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LOOK HERE!!!

MORE BOUNTY LAND TO ALL who served in any war since 1790, whether as Officers, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Clerks, Indians, Chaplains, Wagons Masters, Teamsters, &c., (or their widows or minor children) who have not received full 160 acres, and have been in service 14 days, will do well to write to us, postpaid, and their copy of warrants will be forwarded to them for the above quantity, and no charge if they do not get it. LLOYD & CO., Claim Agents' Office, opposite U. S. Treasury, Washington City, D. C. mar 6—3m

SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.

CHARLES WERNER, Pennsylvania avenue, opposite Hotel, HAS fitted up the commodious hall over his Restaurant as a first class LAGER BEER SALOON, having procured a supply of every luxury and comforts found in first class establishments of the kind in the Northern cities. His RHINE WINES and Lager Beer Wines, as well as his Claret, Serrars, French White, German, Italian, and Sweitzer CHEESES, and indeed of every other article of luxury in such an establishment, is unsurpassed in this country. He solicits a call from his friends and the public. may 12—1f

DENTISTRY.

R. B. DONALDSON, Dentist, late of the firm of Hunt & Donaldson, continues to manufacture and insert those beautiful porcelain teeth, with or without gums, for specimens of which (made and deposited by the late firm) was awarded the first premium at the Mechanics' Institute Fair, recently held in this city. These teeth are carved and shaded to suit each particular case, and their resemblance to the natural organs is so perfect as to deceive the most practiced eye. Particular attention also paid to filling and preserving the natural teeth. Charges moderate and all operations warranted. Office southwest corner Seventh and D sts.—entrance on D. mar 21—6m

LAW PARTNERSHIP.

ROBERT J. WALKER and LOUIS JANIN have formed a co-partnership under the firm of "Walker & Janin," for the management and argument of cases in the Supreme Court of the United States, and before the Court of Claims at Washington City. Address Washington, D. C. may 10—603m

S. P. HOOVER'S

IRON HALL, BOOT, SHOE, AND TRUNK ESTABLISHMENT. JUST received a large assortment of Boots, Shoes and Trunks, the most extensive stock in this city, from which to make selection. Ladies Slippers, 50 to 75 cents. Do. Gaiters, 75 to \$1.25. Gent's Fine Leather and Calf Pumps. Do. Walking Shoes. Boys', Misses' and Children's Shoes in every variety and style, which I will sell at the lowest prices. S. P. HOOVER, Iron Hall Boot, Shoe and Trunk Establishment, Pa. avenue, betw. 9th and 10th streets. may 19—3k4w6f

DO YOU WANT FIRST RATE ICE CREAM?

At once to ARNY, Bridge street, Georgetown, was awarded a MEDAL by the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, for ICE CREAMS, WATERS, ICES, and CAKES. may 25—cotf

PLEASURE TRIPS

TO THE WHITE HOUSE PAVILION. The Steamers GEO. WASHINGTON and THE COLLIER can be chartered for public or private parties to visit the White House Pavilion, Mount Vernon, Fort Washington, or other places on the river. The White House Pavilion is now open for visit. It is a beautiful place for pleasure trips; it has a fine Ball and Dining room, also, a new Ten Pin Alley. For particulars apply to the President of the Company, or the Captains of the Boats. MR. WILLIAMS offers his refreshments on the boats, and is prepared to furnish parties on the best terms. ap 26—2m

GREAT BARGAINS

IN LADIES' GENTS', MISSES', AND CHILDREN'S BOOTS AND SHOES.—The subscriber being compelled to remove from the store he now occupies, offers his present well-assorted stock of BOOTS AND SHOES at greatly reduced prices. All persons in want of the article will find it to their advantage to call before purchasing elsewhere. A. H. SLOAN, No. 304 Pa. av., near 10th st., north side. may 1—4f

REESE'S EAGLE PLUMBING AND GAS-FITTING DEPOT.

THE subscriber respectfully announces to his friends and the public in general that he has received the best lot of the celebrated DODGE'S PUMP, which he offers for sale at the late Fair of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, and is now prepared to furnish all who may favor with a call. His stock of FIFTEENS are unsurpassed in the District. With his corps of competent workmen he prides himself to fill any orders in the PLUMBING AND GAS-FITTING line with promptness and despatch. All work done warranted, and give complete satisfaction. JOHN REESE, cor. Sixth and Pa. avenue. may 3—

NEW AND OLD PIANOS.

