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I would call the attention of the public to the fact that the execution of Cook and Coppick did not take place until Friday afternoon at one o'clock. A special train started immediately afterwards. The distance from Charlestown to New York is 277 miles, so that it would take fifteen hours and twenty minutes by the quickest possible conveyance to reach New York, stoppages included.

I am prepared to prove that no artist reached New York before half past six o'clock last Saturday evening, yet one of my imitators had two long engravings finished and on the press at three o'clock the previous morning—only FIFTEEN HOURS AND A HALF before the actual sketches reached New York. Said pictures were published on Saturday evening, as genuine pictures, both of which I pronounce bogus illustrations.

Finding it impossible to compete with me in time, correctness and quality, these imitators have made their pictures up from those representing the execution of John Brown, published some two weeks since.

I publish this morning in
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The only genuine picture of the hanging of Cook and Coppick. Also the attempted escape of those prisoners from the Jail at Charlestown. I would call the attention of the public to the following facts connected with these pictures.

1. That the field and houses were covered with snow, which my picture represents and which my imitators do not. This fact alone proves that those of my imitators are bogus.

2. That my imitators represent the same military companies and costumes at the Cook and Coppick Executions which appeared at the John Brown Execution, while my picture represents those companies actually present; amongst which were a new company of Rangers, dressed in Red Shirts, with rifles slung on their backs, which took a prominent position in the scene. Also another company dressed in a new and peculiar style, consisting of a short Scotch plaid tunic, a cape on their shoulders and Continental boots. Both of which appear in my Engraving, and are not to be found on the BOGUS PICTURES as published by my imitators.

3. That Cook and Coppick were both hanged in cloaks, one shorter than the other, which is represented in my picture, and which will be found quite different in the bogus illustrations published by my imitators.

But the most important fact is yet to come. I publish in my paper to-day the attempted escape of Cook and Coppick from the prison, also a picture of the shackles which bound Cook and Coppick together and which they sled through.

I have put the same on exhibition at Ball, Black & Co.'s, corner Broadway and Park place, with the certificate of the officer who presented it to my special correspondent, where it can be seen in their window.

In conclusion, I would state that no establishment in this country can possibly possess the advantages and facilities which mine does. After presenting to the public for a series of years truthful pictures of the leading events of the times, I have gained a reputation of which my imitators are envious. No paper which I have published can give better evidence of my enterprise than the present one.

In it I have truthful pictures from Charlestown, illustrating the latest events up to Friday last, sixteen pictures from Portsmouth Prince, Hayti, of the conspirators who shot the President's daughter, from my correspondent there; the portrait of Mr. Helper, the author of the book entitled the "impending crisis" &c., which has made such a sensation in Congress; the portrait of Mr. Sherman, the probable Speaker of the House of Representatives, and numerous other pictures which can be found in no other paper, and I am sorry to state that many illustrations from my numerous correspondents have been left out for want of room.

I consider it my duty to caution the public against being imposed upon by bogus pictures which are sold to the unwary when I cannot print fast enough to supply the demand, and when there is any great excitement. No event of any importance occurs in any part of this continent, but I am certain to receive a sketch of it from one of my correspondents, and generally several from different witnesses of the event, while any new paper not having such facilities must necessarily give illustrations invented by their employés, as was the case of the grounding of the steamship North Star, a few weeks ago, of which I gave accurate pictures, representing the steamship ashore, the different tents erectedon the Island, &c &c., from sketches made by Mr. Agrew, one of the officers of the ship. The ship was situated a half mile from the shore, which was represented in my picture, while my imitators represented a mammoth ship within a few feet of the shore. Said picture was pronounced by Mr. Agrew, the above named officer, a mere bogus illustration.

I could go on adding to the list of bogus pictures published by my imitators, but I think I have shown conclusively that the illustrations of
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are the ONLY GENUINE PICTURES published in this country.

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