y where they lived together as man and wife until h[illegible] good passage for her on board the Yankee Blade, h[illegible] succeeding to work his own passage. He represented her as his sister on board. The Captain, whose goodness of heart throughout this whole sad affair has been most noble and humane, in order to protect her from insult in the steerage, for which her passage had been taken, gave her a berth in a state-room in the second cabin with another woman. This removed her considerably from the presence of her lover, who worked on the forward deck; and she, taking advantage of her position, began to flirt with the young man on board, which, when the knowledge thereof came to the ears of Avery, rendered him exceedingly jealous. An opportunity offering for him to be near her person, and observing this conduct on her part, his mind became excited to such an extent, as the writer firmly believes, that he became a monomaniac; for, though his conversation on other subjects seemed sensible enough, yet it was evident from the agitated manner in which he acted and spoke at times, as well as a nervous twitching of his whole countenance when he would speak, that he mind, if not deranged, was at least certainly overwrought with excitement.

"On the 13th of February, at about 8 o'clock in the evening, the passengers were alarmed by shrieks from a female voice, which proved to be Susanna Russell, whoran about the after deck, crying 'my brother has killed me!' and falling upon the deck, in five minutes she was a corpse. She had been but a few minutes previous to that sitting in the cabin, engaged in a lively conversation with one of the passengers, when Avery called her on deck. On approaching her he drew from a belt in his side a large ten inch bowie knife, with which he stabbed her in the right breast, severing the ephemeral arters, the knife passing through her back. Immediately after committing this dreadful deed he snapped a pistol twice at his own breast, but finding it would not go off he drew a razor from his pocket, with which he cut a deep and severe gash in his throat, then rushing forward to where she had fallen and where the passengers and others began to collect, he cried, 'Stand back gentlemen, I did it'; then falling beside the dead body, he bent over it and kissed the marble cheeks, saying: 'I loved that girl, but you cabin passengers did this.' This was a most heart rending scene the writer ever witnessed. There laid the poor mangled body of the unfortunate girl; by her bent her equally unfortunate though guilty lover, uttering the most lamentable expressions of his fervent attachment to her, while the blood came streaming from his throat. Every one expected to see him momentarily expire. He did not die, however, as the surgeon succeeded in sewing up his wound, and he is now nearly recovered. He had a preliminary examination before the American Consul at Rio de Janeiro, who ordered him on to San Francisco for trial. Since the sad occurrence he has become quite penitent, and awaits his trial with considerable fortitude. The poor fellow has a mother living in Norwich County, upon whom this blow will fall very heavily, when she learns the particulars of the sad affair.

DISTRESSING OCCURRENCE—THREE PERSONS DROWNED.

Correspondence of The N. Y. Tribune

WALDEN, Orange Co., Monday, April 24, 1854.

A most distressing accident occurred about seven miles from this place on Saturday last. Two sons of Marshal Wilkins, a highly respectable farmer residing in the town of Hamptonburgh, went to the Walkill to wash off a wagon and drove the horse into the stream. The horse getting into deep water and becoming entangled in the harness, the boys were frightened and jumped out of the wagon into the water; the oldest, eighteen years of age, went down immediately and did not rise. A third son who was at the house, near by, hearing the cries of his little brother, ran to the water and with a noble devotion, attempted to save his life by plunging into the stream after him, but unfortunately the little fellow gripped him around the neck and both went down together in the arms of death. The boys were aged 11, 14 and 18. Their bodies were found the same day, and will be conveyed to their last resting place this afternoon. A deep gloom rests upon the neighborhood in consequence of the sad event.

THE WARD TRIAL.

Correspondence of The Louisville Courier, April 21

ELIZABETHTOWN, Wednesday Night, April 19, 1854.

The second day of the Ward trial has passed, and the excitement among all the eye witnesses and participants of its progress grows more and more intense.

The reputation for legal acquirements and eloquence of some of the lawyers engaged in the defense, doubtless attracts numbers to the place of trial, while a great many others are curious to know what is to be the disposition of a case where wealth, talents and fame are brought to bear in favor of the one side; the other relying solely upon a faithful narration of facts, and eloquence unvarnished, ungilded truth, with such able expositions and advocacy as the right demands. It is generally conceded by those present that this trial is to measurably determine the power of the law in Kentucky when R. is contemplated to exercise it for the punishment of crime committed by individuals of high social position and possessed of wealth and extensive and influential family connections. Hence the eagerness of the thronging crowds and the unexampled efforts of the lawyers to make the best of their case.

