

PITTSBURG.

From an Occasional Correspondent. MONONGAHELA HOUSE, PITTSBURG, July 30, 1870.—Well may this be called the "Smoky City."

Having fine quarters on the Monongahela front of this pleasant and well-kept hotel, we find it very interesting to watch the varied movements on the water of the many barges and steamers busily plying to and fro, and to catch lovely glimpses of scenery on the beautiful hills opposite.

A novel and very useful railway has been in operation during the past season. I refer to the inclined plane reaching from the foot of the bridge on the other side, opposite an hotel, to the top of Mt. Washington, thus bringing places within a minute's easy and pleasant ride that were nearly half an hour away by the steep and tedious ascent of the road.

This railway is at an angle of thirty-five degrees, and is laid solid and strong on three heavy tubes reaching to the rocky side three hundred and eighty feet by three spans, behind and under which the Pan Handle Railroad runs, and the rest of the way, about three hundred feet, is upon the earth and rock of the hillside.

The cars will accommodate twenty-five or thirty, though forty have been crowded in, as a car is never known to be full. The average rate of travel is 1200 a day, on Sundays more than double that, and on the fourth of July nearly 3000 were taken up and down.

Though in the hottest of the season, the mercury ranging here for days together high up among the nineties, as with you, yet still there is a life and animation among the citizens that I cannot but admire.

As an evidence of the growth and prosperity of business men in Pittsburgh, I noticed the improvement in various factories in the introduction of new and valuable machinery. There has been recently introduced into the largest bakery here an automatic cracker machine, at a cost of over five thousand dollars.

For four days past rain has fallen here in great quantities, not steadily, but in frequent copious showers, accompanied by much thunder and vivid lightning. The sun has shown out bright and beautiful at intervals.

The weather in Virginia has been remarkably pleasant this summer. According to the Lynchburg Virginian, the thermometer has not gone above 80 degrees in the shade at any time since the beginning of the heated term.

LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

—Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger send us the following recent publications of Harper & Brothers.—Harper's complete edition of the sermons of Rev. Frederick W. Robertson will be likely to find readers among many who do not, as a general rule, have much taste for this style of literature.

"The Speeches, Letters, and Sayings of Charles Dickens," by George Augustus Sala, is a book manufactured to supply a demand created by the death of the great novelist. Mr. Sala is reported to have been the intimate friend and to some extent the pupil of Mr. Dickens, and under these circumstances a catch-penny performance like the one before us, hurried through the press almost before the subject of it is cold in his grave, is offensive to good taste, to say the least of it.

"Harper's Hand-Book for Travellers in Europe and the East," edited by W. Pembroke Petridge, has entered upon its ninth year of usefulness. This guide-book is a standard authority with European tourists, and its practical utility has been proved over and over again. No pains are spared by the publishers or the editor to make it as complete as possible, and to bring its information down to the latest date.

"The Old Countess," translated from the German of Edmund Hofer, and published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., is a more than usually interesting story of German life. The plot is ingenious and with a spice of sensationalism in it that will not make it less attractive to many readers, and there are some admirably drawn characters that show the hand of a master artist.

"John," by Mrs. Oliphant, is a love story from the pen of a lady who has a well-established reputation as a graceful and fascinating writer. We recommend it as very pleasant reading.

"The Old Countess," translated from the German of Edmund Hofer, and published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., is a more than usually interesting story of German life. The plot is ingenious and with a spice of sensationalism in it that will not make it less attractive to many readers, and there are some admirably drawn characters that show the hand of a master artist.

"The Aldine Press for August has a specimen from Dore's "Dante"—"Dante at the Tomb of Farnina," from the tenth canto of "The Inferno"—which is an admirable illustration of the style in which the French artist has interpreted the Florentine poet. The other illustrations are "The Great Falls of the Missouri," "Falstaff and his Recruits," "A Roman Farm-yard Scene," "The Flashed Partridge," and "A Conflict of Authority."

There is a story that at stated times the children of the poorer classes are gathered at the river bank and undergo a summary process of ablation and scrubbing, and then their parents come and select their own, having been unable before to identify them from their neighbors' offspring. Believe it those who wish to.

—The accidental fall and bursting open of a trunk has recently been the means of displaying the charms of a very pretty young lady, to whom the article belonged. She was on her way to the Catskill Mountains with a party of friends. Among the number was a gentleman, the acquaintance of a day. He assisted her to replace the contents of the trunk, and was so struck by the happy way in which she took her "misfortune," that he made a proposition of marriage on the spot, and was accepted. In this particular instance the romance is quite refreshing, but it is not always well to allow marriage to be the result of accident.

