

Christmas.

The return of the day which has been celebrated by enlightened christendom for many centuries, as the day on which our Divine Saviour took upon himself the form of humanity to embark in his mission of mercy and love to a rebellious and fallen race, is near at hand. It is one of the oldest and most revered festival of the church founded by the meek and lowly Saviour, and watered on Mount Calvary with his crimson gore—his precious blood.

The most able Divines, Commentators and others, profoundly versed in Biblical literature, and the History of the Church, differ as to the precise day of the appearance of our blessed Lord on our terrestrial ball, but common consent the twenty-fifth day of December has been set apart by the followers of Him who embarked in a glorious and God-like enterprise to redeem a lost and ruined world, on which to present their holy offerings, to make their grateful acknowledgments to the giver of all good, and to implore future mercies at his hands.

Christmas, too, has ever been celebrated as a day of gladness and rejoicing. Many devout men object to "making merry" on this time-honored day, but our opinion is, that it is not sinful to rejoice and be glad. The learned and pious Dr. Mason thought that we should be "solemn but not sad, cheerful but not gay," but the sentiment of a Christian poet expresses our views,

"Religion never was designed
To make our pleasure less."

It is true they should be circumspect and legitimate pleasures, in no case conflicting with the code of ethics instituted by the "Star of Bethlehem," the victim of Calvary, our gloriously ascended Redeemer.

May the coming Festival be distinguished for the holy thanks-offering of those who are sincerely pious and may every heart be cheerful and even merry. To those who are rich in the treasures of this world, we would say, remember those upon whom fortune has frowned. Think of the poor and the destitute—the care-worn widow, the tender orphan, the sick and the afflicted, and give some substantial evidence of your gratitude to God and your sympathies for your race.

Our hearts desire is that all our readers and the dear children of our friends may enjoy a HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

The Poor.

Men of wealth, we have orphan asylums in our city, and the poor are among us. Neglect them not we beseech you. There are hundreds of our citizens upon whom fortune has smiled, who can without inconvenience make glad the Orphans heart, and the benevolent ladies who labor for their comforts and send to the poor widow an American bird—a turkey, for her Christmas dinner. Men of wealth—dear friends think of the poor and needy.

Apologetic.

"The course of true love never did run smooth," and the labor of a newspaper publisher are, in the beginning, anything but satisfactory. The machinery of a printing establishment, at the outset, will not run smooth. The conductor of the "Evening Star" has encountered difficulties and annoyances, such as those experienced in the business are familiar with. The obstacles in the way of the success of our publication are yielding to our industry and perseverance. Our patrons will understand this as our apology, for the late appearance of our little sheet. We are about consummating arrangements which will enable us to issue our paper on and after Monday next, regularly about 4 o'clock. Till then we ask the indulgence of our considerate and generous patrons.

The Star will not appear to-morrow evening, as all connected with it desire to unite in the observance of Christmas.

A bill has been reported in the Virginia legislature requiring the Commissioner of Revenue to enter a fine of \$10 in the tax bill of every person passing or receiving small notes in that State not authorized by law. Each person, when he hands in his tax list, is to answer, under oath, whether or not he has passed or received any such note. The object, it appears, is to allow any one the privilege of using small notes, by the payment of an annual tax of \$10.

The old year is on its last legs. Now is the time to turn over a new leaf and mend your manners and your morals. Shake off your bad habits, purge your heart of its evil, and be ready to commence the new year a regenerated being.

The estate of the late Fanny Wright is estimated, we learn, at \$150,000, to which her lovely daughter, an only child, becomes sole heir.

John L. Carey.

