NEW-YORK TRIBUNE.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

[From the Noel Bourguignon de Gui de Bonvas.]

BY HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

I HEAR along our street
Pass the minstrel throngs;
Hark! they play so sweet,
On their heathen Christmas songs,
Let us by the fire
Even higher
Sing them till the night expire!

In December, ring
Every day the chimes;
Loud the glee-men sing
In the streets their merry rhymes,
Let us by the fire
Even higher
Sing them till the night expire!

Shepherds at the grange,
Where the Babe was born,
Sang, with many a change,
Christmas carols until morn.
Let us by the fire
Even higher
Sing them till the night expire!

These good people sang
Songs devout and sweet;
While the rafters rang,
There they stood with frozen feet.
Let us by the fire
Even higher
Sing them till the night expire!

Nuns in frigid cells
At this holy tide,
For want of something else,
Christmas songs at times have tried.
Let us by the fire
Even higher
Sing them till the night expire!

Washerwomen old,
To the sound they beat,
Sing by rivers cold,
With uncovered heads and feet.
Let us by the fire
Even higher
Sing them till the night expire!

Who by the fireside stands,
Stamps while he doth sing,
But he who blows his hands
Not so gay a choral brings.
Let us by the fire
Even higher
Sing them till the night expire!

CITY ITEMS.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 24.

OUR WALL-ST. REPORT.—At our last visit to "the Street," we found business unusually lively—especially on the doorsteps. It is highly encouraging to the commercial interests and to capitalists who have invested their funds in New-York real estate, to mark the rapid and steady increase of business on the curb-stone of Wall-st. Within the brief space from the Custom-House to the Exchange, we noticed an active business going on in almost every article of necessity or convenience requisite to the present high state of civilization. Buckskins and biscuits, puppies and peppermint, sarsaparilla and sausages, jackstraws and jaulpe-berries, cronies and canaries pocket-books and shaving soap, are strewed about in most convenient confusion; while at every corner you stumble over a cage of chickens, a candy-cart, or a lazzarone with Olympus in little on his head. In front of the Exchange itself, stood a well-known oyster-wagon, whose owner was doing a tremendous business, selling off his entire stock "for the opening." Against the basement of the Merchants' Bank leans an *al fresco* Italian artist, with a portfolio of tolerably-painted cabinet pictures, in oil, which he exposes one by one for sale. He is in want of no "patronage," and turns up his nose with a most unartistic shrug of independence at both the Anti-Unions. Opposite him, on the curb-stone, is a man with "bottle imps," who has drawn around him quite a little crowd of gapers, by holding up one of his bottles of clear white water, and pressing his thumb upon the slip-slap parchment over the mouth, thus sending the little black imp gyrating up and down through the transparent liquid. Near by is a fellow with a score of toy watches strung on a stick, and which he liberally offers for sixpence a piece; and a little further down stands the establishment of the Italian confectioner, almost as well known in Wall-st. as Delmonico's itself. Frequently cows and calves are brought to Wall-st. for sale; and the telescope man, and the man who makes you see a card through a brick, are permanent fixtures. Corn-plaster, and Indian tooth-ache drops are among the staples of the street; and we will not be certain that now and then a conscience is not sold at a round price. Indeed, although our commercial editor (as well as our landlady) now and then informs us that "money is tight," yet a walk through the grand Curbstone Bazaar of Wall-st. would satisfy any one that money must be plenty, or so many sporadic speculators could not live and prosper.

CHARGE OF SENDING THREATENING LETTERS.—Officer Brown, of 2d Ward Police, arrested yesterday a genteel-looking man by the name of John F. Alden, on a bench warrant issued by the Court of Sessions, he having been indicted by the Grand Jury on a charge preferred against him by his cousin, Mr Chas Alden, boot and shoe dealer, 277 Pearl-st. The accused is charged with sending the complainant a letter, or letters, containing threatening language, endeavoring, as alleged, to extort some $1,500 from him. The accused it seems, resides at Cincinnati, Ohio, and yesterday, on his arrival in this City, he was taken into custody on the warrant, and held to bail by Justice Mountfort, in the sum of $1,500, and, in default thereof, he was committed.