WE have now in store the largest assortment of PIANOS ever offered. From the celebrated Chickering & Co.'s celebrated manufacturers. Also, a new Piano, and sell upon very easy terms we offer at the low price of \$300 cash; a second-hand piano for rent at a bargain. Old Pianos taken in exchange for new. Always on hand, Stools, Covers, Violins, Guitars, Flutes, Accordions, Music, &c. G. C. F. ELLIS, 306 Pennsylvania avenue, bet. 9th and 10th streets. may 10

KISS ME IF YOU DARE.—A new 10th street, suitable for beginners, composed and dedicated to Miss —, of Georgetown, by Prof. W. Hunter. Published and for sale by HILBES & HITSZ Music Depot, Corner Pa. av. and 11th st. may 2—

Auction Sales

VERY DESIRABLE BUILDING LOT at Auction.—On TUESDAY afternoon, June 12th, at 6 o'clock, on the premises, the subscriber will sell, by virtue of a deed of trust from Basil Lancaster, dated September 22d, 1848, and duly recorded in Liber J. A. S., No. 1, folios 380, &c., one of the land parcels for Washington county, all that piece or parcel of ground and premises designated upon the ground plan of said city, as Lot No. 36, in Square 197, having a front of 49 feet nine inches on 15th st. west, between North L and M streets, running back 137 feet to a 50 foot alley, with a 15 feet alley running the full depth of the lot on the side. This lot is situated in a rapidly improving part of the First Ward, and is very desirably located. Terms: \$450 in cash, the residue in 6 and 12 months, with interest, secured by a deed of trust on the premises. All convenancing at cost of purchaser. JAS. H. COLLINS, Trustee. JAS. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer. may 11—3k4w6f

By JAS. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.

CHANCERY SALE OF VALUABLE AND ELEGANTLY SITUATED IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED REAL ESTATE, consisting of Dwelling Houses and Lots, vacant Lots, and Wharf.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia for Washington county, made in the cause wherein John A. Fraser is complainant, and John Walker, Ellen S. Fraser, and others, heirs at law of Simon Fraser, deceased, are defendants, No. 869, in Chancery, the subscribers, trustees appointed by said decree, will sell at public auction all those pieces or parcels of ground and premises designated as being Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, in the subdivision made by said trustees of Square No. 419, fronting 40 feet on F street, and variously from 18 feet 1 inch, to 30 feet 8 inches on 8th and 9th streets west, and E and F streets south, by various depths to an alley, with the improvements and appurtenances, which consist of an commodious and well arranged dwelling house on each of Lots Nos. 18 and 16, in said subdivision, No. 4, in Square No. 388, fronting 35 feet on F street, and between 9th and 10th sts. west, by 135 feet deep, with the improvements and appurtenances, which consist of a 2 1/2 story Frame Dwelling House; part of Lot No. 3, in Square No. 720, fronting 40 feet on Pennsylvania avenue, running back to "A" street south, with a width on said "A" street of 43 feet 7 inches; and part of Square No. 473, fronting 44 feet on Water street, at the termination of 7th street west, with the valuable Wharf thereto attached and belonging, extending to the channel of the Potomac river, and now occupied by George Page and used as a steambark wharf. The sale of the several lots in the subdivision of Square No. 419, with the improvements and appurtenances, will take place on Thursday, the 24th day of May, 1855, at 5 o'clock p. m., on the premises. The sale of Lot No. 4, in Square No. 388, with the improvements and appurtenances, will take place on said Thursday, the 24th day of May, 1855, at 5 o'clock p. m., on the premises. The sale of part of Lot No. 3, in Square No. 720, will take place on Friday, the 25th day of May, at 5 o'clock p. m., on the premises. And the sale of part of Square No. 473, with the valuable Wharf thereto attached and belonging, will take place on Tuesday, the 29th day of May, 1855, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the premises. The above property is all situated in desirable locations, rapidly enhancing in value, and offers to capitalists and others a most favorable opportunity for investment and procuring a desirable residence. The terms of sale as prescribed by said decree, will be one fourth of the purchase money in cash, and the balance in six, twelve, eighteen, and twenty-four months, to be secured by the purchaser's bonds, bearing interest from the day of sale, with security, to be approved by the Trustees. Upon the full payment of the purchase money and interest, and the ratification of the sale or sales by the parties to the contract, the property to the respective purchasers in fee. If the terms of sale are not complied with in six days after the sale, the property the terms of the sale of which are not so complied with will be resold at the risk and expense of the purchasers upon one week's notice. All convenancing at the expense of the purchasers. CHAS. S. WALLACH, Trustee. EDWARD SWANN, Trustee. JAS. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer. may 2—6k4w6f

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PURE SILVERWARE—A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT.

