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know how we came by these letters. Let it suffice for us to say that they are *bona fide*, and read as follows:—

This letter purports to come from a village near Boston, and the writer, besides writing a very fine hand, indulges in a few pleasantries. From what we can gather from the endorsement, a picture of some "creature" accompanied the letter, and "Lothario" affects to throw ridicule on the fact that the head (as pictured on the tintype) was the author of the letter:—

N. B.—Look out for the tintype.

———, Mass., October 25, 1869.

Sir:—Have you found your true affinity yet? If you have I think you must be a fortunate man (only think rich, handsome, well behaved, etc.) I thought when I saw your "Personal" that it corresponded exactly with your humble servant. I am not as handsome as "Zenobia," but I am a decent-looking damsel between the ages of 18 and 25. My fortune is not quite as large as A. T. Stewart's or Vanderbilt's. I belong to a respectable family and have a lot of poor relations whom I like, and some awful hateful rich relations whom I do not love. Now don't you think that is queer? Well I am sort of queer and I guess you are slightly troubled that way. I hope you don't think that I am unsophisticated enough to imagine for a moment that you would advertise for a wife. I think you are too smart for that. Don't you hear the matrimonial chains clanking in your dreams? Perhaps you may be in earnest; if you are, just wait a moment until I give you some old maid's advice. Don't get married young man at present while female apparel is so high, and they tell me that corn beef and cabbage is not very cheap, now don't you think that matrimony begins to look dismal? I forgot to mention the quantity of false hair you will have to invest in besides other article to numerous to mention. If you are not frightened at the prospect now you must be a very courageous person and no doubt will make some good woman a husband. Wouldn't you like to have me for a bridesmaid? I would place a tea rose on your fair brow and a beautiful sunflower on your heart (if you have such an article), and make you look as handsome as a picture. I hope you will appreciate and cherish that tintype I send you. I am sorry that I haven't a photograph, but I think a tintype is the most natural-looking. Now don't go into raptures over my picture, for I do not call it very natural, its flattered so that you would hardly think it was taken for me. I will not exhaust your patience any longer, should you care to answer this

You will please address ——

The next one is of the racy, piquant style, and comes from one of our Philadelphia belles:—

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 16, 1869.

Sir:—I, with a party of a dozen others, have concluded to answer your advertisement in the —— for a wife. You must be a strange specimen of the *genteel homo* when you find it necessary to advertise for a wife when so many girls are desiring husbands. I don't want you or your attention, for I already have enough gallants to render me half wild. Each one imagines that *he* is the favored guest, nor do I take the trouble to correct any one of them; so you see I am not writing to you for the purpose of entering into any compact or agreement with you. I want to see you. My curiosity in this particular is unbounded, for I can't imagine what kind of an individual you are. Wont you do me the favor to walk on Walnut street to-morrow at 12? Walk on the square (Rittenhouse) pavement, having a white handkerchief in your hand, and I will see you. If I like your appearance I *may* let you know me. Recollect I don't say that I *will*, but that I *may*. I assure you that I am handsome, rich ($175,000 in my own right), and pleasant.

Should I not see you, address a note to Sub-Post Office, Eighteenth and Chesnut streets, to

———.

What kind of a looking gentleman are you? Please let me see you. Please give me the names of the other girls who write to you; it shall be sacredly confidential. I only want to know which of my friends write to you. Excuse the liberty I have taken, and believe me, until you know better,

Yours, lovingly, ———.

This letter says on the endorsement:—"She disappointed. A letter to her asking where she can be seen."

The next letter is as follows, and is written in a fair round hand:—

NEW YORK, Oct 22.—*My Unseen Friend:*—Having accidently learned your address I will take the liberty to write you. I presume you will receive a number of answers to your advertisement in the ——, but perhaps you will also receive other ones that you like better than mine. My age is eighteen. I am a brunette, and if you correspond with me I shall be happy to send you my picture; that is, if you will accept it. I will write a brief note for the first one, but shall write more if this is answered as a wise man speaks (Shakespere). I will now say adieu. Please address, —— —— New York City.

"Lothario" answers this one, and swears in the strongest language that he really loves her for her style alone.

