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jan 4—eo1m

$50 REWARD.—I will give the above mentioned reward for the apprehension and delivery to me, of ANN, a slave, who calls herself Ann Johnson, and who ran away from me on Saturday night, the 8th instant. She is about 24 years old, 5 feet, four or five inches high, light black complexion with full round face, of good figure, and likely. She has a variety of clothing and took with her her feather bed and bedding.

WM. F. PHILLIPS,
dec 10—eotf 596 New Jersey avenue.

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Terms positively cash. dec 6—eo3m

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dec 24—3m*

[No. 550.]

"Swamp and Overflowed Lands."

PUBLIC NOTICE—PURSUANT TO THE instructions of the Secretary of the Interior, public notice is hereby given that, in order to bring to a close the business under the act of Congress approved September 28, 1850, entitled, "An act to enable the State of Arkansas, and other States, to reclaim the 'swamp lands' within their limits," and at the same time afford to parties who claim that portions of the lands selected under said law are dry and fit for cultivation, an opportunity to introduce evidence, all lands so selected, to the approval whereof no objection be made within six months from the date hereof, will be certified and patented to the States.

Such objections as are contemplated by the above must be made under oath, and filed with the register and receiver of the proper land office for transmission to the General Land Office. The necessary forms for affidavits are in the hands of said officers.

The following classes of land are exempt from objection, to-wit:

1st. Lands entered with cash, or located with military bounty land warrants or scrip, after the passage of the act of 28th September, 1850, and prior to the passage of the act of 2d March, 1855, "for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands."

2d. Lands already patented to the State under the swamp law.

In all cases where objection is raised, testimony must be taken before the register and receiver of the land office, at such time, after the expiration of said six months, as they may appoint with the consent of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

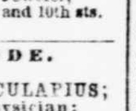
The lists of swamp and overflowed lands are open to inspection during the regular business hours of the Land Office.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, this 21st day of December, 1855.

THOS. A. HENDRICKS,
Commissioner General Land Office.
jan 19—

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.



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dec 8—tr Corner Pa av. and 11th st.

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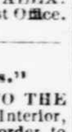
Boot, Shoe, and Trunk Establishment,
Iron Hall, Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED FOR LADIES, Misses, and CHILDREN, Cloth, Button, Buckskin, lined Button, Healed GAITERS. Also, thick and thin Gaiters, Bronze, Black, and Colored, at $1.25, worth $2, Ladies Alpine Button Gaiters, $3.50; French White Satin Glycerine SLIPPERS, Gentlemen's French Patent Leather BOOTS and SHOES, of all descriptions; Gentlemen's Detached GAITERS, all colors; Boy's and Youth's Patent Leather and Calf BOOTS and SHOES.



My stock of Fall and Winter Wear, recently selected from the most celebrated manufacturers, is very superior.

I promises to offer unusual inducements, and respectfully solicit your patronage and influence.

dec 14—tf S. P. HOOVER.

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*

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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

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—

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Black Moire Antique Silks
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Swiss and Cambric Bands, Collars and Sleeves
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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

FICTILE IVORY.—JUST RECEIVED, several exquisite specimens of his manufacture, including "The Descent from the Cross," after Rubens; "The Flight into Egypt;" "Adoration of the Wise Men;" "Head of Christ," after Domenichino—Madonna; "Ecce Homo," &c., specially adapted for Christmas presents, at

TAYLOR & MAURY'S
dec 21—tr Bookstore, near 9th st.

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CITIZENS AND STRANGERS ARE RESPECTFULLY informed that the best assortment of WIGS and TOUPEES are to be found at HEARD'S HAIR DRESSING ESTABLISHMENT, and WIG MANUFACTORY, Sixth st. National Hotel.

Wigs and Toupees made on the shortest notice.

