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I offer now for sale at astonishing prices an extensive lot of HAIR GOODS of my own manufacture, such as Plaits, Braids, Curls, Puffs, of all lengths and colors. Ladies' own hair put up in all styles desired. Combings of hair setted by the roots by machinery, to avoid the tangling of the hair. Special attention to the Coiffure for soirees, balls, etc. Wigs and Toupets made to order. Also, Theatrical Wigs for hire. H. PHILIPPI,
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Best quality two-button $1.50 Gloves at $1.25.
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At Low Prices, at S. HELLER'S,
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12 OVERCOATS for.....10
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20 BUSINESS SUITS for.....17
17 BUSINESS SUITS for.....15
15 BUSINESS SUITS for.....12
12 BUSINESS SUITS for.....10
10 BUSINESS SUITS for.....8

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13 DIAGONAL COATS for.....10

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THIS EVENING, December 27, and SATURDAY, December 28, commencing at 7½ o'clock. d27-2t

THE CONCERT
BY THE
SABBATH SCHOOL OF THE NEW YORK AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IS POSTPONED
On account of the very inclement weather.
Tickets will be good for Concert when announced.
See future advertisement. It

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BY THE
PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY,
AT THE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
Corner 10th and G streets northwest,
MONDAY EVENING, DEC 30, 1872, at 8 O'CLK.
Soloists—Mrs. H. C. BUTTS, Soprano; Mr. C. C. EWER, Tenor; Mr. L. E. GANNON, Basso; Dr. J. P. CAULFIELD, Conductor; Mr. VAL. CAULFIELD, Pianist.
Tickets, 50 cents; for sale at Ellis' Music Store. Seats can be reserved without extra charge on and after Thursday, the 26th. d26-4t

NATIONAL THEATER. BEGINS AT 8.
MR. J. G. SAVILLE, Lessee and Manager.
A MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.
GRAND HOLIDAY TREAT
FOR OLD AND YOUNG.
MR. HERNANDEZ FOSTER'S NEW COMIC TRICK PANTOMIME,
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The Premiere Danseuses,
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OLD GOLD, SILVER, BRASS, COPPER, IRON METAL, ETC., bought at fair prices for a New York house. Second-hand FURNITURE, CARPETS, &c., bought and sold. Notes by mail promptly attended to by AUGENSTEIN, 1408 Penn. ave. dec21 1y*

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EVENING STAR.

Washington News and Gossip.

READERS AND ADVERTISERS should look out for THE STAR'S double sheet to-morrow. It will be a superb number, crammed with interesting matter.

INTERNAL REVENUE.—The receipts from this source to-day were $144,802 08.

MINISTER WASHBURNE sails from New York for France to-morrow.

NO APPOINTMENT of Indian Commissioner will probably be made before the return of Secretary Delano from Cuba.

THE PRESIDENT'S EVENING RECEPTIONS this winter will be on Wednesday evening, January 15th; Wednesday evening, January 29th, and Wednesday evening, February 12th.

THE BUREAU of engraving and printing, Treasury department, is closed, to make some necessary repairs to the machinery, and will remain closed three days.

AGAINST ADULTERATION OF NATIVE WINES. The ruling of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in reference to the tax on native wines to which any foreign substance has been added after the process of manufacture has been completed, will be modified somewhat, but the basis on which it was made originally—to prevent the manufacturer from imposing upon the consumer by using a small quantity of pure native wine from which to make, by the addition of any foreign substance, a larger quantity of spurious wine—will not be departed from.

GENERAL FRANCIS A. WALKER, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, has placed his resignation in the hands of General Cowen, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, to take effect on the 1st proximo. The General leaves Washington on Monday next to assume the duties of professor of political economy and history in the Sheffield scientific school of Yale college. The conscientious and pains taking manner in which he has discharged the responsible duties of superintendent of the ninth census and commissioner of Indian affairs has earned him the reputation of being one of the best officers in the government service.

TRANSFERS IN THE QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.—Upon the recommendation of the Quartermaster general, Col. Rufus Ingalls, assistant quartermaster general, has been assigned to duty as chief quartermaster, military division of the Atlantic, and will report to Major General Hancock, commanding the division. Col. Ingalls will retain the immediate charge of the principal depot of the quartermaster's department in New York.

Col. L. C. Easton, assistant quartermaster general, has been relieved from duty as chief quartermaster, military division of the Atlantic, and will remain in charge of the general depot of Philadelphia and Schuylkill arsenal.

