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Will practice in the State and Federal Courts at Staunton, and in the Circuit and County Courts of Rockbridge, Rockingham and Allegheny counties. They will also attend to special business in any part of Va. and West Virginia. (Sept. 12-14)

Saddles, Harness, &c.  
SADDLES AND HARNESS.—If you want good work, go to GEO. E. BELLICK's shop, where you will find the best assortment on this side of Baltimore, which he will sell cheap for cash. Saddles and Harness of all kinds and new; Trunks, Valises, Bags, &c.; Back Gloves, (Manchester and Lewisburg make), and, in fact, everything in his line of business.

REPAIRING done on short notice. Also, a good lot of McClellan Saddles and Halters, for sale cheap.

HARNESS AND SADDLES.—The undersigned, having opened a first-class harness shop, is prepared to furnish harness of every description as low as it can be done. Will also keep on hand a good assortment of Carriage Buggy and Riding Saddles, Bladders, Spurs, Curry Combs, Brushes, &c., and, in fact, everything usually kept in a first-class shop. He will give special attention to repairs.

Don't forget to call at Gruber's New Building, immediately west of the Va. Hotel.

LATEST NEWS! War Declared!! ANNEXXATION OF CUBA!! General Grant, or any other man, who wants SADDLES, BRIDLES, HARNESS—new or second-hand—WHIPS, BITS, &c., must go to Ed. Hall's, where he will find the best assortment of the kind on this side of New York, all of which can be bought cheap for cash.

ED. HALL,  
on Wharf opposite Smith & Elder's law office.

Carriage Making.  
CARRIAGES AND BUGGIES.—I wish to inform my friends that I have moved my shop to my new building near the "Virginia" Hotel, where I will keep on hand Carriages and Buggies of every description. I expect to give entire satisfaction. I will pay special attention to REPAIRING. Give me a call before purchasing.

J. H. WATERS.  
CARRIAGE-MAKING.—At the solicitation of many of my former patrons I have again taken up the public generally to give them in all its various branches, and I am determined that my work shall not be surpassed in finish, style, durability or price.

Special attention given to repairs.

JOHN M. HARDY.

TAILORING; TAILORING!!!—The Graves & Sprinkle has been mutually dissolved, and the business will hereafter be conducted by B. Graves alone.

He has reduced his prices for cash, and will do all kinds of work pertaining to the tailoring business, in the very best manner, and at figures so low that no one will fail to be satisfied. He has removed his shop to the room formerly occupied by H. B. Donoghue as an office, and invites all his old and new customers to give him a call.

P. B. GRAVES,  
QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE,  
STONEWARE, &c.,  
at reduced prices.—The largest and prettiest assortment in the Valley; also table cutlery, looking-glasses, wafers, and baskets of all kinds. Self-sealing fruit cans, &c.

GROCERIES.—A nice and full assortment of family groceries. Buys and sells country produce for cash or trade. Prime butter, eggs, &c., always on hand.

R. M. HARRIS, and M. HARRIS,  
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DIVIDED paid policy-holders, 1st April, 1869, forty per cent.

This Company has met with a success beyond all parallel in Life Insurance, and offers to the Southern public a Home Enterprise equal to any other, and the policy may be a source of income. Commenced active operations about Nov. last, 1867.

Assets 15th of Sept., 1869, \$1,500,000, now \$1,000,000.

Policies issued, 3,000.

It has paid for losses of \$31,000 and in every instance waived the ninety days time and paid at once.

It makes the payment of all cash premiums, because then dividends will continually decrease each next payment until nothing will be required, and the policy may be a source of income, but it will allow one-half loan on life and joint life policies. One-third loan on other participating policies.

It requires no notes for loans of the part of premiums, but endorses the loan of its policies until absorbed by dividends or policy is payable.

It has no restriction on residence or travel—compensates its rates—terms—progress with any company; and feels confident its merits will equal any other company.

It has the following feature which no other company gives: The late war taught many the penalty of being separated from the Home office by having their part payment forfeited. "The Piedmont" guards against this in her policies and in event of separation from its office by any insurrectionary war, it will pay the full amount of its policy, and will also pay the interest on the unpaid premium, paid up policy, surrender value and reinstatement as though there had been no intervening cause.

Its investments are made for benefit of Southern advancement.

It brings money to our people—keeps money with our people. Then why should they continue to impoverish themselves by sending money off which can be as easily—so profitably—spent at home?

The Piedmont asks all who wish to insure to compare its rates—terms—progress with any company, and feels confident its merits will equal any other company.

How OFTEN IS THE HOUSEHOLD

LOAF buried with the Household Head, and families that might have been comfortably provided for, left destitute by the want of a proper foresight in its deceased protector?

The Virginia Insurance Company,  
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

Offers to every head of a family perfect security against this melancholy condition.

IT IS  
FOR LIFE INSURANCE ONLY.

ITS CHARTER IS PERPETUAL.

Its Cash Capital, \$125,000.

It is organized on the basis of the old Mutual Life of New York, and its successful experience.

THE PREMIUMS ARE PAID IN CASH ITS DIVIDENDS ARE PAID IN CASH.

ITS POLICIES ARE PAID IN CASH WITHOUT DEDUCTIONS.

There are no premium notes, and hence its assets are all cash, which presents the only solid, substantial basis of business for individuals or corporations.

IT INSURES ON ALL PROPER, SAFE TABLES.

IT PUTS NO IMPROPER RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL.

IT INSURES UNIMPAIRED FEMALE LIVES.

The Company is a combination of the proprietary and mutual systems, securing the advantages of both.

Its Policies are non-forfeitable after two years, and incontestable after five years for all its statements and errors in application except as to the age of the applicant.

