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To the Editor of the Tribune.

SIR: In a recent number of the *Gaulois*, in Paris, a statement was made to the effect that "a celebrated mask had fallen on the nuptial altar," and that a Mrs Montgomery Atwood, married at the British Embassy of that city to a Mr. Horne Payne, had been declared on her wedding day to be no other than the "celebrated Ouida;" the author, equally admired and mysterious, of "Strathmore;" "Under Two Flags," I shall be obliged if you will allow me to state that neither Messrs. Chapman & Hall of London, or Messrs. J. B. Lippincott of Philadelphia ever heard of the person in question, and that the paragraph, whatever its source, is entirely a falsehood.

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OFFICE INDIAN BUREAU, November 11, 1868.
PROPOSALS for INDIAN GOODS.—SEALED PROPOSALS, indorsed "Proposals for Indian Goods," will be received at the Office of Indian Affairs until 12 o'clock m., on TUESDAY, the 15th day of December next, for furnishing in the quantities therein given, the articles named in the following list:

FIRST CLASS—MACKINAC BLANKETS.

1,100 pairs 3-point white Mackinac Blankets, to measure 60x72 inches, and weigh 8 pounds.
400 pairs 2½-point white Mackinac Blankets, to measure 54x66 inches, and weigh 6 pounds.
100 pairs 2-point white Mackinac Blankets, to measure 42x56 inches, and weigh 5½ pounds.
50 pairs 1½-point white Mackinac blankets, to measure 36x50 inches, and weigh 4½ pounds.
300 pairs 3-point scarlet Mackinac Blankets, to measure 60x72 inches, and weigh 8 pounds.
600 pairs 2½-point scarlet Mackinac Blankets, to measure 54x66 inches, and weigh 6 pounds.
50 pairs 2-point scarlet Mackinac Blankets, to measure 42x56 inches, and weigh 5½ pounds.
700 pairs 3-point indigo blue Mackinac Blankets, to measure 60x72 inches, and weigh 8 pounds.
500 pairs 2½-point indigo blue Mackinac Blankets, to measure 54x66 inches, and weigh 6 pounds.
80 pairs 1½-point indigo blue Mackinac Blankets, to measure 36x50 inches, and weigh 4½ pounds.

SECOND CLASS—CLOTHS.

500 yards Fancy Light Blue Cloth.
2,000 yards Gray Light Blue Cloth.
2,000 yards Saved Light Blue Cloth.
1,000 yards Saved Light Scarlet Cloth.

THIRD CLASS—DRY GOODS.

40 dozen 6-4 Woolen Shawls.
75 dozen 6-4 Woolen Shawls.
200 pounds Linen Thread.
200 pounds Cotton Thread.
4,000 yards Turkey Red 140 Calico.
50,000 yards Calico (standard prints.)
12,000 yards Blue Drilling.
6,000 yards Brown Drilling.
7,000 yards Bed Ticking, (red stripe.)
3,700 yards Satinet.
5,000 yards Hickory Shirting.
10,000 yards Brown Sheeting, (4-4.)
3,000 yards Duck, (for tents.)
9,000 yards Linsey.
5,000 yards Denim.
3,000 yards Jean.
4,000 yards Cottonades.
2,000 yards Indian Stripes and Plaids.
10,000 yards Brown Shirting, (3-4.)
4,000 yards Fancy Cheeks.
2,000 yards Indigo Blue Flannel.
1,200 yards Red and Gray Flannel.
1,000 yards Heavy Kerseys.

FOURTH CLASS—HARDWARE.

87 dozen best Cast Steel Axes, from 3 to 4½ pounds, with handles.
86 dozen best Cast Steel Half Axes, from 2 to 3 pounds, with handles.
800 Camp Kettles, assorted sizes.
500 sheet handle Fry Pans.
400 dozen tin Pails, 4, 5, and 6 quart, in equal quantities, pressed.
200 dozen Iron Table Spoons.
650 dozen Tin Cups.
500 dozen Butcher Knives, (6 inch blade.)
2,000 dozen Fish-Hooks, (assorted.)
400 dozen Fish-lines, (assorted.)

The goods must be all respects, conform to and be equal with the Government samples, which may be seen at any time at the office.

The right will be reserved to require more, or a greater or less quantity of any of the articles than that specified in the above schedule. If a greater quantity is required, they are to be furnished at the prices proposed.

All bids for furnishing said articles may be rejected at the option of the Department.

No bids for less than an entire class of the articles specified will be considered.

All articles furnished under contract will be rigidly inspected and compared with the samples by an agent or agents appointed for that purpose. Such goods or articles as may in any respect fall to conform to the samples will be rejected, and in that case the contractor will be bound to furnish articles of the required kind or quality within FIVE days; or, if that cannot be done, such articles will be purchased at his expense.

Payment will be made for goods received on invoices thereof, certified by the agent or agents appointed to inspect them.

No bids will be considered from persons who have failed to comply with the requirements of a former contract.