M. W. GALT & BRO. call attention to their unusually large assortment of Silverware, consisting of: Solid Silver Tea Sets, complete. Silver Pitchers and Silver Castors. Silver Cups and Saucers, Goblets. Silver Fish Carvers and Forks. Crumb Scrapers. Cake Knives, Fruit Showers, Sugar Strainers. Jelly Spoons, Cheese Scoops. Pickle Knives and Forks. Vegetable Forks. Fruit Knives, Ice Tongs, Dessert Knives. Soup, Cream and Gravy Ladles. Silver Tea and Dessert Spoons, Tea Strainers. Napkin Rings, Butter Knives, Tea Strainers. Tea, Table, and Dessert Spoons and Forks of every variety. Breakfast and dinner Coffee Spoons, &c. Also, a very large assortment of Fancy Silverware, suitable for wedding, birth day, and other presents. The above is all of our own manufacture and is warranted to be pure. M. W. GALT & BRO., 324 Pa. av., betw. 9th and 10th sts. mar 31—1f

FOR SALE.—A Pair of BAY MARES, 7 years old, next spring, well-bred, sound, stylish, gentle, spirited and capital gait. They are well-broken and perfectly free from tricks, and will perfectly suit any gentleman who is fond of driving. The owner proposes to sell only because his purpose is to retrench his expenses. They can be seen at Southon's (late Birch's) Stable, on 14th street, south of Pa. avenue. For terms, or an opportunity to try them, enquire at the counter of the Star office. They will be sold a bargain. ap 3—1f

HAIR WORK.

ORNAMENTS of Hair, such as Bracelets, Chains, Chains, Breastpins, Earrings, Finger Rings, made to order, of any desired design. All orders faithfully attended to. Specimens may be seen at my store. H. SEMKEN, No. 330 Pa. av., between 9th and 10th sts. mar 30

ICE CREAM.

At the old stand, corner of F and 9th street, can be had the best quality of ICE CREAM, WATERS, ICES and CONFECTIONERY of all kinds. Orders promptly attended to. I have opened my Saloon for the season, and nothing but the best quality will be kept. All wishing a good article would do well to call. may 24—12h THOS. BOKARDT.

PERSONS WITH DEFECTIVE VISION.

vision are invited to examine my extensive stock of all kinds of SPECTACLES and EYE-GLASSES. Glasses of any kind, such as Cataract, Parabola, Periscope, Double Convex, Double Concave, and Colored Glasses, put in at short notice, with great care, and persons in want of glasses may see to get those which benefit the eye. Circular "Defective Vision," gratis at H. SEMKEN'S, 330 Pa. avenue, betw. 9th and 10th sts. mar 30

M. WILLIAM.

LADIES' DRESS AND TRIMMING STORE, Pa. avenue, between 7th and 8th streets. M. WILLIAM would respectfully announce to the Ladies of Washington, that he has just received from the Northern cities a complete stock of GOODS, among which may be found: New style French Dress Trimmings. Fine French Flowers and Ribbons. A large lot of Bonnets, in silk, crape, and straw, of the latest patterns. And an excellent assortment of handsome Embroideries of all kinds. Dresses made in the latest Paris fashions at reasonable rates. Making and Fitting and Kid Gloves cleaned. Ladies Mantillas, ready made, and made to order. may 31—601m

