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nov 22—d1m*

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oc 2—1y

REMOVAL.
C. WARRINER,
WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER,
Has removed to No. 370 Pennsylvania avenue, under Browns' Hotel, Washington, D. C.
oc 31—tJan

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MRS. A. C REDMOND HAVING removed to her NEW ROOMS, on 7th st., between H and I, is prepared to take LIKENESSES in the best style of the art.
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PROFESSOR OF THE FLUTE & SINGING,
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sep 15—

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(UNDER BROWNS' HOTEL,)
WASHINGTON, D. C.
nov 23—tJan1

CONGRESS HALL RESTAURANT.
MESSRS. FENWICK & WESTERFIELD have opened an establishment thus named at 139 Pennsylvania avenue, between Second and Third streets, where they will be pleased to gratify the public with all the delicacies of the season nov 28—1m

MR. WILLIAM PALMER,
PROFESSOR OF SINGING, FLUTE, &c.,
YIELDING TO THE SOLICITATION OF several of his friends, purposes forming classes for VOCAL INSTRUCTION, both for young persons and adults, and which classes will be suitably divided according to the ages and sexes of the members.
Terms, five dollars per quarter of 20 lessons.
Those who are desirous of availing themselves of the facilities thus afforded for learning Vocal Music, are requested to make early application to Mr. WM. PALMER, at his residence, No. 233 F street, corner 14th. oc 10

W. HENRY PALMER'S PIANO FORTE CLASSES.
AN EVENING CLASS FOR LADIES AND Gentlemen is now orming at the Academy of Music. Application to be made to Mr. W. HENRY PALMER, 233 F street, or at the Academy of Music, corner of D and 9th streets. oc 15

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MR. WEBER RESPECTFULLY INform his patrons and the public that he is now prepared with a BAND OF TALENTED MUSICIANS to accommodate them with a brass, string or reed band, as the occasion may require. MUSIC for Balls, Parties, Parades, Serenades, &c., furnished from one to any number, at the shortest possible notice, by applying to L. WEBER, Leader, four doors east of General Henderson's, Navy Yard.
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UNITED STATES MAIL.
ALABAMA.
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, Nov. 23, 1855.
PROPOSALS FOR CARRYING THE mails of the United States from the 15th day of February, 1856, to the 30th day of June, 1858, inclusive, on the following route in the STATE OF ALABAMA, and in the time and manner specified, will be received at the Contract Office of the Post Office Department, in the city of Washington, until 5 p. m., of the 10th January, 1856, to be decided on the next day:
7002—From Montgomery, by Steep Creek, Fort Deposit, Butler Springs, Cokerville, Claiborne, and Gainestown, to Mobile, 266 miles and back, daily, with side supply of Greenville daily, and of Tintlalah, Hickory Grove Sandy Ridge, and Kirkville tri-weekly; the transportation between Montgomery and Claiborne to be performed in a double line of four-horse coaches, with the privilege, when the roads are bad, of using four-horse horse mail wagons, of sufficient capacity to carry whatever mail may be daily received at Montgomery or Claiborne; and between Claiborne and Mobile in such classes of steamboats as may be suitable in speed, size and structure, for the regular performance of the service at all seasons of the year, to be under the entire and exclusive control of the accepted bidder or bidders, so that no breaches of connexion shall occur either way by reason of any other person or persons having a right to regulate or interfere with the arrivals and departures of the said steamboats.
Leave Montgomery daily at 4½ p m
Arrive at Mobile in 36 hours, by 4½ a m
Leave Mobile daily at 11 a. m, from 1st November to 1st June, and at 7 a m residue of the year
Arrive in Montgomery in 36 hours, by 11 p m, from 1st November to 1st June, and by 7 p m residue of the year.

NOTE.

