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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 Dr. B B. Donaghe as an office, and invites all his friends and the public generally to give him a call.
y 30. P. B. GRAVES

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CHARLES C. WHEAT,
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CORNER MAIN AND AUGUSTA STREETS,
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Begs leave to state that he has always on hand a large and well selected stock of
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His stock embraces everything usually found in a first class grocery, of which he would only mention the following:
SUGAR, BACON,
COFFEES, LARD,
BUTTER, TEAS,
MOLASSES, EGGS,
SYRUPS, RICE,
FLOUR,
CHEESE,
BROOMS,
LEATHER,
COTTON YARNS,
&c. &c.
He is determined to give satisfaction to all who may need anything in his line of business, and would ask all those who have not tried him, to do so before purchasing elsewhere.
☞ Special attention given to the purchase of Flour for family use.
He would express many thanks to his friends for the liberal patronage heretofore extended him, and would ask a continuance of the same.
☞ Remember the place for CHEAP GROCERIES—new Brick Building—corner Main and Augusta streets. Staunton, Va.
N. B.—**Mr. James T. Byers** is with him and will be glad to see his friends.
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FLOUR,
GRAIN,
PORK,
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Immediate Delivery.
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For sale very low for cash.
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We have a full line of all the different brands of both CHEWING and SMOKING TOBACCOS, and every style and grade of *CIGARS.*
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TEAS.—Prime Gunpowder, Imperial English Breakfast and Japan Teas for sale by
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Corner Main and Augusta streets.

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ROPE, Rope.—All sizes for wells, and hay forks for sale, and cheap, at
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HIGHEST MARKET PRICE paid for Flour and Grain, by J. W. UTLEY & CO., corner of Augusta and Frederick streets
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TEAS! TEAS!—A prime lot of fresh teas, viz:
No. 1 Gunpowder Tea,
No. 2 Gunpowder Tea,
Japan Tea,
Black Tea, just received and for sale at
RICHARDSON.

CHEESE.—Young America, Pine Apple, and N. Y. State Cutting Cheese on hand and for sale by CHARLES C. WHEAT.

FLOUR! FLOUR!—A choice supply of flour always on hand for family use. All grades and brands kept at
RICHARDSON'S.

SUGARS, Coffees, Syrups and all kinds of groceries at the very lowest price, by
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IT is a duty that you owe yourself and family to buy your provisions as cheap as possible for the cash—so go to RICHARDSON,
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(successors to Hoge & Mason,)
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
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Highest market price in CASH paid for FLOUR, WHEAT, RYE, OATS, CORN, &c.
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Commission Merchants,
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All of our friends, and the public generally, who desire good cash prices for Flour, Grain and other Produce, will find it to their advantage to ship to our Richmond House—L. POWERS, 1540 Main street, Richmond, Va. Advances made on consignments if required.
We keep on hand in our large, roomy store, nearly opposite the Post-office, a full supply of all kinds of Groceries. Call and see us.
se12-4m POWERS & PRITCHARD.

BAKER'S CHOCOLATE, Cox's Gelatine, Vanilla and Lemon Extracts, Paraffine Wax Candles, for sale by
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Nos. 2 and 3 Mackerel—all warranted and for sale by CHAS. C. WHEAT.

Groceries, &c.

C. A. RICHARDSON,
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New Building, Augusta Street,
immediately opposite Spitler & Hunter, and next door to Valley Virginian office,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.
Having again gone into the Grocery business, in connection with my Flour and Produce trade, I can sell choice **Family Groceries** cheaper than they can be bought in the town.
Having purchased a stock of Staple Groceries at the lowest cash rates, I will sell them upon a small profit.
My present stock consists in part of the following choice and selected goods:
SALT, EGGS,
RICE, LARD,
SUGARS, TEAS,
SYRUPS, FISH,
CHEESE, BACON,
COFFEES, BUTTER,
MOLASSES,
MEAL, FLOUR,
BUCKETS, SOAPS,
TOBACCOS, SPICES,
COTTON YARNS, BROOMS,
ESSENCES, &c.
I am determined to sell at the lowest CASH RATES. My motto is *quick sales and small profits* All goods sold are warranted in every respect as represented.
Satisfaction will be rendered to one and all—do not fail to call and see me.
I make a specialty of FLOUR—BUYING and SELLING all brands and grades—a choice stock of flour always on hand for family use. All flour sold warranted as represented.
I tender my thanks to all my friends and patrons who have stood by me so continually and well for the past five years. I tell them now that I am started again and will deal with them as fairly and as liberally as ever. Come one—come all, and give me a trial again.
☞ Be sure to remember the place for the *cheapest groceries*—new brick building on Augusta street, next door to the Valley Virginian office, and immediately opposite Spitler & Hunter and H. A. Glenn & Co.
N. B.—I am not on the corner of Main and Augusta streets as formerly, but in the rear part of the new building, in the store room recently occupied by Messrs. P. B. & P. A. Sublett.
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SALMON for sale by R. D. SEARS, agent.