The death of this gentleman was, some days since, announced in a telegraphic dispatch. He departed this life at New Orleans, on the 14th inst. The "Crescent City" of the 15th inst., came to us clad in the habiliments of woe. It was our happiness to be slightly acquainted with the deceased. He was a native of Baltimore, and was a gentleman of rare intelligence, ripe scholarship, and of most amiable disposition. The "Crescent" pays a glowing tribute to the memory of Mr. Carey, from which we take the following extract:

"We make to-day a mournful record of death, John L. Carey, Esq., one of the editors of this paper, died suddenly, yesterday, at half-past twelve o'clock, at the St. Louis Hotel, in this city. His attack appeared to be a congestive chill. He was in this office at a late hour on Monday evening, wrote some letters, spoke slightly of being somewhat indisposed and left. Yesterday morning, he was walking about the premises of the St. Louis; and, though his bearing was somewhat strange and eccentric in the eyes of those who noted him, none could have suspected how awfully limited were the few, brief hours, during which he was yet to walk and breathe among his fellow men, and the warm and moving form of life then be naught but the cold and silent mystery of death. Yet, so, in the dispensation of Providence, it was to be. He fell suddenly from a chair in one of the public rooms, was borne to his chamber, and, in less than two hours, during all of which time he was insensible or writhing in convulsions, his soul had gone forth from its tenement of clay, and stood in the presence of its Maker and its Judge.

"Mr. Carey had but recently come to this city to connect himself with this journal. Previously he had been connected with the editorial departments of the Washington Republic and of the Baltimore American; and whilst engaged upon these papers won an enviable reputation for himself and added largely to their popularity and character."

T. F. Meagher.

The following eloquent apostrophe will serve as a specimen to give an idea of the power of language possessed by the famous Irish orator. It is taken from his lecture on Australia:

"Gold, which has caused many a brain to ache, has blistered many a hand, has broken many a noble heart, has wounded many a soaring soul, and clinging to it, has brought it to the dust; gold, which has brought the integrity of the statesman, and led his wisdom captive; gold, which has silenced the tongue of the orator, and bought the luscious flatteries of the poet; gold, for which in the gay saloons of fashion, many a fair and noble girl has plighted the vow which consigned her life to bitterness, and locked upon her radiant neck the snake which swells her veins with venom; gold, which has stolen into the councils of the struggling nation, has bred dissension among her chiefs, has broken the seal of her most sacred secrets, has forced the gates of her strongest citadels, has bought the evidence which hurried her apostles to the scaffold, has bought the evidence which made over her inheritance to others, and her glory to a strange people—gold, which has led the traitor to the garden, and with a kiss betrayed the Redeemer of the world; gold, which in so many shapes has stepped with a stealthy tread or rioted amongst men—which has been the fever, the madness, the despair—has been in turns and in quick succession, the spy, the swindler, the perjurer, the assassin, the foe of innocence, the blight of beauty, the bane of genius; gold has become a fountain of life, and joy, and freedom—the serpent has been transformed into a blossomed wand—Lucifer has become the morning star. To you, the citizens of America, it must be pleasing indeed to behold a new republic rising up to share with you the labors and the glories of a future, before which the conceit of the old world shall be humbled, and in the light of which humanity shall grow strong."

THE TRUE LIFE.—The mere laps of years is not life. To eat, and drink, and sleep; to be exposed to darkness and the light, to pace round in the mill of habit and turn the wheel of wealth, to make reason our book-keeper and turn thought into an implement of trade—this is not life. In all this, but a poor fraction of the consciousness of humanity is awakened; and the sanctities still slumber which make it most worth while to be. Knowledge, truth, love, beauty, goodness, faith alone can give vitality to the mechanism of existence; the laugh of mirth which vibrates through the heart, the tears that freshen the dry wastes within, the music that brings childhood back, the prayer that calls the future near, the doubt which makes us meditate, the death which startles us with mystery, the hardship that forces us to struggle, the anxiety that ends in trust—are true nourishment of our natural being.

THE PRESIDENT ELECT.—Gen. Pierce visited the public schools of Boston on Saturday. He addressed the scholars and his remarks were calculated to make a lasting impression. The success and honor, he remarked, in his address to the boys, of an American citizen depends much on his own exertion. Every boy before me, whether of an American or foreign origin, is here fitted to become an American citizen, and so let him improve his opportunities that he may become a blessing and an honor in support of his country. He concluded with an earnest appeal to the boys to be industrious in the improvement of their present advantages.