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JONAS P. LEVY,
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN
WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS, AND FINE GROCERIES,
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No. 474 Pa. av., two doors below U. S. Hotel,
WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

N. B.—Country Merchants are requested to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere.
oc 2—1y

A GENERAL INVITATION TO EXAMINE one of the largest and best assortments of Parlor Grand, Square, and Boudoir PIANOS, ever exhibited to a Washington public. Persons wishing to purchase, will find that they can be accommodated on the most liberal terms, by early application at the Music Depot, Star Buildings,

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dec 24—tr

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dec 20 JOHN F. ELLIS.

MACAULY'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND, vol 3d, this day received.

jan 9 FRANCK TAYLOR.

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.

COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, &c.

PERSONS predisposed to Pulmonary Affections find this the most trying season, owing to the sudden changes in temperature; yet by a little care, adopting warm clothing and supplying themselves with a good prescription or cough remedy they may easily ward off what may else prove a dangerous winter companion. TYLER'S COMPOUND GUM ARABIC SYRUP has been so long known and highly appreciated as one of our most innocent, yet efficacious, pleasant, and (since the reduction in price,) economical remedies, that it may be recommended and used with the utmost confidence. It is sold at 25 cents, or three bottles in one, 50 cents. Wholesale by PATTERSON & NAIRN and STOTT & CO.; and retail by most Druggists. In Alexandria by PEEL & STEVENS; Georgetown by Mr. CISSELL. oct 2

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT.

WE ARE COMPELLED TO ANNOUNCE to the subscribers to the PRIZE EMBROIDERY RAFFLE, that we shall have to postpone the drawing for a few days, on account of there being still a number of chances not yet taken. Those persons wishing to subscribe will oblige us by giving us their names early, as we do not wish to delay the drawing any longer than we can help. We will state the day for drawing in a future advertisement.

CLAGETT, NEWTON, MAY & CO.,
jan 14 Cor. Penn. avenue and Ninth street.

S. P. HOOVER,
Iron Hall Boot, Shoe and Trunk Establishment,

I HAVE THIS DAY RECEIVED FOR LADIES', Gents', Misses', and Children's SNOW OVER SHOES, Gum Boots, Gossimer and Sandals. Also, Buckskin lined Shoes, double sole and water-proof Boots, all of which I will sell low for cash.

All in want please call and examine for yourselves. S. P. HOOVER,

Iron Hall, bet. 9th and 10th sts., Pa. av.
jan 10

CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, CITIZENS and strangers wishing to supply themselves with superior garments, made to order, are invited to examine our superior assortment of Doeskins, Cloths, Cassimeres, Silk, Satin and Velvet Vestings, all of which has been selected with an especial view to the wants of our customers, which we will make to measure in a manner inferior to none, at much cheaper rates than the usual city prices. WALL & STEPHENS,

322 Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th streets. Also, 394 Pa. avenue, 3d door east of the National Hotel. jan 23—

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW—Published Quarterly, on the first days of January, April, July, and October, in numbers of nearly three hundred pages each, at Five Dollars a year.

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" VIII. The Pacific Railroad
" IX. American Poetry
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The North American Review has now attained its 170th number, having been published without intermission for more than forty years. It is far the oldest American Periodical devoted to general literature and science, and its reputation has been steadily maintained, both in this country and in Europe, as the leading journal of the United States within its appropriate department. Supplied for the publishers by FRANCK TAYLOR.
jan 15—

United States Patent Office,
Washington, Jan. 22, 1856.

ON THE PETITION OF JOSEPH H. BURROWS, of Cincinnati, Ohio, praying for the extension of a patent granted to them on the 23d day of April, 1842, for an improvement in "Mill Stones," for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 23d day of April, 1856:

It is ordered, that the petition be heard at the Patent Office on Monday, the 7th of April next, at 12 o'clock m; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition ought not to be granted.

Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least twenty days before the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either party to be used at the said hearing must be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application.

The testimony in the case will be closed on the 27th day of March; depositions and other papers relied upon as testimony must be filed in the office on or before the morning of that day; the arguments, if any, within ten days thereafter.