NEW STORE and CHEAP GOODS on the corner of Augusta and Frederick streets.—I am now receiving a large stock of new staple goods, consisting of cotton goods, calicoes, plaid cotton, ginghams, bleach cottons, also heavy woolen and tweed goods, boots, shoes, hats, &c., queensware, crockery, tinware, woodenware, also a large stock of groceries, all of which I will sell at low figures for cash or exchanged for all kinds of produce. Cash will be paid for flour, wheat, corn, oats, &c. The farmers and everybody will do well to give me a call before selling or buying elsewhere.
J. A. LOGAN.
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NEW GROCERY STORE.—J. W Utley & Co., dealers in Choice Family Groceries, Bagby's new building, Frederick street, Staunton, Va., respectfully inform their friends and the public that they have in store a choice stock of sugars, coffees, teas, bacon, lard, soap, candles, fish, salt, molasses, tobacco, plaster, brooms, buckets, shoes, &c., and, in fact, everything usually found in a first-class grocery store.
Cash paid for country produce, or goods given in exchange at market prices. They are prepared to supply families with anything in the grocery line at very low prices for cash.
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FOR Office and Counting-room Waste Paper Baskets, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.
For India Rubber and Cocoa Foot Mats, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.
For Dried Beef and Beef Tongues, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.
For Salmon, Halibut, Codfish and Scotch Herring, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.
For Prime 2 year old Vinegar, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.
For Sardines, Chow-Chow and Cauliflower, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.
For Key Baskets, call on R. D. SEARS, agent.

Private Sales.

SALE OF VALUABLE AND Highly improved REAL ESTATE, in Rockbridge county, 2 miles from Lexington.—The undersigned offers for sale his highly improved and valuable farm, lying on both sides of the Valley Plank road, 2 miles south of Lexington, Rockbridge county, Virginia. The real estate consists of **382½ acres,** about 100 acres are in fine timber and woodland, the balance in a high state of cultivation. The improvements consist of a
NEW BRICK DWELLING HOUSE
with tin roof, porticos, &c., and contains eleven rooms, and a brick kitchen, cistern, etc. Also stabling for horses, cattle, etc., granary, coach house, ice house, wood sheds, and every necessary out house. The garden adjoining the dwelling house comprises 15 acres, drained and highly improved with all permanent beds of fruits, etc., necessary for a market garden. A vineyard in bearing now of 5000 vines, and an orchard of 2000 trees.
The place is well watered, and has upon it five tenant houses of four rooms each, well finished, plastered and painted, with stables attached thereto, so as to enable the farm to be conveniently divided and worked by different purchasers. The farm will be sold as a whole or will be divided to suit purchasers. There is upon the tract a quantity of limestone and a fine site for a kiln, and the fencing is nearly all new, and in fine order. For terms, &c., address,
JOHN B. LADY,
or my agent, F. W. HENDERSON,
jan10-tf P. O box 60, Lexington, Va.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.—The undersigned as agents of Bolling R. Swoope, are authorized to sell that valuable tract of land containing 431½ acres, known as the "Swoope Farm" and lying near Swoope's depot on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, in Augusta county, eight miles West of Staunton. The land is unsurpassed by any in the county in productiveness and fertility—there being on the entire tract no land of an inferior quality. The improvements consist of a brick mansion house, and convenient and ample out-buildings.
Bolling R. Swoope residing on the farm will show it to persons desiring to purchase. Apply to SHEFFEY & BUMGARDNER,
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DESIRABLE TRACT OF LAND AT Private Sale.—The subscriber offers for sale, privately, a portion of the Tract of Land, upon which he resides, lying midway between Fishersville and Waynesboro' Depots on the C. & O. R R., being about 2½ miles to either place, and on the Staunton and James River Turnpike. Will sell any number of acres from twenty-five to one hundred. On the Tract offered, there is a good Spring, with a stream of water passing through the centre, and a fine body of timber. The land is of first rate quality, and in a high state of cultivation, convenient to schools, churches, &c. Any parties wishing to purchase will be met at the Depot and shown the Tract. Address
SAM'L H. STEELE,
June 20th tf Waynesboro', Va.