No pay will be made for trips not performed, and for each of such omissions not satisfactorily explained three times the pay of the trip may be deducted. For arrivals so far behind time as to break connexion with depending mails, and not sufficiently excused, one-fourth of the compensation for the trip is subject to forfeiture. Fines will be imposed, unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained by certificates of postmasters or the affidavits of other creditable persons for neglecting to take the mail from or into a post office; for suffering it to be injured, destroyed, robbed or lost; and for refusing, after demand, to convey the mail as frequently as the contractor runs, or is concerned in running, vehicles on the route. The Postmaster General may annul the contract for repeated failures to run agreeably to contract, or for disobeying the post office laws or instructions of the department. The Postmaster General may alter the schedule. He may also order an increase of service by allowing therefor a *pro rata* increase on the contract pay. He may also curtail or discontinue the service in whole or in part, at *pro rata* decrease of pay, if he allow one month's extra compensation on the amount of service dispensed with. The bids should be addressed to the Second Assistant Postmaster General, superscribed "*Mail Proposals for Alabama.*" The contracts to be executed and returned to the department by or before the 15th of February, 1856. For further particulars as to conditions to be incorporated in the contracts bidders may see pamphlet advertisement for conveying the mails in Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas, of 1854.
JAMES CAMPBELL,
nov 21—d1w Postmaster General.

LACOULTRE & ROGERS'S RAZORS—We have a fine assortment of the above named RAZORS, to which we call the attention of gentlemen who wish to have an easy shave. Also, STROPS of the most approved makes, SHAVING CREAM, SOAPS, and everything requisite for a gentleman's toilet.
T. S. GALLIGAN & CO.,
Fancy Goods and Perfumery, 370 Penn. av.,
nov 28—tf Under Brown's Hotel.

FANNY FERN'S NEW BOOK—ROSE CLARK, by the author of Ruth Hall, for sale at the Boookstore of
JOE SHILLINGTON,
Odeon Building, cor. 4½ st and Pa. ave.
dec 6—

GUTTA PERCHA TEETH.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE BEEN IN the habit of sending our patrons to Dr. Cosby for Dental operations for a number of years, and take pleasure in recommending him to the citizens of Washington as the best tooth extractor and dental operator that we have ever met with He inserts teeth upon every plan that is practised in the United States.

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Office over Ford & Bro 's, No. 290, corner of 11th street and Pa avenue. nov 27—6m*

GUTTA PERCHA TEETH.
DR. O. MUNSON, AT 310 PA. AVENUE, is mounting Teeth on a Gutta Percha Base. Also, with Allen's patent continuous Gum, combining beauty, strength and cleanliness.
Dr. M. is determined to keep pace with every improvement in Dentistry, and will strive to please and profit his patrons.
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Hon. A O P Nicholson,	Dr. R Coolidge,

And the Medical Faculty of Georgetown College. nov 23—tf

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FAIRVIEW COTTON WORKS,
NEAR THE CANAL BASIN, ALEXANDRIA,
FITZPATRICK & BURNS, Proprietors, and Manufacturers of *COTTON YARNS, CARPET CHAIN, SAIL TWINE, WRAPPING TWINE, CORDAGE, COTTON BATS, &c.*
Orders from merchants in Washington respectfully solicited for any of the above articles, which we will deliver in Washington lower than can be had in Baltimore or other Northern markets. All orders will meet with prompt attention, by addressing as above. F. & B.
oc 1—tf

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
IN PURSUANCE OF THE DESIGN OF this Institution, viz: the diffusion of the knowledge of Music, and a cultivation of the public taste for the higher order of the Art, the
ACADEMY OF MUSIC
proposes to give a series of
FOUR CONCERTS:
and, with a view to add as much as possible to their popularity, the Great Works of Beethoven, Mozart, Mendlesohn, Spohr, Hummel and others, relieved by lighter compositions, will be produced with the greatest possible effect, both in the Orchestral and Vocal departments.
The plan of admission will be the same as that adopted by the Academy of Music in London, viz: *by subscription only*, the terms of which will be $5 for the four Concerts, entitling the subscriber to three tickets of admission to each Concert.
Subscribers names may be immediately received at the bookstore of Messrs. Taylor & Maury; at he Piano store of Mr. Davis, and at the Music Stores of Messrs. Hilbus and Zantzinger; also at the Academy of Music, corner Ninth and D streets. (Open daily from 10 till 6.) oc 15—tf