PHILA., October 24, 1869.

Dear Sir, Noticing your advertisement in the —— of Friday Eve, and as I am vain enough to think I am all that you desire I bought I would like to answer you. I am 5 ft. 2 in. in height. I have brown hair, very plain, and have dark brown eyes. I have not a picture at present, but if you will continue the correspondence I will have some taken and send you one.

Trusting I will hear from you soon I remain

Yours Truly ——

Phila. Post Office,
City.

This letter is written with pale purple ink. The endorsement says that "Lothario" likes her style, and has written asking for a meeting.

The following letter carries with it such a mass of heart-sickening evidence, and paints so vividly the condition of a class of women in our city that we print it entire, leaving out only the name of the writer:—

PHILADELPHIA Oct. 19, 1869.

Dear Sir:—

I have seen your advertisement in the —— and have thought proper to answer it.

I belong to one of the oldest as well as one of the most respectable families of this city. My father has been dead many years. There was a time when horses carriages and servants were at my command. I am not rich, but I have a very excelent education; I speake German and French, and am thoroughly versed in music, both vocal and instrumental. I am in my twenty-first year, and am called handsome. Enclosed find my photograph.

My natural pride revolts at what I am doing and am about to do. I have acquainted you with my past history, that I may come up to the requirements of your advertisement, now let me give you a little of the present. From a residence of real beauty, and in a fashionable locality, we (my mother and I,) are living in two rooms in an obscure street. We had relations when we were rich but we have none now since we are poor. I am at present employed in an establishment, under the controll of cruel, cold blooded jews—and receive the sum of $4·50 per week for my labor. You will say that a girl of my education should do better. For months, when absolute starvation was staring us in the face, I sought in every direction, for employment; I found none, & as a *denier resort* applied for, and secured the situation which I now hold.

I would like to make your acquaintance, and with this view will meet you at any place you may designate. This evening would suit me, better perhaps than any other evening this week, so if this reaches you in time, and you desire to see me, please be at the N. E. corner of Broad and Chesnut, at half-past 5 o'clock. I will get away from work an hour earlier than usual, and will walk up Chesnut and up Broad (on the east side) exactly at the hour named. I will have on a black hat, trimmed with blue ribbons, a grey coat trimmed with black around the edges and collar. Have a handkerchief hanging out of your side pocket that I may know *you*.

I will tell ma that I am going to visit one of our relations in the lower part of the city, and I should happen to be away from home all night nothing will be thougat of it. Should you not be able to meet me to night, write and let me know when and where, we can have a meeting privately. I will come.

Presuming that you are all that my imagination says you are, and that we shall love each other dearly

I subscribe myself

Yours affectionetely

MINNIE ——

No. 1009 —— street.

This letter bears the endorsement—"A charming face—letter evidently sincere,—will have to strain a point to meet her."

The next letter is not much to brag of as far as literary merit is concerned. We print it on account of its exquisite poetry:—

Iladelfy 17 October

Mister——

dear sur if You want sich a wife as you Says you Want to mak the AKuantans Of you can See Me at frankling skuar on mundey nite at ate aklak I wil Be thar an Will nav a Blu sak on and a Wite hat

rozes is red and Vilots blue
sugars Sweet and So is you
Com See me

Yours truly in luv
alice F. ——

No endorsement.

The next letter shows that the writer has an eye to the advantages of seeing her correspondent before he sees her. The note is highly perfumed, and bears evidence of a cultivated mind:—

Noticing your personal in the —— of Oct. 21, and wishing sincerely to form the acquaintance of a gentleman with a view to matrimony, I address this to you. Like you I am fine-looking, and have money. Hair the fashionable color, but not dyed or washed in Champagne; good teeth; eyes hazel; worth about $75,000. Will you not walk in the western part of the city on Sunday the 24th. I often go to the Cathedral in the afternoon to hear the music. Logan Square is opposite. Walk around the square on the Nineteenth street side about 4 or half-past 4. I say Nineteenth, because I have friends on the Eighteenth street side, and do not care to have them see me. I will come down from Vine towards Race; will be dressed in black silk short dress, flounced and trimmed with satin; a black velvet hat, a blue feather on one side, and a white wing the other, black gloves, and will carry my blue velvet prayer-book, and a long blue velvet ribbon around my neck very long in the back, and will fasten a small charm on the end, so you will know me. If this meets with your approbation put a personal in the ——, of Saturday, with a description of yourself; let me know how I shall recognize you, so there will be no mistake. Merely say, Maude, I will meet you, and say how you may be known, and I will not fail to meet you, rain or shine, if I see the personal in Saturday's ——.