Fertilizers.

ZELL'S Ammoniated Bone Super PHOSPHATE.—We have just received a full supply of this justly celebrated Fertilizer. For wheat and grass it has no superior.
We refer to the following persons who have used it with great success, viz:
Benjamin Crawford, Geo. M. Cochran,
Maj. John A. Harman, Ro. S Harnsberger,
Col. Wm. D. Anderson, John S. Churchman,
M. W. D. Hogshead, H. P. Dickerson,
Wm. Bell Crawford and others.
Leave your orders early.
au-28 P. B. HOGE & BRO.

Poetry.

The Gospel of Labor.

(WHAT THE SOUTH SAYS TO HER CHILDREN.)

I have smoothed from my forehead its sadness:
'Tis over! Thank Heaven therefor!
I would hide now with garments of gladness
The sackcloth and ashes of war.

Not a word of *the Past!* It has perished,
Gone down in its beauty and bloom:
Yet because it so proudly was cherished,
Shall we sigh out our years at its tomb?

By the duty and honor undaunted,
Still steadfast and stern as can be,
By the laurels a Jackson has planted,
By the hopes that we buried with Lee—

Let us wrest from the future the guerdons
That to resolute purpose belong;
Let us fling from our spirits their burdens,
And quit us like men, and be strong!

I bring you, compatriots, brothers,
(As largess ye dare not disdain,
Like Nature's, that bountiful mother's)
Savannahs as smooth as the main.

My valleys shall whiten all over
With snows never born of the cold,
And grain like a Midas shall cover
Every slope that it touches with gold.

The clink of the artisan's hammer
Shall scare from the forest its glooms;
In the brake shall the water-fowl's clamor
Be drowned by the clash of the looms.

Then up from your torpor, ye sleepers!
The dream ye are dreaming deceives:
Go forth to the fields with the reapers,
And garner the prodigal sheaves.

With flocks gladden meadow and mountain,
With tinkling herds speckle each hill,
And blend with the plash of the fountain
The rumble and roar of the mill.

Brave hearts that have wielded the sabre,
Staunch spirits that stood by the gun,
Take heed to the Gospel of Labor:
The old dispensation is done!

Put hands to the plough of endeavor,
Plant foot in the deep furrowed track;
Set face to the future, and never
One wavering moment look back.

For none who despairingly centre
Their thoughts on the *By-Gone*, and ban
The Present, are fitted to enter
The on-coming kingdom of man!

Margaret J. Preston, in Southern Magazine.

Webster and Fessenden.

Some thirty-five years ago—perhaps more—Daniel Webster contemplated a journey to our Western States and territories, which he had never visited. The great statesman felt inclined to have some talented young man to accompany him, and in looking over New England for such a companion, his attention was attracted to young Fessenden, and extended to him an invitation to travel with him, which was eagerly accepted. Many a time, says the editor of the Portland *Argus*, Mr. Fessenden has spoken to us of the advantages and impression of that trip. Mr. Webster treated him with great kindness, and gave him much good advice, which he treasured up in his memory. Webster told him how hard he had studied, and how careful he was in making out papers when he commenced the practice of law. He said he never let a writ or other legal document pass from his hand until he had read it over three times at least. And he further remarked that while many young men were idling away their time he was trimming the midnight lamp.
"Now," said Mr. Webster, "I have acquired some fame, both as a lawyer and an orator, and have made speeches in which have occurred some figures and illustrations often quoted, and which have already passed into mottos, and now do you suppose these terse sayings were made from the spur of the moment? By no means; they were the result of previous study, and close study, too. Some of my best illustrations of thought have been studied and trimmed down when the fishing rod was in my hands. The words which so fitly represent England's power, so often quoted and so much praised, were strung together while I stood on the American side of the St. Lawrence River near Niagara Falls, and British drums beat on the Canada side."
Many other statements he made to young Fessenden, which proved pretty conclusively that there is no royal road to learning. Hard work, study, faithful, persevering application, is the only sure road to either fame or fortune. The best "natural ability" or qualification that a young man can possibly possess is to know how to work well.

