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april 16 tf

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DR. JAMES JOHNSTON, *DENTIST*, MAIN STREET, Staunton, Va. OFFICE:—Over Cease's Confectionery Store. dec21-tf

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may 7 tf

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Stock of **Queensware**
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We refer to the following persons who have used it with great success, viz:
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Leave your orders early.
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For sale very low for cash.

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may 14 tf

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GO TO R. D. Sears, Agent, and buy your CLOTHES BASKETS.

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MILLINERY WREATHS AND FLOWERS OF THE LATEST SPRING AND SUMMER STYLES, BY

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Will be found over N. B. HENDRY'S Store Rooms, opposite the Court House.
may 21 tf MRS. B. F. STIFF.

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MRS. K. M. KELLEY, is happy to inform her customers and the public generally, that she is now in New York and is daily purchasing novelties in all the latest styles, which are immediately forwarded, and will be shown by her attentive saleswoman, Miss ARMENTROUT, and sold at the lowest cash prices.

MRS. KELLEY, hopes soon to have the pleasure of seeing her customers personally.
may 21 tf

Temple of Fashion.—Mrs. K. M. Kelly, wishes to announce to her friends and the public generally, that she has received her first lot of SPRING GOODS, consisting of new style of hat and bonnet frames, real lace collars in every variety.

Black and white mourning sets, real lace tabows, watteau and crepe de chine tassel scarfs, crepe de chine bows.

She also will be home in due time with a handsome assortment of millinery, &c., as usual, to resume her business. Any one desiring a hat or bonnet made previous to that time can be accommodated. April 2 tf

TEMPLE OF FASHION.—Mrs. K. M. Kelly is receiving from New York a full supply of Ladies' and Misses' ready made suits.
may 7 tf

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CARRIAGES AND BUGGIES.—I wish to inform my friends that I have moved my CARRIAGE SHOP to my new building near the "Virginia" Hotel, where I will keep on hand Carriages and Buggies of every description. By close attention to business and fair dealing, I expect to give entire satisfaction. I will pay strict attention to REPAIRING. Give me a call before purchasing.
jan 1b J. H. WATERS.

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au8-tf BAKER BROS.

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EGGS always on hand
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Being convinced, by their knowledge of the integrity and prudence of the gentlemen who compose its directory, and by thorough examination of the plan of organization, that it is in every respect a reliable Company, the citizens of Staunton, named above, have themselves subscribed to its Stock and taken policies, and feel warranted in commending the enterprise to the favorable consideration of the Valley people.

Office—Corner of Augusta and New Court-house streets, adjoining D. S. Young's law office.
Jan 16 tf

"Gabriel Blows His Horn!"

RESURRECTION OF GOLD PRICES.

Valley Emporium in Full Blast!

THE IMMENSE STOCK OF GOODS THAT

GABRIEL HIRSH

has on hand, is pretty certain evidence that he means business, and that he intends to sell at the shortest profits consistent with safety and prudence.

A business association with this people for a quarter of a century, fortifies him in the conclusion that he knows how to select goods to suit the various tastes of the community, and every one who has dealt with him knows that all he aims at is a living profit. His magnificent stock of

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WATCHES,

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES,

and everything else to be found in a first class Variety store, warrant him in promising satisfaction to all who will favor him with a call.

Mr. MIX, Watchmaker,

now occupies the position which was held, years ago, by the "Pretty Man," and is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line. He arrived in this country a short time since from the old world,

in two Ships,

where he has worked in the best manufactories in the world. He can make a watch out and out, from the raw material, and, consequently, is capable of doing any kind of work in the Watch-making and Repairing Business. All work guaranteed.

GABRIEL HIRSH.
may 21 tf

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GEO. EYLER | HENRY COOPER. | WM. J. NELSON.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP of Parkins, Nelson & Co., having been dissolved by the sale of the interests of some of the partners, and the establishment having come into our possession, we appear before the public with improved facilities, and with a determination to please in

Price and Style of Work.

We respectfully ask from the people of Virginia and the South, a fair share of patronage.