ARREST OF A BURGLAR.—Officer McCluskey, of the Sixth Ward Police, arrested yesterday, on the Five Points, a negro called Henry Johnson, having in his possession five pair of ladies' gaiter boots, endeavoring to sell them to a store-keeper at 56 Orange-st. The officer took him into custody, and on bringing him before Justice Mounsfort, it was discovered that the property belonged to V. Kuon, whose store, corner Reade and Greenwich sts. had been broken open on Thursday night, and nearly $200 worth of ladies' boots and shoes stolen therefrom. The magistrate committed the rogue to prison for trial.

FOUND OPEN.—The Common Pleas Court-Room and one of the windows of the City Inspector's Office were found open on Friday night by the Policeman who has charge of the Park. Nos 42 and 49 Front-st 42 and 107 Water, 24 South, 136 Cedar, 210 Water, 204 Front, 89 Maiden-lane, 10 and 17 North William, 436 Pearl, 82 and 156 Canal, 1,110 Broadway, 574 Grand, the grocery corner of Hammond and Hudson, the North Dutch Church in William-st. and the M. E. Church in Second-st. were found open on Saturday night and Sunday morning by the Police.

FOUND OUT.—John Williams, alias the Slasher, was arrested yesterday by officer Strubel, on a charge of stealing a few articles of jewelry from the store of Hypolite Galme, 301½ Broadway. The prisoner went into the store under pretence of purchasing the jewelry, and had priced them at $23, when the officer, who was looking through the shop window, saw him secrete them. Committed in default of $500 bail.

ACCIDENT.—On Friday night, about 8 o'clock, a man named Peter Feeny, who resided at 58 Centre-st. while in the act of crossing toward Anthony-st. was knocked down by Car No. 7, conducted by J. Palmer, jr. and driven by Joseph Schenck, and very seriously injured, one of the wheels having passed over the foot. He was picked up by two or three of the Sixth District Police, and sent to the City Hospital.

ARREST OF BURGLARS.—Officer Read, of the Fifth Ward, arrested two boys yesterday by the names John Scott and Jim Leaken, on charge of burglariously entering the clothing store of John Rosner, 260 Greenwich-st. and stealing therefrom a lot of clothing. A part of the property was found in their possession. They were committed by the magistrate for trial.

PICKPOCKETS.—John Jimmerson, alias John Goulding, was pulled by officer Trainer and Willis, of the Tenth Ward, for picking a man's pocket in the Bowery. Some counterfeit money was found upon the rogue.... Daniel Vas Hornstes Dan Donovan, Lewis Depelmi, were arrested by officers Kelly and Mead, of the Tenth, for picking a lady's pocket of a small sum of money, while at a store in the Bowery.

LARCENIES.—Margaret Ann Mackey, arrested by officer Hilmon, First Ward, James Thompson, by Wright; and Michael Conley, by Sergeant Hirby of the Third. Joseph Stewart, by Bound, Sixth. Abraham Davis, colored, by ouffern; and John Carter, by Murphy of the Seventh. Mary Mahan, by Wishart, Fourteenth. Luke Costello, by Davis, Fifteenth. John Costello, by Vail, Seventeenth.

SAVED.—Joseph Harris fell into the river at the foot of Dey-st on Saturday night, but was saved by the prompt assistance of officers Riley and Sidney of the Fifth Ward.... William S Maxwell fell into the East River at the foot of James-st but was rescued by officer Sharp of the Fourth Ward, taken to the Station-house and attended to by Dr. O'Donnell.

BURGLARY.—The house of Jacob F. Merritt, 32 Market-st was entered between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock, on Friday evening, and the following property carried off: 9 silver forks, 3 or 4 silver table spoons, half a dozen tea spoons, and one cream spoon. No account of the thief or property.