JAPANESE NURSERY TALES.

—The Japanese, writes a correspondent of the Boston Traveller, as rude and unpoetical as they seem to be, have their fairies, genii, Paris, and imps, answering to those of which European juveniles tell such wonderful tales.

Once there was a little Japanese boy dressed in a nice suit of black linen, and he said to himself one day, "I will be a great Daimio. I will have big swords and fine dresses, and my mother and father shall be happy with plenty of rice and jewel rings."

He was walking on the side of Fusi-yama one day, thinking how he should be great, when the mountain shook and great smoke-devils came out of the top. The boy was afraid, until a little fairy, awakened by the noise, rose up at his feet, and taking him by the hand led him away from the mountain.

Only a little girl was told by her mother to make rice cakes. But the little girl wanted to play shuttlecock, and left the dough in the bowl. A little imp in the shape of frog came, and when the girl was about to hit the cork a blow, he threw the dough into the air. It fell upon the girl's head and streamed down over her shoulders until she was entirely covered.

One man worked in his rice and wheat fields, while his neighbors spent their time in wrestling, drinking sake, and playing ball. Finally winter came, and they had no food. So they went to the industries man and said, "Give us rice and bread."

—The Presbyterian Publication Committee send us "Rufus the Unready," by Martha Farquharson, a religious story for young people, and "Heavenward Bound," by Oliver A. Wadsworth, a book of religious counsel for young Christians.

—The August number of The Schoology Visitor, which has been sent us by Turner & Co., is filled with attractive stories, sketches, and poetry for young readers.

—The Philadelphia Photographer for August contains, among other matters of interest, a list of the exhibitors at the late National Photographic Exhibition in Cleveland. The "specimen" is a fine view of the interior of the exhibition building.

—The July number of The American Architects and Builders Monthly contains a view and plan of the Cincinnati Work-house and two pages of illuminated letters from manuscripts of the fourteenth century, together with a variety of well-written articles on subjects connected with art, architecture, and building.

THE FINE ARTS.

NEW VIEWS IN THE PARK.

Purvis's Stereoscopic Views in the Park, 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen. New Chromo, portrait of Dickens, the last likeness for which he was painted, 8x11 inches, 50 cents each. Mailed to any address.

JAMES R. EARLE & SONS, No. 816 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA. ART EXHIBITION. C. F. HASELTINE'S GALLERIES, No. 1125 CHESTNUT STREET.

LOOKING-GLASSES, PICTURE FRAMES, ENGRAVINGS, AUTOTYPES, SWISS PANORAMAS, CHROMOS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ARTISTS' MATERIALS, ETC. ETC. ROOFING. PHILADELPHIA PAINTING AND ROOFING CO.

IRON ROOFING. All leaks in Roofs warranted to be made perfectly tight. SPENCER'S GUTTA-PERCHA PAINT. Will preserve Tin Roofs from Rusting and Leaking, and warranted to stand ten years without repainting.

IRON ROOFING. All leaks in Roofs warranted to be made perfectly tight. SPENCER'S GUTTA-PERCHA PAINT. Will preserve Tin Roofs from Rusting and Leaking, and warranted to stand ten years without repainting.

IRON ROOFING. All leaks in Roofs warranted to be made perfectly tight. SPENCER'S GUTTA-PERCHA PAINT. Will preserve Tin Roofs from Rusting and Leaking, and warranted to stand ten years without repainting.

IRON ROOFING. All leaks in Roofs warranted to be made perfectly tight. SPENCER'S GUTTA-PERCHA PAINT. Will preserve Tin Roofs from Rusting and Leaking, and warranted to stand ten years without repainting.

IRON ROOFING. All leaks in Roofs warranted to be made perfectly tight. SPENCER'S GUTTA-PERCHA PAINT. Will preserve Tin Roofs from Rusting and Leaking, and warranted to stand ten years without repainting.

IRON ROOFING. All leaks in Roofs warranted to be made perfectly tight. SPENCER'S GUTTA-PERCHA PAINT. Will preserve Tin Roofs from Rusting and Leaking, and warranted to stand ten years without repainting.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR STAMPED ENVELOPES AND NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, July 11, 1870. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received until 12 o'clock M., on the 11th day of August, 1870, for furnishing all the "Stamped Envelopes" and "Newspaper Wrappers" which this Department may require during a period of four (4) years, commencing on the 1st day of August, 1870.