STAND ASIDE.—At a recent political meeting at the West, a young and ambitious son of Demosthenes mounted the stump, and throwing off his coat, proceeded to speak as follows:

"Mr. Speaker—When I open my eyes and look over this vast expanse of country; when I see how the years of freedom have caused it to rise in the scale of civilization, and expand on either side; when I see it growing, swelling, roaring like a spring freshet; I cannot resist the idea, sir, that the day will come when this great nation, like a young school boy, will burst its straps, and become entirely too big for its boots. Sir, we want elbow room, the continent, the entire continent, and nothing but the continent, and we will have it. Then shall Uncle Sam, placing his hat upon the Canadas, rest his right arm upon the Oregon coast, his left upon the Eastern seaboard, whittle away the British power, while reposing his leg like a freeman upon Cape Horn. Sir, the day will come—the day must come."

THE CURFEW BELL.—The old curfew bell at Sandwich, which has been rung daily since the time of William the Conqueror, is to be discontinued.

The above is from a recent English paper. If the statement is correct, the bell at Sandwich has been rung seven hundred and eighty-four years. The curfew bell was a Norman institution, introduced in England in the reign of William I, A. D. 1058. On the ringing of the curfew at eight o'clock in the evening, all fires and candles were to be extinguished, under a severe penalty. This practice was abolished by Henry I, in A. D. 1100.—Boston Bee.

An English barber claims to have invented a new touch in the hair restorative art. Not any of your lotions, etc., but a real true-blue mechanical operation. It consists of a machine containing combs and brushes, so arranged and constructed as to produce a galvanic current when used. The teeth of the combs are made of copper and zinc, alternately, and continued back to a chamber in the hind part of the comb, in which is placed a flannel saturated with salt water as an excitant. The object of the invention is to excite an electric current when the combs or brushes are used. The brushes are made of fine copper and zinc in place of bristles.

Mrs. Sinclair, the late Mrs. Forrest, with Mr. G. Vandenhoff, is playing in Charleston, South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams are in New Orleans.

It is computed that two hundred and fifty thousand tourists visited Ireland last summer.

GRAND HOLIDAY BALL

By the Arlington Club.

THE Arlington Club announce to their friends and citizens that their Grand Holiday Ball will take place at Iron Hall, on Monday, December 27th, 1852. The Committee pledge themselves that neither expense or time will be spared to make this ball one of the most brilliant of the season.

Tickets \$1.00, admitting a gentleman and ladies, to be had of any of the committee, and at the door on the evening of the ball.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

WM. L. JONES, JOHN HUGH,
E. F. ALEXANDER, R. G. ECKLOFF,
C. SHERWOOD, C. W. CUNNINGHAM.

N. B.—Members will appear with their badge.
dec 27—2t

NEW AND SPLENDID GOODS.
WRITING Desks, Ladies Work Boxes
Gentlemen's Shaving Cases
Eight-day Clocks, a superior article
Porte Monies, Bird Cages, &c. received and for sale low at the 7th street Fancy Store, 2d below E.
dec 23—3t

SOMETHING NEW.

JUST RECEIVED—
One case of Madame Sontag Button Gaiters for Ladies
Also, Ladies' Half Gaiters
And for sale by HARRIS & GRIFFIN,
Penn. avenue, bet. 9th and 10th streets,
next door to W. Harper & Co.
dec 16

FOUR-AND-A-HALF STREET MILLINERY,
FANCY, AND TRIMMING STORE.

MRS. CHOATE IS EVER READY TO WAIT upon the Ladies of Washington and vicinity. Her BONNETS are equal to any in this city. The Ladies would do well to call.
dec 16

M. T. PARKER,
House and Sign Painter and Glazier,
RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public generally, that he is prepared to execute work in his profession as punctually and at as reasonable rates as it can be done in Washington. Orders left at his room on Louisiana avenue, between 6th and 7th sts., or at his residence on C street, rear of his room, will receive prompt attention.
dec 14

HASTINGS' COMPOUND SYRUP OF NAPHTHA—A positive cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma and all diseases of the chest and lungs. A single bottle will prove its efficacy. Prepared by Dr. G. Hastings, London. Price \$1 per bottle. Sold by S. R. SYLVESTER, Chemist and Druggist, cor. 6th and H sts.
dec 16—2t

Merry Christmas.