THE RAWLINS STATUE.—General Babcock, commissioner of public buildings and grounds; Mr. A. R. Spofford, librarian of Congress, and Edward Clarke, architect of the Capitol, constituting the commission appointed by the act of Congress of June 10, 1872, to select a life-size statue of the late General Rawlins, to be placed as the centre-piece of a fountain in Franklin square, for which the sum of $10,000 was appropriated, met to-day and examined the models, seven in number, which were submitted from the following artists: Fisk Mills, Dr. Stone, and Charles Ortner, of Washington; B. M. Rickett, New York; J. A. Bailey, Philadelphia; H. D. A. Henning, Baltimore, and Charles Drichler. They will announce their decision in a day or two.

THE WEEKLY STAR, now ready, contains a comprehensive abstract of the news of the week—local and general; "the strongest thing in Washington," two shocking murders in this city; the burning of Barnum's museum; the great fire in Centre street, New York; terrible railroad disasters of the week; the library of Congress; report on the improvement of the Potomac river channel; improvement of streets and avenues by the board of public works; latest and best tales, poems, sketches and society items; together with interesting local news, Washington news and gossip, agricultural items, household receipts, &c., &c.

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NEW EVIDENCE IN THE STOKES-FISK MURDER TRIAL.—In the Stokes trial, in New York, yesterday, some new evidence was offered Andrew Parker testified that some weeks before Fisk was shot he (Parker) was introduced to Stokes, and in a conversation which ensued relative to trials then pending Stokes said Fisk was a damned blackmailer, and he (Stokes) would shoot Fisk, and said Fisk carried a pistol. Stokes repeated that Fisk was a blackmailer twice. At this point Stokes was very excited, and rose up, saying that is false, all false. The evidence for the prosecution closed, and Mr. Townsend began the opening address for the defence.

MR. SUMNER'S EFFORT to remove the traces of civil strife is regarded with friendly indifference, by *The Louisville Courier-Journal*. It considers that the south has no special interest in the matter, and says: "Before the next Presidential election we may fairly look for new combinations, which will obliterate all the old sectional lines. Gen. Grant himself may be the nominee of the southern people. The most distinguished of confederates may be his ardent supporters."

THE WOMEN VOTERS TO BE TRIED IN JANUARY.—In the case of Susan B. Anthony and fourteen other women, under examination for voting illegally at the last general election in Rochester, the United States commissioner, yesterday, in that city, gave a decision holding each to bail in five hundred dollars to appear before the United States district court on the third Tuesday of January.

HUNG JURY IN THE BROOKLYN POISONING CASE.—The jury in the case of Dr. Irish, on trial for the poisoning of Anderson in Brooklyn, came into court yesterday morning, and stated that they were unable to agree, when they were discharged. Dr. Irish was immediately admitted to bail in $10,000, and Mrs. Anderson was also released on $2,500.

CHICAGO PERSONALS.—Major Powell, explorer, is at the Tremont. He is on his way to Washington. ····Minnie Mrytle Miller, wife of Him of the Sierras, is at the Gardner. No Joaquin. ····United States Senator Matt. H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin, was at the Tremont House last evening.—*Inter-Ocean, 25th.*

RAID ON BOSTON GAMBLERS.—The state constabulary of Boston, on Christmas day, visited several gambling establishments, arrested eighty-nine persons, and seized furniture and implements valued at five thousand dollars.

WASHINGTON CITY ways are peculiar. Moved by the many examples of Congress, a Crowner's quest in a murder case was yesterday held with closed doors. We are progressing.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

THE Hon. J. F. Wilson, of Iowa, fell through the bottom of a dollar-store chair, last week, and broke three ribs.

☞ Mrs. Anna Dorsey calls Christmas an aerial wave from heaven.

☞ The murderous kitchen-range has taken the place of the death-dealing kerosene.

☞ Local option mince pies, with no brandy therein, are a novelty.

☞ A French chemist makes diamonds by extracting the color from other precious stones.

☞ A little girl at Dubuque amended the Lord's prayer by asking for "her daily gingerbread."

☞ Mrs. G. W. Lower, of Shubuta, Miss., is dead from an overdose of May-apple, taken to keep off a chill.

☞ Mrs. Sylvia, of Ashtabula, O., who shot her husband in October, has been found guilty of manslaughter.

☞ After the first of January, it will cost one dollar to own a dog in Indiana, and five dollars for every additional dog.

☞ Dr. Haight declines his election as bishop of the diocese of Massachusetts, on account of ill health.

☞ Mrs. Aramanda Smith, the noted colored religious revivalist, has taken a mandatory control of a series of prayer-meetings in Cincinnati.

☞ An Indiana man is naming his children after the New England states. Rhode Island is the last. It weighed three pounds at birth.

☞ The United States circuit court in New York, has affirmed the judgment of $104,000 obtained by the United States against Lilienthal & Co., tobacconists, for violation of the internal revenue law.