Ordered, also, that this notice be published in the Union, Intelligencer and Evening Star, Washington, D. C.; Argus, Baltimore; Patriot & Union Harrisburgh, Pa.; Journal of Commerce, New York; and Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio, once a week for three successive weeks previous to the 7th day of April next, the day of hearing.

CHARLES MASON,
Commissioner of Patents.

P. S.—Editors of the above papers will please copy, and send their bills to the Patent Office, with a paper containing this notice.
jan 23—law3w

TWO SUPERB PIANOS RECEIVED this week, which, in addition to our usual large supply, makes our stock the most complete in the city. Give us a call if you wish a good and cheap instrument.

JOHN F. ELLIS,
306 Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.
dec 28

"AN EXCELLENT SHAVE."—This remark was made by Mr. Jones after trying one of my American Ramapo Razors. Others have said the same after using my Tally-ho, or a Double Carbonized IXL. There are no tears shed while using one of these Razors.

G. FRANCIS,
dec 31 490 Seventh st.

BAGLEY'S FINEST GOLD PENS, IN gold and silver cases, for sale for the manufacturers, at their lowest retail prices, and to the trade at their lowest wholesale prices.

Also, Morton's short-nib Gold Pens, differing essentially in their construction from any others, and suiting the requirements of many who have hitherto been unable to make use of any metallic pen whatever. FRANCK TAYLOR.
jan 10

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,
jan 12 next to Iron Hall.

OPERA GLASSES—The largest and cheapest assortment in the city at

JOHN F. ELLIS,
306 Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.
dec 31

MADAME DEVOS.
FROM PARIS AND NEW YORK.

MADAME DEVOS' MILLINERY HAS ARrived, and is now opened for inspection at

THE LAKES,
No 501 Pennsylvania avenue,

to which the attention of the ladies of Washington, Georgetown, &c. is respectfully invited.
jan 24—tf

BALLS.

BALL
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
Poor of the Seventh Ward.

THE CITIZENS BEING DESIROUS OF relieving, in some measure, the Sufferings of the Poor of their Ward, have concluded to give a Ball for that puspose on

TUESDAY EVENING, February 5th, 1856,
AT ISLAND HALL.

They appeal to the benevolent throughout the city to assist them in this laudable undertaking.

Tickets ONE DOLLAR, admitting a gentleman and ladies—to be procured from any of the Managers.

Managers.

P M Pearson,	E S Allen,	Q L Page,
Dr J E Morgan,	Jas E Johnson,	Thos E Lloyd,
J Pettibone,	J Pumphrey,	H Polkinhorn,
J Van Riswick,	Theo Wheeler,	Jacob Wilson,
Thos Milburn,	Wm Tucker,	J R Elvans,
B S Kinsey,	W Camack, sr.	W C Bamberger
J H DeBille,	Jos Stevenson,	A R Harvey,
D B Clark,	S Pumphrey,	D Johnson,
R T Knight,	Thos W Riley,	J T Cassell,
L R Holmead,	J M Young,	Jones Ellis,
Jos Cornwell,	J W Martin,	John Stevenson.
W R Riley,	J L Smith,	David Hepburn.
Wm Ashdown,	W T Walker,	

Committee of Arrangements.

J E Johnson,	Thos E Lloyd,	John Dudley,
W T Walker,	Levi Jones,	Peter Egan.
Joshua Dulin,	W Camack, jr.	

jan 28—eotb O. BOSWELL, Treasurer.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL BALL
OF THE
MONTGOMERY GUARDS,
WILL BE GIVEN AT
THE WASHINGTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS
MONDAY EVENING, Feb. 4th, 1856.

THE MONTGOMERY GUARDS beg leave to inform their friends, civil and military, that they will give their fourth annual Ball on MONDAY EVENING, February 4th, 1856. In making this announcement the Guards pledge themselves that no pains will be spared to make this as agreeable as any they have heretofore given.

Refreshments and Supper will be served by an experienced caterer.

A most excellent band of music is selected for the occasion.

No hats or caps to be worn in the ball room except by the military.

Committee of Arrangements.