THE CASH VALUE OF KNOWLEDGE.—There is many an old saying concerning the value of knowledge, but it is to be doubted if many pause to seriously weigh that value as every day expressed in dollars and cents. It would be well indeed if, in addition to the usual decided, but indistinct withal, idea that culture is a good thing, an equally true and more definite notion was current of the money value of different degrees of education, especially as relating to practical business methods. For example, we take the average wages of unskilled operatives in New York city to be about nine dollars per week. A first-class workman can command twenty four with greater certainty of uninterrupted employment. The difference between nine and twenty-four is fifteen dollars per week, or seven hundred and eighty dollars a year, which is more than the legal interest on eleven thousand dollars. In other words, the operative who, by the study of books, and care in the performance of his duties, proves able to add fifteen dollars a week to his income, has gained knowledge, for the use of which the world will pay as high a premium as it will for the use of the money named. This reflection is worthy of remembrance by the thousands of young men in workshops and factories who, with only their unaided hands to build their future fortunes, are every day possessed of opportunities for acquiring capital not less available than that embodied in gold or greenbacks.
—*Artisan.*

THE TWO GREAT TUNNELS.—The following statement of the dimensions, cost, etc., of the two great tunnels of the world is interesting:
Mont Cenis Tunnel—Length. 12,236 meters, or nearly eight miles; width. 26 feet 8 inches; height, 20 feet; cost, $13,000,000; time occupied in construction, 9 years; number of men employed about 2,000.
Hoosac Tunnel—Length, 26,061 feet—about 4¾ miles; 24 feet wide; 21 feet high; cost about $9,000,000; time of construction, when completed, nearly 20 years; number of workmen employed, about 700 at present, but much less during most of the time the work has been prosecuted.
The chief engineering difficulties attending the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel have been overcome, and the amount of progress in a given time can now be so accurately predicted that the engineers and the contractors have no doubt that the work will be completed before the 15th of March, 1874, the date named in the contract.

If any lady desires an excuse for dressing economically and tastefully, without appearing to a follower to be staggering along under a load like a beast of burden, we are happy to inform her that the Princess of Wales appeared recently at a dance in a simple white muslin with a tartan sash. Perhaps, however, few Americans are wealthy enough to afford to dress so simply in the eyes of their neighbors.

An entertainment was given in New York last Monday, by some of the printers in that city, to the venerable Joseph Bradley, who has just completed his ninety-sixth year, and is the oldest printer in the United States. He still works at the case, and for correctness and speed can put to blush many who are scores of years his junior.

Predictions Verified.

A week since a friend placed in our possession a petition to the General Assembly, written by Hon. A. H. H. Stuart in 1848, invoking action on the part of the Legislature looking to the extension to the Ohio River of the railroad, at that time the Louisa Railroad, (which had not yet reached Charlottesville) afterwards the Central, and now the Ches. & Ohio, and we make the following extract from it that our readers may see how the predictions of the author, which at that time seemed to most persons to be visionary, have been verified.
"The "cordon of States extending from the Mexican to the British boundary lines" then predicted now exist, and "the stupendous enterprise of a railroad from the Mississippi to the Pacific coast," is an accomplished fact, and no longer "excites our special wonder"—save the wonder that it was predicted with such confidence twenty-three years ago. The following is the extract referred to;
"By our recent treaties with Great Britain and Mexico, our title to the greater part of the Oregon territory has been recognized and established, and an almost boundless domain west and south-west of our ancient boundaries has been ceded to us. The mouth of the Columbia River and harbors of San Diego and San Francisco, the best ports on the Pacific Ocean, have passed into our hands. Already our enterprising citizens are crowding to those distant shores, and in a few years we shall have a densely populated cordon of States, extending from the Mexican to the British boundary lines. An immense trade will naturally spring up between the cities on our Pacific coast and the Islands of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and all the countries stretching along the Asiatic Continent more than seven thousand miles from Kamtschatka to the Straits of Babelmandel. Of the extent and value of that trade it would be impossible, with the lights now before us, to form any just estimate; but no one can doubt that we will successfully compete for it with all the world. The products of those countries must seek an outlet in Europe and on our Atlantic coast.
The route around Cape Horn, equal to a voyage around the entire globe, with its perils and delays, will never satisfy the wants of our progressive population. The next thing in the natural succession of events will be a Railroad from San Diego or San Francisco to some point on the Mississippi, most probably St. Louis or Memphis, and thus we shall have the trade of the East disembogued at that point, and the subject of eager and earnest competition among all our Atlantic cities. New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Richmond and Norfolk, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, will all press their claims, and it is easy to see that the first occupant, or in other words, the city which is first prepared with the facilities to attract it, will clutch the prize. That the Virginia route by way of the Valleys of the Ohio, and the Kanawha, and the James, possesses greater advantages than any of the others will hardly be disputed by any one who has an accurate knowledge of the topography of the country.
This stupendous enterprize of a Railroad from the Mississippi to the Pacific coast may seem visionary to some persons; but to those who have carefully viewed the progress of our western cities, many of which, in ten years from their foundation, before the stumps of the primeval forests have rotted within their limits, reckon their population by tens of thousands, and their assessments of property by millions of dollars, it will appear not only a *possible* but an *inevitable* event. Already it engages a large share of public attention. The public prints are teeming with able essays commending the scheme to the favorable consideration of the nation—and the politicians who are so keen to scent the popular gale are its avowed advocates. Under these circumstances it is hazarding little to say that before twenty years shall have passed away, this grand scheme will have been partially, if not entirely, executed."