☞ A shock of earthquake was felt on Saturday evening at Portland, Oregon. The shock was also felt in parts of Washington territory and British Columbia.

New Publications.

THE OCEAN, ATMOSPHERE AND LIFE. Being the second series of a Descriptive History of the Life of the Globe. By Elisee Reclus, author of "The Earth," etc. New York: Harper & Bros. [Through J. C. Parker.]

Those who followed this renowned geographical writer through the first series of his descriptive history of the globe, with its wealth of observation and fidelity and copiousness of illustration, will be quite sure to welcome this continuation of the interesting subject. And it would seem that the distinguished geographer holds that the ocean is quite as well worth considering as the earth, for he quotes with gusto the Pindaric saying that "Water is the chief of all," and that other saying of primitive nations, that "The Earth is the daughter of Ocean." This, he argues, is not simply a myth. The study of the strata of the earth—rocks, sand, chalk, clay, conglomerates—proves that the materials of the continental masses have been in great part deposited at the bottom of the sea, and have assumed their form and character there. The subject of the ocean, that is ceaselessly engaged in the work of creating a new world from its depths, and submerging at the same time the existing earth, is an exceedingly interesting one in the hands of M. Reclus, and we doubt not the American publishers will be repaid for their enterprise in bringing it out here with all the admirable original maps and illustrations.

HOPE DEFERRED. By Eliza F. Pollard. New York: Harper & Bros. [Through J. C. Parker.]

A novel by the author of "Avice," &c.

THE ADVENTURES OF A BROWNIE. By the author of "John Halifax, Gentleman." New York: Harper & Bros. [Through J. C. Parker.]

A bright, handsomely illustrated story for the little folks, in which is told the wonderful experiences of a family of children, with a fairy brownie, or household elf.

THE SERVANT GIRL OF THE PERIOD, THE GREATEST PLAGUE OF LIFE. By Charles Chamberlain, jr. New York: J. S. Redfield [Through Philp & Solomons.]

The title is rather a plagiarism upon an English story of "Servant-galism" by one of the Mayhew brothers, but this purports to be the actual experiences of an American married couple in dealing with their "help."

SERMONS BY T. DE WITT TALMAGE. Delivered in Brooklyn Tabernacle. Second series. New York: Harper & Bros. [Through J. C. Parker.]

Mr. Talmage has now come to divide honor with Henry Ward Beecher as a pulpit orator and the publishers find much the same demand for his sermons in book-form as for Beecher's. Like the other famous Brooklyn preacher, too, his style of oratory is colloquial and dramatic, and his sermons are always extempore. He fills his immense tabernacle, holding four thousand people, whenever he preaches. His style in the pulpit has been much criticised, but it is claimed by his admirers that "he is in red-hot earnest, and that his eccentricities are natural."

THE EXPRESSION OF THE EMOTIONS IN MAN AND ANIMALS. By Charles Darwin, M.A., F.R.S. New York: D. Appleton & Co. [Through J. Shillington.]

In this latest work of the distinguished scientist, he, in pursuance of his belief in the doctrine of evolution, or the derivation of species from other and lower forms, undertakes to controvert the idea that man was created with certain muscles specially adapted for the expression of his feelings. Mr. Darwin holds as probable that the habit of expressing our feelings by certain movements, though now rendered innate, were gradually acquired. He pursues his subject with candor, and states with fairness the objections that may be made to his conclusions. The photographic illustrations, showing the action of the facial muscles under various emotions, form a striking portion of the work.

THE REVISION OF THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. By J. B. Lightfoot, D. D., Canon of St. Paul's; Richard Chenevix Trench, D. D., Archbishop of Dublin; and C. J. Ellicott, D. D., Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol. With an introduction by Philip Schaff, D. D., Professor of Divinity in the Union Theological Seminary, New York. New York: Harper & Bros. [Through J. C. Parker.]

As the question of revising for public use the English version of the Holy Scriptures has at last assumed a definite, practical shape in Great Britain, and must before long claim the attention of all churches which use the same version, it has been thought advisable to introduce the subject to American scholars by a republication of the recent treatises of Archbishop Trench, Bishop Ellicott and Professor Lightfoot on the principles and mode of revision.

Crushed to Death at a Christmas Festival.