TOPHAM & NORFLET'S
NEW AND CHEAP
SADDLE, HARNESS AND TRUNK STORE,
499 Seventh st, opposite Odd Fellows' Hall.
MESSRS. TOPHAM, late of Philadelphia, and NORFLET of this city, respectfully announce to their friends and the public, that they have commenced the Saddling Business at the above stand, where they will make and keep constantly on hand a large and superior assortment of—Mens', Ladies', and Boys' SADDLES, BRIDLES, MARTINGALES, and WHIPS. HARNESS of every description, both for city and country use. All kinds of TRUNKS, VALISES, and CARPET BAGS Ladies' SATCHELS, TRAVELING BASKETS, and FANCY WORK BOXES. HORSE BLANKETS, COVERS, COLLARS, and HAMES. Horse, Spoke, and Dust BRUSHES. CARDS, CURRY-COMBS, SPONGES, &c., &c.
All material used will be the best that can be obtained; and both of us having been practical workmen for several years, we feel confident that our work cannot be surpassed, either for style or durability. By unremitting efforts to give satisfaction we hope to merit, and respectfully solicit, a share of public patronage.
Pasticular attention paid to covering Trunks and repairing all kinds of work.
Saddlers' tools constantly on hand. nov 7—tf

TO ALL THAT VALUE THEIR SIGHT.
JOHN TOBIAS PRACTICAL OPTICIAN
WISHES to call the attention to all that suffer with defective sight, caused by age, sickness and particularly from glasses injudiciously selected, to his superior SPECTACLES and GLASSES carefully ground by himself to a true spherical accuracy, and brilliant transparency, suited precisely and beneficially to the wearer according to the concavity or convexity of the eye. Very numerous are the ill effects caused to the precious organ of sight from the commencement of using glasses in not being precisely suited, by the use of an *Optometer;* and the practice of many years, enables him to measure the focal disease of the eyes, and such glasses that are absolutely required will be furnished with precision and satisfaction.
J. T. acknowledges the very liberal encouragement already obtained, and further solicits the patronage of those that have not yet availed themselves of his aid.
Persons that cannot conveniently call, by sending the glasses in use, and stating how many inches they can read this print with their spectacles, can be supplied with such that will improve their sight.
Innumerable testimonials to be seen; and references given to many who have derived the greatest ease and comfort from his glasses.
Circulars to be had gratis, at his office, No. 512 Seventh street, three doors from Odd Fellows' Hall, up stairs.
NORFOLK, September 7, 1854.
Sir—The Spectacles you made for me suit very well, and seem to have improved my sight more than any other I have lately tried.
LITT. W. TAZEWELL.
I have tried a pair of Spectacles obtained from Mr. Tobias, and find them of great assistance to my sight, and corresponding with his description of the focus. I recommend him as a skillful optician. HENRY A. WISE.
Mr. J. TOBIAS: Sir—The pair of Spectacles you furnished me yesterday are particularly satisfactory to me. They are very decidedly the best I possess, and I am the owner of eight or nine pair, carefully selected in different places and from opticians recommended to me on account of their professional standing in England, France and the United States. I have been also pleased with your remarks and directions on the treatment of the eyes, for the purpose of preserving and improving the sight. Respectfully, yours,
CHAS. CALDWELL,
Professor of M. C., Louisville, Ky.
LYNCHBURG, Nov. 10, 1854.
Mr. John Tobias having furnished me with Glasses, by which I have been greatly aided (my vision having suffered greatly from reading at night in my earlier life) it affords me the highest pleasure to say that I consider him a skillful practical optician, and well prepared to aid those who may need his professional services.
WM. B. ROUZIE,
Elder of Methodist Conference.
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 27, 1851.
Mr. J. TOBIAS: Dear Sir—I am happy to say that the Spectacles which I obtained from you last week are entirely satisfactory. From an inequality in the visual range of my eyes, I have heretofore found great difficulty in getting glasses of the proper focal distance. It affords me pleasure to state that, by the aid of your optometer, this difficulty has been happily obviated so that the glasses you furnished me are decidedly the best adapted to my eyes of any I have ever yet used.
Very respectfully, yours, R. B. DRANE,
Rector of St. James' Parish
Department of Interior, May 7, 1855.
From natural defects and the unequal range of my eyes, I have been compelled to use glasses for several years. I have tried different opticians without obtaining glasses perfectly fitted to my eyes. Four months since Mr. Tobias made two pairs especially for me, which I have found to serve me perfectly. By the use of his optometer he is enabled to adapt Glasses minutely to the eye. I most cheerfully recommend Mr. Tobias to all having occasion to use glasses, and bear my testimony as to his skill as an optician.
HENRY E. BALDWIN,
Assist. Sec'y to sign Land Warrants.
jy 13—tf

