for a season, and cannot get along without the artists he has engaged, they frequently demand an increase of salary, and if their demands are not acceded to by the manager, they contract a cold and are unable to sing. Thus, on Maretzek's leaving New York, in September last, he was compelled to increase the salaries of

Bosio,	from	$1,000	to	$1,300	per month.
Ardetti,	"	200	"	250	"
Bettini,	"	1,000	"	1,200	"
Lorisi,	"	500	"	600	"
Beneventmo,	"	350	"	400	"

—in addition to giving extra benefits to most of the older artists.

In this summary we have disclosed the principal causes of the failure of the Italian Opera in this country. When artists come here, they demand salaries that no manager can afford to pay; they will not sing oftener than three times a week; they play sick whenever they want to revenge themselves on the manager; they drive the manager into expenses which he never contemplated; they must have the travelling expenses of their wives, servants, friends, and dogs, paid. It really is a wonder that the Opera lasted so long as it did in this country.

City Intelligence.

CONSOLIDATION OF TELEGRAPH LINES.—We understand, that the company owning the Morse telegraph line between New York and Washington, have purchased the Bain's line between the same points, for (it is said) about $80,000. It is supposed that this is the commencement of a sort of general consolidation of all the lines worked under existing patents. If carried into effect, it may improve their value to stockholders; but cannot augment the facilities of the people for using them as a means of communication. The Electric Telegraph, like most new things, is in its infancy, and further improvements must soon be made, which will greatly extend its utility.

SUCCESSFUL BURGLARIOUS OPERATION.—The dwelling house No. 19 Hester street, in the Thirteenth Police district, was entered by burglars between two and three o'clock on Tuesday morning. Ingress was obtained by prying off the wooden shutters outside, and raising the windows. The basement of the house was ransacked, and large bundles of clothing, &c., taken away—so large that had the police been on the alert, the robbers could not pass with their booty without exciting suspicion. We wish to call the attention of the police to this circumstance, which shows the necessity which exists for their exercising far greater vigilance than they now do.

THE FOG.—The navigation of the East river was greatly impeded during yesterday and last night, in consequence of the dense fog which prevailed. The bells on the ferry houses and on the boats were constantly rung; but notwithstanding every precaution, the passage across was a matter of great difficulty and delay. Numerous detentions occurred, and on one occasion the ferry boat Bedford paddled about the river for almost an hour, fir ally landing at Peck slip ferry, Williamsburg.

The steamboat State of Maine went ashore during the fog, yesterday morning, near Throg's Neck, on her return from Fall river. A steamer was sent down to her during the day, to bring up the passengers. She is not injured, and will be got off, and arrive at the city this morning.

Brooklyn City Intelligence.

THE FOG ON THE EAST RIVER.—The dense fog that prevailed throughout yesterday seemed to act as a "wet blanket" on all kinds of business. It was felt in all its inconvenience by passengers on the river. Bells were rung continually at the ferries, so as to guide the boats, but this did not prevent some of them from getting bewildered. This was the case with the Bedford, which started from Brooklyn about noon, and after circulating up and down the river promiscuously, finally managed to get in at the Peck slip ferry, Williamsburg, somewhere about two o'clock in the afternoon. The way the passengers cleared out was not slow. Similar delays were of frequent occurrence on all the ferries; but fortunately, owing to the precautions used, there were no accidents.

AN ARTFUL DODGE.—A young man named John Morrison, was yesterday brought before Justice King, on the charge of stealing a coat, worth about $12, from the clothing store of Wm. Downs, in Atlantic street. It appeared that the accused, in company with two others, halted in front of the above establishment on Tuesday evening, and pretending to be quarrelling among themselves, drew around them something of a crowd, among them the proprietor of the store, when Morrison, taking advantage of his absence from the shop, laid hold of the coat and run off with it. He was perceived, however, and after an animated chase was captured. To guard against committing a similar offence, he was sentenced to three months imprisonment in the county jail.

APPROPRIATING PROPERTY NOT HIS OWN.—A man named Jacob Slyler, was yesterday brought before Justice King, on the charge of appropriating the contents of a pocket book, found by him, to his own personal use, the property of Charles A. Baines, who entered the complaint. Slyler was discovered while attempting to redeem some clothing at a pawnbroker's shop, with tickets found in the pocket book. He was examined and committed to answer.