Capt Key,	Corp'l Nihil,	Priv McNichol,
Sgt Burk,	Lt Kelleher,	Priv D O'Lery,
Sgt Murry,	Priv Jirdin,	Qr M Maher.
Ensign Wall	Priv McCaffrey	

jan 25—dtb

SOIREES.

PROF. H. W. MUNDER MOST RESPECTfully announces to the public that his Soirees will take place every WEDNESDAY EVENING.

These entertainments are considered by all who have attended them to be the most sociable that has ever been given in this city.

jan 22—T&Ww

ALUNATIC.—TRUEMAN DE MOTT, A Lunatic, with sandy hair and florid complexion, escaped from his home and friends in the town of Ellery, N. Y., some time since, and, it is thought, will endeavor to make his way to Washington. His relatives are most anxious to obtain information where he is, and any one who may bear of him will be suitably rewarded for dropping a line to the editor of the Star.
an 23—tf

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 2¾ 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 1¾ 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.

ALL THE NEW BOOKS PUBLISHED received and for sale, at SHILLINGTON'S BOOKSTORE.

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The Mysterious Story Book, or the "Good Step Mother
Lances of Lynwood, a new juvenile book, by the author of the Heir of Redcliffe.
Travels, Voyages, and Adventures of Gilbert Gosheed, by Peter Parley
Mimic Life, by Mrs. Ritchie, formerly Mrs. Mowatt
Widow Bedott Papers
The Hunter's Feast, or Conversation around the Camp Fire, by Capt. Mayne Reid, author of the Scalp Hunters.
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Fanny Grey, a history of life in a series of six beautiful figures, the neatest and most delightful gift for children that we have seen.

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SHILLINGTON'S
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French Merino and Merino Plaids
Quilled Skirts, Hosiery and Gloves
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With many other Winter Goods to be closed out cheap. WM. R. RILEY,
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jan 22—1m

THE BOSTON AMERICAN ALMANAC for 1856 received this day.

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EVENING STAR.

OUR OLD GRANDMOTHER.

I find the marks of my shortest steps beside those of my beloved mother, which were measured by my own, says Alexander Dumas, and so conjures up one of the sweetest images in the world. He was revisiting the home of his infancy; he was retracing the little paths around it in which he had once walked; and strange flowers could not efface, and rank grass could not conceal, and cruel ploughs could not obliterate, "shortest footsteps," and his mother's beside them, measured by his own."

And who needs to be told whose footsteps they were that thus kept time with the feeble pattering of childhood's little feet? It was no mother behind whom Ascanius walked "with equal steps" in Virgil's line, but a strong, stern man, who could have born him and not been burned; folded him in his arms from all danger and not been wearied; every thing, indeed, he could have done for him, but just what he needed most—could not sympathize with him; he could not be a child again. Ah! a rare art is that, for indeed it is an art, to set back the great old clock of time, and be a boy once more! Man's imagination can easily see the child a man; but how hard it is for it to see the man a child; and he who had learned to glide back into that rosy time, when he did not know that thorns were under the roses, or that clouds would ever return after the rain; when he thought a tear could stain a cheek no more than a drop of rain on a flower; when he fancied that life had no disguise and hope no blight at all, has come as near as any body can to discovering the northwest passage to Paradise.

And it is perhaps for this reason that it is so much easier for a mother to enter the kingdom of heaven than it is for the rest of the world. She fancies she is leading the children, when, after all, the children are leading her; and they keep her indeed where the river is the narrowest and the air is the clearest; and the beckoning of a radiant hand is so plainly seen from the other side, that it is no wonder she so often lets go her clasp upon the little fingers she is holding, and goes over to the neighbors, and the children follow like lambs to the fold, for we think it ought somewhere to be written, "Where the mother goes, there will the children be also."