BEAUTIFUL CHINA ORNAMENTS, at the great emporium for Christmas Goods, 306 Pennsylvania avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.
dec 13 JOHN F. ELLIS.

BALL
IN HONOR OF THE
Veterans of New Hampshire.
ARRANGEMENTS HAVING BEEN MADE by the Executive Committee of the Volunteer Regiment for a BALL in honor of the Battalion of Veterans of New Hampshire, and to afford the citizens generally an opportunity of uniting in giving a welcome and holding social intercourse with them on the occasion of their visit to the National Metropolis, they have the pleasure to announce that the Ball will take place at CARUSI'S ASSEMBLY ROOMS on the evening of TUESDAY, the 18th instant, and according to *old times custom*, at the early hour of 7 o'clock.
In the appointment of Managers (other than those of the Regiment of Volunteers) the committee have intended, not only a deference and compliment to the individuals named, but to the respective services and to the municipal districts to which they belong.
To the ladies the committee tender their apologies for not furnishing tickets of invitation, and, as the omission is from an apprehension of appearing partial and forgetful, they hope to be excused. The committee have deemed it more advisable to leave these invitations to the gentlemen who may subscribe or obtain tickets of admission and simply, *as a matter of necessity, for want of space, to limit the number to two ladies to accompany one gentleman.*

MANAGERS.

On the part of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps

General Jesup,	A. A. G. Freeman,	Commodore Forrest,
General Gibson,	Maj. Wm. H. Bell,	Major Russell,
General Lawson,	Gen. Henderson,	Com'der Dahlgren,
Adj. Gen. Cooper,	Com. Morris,	Purser Watson.

On the part of the Militia of the District of Columbia.

Maj Gen W. Jones,	Ad Gen Randolph,	Col Corcoran,
Br Gen Thompson,	Col Seaton,	Col Force.
Br Gen Weightman,	Col Naylor,	

On the part of the Regiment of Volunteers.

Col Hickey,	Ass Sur Grymes,	Capt Jamieson,
Lieut Col Reily,	Capt Peck,	Capt Reese,
Major Keyworth,	Capt Davis,	Capt Schwarzman,
Adj Bach,	Capt Towers,	Capt Bright,
Paym'r Middleton,	Capt Key,	Capt McKean,
Q'rm'r McCullom,	Capt Tait,	Capt Sheckell.
Surgeon Morgan,	Capt Bayne,	