Barnum's American Museum.—P. T. Barnum, Manager and Proprietor; John Greenwood, Jr., Assistant Manager. Admission to the Museum and performances, 25 cents; Children under 10 years, 12½ cents; Parquette, 12½ cents extra. New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan. 1, 1852. Morning, at 11 o'clock, FORTUNE'S FROLIC, &c. Afternoon, at 2½ and 4½ o'clock, FAIRY GIFT, and A WIFE FOR HALF AN HOUR. Evening, commencing at 7½ o'clock, the so much applauded and popular comedy of MAJOR JONES' COURTSHIP. After which, the new holiday piece of fun, mish ef, magic and enchantment, called the PALACE OF PEACOCKS; or, the Fairy Gifts. The Chinese Beauty and the Chinese Family of six persons, having just returned from Europe, where they were visited by Queen Victoria and the British court, are now here. The Koh-i-noor Diamond, &c., as usual.

The Forrest Divorce Case.—A copious, revised and corrected report of this interesting trial will be published by the Law Reporter of the New York Herald, in pamphlet form, immediately after the termination of the proceedings. It will be the only authentic report published in that form, and will contain copies of all the letters and documents offered on the trial. Orders from booksellers to be addressed to Law Reporter, New York Herald. Copyright secured. Price 25 cents.

Interest Notice.—The Coupons due the first day of January upon all Bonds issued by the Milwaukie & Mississippi Railroad Company, as well as upon Milwaukie City Bonds issued to said Company will be paid at the American Exchange Bank and at the office of the Ohio Life and Trust Company, in New York, respectively, on and after the 2d day of January. E. FASSETT, 39 Wall street.

Texas Land and General Agency, estab-lished in 1843.—The subscriber can be found at the house of Richard B. Kimball, Esq., No. 35 Seventh street, on the 2d, 3d, and 5th January. Persons having business with me will please be punctual.
J. DE CORDOVA, of Houston, Texas.

Bowery Fire.—John Lauck, Hair-Cut-ter, and Charles A. Borst, burnt out at No. 9 Bowery, over Mr. Macmanus's Hat Store, (not Mr. James Degurcyt's, as stated by the newspapers,) are temporarily established for business at No. 59.

Original L. Jacobs.—Those who wish to purchase an Accordian, Music Box, and Musical Instruments of all sorts, should go to JACOBS', 102 Chatham street. He has fine Gold Watches, Breast Pins, Finger Rings, and a great variety of Fancy Articles, including Ladies' Work Boxes. Give him a call.

Furs, for Holiday Presents, are the most suitable, elegant, and substantial article that can be given. A good assortment of all kinds of furs, elegantly finished, at reduced rates, at YOUNG'S fur stores, 96 Bowery and 12 John street. Cloaks handsomely trimmed with furs.

Furs and Kossuth Hats.—Knox, the re-nowned hatter, of 128 Fulton street, who has won an immortality in his day and generation, in the quiet pursuit of his own legitimate business, by making the best of hats and selling them at a uniform low price, has this season bestowed great attention to the fur department, and supplied himself with as good an assortment and variety of rich, rare, and elegant furs as it is possible to find in New York. This being the case, we respectfully call the attention of our readers to the fact, and ask in his behalf as much of their patronage as they are able to bestow upon him. Knox is an old friend and patron of the Herald; he is a right clever fellow, a liberal and fair dealing tradesman; and he will ask you no more for any goods you may buy of him than they are really worth.

Hats for the Holidays.—Why not a holiday Hat as well as other things? Gentlemen will thank us for informing them that we are prepared to furnish to any extent, our beautiful holiday styles. Also, the very popular Kossuth soft Hat, with or without feather.
WARNOCKS, Hatters, 275 Broadway, Irving House.

Hats of the regular Genin type, for the present winter, and very suitable for New-Year's presents and visits, will be found at his establishment, in combination with many elegant varieties of the "silken cylinder," appropriate for young men, old men, and men of "a certain age." Those who approve the Hungarian, and other foreign innovations on the American hat, will find the most graceful and beautiful "Kossuths," &c., at Genin's.
GENIN, 214 Broadway, opposite St. Paul's.