But it was not of the mother we began to think, but of the dear, old-fashioned grandmother, whose thread of love, spun "by hand" on life's little wheel, was longer and stronger than they make it now, was wound about and about the children she saw playing in the children's arms, that nothing but the shears of Atropos could sever; for do we not recognise the lambs sometimes, when summer days are over, and autumn winds are blowing as they come bleating from the yellow fields, by the crimson thread we wound about their necks in April or May, and so undo the gate and let the wanderers in?

Blessed be the children who have an old fashioned grandmother. As they hope for length of days let them love and honor her, for we can tell them they will never find another.

There is a large old kitchen somewhere in the past, and old-fashioned fire-place therein, with its smooth old jambs of stone; smooth with many knives that had been sharpened there, smooth with many little fingers that have clung there. There are andirons, too; the old andirons, with rings in the top, wherein many temples of flame have been builded, with spires and turrets of crimson. There is a broad worn hearth; broad enough for three generations to cluster on; worn by feet that have been torn and bleeding by the way, or been made 'beautiful,' and walked upon floors of tassellated gold. There are tongs in the corner, wherewith we grasp a coal, and blowing for a little life, lighted our first candle; there is a shovel, wherewith were drawn forth the glowing embers, in which we saw our first fancies and dreamed our first dreams; the shovel with which we stirred the sleepy logs, till the sparks rushed up the chimney as if a forge were in blast below, and wished we had so many lambs, or so many marbles, or so many somethings that we coveted; and so it was we wished our first wishes.

There is a chair—a low, rush-bottomed chair; there is a little wheel in the corner, a big wheel in the garret, a loom in the chamber. There are chests full of linen and yarn, and quilts of rare pattern, and "samplers" in frames.

And every where and always the dear old wrinkled face of her whose firm, elastic step mocks the feeble saunter of her children's children—the old fashioned grandmother of twenty years ago. She, the very Providence of the old homstead, she, who loved us all, and said she wished there was more of us to love, and took all the school in the Hollow for grandchildren beside. A great expansive heart was here, beneath that woolen gown, or that more stately bombazine, or that sole hair-loom of silken texture.

We can see her to-day, those mild blue eyes, with more of beauty in them than Time could touch or death do more than hide—those eyes that held both smiles and and tears within the faintest call of every one of us, and soft reproof, that seemed not passion but regret. A white tress has escaped from beneath her snowy cap; she has just restored a wandering lamb to its mother; she lengthened the tether of a vine that was straying over a window, as she came in, and plucked a four-leaf clover for Ellen. She sits down by the little wheel—a tress is running through her fingers from the distaff's dishevelled head, when a small voice cries "Grandma" from the old red cradle, and "Grandma!" Tommy shouts from the top of the stairs Gently she lets go the thread, for her patience is almost as beautiful as her charity, and she touches the little red bark a moment, till the young voyager is in a dream again, and then directs Tommy's unavailing attempts to harness the cat. The tick of the clock runs faint and low, and she opens the mysterious door, and proceeds to wind it up. We are all on tiptoe, and we beg in a breath to be lifted up one by one, and look in the hundredth time upon the tin cases of the weights, and the poor lonely pendulum, which goes to and fro by its little dim window, and comes out in the world, and our petitions are all granted, and we are lifted up, and we all touch with a finger the wonderful weights, and the music of the little wheel is resumed

Was Mary to be married, or Jane to be wrapped in a shroud? So meekly did she fold the white hands of the one upon her still bosom, that there seemed to be a prayer in them there; and so sweetly did she wreath the white rose in the hair of the other, that one would not have wondered had more roses budded for company.

How she stood between us and apprehended harm; how the rudest of us softened beneath the gentle pressure of her faded and tremulous hand! From her capacious pocket that hand was ever withdrawn closed, only to be opened in our own, with the nuts she had gathered, the cherries she had plucked, the little egg she had found, the "turn-over" she had baked, the trinket she had purchased for us as the products of her spinning, the blessings she had stored for us—the offspring of her heart.

What treasures of story fell from those old lips; of good fairies and evil; of the old times when she was a girl; and we wondered if ever—but then, she couldn't be handsomer or dearer—but that she ever was "little." And then, when we