STAMPED ENVELOPES. No. 1. Note size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches—two qualities. No. 2. Ordinary letter size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches—three qualities. No. 3. Full letter size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches—three qualities. No. 4. Full letter size, (for circulars), gummed on flap, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches—one quality. No. 5. Extra letter size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches—three qualities. No. 6. Extra letter size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches (for circulars) gummed on flap—one quality. No. 7. Official size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches—two qualities. No. 8. Extra official size, 4 1/2 by 10 1/2 inches—one quality. STAMPED NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS. Six and a five-eighths by 9 1/2 inches (round cut)—one quality.

EMBOSSING, WATER-MARKS, PRINTING, ENGRAVING, LITHOGRAPHING, MANUFACTURE OF ALL THE ABOVE ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS must be executed with postage stamps, of such denominations, styles, and colors, as may be specified in the marks or other devices to prevent imitation, and bear such printing and ruling as the Postmaster-General may direct. The envelopes must be made in the most thorough manner, equal in every respect to the samples furnished to bidders by the Department. The paper must be of approved quality, specially manufactured for the purpose.

Whenever envelopes are ordered of the styles known as "Black-lined" or "Self-lined," (lines printed inside or ruled on the face), the same must be furnished without additional cost, the contractor to pay all charges for royalty in the use of patented inventions for said lined or ruled envelopes. The dies for embossing the postage stamps on the envelopes and wrappers are to be executed to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General, in the best style, and they are to be provided, renewed and kept in order at the expense of the contractor. The Department reserves the right of requiring new dies for any stamps, or denominations of stamps, not now in use, or of changing the dies or colors, said to be made without extra charge.

Before closing a contract the successful bidder may be required to prepare and submit new dies for the approval of the Department. The use of the present dies may or may not be continued. The dies shall be safely and securely kept by the contractor, and shall not be used for any other purpose, temporarily or permanently discontinued they shall be promptly turned over to the Department, or its agent, as the Postmaster-General may direct. The envelopes must be thoroughly and perfectly gummed, the gumming on the flap of each (except the circulars) to be done by hand, and the gum must be an inch in length; the wrappers to be also hand-gummed not less than three-fourths of an inch in width across the entire length.

SECURITY FROM FIRE AND THEFT. Bidders are notified that the Department will require, as a condition of the contract, that the envelopes and wrappers be packed in such a manner as to insure security against loss by fire or theft. The manufacturer or agent of the Department, who will require the stipulations of the contract to be faithfully observed. PACKING. All envelopes and wrappers must be banded in parcels of twenty-five, and packed in strong pasteboard or straw boxes, and packed on all the edges and corners with cotton and lined paper, each to contain not less than two hundred and fifty of the note and letter sizes, and one hundred each of the circulars, and one hundred each of the newspaper wrappers. The newspaper wrappers to be packed in boxes, to contain not less than two hundred and fifty each. The boxes and wrappers must be securely fastened in strong manilla paper, and sealed, so as to safely bear transportation by mail for delivery to postmasters. Who are to be named in the contract, and are required to fill the order of postage stamps, the straw or pasteboard boxes containing the same must be packed in strong wooden cases, well strapped with hoops, and when required, with less than two thousand are required, proper labels of direction, to be furnished by an agent of the Department, and to be placed upon each box, and the contractor. Wooden cases, containing envelopes or wrappers, to be transported by water routes, must be provided with suitable water-proofing. This whole to be done under the inspection and direction of an agent of the Department.

DELIVERY. The envelopes and wrappers must be furnished and delivered with all reasonable despatch, complete in all respects ready for use, and in such quantities as may be required to fill the daily orders of postmasters, who are to be named in the contract, at the Office Department, Washington, D. C., or at the office of an agent duly authorized to inspect and receive the same; the place of delivery to be at the option of the Postmaster-General, and the contractor, as well as all expense of storing, packing, addressing, labeling, and water-proofing to be paid by the contractor. AWARDS.—AGREEMENTS.—BONDS. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder for or at the discretion of the Department, the prices to be calculated on the basis of the number used of the several grades during the last fiscal year, which was as follows: Note size, first quality..... 1,428,250 Letter size, first quality..... 60,467,500 Letter size, second quality..... 5,856,750 Letter size, second quality (gummed)..... 1,428,250 Extra letter size, first quality..... 6,816,750 Extra letter size, second quality (ungummed)..... 454,000 Official size..... 569,900 Extra official size..... 3,100 Newspaper wrappers..... 4,966,250 Total..... 86,289,500