Notice.—The New Hat Company's Estab-lishment, Nos. 146 and 148 Nassau street, will be open till 11 o'clock this morning for the accommodation of their patrons, who, in consequence of the unfavorable weather were disappointed in procuring their hats for the New Year. One quality, one price, ($3,) and no abatement.

Bound to Shine.—If you are "Bound to shine" on New Year's Day, call on T. SMITH, Jr., 102 Fulton street, and select your dress for the occasion. He is a correct costumer, and will furnish you any style of garments your taste or fancy may dictate, on the most reasonable terms.

Visitors in Town for the Holidays are apprized that the most exquisitely fitting shirts may be procured at Green's, No. 1 Astor House, by ingentering others there, sets of shirts are supplied at the briefest notice. Ready made shirts, under clothing, dressing gowns, cravats, and other articles of gentlemen's wear, in all their varieties.

Buffalo Overshoes and Moccasins for riding or travelling, and cork sole, patent leather, calf-skin Clogs; foot-held and rubber Overshoes of every description; every style of Boot, cork sole, double sole, water-proof and light dress and patent leather Boots, and everything to be thought of for the feet, lower than can be purchased at any other establishment, at Brock's celebrated Boot and Shoe Emporium, 150 Fulton street.

Crying Babies!—Crying Babies!—A large supply, embracing all sizes of these most curious and interesting Babies, just received at TUTTLE'S Emporium of Fancy Goods, Novelties, &c., No. 345 Broadway. Come soon, before this lot is exhausted. At this establishment will be found a splendid and immense stock of fancy and useful articles, suitable for New Year Presents, to which the attention of the gift-giving public is particulary invited.

Selling Off.—Peterson & Humphrey, 379 Broadway, corner of White street, will sell the entire lot of Carpeting purchased at the late large auction sales, at the following prices:—Rich Brussels, 5s. to 10s. per yard; extra heavy Three-ply, 8s.; do. Super, 5s. to 6s.; Good, all wool, 3s. 6d. to 4s.; Oil Cloths, extra heavy, 4s. per yard, and all other goods equally low.

A Card.—The Writer begs leave, public-ly to acknowledge with sincere gratitude, the disinterested and magnanimous conduct of Dr. Stratton, 229 Grand street, for informing me, by his own experience, that Dr. Wade's Nervous Antidote would cure prolapsus uteris. Being a sufferer from that dreadful disease for five years, I feel it my duty to recommend all so affected to see Dr. Stratton, he will give you such faith in the antidote that you will take it, and then must be cured.

Account Books.—New Firms, and Others, can be supplied with a complete set of first class Account Books from our shelves, or have them made to order at short notice. Stationery, Paper, Copying Presses, Menial Writers, Gold Pens, Diaries for 1852, and all articles in our line, at the lowest prices. Printing and lithograph at cheap rates. RICH & LOUTREL, importers and Manufacturers of Stationery, 61 William street.

MONEY MARKET.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31—6 P. M.

We have very little change to report in quotations for stocks to day. On the whole, the market was a little more buoyant, but there was not much activity. At the first board Reading Railroad advanced ¼ per cent; Erie Railroad, 1½; New Jersey Zinc, ¼, with sales to some extent; Canton Company, ¼; Harlem, ¾; Stonington, ½; Norwich and Worcester, ¼. At the second board there was a better feeling in the street, and an advance on the leading fancies was realized. Norwich and Worcester went up ¾ per cent; Harlem, ⅝; Reading Railroad, ⅜; Erie Railroad, ¾; New Jersey Zinc, ⅜; Sussex Mining Company, ⅜; Long Island, ¼. We hardly anticipated such a decided turn in stock transactions. Yesterday everything looked blue, and holders felt blue. There were indications that this would be a blue day; but they have proved without foundation. We should not be much surprised to see a speculative movement of some importance soon after the opening of the new year. It is some time since outsiders have had a chance in the street, and if they would confine their operations to the cheap and low priced stocks, they might make money. A great deal of discrimination should be used in entering the market now as a speculator for a rise.