We propose to manufacture and repair portable and stationary Steam Engines and Boilers, saw-mills, Mining Machinery, Hydraulic and crew Presses for Oil and Tobacco, Car Wheels, Car Trucks, Shafting, Pulleys and Hangers.

We keep on hand a full assortment of repairs for the Pitt Threshing Machine, which we will furnish fitted upon short notice.

We also manufacture Plows, Plow Castings, Hay Rakes, Hay Presses, Straw Cutters, and Agricultural Implements generally.

Address,
EYLER, COOPER & CO.,
mar28-tf Staunton, Va.

Tobacco.

C. T. COCHRAN. J. E. GUY.

OLD FIRM REVIVED! C. T. COCHRAN & CO., Wholesale 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 Chewing and Smoking Tobacco, and Cigars, ranging from the choicest to the cheapest grades. Also Snuff, Pipes, Stems, Matches, &c.
Staunton, Oct. 27th, 1868

NOTICE.—I have fully secured, by Letters Patent, my discovery for manufacturing Steel—cast or malleable—from blast furnaces, with converters attached, or in common forge fires, in the United States of America, England, France, Russia, Prussia, Sweden and Belgium. I offer by royalty the advantage of my discovery to all manufacturers of iron and steel on favorable terms and guarantee a success or no charge, and in all cases in making a trial of my process, where the trial is made under my personal attendance or my representative, I will make good by paying the cost of stock and labor. I manufacture malleable steel in any common forge puddling or balling fires, without alteration in the fires or blast cheaper than by any known process now in use.

All letters addressed to me at Staunton, Virginia, will meet with prompt attention.

LORENZO SIBERT, Patentee.

P. S.—I can give satisfactory reference.
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HENRY P. CEASE, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in CONFECTIONS, FRUITS, CAKES, CANDIES, &c., Main Street, Staunton, Virginia.

Special attention given to supplying WEDDING and SOCIAL PARTIES.

Candies of all descriptions manufactured and sold, wholesale and Retail, as cheap as can be purchased in the Valley or the State.

N. B.—My accounts are all made off, and persons knowing themselves indebted are earnestly requested to come forward and settle. june18

Poetry.

FOR THE SPECTATOR.

The Sculptured Hand.

INSCRIBED TO THE ARTIST.

Only a hand, a little hand,
But cast in a pure and faultless mould,
By the Sculptor's art divine,
Dearer than treasured gems I hold,
This sculptured hand of mine.

Only a hand, a pure, white hand
Plac'd lightly on a slab, but it speaks
Soft words to a mother's ear,
Of baby laughter and boyish freaks,
And a winsome cherub dear.

Only a hand, a little hand!
Prattling of eager eyes, and a brow
Which brown, clust'ring curls caress,
Fresh, pouting lips—health's roseate glow,
Baby grace and loveliness.

Only a haud, a sculptur'd hand!
With dimple and curve to life so true,
My boy's own, I seem to hold,
And shdder to think, some day, *his too*,
Like this, must be *stiff* and *cold*.

Only a hand, a baby's hand!
Whisp'ring of sunlight, by shade o'ercast,
Of graves, where green willows sigh,
Of little cold hands in death lock'd fast,
Which *sods* press closer than I.

Only a hand, a tiny hand!
But o'er it, I breathe an earnest prayer,
That God, *the other hand* keep,
Like this, all stainless, and pure, and fair,
For Him to work and reap.

Only a hand, a little hand!
May it work in the master's field,
Hold "the plough" while yet 'tis day,
Uplift the cross—Faith's sword bravely wield,
Till *death's chisel* makes it clay.

M. C. P.

[Published by request.]

Correspondence.

STEVENSBURG,
CULPEPER Co., VA., June 13, 1872.

Y. Howe Peyton, Esq.:

DEAR SIR:—We, a few of your personal and political friends of Culpeper, respectfully request that you will define your position, and give us your views in reference to what you conceive to be the true policy of the Conservative party in the approaching presidential election.

The people here are strongly in favor of Greeley over Grant, but many of our citizens are disposed to hold back for the action of the Baltimore Convention. Yours respectfully,

George L. Brown, Geo. J. Jenning,
William Ross, Edward Ely,
and others.