Within ten days after the contract has been awarded, the successful bidder shall enter into an agreement in writing with the Postmaster-General to faithfully observe and keep the terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in this advertisement, according to their true intent and meaning, and shall make, execute, and deliver, subject to the approval and acceptance of the Postmaster-General, bonds with good and sufficient sureties, in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), as a forfeiture for the faithful performance of said agreement or contract, according to the conditions and provisions and subject to the liabilities of the seventh section of an act of Congress entitled "An Act to legalize and amend the provisions for such necessary objects as have been usually included in the general appropriation bills without authority of law, and to fix and provide for certain incidental expenses of the departments and offices of the Government, and for other purposes," (United States Statutes at Large, vol. 8, page 256), approved August 26, 1850, which act provides that in case the contractor shall fail to comply with the terms of his contract, he and his sureties shall be liable for the forfeiture provided for in the said act, and for the United States to be sued for in the name of the United States in any court having jurisdiction thereof. RESERVATIONS. The Postmaster-General reserves to himself the following rights: 1. To reject any and all bids, if, in his judgment, the interests of the Government require it. 2. To annul the contract whenever the same or any part thereof is offered for sale for the purpose of speculation; and under no circumstances to be liable for the contract to be allowed or sanctioned to any party who shall be, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, less than the original contractor. 3. To annul the contract, if, in his judgment, there shall be a failure to perform (within the time specified) or in case of a willful attempt to impose upon the Department Envelopes or Wrappers inferior to samples. 4. If the contractor to whom the first award may be made shall fail to enter into agreement and give satisfactory bonds, or herein provided, then the next lowest responsible bidder, and so on until the required agreement and bonds are executed; and such next lowest bidder shall be required to fulfill every stipulation embraced herein as if he were the original party to whom the contract was awarded.

Should be securely enveloped and sealed, marked "Proposals for Stamped Envelopes and Newspaper Wrappers," and addressed to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, JOHN A. CRISWELL, at the Office of the Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C. 7 29 101

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR STAMPED ENVELOPES AND NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, July 11, 1870. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received until 12 o'clock M., on the 11th day of August, 1870, for furnishing all the "Stamped Envelopes" and "Newspaper Wrappers" which this Department may require during a period of four (4) years, commencing on the 1st day of August, 1870.

STAMPED ENVELOPES. No. 1. Note size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches—two qualities. No. 2. Ordinary letter size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches—three qualities. No. 3. Full letter size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches—three qualities. No. 4. Full letter size, (for circulars), gummed on flap, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches—one quality. No. 5. Extra letter size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches—three qualities. No. 6. Extra letter size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches (for circulars) gummed on flap—one quality. No. 7. Official size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches—two qualities. No. 8. Extra official size, 4 1/2 by 10 1/2 inches—one quality. STAMPED NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS. Six and a five-eighths by 9 1/2 inches (round cut)—one quality.

EMBOSSING, WATER-MARKS, PRINTING, ENGRAVING, LITHOGRAPHING, MANUFACTURE OF ALL THE ABOVE ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS must be executed with postage stamps, of such denominations, styles, and colors, as may be specified in the marks or other devices to prevent imitation, and bear such printing and ruling as the Postmaster-General may direct. The envelopes must be made in the most thorough manner, equal in every respect to the samples furnished to bidders by the Department. The paper must be of approved quality, specially manufactured for the purpose.

Whenever envelopes are ordered of the styles known as "Black-lined" or "Self-lined," (lines printed inside or ruled on the face), the same must be furnished without additional cost, the contractor to pay all charges for royalty in the use of patented inventions for said lined or ruled envelopes. The dies for embossing the postage stamps on the envelopes and wrappers are to be executed to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General, in the best style, and they are to be provided, renewed and kept in order at the expense of the contractor. The Department reserves the right of requiring new dies for any stamps, or denominations of stamps, not now in use, or of changing the dies or colors, said to be made without extra charge.

Before closing a contract the successful bidder may be required to prepare and submit new dies for the approval of the Department. The use of the present dies may or may not be continued. The dies shall be safely and securely kept by the contractor, and shall not be used for any other purpose, temporarily or permanently discontinued they shall be promptly turned over to the Department, or its agent, as the Postmaster-General may direct. The envelopes must be thoroughly and perfectly gummed, the gumming on the flap of each (except the circulars) to be done by hand, and the gum must be an inch in length; the wrappers to be also hand-gummed not less than three-fourths of an inch in width across the entire length.

