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Highly Perfumed Paper and Envelopes, and account Papers and Stationery Notions; also, the popular novels, ST. ELMO and INGENUESCO, just published by HUNTER & NOWLIN.

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NEW GOODS.—The undersigned have just received new additions to their stock of Stationery, Books, Music, and Notions, and respectfully call the attention of the public to their assortment, which will be found very select and valuable, and which will be sold at low prices, giving satisfaction to every patron.

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SALT! SALT!—255 SACKS FINE SALT for sale cheap by BAKER BROS.

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75 SACKS FINE MARSHALL SALT, just received and for sale low for cash, by HOGE & MASON.

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Poetry.

The River. For the Spectator.

Be still, ever flowing, never quiet river, Cease to upbraid me as you hurry along; Taint me no longer with joys gone forever, Hush, O! hush thy sorrowful and mournful song.

Where the rocks are gray and the shore is steep, And the green meadows look dark and deep; Where the rugged pine in its lonely pride Leans gloomily over the murky tide;

Where the reeds and rushes are tall and rank, And the weeds grow thick on the winding bank, Where the shadow is heavy the whole day thro' Lies at its moorings the old canoe.

The Old Canoe. The useless paddles are idly dropped, Like a sea-bird's wings that the storm has lopped, And crossed on the railing, one o'er one, Like faded hands when the work is done;

Where the stern is half sunk in the slimy wave, And the green moss creeps o'er its dull decay, Like the mouldering dust of a tomb a flower, Or the ivy that mantles a fallen tower;

Where the current waters are dead and still— But the light winds play with the boat at will, And lazily in and out again, It floats the length of its rusty chain,

Like the weary march of the hands of time, That meet and part at the noontide chime; And the horse is kicked at each turn anew By the dripping bow of the old canoe.

Oh, many a time with a careless hand, I have pushed it away from the pebbly strand, And paddled it down where the stream ran quick, Where the whirls were wild and the storm was thick;

And laughed as I leaned o'er the rocking side, And looked below in the broken tide, To see that the faces and boats were two That were mirrored back from the old canoe.

But now, as I lean o'er the crumbling side, And look below in the sluggish tide, The face that I see is graver grown, And the laugh I hear has a sorer tone,

And the hands that lent to the light swift wings Have grown familiar with sterner things; And I love to think of the hours that flew, As I looked where the whirls their wild spray threw;

Ere the blossoms moved or the green grass grew Ere the mouldering stem of the old canoe.

Who are Entitled to Register. We publish below, from the recent opinion of Attorney-General Stanbery, a summary of the qualifications of voters:

1. The oath prescribed in the supplemental act defines all the qualifications required, and every person who can take that oath is entitled to have his name entered upon the list of voters.

2. The board of registration has no authority to administer any other oath to the person applying for registration than this prescribed oath; nor to administer any oath to any other person, touching the qualifications of the applicant, or the falsity of the oath so taken by him.

3. No provision is made, for entering upon any trial or investigation of his qualifications, either by witnesses or by other form of proof. As to citizenship and residence.

The applicant for registration must be a citizen of the State and of the United States, and must be a resident of a county included in the district for which he claims the right to vote.

4. No one who has been disfranchised for participation in any rebellion against the United States, or for felony committed against the laws of any State or of the United States, can safely take that oath.

5. No one who is not twenty-one years of age at the time of registration can take the oath, for he must swear that he has then attained that age.

6. No one who has been disfranchised for participation in any rebellion against the United States, or for felony committed against the laws of any State or of the United States, can safely take that oath.

7. The actual participation in a rebellion, or the actual commission of a felony, does not amount to disfranchisement. The sort of disfranchisement here meant, is that which is declared by law passed by competent authority, or which has been fixed upon the criminal by the sentence of the court which tried him for the crime.

work disqualification, and must happen in the order of time mentioned. A person who has held an office and taken the oath to support the Federal Constitution and has not afterwards engaged in rebellion, is not disqualified. So, too, a person who has engaged in rebellion, but has not theretofore held an office and taken that oath, is not disqualified.

8. Officers of the United States. As to these the language is without limitation. The person who has at any time prior to the rebellion held any office, civil or military, under the United States, and has taken an official oath to support the Constitution of the United States, is subject to disqualification.