On the part of the Citizens

J T Towers, Mayor,	Douglas Wallach,	Stanislaus Murray,
R Clarke, P B A	George Parker,	Corn Wendell,
A McD Davis, P C C	Wm Thompson,	John C Fitzpatrick,
Walter Lenox,	Y P Page,	John F Coyle,
J D Hoover, Mars'l	Wm F Bayly,	Edward C Dyer,
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Chas S Wallach,	James Adams,	Thomas Berry,
Richard Smith,	John F Ellis,	John Sessford, jr
Edward Simms,	Step'en P Franklin,	Gilbert Cameron.
W C Rives,	Wm W Moore,	

Tickets of admission, at TWO DOLLARS, may be had at the Book and Apothecary Stores, at the principal Hotels, and at the door of the Assembly Rooms. dec 14—dtd

SELECT MASQUERADE SOIREE.
PROF. H. W. MUNDER MOST RESPECTfully announces to his friends and patrons generally, that he will give a select MASQUERADE SOIREE at *MUNDER'S ASSEMBLY HALL* on THURSDAY EVENING, December 20th, 1855.
There will be most positively no tickets sold at the door; all those who desire to subscribe will be obliged to see Prof. Munder in person at an early date, otherwise they will not be admitted. This will be one of the most magnificent entertainments that has ever been given in Washington. The Hall will be decorated in a handsome style.
He has made arrangements with a gentleman in Baltimore, who has upwards of 800 dresses, both for ladies and gentlemen, many of which are handsome Velvet, gorgeously ornamented with Spangles and Bugal Beads, and can be rented upon reasonable terms by applying to Prof. M. at the hall.
Weber's Martial and Quadrille Band is engaged for the occasion. dec 4—eotd

FRESCO & ORNAMENTAL PAINTING.
THE SUBSCRIBER RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Washington that he is prepared to do FRESCO ORNAMENTAL and HOUSE and SIGN PAINTING in the best manner and at short notice.
He also paints BANNERS of every description Odd Fellows' Aprons, &c., in the best style.
FURNITURE of all kinds varnished to order.
JOHN E. PETERS,
No. 437 Tenth st., between G and H.
dec 1—1m*

THE PIANO FORTE CLASSES
OF
MR. W. HENRY PALMER,
WILL meet at the Academy of Music, corner of 9th and D streets, on and after MONDAY, Oct. 8th, 1855. The pupils are requested to be in attendance on the days and hours specified in the notices addressed to them.
oct 4 W. HENRY PALMER, Director.

GIFT BOOKSTORE!
A GENERAL SELECTION OF STANDARD Gift and Miscellaneous BOOKS AND STATIONERY for sale at HILBUS'S MUSIC DEPOT, corner of Pa. avenue and 11th street.
GREAT INDUCEMENT.
EVERY PURCHASER RECEIVES A GIFT.
Each article is sold at the usual retail price; and for every dollar's purchase a sealed envelope is drawn by the buyer, containing the name of some gift, which is presented on the spot. Among the Gifts are Gold Watches, Jewelry, Music, Fancy and Toilet Articles, &c
HILBUS MUSIC DEPOT,
dec 8—tr Corner Pa av. and 11th st.

MORE NEW GOODS.
JOHN H. SMOOT, NO. 119 SOUTH SIDE Bridge street, near High, Georgetown, D. C, has received an additional supply of Fall and Winter GOODS, making his assortment very complete
In his stock will be found a first-rate assortment of—
Ladies' Dress Goods
Black Moire Antique Silks
Moire Antique Cloak and Dress Trimmings
Rich striped and Moire Antique Sash and Bonnet Ribbons
Swiss and Cambric Bands, Collars and Sleeves
Black and col'd Cloths, for Cloaks
Stella, Brocha and Bay State Shawls
With a good assortment of the best makes Flannels, Blankets, and Dry Goods generally.
My stock being desirable and cheap purchasers will find it to their advantage to call before getting fully supplied. J. H. SMOOT.
nov 13—tf