A FISH STORY.—John Kearney stole a car of fish worth $60 from Mr. Haley, of Fulton Market, for which he was arrested in Brooklyn by officer McLean, of the Second Ward, and brought to the Tombs in Centre-st for examination.

RUN OVER.—Henry McGiven, 12 years old, was run over and seriously hurt, in Grand-st corner of Attorney, by a milk waggon, driven by David Bishop, who was arrested for furious driving.

LEG BROKEN.—Patrick Brady, Forty-fourth-st. had his leg badly broken and his foot crushed, on Saturday, by the falling of a large stone which he was trying to get on board a barge.

BAD MONEY.—Officer Powers of the Fourth Ward, on Saturday arrested one Job Long, for trying to pass a counterfeit $5 on the City Bank of Providence, at 100 Cantham-st. Held for examination.

FIRST ARREST.—Officer Wilts, of the Fourth Ward, on Saturday arrested Jas Quinn, for selling meat in the streets. This is the first step toward enforcing the law against street peddlers.

FOUND DEAD.—The Police of the Eighteenth Ward found a man dead in a lime-kiln, in Eighteenth-st near Avenue A, on Saturday night. His name was unknown.

ASSAULT.—Officer Vail of Seventeenth Ward, was brutally beaten on Saturday night, in Twelfth-st near Avenue A, by a gang of rowdies. His nose was broken and his head and face badly cut.

BURGLARY.—John Stevens was arrested by officer Fisher, of the Sixteenth Ward, on a charge of burglary, preferred by Elizabeth Ballamy. He was held for examination.

BURGLARY.—Some thieves entered the basement of the house 53 Forsyth-st. and carried away a quantity of silver plate, including among other articles, several silver forks, table-spoons, &c. No arrest.

FOUNDLING.—An infant child was left upon the stoop of house 53 Forsyth-st. last evening and taken care of until the morning, when it was given into the hands of a policeman.

WARRANT.—Officer Horton, of Second Ward, on Saturday caught Jeremiah J. Simmons, by virtue of a warrant charging him with assault and battery upon Elizabeth Levin. He was taken to the Tombs.

WILLIAMSBURGH ITEMS.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 24.

FINED.—Wm. Wall, member of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company, was been fined $25 and held to bail in the sum of $200 to keep the peace for 6 months, for assaulting Mr. G. R. Ferrett, at the Kings County Hotel.

ATTEMPT TO DEMOLISH THE OFFICE OF THE KNOXVILLE WHIG.—We learn by an extra from the office of the *Knoxville Whig*, edited by Rev. Mr. Brownlow, that an attempt was made on the 8th inst to demolish that office by a mob. Guns and pistols, charged with buckshot, were prepared for the occasion by those engaged in the contemplated attack; but some of the owners of these arms, from whom they had been borrowed, learning the use to which they were to be applied, reclaimed them; upon which the depredators, finding at the hands of the office and others were armed for their defense, abandoned the project for a time. The editor declares his determination to resist any attack that may be made, and says if he is to fall he will fall with his "face to the foe."

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—The *Montgomery* (Ala) *Gazette* of the 18th, says the freight train of the Georgia Railroad broke through the bridge over Yellow River, at Madison, whereby it was precipitated to the depth of fifty feet, and all on board the cars were killed. [It is not stated who, what, or how many were on the train.]

California Emigrants.

In ship Damariscove, from Damariscotta, Dec. —, for San Francisco:

George Williams, Daniel C Melvin, Lyman N Cushman, Rd Hickman, Wm Curtis, John Little, Daniel H Robinson, F C Habib, Wm Kenison, Joseph Melvin, Chas. George, N Tolman, Hamer, Thomas Hall, first mate, Charles Berry, 2d do, Jas Weeks, cook, Wm Martin, steward, Wm Lane, Reuben Ray, Wm B Fisher, Harvey Hickman, Wm H Hatch, seamen.