The steamship Europa, for Liverpool to-day, carried out $847,494 in specie, principally American gold. This will probably be the bulk of the exportation of precious metals for the week. We have made up a table showing the aggregate for the year, which includes the above. There is no other steamer from this port for Liverpool on Saturday. The new arrangement for the winter goes into operation on the 1st of January, 1852.

The receipts at the office of the Assistant Treasurer of this port to-day, amounted to $54,371 97; payments, $1,145,688 56—balance, $1,122,484 05.

The Empire City Bank will open its doors to the public on Friday, the 2d of January, 1852. Jacob R. Pentz, Esq., is the President. This bank is designed chiefly for the accommodation of the up-town inhabitants, who are greatly in need of such an institution.

The Citizens' Bank of Baltimore has declared a dividend of four per cent; the Union Bank of Baltimore, a dividend of three and a half per cent.

The Mercantile Fire Insurance Company, Jas. Wright, Esq., President, is to commence operations about the 1st of January, in the new building with a brown stone front, on the corner of Broadway and John street, to be occupied conjointly with the Mercantile Bank. The stock ($200,000) has all been subscribed, and will be immediately called in.

A select committee of the Tennessee Legislature has reported that the Bank of Tennessee has realized a profit of eight per cent on operations of the year, after leaving $65,000 to the credit of the surplus fund, which is supposed to be abundant to cover any loss. The defalcation of the late teller is stated at $16,000, which is believed to be covered by sufficient security.

The annexed statement exhibits the receipts and disbursements of the Assistant Treasurer's office of this port, during the month of December, 1851, showing the balance on hand at the close:—

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S OFFICE, PORT OF NEW YORK, DECEMBER, 1851.

December 1, 1851, balance		$3,288,293 42
Receipts.		
On account of Customs	$1,587,825 91	
" " Patent Fees	1,794 15	
" " Post Office Dep't	79,214 94	
" " Miscellaneous	8,262 84	—1,677,097 84
		$4,965,391 26
Payments		
On Treasury Drafts	3,635,828 09	
" Post Office do	107,079 12	—3,742,907 21
December 31, 1851, balance		$1,222,484 05
December 1, 1851, by balance of funds to pay interest and coupons		16,100 96
By additional appropriations		1,123,075 30
		$1,139,176 26
Payments.		
On Treasury Notes	45 00	
On Instalment due January 1, 1851	774 00	
On Instalment due July 1, 1851	935 60	
On Coupons	360 00	—2,114 60
Balance		$1,137,061 66
Treasury Notes Funded		550 00
Receipts for Customs in the quarter ending December 31, 1850		$4,934,703 40
Receipts for Customs in the quarter ending December 31, 1851		5,045,600 59
Excess in the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1851		$110,897 19
Month of December, 1851, over month of December, 1850		$511,729 11

The above table shows a great increase in the receipts for customs during the month of December, which more than made up the deficiency in the first two months of the quarter.

The annexed statement exhibits the quotations for foreign exchanges, current in this market on the first day of each month during the past year:—

QUOTATIONS FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGES, 1851.

1851.	London.	Paris.	Amsterdam.	Brem.	Ham.
Jan.	1.110¼al10⅜	5f.11¼a5f.10	41¼a41¾	80¼	41¾
Feb.	1.109¾al10	5f.12½a5f.10	41¾a42	79¾	37
Mar.	1.110 al10¼	5f. 8¾a5f. 7½	41¾a42	79¾	37½
April.	1.110¼al10⅜	5f.11¼a5f.10	41¼a41¾	79¼	37
May	1.110¼al10⅜	5f. 8¾a5f. 7½	41¼a41¾	79¼	37
June	1.110¼al10⅜	5f.10 a5f. 7½	41¼a41¾	79¼	37
July	1.110¼al10⅜	5f. 8¾a5f. 7½	41¾a42	79½	37
Aug.	1.110¼al10⅜	5f.11¼a5f.10	41¼a41¼	79	37
Sept.	1.110 al10⅛	5f.12½a5f.11¼	41 a41¼	78½	36¾
Oct.	1.110¼al10⅛	5f.12½a5f.11¼	41 a41½	78½	36¾
Nov.	1.110¼al10⅛	5f.15 a5f.13¾	41¼a41½	79¼	36¾
Dec.	1.110¼al10⅛	5f.15 a5f.13¾	41¼a41½	79¼	36¾