The observance of the anniversary of the Saviour's nativity is the oldest festival of the Christian Church—more ancient than Easter. We read of it during the reign of the Emperor Commodus in the second century; and even earlier in the times of Constantine and Dioclesian, the latter of whom has left a terrible record of persecution by the burning alive a whole congregation, gathered together for worship, and fastened within their church, which was then fired. The Decretal Epistles carry it back to a date remoter still. In those primitive times it was strictly a religious festival, but in the course of centuries it became, according to country and the customs of each age, a season of social hilarity and conviviality. In later years we are happy to believe it is resuming something of its original solemnity and impressiveness, or at least, that "wine and was-sail" no longer make it a season of wantonness and depravity.

The "merriness" of Christmas is retained in the traditional sports, which in Germany and England are peculiar to the day, and kept up with scrupulous fidelity, and which are also revived occasionally in many parts of our own country. To be sure, the "holly bough," the "misseltote," and the "yule-log," with their jocund games and associations are legendary in this region, yet the "Christmas tree"—an evergreen in our memory—still gladdens many a home, while the fireside is enlivened with Christmas tales, gifts, and re-unions, and Christmas cheer is essential to the commemoration of the fete.

The world has grown nearly a year older, since we last wished our readers a merry Christmas; and we trust it has been warmed by the sunshine of happiness to one and all. We do not mean uninterrupted sunshine—that is not happiness, but the radiance of joy and hope that has ever burst through the dark and threatening clouds of care and sorrow, that have beset our pathway.

Just now that our country is prosperous, powerful and at peace with all the world, we have cause to rejoice as a christian people; while plenty, the unexampled blessings that surround us, and exemption from pestilence and scourge, shed around us every element of happiness to the individual. We would therefore encourage all to dismiss the cares of the hour, and on Christmas day cordially to indulge the social sentiments and affections, to exchange friendly congratulations, to forgive and forget what has gone amiss, and around the family hearthstone, to renew and strengthen the ties of kindred and sympathy, which, after all the weary care, and toil, and vain desires that torture and preplex us poor mortals, make up most of our sum of happiness here, and aid in preparing us for what is to come hereafter. There is one duty that all should remember, because it is incumbent on all as an opportune duty—charity! To comfort, help, and spare from our abundance to those, to whom present comforts are denied—the sick—the aged—the poor and needy. So shall our hearts be lighter with the sweet and secret satisfaction of doing good unto others; and so shall our enjoyments be two-fold, and a pledge given for a future store of happiness.
[Fred. Exam.]

Cabinet-Making is said to be very much more lively among politicians than among mechanics—though the products of the latter are far more useful.

Whiskerets is the name of the "little John beau-catchers" that the ladies wear on their cheeks in the place

"Where the whiskers ought to grow."
They are formed by drawing down a tuft of hair from the temple, and curling it upon the shape of a ram's horn, or pig's tail, with an extra kink in it.

The new fashioned bonnets are pronounced to be a barefaced invention.

Some of the farmers of New Jersey use a new churn, on the clock principle, being driven by a weight, easily wound up and regulated.

A Daguerrotypist took the portrait of a lady in such an admirable manner, that her husband preferred it to the original.

JOHN, how's your ma? Oh, she's fat and strong. How's your ma? Feeble enough; I've got so that I can lick her now, and have everything my own way. You don't see me going errants, and doing chores about home as I used to.

An honest old lady, when told of her husband's death exclaimed: Well I do declare, our troubles never come alone! It ain't a week since I lost my best hen, and now Mr. Hooper has gone too, poor man!