GEIGER'S
NATIONAL BOWLING SALOON.
HAVING REFITTED AND OTHERWISE furnished and improved this resort for those desiring exercise and amusement, the former patrons and gentlemen and strangers are requested to give me a call, assuring them that they will meet with a reception not elsewhere to be found. It is situated on Missouri avenue, near 6th street.
nov 30—1m*

GO TO ELLIS,
306 Pennsylvania avenue,
TO PURCHASE
YOUR CHRISTMAS GOODS.
dec 10—

MADAME R.
RESPECTFULLY INFORMS THE PUBlic in general, that she will give information in all the Affairs relating to Life, Health, Wealth, Marriages, Love, Journeys, Law Suits, Difficulties in Business, Absent Friends, Sickness and Death, and in respect to all other subjects. She is also able to tell the Ages of persons by reading numbers. All those who wish to consult Madame R. will please call soon, as she will remain in the city but a short time. She can be consulted at all hours of the day and evening. Her name is on the door—at No. 285 13th street corner of D, on the left hand side. Gentlemen 50 cents and Ladies 25. dec 10—2w*

REMOVAL.
THE SUBSCRIBER WOULD MOST RESpectfully inform his customers and the public generally, that he has removed his Store from the south to the north side of Pa. avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, where he will keep a full and well-selected assortment of the best and latest style of FRENCH CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS. As the excellent business stand will enable him to do a much larger business, he feels assured that he can furnish Gentlemen's Garments on more moderate terms than heretofore. Having practised for a number of years in Germany, England and France, he is confident that he can please all those who may favor him with a call. Feeling grateful for past favors he solicits a continuance of the same. G. F. SCHAFER,
nov 12 Merchant Tailor.

FINE GOODS.—PEARL, SIVER, PAPIER Mache, and enamelled PORTEMONNAIES, and CARD CASES, &c., at 306 Pa avenue, between 9th and 10th streets.
dec 13 JOHN F. ELLIS.

OFFICIAL.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 1, 1855.

Notice is hereby given to holders of stocks of the United States that this Department will purchase to the amount of $1,500 000 of said stocks at any time when the same may be offered prior to the 1st day of June next, and will pay therefor the following prices, to wit:

For stock of the loan of 1842, a premium of ten per cent.; for stock of the loans of 1847 and 1848, a premium of sixteen per cent.; for stock issued under the act of 1850, commonly called Texas-indemnity stock, a premium of six per cent.; and for stock of the loan of 1846, redeemable on the 12th November, 1846, if received at the Treasury prior to the 1st day of January next, a premium of 2½ per cent.; if received between the 1st January and the 31st of March next, a premium of 2 per cent; and if received after the 31st of March and prior to said 1st of June next, a premium of 1½ per cent.

Interest will also be allowed on said stocks at the rates specified in the certificates, from the 1st July last, if assigned with the principal of the certificates received prior to the 1st of January next. After that date the interest will be allowed in addition to the premium from 1st of January to the date of their receipt. In both cases one day's interest will be allowed in addition for the money to reach the seller.

Certificates transmitted to this Department under the present notice should be duly assigned to the United States (with the current half year's interest, if sent prior to the 1st of January next) by the party entitled to receive the purchase money.

Payment for these stocks will be made by drafts upon the assistant treasurers at Boston, New York, or Philadelphia, as the parties entitled to receive the money may direct.

JAMES GUTHRIE,
dec 3—dtJune1 Secretary of the Treasury.