This table exhibits a uniformity of rates almost unprecedented. It will be seen that during the year there has been hardly one per cent variation in the rates ruling for sterling bills. Bills on Paris have fluctuated more than on any other point, and have ruled so high that large shipments of specie have been the result. Although foreign exchanges have been steady, they have been throughout the year against us. All of our shipments of specie have not been on account of our foreign trade. Large amounts have been sent through this port to Europe, on account of miners and others in California. This has made the aggregate much larger than it otherwise would have been, and created an impression in the minds of many that our supply of precious metals was becoming rapidly reduced. We annex a statement showing the monthly exports for the year:—

SHIPMENTS OF SPECIE FROM THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

January	$1,266,281	July	$6,604,170
February	1,007,689	August	2,653,444
March	2,368,861	September	3,490,142
April	3,482,182	October	1,779,707
May	4,506,135	November	5,033,355
June	6,462,367	December	5,665,985
Total shipments			$43,746,318

This exceeds the exportations in any previous year in the history of this country. From other ports the shipments have been limited. The total from all ports will not vary much from forty-five millions of dollars. This, with the large imports and exports of merchandise, has caused great activity among the shipping classes, and an increased amount of business at the Custom House.

A summary of importations and exportations, in each month of the present year, 1851, presents the annexed exhibit:—

COMMERCE OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

VALUE OF IMPORTS.

1851.	Dutiable Merchandise.	Free Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.
January	$12,703,518	937,650	210,455
February	9,442,007	1,208,036	164,031
March	10,651,142	982,530	270,505
April	8,546,184	555,386	521,665
May	8,952,711	785,326	111,443
June	8,697,651	668,716	121,234
July	12,373,199	1,027,481	81,143
August	11,279,004	638,334	186,503
September	8,384,172	366,153	115,572
October	5,765,795	1,548,720	23,165
November	4,399,085	415,838	218,473
December	5,042,399	552,797	25,367
Total	$105,741,847	9,636,067	2,050,056

VALUE OF IMPORTS CONTINUED.

1851.	Withdrawn from Warehouse.	Entered for Warehouse.	Cash Duties Received.
January	1,024,246	1,611,847	3,511,610
February	899,438	1,240,329	2,658,835
March	1,068,437	1,181,925	3,124,811
April	1,144,068	1,238,313	2,547,582
May	858,519	1,148,428	2,504,640
June	717,633	1,043,345	2,305,185
July	1,167,644	1,922,725	3,558,400
August	1,252,245	1,358,089	3,234,764
September	1,669,364	864,916	2,609,832
October	1,662,436	1,204,994	1,958,516
November	1,377,100	938,056	1,488,740
December	1,117,723	1,027,115	1,576,294
Total	$13,960,793	13,880,022	31,079,209

VALUE OF EXPORTS.

1851.	Domestic Merchandise.	For. Mdse, Dutiable.	For. Mdse., Free.
January	3,152,744	412,395	51,584
February	2,585,786	295,567	66,930
March	3,976,198	316,494	29,121
April	4,561,770	320,981	50,904
May	4,402,062	361,015	113,371
June	3,778,289	265,290	56,435
July	3,188,057	284,577	2,311
August	3,259,594	334,549	22,974
September	2,563,986	316,047	134,271
October	2,702,382	358,292	166,626
November	2,451,511	397,597	62,368
December	2,512,403	361,423	21,918
Total	$49,162,775	4,014,062	712,813

The total value of imports during the year was $131,229,663, of which only $2,056,056 was in specie. It appears by this, that more than one half of the aggregate importation into the United States was entered at this port. Independent of the above, merchandize valued at $13,880,022 was entered at this port for warehousing. The exports, independent of specie, have been limited. The total value of merchandise exported during the year was $43,888,800, an amount but a trifle more than the shipment of specie in the same time.