To-day the examination of witnesses for the Commonwealth was concluded, with the reserved privilege of introducing one or two persons who are daily expected. The defendant has called their witnesses, and the greater portion of the afternoon was occupied in receiving the testimony of various gentlemen to sustain the character of Mat. F. Ward, as to his quietness and amiability. The Court adjourned without entering upon the material part of their case; we shall hear that tomorrow. They have, so far, succeeded to establish at one point: to prove, if possible, that Butler struck Ward, and that he was shot in self defense by the accused. They have labored to wring out an appearance of title in the cross-examinations, and it is rumored that they have a witness who is to testify that Mr Butler told him, after he was shot, that he had struck Ward three times. Said witness will get into a tight place upon this statement, as the physicians give a directly different account of the matter. But we shall see.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN WINDSOR, N. H.—A FATHER POISONED BY A SON.—ESCAPE OF THE MURDERER.—A correspondent informs us that much excitement prevails in Windsor, N. H., in consequence of an unnatural and inhuman outrage perpetrated by a son, who fatally poisoned his father, and attempted to kill his aunt. The particulars furnished us are as follows:

On Monday morning, the 3d inst., Mr. Lemuel Curtice, of Windsor, N. H., and Mrs. Lyon, a widow lady, and sister of Mr. Curtice, (then acting as housekeeper for Mr. C.) soon after eating their breakfast, were both attacked with violent fits of vomiting. Dr. Wilkins, of Antrim, was sent for, and at once pronounced them poisoned. Both continued to vomit, and remained in great distress for several hours. The poison, it is supposed, was administered in the tea, of which Mr. Curtice drank two cups. Mrs Lyon drank but a part of a cup, and, feeling nausea, left the table and went into the bed-room adjoining, where in a few moments she was seized with vomiting. Before Mr Curtice had drunk the whole of the second cup he was similarly seized. Mrs. L. having drunk but a small quantity, was soon relieved. Mr. Curtice lingered in great pain until Monday night, the 17th inst., when he died. Dr. Hatch, of Hillsborough, and Dr. Wilkins, attended him during his illness, pronounced his symptoms the effects of a metallic poison, and after his death a *post mortem* examination gave convincing evidence that such was the fact.

Suspicion was entertained that the poison was put into the tea by a son of the deceased, as he was then at home, and with whom Mr. Curtis had had some difficulty. Some two or three days after the poison was taken, F. N Blood, Esq., of Hillsborough, made a complaint for Mr. Curtice of whatever. In the defense the lawyers alternate in their duty, first one and then another, examining. This branch of the business has exhibited in no small degree the eminent ability of the various lawyers engaged. The tone of bravado, however, used toward some of the young boys by the defence, was far from commendable, however professional it may have been.

The scene which was most moving to-day was the appearance of the lady of the lamented Prof Butler upon the witness stand. Her testimony was necessary to prove the conviction her husband entertained from the moment he was shot that the wound was mortal and fatal must cause. Clad in the habiliments of mourning she was and worn by the great affliction that had deprived her of a companion whose presence rendered life most dear, surely that must have been a callous heart that did not shake largely in the agony then rending her mind, as the recollections of the dying scene came back to her in such vivid and terrible reality, but yet there were careless countenances and impudent stares from individuals within the bar.

The attempt of the counsel for the defense thus far has been to prove that no altercation took place in the school-room between Prof Butler and Mat. Ward; that Prof. B. was a robust, strong man; that the struck W., who was a poor, weakly, infirm person, and might have killed him, had not the latter shot down B.

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The Norfolk Argus says that $75,000 worth of "property" have been spirited away from that city by the Underground Railroad, within the last twelve months.