FLOUNCED SILK ROBES AND FANCY SILKS.
THE FOLLOWING-NAMED GOODS have just been received, and are ready for inspection:
100 new-style colored Flounced Silk Robes, the handsomest and cheapest we have had this season
35 very rich black Flounced silk Robes
150 dresses exceedingly rich Moire antique
100 dresses plain and striped black Moire Antique
10 pieces blue, pink, and white watered Silks, for evening
10 pieces plain, pink, blue, corn, crimson, and other light shades, for evening
40 pieces of black Silk, from 87½ cents to $2.25 per yard
500 dresses good style plaid and striped Silks, from 75 cents to $1 per yard
We do not hesitate to say that we have the largest and cheapest lot of Silk Goods to be found in any retail house in the country, and we can assure the ladies that they will have no difficulty in suiting themselves in a handsome dress if they will give us the first call.
A beautiful lot of Flounced Berege Robes, for evening dresses.
Large stock of French Robes, in sets, and very rich.
All numbers of the very best Kid Gloves
All numbers of Kid Gauntlets
Daily opening new Goods, to which we respectfully invite the attention of members of Congress, strangers, and citizens.
CLAGETT, NEWTON, MAY & CO.,
Corner Penn avenue and Ninth streets.
dec 8—10t

BOYS' WINTER CLOTHING.
WE HAVE THIS DAY RECEIVED A large addition to our usually extensive assortment of first quality Boys' and Childrens' CLOTHING, which we will offer to our customers and the public at unusually low prices.
Our stock consists in part of—
OVER COATS and TALMAS
Fine cloth ROUNDABOUTS and JACKETS
Fine and common PANTALOONS
Silk, Satin, and Merino VESTS
White and colored SHIRTS
UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS
CAPS, SUSPENDERS, HOSIERY, &c., &c.
Making our stock of Boys' and Children's Clothing very large and complete.
WALL & STEPHENS,
322 Pa. avenue, bet. 9th and 10th street,
dec8 (Intel&Globe) next to Iron Hall.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
AND VISITORS TO WASHINGTON ARE respectfully informed that at TAYLOR & MAURY'S Book and Stationery Store, near Ninth street, they will meet all their requirements. Their extensive stock, in addition to the following important works, comprises every Department of Literature, Science, and Art.
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Jefferson's Manual, 1 vol.
The Constitutions of the United States, 1 vol.
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Story's Works, 3 vols.
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BEATRICE.

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CHAPTER I.

It was late in the afternoon. A long row of boys and girls stood in a regular line before their teacher, in a little red school house, reciting their spelling lesson, while the remainder of the pupils fidgetted in their seats, piled and re-piled their books on their desks, and cast restless, eager glances out at the open door and then the teacher's face, for it was nearly time for dismissal, and weary of a long afternoon's confinement, the children could hardly wait for the tinkle of the bell—the signal for their release. At last the spelling class took their seats, the bell sounded, and instantly there was a scene of confusion—boys rushed out of the door, and gave vent to their pent up spirits in whoops, yells, and summersets; and girls, more quietly, but less gaily, ran out into the open air. Soon their merry voices died away in the distance, and the teacher was left alone in that just now crowded school room.

She was a young and striking looking girl Her form was erect, her step stately, and her features, though irregular, were pleasing; her abundant raven hair was wound in a sort of coronal around her head, in a singular but not unbecoming fashion; her complexion was a clear olive, and her mouth firm in its expression, almost unpleasantly so when closed, but when she smiled she was beautiful: then her whole countenance changed; her large, firey eyes grew soft and tender, and the pride and *hauteur* that spoke in her very lineament, marring her otherwise most perfect beauty, disappeared.

Just now one of those beaming smiles lighted up her countenance; she stood by her desk in her usual erect position, holding a note, yet unopened, in her hand. It had been brought to the school room during the session, and now that she was alone she was prepared to read it. She looked at the bold, firm handwriting, and pressed it to her lips; then slowly unfolding it she read:

