why," said Maria, "just as I stepped into the room, I heard you say to Mr. Jones, 'that love would do very well, but that something else was requisite.'"

"And that is just as I think, Maria, and Mr. Jones agrees with me in this opinion."

"Certainly I do," said Mr. Jones. "There must be love, but there must be something else besides love—something to esteem as well as fancy."

"So I think, Mr. Jones, though Maria hardly agrees with me."

Possibly Mrs. Atkins had expressed herself a little ambiguously, for Maria insisted that she was not quite consistent with herself, or that she had hitherto misunderstood her.

However this may have been, Mrs. Atkins had not much faith in romantic love or fancy matches. She had seen more of the world than Maria, and took a more correct view of matters and thing than she. But Maria did not think so—she was sure she judged correctly, for she judged according to the dictates of nature—so, at least, she said, "and nature she knew was infallible."

To Mrs. Atkins she would often say, "Why, you seem to be very skeptical—you don't confide in any thing. I should almost conclude that you were a Pyrrhonist!"

At remarks of this kind, Mrs. Atkins would only smile, and replying say, "Maria, when you have seen more of the world, you will think more as I do. If I am too skeptical, you are too romantic! Your bright sunshine will after a time darken—your calm, smooth sea be ruffled with waves!"

A few years before this time, Maria had lost her parents, and had, in consequence, been placed in the family of Mrs. Atkins, and as the result of this relation to her family, Mrs. Atkins felt a special interest in her welfare.

It happened one day that, as the family were discussing the subject of marriage, Maria remarked to Mrs. Atkins, "Now I have seen something to faver my views of matrimony if they are romantic."

"What have you seen, Maria?"

"Why, I have seen in Silliman's journal an account of a love affair just to my notion."

"And what is it, pray, Maria?"

"Professor Silliman relates, that a gentleman on a certain occasion, whilst attending a church, happening to be delighted with the music, cast his eye up to the gallery, and there he saw a young lady that struck his fancy so, that, though a perfect stranger to the lady, he determined to seek her acquaintance, and to address her.—This, too, he did, and he married her, and the result was a happy marriage. Now, Mrs. Atkins, wasn't that a fancy match?"

"I think it was, and a very hazardous one."

"Hazardous!" said Maria, "every match is a hazardous one. If I should ever be married, I should expect to run some risk—who doesn't?"

"Why, Maria," said Mrs. Atkins, "I am sorry to hear you talk so, for persons who expect hazards always meet them, or, if not always, usually do."

"Mrs. Atkins," said Maria, "you are too apt to look on the dark side of things; I always look on the bright side, and then if the worst comes, I suffer only the real evils, not the imaginary ones."

"True, Maria," said Mrs. Atkins, "but sometimes, when we anticipate evils, we take measures to avoid them."

"And sometimes, too," said Maria, "when we anticipate them, they never come; and all our anxiety in such a case is useless."

"I am aware of that," said Mrs. Atkins, "but I still consider it best to consult probabilities."

"Ah! that is too mathematical for me," said Maria, "I would rather do as the mariner does—go to sea at a venture——"

"And get wrecked!!"

"Ah! that might be, but it might not."

"Hundreds have been wrecked even in matrimony."

"True, and hundreds of sailors, too; but would it not look amazingly foolish for a sailor to sit down and calculate his chances at sea?"

"But the sailor does not go to sea without some calculation."

"And of what value is it? For how can he tell beforehand, what the weather will be, how many dangers to encounter, or afterwards, how to delight to speak of his exposure, or how look upon himself with so much self gratulation?"

"But, Maria, the storm at sea is soon over, and the danger past, but when trouble arises in the matrimonial life, it becomes permanent; at least, there is danger of its becoming so."

"And the greater the danger, the more romantic," said Maria.

"Then, on your principle," said Mrs. Atkins, "I think there need be little or no love at all."

"Oh," said Maria, "I don't carry things so far as that; only I would love at a venture."

"Then if you fancy a man, that is enough?"

"Yes, just as the gentleman did the lady in the choir of singers—that was a lovely marriage! I should congratulate myself on having a similar good fortune."

"Why, Maria, would you marry a man without knowing his good qualities?"

"Indeed I would if I fancied him."

"Well then, I shall have to weep for you."

"Yes, ma'am, tears of joy."

Without continuing the conversation any farther, Mrs. Atkins retired from the room, having, at the time, to call on an acquaintance on some business of special importance. Whilst she was thus employed, a gentleman who had never seen Maria, took occasion, in company with a friend of his, to call in a moment, professedly, to see Mrs. Atkins, but really, to take a look at Maria. Learning that Mrs. Atkins was out at the time, the friend of the gentleman in question took the liberty to ask for Miss Greenwood, being himself acquainted with her. Accordingly Miss Greenwood received the gentlemen, and was highly pleased with the call with which she had been honored. The stranger, Mr. Mendon, was equally pleased—Maria struck his fancy completely. He was, however, "to leave town soon, much to his regret," as he said, and much to Maria's as it seemed. For now she had the opportunity of gratifying her taste in the way of romance—the stranger was the very beau ideal of perfection! So handsome, so entertaining, so intelligent, so wonderfully polite—for the first time in her life she was deeply in love! No one knew it indeed but herself—but so it was. "And would the gentleman call again? Should she see him once more? She hoped so—she almost knew she should—and yet why did she not entertain him more agreeable?—why was she so cold and formal? But perhaps he would call—if he did she promised to herself to do better next time!"