In brig Dr. Hitchcock, from Fall River, Dec. 17, for San Francisco:

Peter Crowley, of Fall River.

In brig Crocus, from Bath, Me. Dec. 3, for San Francisco:

Messrs Ebenezer Merrill, Wm Howard, Franklin Howard, of Gardiner, Isaac N Thomas, James A Blanchard, Orrin Erskine, J Merrill, of Pittston, — Meader, of Hallowell, Messrs Bird, Jr of Augusta.

COMMERCIAL AND MONEY MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....Dec. 24.

71	50 U S 6s, '68, opg	111	400	Harlem RR	3¾
14,000	do '67	11¾	110	do	s60 5¼
1,000	N Y 6s, '65	104	100	do	s5m 5¼
1,000	Erie 7s, '59	84	250	Read RR	31
2,000	do	84	50	do	30 3¾
3,000	do	84	100	do	60 3¾
9,000	Farm Trust	3¾	200	do	3¾
100	do	b60 3¾	100	do	30¾
50	do	3¾	100	do	b60 3¾
600	do	3¾	100	do	3¾
40	Bk of Com	fall 10¾	350	do	30 3¾
20	Dil & Hud Canal	55	350	do	3¾
650	N Am Trust	13	50	Hud R RR	6¾
15	do	13¼	20	Erie RR, pac	5¾
525	do	13	25	do	opg 5¾
100	Canton Co	40½	25	do	s60 5¾
200	Morris Canal	10	150	L I RR	17½
30	Mad & Ind's RR	97			

SECOND BOARD.

6,000	U S 6s, '67, opg	110¾	85	N Am Trust	13¼
1,000	Erie 7s, old	104	100	do	13¾
25	Farmers' Trust	s3 35	50	do	12¾
900	Canton Co	June 1 41			

The business of our Dry Goods market during the week is thus stated in the *Dry Goods Reporter*:

The domestic market has been generally quiet. Goods are accumulating, but not to the extent that they would, if the rise in cotton had been less. Merchants are in market from the South and west, but there is a reluctance to purchase Brown Sheetings at the prices ruling near the close of the year. Commission merchants have received orders to withdraw several styles from the market, or hold them so much above the views of buyers that little will be done until the present stock is considerably reduced. This is reversing the method of former years; then broken invoices were offered at reduced prices, in order to clear out the assortment. Bleached goods are quiet with a small demand for fine kinds. The stock is light and an advance may be expected as soon as trade opens. As yet there is little doing in Prints, although a few sales have been made at the advance noticed in our last, say at 8c. for goods which sold at the close of last season at 6c. There has been a moderate request for Printing cloths at last week's prices. Sales of about 25,000 pieces. Occasional sales of Woolens are effected to buyers who buy under the belief that woollens must advance as soon as the general demand opens. These purchasers are, however, confined to particular classes of goods among which we mention cotton warp cloths. There has been less demand for heavy cotton goods, but private advices from the firm which is decidedly stiffer.

NEW-YORK FOREIGN DRY GOODS MARKET.—We have watched with great interest the rapid and steady advance that Belgium and Germany are making in the production of textile fabrics. The bulk of the foreign clothing sold now in our market are of the productions of these countries. So also of hosiery and velvets. The quantity of silks and cottons imported to America is annually increasing with Germany and Belgium, and they are fast coming into the market for Linen and Union Drills. We have during the week inspected samples of the latter which rival the Barnsley in make and appearance, and can be afforded at 10 per cent less. So also of Cotton Linsters, more will be imported from that quarter than will be sent forward by Eng and, while they will have the effect of reducing the value of Linen goods from their island competitors.

The arrival of the steamer Hibernia has improved the stock of desirable British goods, and will for a few days cause more movement, but the trade is over and nothing except the filling of a few orders can be expected for the balance of the year. Stocks are reduced to a lower ebb than they have been any period since 1843, and the character of the trade is generally healthier.