AN EVENING FAIR ONE CAUGHT AND CAGED.—Yesterday morning some little excitement was created among the latter-all-to-bed-to-breakfast's Hippodrome sympathy at the stockbroker's door, by the sudden arrest of a young girl belonging to their troupe, who had arrived from New-York the evening previous. It appears that on Wednesday, by the graphic dispatch, he had received from a very respectable family residing in Washington, N. Y., a young but handsome girl had been enticed from her home and induced to join the Hippodrome troupe by two females belonging to the establishment and at the same time urging that she should be taken in custody and retained until he arrived here. Two policemen were accordingly dispatched to meet the down train last night, who actually boarded the cars at Peekskill, and there saw the three fair ones carefully stowed away in the cars, arriving in the city the latter moment for the Merchants' Hotel, followed and by the officers, and there dispatched their names put up for the night. The officers hence to return to detach the matter, the latter being waited until morning, when Policeman Mighter had an interview with the fair runaway to find her errand, and finally decided her to accompany him upon the Mayor's office where she went together with the other two ladies who were her traveling companions. The young girl, who is not yet sixteen years of age, is a beautiful and perfectly formed specimen of the form and commanding figure and, without such a person as would make a Hippodrome attractive. She seemed disposed to follow the strange and hazardous life for which she had deserted home and relatives and shed tears copious at when she found she was to be separated from her new formed friends. Mayor Spellmeier deemed it advisable to commit her to the House of Refuge until the arrival of her father, which was done. [City Editor.

IMPORTANT ARREST—*A Highwayman Caught.*—Sunday afternoon a large party of emigrants congregated in the vicinity of Montgomery and Houston-sts. preparatory to taking their departure for the West in the night train. One of the number noticed that he was followed closely by a person unknown to him, and it was not long before he detected the individual making free with his pocket-book. The emigrant caught the villain in the act, and passed him off at the station-house for bids. The black-coated highwayman presented a genteel, modest and capped, at the sight of the commanding silence. Policeman Geisell, who was on the lookout, as usual, took charge of the pickpocket and conveyed him to the station-House. On examining his stock in trade, all carried in his pockets, it was found that Charles Howard, such is the name by which he prefers to be called, possessed in money six or eight dollars, and had secreted in the lower pocket of his vest, well concealed, as a sort of hocus pocus affair used by the fancy or betting, they being sure to win, a pair of nippers for turning the key in a lock from the outside; a skeleton key, and a dozen or more of different sizes and kinds; three pocket handkerchiefs, a pocket pistol, loose bullets, loaded and capped; a check for $300 on the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company, signed by George Cooper & Co., well filled up and properly indorsed, and a number of blank checks of the Mechanics' Bank, Baltimore. Howard states that he is recently from New-Haven, that he purchased the patent safe ball for ten shillings to speculate with, by selling again, and pretends to be a novice in the business for which he has all the implements. He will probably be well taken care of. [Albany Argus, 24th.

MURDER IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.—About 10 o'clock, yesterday morning a man named John Clancy, aged about thirty-five years, was killed in a den of prostitution and drinking house called the "Rialto" on Almondst., between Fourth and Fifth-sts., kept by one Bean. The body was carried up to the Police Office and an inquest there held, resulting in the following verdict: "John Clancy came to his death from injuries received in the stomach from rocks thrown by the hands of Ed. Lundy, Owen Harris, and a colored man, whose name is unknown to the Jury, on the 24th of April, 1854, at the Rialto coffee-house." Shortly after the perpetration of the murder, Lundy and Harris were arrested. [St. Louis Democrat 21st.

EMIGRATION FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST.—Now that the emigration from New-England to California and Australia has in a degree ceased, the emigration to the West has recommenced at a greatly increased rate. We learn that during the present spring the number leaving by the way of Worcester and the Western railroads is nearly double that of any previous year. In many cases whole families, apparently in comfortable circumstances, take their departure. A large proportion are from Maine, with some from Massachusetts and New-Hampshire. Many intend to locate in Illinois, and a portion are bound to Wisconsin, and even to the territories still farther westward. [Boston Traveller.

DEPLORABLE SITUATION.—The Hon. Luther Severance, of Maine, late United States Commissioner at the Sandwich Islands, has returned to his home in Augusta. Mr. Severance is afflicted with an incurable cancer, which has already eaten away his lower lip and chin, and is now in the glands of the throat, and unless the flesh has rotted out and requires care and dressing. He is actually being eaten up alive. Mr Severance is thankful that Providence has permitted him to return home to die in the bosom of his family, and to have his body buried among his kindred.