The annexed table exhibits the quotations current in this market, on the 1st of each month of the present year—1851—for the principal speculative stocks:—

QUOTATIONS FOR STOCKS IN THE NEW YORK MARKET.

	Jan. 1.	Feb. 1.	Mch. 1.	Apl. 1.
U. S. Loan, 6 per cent, 1867	115½	115¼	115¾	116
Ohio 6 per cent, 1860	111	109½	108	107½
Kentucky 6 per cent	107	104½	—	—
Illinois Int. Imp. 1847	61	66¾	65	64
Indiana State Fives	81	84	85	84
Pennsylvania 5 per cent	95	96	94¼	—
Farmers' Loan and Trust Co.	62½	65¾	69	64¾
Bank of U. S. in Penn	1½	1⅜	1⅜	1¾
New York and New Haven RR.	118½	117	115	114¾
Hudson River RR.	85¼	85	83	80¼
New York and Erie RR.	89	85¼	84¾	81
Albany and Schenectady RR.	94¾	91	93	92¾
Utica and Schenectady RR.	145	123¼	125	126
Rochester and Syracuse RR.	115	112½	113¼	107
New York and Harlem RR.	69¾	65¾	70¾	68¼
Reading Railroad	74½	64½	63½	54¾
Do. Mortgage Bonds	85¾	80	80	79¼
Erie Railroad Bonds, 1st	107¼	110	109¼	108½
Do. " 2d	105	104	105	102½
Erie Income Bonds	98	98¼	94½	92½
Hudson River RR Bonds	104¾	104¼	105	103¾
Del. and Hudson Canal Co.	141	134½	134	127
Norwich and Worcester RR.	69	65	67¼	62¾
Morris Canal	22	22	21	19
Stonington Railroad	54	46	42¼	44
Long Island Railroad	13¼	23¾	25	23¼
Canton Company	57½	83	58	63½

	May 1.	June 1.	July 1.	Aug. 1.
U. S. Loan, 6 per cent, 1867	117	117½	117	115
Ohio 6 per cent, 1860	108¾	110	108¼	109
Kentucky 6 per cent	100¾	—	109¼	107¾
Illinois int. imp., 1847	63¾	63¾	65	66½
Indiana State Fives	84	—	85	84
Pennsylvania 5 per cent	92¼	93¼	91	91½
Farmers' Loan and Trust Co.	64¾	70	68	67¼
Bank of U. S. in Penn	1½	1¼	1¼	1¼
New York and New Haven RR.	117½	116	115	115
Hudson River RR.	82	80	76	76
New York and Erie RR.	90¼	88¾	83¼	78
Albany and Schenectady RR.	96¾	97	97	97
Utica and Schenectady RR.	125	126	129	131
Rochester and Syracuse RR.	109	113¾	114¾	117
New York and Harlem RR.	74¼	74	74	69½
Reading Railroad	56¼	56¼	56¾	55
Do. Mortgage Bonds	76	73¾	74	81
Erie Railroad Bonds, 1st	—	107¾	108¼	110
Do. " 2d	102	103	102¾	102
Erie Income Bonds	96	97¼	97	97¾
Hudson River RR Bonds	105	—	106¼	104
Del. and Hudson Canal Co.	128	121¾	118¾	118¼
Norwich and Worcester RR.	64¾	64	60¾	53¾
Morris Canal	18¼	16	16¼	15¾
Stonington Railroad	44	42¼	44½	41
Long Island Railroad	23¾	21¾	18¾	15¼
Canton Company	70¾	75½	72½	65¼