MAUDE.

———, Mass.

———,

(Prince of Mycenæ!)

After that fearful war against Troy your illustrious namesake was cruelly slain by his "unnatural spouse," as Virgil relates, therefore your title looks marvellously ominous for a "*Personal*." But "what's in a name?"

I like your advertisement very much, for it sounds as if you were not expecting to become acquainted with any paragon of perfection, but simply desired

"A creature not too fair or good,
For human nature's daily food."—you are right, and may rest assured that the qualifications you desire will bring no "Clytemnestra" with her unholy love, but perhaps a "Fulria" will take her place. I dare not sign myself by that holy name, for I have never known the trials it implies.

Now who am I? Well, I'm a girl of just twenty years of age, and think that I possess one of your requirements, for if my diplomas speak truly, I have a "good education," having just been graduated from the "senior" and "advanced" courses of one of our State Normal Schools. I won't say any more about myself, for, if you desire to do so, you may become acquainted with me at some future time, and "actions speak louder than words," you know. As to my personal appearance, you can judge of that by my picture, which I will send in my next letter, if you see fit to answer this one. New I have disposed of "self"—a subject I hate to discuss. I will ask a few questions about "my Prince." What is your true name? How old are you? and would you like to correspond with me, in order to "cultivate the acquaintance" &c.?

All that I have told you about myself is strictly true, for George Washington & I are incapable of telling a falsehood. ———.

This letter bears the endorsement that it has been answered the same as others, and wants the lady to send her picture, together with a long letter on interesting subjects. "Lothario" suggests "Matrimony" as a good subject.

The following short, sharp, and decisive ones we lump for convenience, leaving out Lothario's endorsements:—

The first one reads thus:—

I will meet you at Valler's 8th & Vine on Saturday night. I will hav on a red & white shal & will no you if you will have a white handkerchief in your hand & will come up to you. I will Be in the gairle over the musick

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The next one says:—

biz is biz, if you want to see a good lukin gurl kome to 10 & Arch to morrer night stand in front of the drug store at zakley 8 I will kome to you.

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The next is rather of the pathetic order, and reads as follows:—

How I do sigh for sum one like you for to pass the long wintrie evenings away with because I am so lonlie and without any acquantances whatsomever. you must Be Hansome for I like your stile I hav no muney But I am good harted I love music and song & would love you if you would let me but I am Writen to much for this time I do wont to see you write me a not to ——

No — Vine Street
Phila.

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The next is short and sweet, and bears the endorsement that the Post Office will not deliver to initials, and therefore it can't be answered;—

PHIL'A Oct. 21st 1869

Seeing your advertisement in the —— I thought I would answer thinking perhaps I might answer to the description being under thirty and of a good family although unlike yourself I am not endowed with much wealth but enough to make us comfortable and happy I think.

An answer is desired at your earliest convenience.

Address V. E. L.

Phil'a P. Office

The region of illicit distilleries finds time to brew the following, which is decidedly "sassey" if nothing else:—

PORT RICHMOND Phila
Oct 23, 1869.

Dear Sir:—

You must certainly be a fool, for no man with good sense would ever think of advertising for a wife in the newspapers. I don't care anything about you, nor do I wish to see you, but as I haven't much of anything to do, I thought I'd write to you just for fun. What a fool you must be. Are you a widower, or a crankey crazey old Bachelor, or have you a wife or two living where you come from. I shouldn't wonder if you were *all*, as occasion requires or opportunity offers. What kind of a lookin' "duck' are you, any how. How much would you give to know me. You can just bet that I'm handsome and about twenty. How sick, how very sick you must feel wanting a wife so badly. Why don't you go out in the street and find one; there's plenty of 'em to be had. But I guess you know as much about that as I do. Visit Shadtown if you can't find one anywhere else. I think I'd be as sick as you are if I wanted a husband as bad as you want a wife—You ought to have somebody to take care of you.