Col. S E Cony, of Brazos, Texas, arrived in Cincinnati O. April 19, accompanied by ten slaves, whom he had brought to Ohio for the purpose of emancipating them, according to the forms of law. As soon as the papers are made out and the proper record made, Col. C takes his free people to Texas at his own expense, where, according to his city views, he can better provide for their future well being than in a free State.

LABORERS WANTED ON THE BLACK RIVER AND UTICA RAILROAD.—By an advertisement in the Utica papers we observe that fifteen hundred laborers are immediately wanted on the line of the Black River and Utica Railroad. Steady employment and good wages will be given.

GREAT FIRE IN TERRE HAUTE.—An extensive fire occurred in Terre Haute, Indiana, on the night of the 11th inst. An entire block was destroyed, including the places of business of twenty one firms. The fire was communicated to a flight of stairs outside of Mr. Snyder's leather store, and swept the whole block, from J. C. Ross's store to Fourth st., westward, and from Main st. to Ohio st., except two or three wooden buildings opposite the Universalist church. The buildings were occupied by Messrs. Failow, Coats, Hornet, Joyce, Hedden, Snyder, and several shoe stores, and on Fourth st., were Patrick & Brown, Dr. Fahnestock's office, Ball & Lockwood, a barber's shop, Fairbank's rifle factory, Grace's marble yard, Dodson's provision store, Neumeister's confectionery establishment, and Dimmick's cabinet shop; and not least, the huge livery stable of Westfall & Chadwick. The building were, excepting the stable and one or two others, cheap wooden buildings; but the loss of property is great, as they, like every building in this city, were stuffed full.

ANOTHER FIRE AT BROCKPORT.—The Hall of the Sons of Temperance in Brockport, took fire on the morning of the 16th, but it was soon extinguished. The celebrated Annihilators were employed, and seem to have answered a very good purpose. The damage by the fire is set down at $1,000.

FIRE AT ALEXANDRIA, VA.—A destructive fire occurred at Alexandria on the night of the 14th. A quantity of rails, in bundles, belonging to Thomas A. Dyer, piled under a shed near the river, in the rear of Josiah S. Davis's warehouse, between Prince and Duke sts. was discovered to be on fire and burning freely. J. H. Davis's warehouse had the roof partially destroyed; the store building occupied by Fowle & Co., as a warehouse, in which was stored 4000 bushels corn was also damaged. The corn was partially destroyed. The next building occupied by John H. Dunnefield and Francis A. Marbury was also injured. The total loss is estimated by *The Gazette* at $8,000.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN NASHVILLE, TENN.—A fire broke out last night, about half past seven o'clock, in the large furniture manufactory of Messrs. McCombs Cornelius & Co., located in the western part of the city. The buildings, together with the large lumber yard on the premises were reduced to ashes. A quantity of unfinished furniture was also burned. The loss will be severe, it is feared. We are enterprising young firms, we understand, to the fifteen to twenty thousand dollars—five thousand insured. [Nashville Union, April 17.

FIRE IN WATERBURY.—A fire broke out in the plating shop of the Scovill Manufacturing Co's factories in Waterbury, Conn., on the 20th, which damaged the building to the amount of $500.

PERSONAL.—Judge Barculo of Poughkeepsie has gone on a health tour to Europe, accompanied by a son and daughter. He is expected to return in time for the June term of the Supreme Court.

Wm H. Burleigh, formerly a resident of Syracuse, but more recently of Albany, has resigned the office of Corresponding Secretary of the State Temperance Society.

The Rev John Humphrey, son of President Humphrey, of Amherst College, has been elected to the chair of Moral Philosophy in Hamilton College.

Wm M. Burwell, Esq., of Virginia, has become one of the editors of *The Baltimore Patriot*. He is spoken of as a gentleman of industry and ability—two very desirable qualities about a newspaper establishment.

The Hon Amos K Hadley of Troy, formerly Speaker of the Assembly, has removed to this city, where he intends to practise law.