	Sept. 1.	Oct. 1.	Nov. 1.	Dec. 1.
U. S. Loan, 6 per cent, 1867	115	115	116¼	116
Ohio 6 per cent, 1860	110	109	107¾	110
Kentucky 6 per cent	105	105¼	104½	106¼
Illinois Int. Imp., 1847	62	61½	62	63
Indiana State Fives	79	78	83	85
Pennsylvania 5 per cent	90	91	91	92
Farmers' Loan and Trust Co.	65½	64¼	68	70
Bank of U. S. in Penn	1½	1¾	2	2¼
New York and New Haven RR.	107½	104	109	108¾
Hudson River RR.	70	70	73¾	69¼
New York and Erie RR.	73	72	84	88¼
Albany and Schenectady RR.	90	90	95	96
Utica and Schenectady RR.	127½	127¼	127	126
Rochester and Syracuse RR.	106¾	104¾	105¼	109¾
New York and Harlem RR.	68	63	68	67½
Reading Railroad	52¼	52	57¼	55¼
Do. Mortgage Bonds	75½	76	75	73
Erie Railroad Bonds, 1st	107¾	108¼	109	107¼
Do. " 2d	101¾	99¼	102	101¾
Erie Income Bonds	91¾	89	94¼	94
Hudson River RR Bonds	101¾	100¼	103½	104¼
Del. and Hudson Canal Co.	112¾	108	104½	104
Norwich and Worcester RR.	52¼	45	57½	55¼
Morris Canal	14½	13	14¾	14¼
Stonington Railroad	42¾	41½	50	51¾
Long Island Railroad	15	12¾	16	15¾
Canton Company	63	56	66	68

The above table of quotations for the leading stock securities in this market, at the beginning of each month of the past year, shows the fluctuations from time to time. This gives all the ups and downs of the market; and those who have a desire for operations in such uncertain things as fancy stocks, will derive considerable information from this comparative statement. Different causes have produced different effects in the stock market. It would be impossible to trace all the changes to any direct cause, for our experience has convinced us that things in Wall street frequently go by contraries. Fancy railroad stocks have, as usual, been subjected to the influences of cornering combinations, and the two great speculating parties have experienced their usual success. As a general thing, the bulls have made the most money, but it has been a pretty close contest. The advance in prices has been much greater than the previous decline; but holders have calculated their profits so far on paper, they have not realized. When they do, their profit and loss account may look very different to what they expected. During the present year government and sound State stocks have not been much upon the market. Railroad bonds have been created in immense quantities, and they have absorbed an enormous amount of floating capital. Railroad bonds and railroad stocks have occupied nearly the whole attention of speculators; and if another year should be as prolific in the production of this class of securities, there would soon after be one of those collapses which frequently come so suddenly upon the most reckless class of speculators.

The following list of dividends, &c., payable in Boston during the coming month, has been prepared for the papers of that city:—

DIVIDENDS PAYABLE IN BOSTON, JANUARY, 1852.

When Payable.	Stocks.	Capital.	Div.	Amount.
Dec 15—	Port'd, Saco & Port. RR	$1,200,000	3	$36,000 00
23—	Taunton Branch RR.	250,000	4	10,000 00
Jan. 1—	Western RR.	5,150,000	4	206,006 00
	Sinking fund for invest.	..	..	50,000 00
	Pittsfield & N. Adams RR.	450,000	3	13,500 00
	Albany Bds. West'n RR.	..	..	30,000 00
	Boston & Worcester RR.	4,500,000	3½	157,500 00
	Interest on Bonds	..	..	12,750 00
	Boston & Maine RR.	4,155,700	3½	145,449 50
	Boston & Lowell RR.	1,830,000	4	73,200 00
	Boston & Providence RR.	3,160,000	3	94,800 00
	Interest on Bonds	..	..	6,000 00
	Fitchburg RR.	3,540,000	3	106,200 00
	Michigan Central RR.	2,586,700	4	115,468 00
	Interest on Bonds	..	..	25,000 00
	Interest Cheshire Bonds	..	..	31,473 00
	" Old Colony do.	..	..	9,864 00
	" Dorch. & Milt'n	..	..	4,000 00
	Albany City Sixes, 1865.	..	..	4,200 00
	Vermont Central RR.	..	..	20,000 00
	Vermont & Mass. RR.	..	..	29,000 00
	Sullivan RR.	..	..	17,500 00
	Rutland and Burlington RR.	..	..	20,000 00
	Grand Junction RR.	..	..	10,500 00
	Boston City Scrip	..	..	50,006 00
	Norwich do., about	..	..	6,000 00
	United States Loan	..	..	200,000 00
	Mass. 5 per cent	..	..	12,500 00
	United States Hotel	230,000	2	4,600 00
	Franklin Insurance Co.	300,000	5	15,000 00
	Middlesex Manufacturing Co.	1,000,000	3	30,000 00
	Lowell do (2,900 shs.) $20 per sh.	..	..	58,000 00
	Mass. Hos. Life Ins. Co. div. on stock	..	..	40,000 00
	do. do. interest	..	..	150,000 00
Jan. 5—	Winnisimmet Co.	200,000	4	8,000 00
	Eastern RR, Mass.	2,850,000	4	114,000 00
	do. N. H.	492,500	4	19,700 00
9—	Fall River RR.	1,050,000	4½	47,250 00
10—	Boston Exchange Co.	325,000	3½	11,375 00
	Lancaster Mills (2,000) shs., $20 per sh.	..	..	40,000 00
12—	Sandwich Glass Co.	300,000	3	9,000 00
15—	Mass. 5's Western RR.	..	..	28,875 00
	Total			$2,074,704 50