I live in good style; splendid family; mother sold fish; father picked rags. But we are rich now and that makes a big difference you know. So you've got plenty of money have you. Well, you are just the kind of a man I want—You see Ive changed my mind since I commenced my note, that's a privilege we woman have you know) Write me a letter; tell me how many new dresses you can give me every year. How many horses you keep how many I can keep. How many servants we can have if I marry you. Answer all these questions, and I'll see about the other arrangements afterwards.

I send my photograph when you send yours.

Address yours truly in love

MARY JANE SCHRIMP
City P. O.

Endorsed "Wrote a reply in same style as letter. Want to see her."

The next letter is at once pathetic and funny. It bears no endorsement.

CAMDEN, Oct. 29, 1869.

Mr. ——

Dear Sir:—I address you as "dear" sir, because, I presume that any gentleman who resorts to advertising for a lady-love *must* be a real "dear." How lonely you must be. I have thought this ever since I saw your card in the paper. Oh how I do wish that I might be the medium thro' which you might experience that joy which you evidently desire—matrimony.

How old are you? Are you a bachelor, or a widower, or are you already married with a wife living poor and homeless elsewhere. I am inclined to think that Phila., could provide you with as many wives as you desire—if not against the law, for if I hear aright, you have at least as many girls to every man, as we have in this State. What kind of a looking fellow are you. As ugly as a mud fence no dout, but people always fancy their opposites. therefore I admire you. You are Rich too, well thats a consideration, not that I care for money, but it's handy to have in the house, you know. I believe in love in a cottage, but if you can live in a Brown Stone, why its so much the better.

I am tall, graceful, dark complexioned, black hair, curling beautifully and much admired. Have dark brown eyes, and dress very fashionable. Shall be to glad to hear from you again, and please enclose your photograph and I will return mine. I am very truly yours ——

Address —— —— Camden N. J.

P. S.—I am between 17 & 25. My parents don't know that I am doing this.

This young lady writes a very handsome hand, and asks that a reply shall be directed to a village in the interior of the State:—

PHILADELPHIA.

Looking over the —— of Saturday Oct. 23rd, Saw your advertisment—to which I feel happy to reply as I suit the description almost to perfection—Hoping you have not already found the one that has met your desired expectation—You wished also for Photo. I am very sorry that I will not be able to comply—as I have none at present that I consider a true representation, therefore will ask you to excuse it this time—and should you feel inclined to answer this note will be pleased to enclose one to you at some future time—

I shall anxiously
await your reply

Respectfully ——

The endorsement says, "Answered in same style as others."

"Trenton comes to the rescue in fine style, as follows:—

TRENTON, N. J.
Oct twenty-three 69

Mi dear friend—I have seen your letter in the —— and thinking that I might suit you, I have taken the trouple to rite to you. I am not wealthy but I am of a loving disposition an mi friends all says I am very handsome—a good many young fellers are cuttering after me, but mi mother she makes me work, and I want to git marrid to some nice handsome rich gentleman like you, so that I can be happy and cheerful like I ought to be. I am coming to the Sity next Thursday on the cars, and would like to see you. I will be dressed in a green silk dress, short with flounces and a black velvet coat trimed with deep lace. I will wear my black velvet hat with a scarlet fether on one sid, and a gulls wing on the other. Please write to me

Address ——
Trenton P. O., N. J.

P. S.—I will be with a lady dressed in black, and when you see me have a newspaper in your hand and come up to me and ask me if I droped it, then I will know it is you, and we will be acquainted, if I like you. I will introduce you to my aunt, and she will never no the difference.

What kind of a looking fellow are you. I would sent you one of my pictures but I have none just now. will give you one some other time. I would like to have your picture. Don't fail to meet me, I shall look for you. We dine at the Continental at 3 o'clock. Come there if you don't see me at the depot.

