

STEWART'S NEW STORE.

Twelve Acres of Dry and Fancy Goods—The Promenade—The Dome—The Workshops.

On the first of May, 1867, excavations were commenced for the foundations of Mr. Stewart's new store, on Tenth street, and to-day he opens to the public the largest retail dry goods establishment in the world.

The exterior of the building, with its long rows of Corinthian columns, presents a grandeur of proportions not to be seen in any other structure in this city, and the impression left on the mind of the spectators is rather one of solidity, harmony, and symmetry of proportions than of striking beauty or magnificence.

The sub-cellar, the foundations of the building are laid 22 feet deep; and the abutments are of the most solid masonry, some of them embracing equally the old part and the new.

The basement is amply lighted from the street, and when temporary partitions shall have been taken down, the whole room thrown into one, and filled with all the varieties and descriptions of carpets known in the markets of the world, it will be one of the most attractive departments of the store.

The first story, used as the general sales-room for every kind of dry and fancy goods, except carpets, cloaks, shawls, etc., will surpass in grandeur and beauty any other portion of the edifice.

The dome is oblong or oval in shape, and is about 60x100 feet in size; the top is of teak-laminated glass, and with the immense windows at the sides and ends of the building, throws a flood of light into every nook and corner of the edifice.

Standing beneath the dome and gazing up through story after story till the eye reaches the top, one is made dizzy and bewildered by the sight of the columns, the colonnade, floor above floor, until the workmen in the uppermost story appear like little boys, while the bright light from above brings out the beauties of the architecture.

The stairs leading to the upper stories are very broad and of easy ascent, and at the sides are heavy balustrades similar to those surrounding the sides of the dome.

The second story is like the first, with the exception of the opening of the dome, and that the architecture is not so heavy. This floor is to be used for the cloak and shawl department.

the health of the operatives. The fourth and fifth stories are to be used as workshops, where dress-making, embroidery, and in need every department of the manufacture of ladies' and children's clothing is performed, except the cutting. In these departments more than seven hundred persons are employed.

No other building in the world used for the retail dry goods trade can in any way be compared with Mr. Stewart's, either in size or magnificence. European companies may come to them do as extensive business as that transacted here, but it is done in several shops, many of which have received addition after addition, each one totally different from the others in style of architecture and in dimensions.

WEAK SISTERS.

The line at which a virtue becomes a vice through excess can never be exactly defined, each mind must determine for itself.

There is a line, whereforever we may choose to set it, and it is just this fine dividing mark which women are so apt to overrun. For women, as a rule, are nothing if not extreme.

Whether as saints or sinners, they carry a principle to outside limits, and of all partisans are the most thoroughgoing, whether it be to serve God or the Devil, liberty or bigotry, Bible Communism or Calvinistic Election.

While he lived she obeyed his counsel—not always without a little echo of discontent in her own heart—and copied his opinions with what amount of accuracy nature had bestowed on her; though it must be confessed more often making a travesty than a fac-simile.

But if the tower falls, where is the ivy? Take away the husband, and what becomes of the wife, when one has been the life and the other only the parasite? Abandoned to the poor resources of her own judgment, she is like one suddenly thrown into deep water, not knowing how to swim.

She has no judgment. She has been so long accustomed to rely on the mind of another that her own is paralyzed for want of use. She is any one's tool, any one's echo, and, worse than that, if left to herself she is any one's victim.

All she wants is to be spared the hardship of self-reliance, and to be directed free of individual exertion. She is utterly helpless to act, to direct, to decide, and it depends on the mere chance of proprietorship whether her slavery will be degradation or protection, ruin or safety.

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