ALEXANDRIA, June 15, 1872.

To Messrs. Brown, Ross and others.:

GENTLEMEN: I have just received your letter of the 13th inst., which is before me. I have no hesitation in giving my views or defining my position upon any question of public policy.

It is almost needless to say that I shall under no circumstances vote for the re-election of General Grant. He has been fairly tried; he has been weighed in the balances and found wanting. At the conclusion of the late war he exhibited some evidences of possessing the magnanimity of a soldier; he was kind to General Lee, he was kind to our paroled prisoners, he was doubtless kind in many matters which have never been brought to the notice of the public. He was then a victorious general, the leader of great armies, the hero of a mighty revolution, the idol of all the Northern States. He could afford to be generous. He could afford to do many things without the fear of provoking comment or criticism, which in a man of lesser note would have been deemed reprehensible. He was to some extent above public opinion, and could mould it to his own views. The people of the South admired and applauded his good deeds, they were deeply grateful, their highest hopes were kindled, and amid the contending passions of men, they looked to him as their future deliverer. Good heavens, how were they deceived! Grant became a politician. From that moment he seemed to lose his personal identity. The difference between "Philip sober and Philip drunk" at once became manifest.—The first sally which he made in his civic career resulted in an issue of veracity between himself and Andrew Johnson. For proof, Mr. Johnson, who was then President of the United States, appealed to the witnesses, (his Cabinet,) and the witnesses sustained him. In this encounter the hero of Appomattox came out seriously damaged in a vital point of honor.—His worst passions at once became aroused. Although a Democrat he grew furious against the President, furious against the administration, furious against the South, regardless of justice or principle, and with a single leap went over bag and baggage to the camp of the enemy. In brief, he accepted the *Radical* nomination, and was elected President, an avowed Republican and the recognized leader of what is now known as the military radical ring.—What next? The guilty ambition which had taken root in his soul was in a measure gratified, but his vengeance was not appeased. He rolled his dull, blood-shot eyes over the smouldering ruins and desolated fields of the South, and not satisfied with all the tragic horrors of reconstruction, but thirsting for more blood, and willing to plunge our people into a lower deep beyond the lowest depth of humiliation and shame, he suddenly raised the cry of *Ku Klux*, when all the buzzards, carrion crows, and vultures in the land who are fed from the public crib, flapped their wings, and in truculent responses howled "Ku Klux! Ku Klux! Ku Klux!" The hue and cry thus raised was taken up by Congress, and shortly afterwards the infamous Ku Klux bill was passed. The power of the Chief Executive was used to secure the passage of this measure, and it now stands upon the statute-book of the nation, a living disgrace to the annals of modern civilization.

Under this bill the President was clothed with power to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* at will, and to declare martial law in any portion of the land. In the remorseless exercise of this power the heart sickens at a recital of the wrongs inflicted upon the helpless and defenceless people of the South. American citizens, whether North or South, are not wholly destitute of virtue, intelligence, and patriotism, and the passage of a law so utterly in violation of the Constitution, and so directly in conflict with every principle of civil and political liberty, sounded like an alarum through the States, and was the first signal of that overwhelming deluge which is to sweep the present administration from power in the approaching November election. But the passage of the Ku Klux law was a small affair as compared with the horrors of its executive.

The suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus* and the declaration of martial law followed by arbitrary arrests in North and South Carolina abundantly testify to this truth. *Wherever* martial law was proclaimed it struck terror into the hearts of the people. Thousands fled from their homes either to escape arrest or the hateful espionage of official spies, pimps, and detectives. The energies of the people were paralyzed. Plowshares were left rusting in the furrows of the fields, workshops were abandoned, and in a short time those States were reduced to a condition of poverty, desperation, and crime, such as beggars all description.