Yours truly
—— ——

Manayunk, it would appear, found it an impossibility to be behind her sister cities on such an important occasion as this, and one of the belles of the town spreads her charms before Lothario in the following style:—

MANAYUNK Oct 27

der sur

i want a husbant like you I Am a workin the the Mil to prezent But i am hansom I hev the Repertation of beein luvin in my disproportion & Want to git mard very muh mi farther is died & i am a member of Church I seen your pusonal in The —— and that i wud anser it I can met you eny sun Day afternun if you will com out this way ther is plenty other nise girls out here if i (you) dont like me

send

A letter to —— —— Manayunk P. O.
rozes red and soforth
your trooly
—— ——

to Mister —— ——

Endorsed—"Will meet her at the Falls."

The next one is short and to the point. It reads:—

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22—Dear Sir:—In answer to your advertisement, I would say that I am twenty-four, has no money, but would like to make your acquaintance. I am a widow. Address —— ——, Sub-P. O., Eighteenth street, near Chesnut.

Respectfully, —— ——.

The endorsement on this letter is the simple word "answered."

NEW YORK, Oct. 23—Saturday Morning—Dear Sir:—I noticed your advertisement in the —— of yesterday, and became so far interested as to answer it, and thought I would like to become acquainted through correspondence. I am a young lady of respectability and refinement, twenty years of age, and called pretty. Should you favor me with a reply, please address at — Third avenue, between —— and —— streets, New York. Will patiently await your pleasure. Miss ——.

From the endorsement it appears that the letter was answered in full, with the assurance that this lady was the only one in the whole of New York city that the gentleman cared to write to.

The next is an evidence of good spelling, punctuation, etc.:—

PHILADA., Oct. 31, 1869.

Mister—i hev red youre not In the papers and i think you wod make me the rite kind of a man i Want to have as you Are Rich and good lookin as youre Adwertismen say You hev and you want a wife just like yoursel. I am the onlie dater of a rich merchant And I dres in the Hiest stile and play on the pineo. i wil meet you If you want to at —— on Chesnut street on Munday at the fashonabl our Of 4, and then you wont want no picktur. I am your own ——

No endorsement.

Boston opens the ball thusly, in a very beautiful style of "penwomanship:"—

BOSTON, Oct. 24 '69
Sunday P. M.

Sir—Seeing your advertisement in last evening's paper I thought I would answer hoping to hear from you in return. I would be very happy to correspond with you and if ever you come East to make your acquaintance. I will not write a very long note this time, but will if you see fit to answer write as long in return as you may wish.

Hoping this will meet with your kind wishes I remain

Your unknown correspondent
—— ——

This one may be termed a specimen brick:—

PHILA Oct 22nd 1869

As I noticed in the —— your advertisement for to become acquainted with some Elegant young Lady, I am considered very handsome and Lovely and am very desirous to become acquainted with some handsome and amiable young man you say some young Lady under Thirty years of age I am only little over Twenty two and can play the Piano Beautifully and well educated only Daughter my Farther is very Wealthy and my Mother is very Rich and was Rich before she was Married I have light Hair Blue Eyes wear Diamond Ring on my third Finger of my left Hand very Dark Complexion If I dont get an Answer before Sunday Morning, I wish you would be standing at the Corner of 8th & Spruce for there is were I go to Church so as I can see you if I think that I would like you I will come up to you I will be Dressed in Green short Dress, Black Shawl with A very Handsome Border and A Black Hat trimed with Scarlet Velvet, I must close now Hoping that this will be Favourable I will if you wish exchange Photographs.

I Remain
Truly
Your
Admirer
MISS FANNIE SMITH

Endorsed, "No answer. Too many F. Smiths."

This specimen is simply endorsed "answered:"—

West Phila
Oct 23 1869

Dear friend

sea ing yor advartisment in the —— I thought i would answer it i am a young lady a bout twenty i am not good look ing nor rich but Poor and honest i stay with my sister if you would like to see me write and lete me no what evening.

Re spect fully
Direct all letter to ——

West Phila

excuse bad writtin as i was in hurry

No endorsement.

Miss Blanche, of New Jersey, writes as follows:—

—— Oct 22nd '69

Sir:—Seeing your advertisement in the —— of the 21st, I take the liberty of replying. I am a young lady of twenty possessing the requirements of your advertisement, for any farther information address

Miss Blanche ——
—— P. O.
Burlington Co. N. J.