Strong Drink—A Fable.

"I am hungry," said the grave, "give me food."
Death answered:
"I will send forth a minister of awful destruction, and you shall be satisfied."
"What minister will you send?"
"I will send Alcohol. He shall go in the guise of food and medicine, pleasure and hospitality. The people shall drink and die."
And the grave answered:
"I am content."
And now the church bells began to toll, and the mournful procession to advance.
"Who are they bringing now?" said the grave.
"Ah!" said death, "they are bringing a household. The drunken father aimed a blow at his wife. He killed the mother and child together, and than dashed out his own life."
"And who," said the grave, "comes next, followed by a train of weeping children?"
"This is a broken-hearted woman, who has long pined away in want, while her husband has wasted away her substance at the tavern. And he, too, is borne behind, killed by the hand of violence."
"And who next?"
"A young man of generous impulses who, step by step, became dissipated and squandered his all. He was frozen in the street."
"Hush!" said the grave, "now I hear a wail of anguish that will not be silenced."
"Yes; it is the only son of his mother. He spurned her love, reviled her warning, and a bloated corpse he came to thee. And thus they come, further than the eye can reach, the processions crowd to thy dark abode. And still lured by the enchanting cup which I have mingled, the sons of men crowd the paths of dissipation. Vainly they dream of escape, but I shift behind them the invisible door—destiny. They know it not, and with song and dance and riot they hasten to thee, O Grave! Then I throw my fatal spell upon new throngs of youth, and soon they, too, will be with thee."

HONOR AND PROFIT OF INDUSTRY.—The greatest of men have been trained up to "work with their hands." If there is an encouraging sentence in the English language, it is the above. God ordained that man should live by "the sweat of his face," and intelligence can breathe and live only in a being of an active life. Akenside, the author of the Pleasures of Imagination, was a butcher until twenty-one, and first took to study from being confined in his room by the fall of a cleaver. Marshal Ney was the son of a cooper; Roger Sherman, Allan Cunningham, and Gifford were shoemakers; Sir William Herschell was a fifer boy; Franklin, a printer's devil; Ferguson, a shepherd; Ben Johnson a bricklayer; James Monroe the son of a bricklayer; General Knox was the son of a bookbinder; General Greene, a blacksmith; General Morgan was a wagoner; Burns a ploughboy; Bloomfield was a farmer; Frazer, a stonecutter; Crabbe and Keats, apothecaries; Sir William Blackstone was the son of a silk mercer, and a posthumous child.

MAKING TEA.—If your tea is the ordinary article—which of course is drugged—it should be boiled several minutes, say from three to six, according to the fineness of the make.—This will throw off much of the drug taste, if not entirely relieve it. Pure tea of good flavor should in no case be boiled, but only steeped—the fine a few minutes, the coarse longer. This will preserve the flavor. F. G.

The time for watching flies having passed, we advise housekeepers to watch their flues, lest, in such a time as they think not, they sit in a heap of ashes.