HOUSE-KEEPING HARDWARE.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform the public that he has opened a store at 490 Seventh and D streets, where he has a general assortment of House-keeping Hardware, Cutlery, Silver Plated Britannia, Japaned and plain Tin Ware, Wood, Willow and Cedar Ware, Clocks, Bird Cages, Feather Dusters, Brushes, Broom, Baskets, Mats. Also, fine Pocket Cutlery, Razors, Scissors, Combs, &c. His goods are entirely new, and were selected from the latest and most approved styles. They were bought for cash, and will be sold at the lowest possible prices. Persons wishing to purchase are invited to examine his stock and prices, as he is confident he can offer them greater inducements than they will meet with elsewhere in the city. may 23—1f GEO. FRANCIS.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned can accommodate parties with COACHES for pleasure trips. Also, to make trips to boats arriving from the season in the supply of Pettibone's, the Portmains, Powders, playing and visiting Cards, fine Portmains, Cigar Cases, Card Cases, Baskets, Cane Cases, &c., all of which we are selling out at low prices to suit the times at the Piano, Music, Stationery, Perfumery, and Fancy Goods Store of JOHN F. ELLIS, 306 Pa. avenue, bet. 9th and 10th sts. may 23—1f

ICE-ICE-ICE!

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THE UNDERMINE!

The Stone Quarry formerly occupied by Major Wm B. Scott, and are prepared to furnish STONE at the usual market prices. HUMPHREYS & WILLIAMS, Georgetown, May 15—1m

Amusements.

GRAND PICNIC OF THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES FIRE CO.

THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES FIRE COMPANY, respectfully make known to their friends and the general public that they will give their first PICNIC, on THURSDAY, June 7th, 1855, to the WHITE HOUSE. The Company will spare no pains or expense to insure satisfaction. The refreshments will be served by an experienced caterer, Mr. A. Columbus. Visiting Companies will appear in uniform. The boat will leave Georgetown at 1 o'clock; Washington at 2; Navy Yard at 2 1/2; and Alexandria at 3. Tickets ONE DOLLAR—admitting a gentleman and ladies—to be had of any of the Committee of Arrangements. Committee: E G Evans, H Knight, S Culverwell, S P Robertson, H Keenan, W Warren, J T Hallett, C Matlock, A Columbus, J H Goddard, T Dawson, J Stafford, Ml Birkhead, L Newmyer, J King, S Taylor. may 13—601m

GRAND MOONLIGHT EXCURSION AND PICNIC OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, AT THE WHITE HOUSE PAVILION, ON MONDAY, June 11th 1855.

The Company take great pleasure in announcing to their numerous friends and the public that they have chartered the Steamer George Washington, to give a Grand Excursion and Picnic on MONDAY, the 11th June, 1855. The Company pledge themselves that no pains or expense will be spared on their part to give satisfaction to those who may honor them with their company. The very best brass and cotillon music has been engaged for the occasion. Refreshments and Supper will be furnished by an experienced Caterer. Omnibuses will be at the Wharf on the arrival of the boat to convey passengers to the Navy Yard; and other parts of the city 1 1/2 cents. Tickets ONE DOLLAR, admitting a gentleman and ladies; to be had of any of the Company, and at the Wharf on the day of the excursion. The Boat will leave Georgetown at 1; Washington at 2; Navy Yard at 2 1/2; and Alexandria at 3 o'clock. Committee of Arrangements: Lt. Pamphrey, Sgt Johnson, Sgt Tucker, James J. Anderson. Jun 1—4k6p6f

\$50 REWARD.

SERVANT girl Sarah left the Marshall House, in Alexandria, Va., on Monday, the 11th instant, and has not since been heard of. I will pay the above reward if taken up in the State and lodged in jail so that I can get her again. She is of a cheerful and about five feet high, stout build, and has a pleasant countenance when spoken to, and is about 20 years of age. I purchased her in Charlotte, Va., in October last. F. RICHARDS. may 24—cotf

ICE CREAM AND SODA WATER.

OLDS' of all flavors, such as Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Pine Apple and Orange. Also, German Creams, Water Ice, Blanche Meringe, Charlots, Jellies, &c. The Soda is of the best in the city, on the old principle of manufacture with Pure Fruit Syrups without the usual drug mixtures. CAKES and CONFECTIONERY of all kinds sent to any part of the city. Creams 25 per gallon—62 1/2 cents per qt. N. B.—Ladies Saloon up stairs, on the west. Parties supplied. J. G. WEAVER, Pa. av., No. 327 opp. Browns' Hotel. may 24—2w

MOUNT VERNON HOTEL, Cape May, New Jersey.