Endorsed "No reply to ans."

The following answer to a letter evidently written to the advertiser, is such a rich specimen that we haven't the heart to leave it.

West Phila
Oct 26 1869

Dear friend ——

i received you welcom letter you ask me for a picter i had some taken but i gave them all a way so i will write you my description i am light complected auburn hair height 5 feet light eyes i want you to send me one of your picter or els you discription i am sorry i had not one to send you i suppose you have got back from New York by this time you ask me to write you a good long letter but i had not the time as i am go ing to a party this even ing

you must excuse bad writin as i was in a hurry

i remain your ——,

pleas excuse bad writtin answer soon

this was written by a friend i thought it would do very well for this occasion dont you

the world is round
the sea is deep
and in your face
i long to peep

excuse bad writtin

This one comes from Germantown:—

PHILA., Oct. 21st, '69.

The young gentleman from California of the —— matrimonial, will no doubt find more than one answer to his flattering appeal, nevertheless a corner may be found in box —— sufficiently large to accommodate mine. To be candid as well as brief I am neither beautiful nor rich, but considered stylish and move in the best society and am not without accomplishments, and am fully competent to keep house as it should be done, not a doll, but a woman! To an adventurer in matrimony I would not be a mean prize if the gentleman desired a companion who would be congenial. In good faith answer to

Alice ——
Germantown
Pa.

Endorsed "answered."

The next comes from one of the innocents of Massachusetts. We understand that the "Junction" is quite an aristocratic place:—

GROTON JUNCTION.

Dear Sir

Having read your advertisement and liking the style of it I concluded to answer it. I am 17 years old, have just returned from a boarding school in St Louis which I have attended for the last two years. I can play the piano & guitar very well dance and sing and in fact do all that young laddies of my age usually do and in answering your personal I am dictated by my love of fun and adventure. So I hope you will not think I am one of those creatures who are continually doing this kind of thing. I am sorry to say that I shall not comply with one request in the advertisement. Viz: to send my photo. I considder it the gentlemans place by all means to send picture first, consequently upon the reception of yours by me you will immediately receive mine.

I do not know what my parents would say did they know of this letter of mine to you. I live in a beautiful village just out of Boston. we have until this winter always boarded in Philadelphia on Arch St at the Ashland House. I suppose you know where that is. I am taking lessons in music at Boston I go down twice a week.

please excuse my not sending picture.

if you should wish to answer under the above conditions Address

Lucille ——
Groton Junction.

Endorsed at great length, giving a full description of the advertiser, who no doubt makes the memoranda that he may not become confused in the multitude of his correspondence. He says:—"Tall and graceful, black curly hair, very luxuriant, dark complexioned, large black eye, moustache and imperial *a la* Napoleon. Very rich; no relations; not accustomed to write to ladies; of excellent family. All communications confidential."

Here is another one of the innocents:—

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Oct. 22, 1869.

—— ——.

Dear Sir:—

My attention having been called to your advertisement in the ——, I have thought proper to answer it. I am a young lady of good family and am called wealthy. I have just returned home from one of the best boarding schools, and would like to make the acquaintance of some gentleman of good family with a view to opening a regular correspondence. I do not know what my parents would say if they knew what I was doing, but trusting to your honor as a gentleman—which I think you are—I have taken the liberty to answer your advertisement.

I am called handsome. Have black hair & eyes. Brunette complexion; tall & fine looking. When I hear from you, you shall know more of me. My father is one of the wealthiest men in this section of the State.

I shall be delighted to receive an early reply—altho' I suppose you have numerous letters in answer to your card, however I hope mine shall have a place among the rest.

I am sir,
Very truly yours &c.,
ALICE ——.

To ——.

"Answered same as others."

The following explicit, sweet, anxious, independent, loving, confidential epistle we have selected from all the rest as a fitting conclusion of the collection. Like some of the others it is highly perfumed, and the style of writing, as well as the contents, indicate that the writer belongs to a class of society which is usually considered above cultivating acquaintances through the columns of a newspaper. It reads as follows:—

PHILADELPHIA,
October, 1869,
Thursday, 10½ o'clock.