In the meantime, Mrs. Atkins having atended to her engagements, returned, and Maria informed her of the call she had received.

"And how do you like Mr. Mendon?" said Mrs. Atkins.

"Oh!" said Maria, "he is a lovely man."

"What makes you think so?" said Mrs. Atkins.

"Think!" said Maria—"I don't think—I know he is a lovely man!"

"And how could you know it, since you never saw him before?"

"Couldn't I know that the sun shines, though I never saw it before?" said Maria.

"I rather think you could hardly have been more dazzled by the sun the first time you saw it, than you are now by this stranger."

"Don't you think any one can know another by intuition, Mrs. Atkins?"

"I think we are often greatly deceived by mankind—especially by strangers."

"And didn't you ever hear of any lady's marrying a stranger?"

"To be sure, I have—and worse things than that afterwards!"

"Well, I don't love to prognosticate evil, Mrs. Atkins."

"Nor do I, but I love to avoid it."

Maria saw that Mrs. Atkins was not going to fall in with her views, and, therefore, concluded not to discuss the matter any further at the time. She hoped, however, that Mr. Mendon would call again, and that Mrs. Atkins would see him.

After a few days, Mr. Mendon made it convenient to be in the town of Weston again, and, of course, paid his respects to Maria.

At this time Mrs. Atkins was at home, and Maria had wished she might be; and she saw the agreeable Mr. Mendon.

Now Mr. Mendon was a very agreeable gentleman, and a very handsome man, too. Besides, he was a man of the world, and consequently very taking in his manners. Professedly, he was very wealthy, and of course full of business.

Maria's imagination was now filled with glowing pictures. "One of the gentleman's estates was certainly an Eden! On it were lovely landscapes—crystal streams—sweet scented bowers, and fruits of every variety and hue; all indeed that could charm the eye and gratify the taste. And was there any hope or probability that Maria Greenwood could ever get into possession of this promised land?"

Yes, indeed! The gentleman, the self-same Mr. Mendon, had after due time solicited the hand of the romantic Maria; and she had most willingly consented to give it to him!

"Oh," said she to herself, "this is to be a perfect fancy match!—just the thing I have always coveted. And will it not annihilate all of Mrs. Atkins' theories about matrimony? I hope it may, indeed, I do, with all my heart!"

At this moment Mr. Jones happened to call at Mrs. Atkins', and having made inquiry in regard to Mr. Mendon and learned his character, he said to Mrs. Atkins, "Do you know any thing about the reputation of Mr. Mendon?"

"No," said she, "I do not. He appears to be quite a gentleman."

"He is one of the light-fingered gentry," said Mr. Jones.

"He is!" said Mrs. Atkins, "I am sorry to hear it—for I was hoping he was just the person for Maria."

"And ought you not to tell Maria of the risk she is about to run?"

"It would be of no avail, Mr. Jones. She would only be the more anxious to encounter it."

"Is it possible?" said he.

"Certainly it is," replied Mrs. Atkins, "for she imagines that she shall have so much influence over her husband, as that she can completely control him."

"Just as Phæton did his steed! For who ever heard of such a thing as a change in the fixed habits of a man by any influence short of divine? Neither a lady married or unmarried is competent to the task."

"Maria thinks that she is, and no one could convince her otherwise. And, besides, in matters of this sort, you know that it is the easiest of all things to get the ill-will of the person by speaking against the one whom she loves.—Still it may be my duty to say a word in the way of caution, and therefore I will do it, although I know it will be perfectly idle."

Accordingly Mrs. Atkins took occasion to say to Maria, that she felt a great deal of interest in her happiness, and that she was very anxious that she should do well in her matrimonial relations. To this Maria replied, that what she said was true; and that she felt greatly indebted to Mrs. Atkins for her kind feelings.

"Would you be willing, then," said Mrs. Atkins, "that I should suggest to you that you ought to be better acquainted with Mr. Mendon before marrying him? It seems to me that you hardly know his character."

"Why, I know the man," said Maria, "is not this enough? He is a gentleman."

"But suppose he spends his nights at the gaming table?"

"Oh, I should expect him to have more regard for his wife than to do that."

"And your expectations would hardly be realized, for the tendency of habits is from bad to worse."

"And do you not know that a lady can exert any influence over her husband?"

"Oh, yes, most certainly—but reformation from bad practices are of all things the most difficult. A relapse is more likely to occur than a recovery."

"Why, you would make out a lady to be a mere cipher."