The Boston Bee thinks that the future home of the Pope of Rome will be in this country.

A large lot of Senator Norris's ruffianly Nebraska speech have been sent to New Hampshire lately, franked by the President, and bearing this tender inscription on the first page:

"With the affectionate regards
"of your friend,
"FRANK PIERCE."

CITY ITEMS.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

From Observations by Standard Thermometers, at No. 1 Chambers-st.
BY JOHN G. H. RONKETTI

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The History of Joseph and his Brethren will be musically illustrated this evening, at the Broome st. Church, corner of Elm, for the benefit of the Five Points House of Industry; the children of which will sing all the choruses and some of the songs and recitations in the Cantata. The part of Joseph will be sustained by Master William B. Lewis, a prospective Mario, according to report, just entering his teens, and an opportunity will be presented for occasional declamation, accompanied by soft music on the organ. We trust this musical novelty of Mr. Curtis, a scientific vocal composer, already celebrated as well as benevolent considerations for Mr. Pease's exhausted treasury, will secure a warm support.

The Rev. John P. Lundy will deliver a lecture on Wednesday (this) evening, in Stuyvesant Institute, on "Shakspere's Merchant of Venice." To commence at 8 o'clock. Mr. L. is said to be thoroughly qualified for this critical task.

Mr. E. FARRENC intends to give a course of lectures in the French and English language at the Chapel of the University, to begin on the second Wednesday of May. The general subject to be treated is the rise and progress of the Democratic Sentiment throughout modern times, beginning with the Reformers of the Xth Century and coming down to the American Revolution and the great French Revolution of 1793. The lectures will be given in English on one evening and repeated in French on another; and will we doubt not be enriched by historical learning and rendered interesting by a glowing and enthusiastic language.

The following gentlemen were elected Trustees of the New-York Society Library, on Tuesday, 25th inst.: Gulian C. Verplanck, William Inglis, Alexander R. Rodgers, Dayton Hobart, Frederic DePeyster, James DePeyster Ogden, Joshua Coit, Joseph Delafield, James H. Titus, Charles M Leupp, John H Gourlie, James W. Beekman, John Bigelow, Henry J. Anderson, Stephen C. Williams.

The New-York Typographical Society, at its weekly meeting on Saturday evening last, appointed the President and Vice President as delegates to represent the Society at the opening of the Crystal Palace on the 4th of May next.

HOUSEKEEPING.—This is a word to conjure with—and sad like phantoms, but beauty in life—substance as it were, of the great happiness of heaven. We fancy when we hear it, a snug little cottage, mantled with vines in a shady place, if it's summer, or a glowing wood fire on an old fashioned hearth, if it's winter. The cottage needn't be so very grand, nor the hearth positively marble, but they must be *our's*; cottage ours—hearth ours—wife ours—every thing ours. That's what lends housekeeping half its charm, and gives even to the poor, something of the feeling of an independent sovereignty.

Give alum a bare wire and it will crystallize into forms of light and beauty, but it could do nothing without a nucleus. 'Now a home,' no matter how humble,' is that nucleus for human crystallization, around which will gather gifts and graces akin to those of Eden. But it must be one's own—one!—aye, are not 'the twain one?'

Possibly, we are O. S.—old style—in our notions, but many a man sprinkles his honest vernacular with French and Italian, as he tells of the Dannas and *Primo* Donnas he has listened to, who never heard a sweeter music than they all produce; the song of the teakettle suspended from the top most hook; we mean his own teakettle hanging on his own hook; we mean his own fire, in his own house; and for the very best of reasons—he never *had* any.

A man, in this country, where labor is abundant and compensation for the most part adequate, should hardly be entitled to wear the *toga virilis*, until he understands experimentally, our definition of house keeping. This sentiment may sound a little harsh, but then it is as gentle "as a sucking dove" after all. We wouldn't be so unreasonable as to require a man to have "a brown stone front," or a Paradise and a Peri, but he can have a house of some sort, and a housewife better than *he is*, if he tries and keeps trying. If he cannot get it in one place, he can in another; if not in sight of his place of toil and business, then five miles away, and at night, wearied and worn, he will know how to appreciate home when he *gets* there.