THE above House has been completely finished and furnished, and will comfortably accommodate 1200 guests. The house is situated within the city, standing by itself on probably the best beach for bathing in the world. The house is upward of 800 feet in length, the dining room is 420 feet long, and the COURT VERNON HOTEL affords the coolest and most delightful retreat in the world. Families of six persons and upwards can be accommodated with private tables, having their meals furnished at any hour agreeable to them. An ordinary bill will be paid on regular hours for those who are not in parties, and who may prefer a Table d'Hotel. A large number of private Dining Rooms have this season been added, for parties desiring to be strictly private. An Artesian Well has been bored nearly 100 feet in depth, and furnishes pure soft water throughout the house. Large and commodious stabling have been added. The Hotel has every modern improvement, and indeed, every thing has been ordered to give comfort and pleasure to the guests. A full Band of Music will be in attendance during the whole season. Letters addressed to the proprietors, directed to Cape Island, Cape May, N. J., will be promptly answered. SAMUEL B. WOOLMAN & CO., Proprietors. may 25—3w

STEAMBOATS CONNECTING

With each train of Cars arriving in Washington or Alexandria.—The Steamers THOMAS GOLLIER and GEORGE WASHINGTON, will make the above connections, leaving Washington at 6 a. m., for Orange and Alexandria cars, and connect with a same train on their arrival. Fare, 50 cents on the boats. The Boats connect with all the trains from Baltimore. SAM'L GEDNEY, Capt. may 17—4

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or stolen from the commons of Washington on the 16th instant, a white and dark colored Cow, with horns, black eyes, and a collar on, marked I. H. The above reward will be paid on the delivery of the cow at the wood yard of ISAAC HILL, near the Centre Market, Washington. may 30—601m

FRANCIS, PERFUMERY, TOILET ARTICLES, &c.

Francis, Perfumery, Toilet Articles, &c. We have now in store a large variety of fine and common Fancs, Harrison's and Lullin's celebrated Perfumery, Brushes, Combs, Foot-powders, playing and visiting Cards, fine Portmains, Cigar Cases, Card Cases, Baskets, Cane Cases, &c., all of which we are selling out at low prices to suit the times at the Piano, Music, Stationery, Perfumery, and Fancy Goods Store of JOHN F. ELLIS, 306 Pa. avenue, bet. 9th and 10th sts. may 23—1f

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THE BIBLE.

Great Book of Books! My solace in all hours! God's Holy Word! Man's Life and comfort! How pure all volumes, when compared to thee! Earth's wisdom is the acerbic taper's light Beside the blaze of thy celestial sun! The crowded volumes of the elder world, Of dusty alceves and old chronicles dim, The parched wisdom of a darker age— How pale their light, their strange mysterious lore, Beside the broad effulgence of thy rays! Man's spirit in his high imaginings, Its soaring, like the eagle in the sun, Can pluck, while on the Empyrean height, No spark, to blaze through all ages as all time. Illuming the broad track of centuries, Like that which glows within thy page divine! His loftiest passions droop, when he would grasp The signet of Jehovah, and transfer Its glorious impress to his feeble page. Yet on the humble and the contrite heart God stamps his word. The lowly whistler Who doth unveil his spirit to His eye, And pray for mercy from His throne on high, Hath all thy mysteries—and may teach Philosophers what they would never learn, With all their divinations and their lore.

THE TWO DAGUERREOTYPES.