"Oh, no, Maria, but ladies cannot do things which are impossible."

"But do you not remember, Mrs. Atkins, the case of Mr. Vinton?" Before he was married he was a confirmed inebriate, now he is a model of sobriety!"

"And may he not yet fall?"

"Oh, dear Mrs. Atkins, there come in the shadows again. I wonder if you ever saw a clear sky."

Mrs. Atkins saw that it was useless to argue the point with Maria, and that as she was charmed so she must be destroyed by the serpent!

Accordingly in a few weeks Maria was married to Mendon—all was fair and promising.—Mr. Mendon was a most faithful and devoted husband, and Maria congratulated herself on the happy choice she had made. Having lived in the country remote from any large city, she was now transferred to the vicinity of Petersville, a large town—a circumstance that pleased her exceedingly.

In these circumstances she longed to inform her friend, Mrs. Atkins, that her former theoretic views were realized, and therefore based upon a substantial foundation. They had been tested, and happily, too.

Accordingly she sent Mrs. Atkins an invitation to pay her a visit. The invitation Mrs. Atkins accepted, and congratulated Maria on her good fortune. Still she was not quite satisfied that it would always continue so. She saw, as she imagined, some indications of an unfavorable character. But she kept silent, merely watching the progress of events.

Now it happened soon after this that the great races were to come off, and that the former associates of Mendon were to collect together in Petersville. The trying time, therefore, was now at hand. Mr. Mendon was to be exposed to temptation. Of this, however, Maria knew nothing, except the fact that the races were to take place.

Meeting with his boon companions, he was, of course, solicited to join in their sports. He did so. He was urged to try his hand. "The descent to Avernus is easy." He complied with the solicitations of his tempters. He became a party—a loser—ruined! In the course of a few hours his own means were forfeited, and Maria's, too! Her entire fifty thousand was scattered to the winds.

In the meantime Mrs. Atkins returned to her home, and informed the anxious inquirers about Maria, that she seemed to have done well.

Nor was Maria immediately aware of what had recently transpired in relation to her husband's affairs. He, it is true, was apparently quite ill at ease—but assigned some little ailment as the cause, and thus kept her from undue anxiety.

But rumor did not long delay conveying the sad intelligence to Maria. It came, and came with a vengeance! At first he staked his own property, then hers! Her entire fifty thousand was beyond control! hers no more!

Maria could not believe it. "Oh, no, it was impossible! It was a slur on the character of Mendon—a fabrication to injure his good name! He was too much of a gentleman to be so culpable. It was all a lie!" So she said—believed—hoped!

Alas, for Maria, her romance had now reached its maximum. Her large fortune had been converted into money—staked—lost!

And with the loss of her fortune her husband lost his love for her, and bid her, at heart, a heartless adieu.

"Oh, my dear husband," said she, "do you not still love me?"

"Why should I," said he, "you reproach me for my misfortunes."

"No, indeed," said she, "I do not—I sympathize with you, that is all."

"I need none of your sympathy," said he, "keep it for yourself."

"My dear husband, can you talk so to me now? A few months ago I gave you my heart, my hand, my fortune."

"And I wish you had them all back again," said he, "for I want neither of them."

Maria said no more—indeed she was scarcely able to say this—she saw that her romance had indeed ruined her—that her fancy had led her astray—astray to her utter desolation.

Retiring to her room, she threw herself into her rocking chair, and wept like a child. Here almost frantic, she uttered, "Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. Atkins! Oh! that I had listened to your wise counsels! I should never have thus been the wreck of folly!"

A few weeks after Mrs. Atkins came to Petersville to reside. In a few days she took occasion to call and see Maria, and express her sympathy for her calamities.

Glad, indeed, was Maria once more to see Mrs. Atkins, for she knew that she would have one to condole with her. On meeting Mrs. Atkins, she fell on her knees; with tears in her eyes she cried, "Oh, Mrs. Atkins, can you forgive me—can you?"

"Yes, romantic girl!" cried Mrs. Atkins, "yes, and more than forgive you—I can weep with you."

"Oh!" said Maria, "how thankful I am to have one friend—one, too, so dear, so kind, so good."

"But, Maria, how do you live through all of your trials? Can you bear them?"

"I could," she replied. "Oh! Mrs. Atkins, I could, if my husband only loved me."

"Well, dear Maria, there is one that loves you, and one that ever will; and whilst she has a home, you shall have one—or a penny, half of it shall be yours!"

"Oh! how kind you are," said Maria, "too kind for a poor maniac girl."

Fortunately for Maria, she had a rich relative, who soon after her calamities bestowed upon her a little cottage as her own, and there she now lives, kindly remembered by her dear friend, Mrs. Atkins, and still saying, "Oh, I could bear it all, if my husband only loved me."

I. O. O. F.—We find the following in an old English paper, from a speech delivered at a meeting of the order, in Greenock, Scotland:

The origin of the Odd Fellows is of very great antiquity. It was established by the Roman soldiers in the camp, during the reign of N