Personal liberty is a right older and more sacred than constitutions, and can only be suspended by the fiat of the Almighty. There can be no higher or grosser act of usurpation than for a government to undertake by force to deprive a citizen of this right, except as a punishment for the commission of crime. Yet upon the merest pretext, and under color of a law which in itself was a violation of every law, human and divine, and in the very teeth of the Constitution which he had sworn to uphold, President Grant suspended the *habeas corpus* and delivered over to the tender mercies of a corrupt judiciary and brutal soldiery, thousands of peaceable, law-abiding citizens, many of whom were condemned to life-long imprisonment and the ignominy of the felon's cell.

But the most faithful commentary upon President Grant and his administration will be found in the constitutions of the newly created Governments, and in the general condition of the Southern States. South Carolina with her Legislature of Yankee carpet-baggers and wild Africans is a striking case in point. She has passed through a baptism of blood and debt, which will drip from her garments a hundred years to come. The whites have fled from her borders as from before a pestilence; her fertile and productive fields have been left desolate and bare, and her once well-stored granaries are becoming receptacles for bats, owls and the wild beasts of the forest.

The condition of Georgia and Louisiana is scarcely a degree better, and indeed all of the States South have been plundered, robbed and oppressed in a manner so shameful and atrocious, as to render it questionable whether the barbarian vandalism of ancient times is not to be preferred to the refinements of modern cruelty and torture, as practised under the authority of the American Government.

President Grant gave his countenance and support to Congress in all of their revolutionary proceedings, and executed without protest, every law they enacted to degrade, plunder and oppress the down-trodden people of the South. He is guilty in the sight of God and man, and the Southern people should unite in solid phalanx to hurl him from power and consign him to that oblivion which he so justly merits.

How to accomplish this end is now the great problem which agitates the public mind, and no satisfactory solution can be obtained until passion and prejudice are laid aside, and all the elements of opposition are willing to join heart and hand in a common effort to save the life of the nation.

This opportunity is now offered the American people. Ulysses the gift-taker, is a shadow of darkness compared with which, Horace Greeley is an angel of light. The drummer who drums for an army may be as blood-thirsty and wicked as the General who leads it into battle, but a repentant drummer is better than an unrepentant General who wages war upon a defenceless people after they have laid down their arms and accepted in good faith the terms of surrender and peace.

Horace Greeley has spoken kind words of the people of the South since the war. Horace Greeley labored to obtain the release of Jefferson Davis from Fortress Monroe, and his name is affixed to the bail bond of the Southern Chief. Horace Greeley has a heart of flesh in his bosom which responds to every chord of human sympathy. He was once our enemy, but his utterances were always open, bold and manly. He was always opposed to the doctrine of secession and to the institution of African slavery. The principles which he labored to establish are now the accepted results of the war. Secession and slavery are dead issues, which belong to the past. The wall of partition which separate us from Horace Greeley is leveled to the ground and over its ruins he extends the right hand of fellowship and peace, and says, brethren of the South, "I hope to see the day when all citizens of the Union, North as well as South, will feel an equal pride in the military genius and renown of Robt. E. Lee, and Stonewall Jackson." Horace Greeley is the advocate of universal amnesty, and pledged to a platform of principles acceptable in the main to the whole American people. He is a man of stern integrity and irreproachable private character, and immeasurably superior to Grant in all the essential elements of manhood.

It is the boast of the Grant administration that the national debt has been reduced. Senator Sumner, in a recent speech delivered in the U. S. Senate, said, "the national debt has been reduced, but not by so large an amount as by Andrew Johnson, in the same space of time." The statistics show that between three and four billions of dollars in the way of taxes wrung from the people, have been paid into the Treasury since the war, an amount almost sufficient to liquidate the public debt, and yet that debt has only been reduced a few millions, and the country is still groaning under the burden of taxation. The Grant administration have been notoriously extravagant and corrupt, and it is not difficult to account for the disposition of the public funds.

In the address of the Liberal Republicans at Cincinnati it is charged upon the President that "he has openly abused the powers and opportunities of his high office for the promotion of personal ends; that he has kept notoriously corrupt and unworthy men in places of power and responsibility to the detriment of the public interest; that he has used the public service of the Government as a machinery of partisan and personal influence and interfered with tyrannical arrogance in the political affairs of States and municipalities; that he has rewarded with influential and lucrative offices men who had acquired his favor by valuable presents, thus stimulating demoralization of our political life by his conspicuous example: that he has shown himself deplorably unequal to the tasks imposed upon him by the necessities of the country and culpably careless of the responsibilities of high office."