"For some time past, Beatrice, I have been unhappy; you have observed it, and to your inquiries as to its cause, I have given false and evasive replies, but I can deceive myself and you no longer. I sought you last night with the determination to tell you all, but I could not. You were so kind, so confiding, I could not utter the words that would, I felt, give you so much pain. But I must do it. What my tongue refuses to tell, I must trust to my pen. It is useless to hesitate, the sooner all is known the better for us both. Beatrice, I find that I have mistaken the nature of my feelings towards you. As God is my witness, when we were betrothed, I thought I loved you, I still appreciate your rare loveliness, and, better still, your many excellencies of mind and heart; but our affections are beyond our control, and, much as there is admirable about you, I no longer love you. At first I determined never to acquaint you with the change of my sentiments, but I shrank from a lifetime of deceit. I could not at the altar perjure myself by taking those solemn vows; and I knew, too, that you would spurn the offered hand without the heart accompanied it. I have done very wrong in hastily entering upon our engagement without a proper knowledge of my true feeling toward you. I was charmed by your beauty, dazzled by your wit, and attracted by your virtues; I mistook the whirl of emotions I felt for love. But it is better for me to acknowledge my fault than to commit a sin in leading you to the altar while my heart is another's. Farewell, and may you find some one more worthy of your love than your friend, (if you will still allow me to claim that title,) LOUIS MEREDITH."

Every particle of color forsook Beatrice's cheeks as she read—her lips were white, her hands trembled so violently she could scarcely hold the letter—a death-like paleness stole over her, and she sank into a chair and buried her face in her hands.

Not a tear, not a moan escaped her; she sat in silence, motionless as a statue, but in her heart what a whirlwind of emotions was raging! How long she sat there she hardly knew; when at last she looked up the twilight was deepening, and she arose with a start from her seat. Her countenance bore the traces of her suffering—she looked haggared and wan; the agony of those few hours had changed her fearfully, but her eyes flashed with all their usual fire, and her lips were firmly compressed together. She drew herself up proudly, as if she despised herself for her weakness, crushed the letter which had fallen from her trembling fingers, contemptuously under foot, and then picked it up with a look of disgust, as if it had been some loathsome thing, and putting on her hat and shawl she walked firmly out of the room.

She went rapidly on till she reached a low, white cottage; she entered it, and passed quickly through the little sitting room to her own apartment. Here she took from an inlaid box a package of letters, and, adding that she had last received to the number, she hastily collected every memento, however trifling, which had been the gift of Louis Meredith, and placed them securely together in readiness to return to him. Then carefully arranging her toilet, she returned to the sitting room An old lady, dressed with scrupulous nicety, was its only occupant; she was quietly knitting. The table was spread for the evening meal, and she had evidently been waiting for her daughter's return.

"You are late to-night, Beatrice," she said; "but I suppose Louis came for you to go to walk. It is so foolish of him to take such unreasonable hours for his walks. Tea has been waiting this half hour."

"I am sorry to have kept you waiting, mother," returned her daughter's silvery voice; "but those long walks will trouble you no longer. Louis Meredith and I are parted forever."

The old lady dropped her knitting work in her lap, and looked at her daughter in astonishment: at last she spoke:

"Oh, I see; a lover's quarrel. But you will make it up in a day or two, and be all the happier for it. Well, well—better disagree before than after marriage."

"Mother," said Beatrice, "listen to me. I shall never marry Louis Meredith. Nothing on earth could induce me to do so. As I said, we are parted forever; and now let me beg you never again to mention his name to me; let the subject never again be alluded to between us, let all be as if we had not known him." Her voice softened. "You will not be sorry, mother, dear, to have your Beatrice again all your own?" And she took her parent's shrivelled hand fondly between her own.

Mrs. Lancaster was touched by this expression of tenderness; for Beatrice, though a most devoted daughter, in fact the only support of her poor and widowed mother, rarely made any demonstration of her attachment, and this caress, slight as it was, filled the mother's heart with joy. She drew her child to her side, and kissed her tenderly, but Beatrice escaped from her embrace, and saying cheerfully, "Are we never to have supper?" led the way to the table. She talked gaily during the meal, and, though she ate little, succeeded in withdrawing her mother's attention from her want of appetite.

Not the most watchful eye could have detected a shade of sadness in her face or manner, that evening; indeed, she was gayer than usual. No wonder that her mother—