"Your House is on Fire!" bawled a stranger, rushing into the parlor of a sober citizen. "Well, sir," was the calm, slow rejoinder, "to what cause am I indebted for the extraordinary interest you seem to take in the affairs of my house?"

Punch says that the heirs of Robinson Crusoe have instituted a suit for the recovery of Juan Fernandez, on the ground that their great ancestor was monarch of all he surveyed.

WINES, BRANDIES, CIGARS, GROCERIES,
PICKLES, SAUCES, CATSUPS, &c.
JNO. B. KIBBEY & CO.,

No. 5, opposite Centre Market.
IMPORTERS AND DEALERS in the above goods, of variety for to families, clubs, and the trade an unsurpassed variety of—
WINE—Madeira, Claret, Champagnes, Ports, Sherries, Hocks, &c. on draught, in demijohns and bottles.
LIQUORS—Brandy, Rum, Whiskey, Gin, &c.
LIQUORS—Curacao, Maraschino, Anisetti, Noyeau, Bitters, &c.
MALT LIQUORS—London Brown Stout, Scotch and English Ales.
CIGARS—A variety of brands.
PICKLES—Best quality of English and French.
SAUCES—For Fish, Currie, Game, Meats, &c.
TEAS—Breakfast Teas, Souchong, Pouchong, Pekoe, and boxes.
Oolong, Hyson, Young Hyson, &c. in chests, ½ chest, and boxes.
SUGARS—Brown, Loaf, Crushed, Pulverized, Grated, &c.
COFFEE—Mocha, Java, Maracabo, Rio, &c.
CHEESE—Stilton, Cheddar, Sapsago, Parmesan, Dutch, and American.
HAMS—Best American and Westphalia.
LEA & PERRIN'S WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE.
dec 16—12t

OPERA BOOTS, CONGRESS GAITERS, &c.

JUST RECEIVED from the manufactory of W. Whitney, Newark, New Jersey, (formerly of this city,)
1 case of Opera Boots
1 case Congress Gaiters
1 case Union Shoes, a new article; and
One case Oxford Shoes
Also, 1 case of boys Congress Gaiters and Union shoes
For sale by JOHN MILLS,
dec 22 Fashionable Boot Maker, Brown's Hotel.

ELEGANT FURNITURE AND HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS.

THE SUBSCRIBER has constantly on hand at his Furnishing Ware Rooms a large and well selected assortment of Furniture, China, Glassware, &c., comprising—
Rosewood, Walnut, and Mahogany Sofas
Arm Chairs, and Parlor Chairs finished in Brocattelle, Plush, and Hair Cloth
Elegant Rosewood, Walnut, and Mahogany full-Slab Dressing Bureaus, Wardrobes, Wash-Stands, Bedsteads, Feather Beds, Hair and Sluck Mattresses, &c.
Gold Band Dinner and Dessert Sets, richly decorated
French China Teaware, Flower Vases, Coffee Cups
Silver Plated Castors, Spoons, Ladles, Forks, &c.
In short, his stock embraces ALL that is useful or ornamental in the HOUSE-FURNISHING line, and at prices that cannot fail to please.
A liberal credit will be extended far good notes or references.
dec 16— JAMES C. MCGUIRE.

ALL TASTES SUITED.

THE SUBSCRIBER would respectfully call the attention of members of Congress, strangers visiting the city, and the public generally, to his large assortment of BOOTS AND SHOES on hand of his own manufacture, also from the most celebrated boot-makers of New York, Newark, Philadelphia and Baltimore, consisting of quilted bottom, cork sole, and double-sole Boots for winter wear; also Opera and Dress Boots, Buttoned Gaiters, patent Congress Boots, detached gaiters, Glaze Shoes, French Walking Shoes, Paris Pumps, Toilet Slippers, Calfskin and Gum Shoes; also youths and servant's Boots and Shoes, and Slippers of every description.
To my old customers I would say, that I am fully prepared to make work of every kind to order at the shortest notice of the very best material and by the best workmen in a style which cannot be surpassed by any similar establishment in this or any other city in the Union. All measured work warranted to fit. Please call and examine for yourselves at the Fashionable Boot and Shoe Store, Brown's Marble Hotel.
JOHN MILLS,
Fashionable Boot Maker.
dec 16