Motto for railway directors—Never mind passengers; it's freight makes the cargo.

[From the Overland Monthly.]

Our November.

Our November!
Soft, delicious, balmy, tender!
Throwing off her vail of mist
For a crown of amethyst—
Blushing soft as she discloses
Summer's last and lingering roses,
Like a spray of corals rare
Plumed within her shining hair.

Ah! the dreamy days remember
Of our opaline November!
Gauzy vapors float around her,
Little moats of gold surround her,
Violet clouds lie soft above her,
Moonbeams clasp her like a lover!
Touching with transparent fingers
Every spot where fragrance lingers,
She doth cast upon the air
Essences and odors rare.

Wild blooms swoon in sudden heat
Where she prunks her dainty feet,
And the trailing autumn grasses
Bend in homage as she passes
Gladness, as of childhood's laughter,
All the wooing zephyrs waft her;
Shining in her mystic splendor—
Waiting, rosy, soft and tender—
Oh, we greet the radiant comer,
Amber-belted Indian summer!

Is not This an Honest Rumseller.

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.—Having recently opened a commodious establishment for the sale of all the choicest liquors, including "lager beer," I embrace this opportunity of informing you that I have begun the business of making drunkards, paupers, and beggars, for the sober, industrious and respectable to support.
I shall deal in such spirits as will excite men to riot, robbery, and bloodshed and by so doing diminish the comforts, increase the expenses, and endanger the welfare of the community.—I will undertake, at short notice, for a small sum, and with considerable expense on my part, to prepare inmates for the almshouse, the prison and gallows. I will furnish an article warranted to increase the amount of fatal accidents, and multiply the number of distressing diseases among men.
I will supply a drink calculated to deprive some of life, many of reason, most of property, and all of peace; which will make fathers to act as madmen; wives to be made worse than widows; children to become double orphans—to grow up in ignorance, and prove a burden and a curse to the nation. I will obstruct the progress of religion, defile the purity of the church, and cause temporal, spiritual and eternal death.
And if any are so impertinent as to ask why I bring such accumulated misery upon a comparatively happy people, my honest reply is, that I have a license given under the laws of the Commonwealth, and thus I have purchased the right to ruin the character, impair the health, shorten the lives, and destroy both the souls and bodies of men.
I know it is written, 'Thou shalt not kill;" that woe is pronounced upon him that giveth strong drink to his neighbor, and that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven; and I do not expect that I, a drunkard-maker, will share a better fate. But what can I do? I must have money, even at the expense of my soul. Do you not think I offer enough in return for my money? Many times it will be more than my customers can conveniently carry.
PARTICULAR NOTICE.—I most affectionately warn all my patrons to keep clear of the temperance men—such as Sons of Temperance, Good Templars, members of the Temple of Honor, and all other teetotalers by whatever name they are known, as they will persuade you to sign the pledge, save your money, and with it support your family in comfort and respectability, thus cheating me out of what you would spend at my establishment. I know what they have done and what they will do.—Look out for them.

COMMON SCHOOLS.—Our Southern people were deeply prejudiced against the Public School system at first, although we believe it is now popular. Many arguments were adduced to show the superiority of private schools over public schools; but, conceding this, it does not meet the the case. The ground on which the Common School system is rested is not that the schools are *the best* that can be conceived; not that they are as good as private schools, or as denominational schools; but that they do what the others do not do, and cannot do—that they educate the masses of the people. A gentleman of fortune may believe that it is best to educate his children at home, under his own eye; or a number of gentlemen may prefer to employ a teacher and have a select school; or an Episcopalian may prefer to have a Church School, where the Bible and the Thirty-nine articles are taught; or a Presbyterian may prefer a church school, where the Bible and the Shorter Catechism are used: but after all these special schools are established—what is to be done for the rest of the children? The poor cannot afford to pay the tuition fees, and the establishment of four or five denominational schools in a small town or in the country, to represent all the denominations, would be an impossibility, because they could not be supported. The consequence is, the denominations, in order to secure a good school, must meet on some common ground. Another popular objection against a public school system is, that it occasions a fearful increase of taxes. Of course it does; but the amount previously paid in tuition fees by the parents is saved; and we have little doubt that it costs no more to run the public schools than to support the private ones. The amount collected is the same, tho' it is collected in a different manner; and the number of children educated is doubled. * *
The fact that the Germans are the best educated people in Europe is a complete reply to the common remark that public schools do not furnish the best instruction. The public school system is universal in Germany, and education is not only more generally diffused than in other countries where the system does not prevail, but the standard of learning is higher than in any part of Europe.
We hear that in our Virginia cities, and to a great extent in the country, the common schools are already superseding the private ones, and they are spoken of as excellent institutions.
—*Richmond Enquirer.*

For the Spectator.