Now it may not be of any special interest to the public to know exactly what set us going after this fashion, but it was after this wise: a great tree, a city bred tree before our window, has been rocking and creaking all winter in the wind, like a ship's rigging. Last summer it flung shadows and bore leaves; but of late it has flung naked arms and borne *stars*, for often have we seen them at night, seeming lly clinging to leafless twigs, like silvery fruit forgotten at the harvest.

To this tree, dismal as it is, a couple of young housekeepers came the other day, and though a hasty verdict might be rendered of "*fast* young folks," yet when the spring does take its leafy honors on, why they'll be there, all ready for housekeeping, in the deep cool recesses of shade. Now they are house-building; they both help and both sing. They had no capital to begin with, and no furniture but the feather-beds they sleep in, but the house is progressing bravely. Pretty soon—we hope not *too* soon—it will be finished and furnished, full of life and beauty and song; and a pleasant summer sojourn we wish them in the great city.

The other morning they looked a little disconsolate, when the wind blew keen, and the rain and snow consorted for a time, but with the first sunbeam, their prospects brightened and they grew cheerful as ever.

THE UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE.—The large structure in the rear of the old Bank of the United States, on the center line of the block between Wall and Pinests and adjoining the Custom-House, designed for the United States Assay Office, is rapidly approaching completion. The foundation walls were laid last fall and workmen are now engaged in putting on the roof.

The building is six stories in hight including the basement, and is 75 feet in length by 35 feet in width, exclusive of a hostway erected in the southeast corner. About the center of the western wall is erected a chimney stack, one hundred and fifty feet in hight. The foundation of the chimney stack is of blue stone, about twelve feet square, and the chimney is lessened in proportion as it ascends. The walls are of brick: the end walls being two feet thick and the sides twenty inches. This thickness in the walls is called for in consequence of the innumerable flues running through them, which are designed for heating, ventilating, and for furnaces. The beams are of wrought iron in the form of an H. The girders are formed by placing two beams on top of each other and securely bolting them. The girders are supported about the middle of the width of the building by heavy iron fluted columns, resting one on top of the other, and continued from the basement to the roof. The beams and girders are of rolled iron and manufactured in a similar manner to railroad tracks. The floors will be formed by casting brick arches between the beams, the spandrels or space between the arch being filled with concrete level with the crown of the arches. The whole will be paved with blue flag stone laid in asphalt.

On some of the lower floors where metals are melted the flooring will be of open iron work, removable at pleasure. These floors will be so constructed with a view to sweep up the fragments of gold that might accidentally fall from the workmen's hands. The window frames, sashes and shutters are constructed of wrought iron. Nothing enters into the composition of the building except stone, brick and iron, so that it will be absolutely fire proof. The various floors will be occupied as follows:

Basement—By the engines and boilers, crushing mill, and zinc granulating furnace.

The use of the first floor has not as yet been designated.

Second floor—Assayers department, deposit furnaces, and large safes for deposits.

Third floor—Granulating furnaces, fine gold furnaces and melters' and refiners' safes.

Fourth floor—Hydraulic presses, drying furnaces, precipitating vats and reducing vats.

Fifth floor—Reducing vats or parting houses, where the gold is separated from the silver.

Attic—Water tanks.

The roof will be formed of iron rafters and purlins covered with galvanized iron. The machinery will be placed in the building as soon as the roof is completed.

The cost of the building will be upward of $100,000. The lowest proposals for the girders and beams of cast iron, was $9,000 a floor, making $54,000. The cost of wrought iron beams and girders was $2,500 a floor, being $15,000 for the whole work—a saving of $39,000.

The whole interior of the old banking house, in front of the Assay building, has been remodeled. The east end of the floor in this building will be occupied by the Sub-Treasurer and clerks, and the west end by the Superintendent of the Assay office and clerks, also the Assayers' and Refiners' offices. The second floor, east end, will be occupied by the Surveyor of the Port and clerks, and the west end by the Liquidating clerks, Collector of Customs, &c. The basement will be occupied as store rooms for coal, acids, &c., required in the Assay department, and the machinery for heating and ventilating both buildings. The plans of the Assay building, &c., were prepared by Capt. George W. Cullum of U. S. Corps Military Engineers, and under his immediate superintendence the work has been carried on.