Such is the indictment preferred against President Grant by the men who elevated him to power, nor is there a count in the indictment which cannot be sustained by the most overwhelming and crushing array of evidence. The only logical deduction which can be drawn from these charges is this, viz: General Grant is ignorant, selfish, ambitious, corrupt, stubborn, and dangerous; and to entrust power into his hands is to compromise the peace and happiness, and imperil the liberties of the American people.

Under these circumstances I shall, as a citizen of Virginia, make every honorable effort in my power to secure the defeat of President Grant. I believe that in the Providence of God, Horace Greeley is the instrument placed in our hands with which to accomplish the work. If the Baltimore Convention endorses his nomination, his election may be regarded as a foregone conclusion. If the Baltimore Convention fails to endorse his nomination and puts forward a straight out and out democratic ticket, Grant will be re-elected, and we must run the fiery gauntlet of another four years' administration of radical misrule and oppression.

I should rejoice above all things to see our government once more under control of the democratic party. But at this time the elevation of a democrat to the Presidency signifies anything else than a democratic administration. The Radicals are still in the ascendant in both houses of Congress, and it is but reasonable to suppose that the election of a democrat would revive all the bitter memories and fierce animosities of the past, and unite them in a common crusade against the new administration. In this event the President would be as powerless for good as was Andrew Johnson after the close of the war.

But if Horace Greeley should be accepted by the Baltimore Convention, then both the Democrats and Liberal Republicans would unite in a cordial support of the Administration, radicalism would be annihilated, and the blessings of peace and prosperity would once more be restored to the land.

In this view of the whole question I am clearly of the opinion that it is the true policy of the Conservative party of Virginia, and the whole South, to enter an earnest protest against the nomination of a democratic ticket at Baltimore, and to give a cordial support to Greeley and Brown, who with such aid, will be enabled to break the backbone of the military Radical ring and open the way for the ultimate triumph of democratic liberty in America.

I am, gentlemen, with sentiments of high regard, Your ob't. serv't.,

Y. HOWE PEYTON.

For the Spectator.

Drunkard-Makers.

If no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom how will it be with the drunkard-maker—with him who proceeds deliberately, methodically and persistently in his work, urged by no tempest of sensual appetite, but by cold calculation of gain? For when he determines on the business and opens his bar, he knows perfectly well what the results must be. He knows that around that bar will congregate all the elements and agencies of evil in the community—they will encourage and strengthen themselves there in profanity, obscenity and irreligion. They will systematically lure in the young and unwary to ruin. He knows that at his bar many a man will contract a quenchless and inconquerable thirst which will lead him to squander his earnings and desert his home; and that into that drawer will go the money which should be feeding and clothing and educating the children of the poor man. He knows that while some will come to his bar all their lives without falling, others will frequent it more and more and increase continually their dram until all business is neglected and dependent ones forgotten and money and health and character and self-respect are gone, till the manly fellow who stepped up to take his first drink, is the mere parody of a man and his existence a death in life. He knows in a word that if there were no liquor sold as a beverage, there would be no drunkenness with its attendant evils, and no one would be seriously injured by the want of it. And yet he is willing to become one of the agents of all this sin and misery, to take a price for setting the torch to this magazine of direful possibilities, as if man's condition were not sinful or sorrowful enough without liquor, he opens another flood-gate of evil; as if the Devil were not doing enough unaided to tempt men to their ruin, he offers his help. A Volunteer—he blocks the path of many a noble life by his bar, more deadly and destructive than any barricade which ever obstructed the streets of Paris in her fiercest carnival of blood. God help the man who can thus harden his heart to the wail of the widow and the orphan and look calmly on the victims that day by day are training at his bar for the grave and the bottomless pit; who can sleep at night after such a day's work and eat his bread with any relish, which has been earned at such cost.—We do not charge every rumseller with a full cons