There are other dividends to be made during the month, which we have not been able to ascertain, which would increase the amount somewhat.

Stock Exchange.

$300 U S 6's, '67	116⅝	50 shs Erie RR.	79
600 do	116¾	50 do	79⅛
3000 Erie Conv, '71	90¾	100 do b60	80
1000 U S 6's, '62	111⅝	200 Harlem RR.	67¾
10 shs Nor & Worc c	52	200 do	67⅝
50 do s3	52¼	100 do b10	67¾
100 do b30	52⅞	50 do b30	68
25 Hud Riv RR.	67⅝	200 do s24	April 68¼
50 do	67¼	300 Reading RR.	59⅜
45 do	67	200 do	59⅜
25 do	66¾	100 do b60	60
50 do s12	65	700 do b10	59¼
100 Long Island RR. b30	15¾	400 do c	59¼
150 do	15¾	400 do opg	59¼
25 Canton Co. s3	66¾	100 do b60	60
15 do	66¾	50 Morris Canal b30	18¾
200 do	66¾	100 do s3	13¾
50 do b15	66¾	460 Zinc Co	11
150 do b30	67	100 do b5	11
100 Erie RR. b30	79	100 do b60	11⅛
200 do c	78¾	250 do c	10⅞
50 do opg	78⅝	350 Sussex RR.	10
50 do	78¾	8 Stonington RR.	48
50 do	78¾		

SECOND BOARD.

$1000 Coupons, '68	129	50 shs Nor & Wor b30	54
258 shs Sussex	10⅜	25 do	53¾
25 Zinc Co	11¼	30 Harlem RR	67⅞
200 do b10	11¼	50 do	67¾
150 do	11¼	150 Canton Co	67
100 Long Isl'd RR b30	15¾	200 Reading RR opg	59¾
200 do	15¾	25 Erie RR. p3c	80
100 Nor & Wor nw	53	25 do opg	80
50 do	53		

ADVERTISEMENTS RENEWED EVERY DAY.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

MAYOR'S OFFICE—NEW YORK, DECEMBER 31, 1851.—A Card.—Mayor Kingsland will be happy to see his fellow citizens on New Year's Day, at the Mayor's Office, City Hall, between 11 and 1 o'clock.
ASHER TAYLOR, First Marshal.

MUSICAL.

THE CELEBRATED PROFESSOR IN SINGING, Signora Eliza Valentini gives all her lessons at ladies' residences. She will promptly attend on application made by letter at Hotel Pelerin, 9 Whitehall street. For sale at Vanderbeek's music store 479 Broadway, the brilliant and easy Adelina polka, composed and dedicated to her pupil Adelina Patti by Eliza Valentini.

CANARY BIRDS.—CHARLES ROSE, IMPORTER OF European singing birds, 16 North William street, calls attention to his most superior assortment of European singing birds, consisting in German and Belgian canary birds (long breeds) thrushes, skylarks, goldfinches, &c. Cages in the most elegant style at moderate prices. 16 North William street.

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WANTED—A SMART YOUNG WOMAN AS COOK, Washer and Ironer, and to do the general housework in a small family where there are no small children, for which liberal wages will be paid. None but those who understand their business thoroughly, and can come well recommended, need apply. Call at No. 296 West Twenty-eighth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues.

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