RUM AND GROCERIES.—The New-York Temperance Alliance have presented to the Common Council a petition containing the following pertinent requests:

1. That no complex or license be given, embracing in one the two distinct branches of business, keeping tavern and retailing liquor: but that a distinct form of license for each be drawn, that shall be in accordance with the statutes: that the tavern license state distinctly that it is solely for the accommodation of travelers, that it does not authorize the sale of liquor to any other persons than travelers, and does not authorize the sale of liquor by retail to be carried away; and that the retailer's license distinctly state that it does not authorize the sale of liquor to be drunk on the premises.

2. That, as the only purpose for which taverns exist is to accommodate the traveling public, no tavern licenses be granted, except to persons of good moral character, who have suitable accommodations for the entertainment of travelers, and who propose to keep tavern in places where you, the Excise Commissioners, judge from knowledge, or evidence presented, public necessity absolutely demands a tavern for the entertainment of travelers.

3. *That no license be given to any person to retail liquor in the same place where provisions and family groceries are sold.* The sale of liquor in such places is believed to be one of the greatest sources of evil and corruption in the City. Children and female domestics, sent to such places for family purchases, fall within influences that naturally and almost necessarily lead them down to ruin. If you will discover entirely the sale of rum from the sale of provisions and groceries, you will do a work for which ten thousand families will give you their warmest thanks.

4. That no license whatever be given to any person who has heretofore kept a disorderly house, who has kept billiards or other implements used for gambling purposes on his premises, or who has kept his place of business open on the Sabbath day. We sub mit that no such person can have that "good moral character" which the law requires.

The subject was referred (in the Board of Councillors) to the Law Committee.

The Cincinnati Gazette says that the Hon. Moses H Grinnel, of New-York, has purchased the hotel of Judge Mills at Yellow Springs, Ohio, (where Antioch College is located,) and that it will soon be opened for the summer season, under the charge of one of Kossuth's sisters.

BURNED TO DEATH.—Coroner Wilhelm yesterday held an inquest at No. 20 Orchard-st. upon the body of Patrick Corry, a native of Ireland, 23 years of age, who died from the effects of burns received on the night of the 21st inst. It appears that he on that night was found by his landlady residing in the house, in a state of intoxication, and unable to allow herself to be approached with a candle, or light of any description. She went to bed, and in the morning found him in the room. She opened the door and saw the deceased standing with his clothes on fire, vainly endeavoring to extinguish the flames. The fire was put out with all possible dispatch, but the injuries received were of so serious a nature that death entered on Monday night. It is supposed that while attempting he became overcome with gas, and fell from his pipe fell beside of his chair beneath another it and the rest of his clothing on fire. The Jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

A CHILD RESCUED FROM DROWNING—NOBLE ACT.—About 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon a little boy eight years of age, while playing on the pier foot of Scammon-st., accidentally fell into the river, and was being fast borne away by the tide, when Mr James Smith, timber dealer, who was engaged in his timber yard near by, seeing the lad struggling, immediately plunged into the water, and with great difficulty succeeded in rescuing him from drowning. Many persons who were on the dock at the time witnessed the noble act and highly applauded the conduct of Mr Smith.

KILLED BY A FALL.—Coroner Hilton yesterday held an inquest at No. 92 Perry-st. upon the body of James Cassidy, a native of Ireland, 28 years, who died from the effects of a fall. On Monday evening he was riding with his brother and another man on a dray-cart, when the horse started rather suddenly, and he fell backwards to the pavement, breaking his neck. He was immediately conveyed to his residence, where he died a few hours afterward. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

SELLING LIQUOR WITHOUT LICENSE.—Eight Irish and German porter house keepers in the ninth Ward, who had been indicted for selling liquor without license, were yesterday arrested by the Police and held to bail by Justice Stuart to appear and answer.