CHAPTER I. Jim Scroggins, though in a main an honest, peaceable, quiet, harmless fellow, had a beastly habit of getting drunk whenever a fit opportunity presented itself; and, unfortunately, because "where there's a will there's a way," the opportunities were both fit and frequent. Jim owned a comfortable homestead that he had almost paid for. Mrs Scroggins was a "real worker," and no doubt did her full share in buying the homestead. She was endowed with a great deal of energy, good judgment, and people were so malicious as to say she was the smartest man of the town. Be this as it may, Mrs. Scroggins was an industrious woman, and took a good deal of pride in the little place which had been bought by their mutual industry—and the thought of having it wrested from them by a cold-hearted creditor, was in the highest degree disagreeable; but to such a calamity her husband's infirmity, as the good minister of the village called it, seemed to point. The habit grew upon him, as it almost always does upon those who are in the habit of imbibing too freely. The miseries of the drunkard's wife had been too often presented to the good woman's understanding, to be regarded as simply creations of imagination, and she looked forward with alarm to the prospect of enduring them, and losing the little place. But what could be done? She had exhausted her eloquence upon the infatuated man, without producing anything but a temporary effect. She pointed to him kindly, the inevitable effect of his indulgence, and Jim promised to do better; but alas for the vanity of human expectations, he got tipsy the very next day. Then she appealed to his love of money; to his satisfaction in being the owner of a cottage and ten acres of land, and warming up with the importance of the subject, declared that she would not enslave herself any longer to pay for the place, and then have it taken away from them to pay a rum bill. Jim listened to the good dame's eloquence, and, as usual, promised to do better; but also, as usual, he came into house, the very next day, tight as a fiddle-string. Mrs. Scroggins was in despair; "what to do she did not know," as she expressed it to Parson Allwise, who was a sympathizer with her in distress. She had entreated, she had scolded, she had threatened, all to no purpose. "What could a body do?" Parson Allwise himself, though he made it a point not to interfere in the domestic affairs of his parishioners, was at last moved to try his powers of persuasion on the poor fellow. But Jim, unfortunately for the success of his appeal, had but a poor opinion of ministers in general, and of Parson Allwise in particular; and as good as told the worthy Pastor that he had better mind his own business. Mrs. Scroggins was shocked at the boldness of her spouse in answering a minister of the Gospel in such a pointed manner, and was led to believe that the case was now hopeless indeed. But woman's wits are equal to almost any emergency; and though she had confessedly given Jim over to the tender mercies of the devil, she could not help thinking it would be a good thing if she could only be saved from himself. One day, a circumstance seemed to conspire in favor of an experiment which had suggested itself to her fertile brain, and she immediately carried it into effect, with the most happy success, as the sequel will show.

CHAPTER II.

Jim had been cleaning out the pig pen, and as the operation was rather a disagreeable one, he had fortified his olfactory by drinking an inordinate quantity of vile New England rum. The filthy stuff, happily, did not take effect on his brain till the job was done. The pig pen was cleaned out, but Jim was in a condition which better fitted him to occupy it than the neat, white-doored kitchen of his cottage. But Jim did not realize this unpleasant truth, and leaving his shovel and hoe in the sty, staggered to the house. "He was a sight to behold," as Mrs. Scroggins told the minister. The job he had just completed was essentially a dirty one, and Jim, as we have remarked, being prudent, he had prepared himself to perform it without any detriment to the neat garments he ordinarily wore. He was dressed in a ragged suit of clothes, and on his head rested a shocking bad hat, with the crown stove in, and the brim half torn off. As the liquor began to fuddle him, he moved it over from its perpendicular position, so that it rested quite jauntily on one side of his head. Jim settled himself heavily in a chair by the cooking stove, looked silly, and seemed disposed to address himself to

CHAPTER III.

Jim Scroggins recovered from his debauch, but the first thing he saw when he came into the kitchen in the morning was two daguerreotypes, which lay upon the table. He picked up one of them, and started back in confusion, when he recognized his own distorted features. He examined the other. It was the countenance of the first, with open eyes, and looking ten times more hideous than the sleeping picture. "Good gracious!" exclaimed he, "did I ever look so infernal homely as that?" and he proceeded to scrutinize the pictures a second time. "Blame me! if I thought I ever looked so confounded mean as that, I'd go down and jump into the river." "I have seen them, though, that looked just like that are," continued he; "but there was drunkards—now, I ain't a drunkard, though I sometimes get a little sizzled. I never lit my pipe at that time, though. Whenever, there was taken for me, though when or where I have no kind of notion. There's the old hat, and there's the old coat—no mistake." The footsteps of his wife caused him to drop the pictures, and he hastened out of the house to avoid the tempest which

slumber, his usual resort when he inebriated.

Mrs. Scroggins was mad at first, for it was only the day before that Jim, for the hundredth time, had promised never to drink another drop, not even in a case of sickness.

But what was the use of getting mad with such a poor, silly imbecile thing as he was at that moment. He was not in a condition to appreciate a regular matrimonial blow up, and she wisely resolved to reserve the vials of her wrath to be poured out at a more convenient season.

She looked at him and thought of losing the little place—of penury, degradation, and the poor house. A lucky thought arose, like the Phoenix from the flames, out of the contemplation of the dark future; and after a few moments' deliberation, she put on her bonnet and cloak, and hurried over to the village not half a mile distant.

For a week previous a young daguerreotypist, with a portable saloon—a kind of overgrown omnibus—had been defighting the villagers by