Some of our houses have on hand attractive samples of French and Continental goods for Spring trade, but the majority prefer waiting until the bulk of the jobbers are prepared to purchase.

The *Buffalo Commercial* states that the charter of the Utica Branch Bank at Canandaigua expires by limitation on the 1st of January, 1850, and that a bank, with a capital of $300,000 is to be established in this city under the charge of M. K. Sanger, the popular and efficient Cashier of the Utica Branch Bank. It is understood that Charles Seymour, Esq. of Canandaigua, and Alexander Duncan Esq. of Providence, Rhode Island, are interested in the enterprise. No one can doubt the stability and efficiency of such an institution in such hands.

A St. Louis paper says that an hermaphrodite brig passed that city a few days ago, bound to New-Orleans. This brig was built at Chicago, lift passed through the Illinois and Michigan Canal to the Illinois River, thence to the Mississippi, stopping at St. Louis for her rigging, and destined to New-Orleans for her cargo, and thence to the West India Islands.

Mr. S. W. Walker of Macon introduced a bill in the Legislature of Alabama on the 12th inst compelling the State Bank to resume specie payment. Whether the bill succeed or not, it will doubtless be opposed by those who urge the State to adopt the measure of buying in her bonds. The statement of F. Lyons of Demopolis, Bank Commissioner, shows the State Bank to be in possession of a fund more than ample to pay every dollar of her outstanding notes. If, under such circumstances, Mr. Walker's bill be lost, Alabama will sink, as she deserves, low in the public estimation.

The *Savannah Republican* says nearly 10,000 tuns of Railroad Iron were imported into this port on Friday last in two cargoes—one from Wales, the other from Liverpool.

The Middletown papers state that the contractors are closing up this work and that cars will be running about the second week in January.

In the Court of Common Pleas, at Philadelphia, on Tuesday, the matter of the accounts of James Robertson, Richard H. Bayard, James S. Newhold, Thomas Cope and Thomas S. Taylor, assignees of the Bank of the United States, under assignments of the 4th and 6th of September, 1841, was argued upon exceptions to the auditor's report.

The amount of property to the hands of trustees for distribution is, cash $49 513 19, and bonds and stocks valued by competent brokers to be worth, with the cash on hand, $606 412 42. The claims presented before the 1st of October, 1849, the time fixed by the advertisement published by the trustees, amount to $1,712,876 33. There were other claims made known, and proofs presented to the trustees, which were not brought forward and proved within the time specified in the advertisement made in pursuance of the requirements of the deeds of assignment.

The first question presented and to be decided, is whether a dividend can be made at this time, by the auditors, upon those demands, or any of them, which were not brought forward and proved before the trustees, within the time limited by the advertisement.

Claims to the amount of £900 000 sterling were presented after the expiration of the time fixed by the advertisement, by Wm. S. Reed and H. M. Phillips, Esqrs. who appeared for the Messrs. Rothschilds, upon which they claim a pro rata distribution.

Wm. A. Porter, Esq. for Hope & Co. of Amsterdam, presented a claim of $5 419 300 81, upon which a pro rata distribution is demanded.

Julian Randall and E. E. Law, Esqrs also presented claims of less magnitude, under similar circumstances with the above. It appears that collaterals were originally given to the holders of these claims, but what has become of these does not appear. The Messrs. Fallon are also exceptants to the report in behalf of F. Huth & Co. of Spain.