VIOLENT ASSAULT UPON A RAILROAD AGENT.—Yesterday afternoon Hugh Mann a hack driver, who a short time since had been ejected from the lower depot of the Hudson River Railroad for misconduct assaulted Mr. Noel Peck, one of the agents of the Company, and struck him a severe blow upon the head with a heavy hickory cane, inflicting a severe and dangerous wound. He also struck Mr. Peck twice with the cane upon his arm, bruising it badly. The Third Ward Police soon arrested the hackman, and he was locked up by Justice Bogart to answer for the offence. Mr. Peck is quite an aged man, and his wounds if they do not prove fatal will probably confine him to the house for some time.

CHARGE OF MAYHEM.—Patrick Collins, a canal boatman, yesterday afternoon, while engaged in a fight with Michael Abearn on the pier foot of Market-st., East River, bit off a portion of the nose of his antagonist, and was arrested for the same by Policemen Austin and McMahon of the Seventh Ward. He was taken before Justice Wood and held to await examination.

ATTEMPT BY THIEVES TO SHOOT POLICEMEN.—On Monday night a horse and wagon was stolen from the stable of M. John Nesbitt, in the Eighteenth Ward, and in notice of the theft was obtained until several hours after, when the thieves were discovered driving through the Third-st., and passed by two policemen. They however, stopped up the horse and kept in advance of the police, at whom they fired, and the contents of three barrels of a revolver, but fortunately without effect. They finally stopped at the corner of First-av. and Twenty second-st., left the team, and escaped. The horse and wagon were recovered and returned to their owner.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.—At 11 o'clock on Monday night, Mr Jas Fase of No. 361 Broome-st., observed a man in the act of forcing open the front door of the store of M. A. De Lewis, No. 359 Broome-st. He gave the alarm, when the burglar fled but was pursued and arrested by Policeman Timons of the Fourteenth Ward. On his person were found a bunch of skeleton keys and a pistol. A small crowbar was placed on at the door of the store. The prisoner gave his name as Wilson, and was locked up by Justice Street to await examination.

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THE THREE PICTURES.—

JULIA—The golden sun was shining
In full meridian blaze,
When I was made the target
That gathered up his rays.

MARY—Twas sun and shade together,
Like good and evil mixed,
When I at one brief sitting,
Saw every tree was fixed.

JANE—The rain was pouring madly,
The day was dark as drear,
When I with much misgiving,
Sat as you see me here.

MOTHER—Well, sun, and shade, and shower,
Seem equally to suit;
All pictures are so perfect,
You must have been to Root.

Magnificent Daguerreotypes taken in all sorts of weather at Root's Premium Gallery, No. 363 Broadway.

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The tint which the sun of the Orient wears
Over the wide warm climes of tropical bloom,
The hues which the sunset all golden sun establish
Over the gathering shadows of twilight and gloom,
Are sweet to the eye as the wild budding roses
That drop at the even and wean at the morn,
Or the sun wavingly, whose cousins bud unclosed
Neath the shade where the spirit of fragrance is born
Yet fairer by far is the blush on the flowers
Or the lingering luster of gold breathing eves,
Or the fast fleeting fragrance of summer's sweet bowers
That slumbers like light on the wind forest leaves.

Are those daguerreotypes taken by Brady, at Nos. 205 and 359 Broadway. The most elegant and extensive galleries and the finest collection of specimen pictures in America. Crayons and Crystalotypes in clear and cloudy weather.

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"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN."—This night will make the three hundredth representation of Uncle Tom's Cabin at the National Theatre—a success far beyond precedent. Manager Purdy celebrates the occasion by display of flags, music, illumination and fireworks. The piece will be performed both afternoon and evening.

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THE OLD DUSSELDORF GALLERY—AUCTION SALE.—In the large rooms long known as the Dusseldorf Gallery is a large and truly beautiful collection of Paintings, which will be sold by John Keese on Thursday and Friday evenings. It is decidedly one of the finest collections ever offered at auction in this City. None should fail to visit them.

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BROOKLYN ITEMS.

A Ladies' Festival will be held this (Wednesday) evening, in the basement of the new brick Church, (Congregational) near the corner of Fulton and Clason-avs., Brooklyn, in aid of said Church.

ELECTION FOR ALDERMAN IN THE FIFTH WARD, BROOKLYN.—A special election was yesterday held in the Fifth Ward for the purpose of electing an Alderman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Dr. P. H. Norris. A great degree of interest was manifested and a