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, Strangers,

and others will please notice that the subscribers have removed to their new store, (sign of the Golden Eagle,) three doors west of the one they formerly occupied, and have opened an assortment of superior Gold Watches, Diamond, and other rich Jewelry, Silver Ware, &c., which, for fineness of quality, style, and cheapness, is not surpassed in this country.
Watches, Chronometers, &c. repaired with the utmost care.
M. W. GALT & BRO.
Sign of the Golden Eagle, Penn. ave.
between 9th and 10th sts.
dec 16

JUST RECEIVED—

25 half-chests fine family tea
80 boxes raisins
1 bale almonds
1 do walnuts
2 boxes W. rock candy
4 cases ginger
2 fresh dates
4 bags ground nuts
100 boxes sardines
25 kegs family butter
1 barrel pickles
3 boxes do
25 boxes sealed herring
125 sugar-cured hams
50 bags buckwheat flour
20 dozen brooms
5 do whisks
2 do Manila mats
10 do flour buckets
5 do washboards
4 do buckets
20 barrels crushed sugar
20 boxes starch
dec 16—3t WILLIAM ORME.

MACKEREL, SALMON, CODFISH,
White Fish, &c.

50 bbls. small No. 3 Mackerel
10 bbls. No. 1 Mackerel
10 ½ bbls. No. 1 do
20 kits No. 1 Mackerel, expressly for family use
1 do fine family Salmon
2,500 lbs. Grand Bank Codfish
50 boxes No. 1 Scaled Herrings
8 ½ bbls. White Fish
8 ½ bbls. do
25 bbls. Connecticut Herrings
Just received and for sale by
dec 16 SAMUEL BACON & CO.

USEFUL AND VARIOUS.

WE have this day received the following, to which we call the attention of our friends, our customers, and the public generally:
10 pieces Table Damask, all grades
50 dozen Table Napkins, all prices
125 do Towels, from 12½ cents up
75 pieces all widths Sheetings, very cheap
50 do pillow-case Cottons, all grades
500 do Bleached Cottons, all prices and makes
500 do fancy Prints, all grades
20 do black Alpaca, to sell at twelve cents
20 do black Prints, to sell at 6½
75 do heavy full-d. Cloths, for servants
75 do plaid country Linseys
250 do Mousselines de Laine 12½ cents
300 do Mousselines de Laine, 16½ and 25 cents
100 do Penty plaid Cottons
100 do heavy Osnaburgs
100 Linen Table-cloths, bleached and brown
25 pieces Huckaback, for towelling, &c.
50 do best Russia Diapers.
With a full, general, and complete assortment of all kinds of Dry Goods.
YERBY & MILLER,
Corner of 7th street and Penn. avenue,
dec 16 Miss Dermott's new building.

SUPERIOR WHITE FLANNELS, such as Welch Scotch, Saxony, Persian and 10 4 wide something entirely new and superior for ladies' skirts, with a large stock of low priced white and colored; also the various shades of Sack Flannel, at the new Dry Goods Store of
MAXWELL, SEAFS & COLLEY,
Penn. av., between 9th and 10th sts.
dec 16

CITIZENS AND STRANGERS in want of superior READY MADE CLOTHING are invited to call at NOAH WALKER & CO'S. Branch Store, Brown's Buildings, where can be had everything pertaining to a well-assorted stock of Fine Ready Made Clothing, gotten up expressly for this store in the best manner, and which can be sold lower than any other stock in this city. Great attention has been paid to the styles and finish of this clothing. Call and examine and be convinced of their superiority, at Marble Hall Clothing Emporium, Brown's Marble Building, Pennsylvania avenue.
P. S.—All kinds of Furnishing Goods.
dec 16

BERMUDA ARROW ROOT—A very superior article, just received.
W. T. EVANS.