SECURITY FROM FIRE AND THEFT. Bidders are notified that the Department will require, as a condition of the contract, that the envelopes and wrappers be packed in such a manner as to insure security against loss by fire or theft. The manufacturer or agent of the Department, who will require the stipulations of the contract to be faithfully observed. PACKING. All envelopes and wrappers must be banded in parcels of twenty-five, and packed in strong pasteboard or straw boxes, and packed on all the edges and corners with cotton and lined paper, each to contain not less than two hundred and fifty of the note and letter sizes, and one hundred each of the circulars, and one hundred each of the newspaper wrappers. The newspaper wrappers to be packed in boxes, to contain not less than two hundred and fifty each. The boxes and wrappers must be securely fastened in strong manilla paper, and sealed, so as to safely bear transportation by mail for delivery to postmasters. Who are to be named in the contract, and are required to fill the order of postage stamps, the straw or pasteboard boxes containing the same must be packed in strong wooden cases, well strapped with hoops, and when required, with less than two thousand are required, proper labels of direction, to be furnished by an agent of the Department, and to be placed upon each box, and the contractor. Wooden cases, containing envelopes or wrappers, to be transported by water routes, must be provided with suitable water-proofing. This whole to be done under the inspection and direction of an agent of the Department.

DELIVERY. The envelopes and wrappers must be furnished and delivered with all reasonable despatch, complete in all respects ready for use, and in such quantities as may be required to fill the daily orders of postmasters, who are to be named in the contract, at the Office Department, Washington, D. C., or at the office of an agent duly authorized to inspect and receive the same; the place of delivery to be at the option of the Postmaster-General, and the contractor, as well as all expense of storing, packing, addressing, labeling, and water-proofing to be paid by the contractor. AWARDS.—AGREEMENTS.—BONDS. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder for or at the discretion of the Department, the prices to be calculated on the basis of the number used of the several grades during the last fiscal year, which was as follows: Note size, first quality..... 1,428,250 Letter size, first quality..... 60,467,500 Letter size, second quality..... 5,856,750 Letter size, second quality (gummed)..... 1,428,250 Extra letter size, first quality..... 6,816,750 Extra letter size, second quality (ungummed)..... 454,000 Official size..... 569,900 Extra official size..... 3,100 Newspaper wrappers..... 4,966,250 Total..... 86,289,500

Within ten days after the contract has been awarded, the successful bidder shall enter into an agreement in writing with the Postmaster-General to faithfully observe and keep the terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in this advertisement, according to their true intent and meaning, and shall make, execute, and deliver, subject to the approval and acceptance of the Postmaster-General, bonds with good and sufficient sureties, in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), as a forfeiture for the faithful performance of said agreement or contract, according to the conditions and provisions and subject to the liabilities of the seventh section of an act of Congress entitled "An Act to legalize and amend the provisions for such necessary objects as have been usually included in the general appropriation bills without authority of law, and to fix and provide for certain incidental expenses of the departments and offices of the Government, and for other purposes," (United States Statutes at Large, vol. 8, page 256), approved August 26, 1850, which act provides that in case the contractor shall fail to comply with the terms of his contract, he and his sureties shall be liable for the forfeiture provided for in the said act, and for the United States to be sued for in the name of the United States in any court having jurisdiction thereof. RESERVATIONS. The Postmaster-General reserves to himself the following rights: 1. To reject any and all bids, if, in his judgment, the interests of the Government require it. 2. To annul the contract whenever the same or any part thereof is offered for sale for the purpose of speculation; and under no circumstances to be liable for the contract to be allowed or sanctioned to any party who shall be, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, less than the original contractor. 3. To annul the contract, if, in his judgment, there shall be a failure to perform (within the time specified) or in case of a willful attempt to impose upon the Department Envelopes or Wrappers inferior to samples. 4. If the contractor to whom the first award may be made shall fail to enter into agreement and give satisfactory bonds, or herein provided, then the next lowest responsible bidder, and so on until the required agreement and bonds are executed; and such next lowest bidder shall be required to fulfill every stipulation embraced herein as if he were the original party to whom the contract was awarded.

Should be securely enveloped and sealed, marked "Proposals for Stamped Envelopes and Newspaper Wrappers," and addressed to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, JOHN A. CRISWELL, at the Office of the Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C. 7 29 101

Advertisement for United States Builders' Mill, Fifteenth Street below Market, Esler & Brother, Proprietors, Building Materials, R. B. Thomas & Co., Doors, Blinds, Sash, Shutters, Window Frames, Etc., John Farnum & Co., Commission Merchants.