9. Military Officers of any State prior to the rebellion are not subject to disqualification. It is to be noted, that it is to say, officers of incorporated cities, towns and villages, such as mayors, aldermen, town council, police, and other city or town officers, are not subject to disqualification.

10. Persons who have, prior to the rebellion, been members of the Congress of the United States, or members of a State legislature, are subject to disqualification. But those who have been members of conventions framing or amending the Constitution of a State, prior to the rebellion, are not subject to disqualification.

11. All the executive or judicial officers of any State who took an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, are subject to disqualification, and in these I include county officers, as well as those who are to be appointed hereafter. Full consideration I have arrived at the conclusion, that they are subject to disqualification, if they were required to take a part of their official oath, to support the Constitution of the United States.

12. Persons who exercised mere agencies or employments under State authority, are not disqualified; such as commissioners to lay out roads, commissioners of public works, visitors of the insane, directors of State banks, or other State institutions, examiners of banks, notaries public, commissioners to take acknowledgment of deeds and lawyers.

ENGAGING IN REBELLION. Having specified what offices held by any one prior to the rebellion, come within the meaning of the law, we now proceed to set forth what subsequent conduct fixes upon a person the offence of engaging in rebellion. I repeat, that two things must exist as to any person, to disqualify him from voting: first, the fact of his having held an office, and afterwards, participation in the rebellion.

13. An act to fix upon a person the offence of engaging in rebellion under this law, must be an overt and voluntary act, done with the intention of overthrowing the government, or of supporting the rebellion. A person forced into the rebel service by conscription, or under a paramount authority which he could not safely disobey, and who would not have entered such service if left to the free choice of his own will, cannot be held to be disqualified from voting.

14. Mere acts of charity, where the intent is to relieve the wants of the object of such charity, and not done in aid of the cause in which he may have been engaged, do not disqualify. But organized contributions, and contributions for the general relief of persons engaged in the rebellion, and not of a merely sanitary character, but contributed to enable them to perform their unlawful object, may be classed with acts which do disqualify from voting.

15. Forced contributions to the rebel cause, in the form of taxes or military assessments, which a person may be compelled by law to contribute, do not disqualify. But voluntary contributions to the rebel cause, even such indirect contributions as arise from the voluntary loan of money to rebel authorities, or purchase of bonds or securities created to afford the means of carrying on the rebellion, will work disqualification.

16. All those who, in legislative or other official capacity, ever engaged in the rebellion, or in any other unlawful purpose, where the duties of the office necessarily had relation to the support of the rebellion, such as members of the rebel conventions, congresses, and legislative bodies, are disqualified from voting, even if they were not actually engaged in the rebellion, or in any other unlawful purpose, where the duties of the office necessarily had relation to the support of the rebellion.

17. The board of registration, appointed to superintend the elections. This board, having the custody of the list of registered voters in the district for which it is constituted, must see that the name of the person applying to be registered is not on the list, and if such proves to be the fact, it is the duty of the board to receive his vote. He cannot receive the vote of any person whose name is not upon the list, though he may be a citizen of the State, and though he may be able to satisfy them that he was unable to have his name registered at the proper time, in consequence of absence, sickness or other cause.

18. The board cannot enter into any enquiry as to the qualifications of any person whose name is not on the list, or as to the qualifications of any person whose name is on the list, and who is unable to vote, or as to the qualifications of any person whose name is on the list, and who is unable to vote, or as to the qualifications of any person whose name is on the list, and who is unable to vote.

19. The board of registration, appointed to superintend the elections, must take the oath prescribed by the act of Congress, approved July 2, 1862, entitled, "An act to prescribe an oath of office."

20. I have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servant, HENRY STANBERY, Attorney General.

Evils of Gossip. I have known a country society which withered away as if by magic, and which was once a place of friendship and joy as firm as granite, dissolved to jelly, and then ran away to water, all on account of this; love, that promised a future as enduring as heaven and as stable as the rock, evaporated into morning mist that vanished to a day's hot sun, and left behind it a father and a son were set foot to foot with the fiery breath of anger that would never cool again between them, only because of this; and a husband and his young wife, each straining at the reins of matrimony, were hurled into the golden bondage of a God-blessed love, sat mournfully by the side of the grave where all their love and all their joy lay buried, and only because of this. I have seen faith transformed to mean doubt, hope to place to grim despair, and charity take on itself the features of black malice, all because of the spoil words of gossip.