No proposal will be considered that does not STRICTLY COMPLY with the following requirements:

Proposals must embrace the articles, with the quantities thereof, as set forth in the above schedule, with the prices annexed to each, and the amounts must be carried out and footed up, each class to be separately stated and footed up. Said prices and amounts must be so given without any modification or proposed modification whatever.

Proposals should be submitted in the following form: "I (or we) hereby propose to furnish the Indian Department, according to the terms of the advertisement of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated November 14, 1868, the following articles, at the prices thereto affixed" [Here insert the list prepared as indicated in the first paragraph of this advertisement.] Said articles are to be delivered at New-York on or before the first (1st) day of February next, or at such time thereafter during the year 1869 as may be ordered by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and if the proposal be accepted, I (or we) will within five days thereafter, execute a contract accordingly, and give security satisfactory to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the faithful performance of the same."

Each proposal must be accompanied by a guarantee in the following form, to be signed by two responsible parties, whose sufficiency must be certified by a United States Judge or District Attorney.

"We hereby jointly and severally guarantee that the above bidder (or bidders), if a contract shall be awarded to him (or them) according to his (or their) bid or proposal, will execute a contract accordingly, and give the requisite security for the faithful performance of the same, as prescribed in the advertisement for Proposals for Indian Goods, dated November 14, 1868, and in the event of his (or their) failure so to do, we hereby agree and bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, to forfeit and pay to the United States, as damages, a sum not less than 15 per cent on the amount of said bid or proposal."

Bonds will be required in the amount of the bid for the faithful performance of the contract, with two or more sureties, whose sufficiency must be certified to by a United States Judge or District Attorney.
N. G. TAYLOR, Commissioner.

OFFICE OF ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE,
Corner of Houston and Greene-sts.
NEW-YORK, Nov. 13, 1868.
SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 12 o'clock on FRIDAY, the 20th of November, 1868, for furnishing by contract the following named Musical Instruments, viz:
1 B FLAT CORNET, bell front top action, large.
1 E FLAT ALTO HORN, bell up top action, large.
1 B FLAT TENOR HORN, bell up top action, large.
1 E FLAT BASS, bell up top action, large.
1 E FLAT BASS, bell up top action, extra large.
The above named instruments will be of German silver, of plain inexpensive manufacture, but good and suited for the purposes intended.
No bid will be entertained unless accompanied by samples of all the instruments.
Further information may be had at this office.
The United States reserves the right to reject any part or the whole of a bid, as may be deemed to be for the interest of the service.
Proposals should state how soon the instruments can be furnished, and should be indorsed "Proposals for furnishing musical instruments."
By order of the Quartermaster-General:
C. G. SAWTELLE,
Brevet Brig.-Gen. and Qr.-Master U. S. A.

Horses, Carriages, &c.

AT HENRY'S CITY AUCTION MART, Broadway and Thirty-ninth-st., regular public sales of HORSES, CARRIAGES, HARNESS, RUGS, WHIPS, and everything needed in riding and driving, are held every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY throughout the year, at 11 o'clock. Buyers will always find a number of Horses, suitable for light driving and heavy work, at times sales, whether especially advertised or not. The largest assortment of new and second-hand Carriages and a great variety of Harness always on hand; also, very superior Park Phaetons, by Miner & Stephens.

A.—JAMES JENKINS, Auctioneer, will sell at Auction on THURSDAY, Nov. 19, at 11 o'clock, at No. 1,401 Broadway, near Forty-first-st., New-York, a large assortment of Rockaways, Depot Wagons, Express and Jagger Wagons, Top and Open Wagons; 500 sets of Single and Double Harness; Sleighs, Bells, Robes of all kinds; a large lot of Blankets, in great variety; Saddles and Bridles, Whips, Halters, Surcingles, &c., &c. Sale positive. N. B.—Also at private sale.

FOR SALE.—A large two horse TRUCK, will be SOLD cheap. Inquire of F. A. FERRIS & Co., Nos. 204, 206 and 208 Mott-st.

Dry Goods.

SELLING OFF.
ARNOLD,
CONSTABLE & Co.,
Have made great reduction in the prices of their
FALL AND WINTER
DRY GOODS
AT
RETAIL,
preparatory to removing to their
NEW STORE.

RETIRING
FROM
Retail Business
STRANG & ADRIANCE,
No. 355 BROADWAY, between Leonard and Franklin-sts., about to give up their RETAIL BUSINESS, will offer
GREAT BARGAINS
IN DRY GOODS,
IN ORDER TO CLOSE OUT THEIR STOCK,
BEFORE THE FIRST OF JANUARY,
as the store is to be occupied by other business.
N. B.—Our friends and the customers of the house for the last ten years are too well acquainted with superior qualities of goods sold by us, to need further recommendation.
BLACK AND COLORED SILKS of every make.
MOURNING GOODS of the best make.
IRISH AND FRENCH