THIS IS A SUBSTANTIAL HOME COMPANY.

The Assets will be invested in Virginia, and help to build up our own interests in Virginia. It commends itself for its safety, management and organization, to every Virginian and other Southerner in search of a safe Home

Life Insurance Institution.

Live agents wanted in every precinct of every county in the State. Send for circulars.

REFER TO THE FOLLOWING CITIZENS WHO HAVE INSURED IN THIS COMPANY.

A. F. Ackerman, James Ker, W. B. Bayly, Mrs. C. M. Kelley, H. M. Bell, Dr. W. S. McChesney, John A. Bickle, Dr. J. Nelson, H. L. Boykin, Dr. W. H. Tams, Orin A. Brown, J. N. Opie, R. L. Cleveland, W. L. Donoghue, Dr. B. P. Pointe, S. N. Giles, W. R. Pointe, Mrs. Julia Gorman, R. T. Phillips, A. A. Grubert, Dr. E. S. Sears, C. W. Hunter, James E. Taylor, A. H. Holl, Dr. S. Williams, W. B. Jewell, Charles E. Young.

Address, PHILLIPS & MAYO, General Agents for Virginia and W. Virginia, Lock Box 216, Staunton, Va.

## Insurance.

### LIPE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

& MAIN STS., RICHMOND, VA.

Look at Exhibits:

From Official Reports is made the following Losses of other Companies compared with the Piedmont and Arlington:

One in 188.

Average of all companies organized since 1859, one in 145.

Average of all companies, one in 168.

Following Companies have no exhibit as to number of losses, but show amounts lost:

1868, "St. Louis Mutual," policies in-force 1st of January, 10,056.

Losses by Death, Policies and Reversionary Additions, \$455,338.46.

Losses admitted and not yet due, \$5,000.00.

Total Losses in 1868, \$514,438.46.

Piedmont and Arlington had 3,122 policies in force 1st January, 1868. Losses in 1868, \$42,000.

and for present year, (1869) losses of Piedmont and Arlington is far under experience of general average of Companies above stated, all which show this company has lost less than any other.

Agents wanted everywhere.

FIRE INSURANCE effected at the lowest rates and on the most liberal terms, with the SOUTHERN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, RICHMOND, VA.

Authorized Capital, \$250,000.00. Accumulations, \$75,000.00.

CHARTERED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF VA. Office N. E. Corner Main and Ninth Sts., RICHMOND, VA.

This Company issues Participating Policies on Farm and City Property, by which the insured becomes a member of the Company, sharing in its profits. A semi-annual Dividend of three per cent, payable to the Mutual Policy-holders of the Company, commenced July 1, 1869; also, three per cent, January 1, 1870.

J. S. CALVERT, President.

THOMAS H. M. MARTIN, Vice President.

H. B. PRICE, Secretary and Treasurer.

DR. H. G. DAVIDSON, General Agent.

STATEMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE SOUTHERN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, RICHMOND, VA., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1ST, 1870.

Number of Policies issued, 2,496.

Amount of Premiums received, \$3,477,996.67.

Amount of Premiums Notes deposited with the Company, 135,801.89.

Amount of cash on hand, 76,138.36.

Amount paid for Losses and Expenses, \$6,310.93.

Losses admitted not due, \$2,025.00.

Persons in town or country having property to insure will find it to their interest to call on us before insuring elsewhere, and learn the terms of this Home Company.

Office with Drs. HANCOCK & PULTZ, 200 North of the Spectator office, Staunton, Va. mar6

Mattresses, &c.

NOTICE.—Made at the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, Richmond, Va.

Hair Mattresses, Moss and Shuck Mattresses, Cot Mats, all sizes, Cotton Brooms, Old Mattresses renovated, Old Chairs filled with new cane seats, Books bound, and Retail Dealers in TOBACCO, SNUFF AND CIGARS, at the old stand, on New street, would respectfully announce to their friends and the public generally that they are receiving and will keep constantly on hand a well selected stock of Cheering and Smoking Tobacco, and Cigars, ranging from the choicest to the cheapest grades. Also Snuff, Pipes, Stems, Matches, &c. Staunton, Oct. 27th, 1868.

Millinery.

FOR THE LADIES! Just received at the "Temple of Fashion," from New York and Baltimore, the most beautiful and varied assortment of Millinery and Fancy Goods ever presented in this market. They have been selected with the greatest care and consist of the latest Parisian Novelties in Bonnets, Hats, Ribbons, Flowers, Laces, &c., together with Ready-Made Walking Suits for ladies and children. Also Infants' Robes in endless variety. A cordial invitation to call and examine our unsurpassed assortment, extending to each and all.

MRS. K. M. KELLEY.

CONCRETE LANTERNS, and Screw Top Cans, very cheap at W. J. POINTS.

Marble Works.

MARQUIS & KELLY, MARBLE WORKS, STAUNTON, LEXINGTON, HARRISBURG, & CHARLOTTESVILLE.

## Poetry.

### Ode to Blindness.

BY JOHN MILTON.

I am old and blind; Men point at me as smitten by God's frown, Affliction's heavy hand, and say, 'Tis thou, Yet I am not cast down.

I am weak, yet strong, I murmur not that I no longer see: For, blind, and helpless, 'Tis more to beg, Than to suppose, to lose.

Oh merciful one, When men are farthest, then Thou art most near, When men pay heed by thy weakness shun, Thyself supreme, so these.

Thy glorious face Is beaming on me, and its holy light Streams in upon my lonely dwelling place, 'Tis all I have, 'Tis all I need, 'Tis all I want, 'Tis all I need.

On my bonded knee, I recognize Thy purpose clearly shown: My vision Thou hast dimmed that I might see Thyself—Thyself alone.

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