My dear sir:—

I have just read your card in the ——, and hasten to respond, though not without some feelings of timidity, as heretofore I have always been *cognizant*, however, to whom I write, but in this instance I am like the mariner who is launched out upon the broad and boundless ocean, without chart or compass, and am at a loss to know in which way to steer. Ah! methinks a still small voice is whispering, and I hear my *unknown* friend say, go ahead, and fear not, for as the needle is attracted by that small but bright and beautiful star, so will *your spirit be ever near to attract and guide* my thoughts into their proper channel. I am a stranger in this city, having come hither from the far "sunny South," and am visiting my friends here. I am a lady both by *birth* and *education*, and am the daughter of one of the leading men of my State, and who was also a former "Representative and Senator." I cannot only refer you to my family, but can get any amount of reference from the prominent gentlemen and ladies of my Southern home, and it has not been three weeks since General P. T. Beauregard paid me a visit, and it has been reported within my social clique that we were engaged to be married, but such is not the case. I cannot speak of myself without you thinking it *egotistical*, and paint the picture pleasant, and if upon the other hand I say I am an ungainly piece of anatomy, and look as if I had stood in the streets, and had my limbs pitched to me, so queerly do they dough with my every motion, you would not love to look upon the *original*, or if I painted it so fair as to have been a fit subject for the studios of "Raphael" or "Michle Angelo," had I have lived and flourished in their days, so I shall only say I am fair, with light, curly hair, and have been termed by my friends as a good recipe for the *blues*. I am a young lady, and should not enter into any thing of this kind without giving my *true name*, and believing you to be a gentleman of *high tone and honor*, suggest that you call and see me at my place of residence. You know ladies have the privilege of their *prerogative*, so should I find the acquaintance not agreeable to me I can discontinue it, as I know not if you are in search of a little intellectual amusement, or if you are really in earnest as to getting a wife. If the former, and can write good letters, I should love dearly to correspond with you, as I find few at present upon the carpet, of either ladies or gentlemen, that can write or converse well, and if you are at all *loveliable*, and take this novel way of getting a companion, I will submit the writer to your notice, asit takes *two to make that bargain*. Now, asking that you will pardon this scrawl, and its being submitted in all the beauty of its *unknown original* for your perusal, or if you intend calling, or responding to my politely-written note, that you will *write* and first apprize me of your intentions, naming the hour, etc., and I will be disengaged and see you. It waxes on to midnight, my eyes wax sleepy, the fire has gone out, and I not "Ik Marvel" like, sit over the dying embers. So with the warm-hearted Spanish adious, adious.

I am yours, very respectfully.

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OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.
PHILADELPHIA, Penna., Nov. 2, 1869.
NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of the Company, clear of National and State taxes, payable in cash on and after November 20, 1869.
Blank Powers of Attorney for collecting dividends can be had at the office of the Company, No. 238 South THIRD Street.
The office will be opened at 8 A. M., and closed at 3 P. M., from November 20 to December 4, for the payment of Dividends, and after that date from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M., as usual.
11 2 tf 1 THOS. T. FIRTH, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE FREEDOM IRON AND STEEL COMPANY, No. 239 S. THIRD Street.
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23, 1869.
A Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the FREEDOM IRON AND STEEL COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, No. 239 S. THIRD Street, Philadelphia, on TUESDAY, December 7, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., to consider the financial condition of the Company and the expediency of disposing of its property by lease or otherwise
By order,
CHARLES WESTON, Jr.,
11 23 12t Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER,
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16, 1869.—Warrants registered to No. 54,000 will be paid on presentation at this office, interest ceasing from date.
JOSEPH N PIERSOL,
11 23tf City Treasurer.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—A Dividend of TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per share will be paid by the HESTONVILLE, MANTUA, AND FAIRMOUNT PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY, free of State tax, on and after December 1 next, at the Office of the Company, No. 112 South FRONT Street.
Transfer Books will be closed November 20 and reopen December 6.
11 10 tf CHARLES P. HASTINGS, Treasurer.

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