THE FATAL FALL OF A CHURCH FLOOR AT WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

The details of the shocking affair at Williamsport, Pa., on Christmas evening, when the floor of a Baptist church in which a congregation was assembled for festive purposes fell through and caused the death of fourteen persons and the injury of some forty or fifty more, as stated in a telegram in yesterday's STAR, are very painful. The circumstances of the tragedy, the time and the occasion of assembling, and the presence of so many women and children, are peculiarly saddening. Three hundred men, women and children were assembled in the church to have a Christmas festival. The church was brilliantly illuminated, and gifts were being distributed to the children, when suddenly there was noticed a peculiar shake, a quivering of timbers that denoted a sudden downfall, and no sooner had the impression taken firm hold of those present than a terrible catastrophe happened. When the crash came there went up a wail of mangled humanity that caused the blood of all fairly to curdle. Children, wildly shrieking for their parents, and the groans of the wounded and dying filling the air with lamentations and distress, with many beneath the timbers crying in the name of God for deliverance, made the scene a most terrible and heartrending one, while the oil lamps of the edifice had kindled a fire that bid fair to destroy all in a general conflagration. Those outside worked with a will, and used every possible effort to secure the living from the mangled mass. Several times the church was on fire, but providentially the flames could be reached and were speedily extinguished. Many within who were able to reach the windows burst out the lights and leaped to the ground, a distance of fourteen or fifteen feet. Before eleven o'clock at night the bodies were removed and identified. In the panic several were wounded by being run over Some of the wounded will probably die.

☞ "Camp-meeting John Allen" has attended 234 of 'em.

☞ Knoxville invested $2600 in the Louisville lottery, and drew back $75.

☞ A precocious eight-year-old girl intentionally shot herself in Savannah the other day.

☞ "Blind turkey races" are a feature of Western church festivals.

☞ Drying buffalo skins cover acres of ground at Wichita, Kan.

☞ The Texas ladies are getting funds for a Magruder monument.

☞ Sidney Rigdon, author of the Mormon Bible, is dead.

☞ The horse disease is on the decrease in Havana, but rages in the interior towns.

☞ "Malady grapes" is what a St. Louis boy asked for at a fruit stand.

☞ Unsaleable railroad maps are thrust upon confiding ladies as fashion diagrams.

☞ All the unconvicted criminals in California are now clamoring for a Fair trial.

☞ An Iowa school-boy has killed his father for telling him to behave himself. Extenuating circumstances, certainly.

☞ Thirty years ago Mrs. Lydia Wilson, of Raisin, Mich., stuck a willow riding whip in the ground. It now measures ten feet in circumference and spreads over eighty-four feet.

☞ A barn, with twenty horses and sleighs belonging to a dancing party at Lottsville, Warren county, Pa., were burned up on Christmas night.

☞ An Illinois school-boy didn't think he would get a flogging next day though his teacher told him so, and burned down the school house before "next day" came.

☞ While dancing at a ball in Akron, O., a young lady broke out with the small pox. Her young man danced to a different tune immediately, but has since taken the disease.

☞ In Naples the other day Captain Gordon, an English officer, fired a revolver at a young lady on the promenade of the Chiaia and then shot himself. Both died immediately.

THE GREAT SNOW STORM.

Terrible Weather all Over the Country—Disasters by Land and Sea—Railroad Trains Delayed and Business Interrupted.

Telegrams from all points north and west indicate one of the severest seasons of snow and ice during the past three days ever known, while Columbia, South Carolina, marks a special era of sleigh riding, and even Mobile, Alabama, gives an indication of having come within the circuit of the general storm. The effect of the weather has been to cause a general interruption of mails and travel, and we shall not yet know for several days all the harm that has been done by the tempest of snow and the general freeze. Railroad communication on the Atlantic seaboard between points more than a hundred miles distant was almost entirely suspended yesterday, trains coming to a stand-still in the drifts that were piled across the tracks. Trains which came through were hours behind time. The New York train due here this morning will not arrive until late this afternoon. The signal service record for yesterday afternoon reports that the snow then continued from Nashville and Columbia in the south to the limits of Maine, and from New York to Cincinnati. At night it was only snowing in the northern and middle states. Further south there were heavy rains, and only the northwest seems to have had clear skies. But even there it was exceedingly cold, the average in Chicago and westward being from 10 to 15 degrees above zero. From some localities in New England reports of 10, 20, 30 and even 40 degrees below zero come. Furious gales accompanied the storm, coastwise navigation was stopped in

THE CHESAPEAKE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES, and shipping probably suffered largely. The Potomac is closed by ice for many miles down, and the Patapsco is closed from Baltimore to its mouth. The ice boat, however, keeps open a small channel for steamers. It was rumored in Baltimore last night that some accident had happened to the steamer George Leary, of the regular line between Baltimore and Norfolk. She left Norfolk for Baltimore Christmas evening, and has not been heard from since. The train which left Baltimore at seven o'clock yesterday morning and was due at Annapolis at nine was last evening snowed up on the Annapolis branch, three and a half miles from the Junction. There were twenty-five passengers on board, and a slim chance of relieving them last night.

IN NEW YORK

yesterday thousands of out-town residents were unable to reach the city. No southern, western, northern or Erie mail tr