The total value of imports at Galena for the commercial year, has been $62 635, and the exports $1,706,469, of which $1,565,920 was Lead. The annexed statement shows the Commerce of this place for a series of years:

	1846.	1847.	1848.	1849.
Imports.				
Steamers arrd	195	94	56	29
Lumber	3,365,400	3,000,700	5,000,000	3,000,000
Shingles	3,000,000	2,500,000	3,000,000	1,500,000
Lath	1,000,000	300,000	1,100,000	1,500,000
Log Lumber	34,000	20,945	20,000	19,600
Cord Wood	—	—	7,000	3,000
Exports.				
Lead pigs	608,360	778,493	691,000	640,000
Copper ingots	42,700	70,000	45,000	11,700
Flour, bbls	—	—	10,400	20,000
Wheat, bush	—	—	16,000	15,000
Hides, No	6,000	5,700	7,000	10,000
Bacon, hogs	—	—	3,000	1,000
Oats, bush	—	—	—	15,000

In relation to the business of the Erie Railroad the *Union Herald* says:

A good deal of the freight that of old went by the way of Albany to New-York, now reaches the great City via the Erie Railroad. And we understand that already the trade of the region suffer from this cause. Flour from the Western part of this State, from mills and depots lying on the line of the center roads, is sent to the head of Seneca Lake, and thence via the Erie and the Southern Railroad to New-York. The Erie Company did intend now to do a vast business, and when their Road is completed to the Lake, they will make very nearly double the commerce of the West. The wildest hopes of its projectors will not be more than realized. Our central Roads must at the winter, increase their accommodations and their speed, and lower their prices or the Southern Railway will walk into their business.

MARINE JOURNAL.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.....DEC. 24

Arrived.

Brig Edgar, Ellis, Malaga Oct 11 and Gibraltar 18th, fruit, to H D Brookman.

Brig Carolina of Milbridge, Falsett, Pictou Pruce 18 do lumber, to Brett & Vose. Sailed in company with the brig Caroline, for NYork.

Brig Fair Wind, Armstrong of NHaven, Thompson, Demerara 18 do, rum, to A Wakeman of NHaven.

Brig Remington, Hyde, of Alnwick at the mouth of the Chesapeake & Pungo. The vessel was on the River Delaware, but was got out with the assistance of the steamboat Telegraph. Capt Hyde and crew left the vessel in charge of the pilot.

Schr Geniger, Giles Benson 18 do, molasses, to Fast & Lyman.

Schr Hunter, Lufkin, Cape Cod 3 do, lumber, to master.

Schr Harrison Jones, Chamberlain, Fishing grnd. The H J, on the bow of Schr Jones, was lost off Rockaway, &c.

WIND—Sunrise, NE; meridian, N.

Bloodstery, &c.

Bark Catoline Bazas for Virginia for this City, during the gale on Saturday night, was run ashore three miles south of Long Branch. She will probably be got off after discharging her cargo.

To Mariners.

At the instance of Wm Robson, Esq. Superintendent of Lights, at Wilmington, notice is hereby given to masters and others navigating the Delaware Bay, that the single Light erected on the Shoal off the Delaware Breakwater, has been changed, and a Scarlet Red Light substituted therefor.

Whalers.

Sailed from NBedford, 21st, bark United States, (to Westport) Pacific, Indian Ocean.

Domestic Ports.

BOSTON, Dec 24, 2 PM.—Arr ships Cornelius, Fisher, Portland; Prince, Jackson, New Orleans; Ann Frances, Lincoln, Sydney, C B; Mariner, Nye, Jonesport; Hanks, Partridge, French, Philadelphia; Ann Elizabeth, Kent, Port au Prince; Rhone, Smalley, Savannah; Harvest, Hallett, Cape Haytien; Argonaut, Lompher, Wilmington, NC; Pilgrim, Hill, Georgetown, SC; Ann Eliza, Bunker, Charleston; Ann Eliza, Greenleaf, Baltimore; Fair Emerald, Hall, Philadelphia; Mercury, Cobb, Cuba; Mariner, Nye, Jonesport; Gem, Morris, Sullivan; Mechanic, Thompson, and Grape, Carver, Gouldsboro; Lady and Gem, Brooks, Sullivan; Hannah, Hardy, Machias; Gem, Wheeler, Steuben; Ann Eliza, Bunker, Jonesport; Mariner, Nye, Jonesport; Gem, Morris, Sullivan; Hannah, Hardy, Machias; Gem, Wheeler, Steuben