Mr. Editor:—Have you seen the "Coast Review," a monthly periodical, published in San Francisco, by Capt. J. G. Riley? Perhaps you did not know Capt. Riley, a son-in-law of the late Gabe. I. Hite, of this county, and for several years a resident of the village of Bridgewater, in our neighboring county.—Capt. R. is an energetic, nervous, and sprightly writer, and manages with ardor any subject he espouses. This periodical is devoted to the interests of Insurance, both Life and Fire, and we see that our Virginia company—the Piedmont and Arlington—will not be forgotten by Capt. Riley among the many whose interests he advocates. Capt. R. has many friends here who will watch with anxiety his progress in making a living and a name on the far away Pacific.
AUGUSTA.

CHINQUEPINS.—A notion dealer in Charleston, S. C., lately advertised for chinquepins, and a coon-skin firm in the mountains soon overstocked him. He wanted to write to the firm to stop, but couldn't spell the word to save his life. So he just got mad and enclosed two chinquepins in a letter, and wrote them:
"Please don't send me any more of those ——things."

A republican contemporary is sarcastic over the report that the Democrats in Savannah "hold their meetings in front of the jail." It is probably because the Republicans hold theirs inside.

A prize package man in Indianapolis seduces the crowd by shouting at the top of his voice, "Walk right up gentlemen; you know the more blanks you draw, the more prizes there are left."

Presidential Speculations.

When Mr. Greeley declares a deadly quarrel with the system on which Grant relies for re-election; when Mr. George Wilkes talks of Grant's supporters as "the regular army of the Empire" and avows an earnest wish that he may fail in renomination and election; and when Mr. Theodore Tilton writes such articles as he does, we cannot be mistaken in supposing that a great advance to more liberal politics has been made. These three men have contributed more probably than any other three in the country to the organization and ascendancy of the Republican party. Combined they speak the sentiments of a large majority of the Republican party. Mr. Greeley represents the great body of respectable and independent Republicans, who do not look to office for support. Besides he has a warm place in the hearts of all the original abolitionists, who were always in dread of mobs in the days of the Fugitive Slave Law. Mr. Tilton is dear to the same set of restless agitators, and is moreover the exponent of all the *isms*, male and female, religious or heterodox—which play so important a part in New England life. Mr. Wilkes is associated with a profaner class—people who love a fine horse, who think an affectionate dog has a soul, and who indulge in all the varieties of sporting life, without compromising their gentility. They thought at first that Grant was one of themselves. But they came to regard him an unmitigated and ingrained blackguard. He smoked a cigar unlike a gentleman, he drank like a brute, and his passion for horses was coarse, vulgar, venal and degrading. He was unteachable and incapable of appreciating the esthetics natural to the genuine sporting character. His associates were low and discreditable to the profession.—Withal, he is a new comer into the Republican fold. He was originally a dirty Democrat, and only abandoned the predilections of his early life, and learned to spell nigger with one g, for the sake of office and spoils. His main supportsrs are Federal office-holders, and "Grant and Corruption" in Mrs. Cady Staunton's vocabulary are synonymous.
The defeat of the New York Democracy by the combined exertions of leading Democrats and Republicans has induced better feelings, and opened the way for a better understanding between the two parties. It is made manifest that the same combination which overthrew corruption in New York may achieve the same result on the wider theatre of the Union.—Grant's main support is corruption—that knocked from under him and he tumbles, and all honest people will rejoice in the downfall.—*Rich. Whig.*

Train on Grant.

In a recent speech, Geo. Francis Train thus spoke of the man whom Jim Fisk denominates "The National Hog." George said:
Grant is the most gigantic sell ever played off on an outraged people. [Sensation.] He thinks Lafayette came from Germany and the Hessians from France. [That's so.] Hence he sided with a rotten Empire against a live Republic. [Hisses.] Don't hiss him; he don't know any better. I never see the General that I don't feel like saying: General, I've only five minutes, tell me all you know