21. I have never been a member of a State legislature, nor held any executive or judicial office in any State and afterwards engaged in an insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; that I have never taken an oath as a member of Congress of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States; and afterwards engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof.

22. Two elements must concur in order to disqualify a person under these clauses: First, the office and official oath to support the Constitution of the United States; Second, engaging afterwards in rebellion. Both must exist to

C. D. Drake, U. S. Senator from Missouri. In 1859 and 1860, this gentleman was one of the representatives from St. Louis, in the Missouri Legislature. He was then a brawling, unscrupulous, and unprincipled man, particularly noted for his propensity to "gab," his impractical arrogance, his unscrupulous cunning, his illiberality, and unfairness in debate, and for the merciless tomahawking inflicted upon him by Frank Blair, of the South, in the Senate, and the Quaker-like meekness with which he bore it.

It was during the discussion of the "Bill making a final grant of State aid to certain railroads," that Col. B. H. Jones, of Jones, Marion, gave Drake the following thrust, which had the happy effect of cooling the gentleman's ardor for several days.

"Sir, I call public attention to the fact, that notwithstanding this bill has been pending in this body for some time, not a single member has dared to raise his voice in advocacy of its provisions in detail. Where, I ask you, is the man who has had the nerve to rise in his place, and attempt to explain this bill, and make a regular argument in favor of its passage? Its friends evidently seek to avoid discussion, as if conscious of its inability to withstand the ordeal of honest investigation. Who does not recollect the course of the gentleman from St. Louis, [Mr. Drake] Thursday evening? How illiberal, how ungenerous in him, to move the 'previous question,' when he felt that the gentleman from Andrew, [Mr. Hudgens] desired to address the House. Who, sir, has consumed so much of the time of this body, as the very laqueous gentleman from Saint Louis? Who, sir, has bored us oftener, or bored us longer than he? And, upon this identical measure, and through all this week, now so long as it has been in the House, has he not patiently? And now, after all this indulgence on the part of the House, he, the gentleman from St. Louis, has the hardihood to move the 'previous question.' Sir, that gentleman has been the last, the very last man on this floor, to have made that motion. But he is evidently impressed with the idea that he is entitled to special and peculiar privileges in this Legislature. He is to speak when he sees fit, and as long as he sees fit to employ a man to apply the gag to each and every man who has the temerity to attempt a reply. I, for one, feel disposed to disabuse his mind of some of his peculiar notions. His course upon this floor, and the plan he has pursued in regard to it, I will illustrate by an anecdote.

"During the Shanghai and Braham Pootra fever in our country, there was a certain gentleman who embarked very extensively in the fruitry raising business, so much so, that he found it necessary to employ a man, entirely exclusively to that department, Patrick O'Flaherty was the man employed; and one of the express stipulations of the contract was, that one fowl should not be allowed to put so much as its head into a bush, or to peck at another. A failure on Patrick's part, to faithfully carry out this stipulation, was to be followed by an instant dismissal from service. Profoundly impressed with the dignity and responsibility of his position, Patrick, feeling time, repair, a basket in hand, to the poultry yard, and was instantly surrounded by his feathered charge, including a venerable Muscovy drake. Patrick at once proceeded to scatter his grain about the ground, and his indignation, when he saw the old drake shovelling up, with his broad bill, half a dozen grains at a time, can be better imagined than described. The contract was evidently being broken, and he was in danger of losing his place. What was to be done? The monopolist cried, and he cried exclusively to that department, Patrick O'Flaherty was the man employed; and one of the express stipulations of the contract was, that one fowl should not be allowed to put so much as its head into a bush, or to peck at another. A failure on Patrick's part, to faithfully carry out this stipulation, was to be followed by an instant dismissal from service. Profoundly impressed with the dignity and responsibility of his position, Patrick, feeling time, repair, a basket in hand, to the poultry yard, and was instantly surrounded by his feathered charge, including a venerable Muscovy drake. 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